



Field Marshal/Referee Liaison Volunteer Role

In an effort to reduce referee abuse, Calgary West Soccer Club has created the role of a Field Marshal/Referee Liaison. Each team must select a parent from the team to become the Field Marshal/Referee Liaison. This person will be responsible for providing support and assistance to our referees. Please see the CMSA information sheet on the Field Marshall program being implemented by CMSA. CWSC is implementing this program at all age groups and in both the ICHL and CMSA programs.

The Field Marshal/Referee Liaison will be responsible for the following:

1. Taking the online **Referee Education Course** before May 15, 2011.
2. Please note that CMSA has made this role mandatory and teams will be fined \$50 for not having a designated Field Marshall/Referee Liaison. Each **team** will be responsible for paying this fine.
3. Talk to the parents at the beginning of the season and explain your role to them.
 - a. Explain to them that you are required to fill out a report after each game.
 - b. Remind parents that the referee's calls are final.
 - c. Remember that the referees may be youngsters too and may be new inexperienced refs.
 - d. Our goal is foster respect for the referees.
 - e. We want to be good role models for our children and show them how to deal with conflicts and disagreements in an appropriate way.

IMPORTANT: ANY TEAM RECEIVING A BAD REPORT FOR REFEREE ABUSE WILL NOT HAVE A REFEREE SCHEDULED FOR THEIR NEXT GAME. THERE WILL BE NO WARNINGS DURING THE SEASON, AND NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE.

4. Wear the green or orange armband that is provided with your team equipment so that you are visible to the referee and other parents.
5. Talk the referee after the game and make note of any concerns or compliments.
6. Fill out a report after each game and email it to the coordinators.
7. The report format is attached and a copy can be found on our website under the referee section. <http://www.calgarywestsoccer.com/referee-liaisonfield-marshall/>

If you have any questions, please contact referee@calgarywestsoccer.com