

BSC REFEREE MANUAL

2019/2020

Brunswick Soccer Club



Welcome to the 2019/2020 Brunswick Soccer Club (BSC).

Your role as a BSC soccer referee is a key factor in the success of providing top quality recreational soccer to Brunswick area children.

Please take this Referee Packet to all your games. As you will see, it is a valuable source of information. Please use your Referee Packet throughout the year to be knowledgeable of BSC laws and procedures. This packet, your training sessions, and your actual refereeing game experience are intended to provide you with the skills to properly manage and conduct BSC soccer matches at the youth level. If you have any questions about pay contact the BSC referee coordinator. If you have a game conflict and cannot referee your game, it is your responsibility to handle this as far in advance by contacting the referee coordinator. The BSC Referee Mentors will be conducting referee evaluations. The purpose of the referee evaluation is to assist you in becoming the best referee you can be. Beginning referees will be evaluated at least once during their first fall or spring season. You will receive a copy of the written referee evaluation. If you have any questions or concerns during the season, please contact the referee coordinator.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

GAME PAYMENT:

Game level Pay Per Game

- Rec League game ~~20.00~~ 20.00
- Rec Tournament game \$10.00-\$15.00

All beginning referees will be required to work U8, U10 games the first year.

If you are sent to a field to referee and the game has been cancelled, you will still be paid. If you have other games at that field, do not assume they are cancelled.

Referees must be responsible for reporting their scores in order to receive compensation. All scores must be reported to the referee coordinator or designated personnel following the game.

ASSIGNMENTS:

BSC will make all game assignments.

Assignments for games will be emailed.

If you have a conflict (PSAT or SAT testing, for example) it is your responsibility to inform BSC of the dates as far in advance as possible. Your fellow referees and BSC will appreciate this. Any cancellations must be made by phone or email to the referee coordinator with at least 48-hour notice.

BSC has adopted a 3-Strike Policy:

- First late cancellation or no-show to an assignment may be excused with a written explanation and a phone call to BSC.
- Second late cancellation or no-show to an assignment might be excused with a written explanation and a meeting with a member of BSC.
- Third late cancellation will terminate a working relationship with BSC.

*******Remember, there are approximately 30 players, several coaches, and 40 to 50 parents depending on you for each game.**

GAME FIELD LOCATIONS

Confirm field location at check in on game day.

GAME CHECKLIST FOR REFEREES

1.) Game Preparation and Equipment

Referees will wear proper uniform to all games (yellow shirt or *Travel uniform jersey*, shorts, socks and soccer shoes). Referees must have a hand whistle, a pocket-sized pad to record the scores and names of player(s), or any incidents. Make sure you have the following equipment before leaving for your games.

*Uniform (as described above) *Whistle (and back up) *Coin

*Stop Watch *Pad of paper & pencil

*Game assignments *BSC Referee Manual

2.) Early Arrival

Set out your referee uniform (shirt, shorts, and socks) and equipment the night before your game. Remember that all sweatshirts must be worn under your referee shirt and the color should not differ from the color of the referee shirt. Referees should arrive at the field of play at least 20 minutes before the first scheduled game. If you don't know where the field is, find out during the week. Don't wait until Saturday morning to try to locate the field.

Make sure your shirt is tucked in and your socks are pulled up.

3.) Field Inspection

The referee's first task is to inspect the field of play. To ensure the safety of the players, broken glass and other debris should be removed before the play begins. Make sure corner cones or flags are in place (if available). Use soccer balls, coats, or bags if no cones are available. During this time, you may have to remind coaches to start warming up, choosing captains, etc. You have the right to abandon the game if unsafe field conditions (such as unstable goal posts, lightning, and ice) will pose a danger to the players.

4.) Player Inspection

Referees should conduct an orderly pre-game inspection of all players and their equipment. At this time introduce yourself to the coaches.

ALL PLAYERS

- **Must wear shin guards, covered by socks.**
- **Must wear approved soccer shoes.**
- **Must wear matching jerseys.** All players on the field must be attired in matching jerseys, except goalkeepers, who must wear colors that distinguish them from all other players on the field. In case of a color similarity between teams, the home team will change or reverse jerseys.
- **May not wear articles that may injure themselves or another player. *Absolutely no jewelry may be worn during game play. That includes all types of earrings (NO TAPING, NO EXCEPTIONS), or body jewelry, watches, rings, necklaces, bracelets, wristbands, do-rags, or casts, Hair bands, if used, must be elastic. Any other articles, which in the opinion of the referee may endanger the player or other players, are also not allowed. Make no exceptions!! Medical Alert bracelets:*** may be worn around the neck or around the wrist. (Preferably taped to the player's shirt.)

Late arriving players must be inspected.

