

**\*Recent Reminders from the MN State Referee Committee\***

**Dear Referees,**

Please keep in mind the following standards as frequently reported by your assignors. To maintain and increase your game count it is critical to maintain top professionalism.

**Uniform and Appearance:** You are expected to wear the complete official referee uniform, which includes jersey tucked in. Contact your assignor for guidance if needed.

**Know the rules and follow proper pre/post-match requirements:** It is your responsibility to report games scores and details to the league as well and enter into the assigning platform.

**Hand Ball Offense:** Not every touch of a player's hand or arm with the ball is an offense. In younger youth matches please be mindful when players protect themselves from the ball. Some things to remember: Deliberate Handling, Making the Body unnaturally bigger, and if attacker scores immediately after the ball has touched their arm or hand, even if accidental.

**Dissent:** No tolerance especially if personal, provocative, and public statements. Address with appropriate misconduct (yellow card/cation or a red card/Send-off).

Understand Stopping Promising Attack (SPA) versus Denying Obvious Goal Scoring Opportunity (DOGSO)

**NO Jewelry or equipment** and cannot be taped and **MUST** be removed. If you permit a player to wear jewelry, friendship bracelets, or other non-permitted equipment/clothing, you may no longer be covered by US Soccer's insurance policy.

**Reliability and Communication:** Respond to assignments promptly and keep availability up-to-date. Arrive to match well before kick-off (Minimum Standard 20 minutes) and communicate with assignors and crew members (Minimum Standard communicate to crew if running behind the minimum standard).

Referees who do not meet these standards will see a decline in their match assignments. Thank you for your hard work and commitment to this wonderful profession of Refereeing Soccer. Always, I am available to connect with anyone if needed [sac@minnesotasrc.com](mailto:sac@minnesotasrc.com)

**Be well,**  
Brianna Farah