

CESC Soccer Refing Information

GETTING STARTED (UNIFORM and SCHEDULE)

What do I need?

By now you have done all of the class room and online stuff, received your uniform (Green shirt, flag, whistle, flags, shorts, socks etc.) You should have a 2022 patch to adhere to your shirt. This is all you need to ref a game.

What do I wear?

You must wear the uniform to ref. **Tuck in the shirt!** Pull up the socks! Look professional, look confident, and gain respect from the coaches and parents by your appearance. You may wear it over something warm on cold days and you may wear black leggings or black windpants on those cold October days.

How do I know if I have a game each weekend?

The ref schedule will be sent out no later than Monday night of the coming week. Friendlies get added frequently so I usually wait until Monday night. The schedule will list all the games for the weekend and who I have assigned for the games. PLEASE LOOK AT THE WHOLE SCHEDULE AS THERE WILL BE WEEKENDS THAT YOU HAVE MORE THAN ONE GAME. If you have more than one game in a day I will make every effort to have them back to back if possible and at the same general location to ease the stress of getting to the games.

Where do I find the schedule?

I will email it to the emails you provided at the ref classes. If you have additional emails you would like me to send it to let me know. Often times parents, particularly of freshman and sophomores want to receive the schedule as well.

What if I can't work my assignment?

It is your responsibility to find a substitute and inform me by Friday afternoon of your switch. I need to know who to call if they don't show up and who might be available for a last-minute emergency. You were scheduled because the last I knew you were available.

What if I know I can't work at a certain time or day?

Please email me your availability if it is not completely open. If you know you have SAT's, a birthday Party, another job, church, band, vacation, etc., Please let me know at least 7 days before hand. This will eliminate a lot of issues for both the scheduler and you. It will also ensure that you get the most opportunities to ref and make money as I try to balance games among all refs. I AM AWARE OF THE HS BOYS AND GIRLS SOCCER SCHEDULE SO NO NEED TO LET ME KNOW ABOUT THOSE GAMES. IF YOU DO ANOTHER SPORT PLEASE LET ME KNOW CONFLICT DATES. ALSO, I RECOGNIZE THAT THE HS COACHES ASSIGN KIDS TO WORK THE SATURDAY MORNING REC CAMPS. THEY HAVE BEEN GREAT ABOUT LETTING YOU OUT OF THAT IF I NEED YOU TO REF SOCCER AS OPPOSED TO TEACH SOCCER. Typically you just need to let them know you are refing youth soccer.

How do I find a sub?

I will be sending out a REF CONTACT list with phone numbers, emails, and whether you can do just side refing or center and side.

Will I get a game every weekend?

Ideally yes, but there are always a couple slow weekends. The first weekend is one of them. Then there will be two weekends with close to 30 games. Just know this. I will ensure you all have equal opportunity throughout the regular season. If you don't have a game one weekend I will do everything I can to schedule you for the next weekend. If

you dump an assignment to a friend, I can't help you there. Also, know that there will always be someone looking to dump a shift, you can pick up a lot of shifts as well. Please let me know about changes.

GAME MANAGEMENT

It is ideal to show up 30 minutes before a game but I am realistic. Please show up 15 minutes before your scheduled time. **THE SCHEDULE IS THE GAME START TIME.** By showing up 15 minutes early you will prevent a lot of issues with coaches, the scheduler and phone calls.

What do I do when I get to the field?

1. Check the goals and make sure they are weighted down with sand bags.
2. Ensure the field is safe to play on
3. Introduce yourself to the coaches
4. GET PAID (do not start a game until you are paid)
5. Review the age specific rules with the coaches (Throw ins, offsides, PK's, free kicks, time, mid field retreat, player safety)
6. Equipment check
7. Captains
8. Start game

What do I do if a game is getting out of control?

Remember you are in charge. If you need to speak to the coaches to settle it down, do so. If there is a fan that is out of control speak to the coach of that team and tell them. They need to control their parents. If not then you can stop the game, throw a parent out and not start the game until they leave. **REMEMBER THE CAPE COACHES ARE YOUR BIGGEST ADVOCATES. THEY ARE THERE TO SUPPORT YOU** with crowd and coach control.

WOW that was crazy....should I tell anyone?

YES! You must tell me. Often times I will hear from a coach about an incident and the kids don't think that much about it. You feel like...well it was just one game. **PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE, REACH OUT TO ME IF YOU HAVE SOMETHING CRAZY HAPPEN.** Anything and everything matters. A bunch of yellow cards, a red card, a dog on the field at the fort, a crazy parent yelling for offsides in a U9 game the whole game. Anything. What you don't know is that I may have already had issues with that town, team, or coach in previous weeks. It is our job as board members to report to other boards if we are seeing poor sportsmanship and gamesmanship. Nothing is too big or too small to let me know about. I will be your biggest advocate and supporter. Trust me when I say there will be some parent out there who thinks their kid is getting a D1 scholarship at the game you are reffing regardless of age.