Players who are late getting to the game must pass the above equipment check before entering play. Watch for equipment violations throughout the game.

Assistant Referee (OPTIONAL)

Have each coach select a volunteer Assistant Referee to identify when the ball goes out-of-bounds only. Meet with both Assistant Referees and coaches (together) prior to the start of the game, introduce yourself and explain what you want them to do. **Parent Assistant Referees do not signal/call offside or fouls.**

Game Ball Selection and Coin Toss

Referees are to conduct a brief pre-game conference with the team captains. Have both teams bring you a game ball for inspections, and pick the best ball that is the right size for that age group. (Note: U9-U12 uses a #4 ball; U13 & older use a #5 ball). The game ball should be properly inflated, round, with no loose panels, no exposed air valve.

Conduct the coin flip. The team that wins the coin toss decides which goal it will attack in the first half of the match. The other team must kick off to start the match.

Game Schedule

You are expected to keep all games on schedule. If one of the teams arrive late, you may have to shorten the halves so subsequent game(s) starting times stay on schedule. Both halves must be equal. The BSC allows 5 to 10 minutes between halves. Use this flexibility to keep the game on schedule. Call the teams back to the field a little early so they have time to assemble. Do not stop your watch for player injury.

Game Scores

Referees are required to keep an accurate record of the games and scores of all games worked. Write the goals down when they occur – not at the end of the game.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF REFEREES

THE SAFETY OF THE PLAYERS IS THE #1 RESPONSIBILITY OF THE REFEREE.

Secondly, they see that neither the players nor the teams take unfair advantage of the opposing players and team.

The referees owe their duty to the game

The referee has discretionary powers; use them wisely.

One duty is to see that the game moves well, and is not subject to undue delay.

The referees are not performers; the less obtrusive they are, (given that the game is being played according to the laws and the spirit of the game), the better.

The carrying out of these responsibilities places certain personal responsibilities on referees: a. They should be physically and mentally fit.

- Physically, they must be able to keep up with the fastest game.
- Mentally, they must be alert and on the spot to give their best decisions.

They must be honest and seek to be completely impartial at all times.

Practice good communication skills with the players and coaches

- Verbalize your calls _
- Give correct arm signals
- Blow the whistle LOUDLY to instruct, command and control

Control entry and exit from the field. Players, spectators, or coaches are not allowed on the field of play without the permission of the referee. _

YOU BUILD YOUR OWN REPUTATION A RECIPE FOR SUCCESS

1. Stay with play (12 to 18 yards from the play).
2. Leave the players with their dignity.
3. Don't stifle feedback. You will spend more time with players than you will spend with referees. Listen to them and learn. They may not be right, but you will learn.
4. Do not lecture the teams before the game.
5. Take the time you need to do your job properly. Don't rush.
6. Time is on your side.
7. Know and enforce the Laws of the game and the BSC
8. Keep in shape.
9. Think like a player.
10. Be at the field 30 minutes before game time
11. Start games on time
12. Dress in a professional manner, and conduct yourself accordingly.
13. Penalize foul play- protect the safety of players. A yellow/red card will be too late if someone gets injured.
14. Use your whistle correctly to indicate seriousness. It shows confidence in yourself and your calls.
15. Use light whistle for simple incidents; use a hard whistle for more serious calls and foul play.
16. Always use arm signals; you help everyone know what's happening
17. Indicate direction of throw or kick, place of throw-in kick type or kick (corner, goal, indirect or direct, etc.
18. Verbalize every call; players and coaches may not see the arm signals.
19. Be consistent in your calls throughout the game.
20. Report any issues with players, coaches, and spectators causing problems. If you don't now, chances are they will cause more problems in their next game for you or another referee.

SIGNALS OF THE REFEREE

Throw-in - stand facing the field of play and extend a straight arm from your side in the direction of the team awarded the throw-in. Also, say "red throw" to better communicate to the players.

Corner kick - extend a straight arm at 45 degrees from the side toward the corner from which the kick is to be taken. Also, say, "corner kick" to better communicate to the players.

Goal kick - point to the top of the goal box. Also, say "goal kick" to better communicate to the players.

Penalty kick - point to the penalty-mark. Also, say "penalty kick" to better communicate to the players.

Indirect Free Kick (IFK) - arm straight up (hold until the ball is touched a second time). Also, say "indirect kick."

Direct Free Kick (DFK) - straight-arm from the side in the direction of the team awarded the DFK. Also, say "direct kick."

Goal - straight-arm toward the center circle.

REFEREE FIELD POSITIONS

Throw-In

Be close enough to watch for hand and foot faults (usually even with the thrower, but not so close that you are interfering with play).

