

CLUB OFFICIAL TRAINING GUIDE & FINAL EXAM JANUARY 2023

POMERAUG SOCCER CLUB
Carlos Almeida





AGENDA

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5. Pre-Game Preparation
6. In-House Rules U7/U8
7. Game Assignment Procedures
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REFEREE TEAM



1. POMERAUG SOCCER CLUB OFFICIALS



Carlos Almeida
Referee Assignor - Travel



MARY VINCITORIO
Travel Referee/Mentor



PATRICK LEWIS
Travel Referee/Mentor



DAVID RUELO
Travel Referee/Mentor



Kelly Almeida
Club Officials Assignor

Key Contact Information

- **In-House / Club Officials Assignor** (U7/8)
 - Kelly Almeida
 - KellyAlmeida9@Yahoo.com
 - Cell 203-558-5097
 - Main Club Official Contact for Assignments
- Travel Referee Head Assignor (U9-U19)
 - Carlos Almeida
 - Carlos@ctkeeper.com
 - Cell 203-770-7864



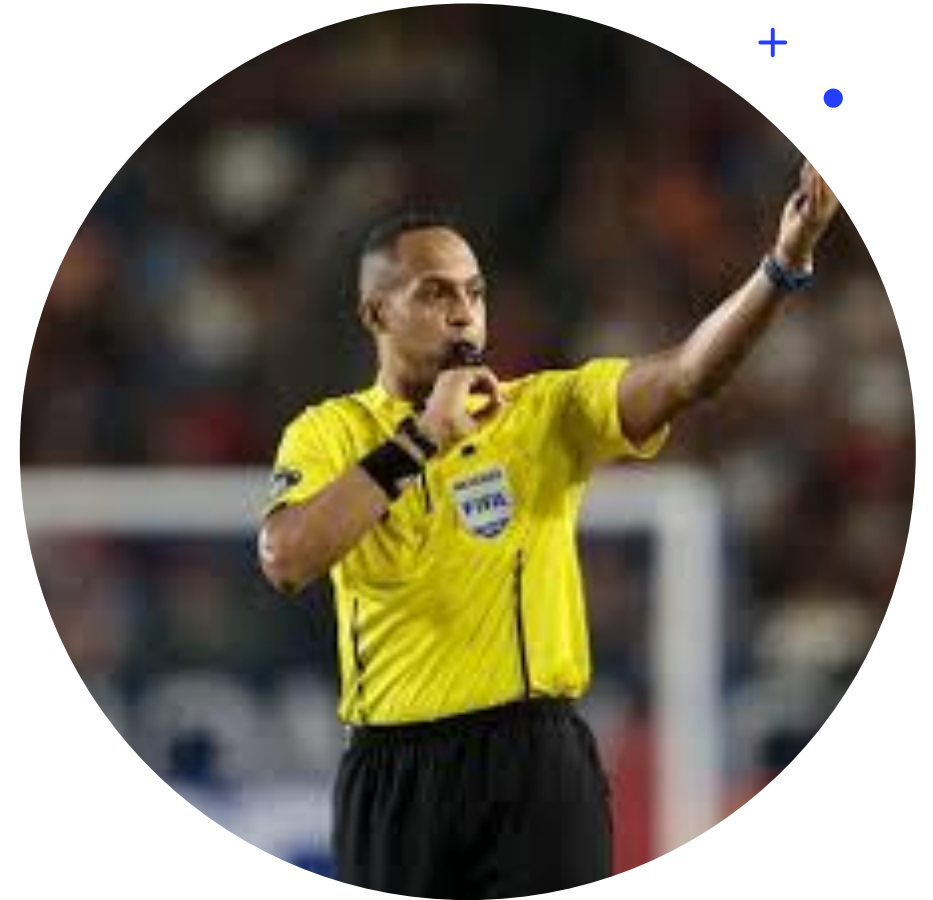
Club Official Overview

- **A referee program primarily for PSC Players**
 - Provide officials for Big Kickers program (U7-U8)
 - If needed, Club Officials can be used for U9 & U10 A/R's
 - Prepares you for CJSA / State Grass Roots Certification
- **Participation**
 - Pomperaug Soccer Club players age 11/12
 - Need to review this Club Official Manual
 - Learn the key fundamental Laws of the game
 - Understand how to be assigned games
- **At age 13, officials can move into CJSA / State Program**
 - More info here: <https://www.ctreferee.net/new-referees/>
 - Requirements: <https://www.ctreferee.net/become-a-referee/>
- **Certification Requirements**
 - Certification for new club officials is via this Manual & Final Exam Link located at the end of the presentation



