



COASTAL FC

REFEREE HANDBOOK – 2019/2020

The following general information is important for all officials to know prior to officiating for Coastal FC in 2019/2020. Please, *take a copy of this document with you at all your games.*

Assignment of Games

How are game assigned?

Step 1 – All referees must complete the BCSA course relevant to the age group they intend to referee in

Step 2 – Upon completion of the relevant BCSA course you will be registered on the referee portal

Step 2 – You will receive an email every week reminding you to update your availability

Step 3 – You will begin receiving offers via email no later than Wednesday evening

Step 4 – Referees **must** either accept or decline within 24 hours (**If you do not respond within 24 hours your game will be offered to another referee**). Furthermore, in order to be assigned all officials must be in good standing and currently registered through the BC Soccer Association (adult referees must have a current criminal records check, please login into your BC Soccer refcentre.com account to verify it has not expired).

What should I do if I am not always available due to scheduling conflicts?

If you are unavailable at certain times over the weekend, please log into the referee portal and block off the times you are unavailable for.

What criteria is used to prioritize refereeing assignments?

1. Referees are qualified and in good standing with BCSA and Coastal FC
2. Regular and prolonged availability most weekends
3. Regular acceptance of games most weekends
4. Regular attendance at internal referee clinics
5. Commitment to advancement up the referee pathway (See referee pathway below)
6. Reliability, ability and experience

What happens if a match is cancelled, will referees still be paid?

1. In the event games need to be cancelled, match officials will have no game fees owing to them if they receive email or telephone notification of field closures by 8 am the day of their scheduled game
2. If a match official receives no prior notification of a game cancellation, and upon arrival at the field declares or realizes the game is not playable for any reason, he/she will receive 50% of the game fee

What is the rate of pay for referees?

AGE/LEVEL	REFEREE	ASSISTANT REFEREE
U8 HOUSE	NONE	NONE
U8 PROSPECTS	\$15	NONE
U9 HOUSE	\$15	NONE
U9 PROSPECTS	\$15	NONE
U10 HOUSE	\$15	NONE
U10 SELECTS	\$20	NONE
U11 HOUSE	\$20	NONE
U11 SELECTS	\$25	NONE
U12 HOUSE	\$25	NONE
U12 SELECTS	\$30	NONE
U13 HOUSE	\$40	\$20
U13 REP	\$50	\$25
U14 HOUSE	\$40	\$20
U14 REP	\$50	\$25
U15 HOUSE	\$50	\$25
U15 REP	\$60	\$30
U16 HOUSE	\$50	\$25
U16 REP	\$60	\$30
U17 HOUSE	\$60	\$30
U17 REP	\$70	\$35
U18 HOUSE	\$60	\$30
U18 REP	\$70	\$35

Game Attire and Equipment Checklist:

- Referee Jersey (Black and Yellow)
- Referee shorts (Black)
- Referee socks (Black)
- Sport shoes
- Referee Badge
- Whistle (Fox F-40 recommended)
- Watch
- Coin
- Cards (Yellow and Red) – only for U11/U12 or 11 a sided games
- Notepad and pencil/pen
- Flags

Incomplete/Abandoned Games

In event the game cannot continue due to darkness, insufficient lighting, field deterioration or some other similar reason then the game should be abandoned. Referee fees will be paid full for this game. The Referee **not the coaches** has the final decision on suspending games due to weather or field conditions.

Game procedures

Pre-game procedure:

- Be on the field at least *20 minutes* prior to kick off
- Shake hands with coaches and introduce yourself
- Carry out the field inspection upon arrival
- Give yourself enough time to make corrections
- Ensure the field is safe
- Important to have at least minimal markings
- Check players` equipment (NO JEWELRY, no taping allowed)
- Coin toss
- Start the game on time

Half time procedure:

- Stay hydrated, drink a few sips of water or other sport drink even if you are not thirsty
- Provide the teams with the designated time to rest
- Start the second half

Post-game procedure:

- Stay for the handshake
- Make sure the teams will leave the field safely
- When you get home please submit your game report via referee portal if it is a small sided game and both on the referee portal as well as the league`s reporting system (BCCSL games need to have a dedicated report including final score, yellow and red card reports as well as any other special incidents reports)

If you issue a yellow or red card or if you had a special incident please send a copy of the report to refereemanager@coastafc.ca

If you need any assistance please contact me.

Referee Pathway



Referee Pathway

Stage 1 – U8/U10: In order to support your refereeing development you will be required to complete 10 games prior to advancing to the next level of the referee pathway. After completing 10 games, all referees are required to advance to stage 2 of the referee pathway (**Advancement to stage 2 occurs after a referees suitability has been assessed by the referee manager**).

Stage 2 – U11/U12: In order to support your refereeing development you will be required to complete 15 games prior to advancing to the next level of the referee pathway. Upcoming referees new to this stage will receive support from the referee manager during their first games in order to ensure a smooth transition.

Stage 3 – District U13 to Adult: To achieve the green zone you need to attend an Entry Level Clinic organized by BC Soccer and hosted by our club. The Entry Level Referee Clinic is the entry point into 11 a-side soccer. Once you are successful in passing this clinic you will be classified as a Youth Referee (if you are 14 or 15 years old) or a District Referee (if you are 16 years old or older). In order to proceed to the next level you must be a District Referee for at least 2 years.

Stage 4 – Regional: Referee classification is required to receive a minimum of 3 above grade match assessments. Furthermore, referees seeking promotion must have a minimum of 20 games as a referee and 5 games as an assistant referee. A Regional Referee may officiate in any category of amateur soccer in the Province of BC. Regional Referees seeking promotion to the Provincial Referee classification are required to receive a minimum of 3 above grade match assessments. Once this criterion is fulfilled the referee will be promoted to Provincial.

Stage 5 – Provincial: Provincial Referees seeking promotion to the National Referee Classification need to demonstrate exceptional quality, being capable of representing the BC Soccer Association on a National level.

Stage 6 – National: A National Referee may officiate in any game across the country. A National Referee who shows extraordinary quality would be promoted to FIFA International Referee.



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