



INSTRUCTIONS TO REFEREES

2007 Spring Season

Thank you for accepting assignments to referee in the MIDWEST REGIONAL LEAGUE (MRL). As you know, this league features the highest level of youth soccer in the Midwest, with the best teams from our 14-state area earning the right to compete in regional league play. The level of competition is comparable to games at the Regionals and late round State Cup competition. Games are hotly contested and extremely competitive. Teams are battling for Wild Card slots into the Regionals, maintain their standings in the Premier Division or earn promotion from the First Division to the Premier Division.

Teams, coaches and parents expect the very best from referees. Our league strives to provide everyone with the best environment for youth soccer competition. Your acceptance of games in the MRL demonstrates your desire to officiate at the highest levels of youth soccer and we appreciate the hours of dedication you have invested in reaching this level. Good luck with your games. Should you encounter any problems, we want to hear from you (see information below)

Please be sure to be familiar with the following rules of competition:

- Game Ball: Size 5
- Length of Games: Under 14 - 35 minutes halves;
Under 15 and 16 - 40 minute halves
Under 17 and 18 - 45 minute halves
- Substitutions: Under 14 - Unlimited
Under 15, 16, 17, 18 - FIFA Seven (7) per half system. Once replaced, players cannot re-enter the game during that half of play.
- Teams are to submit Team Roster (and Guest Player Roster, when applicable), Line Up Card and USYS Member Passes for each player to Referee, prior to the game. ALL PLAYER PASSES ARE RETURNED TO TEAMS AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE GAME.
- Guest Players are allowed – maximum of seven (7) for Under 14, 15 and 16; maximum of three (3) for Under 17 and 18
- Rosters are to be exchanged with opponent upon request.
- In the event of Uniform Color conflict, team listed first on the schedule must change uniform color, subject to the Match Referee's decision.
- One (1) hour grace period for late arrival before game is abandoned.

Game Fees are to be paid to Referees after Referee Report is turned in to Site Coordinator. If no Site Coordinator, then teams are to pay Referees prior to start of game. Game Fees are for U14 - \$30 to Referee and \$25 to each Assistant Referee; U15, U16, U17, U18 - \$40 to Referee and \$30 to each Assistant Referee.

Referee Reports are to be completed and filed with the League by the Referee or the Site Coordinator. **Cautions and Send Offs** are to be reported immediately following game at www.MidwestRegionalLeague.com/referees.html using the form provided.

Game Operations Rules are provided in condensed form by the MRL. Copies should be available from the Local Site Coordinator or on-line at www.MidwestRegionalLeague.com

Should you have any questions, please direct them to MRL Commissioner Paul Luchowski at MRLCommissioner@Region2.com