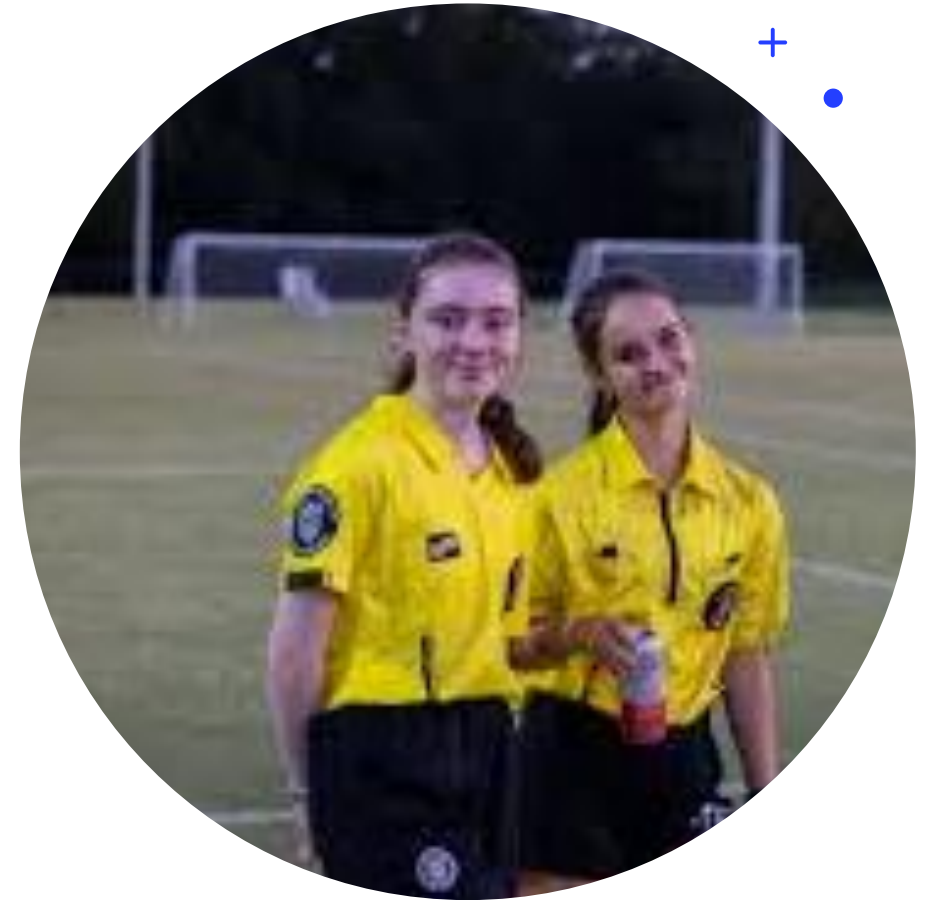
CJSA Referees Levels

- Grass Roots: Entry Level (U9+ Youth Games)
 - Must be 13 yrs old as of Dec 31st of existing year
 - Managed by CJSA state authority
 - Referee's for U9 + Travel games
- Referees for In-Town Programs
 - “Club Officials” – Managed by PSC and not by CJSA
 - Ages 11,12 introduction to refereeing of U7/U8 games
 - Ages 13+ are also eligible to referee in house games based on need



Expectations of Club Officials

- To understand and enforce general rules of soccer
- To understand and enforce Big Kicker in-house rules
- To act as mentor for Big Kicker Players
- To help players learn / understand the laws of soccer
- To help players learn from their mistakes on the field



Other Expectations

- Club Official Uniform

- Standard cleats, socks, shorts, whistle, & watch
- Yellow Official Referee Shirt (Short or Long Sleeved)
- <https://officialsports.com/referee-uniforms/grassroots-referee/starter-kits/>

- Referee Fees

- \$30 per Game for U7, \$30 per Game for U8
- Paid in cash by the in-house coordinators
- Paid at the end of the game

- Accountability

- Frequently Check E-Mail and Respond Promptly
- Weekly / Frequently Check for Game Assignments
- Accept/Reject Game Assignments in a timely manner
- Report on time for all games dressed professionally
- "on time" = 15+ minutes before game time
- Report serious injuries / unusual events from a game
 - To In-House Assignor (Kelly Almeida)



