

SISL DIRECTIONS TO REFEREES

The Southern Idaho Soccer League wants to assure the referees that work our games that we support your efforts and that we are concerned with insuring your enjoyment and the enjoyment of all our participants.

We have addresses aggressive actions of player's teams and fans toward referees and other participants in our latest revision of our League rules and by issuing a Code of Conduct. We are concerned for your safety and the safety of all participants.

But we need your help in getting the referee reports to the league assignor in a timely manner so that we can take appropriate action to squelch such undesirable behavior. From this day forward we require that you submit your referee reports by Monday evening following your weekend of games. All games require a report to be filed even if there are not cautions or ejections. Failure to submit game reports for your games each week will result in non-assignment of games.

Ejections are a must to deal with in a timely manner; especially since we have imposed immediate fines and sanctions for such. Our intent is to try to curtail the constant abuse by those that want to act contrary to our Code of Conduct and try to bend the rules at all opportunities hence; we have also instituted a fine for yellow cards and a maximum number that any one team can receive in a season.

This will only work if we work together and you turn in your game reports in a timely manner. We need game reports that tell us about the ejections and any and all cautions. There are other issues that affect you and our League that we need help with as well.

We need to know if players, coaches or fans are entering the field of play. No one has any business on the field but the 22 players and your referee team. Tell us if you are being hassled by fans before during or after the game questioning you calls, your integrity, ect. They have no business with you and we want to make sure you are not accosted and that you have plenty of time to get to your next assignment.

Please tell us if trash is left on the sidelines after your games. We use public park facilities at the discretion of the parks department. Our league suffers when our members or their fans abuse that privilege. Such actions bring our League into disrepute and that can affect where we play and you officiate.

We really need details. Date, time, teams, player numbers and names. What happened. Were there any other situations that warrant noting in the report. Tell us the situations and let League deal with the issues in a judicious way. Tell us about things that you are not sure of; we may need to develop more policies. Your input is important to us. And be sure to tell us about the good experiences you have.

Rule Clarifications

- Substitutions: The SISL will allow substitutions on any dead ball situation.
- Net and flags are the responsibility of the teams. Corner flags must be in good repair and conform to FIFA standards. The net must be up, in good repair and attached with at least 5 ground stakes.
- When both teams have the same primary jersey color, the Home Team will have choice of jersey color. The team listed second must have alternate colored jerseys available. Check the league schedule to avoid conflicts in jersey color. That means the visitor changes colors of uniforms. Unless they are wearing uniform colors not listed with the League then the team that is has the right to wear their team colors.

Reminders

- Teams are responsible for payment of the referees prior to each game.
- Referees that officiate and play in the SISL will have his or her players fees paid for by the League in appreciation for their extra efforts promoting adult soccer.
- When teams enter the field in bench clearing type actions they are considered guilty of team violence even if punches are not thrown. Entering the field is prohibited!
- Players cannot play for more than one team at a time. The only exceptions are players in the Over 30 or Over 40 Leagues can play for another team in a different Division. And in Over 40 teams the keeper can be Over 30.

There are 7 instances a red card is given by a Referee:

- Serious foul play (such as dangerous tackles from behind).
- Violent conduct (over aggressive behavior fighting, throwing elbows, ect.)
- Spitting on players, referees or others.
- Denies obvious scoring opportunity with use of hand ball.
- Denies obvious scoring opportunity. With a foul tackle.
- Foul language or verbal abuse of opposing players or referees.
- For a second caution or Yellow Card in a game.

We ask that our Referees be prudent in issuing cautions and ejections. Remember we are learning the game just like you and the more we can communicate the fewer cards need be shown.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT