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City of Waxahachie Rainout Line

972-938-5719 *if the recording is unchanged, games will play as scheduled



REFEREE GUIDEBOOK

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Welcome to the Waxahachie Soccer Association! We are so glad to have you here as an Official. This guidebook was created to help answer any questions that you may have and to let you know what our expectations will be throughout the season. Please read the guidebook thoroughly.

NEXT STEPS

Now that you have completed your referee certification, there are a few things that you need to do in order to be ready for the season:

1. Register as a referee with WSA in GotSoccer. To do this, you will need to visit the WSA website (www.waxahachiesoccer.org) and click on the 'Referees' tab. Once on the Referee page, you will simply select the 'Click Here to Register as a WSA Referee' button and follow the on screen instructions. (if you already have a GotSoccer Referee account with us, skip this step.
2. Now that you have a GotSoccer Referee account, log into it (www.gotsoccer.com) and add the upcoming season to your Events. Our referee assignor will tell you what this season's event name is.
3. You can now begin working on your schedule. You will be able to add blackout dates and times that you are unavailable which our referee assignor will be able to see when making the schedule.
4. Complete a W9. All referees are required to complete a W9 in order to get paid – no matter their age. You will not be able to receive a payment until we have your W9 on file. Only one W9 is required, you do not need to complete a new one every season.
5. Study up on the Laws of the Game and the rules that are specific to WSA and BSW. You will find the specific rules in this guidebook, the Laws of the Game can be found on the North Texas Soccer Association website (www.ntxsoccer.org).

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GOTSOCCKER QUICK GUIDE

1. Login to your referee account by visiting GotSoccer (www.gotsoccer.com). Select 'User Login' from the top right corner and then login as a 'Referee & Assignor' using the ID and password you created when you registered.
2. This is the home screen that you will see each time you login. It is your calendar that shows your availability. From here you can see any days that you have blocked off (the fully shaded days) and the days that you have requested to be off during certain times (the day with a bar through the middle). You can also see your schedule for each event that you are registered for.
 - a. To block off an entire day; select the red 'X' in the top right corner of the day.
 - b. To block off a certain time frame, select the pencil icon and then click on the times that you are unavailable. Be sure to account for travel time to the field, anytime in green will be open for scheduling.
 - c. To see your event schedules for that day, click on the event name.



3. The 'Schedule' page is where you can see your schedule for each event. You will need to check this at least weekly to accept your assignments. You will also be able to see your total pay on this page.

On the 'Availability' page, you will be able to see the availability that you have entered the events that you are registered for and you will be able to set your preferences for ages you'd like to officiate and if you would like to be the center or assistant referee. Please note that these are only preferences.

4. The 'My Profile' page is where you will update your personal information. Be sure that you keep this up to date and that you have entered in your USSF Reg#.
5. The 'Assignors' page is where you will see the information for the assignors for the events that you have registered for. Be sure to approve each assignor so that they will have access to your availability.
6. The 'Events' page is where you will manage the events that you would like to officiate for.
7. The 'Age Verification' page is where you will verify your age.
8. The 'Concussion Center' is where you will go to watch the Heads Up concussion video. This must be completed before your first match.

RECERTIFICATION

In order to remain as an official in good standing with USSF, you must recertify each year.

You will use the Recertification link found on the NTSSA website (www.ntssoccer.org) and login to your GameOfficials account. You will complete your referee Risk Management and USSF Registration while paying your fees online with either Visa or Mastercard. Passing the online recertification test with a score of 85% or higher will complete the process

Contact Kathy@ntssoccer.org for assistance with log-in or more information.

PAYMENT OPTIONS

Referee payments will be invoiced and processed by WSA personnel by Thursday of each week. You have two options to receive your payment:

1. BY CHECK
 - a. MUST submit a W9 before receiving payment
 - b. Checks will be sent to the name and address on the W9 and should be received 5 days after processing. (i.e. If referee invoices are paid on Thursday, you should receive your check by Tuesday.)
2. BY PERSON TO PERSON THRU CNB
 - a. MUST submit a W9 before receiving payment
 - b. Must submit a cell phone number for payments to be sent to.
 - c. For your first payment, you will receive a text message alerting you that you have been paid. You will need to download the red CNB app (free) and complete a CNB profile which includes your banking information. This information is kept by CNB only, WSA will not have access to it.
 - d. For all future payments, you will simply accept the transfer to your personal bank account thru the CNB app.

