



Referee Information For Coaches CMSA Games

Referee Coordinator: referee@calgarywestsoccer.com
Game Scheduler: gamescheduler@calgarywestsoccer.com
Referee Liaison: cwscparentliaison@gmail.com

Calgary West Soccer Club, like many other soccer clubs in Calgary, has experienced in a decline in the number of referees that it is able to recruit and retain from year to year. One of the common reasons for this is the abuse suffered by the younger referees especially. Calgary West Soccer Club will be participating in CMSA's **mandatory Field Marshal Program**. Each team must designate one person as the Field Marshal at each game. This person's name will appear on the game sheet. The game will not be played without a Field Marshal and CMSA will fine the team \$50 for being in default.

1. **Coach - Referee Education Course** - All coaches and assistant coaches must take the online **Referee Education Course**.
2. **Parent Field Marshal Volunteer** - Each team must also select one or more persons to become the **Field Marshal** who will be responsible for:
 - Taking the online **Referee Education Course** that is offered by CWSC.
 - Wearing the orange armband that is provided with your team equipment so that you are visible to the referee and other parents.
 - Adhering to the Field Marshal Responsibilities as outlined by CMSA
 - [CMSA Field Marshal Policy](#)
 - Talking to the referee after the game and making note of any concerns or compliments.
 - Filling out a report after each game and emailing it to cwscparentliaison@gmail.com

The **Field Marshal/Referee Liaison Report** form can be found on our website under the referee section.

<http://www.calgarywestsoccer.com/referee-liaisonfield-marshall/>

- The emails will be monitored regularly for reports of abuse and referee no-shows.

General Information

1. The referee's word is FINAL. In the spirit of being good role models for our players, let's reserve our comments (even if it is a bad call) until after the game.

2. Please give reassuring and positive feedback to the referee. In fact, you may consider having all your players go over after the game and thank the referee - this creates a real sense of respect for referees on the part of the players.
3. CWSC only provides referees for **home games only.**
4. If a referee does not "show up" for one of your games it is important that the Field Marshal on your team emails the gamescheduler@calgarywestsoccer.com on the same day so that a follow-up with the scheduled ref can be done.
5. It is also important that you let us know if you have cancelled a game so that this information can be passed onto the scheduled referee. If we are not told of the cancellation and the referee shows up to the field, he/she will have to be paid. (This can become very expensive for the Club).
6. When you reschedule a cancelled game please email the gamescheduler@calgarywestsoccer.com as soon as you can so that there is enough time to find a referee.
7. Please remember that many of our referees are new refs and are youngsters themselves. This is a new learning experience for them as well.

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.

8. All of the referees have taken a 2 day classroom based training course. The new referees have not yet had a chance to practice what they learned.

Thank you and have a great season.