Laws of the Game

Basis of Laws of the Game



❖ Sportsmanship



❖ Spirit of the Laws



❖ Safety



❖ Respect for Tradition

Laws of the Game



ITEMS IN **RED** DO NOT APPLY TO CLUB OFFICIALS/IN-HOUSE GAMES

Laws 1 - 9

1. The Field of Play
2. The Ball
3. The Number of Players
4. The Player's Equipment
5. The Referee
6. The Assistant Referee
7. The Duration of the Match
8. The Start and Restart of Play
9. The Ball In and Out of Play

Laws 10-17

10. The Method of Scoring
11. Offside
12. Fouls and Misconduct
13. Free Kicks
14. The Penalty Kick
15. The Throw-In
16. The Goal Kick
17. The Corner Kick

Laws of the Game

Exceptions for In-House U7/U8

Law 2 – Field of Play

Big Kickers Fields Do Not Include All Markings

- U7 Fields: No goal or penalty area markings. On goal kicks, place the ball and have opponents stand 5 yards away.
- U8 Fields: No goal area markings. On goal kicks, place the ball inside penalty area and have opponents stand outside area.

Law 3 – The Players

Big Kicker Substitution Rules

- Allowed by either team at any stoppage of play
- Coaches are responsible for the number of players on the field at all time
- U7 Games: 4 vs. 4 (NO Goalkeeper)
- U8 Games: 4 vs. 4 (NO Goalkeeper)
- unless agreed to by coaches/coordinators in advance

Laws of the Game

Exceptions for In-House U7/U8

Law 7 – Duration of Match

Big Kickers

- U7 Duration: Two 20 Minute Halves
- U8 Duration: Two 20 Minutes Halves

(Coaches/Coordinators may often play 4 10 minute quarters)

Law 11 – Offside

There is NO Offside in Big Kickers

Law 13 – Free Kicks

BK'ers: All fouls result in an Indirect Free Kick

- Direct Free Kicks/Cards Not Used in Big Kickers

Law 14 – Penalty Kick

There are no Penalty Kicks in Big Kickers U7/U8

Pre-game Preparation

- Arrive at the field 15-20 minutes prior to start time
- Keep a Referee Game Bag
- Long Sleeve Shirt/Pants for Cold Weather, Rain Gear for Inclement Weather
- Two watches, whistle, flags, game duration/fee schedule, coin (for coin toss)
- Sunscreen and Bug Repellant
- Current day's game schedule
- Ask coaches to correct any dangerous conditions



Pre-game Preparation

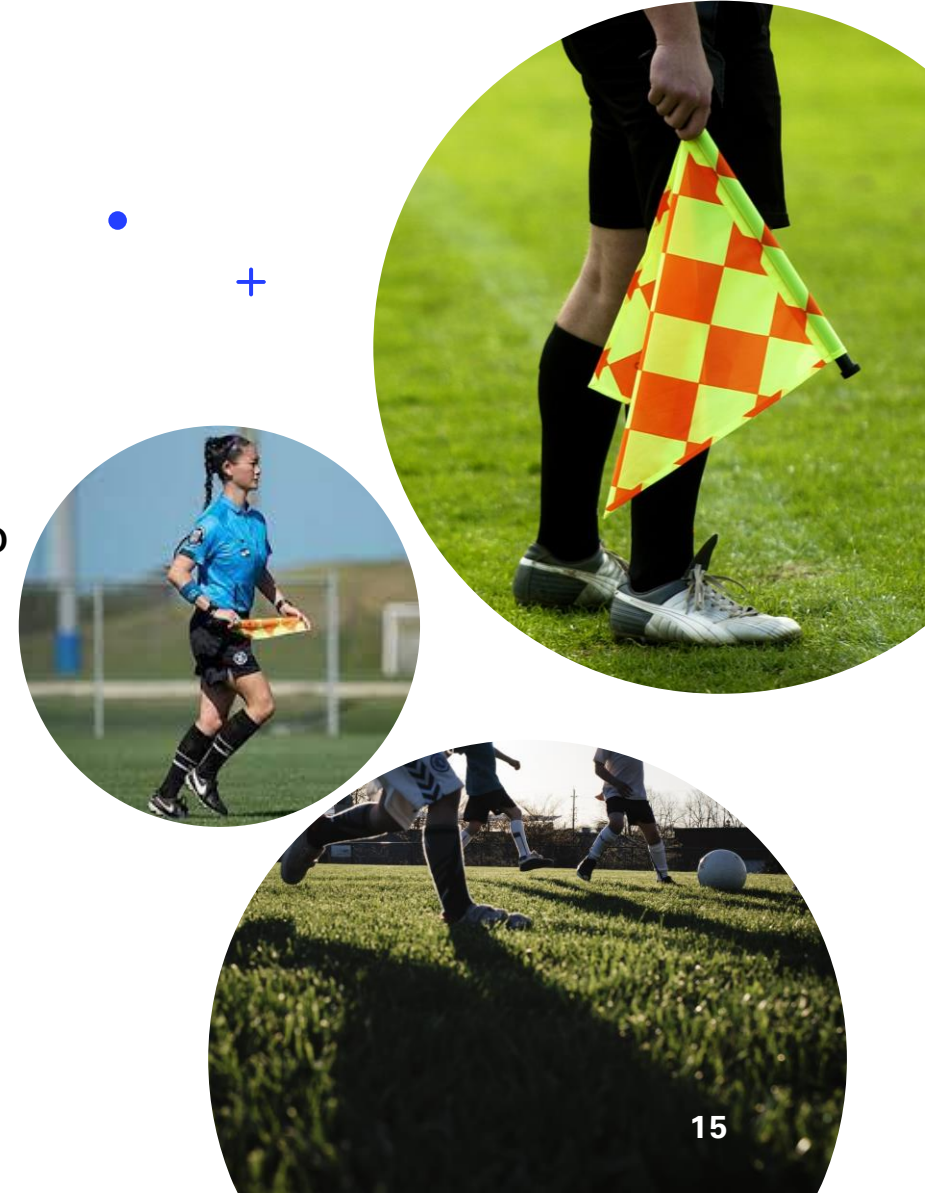
- No Coin Toss Used for Big Kickers
- Home team starts with ball 1st half, visitors 2nd half.
- Teams take bench-side of field
- Players switch sides/goals for 2nd half
- Calling the Teams to the Field
- Call teams to the field via the whistle 2 minutes before game time.
- For Big Kickers, start the clock at game time