UNDER 12	1 CENTER REFEREE 2 ASSISTANT REFEREES	\$26.00 \$16.00 ea
# of Players on Field	11 v 11 (10+ Goalie)	Out-of-Bounds Restart Throw-In
Min # Players to Start	7	Penalty Kicks Allowed? Yes
Game Length	30 min Halves 5 min Halftime	Player Substitutions Halftime/Goal Team Throw-In Any Goal Kick
Offside Rule Enforced?	Yes	Direct or Indirect Kicks? Both
Slide Tackling?	Yes	Ball Size 4
No one may be on field or behind goal line. Coaches MUST have ID's, worn around their neck to be displayed at all times. Players MUST have ID's. Virtual ID's are accepted. Coach MUST provide Game Report.		

UNDER 14	1 CENTER REFEREE 2 ASSISTANT REFEREES	\$28.00 \$20.00 ea
# of Players on Field	11 v 11 (10+ Goalie)	Out-of-Bounds Restart Throw-In
Min # Players to Start	7	Penalty Kicks Allowed? Yes
Game Length	35 min Halves 5 min Halftime	Player Substitutions Halftime/Goal Team Throw-In Any Goal Kick
Offside Rule Enforced?	Yes	Direct or Indirect Kicks? Both
Slide Tackling?	Yes	Ball Size 5
No one may be on field or behind goal line. Coaches MUST have ID's, worn around their neck to be displayed at all times. Players MUST have ID's. Virtual ID's are accepted. Coach MUST provide Game Report.		

UNDER 16	1 CENTER REFEREE 2 ASSISTANT REFEREES	\$40.00 \$26.00 ea
# of Players on Field	11 v 11 (10+ Goalie)	Out-of-Bounds Restart Throw-In
Min # Players to Start	7	Penalty Kicks Allowed? Yes
Game Length	35 min Halves 5 min Halftime	Player Substitutions Halftime/Goal Team Throw-In Any Goal Kick
Offside Rule Enforced?	Yes	Direct or Indirect Kicks? Both
Slide Tackling?	Yes	Ball Size 5
No one may be on field or behind goal line. Coaches MUST have ID's, worn around their neck to be displayed at all times. Players MUST have ID's. Virtual ID's are accepted. Coach MUST provide Game Report.		

Under 8 will play within Best Southwest and will follow their rules – however all players will receive participation awards.

UNDER 8	1 CENTER REFEREE		\$16.00
# of Players on Field	7 v 7 (6+ Goalie)	Out-of-Bounds Restart	Throw-In
Min # Players to Start	4	Penalty Kicks Allowed?	Yes
Game Length	24 min Halves 5 min Halftime	Player Substitutions	Halftime/Goal Team Throw-In Any Goal Kick
Offside Rule Enforced?	No	Direct or Indirect Kicks?	Indirect ONLY
Slide Tackling?	No	Ball Size	3
No one may be on field or behind goal line.			
Coaches MUST have ID's, worn around their neck to be displayed at all times.			
Players <i>do not</i> need ID's.			
Coach MUST provide Game Report.			

Under 10 and older will play with Best Southwest. Teams will receive awards based on their standings within their age group division.

UNDER 10	1 CENTER REFEREE 2 ASSISTANT REFEREES		\$20.00 \$12.00 ea
# of Players on Field	9 v 9 (8+ Goalie)	Out-of-Bounds Restart	Throw-In
Min # Players to Start	7	Penalty Kicks Allowed?	Yes
Game Length	25 min Halves 5 min Halftime	Player Substitutions	Halftime/Goal Team Throw-In Any Goal Kick
Offside Rule Enforced?	Yes	Direct or Indirect Kicks?	Both
Slide Tackling?	Yes	Ball Size	4
No one may be on field or behind goal line.			
Coaches MUST have ID's, worn around their neck to be displayed at all times.			
Players MUST have ID's. Virtual ID's are accepted.			
Coach MUST provide Game Report.			

e. Please note that most banks (including Citizens National Bank) offer FREE student accounts.

If you ever feel as though there is a discrepancy with your payment, please contact the Referee Assignor first.

