



Everton America: Guide for New Referees

Before the game:

- Wear your ref uniform of black or yellow jersey, black shorts, black socks, black cleats. No jewelry.
- Arrive 30 minutes before the scheduled kick-off; introduce yourself to the coaches.
- Check that the field and goals are safe. Make sure there are sandbags on the goals. It is the Everton America coach's responsibility to make sure everything is safe. If you have a concern, talk to the coach.
- Check the rosters and player passes for each team if it's a league game. Every player should have a current pass and be listed on the roster. Keep a copy of each roster.
- Check that all players are wearing shinpads. No jewelry is allowed, ever.
- Toss a coin, with captains, to decide who gets first kick-off.

During the game:

- For special rules for U8 and U9 CCSL games, please see additional information sheet.
- Be decisive in your calls, blow whistle sharply and make your hand signals clear.
- Keep notes of score and other incidents (e.g. penalties) in your notebook.
- Dealing with problem players: warn the player about dangerous tackles etc before issuing a card. For friendlies and U8/U9 games there should hopefully never be a red card issued; advise the coach that they should make a substitution.
- Dealing with problem parents: do not engage with parents on the sidelines. Ask a coach to intervene and speak to the offending individuals.
- If in doubt, talk to the coaches. If the coach is the problem, warn them *their* behavior won't be tolerated.

After the game:

- Confirm the final score with both coaches. Please keep your game report safe, should it be needed.
- Get your payment from the home coach.

Enjoy the game and let the kids PLAY!

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