I don't feel confident what should I do?

Blow the whistle loudly! Believe me when I say if you make the call loudly and confidently whether right or wrong you will gain the respect of the coaches, players and parents. Remember you are in control of the game and the safety of the kids playing. That is your number one priority...safety of the players. **IT IS VITAL TO PROTECT THE GOALIES AT A YOUNG AGE EVEN IF IT MEANS DENYING A SCORING CHANCE IF THE BALL IS BOBBLED. IT IS FAR BETTER AT THE YOUNGER AGES TO KEEP THE KIDS SAFE AND CONCUSSION FREE THEN TO LET A DANGEROUS SITUATION OCCUR.** If a goalie at a young age has the ball and drops it or is bumed and drops it, it is okay to blow the whistle and give the goalie the possession. **NO ONE WANTS A KID INJURED.**

I really liked reffing how can I get more games?

Once you are certified as a ref you can ref in any town. You can reach out to other assignors and see if they may need help. South Portland in the past has reached out to us once or twice in the season. Now, South Portland send out his schedule to all of you. You may also work at any of the tournaments. Falmouth, GNG, York and Sanford all host Columbus Day tournaments and Cumberland hosts a Labor Day tourney. You can find info at each of their club sites. I will send some info in mid-September about the Falmouth and Sanford tourneys.

We also typically host a level or two for playoffs which gives us 4-12 extra games. For those I typically take my best center refs and a mix of older and younger side refs.

Fields:

We receive questions about fields and their names. The fields we use are as follows.

Capano: This is the HS softball field that is down below the Pond Cove Parking lot. 2 U9-10 fields or one U13-14 field

MS Multipurpose: This is the field next to the Pond Cove Parking lot. 1 U13-14 field

Moulton: This is the MS baseball field as you drive into Pond Cove. 2 U9-10 fields

Weatherbie Track: This is the HS field to the left of the HS entrance. 1 U13-14 field

Fort Williams: This is the field back near the red storage sheds and playground. 2 U11-12 fields or 1 U13-14

Hannaford Turf: This is the HS turf field we all know. U13-14 occasionally get a game on it.

Pay and Time estimates.

U8-U9-U10 games. 1 Center ref gets \$30 for roughly 1hr 15 minutes of work.

U11-12 games 1 Center ref gets \$40 and 2 Assistants get \$20 each for roughly 1hr 20 minutes of work

U13-U14 games 1 Center ref gets \$50 and 2 Assistants get \$25 each for roughly 1hr 30 minutes of work

The coaches pay you prior to the start of the game. You should receive cash from the coaches. Do not start a game until you have paid. Coaches will forget to pay you after the game, there are a lot of distractions and you want to get paid for your work.

TAKE THE JOB OF REFFING SERIOUSLY AND YOU WILL SUCCEED AND ENJOY IT. ITS NOT AS EASY AS IT LOOKS BUT IF YOU TAKE IT SERIOUSLY YOU WILL SUCCEED AND MAKE GOOD MONEY DOING IT.

Lastly the chart below is a very handy thing to take a picture of. It is a reminder of all the little things of age groups.

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Soccer Maine Specific Game Rules

	<u>U9-U10</u>	<u>U11-U12</u>	<u>U13-U14</u>
<u>Number of players</u>	7v7	9v9	11v11
<u>Offside</u>	Offside rule not in effect	Offside rule is in effect	Offside rule is in effect
<u>Goal Kicks</u>	Opponent must retreat to half field	U11 - Opponent must retreat to half field U12 - Opponent may cross half field	Opponent may cross half field
<u>Substitutions</u>	May sub on either side's throw-in	May sub on either side's throw-in	May sub on either side's throw-in*
<u>Free Kicks</u>	All free kicks are indirect	Free kicks are direct and indirect	Free kicks are direct and indirect
<u>PKs</u>	No penalty kicks	Penalty kicks allowed	Penalty kicks allowed
<u>Cards</u>	Cards allowed	Cards allowed	Cards allowed
<u>Throw-Ins</u>	Re-throw must be given on throw-ins that break the rules at U9, ask coaches at U10	No re-throws (if both coaches agree, there may be re-throws)	No re-throws
<u>Mouthguards</u>	Recommended, not required	Recommended, not required	Recommended, not required
<u>Game length</u>	2-25 minute periods	2-30 minute periods	2-35 minute periods
<u>Heading</u>	NO	U11 - No, U12 -Yes	Yes
REFS	1 center	1-center 2-AR's	1-center 2-AR's
PAY	Center \$30	Center \$40	Center \$50
		Ar's \$20 each	Ar's \$25 each
Game Length	50 min, 2-25 min	60min, 2-30 min	70min, 2- 35 min

Throw in's are to be discussed before the game for younger levels. Often at U9 they redo but at U10 they will not. Kids should know by then.