DRESS CODE

- Official jersey which includes the US Soccer Federation logo and area for badge. Yellow is the standard color. Additional colors you may want to have (and that are permissible) are red, green, blue and black. This is in case of a color conflict. Jersey may be short or long sleeve.
 - Solid black shorts or pants. The only logo that may be present is for the US Soccer Federation.
 - Tall black socks with either three white stripes along the top or the US Soccer Federation logo in white thru the middle.
 - Solid black shoes.
 - No jewelry is to be worn (except for medical alert).
 - Hair is to be worn pulled back and secured.
 - Additional equipment that you MUST carry at all times includes:
 - Whistle(s)
 - Watch(s) *please note that your phone is not an acceptable time keeping device
 - Red and Yellow cards
 - Notebook and Pen
 - Any referee who is certified to officiate as an Assistant Referee must have their flag.
- *Water and snacks are *highly* recommended



Please note that if the WSA Referee Assignor or a WSA Board Member becomes aware that you are officiating a game without the proper equipment and uniform, you may be reprimanded and removed from future games.

GAME DAY PROCEDURES

1. Arrive to your game at least 15 minutes early.
2. Check the field to be sure that it is safe and that the nets are secure
 - a. If the field is unsafe or nets are not secure, alert the HOME team so that they can contact WSA or City staff to correct.
3. Have a pre-game meeting with the referee team (if there is one).
 - a. Go over the rules of the game for this age group and discuss any variances that the center referee would like to use.
4. Check-In the teams
 - a. For U8 and below, you will check in both teams (since you are the only referee). For U10 and older, each AR will check-in one team.
 - b. Ensure that there is a coach on-site who is on the roster AND that has their ID badge. Coach badges must be worn at all times and be in view of the referee. Virtual check-in is not allowed for coaches.
 - c. For U10 and older, ensure that all players are listed on the game report and that they match their picture. If a player is not on the roster, or they do not have a matching picture for their name, they are not to play in the match. Virtual check-in IS allowed for players.
 - d. Check for any suspended players or coaches and ensure that they are present and that they complete the "Match Sit-Out" form.
 - e. Check all players equipment to ensure that they are not wearing metal studs or have a toe stud, that they are wearing shinguards, that they do not have on any jewelry (except medical alert) and that any casts are properly padded.
 - f. Check to make sure that all players have a permanently adhered number on their jersey and that it matches the number on their game report – make corrections when necessary. If a player does not have a permanently adhered number, or if there is duplicate numbers, the player must sit out.
5. Call for captains to the center circle and flip a coin to see who chooses kick-off/field side. For U4/U6, you may ask the coach or a team parent to join to help make this decision.
6. Play the match.
7. Once the match is completed, remain on the field during the handshake process (most teams will also want to run by and thank the referee). Give the VISITOR team their completed game report back. Leave the field as a group with the other members of the referee team (if there is one).
8. Turn in the HOME teams' game report to the WSA box at the concession stand.

AGE SPECIFIC RULES OF THE GAME

Under 4 and Under 6 DO NOT play with Best Southwest. Their playing rules are governed only by the Waxahachie Soccer Association.

UNDER 4		1 CENTER REFEREE		\$14.00
# of Players on Field	3 v 3 (no goalie)	Out-of-Bounds Restart	Throw-In	
Min # Players to Start	3	Penalty Kicks Allowed?	No	
Game Length	6 min Qtrs 2 min breaks 5 min halftime	Player Substitutions	Quarters Halftime Injury	
Offside Rule Enforced?	No	Direct or Indirect Kicks?	Indirect ONLY	
Slide Tackling?	No	Ball Size	3	
One coach may be on the field to help encourage players. They MUST remain out of all plays, cannot enter goal box and should not physically touch the players.				
Coaches MUST have ID's, worn around their neck to be displayed at all times. Players <i>do not</i> need ID's.				
Coach MUST provide Game Report.				

UNDER 6		1 CENTER REFEREE		\$14.00
# of Players on Field	4 v 4 (no goalie)	Out-of-Bounds Restart	Throw-In	
Min # Players to Start	3	Penalty Kicks Allowed?	No	
Game Length	8 min Qtrs 2 min breaks 5 min halftime	Player Substitutions	Quarters Halftime Injury	
Offside Rule Enforced?	No	Direct or Indirect Kicks?	Indirect ONLY	
Slide Tackling?	No	Ball Size	3	
No one may be on field or behind goal line.				
Coaches MUST have ID's, worn around their neck to be displayed at all times. Players <i>do not</i> need ID's.				
Coach MUST provide Game Report.				

