

Spring 2011
Clarke County Youth Soccer Association Referee Information Sheet
Referee Assignor - Mark Phaneuf

Game Assignments

There are a variety of games available for referees:

- Recreational League games U8 thru U12
- Suburban Friendship League (SFL) recreational games ages U14 thru U19
- ODSL Travel League ages U11 thru U19

CCYSA Incentive

Certification cost of \$65 will be reimbursed after 6 games have been refereed for CCYSA in a calendar year.

How Assignments Work

Referees are assigned to games according to their experience and age. Center referees should be at least two years older than the players. There are no age restrictions for assistant referees. New referees are usually assigned as assistant referees on U10 or center referee on U8 games. Second and third year referees will be utilized according to experience and comfort level.

You can also pick-up games throughout the week if there are rain-out games from the weekend. You will receive e-mails announcing open games that need referees.

Game Assignment & Acceptance Etiquette

Referees cannot 'shop around' for the best assignment. You should take the assignment you have been given. You have a commitment as a referee—you are a paid professional, and you will be expected to act like one. Occasionally the assignor may contact you to ask you to switch games because of certain situations on the schedule, please be accommodating with the assignor as they have 'the big picture'. Sometimes the assignor may need to switch refs around to different assignments for better coverage. You will be notified before a change is made. However, please be flexible because our primary job is to get all of the games covered.

It is important that you reply to e-mails, text messages and phone messages promptly. The sooner you respond the better selection of games you will have. If you wait too long to return an e-mail, text message or a phone message, the games may be all gone. (My first line of communication is email, followed by text messaging, then phone)

Sometimes it's necessary to turn back games that you have been assigned. We all have schedule changes and I understand that life happens. But, I do have a late turn back rule. You must do your best to give me at least 3 days notice if you cannot make one of your games. Please do not call me the night before and turn back a game unless you are sick, and simply cannot get out of bed. That doesn't mean "I stayed up too late at a friend's house and can't get up early on Saturday morning." Otherwise, you are expected to make your assignments. I will do my best to get confirmation from you on your assigned games. However, if you are assigned a game, and I do not hear from you, my expectation is you will be there.

The most important point here is **communication with the assignor**. A good relationship with your assignor is critical. I am willing to work with you but I have to know you have a problem before I can help.

No-Show Policy

Not showing up for an assigned game is unacceptable. I am willing to consider special cases but I must be called beforehand so that I can consider them. If you have a last minute emergency, you need to call me immediately. No-show referees will be fined the entire salary of the game. Two or three no-shows and you will not be assigned any more games from Clarke Soccer.

Referee Uniforms

All referees shall be in proper uniform, including regulation socks knee-length with 3-stripes or USSF logo, & approved shirt with current badge and primarily black turf shoes or cleats. Shirt **should be tucked in** and socks pulled up. It is extremely important that we present a professional appearance. You start your game at a disadvantage when you show up at the field with your socks rolled down or your whistle missing. Immediately the coaches and players will have less respect for you. A good site to purchase uniforms: <http://www.officialsports.com/> and click "Referee Uniforms" on the left. You can purchase "starter kits" that include everything you need.

Bad Weather & Rescheduled Games

You are responsible for calling the league hotline at (540) 955-9002, or visit the CCYSA website, to check for field closings. The assignor will not call you when fields are closed because of weather. Listen to the entire message as a portion of the fields could be open. If there is no information on the hotline, go to your assignment. Information is usually posted by 8am on weekends.

Make-up games are usually rescheduled for weeknights or Sundays. Information on make-up games will come out regularly so watch your e-mail. **You should NEVER take an assignment from a coach or game coordinator! If this happens, you will not get credit or compensation for the game.**

ODSL Procedures

Game cards will be provided by the home team coach at game time. However, the **primary** method, and official game report **shall** be recorded online at http://www.odsl.org/referees/Reports/index_E.html. Then click "HERE" to login and enter your report. **Please read the directions on the first page if you are not familiar with completing the ODSL match report.** You can also refer to these steps on the back of the game card given by the home team coach. If you forgot your username & password, I can provide this to you.

Online game reports should be submitted the evening after the game. When game reports are submitted right away, you get paid on time, and ODSL gets valuable information in a timely fashion. This applies only to the center referees, who are solely responsible for sending in the game report. The entire 3-man team receives pay from these game reports. AR's, if your center referee does not submit the game report, you will not get paid. Remind them!

Pay Day

You can expect to receive your paycheck a couple of weeks after the end of the season for ODSL, and approximately every other week for recreational and/or SFL games. Paychecks will be mailed to the address you provided during registration. Please make sure it is correct!

ODSL REFEREE PAY SCALE

Age Group	Center	Line/AR
U11	35	18
U12	40	20
U13	45	20
U14	45	20
U15	50	30
U16	50	30
U17+	55	35

2009 CCYSA REFEREE PAY SCALE

U8	U10	U10	U12	U12	U14	U14	U16	U16	U19	U19
Center	Center	A/R	Center	A/R	Center	A/R	Center	A/R	Center	A/R
\$21	\$24	\$13	\$29	\$18	\$33	\$21	\$39	\$23	\$45	\$25

Questions

Please contact Mark Phaneuf at refcoordinator@clarkesoccer.org with any questions. Or home phone (540) 955-6308, cell phone (703) 901-6802. I can receive text messages.