In-House Rules U7 & U8

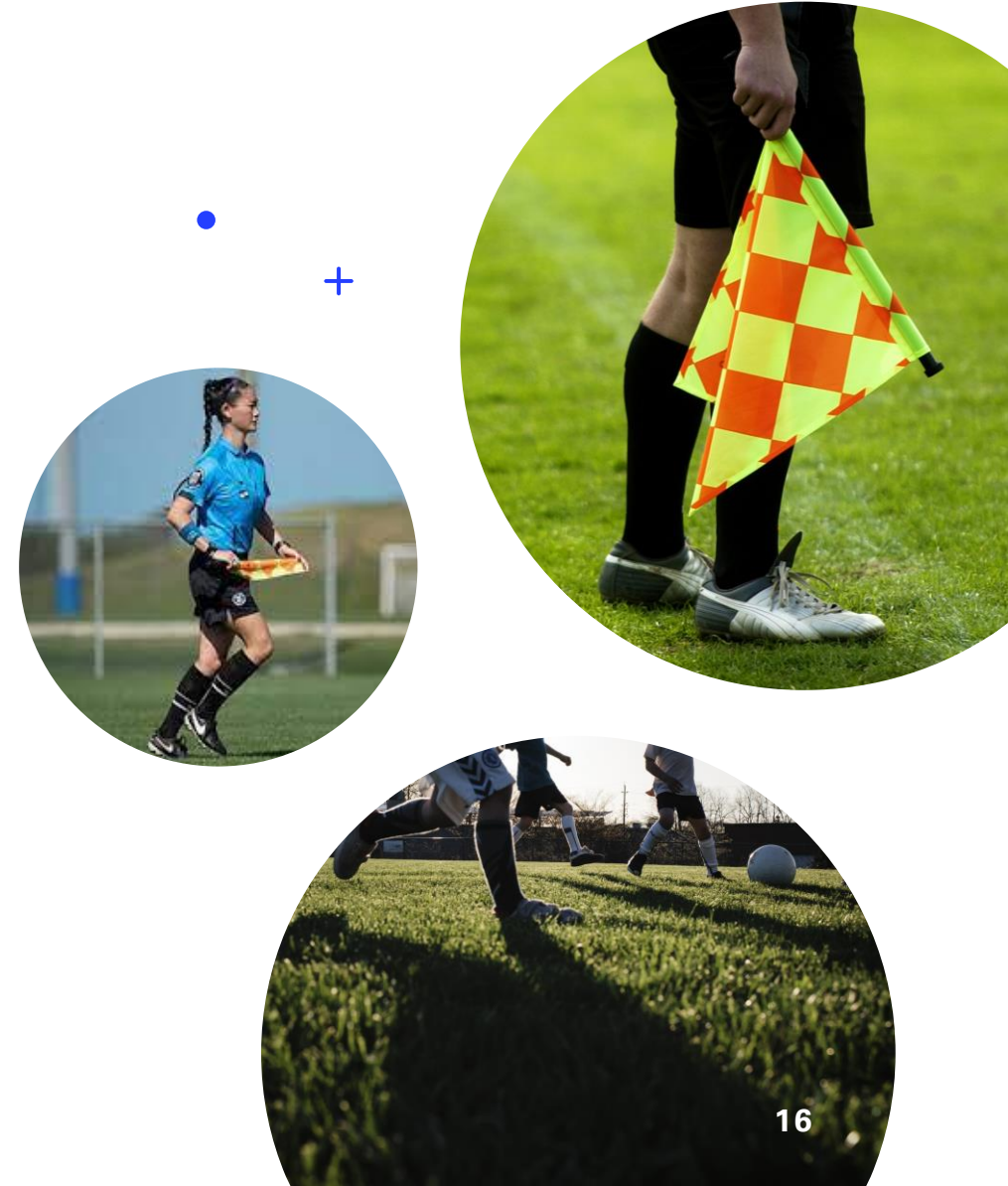
6. CLUB OFFICIALS RULES FOR IN-HOUSE

- Field size: 35 yards x 25 yards with goalie box
- Goal size: 4 x 6 or larger width. Ball size : 4
- Team Roster: 5-7 players
- **Games: 4 vs 4 no goalkeeper**
- Games consist of two 20 minutes half. 5-10 minute half time.
- Games must start on time as there are back to back games
- Teams should arrive at the field 20 minutes prior to start of game to
- Substitutions at any stoppage of play, with permission of referee
- Incorrect throw-ins at U7 and U8 level will get a 2nd and 3rd chance
(Referee will help player with the throw-in the procedure)
- 10 feet rule for all kicks and throw-ins
- Goal kicks will be initiated at the goalie box. Corner kicks as usual
- **No Penalty Kicks. No direct kicks.**
- Home team Kicks off first half. Visiting team Kicks off second half



Procedures for Getting Assigned to U7/U8 Games

- If you have passed your Club Officials exam you will be automatically added to the League Athletics (LA) notification system as an Assistant Referee.
- Games will be assigned Sunday or Monday of each week for the following Saturday Games. Check emails from League Athletics(LA) Notification system. Kelly Almeida will also send assignments via email to all Club Officials with dates and times.