6. The use of unregistered referees is approved only in emergency situations; then, the captain or coaches of two competing teams may decide on someone agreeable to both of them to officiate. In these circumstances, the decisions of that person serving as an emergency referee are just as binding as if he were a registered referee. A Member Association of NTSSA who attempts to circumvent the spirit of this rule by continually relying on this rule, or the excuse of referee unavailability as a reason not to insist upon the proper training and registration of all their referees, will be put on thirty (30) days written notice by the State Executive Committee that it is not in good standing with NTSSA. If it does not take immediate, positive steps to completely comply with this rule, the Association will be held not to be in good standing. Member Associations that desire to free registered referees for higher level competition may require coaches or adults of their Under 6, Under 8, and Under 10 teams to each officiate one-half of their own games.

WEATHER PROCEDURES

In Waxahachie, the city ultimately has the power to close the fields if they feel as though it is too wet or unsafe. Before leaving for the fields each day, you should call the City of Waxahachie rainout line to be sure that games are still being played.

Rainout number: 972-938-5719

Though the city can close the fields for the day, it your responsibility to ensure the safety of the players. Even if the match has not begun, if you see any of the following, then you need to take action:

1. Tornado Sirens
 - a. IMMEDIATELY instruct players/coaches/spectators to leave the field and seek shelter. If you feel as though leaving the complex is unsafe – go to a restroom or to the city maintenance building at the back of the complex – whichever is closest. Do not leave shelter for at least 10 minutes once sirens have ceased.
2. Hail
 - a. IMMEDIATELY instruct players/coaches/spectators to take shelter in a restroom or their vehicle.
 - b. Play cannot resume until hail has been clear for 15 minutes. Do not wait more than 30 minutes for this to occur.
3. Lightning
 - a. 30-30 Approach: If the time between when you *see* lightning to when you *hear* thunder is less than 30 seconds, the game should be suspended.
 - b. Play cannot resume until lightning (using the 30-30 approach) has been clear for 15 minutes. Do not wait more than 30 minutes for this to occur.
4. Heat
 - a. If the outside temperature is above 83 degrees, the game will still be played; however you will need to take a water break ½ way thru the first and second half. For U4/U6 games – no extra water break is necessary.

If a game has to be suspended permanently due to any of the above reasons, please inform the Referee Assignor ASAP. You will still be paid for this match as long as you were physically present at the fields.

Games will NOT be suspended or cancelled for rain, snow, heat or wind.

MISCONDUCT/ABUSE/ASSAULT TOWARDS A REFEREE

First, let's discuss the difference between Misconduct, Abuse and Assault.

Misconduct

Misconduct towards a referee means persistent statements or physical acts directed toward a referee during or after a game, that do not constitute referee assault or abuse as provided under Federation Policy 531-9, but that mistreat the referee or are inappropriate or unacceptable statements or acts, and may include the following:

- i. excessive incidences of foul or abusive language at the referee;
- ii. statements that diminish the authority of the referee;
- iii. statements or acts that serve to intimidate without threatening physical harm to the referee.

Examples of misconduct that arise under the description above include the following:

- i. confronting the referee without physically threatening the referee;
- ii. spitting on the ground or in the air but not at the referee;
- iii. throwing or kicking an item as a sign of disrespect or dissent but without the chance of hitting the referee;
- iv. re-entering the field.

These are only some of the examples of possible misconduct and are not all-inclusive, but apply only in the following situations:

- i. if a proceeding is brought against an individual for referee assault or abuse, or both, under Federation Policy 531-9; or
- ii. if the individual is ejected from a game and, after the ejection, engages in conduct that is misconduct under this policy.

Abuse

Referee abuse is a verbal statement or physical act not resulting in bodily contact which implies or threatens physical harm to a referee or the referee's property or equipment. Abuse includes, but is not limited to the following acts committed upon a referee:

- i. using foul or abusive language toward a referee;
- ii. spewing any beverage on a referee's personal property;
- iii. spitting at (but not on) the referee;
- iv. or verbally threatening a referee. Verbal threats are remarks that carry the implied or direct threat of physical harm. Such remarks as, "I'll get you after the game" or "You won't get out of here in one piece", shall be deemed referee abuse.