Corner Kick

Stand at top of penalty area, opposite corner of kick

Goal Kick

Stand at the top of the penalty box to one side for younger players (this allows you to see if the ball clears the box before being touched). For older players, you will need to back up to where the ball may land, but not so close that you are interfering with play.

Penalty Kick

Stand in the penalty box to the side of the kicker's path between the penalty mark and the goal line. This allows you to judge if it is a goal and to watch for potential encroachment by the players.

Direct Free Kick Indirect Free Kick

Position yourself close to where the ball may land, but not so close that you are interfering with play.

Kick off

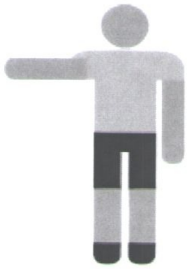
Stand outside the circle on the halfway line near one touchline. This will allow you to see if the ball is played forward, touched a second time by the same player, and watch for encroachment.

Penalty Kicks

Penalty kicks shall be taken from the penalty mark and when it is being taken all players, except the player taking the kick and the opposing goalkeeper, shall remain on the field of play outside the penalty area and penalty arc and behind the ball. The opposing goalkeeper may move side to side, but not forward on their goal line, between the goal posts, until the ball is kicked.

The player taking the kick must kick the ball forward and may not touch the ball a second time until touched or played by another player. The ball is in play after it has been touched and moved forward. A goal may be scored directly from a penalty kick.

Direct Kick



A direct kick is awarded to the opposing team if a player commits any of the following seven offences in a manner considered by the referee to be careless, reckless or using excessive force:

- Kicks or attempts to kick an opponent
- Trips or attempts to trip an opponent
- Jumps at an opponent
- Charges an opponent
- Strikes or attempts to strike an opponent
- Pushes an opponent
- Tackles an opponent

A direct kick is also awarded to the opposing team if a player commits any of the following three offences:

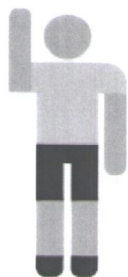
- Holds an opponent
- Spits at an opponent
- Handles the ball deliberately (except for the goalkeeper within his/her own penalty area)

A direct kick is taken from where the offence occurred. The ball must be stationary when the kick is taken, and the kicker must not touch the ball again until it has touched another player.

The referee indicates a direct kick by pointing his/her arm forward. The referee does not have to keep his/her arm in that position, unlike an indirect kick which will be discussed further down.

If a direct kick is kicked directly into the opponent's goal, a goal is awarded. If, for some weird reason, a direct kick is kicked directly into your team's own goal, a corner kick is awarded to the opposing team.

Indirect Kick



An indirect kick is awarded to the opposing team if a goalkeeper, inside his own penalty area, commits any of the following offences:

- Touches the ball again with his/her hands after he/she has released it from possession and before it has touched another player
- Touches the ball with his/her hands after it has been deliberately kicked to him/her by a teammate
- Touches the ball with his/her hands after he/she has received it directly from a throw-in by a teammate.

An indirect kick is also awarded to the opposing team if, in the opinion of the referee, a player:

- Plays in a dangerous manner
- Impedes the progress of an opponent
- Prevents the goalkeeper from releasing the ball from his/her hands
- Commits any other offence, not previously mentioned with the direct kick rule, for which play is stopped to caution or send off a player

An indirect kick is taken from the place where the offence occurred. The ball must be stationary when the kick is taken, and the kicker must not touch the ball again until it has touched another player.

The referee indicates an indirect kick by raising his/her arm in the air. He/she maintains his/her arm in that position until the kick has been taken and the ball has touched another player or goes out of play.

A goal can be scored from an indirect kick only if the ball touches another player before it enters the goal. If an indirect kick is kicked directly into the opponents' goal, a goal kick is awarded. If, for some weird reason, an indirect kick is kicked directly into your team's own goal, a corner kick is awarded to the opposing team.

Brunswick Soccer Club Referee Development Program RDP

Mission: To introduce, develop and prepare referees for Travel League and High School level certification programs.

Level 1 (Entry level)

- No referee experience needed
- Current BSC Travel Player
- Attend all required training sessions and meetings
- Will officiate U8 and U10 rec-league games
- \$15 per game

Level 2

- Current BSC Travel Player or High School JV / Varsity Player
- Referee experience to include 1-year BSC Level 1 or higher certification
- Game Observation / Evaluation by BSCref official
- Attend all required training sessions and meetings
- Will officiate U8 through U15 rec-league and tournament games
- \$20 per game

BSCref Certification Scholarship

The Brunswick soccer club will sponsor up to 3 referees per year to receive training in Travel League or High School Referee certification courses.

All interested candidates must successfully complete BSCref Levels 1 and 2 and receive recommendation from Referee coordinator and be submitted for approval to the Brunswick Soccer Board of Directors.