

REFEREE “TOP 5”

Five things we look for in our referees:

1. Arrives on time, prepared and dressed appropriately (hoodies off, proper shoes, jersey tucked into pants/shorts)
2. Shows interest and moves with the game. Refs should move to get close to the play while staying within the “referee zone” according to the diagram below. Officials should be a bit tired from running around from each game. Officiating should feel a little like playing a game!
3. Controls game with decisiveness
 - a. Blows whistle loudly and clearly indicates call
 - b. Clear hand/arm signals (direction of play, goal vs. corner kicks, subs, etc.) (verbal announcement and hand signal)
 - c. Administers clear consequences for dirty or unsafe play
4. Correct timing for the game
5. Proper focus on the game; no talking with friends/players/people on sidelines. Absolutely no phone usage!