Assault

Referee assault is an intentional act of physical violence at or upon a referee (an act intended to bring about a result that will invade the interests of another in a way that is socially unacceptable. Unintended consequences of the act are irrelevant.). Assault includes but is not limited to the following acts committed upon a referee: hitting, kicking, punching, choking, spitting on, grabbing or bodily running into a

NORTH TEXAS OUTDOOR REFEREE SYSTEM (rule 3.12)

(For U9 and older games)

1. The only approved referee system for all NTSSA competitions (both State and affiliated members) shall be the International Three-Referee system (a referee and two neutral assistant referee) employing FIFA Laws of the Game (as modified herein), officiating techniques, and mechanics. The order of preference when three registered referees are not available is as follows:
 - a. One Federation referee and two Federation referees as assistant referees (the standard ALL organizations should strive to meet).
 - b. One Federation referee, one Federation referee as an assistant referee and one club linesman** who is unrelated to either team and not registered as a referee (only if there are not enough Federation referees as stated in a, above).
 - c. One Federation referee, and two club linesmen** who are unrelated to either team and not registered as referees, acting as club linesmen, (only if there are not enough Federation referees as stated in a or b, above).
 - d. One Federation referee and two club linesmen** who are not registered Federation referees and who are affiliated with the participating teams, (only if there are not enough Federation referees as stated in a, b or c above).
 - e. One Federation referee, only if there are not enough federation referees or if the club linesmen are unavailable as stated in a, b, c, or d above and one referee is appropriate for the level of competition. ** Club linesmen (not registered as Federation Referees) are limited to signaling in and out of touch only.
2. Under no circumstances will the dual referee system of officiating be utilized for any NTSSA sanctioned games (which include all Member Associations league games, cup matches, and tournaments). Member Associations of NTSSA who attempt to employ this system of officiating will be declared not in good standing upon thirty (30) days written notice by the State Executive Committee. If they do not take immediate, positive steps to comply with this rule, the Member Association will be held to be not in good standing.
3. Coaches of NTSSA registered and affiliated teams shall not play a competitive league, cup, or tournament match under the dual system of officiating, nor can their teams be forced to forfeit said game(s) for refusing to play under the dual system.
4. USSF Registered referees who employ the dual system on matches involving Member or Affiliated league games or tournaments may be subject to disciplinary action by the NTSSA Appeals and Disciplinary Committee.
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8. Understand that any criticism of fellow referees should be limited to constructive criticism in quiet, private referee-to-referee discussions, and then never within hearing distance of players, coaches, or spectators.
9. As a registered USSF/NTSSA referee, I will always strive to conduct myself in the highest professional manner possible, including refraining from indulging in arguments or name-calling with coaches and/or spectators.
10. I also acknowledge that if I am also a coach, player, or spectator, that my conduct towards, and my respect for, my fellow referee doing my game is more closely noticed by all concerned. I will, therefore, strive to set a very high standard of personal conduct under these circumstances to serve as an example to all.
11. I understand that I should wear only the approved USSF referee uniform with the current badge of the highest grade I am qualified for, and that my uniform be clean, neat, and in a good state of repair. I also understand that if I am a coach, I am not to wear my uniform while coaching my team.
12. I further understand that I should not partake of any type of alcoholic beverage before any game assignment, and that I should never smoke, eat, or drink while actually officiating.
13. I hereby pledge that I will always faithfully carry out my duties and obligations as a USSF referee registered with the North Texas State Soccer Association; and that I do hereby acknowledge and accept the jurisdiction of the local NTSSA- affiliated playing association I may be refereeing for, the NTSSA, and USSF, and their respective Referee Committees, where applicable, over my actions, conduct, and performance as a registered USSF referee.
14. I furthermore understand that I may be disciplined, to include being placed on probation, suspended, or refused referee registration, for significant or repetitive breaches of this Code of Conduct or any of its articles or provisions.

referee; head butting; the act of kicking or throwing any object at a referee that could inflict injury; damaging the referee's uniform or personal property, i.e. car, equipment, etc.

MISCONDUCT

BY COACH:

In the event that a coach is misbehaving, remember to use the Ask – Tell – Dismiss method.

First Ask the coach to change their behavior, then Tell the coach to change their behavior and possibly couple this with a warning that they will be dismissed if they do not and finally, Dismiss the coach from the match. The coach **MUST** leave the playing field immediately. They can go to the parking lot to watch the remainder of the match, but they cannot continue to coach.

