

## Referee Expectations

- Arrive at the field at least 10 minutes before the game starts. **DO NOT BE LATE**
- Make sure you wear your Referee shirt. If cold weather, try to wear something black so you can be distinguished from the players
- Check the field for hazards and mark with cones if possible
- Check the nets and corner flags
- Check the players uniform:
  - cleats (no toe cleats - cannot play...period)
  - no casts
  - need shin guards
  - shirts tucked in
  - goalies must have a different color jersey to distinguish them from their own team and their opponent
- No jewelry - No rubber wrist bands
- If the game is a Coed game, remind players there is no slide tackling
- **START ON TIME.** If coaches do not have enough players, start short-handed. If you can't start the game on time, **END** the game **ON TIME**
- If the game starts **LATE**, adjust the quarters evenly. Example, do four 10 minute quarters instead of one 4 minute and three 12 minute quarters
- Run the field with the players. **Do not CAMP!**
- Assistant Referees need to run the sideline and stay with the last defender
- Keep the sideline clear. 5 foot buffer zone between sideline and spectators
- Be **ALERT**, pay attention to the game
- **PROBLEMS!!** - Coaches, fields, parents...Please call the Referee Coordinator or the Region Commissioner
- Most of all, **HAVE FUN!!**