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COASTAL FC REFEREE HANDBOOK – 2023/2024

The following general information is important for all officials to know prior to officiating for Coastal FC in 2023/2024. Please, take a copy of this document with you at all your games.

Assignment of Games

How are game assigned?

Step 1 – All referees must complete the BCSA course relevant to the age group they intend to referee in

Step 2 – Upon completion of the relevant BCSA course you will be registered on the referee portal

Step 2 – You will receive an email every week reminding you to update your availability

Step 3 – You will begin receiving offers via email no later than Wednesday evening

Step 4 – Referees must either accept or decline within 24 hours (If you do not respond within 24 hours your game will be offered to another referee). Furthermore, in order to be assigned all officials must be in good standing and currently registered through the BC Soccer Association (adult referees must have a current criminal records check, please login into your BC Soccer refcentre.com account to verify it has not expired).

What should I do if I am not always available due to scheduling conflicts?

If you are unavailable at certain times over the weekend, please log into the referee portal and block off the times you are unavailable for.

What criteria is used to prioritize refereeing assignments?

1. Referees are qualified and in good standing with BCSA and Coastal FC
2. Regular and prolonged availability most weekends
3. Regular acceptance of games most weekends
4. Regular attendance at internal referee clinics
5. Commitment to advancement up the referee pathway (See referee pathway below)
6. Reliability, ability and experience



What happens if a match is cancelled, will referees still be paid?

1. In the event games need to be cancelled, match officials will have no game fees owing to them if they receive email or telephone notification of field closures by 8 am the day of their scheduled game
2. If a match official receives no prior notification of a game cancellation, and upon arrival at the field declares or realizes the game is not playable for any reason, he/she will receive the full game fee

What is the rate of pay for referees?

Recreational/House		
<u>Age Group</u>	<u>Referee</u>	<u>AR</u>
U8	n/a	n/a
U9-U10	\$15	n/a
U11-U12	\$25	n/a
U13	\$30	n/a
U14	\$40	\$20
U15-U16	\$50	\$25
U17-U18	\$60	\$30
Prospects/Selects/REP		
<u>Age Group</u>	<u>Referee</u>	<u>AR</u>
U8	\$15	n/a
U9-U10	\$20	n/a
U11-U12	\$30	n/a
U13	\$35	n/a
U14	\$50	\$25
U15-U16	\$60	\$30
U17-U18	\$70	\$35

Game Attire and Equipment Checklist:



Referee Jersey (Black and Yellow)
Referee shorts(Black)
Referee socks(Black)
Sport shoes Referee Badge
Whistle (Fox F-40 recommended)
Watch
Coin
Cards (Yellow and Red)
Notepad and pencil/pen
Flags

Incomplete/Abandoned Games:

In event the game cannot continue due to darkness, insufficient lighting, field deterioration or some other similar reason then the game should be abandoned. Referee fees will be paid in full for this game. The Referee, not the coaches, has the final decision on suspending games due to weather or field conditions.

Game procedures Pre-game procedure:

- Be on the field at least 20 minutes prior to kickoff
- Shake hands with coaches and introduce yourself
- Carry out the field inspection upon arrival
- Give yourself enough time to make corrections
- Ensure the field is safe Important to have at least minimal markings
- Check players` equipment (NO JEWELRY, no taping allowed)
- Coin toss
- Start the game on time

Half time procedure:

- Stay hydrated, drink a few sips of water or other sport drink even if you are not thirsty
- Provide the teams with the designated time to rest
- Start the second half



Post-game procedure:

- Stay for the handshake if comfortable
- Make sure the teams will leave the field safely
- When you get home please submit your game report

If you are on a Small sided match and issue a yellow or a red card please send a text message with your name and or an email to refereemanager@coastalfc.ca. It is imperative that I help you navigate this challenging part of the game until such time as we are all on the same page.

If you need help in any of the matches when involved with discipline at any other level feel free to reach out to me in the same manner for guidance.

As always, refer to your copy of the LOTG for the language to use when doing any of this.

Referee Pathway

Phase 1 – U8/U10: After graduating the Small Sided Game course through BC Soccer and going through the proper registration with Coastal FC and the Referee program, All SSG Referees will start off in this grouping. You will be given feedback at every opportunity either on field with the Referee Mentor program or through a quick conversation with the Head Referee. Your goal and ours is to get you out of this grouping as quickly as we can while setting you up for success. Maximum stay in this grouping will be your 14th Birthday as it is an entry level position.

At this point in your career it is about developing the love of this side of things and to ensure you enjoy it. It is not for everyone and before moving you on to more challenging matches we need to figure this out.

This is also an entry level spot for Assistant Referees in a controlled environment on some of the full field matches.

Phase 2 – U11/U13: Once approved by the Mentorship program and or you hit your 14th birthday, you will join this group of Referees. The game moves a bit quicker, the kids are a bit stronger and start to use their bodies more (physical contact). At this point you should have a good understanding of positioning and foul recognition. You should also understand how to use a Red and Yellow card and when to do so.

To get out of this group and move up you need to pass one Mentorship assessment and have a quick conversation with the Head Referee to ensure we are on the same

pathway. At this stage you also will be working on your skills as an Assistant Referee on full field matches.

Phase 3 – U14-U15: This will be the first time being in charge of an 11 a side match on a full field with the addition of Assistant Referees on your team. Here is where you will develop team work and attention to detail while the games get steadily more challenging both physically and mentally. You will also be expected to do some of the more challenging small sided games in the U12/U13 category.

Phase 4 – U16-U18: You now have a good understanding of how a match is supposed to be called both as a Referee and an Assistant Referee. You demonstrate leadership, team work and hard work. You lead by example to some of the younger Referees working with you. You hold both the teams and the staff accountable and are in the group that sometimes gets asked to mentor some of the younger small sided referees on their matches.

Phase 5 / 6 - BCSPL / ADULT: Here you get an opportunity to Referee and AR games at the highest youth level we have here in BC as well as some of the adult leagues when required.