- If the coach refuses to leave or continues to coach (even from the parking lot) you can then abandon the game.
 - The score is to be recorded as is and attach a misconduct report to the game report when you turn it in detailing the incident.
 - Let the Referee Assignor know immediately if this happens
- If the coach does leave, but there is no assistant coach on the roster, or the assistant coach does not have their ID badge, the game is forfeited.
 - Attach a misconduct report to the game report when you turn it in detailing the incident.
 - Let the Referee Assignor know immediately if this happens

BY SPECTATOR:

If the spectators are misbehaving, it is a good rule of thumb to allow the coach a short period of time (2 minutes) to talk to their spectators to try and control the problem. Consider this the Ask portion. If they are still misbehaving, Tell the coach that this is their final warning to control the sidelines. If they still do not behave, you should Dismiss the coach as it is their responsibility to control their team. You should also suggest that the coach take the unruly spectator with them.

The coach **MUST** leave the playing field immediately. They can go to the parking lot to watch the remainder of the match, but they cannot continue to coach.

- If the coach refuses to leave or continues to coach (even from the parking lot) – or if the spectator continues to be a problem, you can then abandon the game.
 - The score is to be recorded as is and attach a misconduct report to the game report when you turn it in detailing the incident.
 - Let the Referee Assignor know immediately if this happens
- If the coach does leave, but there is no assistant coach on the roster, or the assistant coach does not have their ID badge, the game is forfeited.
 - Attach a misconduct report to the game report when you turn it in detailing the incident.

Let the Referee Assignor know immediately if this happens

ABUSE/ASSAULT

BY COACH:

If you feel as though a coach has committed referee abuse or assault (as defined), it is WSA's advise that you skip straight to Dismiss. The coach **MUST** leave the playing field immediately. They can go to the parking lot to watch the remainder of the match, but they cannot continue to coach.

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 - Attach a misconduct report to the game report when you turn it in detailing the incident.
 - Let the Referee Assignor know immediately if this happens

BY SPECTATOR:

If you feel as though a spectator has committed referee abuse or assault (as defined), it is WSA's advise that you skip straight to Dismiss. Tell the spectator to leave immediately and tell the coach that the spectator is to leave immediately or the coach will be dismissed as well since it is their responsibility to control their team. If you have to dismiss the coach, you should also suggest that the coach take the unruly spectator with them.

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USSF CODE OF ETHICS FOR REFEREES

1. I will maintain the utmost respect for the game of soccer.
2. I will conduct myself honorably at all times and maintain the dignity of my position.
3. I will always honor an assignment or any other contractual obligation.
4. I will attend training meetings and clinics so as to know the Laws of the Game, their proper interpretation and their application.
5. I will always strive to achieve maximum team work with my fellow officials.
6. I will be loyal to my fellow officials and never knowingly promote criticism of them.
7. I will be in good physical condition.
8. I will control the players effectively by being courteous and considerate without sacrificing fairness.
9. I will do my utmost to assist my fellow officials to better themselves and their work.
10. I will not make statements about any games except to clarify an interpretation of the Laws of the Game.
11. I will not discriminate against nor take undue advantage of any individual group on the basis of race, color, religion, sex or national origin.
12. I consider it a privilege to be a part of the United States Soccer Federation and my actions will reflect credit upon those organizations and its affiliates.

NTSSA CODE OF CONDUCT FOR REFEREES

1. I will maintain the utmost respect for the game of soccer.
2. I pledge that I will faithfully enforce the Laws of the Game and any special Rule of the Competition of the League(s) I am officiating for without prejudice or favoritism to any player, team, or coach.
3. I recognize that it is my professional duty to constantly keep abreast of any changes in the Laws or Rules of Play and to keep myself physically fit and my training refreshed.
4. I will constantly strive to improve my own refereeing techniques and always accept sincere, constructive criticism from fellow referees or official assessors without malice.
5. I pledge that I will make myself available, whenever possible, for game assignments for which I am qualified.
6. If I am a State or National USSF referee, I acknowledge that my first responsibility is to State or USSF assigned games and that I will make myself available for these assignments regardless of conflicts with local playing associations or with leagues that I may be active in as a player or as a coach.
7. I do hereby acknowledge my fellow referees' total authority over any matches over which they are duly assigned to officiate, and I pledge that I will never interfere with the carrying out of their prescribed duties, before, during, or after a match