- Once you receive an email notification assigning you to a game from League Athletics, you must either Accept or Decline the assignment. Please do this by Wednesday 6pm, otherwise your game will be re-assigned to another Club Official. To do this hit the Accept/Decline button in the body of the PSC email notification from League Athletics. This will notify/confirm your accept/decline in the LA system.
- Kelly Almeida will reconfirm the final assignments via email on Friday's.
- Note, Anyone who is currently participating on a PSC team will be in the League Athletics system, however you must pass the Final exam to be officially added as an assistant referee to receive assignments



CLUB OFFICIAL PAYMENTS Per Game

	U7-BIG KICKERS	U8-BIG KICKERS	U9 TRAVEL	U10 TRAVEL
CENTER REFEREE	\$30	\$30	\$50	\$50
ASSISTANT REFEREE 1	NOT APPLICABLE	NOT APPLICABLE	\$40	\$40
ASSISTANT REFEREE 2	NOT APPLICABLE	NOT APPLICABLE	\$40	\$40

CLUB OFFICIAL – FINAL EXAM

CLICK ON EXAM LINK BELOW TO TAKE THE FINAL EXAM:

<https://forms.gle/DCMdMEqPRusrFUUk8>

ONCE YOU COMPLETE THE EXAM. PLEASE EMAIL
CARLOS ALMEIDA WITH YOUR RESULTS:
CARLOS@CTKEEPER.COM

- IF YOU PASS THE EXAM, YOU WILL BE ADDED TO LEAGUE ATHLETICS AS AN ASSISTANT REFEREE (CLUB OFFICIAL) FOR IN-HOUSE GAMES AT U7/U8 ON SATURDAY MORNINGS –
- KELLY ALMEIDA WILL EMAIL ALL NEW CLUB OFFICIALS IN MID TO LATE MARCH WITH MORE INFORMATION ON WHEN GAMES WILL BEGIN
- ALL GAMES WILL BE PLAYED AT SETTLERS PARK FIELD 5/6