

Referee Notes to Remember:

1. **NO Jewelry, NO Excuses.** Tape over jewelry is not sufficient.
2. Substitutes need to enter the field of play from the sideline. Do not allow a coach to sub from the bench. Players must be at the sub line and ready to go.
3. Subs can enter on goal kicks, after a goal, their team's throw-in, and when the opposing team has a throw-in and they are subbing as well.
4. There is NO slide tackling.
5. Watch for shorts with buckles and snaps (jean shorts). These are not allowed and the player must change before playing.
6. Be at the BASA complex 30 minutes before your game in order to check in at the referee table. The table is located in the pavilion, behind the concession stand.
7. Be at the field of your game 15 minutes prior to game time. Check to make sure the field and nets are ready for play.
8. Talk to the coaches and players before the game, explaining the duration of the game, rules, and remind them that can be added for injuries.
9. **Do not sit near either team, before, at the half or after games.** This is especially true for Select/Travel games. Find a neutral corner to sit or stand.
10. **Respect coaches.** We ask them to respect us, they deserve respect back.
11. **Be firm and authoritative in your calls. Speak loudly and BLOW your whistle!**

Game Officials Assigning System

1. Please be prompt in accepting or declining your assignments,
2. Please keep your availability up to date in the game officials system.
REMEMBER – with Game Officials, you enter when you ARE available.
3. If you do not accept or decline an assignment within three days, the system will automatically decline the assignment.
4. **If you accept a game and then you must cancel, please call or text me as soon as you can at (989)751-0620. DO NOT FIND A SUB**

FOR YOURSELF WITHOUT LETTING ME KNOW. I need to approve the sub.

5. As a referee, you are one of the only PAID employees of BASA. You are expected to be on time, dressed properly to do the job, and acting professional as a representative of the organization.

OTHER

1. Know the dress code and have the appropriate attire.
2. Payment for games: All recreation games will be paid out at the concession stand. Please initial on the pay sheet next to your name and be sure you are paid the correct amount. Travel/Select games will be paid at the field by the coaches.
3. Check in at the referee table, under the pavilion. Initial next to your name for each game.
4. On game days, if you have a problem, find or call me, or if I am not there, find another BASA Board member to handle the issue.
5. Referees will be provided one Gatorade or similar drink. Referees officiating two or more games will be provided one hot dog from the concession stand.
6. Most importantly – **REPORT ANY REFEREE ABUSE TO ME ASAP!** Abuse by parents, coaches, or players will not be tolerated and charges will be filed against those assaulting a referee.

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