

Heartland Soccer Association



**Game day
Information for
HSA Referees**





Expectations for Referees

- Dress Appropriately and Professionally
- Give your best effort (Hustle)
 - Work as hard as the players
 - Be in an effective position
 - Make sure the game is SAFE and FAIR
- Know the Rules (Call Fouls)
- Have FUN!
- Let the Field Marshall or Referee Assignor know if:
 - You are having trouble with the coaches
 - You have questions about league rules
 - If the level is too easy or too difficult for you





Be Prepared – the Reality of Refereeing

- You will make many correct calls
- You will also make some mistakes
- You will get yelled at
- It isn't always your fault
- When dealing with Coaches:
 - Be polite and respectful
 - Use ASK, TELL, DISMISS
 - We will support you 100%





Coaches Responsibility to Officials

- Coaches should not approach officials after the game to discuss calls.
- Coaches shall not offer dissent to any call made by the referee(s) at any time.
- Coaches are not to address the Referee(s) during the game except to:
 - Respond to a referee who has initiated a conversation.
 - Point out emergency or safety issues. Make substitutions.
 - Ask the referee, “What is the proper restart (i.e. direction and Indirect Free Kick or Direct Free Kick)”?
 - Ask for the time remaining in the half.



Parents Code of Conduct

- We will only give positive feedback to players.
- We will cheer at all games within the spirit of fair play and shall do our best to cheer the effort regardless of the outcome.
- We shall show the quality of our sportsmanship during and after each and every match and help our child remember to thank the referee after the match without regard to the result.
- We shall do our very best to have our child prepared for every match.
- We recognize many of the referees are young and are learning to referee. We agree to support their learning efforts as we do youth players.



Parents Code of Conduct

- We shall support the learning effort of both players and the referees by demonstrating our patience.
- We understand that improper behavior at a match; both league and tournaments may result in a parent being asked to leave the field or the event by a referee, field marshal or HSA Staff.
- We shall leave the coaching to the coach during match. We shall do our best not to give our child instructions during the match.
- We understand that (upon review) the HSA can, and will if necessary, suspend our individual privilege to watch our child play should we behave in a manner that is rude or otherwise offensive.
- We agree to do our best to have as much fun watching the game, as the players should have playing the game.