

# NEW REFEREE CHECKLIST #3

## THINGS TO DO DURING THE GAME

### Things to help you become a better Referee:

- *Look, dress and appear professional.*
- Do not cozy up or befriend either side. You need to remain neutral and impartial and not show favoritism or be over-friendly with either side or coach.
- Blow your whistle loud and clear when there is an infraction or problem.
- Remember that player safety is our first responsibility. Blow your whistle and stop play, if the play is dangerous, unsafe or getting rough (especially with the younger players).
- Point direction of restart on the calls that you make.
- It's OK if you make a mistake. It happens to all of us. Own your mistakes and correct when possible.
- Enforce the laws of the game:
  - Know which fouls are trifling and when to encourage the play to continue;
  - Know when it is OK to apply or play 'Advantage';
  - Know which fouls and misconducts require a Yellow Card to be shown 100% of the time;
  - Know which fouls and misconducts require a Red Card to be shown 100% of the time;
- Work as a team with the other Officials. Look to and confirm calls with each other.
- Stop play immediately when there is an injury at the younger and less experienced levels.
- Call the Coach out onto the field to deal with and handle injuries on the field.
- Respect the players and coaches, so they will respect you.
- Establish positive relationships on the field with both teams. It's good & OK to talk with players during the game and stoppages, and let them know they are doing good and playing well.
- Do not get in arguments with players/coaches/spectators/parents. It is best to walk away.
- Hustle, run & keep close to the ball and action. Players will respect your calls more if you are close to play.

### If someone is giving you a hard time and making things not fun:

- Ask . Tell . Dismiss
  - If Coaches, Spectators or Parents are getting on your case, stop the game and go up to them:
    - "I would kindly **ASK** that you limit your comments to cheers and encouragement for your team. It is not OK to verbally abuse Referees."
    - "I have asked and now am **TELLING** you to please limit your comments to cheers and encouragement for your team."
    - "You are **DISMISSED** from this game. We will restart the match after you leave."
  - If you do not feel comfortable approaching the offending spectator or parent:
    - Stop the game.
    - Tell both Coaches or another Adult on the field, that the game will restart when the offending parent, coach or spectator has left the field.
- Report any type of Referee Abuse, Confrontation or Harassment to your Assignor or Commissioner with a text or email immediately following your game.