



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB**

# **Flag Football Referee Handbook**

## **Objectives of the Referee**

- The objective of the flag football referee is to provide the necessary control and support for player safety, development, enjoyment, and sportsmanship consistent with the mission of the Boys & Girls Club.

## **Objectives of the Field Monitor**

- The monitor is responsible for setting up the fields, answering questions from parents and coaches, and clean up at the end of the day. In addition, the monitor assists referees in preparing for each game and ensuring that all referees show up prior to their respective games. If a referee does not show up and replacement is not found, the field monitor may have to referee a game. Lastly, the field monitors will work with Athletic Director to evaluate referee performance and provide the Director with feedback or concerns.

## **Philosophy**

- Participate in all games
- Learn & Discover Skills
- Good Sportsmanship
- Develop good people/athletes first – winning second
- HAVE FUN!

## **Expectations of the Referee (and Monitor)**

- ***You're a Teacher and not just an enforcer***
  - The OBJECTIVE of the referee is to provide the necessary control for player safety and to assist in proper development while promoting good sportsmanship.
- ***Check the Schedule***
  - Know the game times and location
  - 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade ALL play @ Sacajawea Jr. High School
- ***You're a Role Model***
  - Arrive to the field prior to the start of the 1<sup>st</sup> game in your uniform, look official – dress for the weather and bring water/snacks.
    - Referees need to be on the field and ready to go at least 10 minutes before the start of the game.
  - Referee jersey/shirt (provided by the BGCLCV)

- **BLACK** pants or shorts
- Proper shoes
- Whistle (provided by the BGCLCV)
- Stop Watch (provided by the BGCLCV)
- Please refrain from wearing hats
- ***You're a Professional***
  - Take charge of the game, run the game in a safe and orderly manner, blow whistle loudly so everyone knows that you are in control.
  - Introduce yourself to coaches and athletes.
  - Visit with coaches before and after games.
  - Be open to **discuss** questions or concerns that coaches may have.
  - Be **Communicate**
  - Be **Confident**
- ***You're the Expert***
  - Know the rules of the grade you are refereeing and enforce those rules.
  - If an athlete is continuously doing something wrong, make sure they know the **proper** way to do it so they can correct it (within reason).
  - If there are ANY issues or concerns that are out of your comfort/reach, let field monitor know so they can contact the AD.
  - Encourage clean competition and good sportsmanship.
  - BE FUN!
- ***You're Human***
  - You may miss calls – Our goal is to be great, not perfect.
  - If you miss a call, accept/admit it and move on
  - Throughout the season you will get feedback from field monitors and Athletic Director to ensure we are all performing at our best.
  - If you have a scheduling conflict, PLEASE let the Club staff know at least **5 days** in advance.
  - If you're late you will be given a verbal warning by the Athletic Director or Field Monitor. If the problem persists then further actions will be taken.

**Paydays are biweekly**

**No Tolerance Policy**

- Be the Example
  - No smoking, chewing tobacco, or using drugs or alcohol in a referee shirt or on any Club facilities or Club related facilities.

If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate please call or email:

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