

Welcome

Referees for Blackhawks, Cambridge-Isanti, Centennial, Champlin-Dayton, Cruz Azul, Hopkins, North Metro, Northern Lights, NSSA, Princeton, White Bear Lake, and Over 40 Men's League

Information we need to assign you games

- Availability on Got Officials
- W-9, once or when you change addresses
- Proof of Age, birth certificate or driver license
- Waiver, every year-make sure you mark which clubs you want to work for

Assignments

- We will assign you games if we don't have your paperwork
- You won't get paid until we have your paperwork
- If you miss an assignment we will call to see why, if you miss a second assignment you will no longer be assigned games by us

Got Officials

- Go to www.gotofficials.com to register to get games
- If you are already signed up on Got Officials **MAKE SURE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS IS CORRECT.**
- **DO NOT** do your calendar until April 18 or you will have to re-enter everything

Availability Calendar

- If you are only available part of an evening, mark when you are available instead of when you are not available
- Game times are usually 6:00 pm and 7:15 or 7:30 pm
- If you are available only until 6:30, mark unavailable for the entire night because we will not have any games that finish by 6:30

Pre-game

- Make sure all goals are anchored
- Enforce that all players are in proper uniform
- This includes; all wearing the same uniforms (including team shorts and both socks same color), no jewelry, shin guards covered by the socks, and no sharp-edged spikes
- **taped over earrings are not allowed**
- Eyeglasses must be secured with a tight strap –
NO LONG STRAPS

Pre-game

- TOURNAMENT ONLY players CAN NOT play in league games
- Late players MUST check-in with the AR on that side of the field before they can enter the game – CHECK THEM IN AND LET THEM PLAY FOR ALL AGES

NO PASS

NO PLAY

NOOOOO

EXCEPTION

Player fan location

- The teams and coaches are expected to be on one side of the field
- Only adults with passes can be with the team during the game
- Parents and fans on the other side when at all practical
- **NO ONE IS ALLOWED BEHIND THE GOALS,** they need to be outside the penalty area
- Please enforce this rule

Weather line 651-641-4911

- Has message changed every weekday
- This message will tell you how to adjust your game length, if necessary
- Coaches will have this weather line number also, they can check for themselves
- Don't let the coach dictate the length of the game when the weather line tells you different

Bad Weather

- If you have double header and the first game gets cancelled, you **MUST** be there for the second game to assess the weather conditions for that game
- Referees cannot call a suspended game complete, only age group coordinator can
- Make sure that you send the game report the next day

Weather turns bad during game

- Suspend game, send everyone to cars or safe area
- Get coaches together with all referees and assess the situation, restart game if possible
- Use judgment on how long to keep everyone, second game you only have until dark
- Remember games should not be restarted for at least 30 minutes after the last roll of thunder is heard
- REMEMBER THAT THE SAFETY OF THE PLAYERS COMES FIRST

Uniforms

- All referees **MUST** wear the same color, gold primary, black first alternate
- New and old style can be mixed
- Socks pulled up
- Shirts tucked in
- No colors on your shorts
- Uniform worn the way it was manufactured
- Referees **DON'T** wear jewelry

Contacting Us

- If you e-mail us, you will get a response
- If you don't get a response, call the one you sent the e-mail to
- We would prefer to communicate with the youth referee instead of the parents. This includes phone and email

Schedules

- Schedules will be available on GO (Got Officials)
- You will get an e-mail when changes have been made to your schedule
- You need to go into GO and accept or turn back EVERY game

Summer Pay Rates

- For all clubs will be posted on the web under the Pay Information tab
- Keep track of games you worked to check against your paycheck
- Listing of games you are being paid for will be included with your check

Reporting the officials

Hopkins Dynamo

GAME TIME _____ GAME# 471
DATE _____
AGE FIELD _____
HOME T 11
VISITING TEAM
REFEREE _____ HPK11BC301
AR1 _____ CCH11BC301
AR2 _____
COMMENTS _____

Fill this out in ink and
PRINT your name

If we can't read all names
the game won't be paid

Field locations

- Make sure you know where the fields are
- There is a short cut on the Field Codes tab for traveling and recreational games and directions to them
- All field locations have an address on GO

2-person refereeing

- FOR RECREATIONAL GAMES ONLY
- Information is on web site for the dual system of control
- If you are short a referee on a traveling game, call Merry or Diana and use a club line, if necessary. We will try to get someone to your game. **DO NOT WORK A 2 WHISTLE SYSTEM ON A TRAVELING GAME**

Mentoring

- Contact us if you would like a mentor to come to one of your games

Field Training

- We will be setting up a number of field training sessions
- They will be posted on our web site as soon as they get scheduled www.merryhilger.com
- You need to attend if you have 3 years or less experience OR
- If we have not seen you referee so we can see you work

Upgrading

- Up must be 17 years old to upgrade and be able to handle a U17 or higher game in the center
- Let us know if you are upgrading so that we can help you with the games you need
- More information is on the SRC web site
- If you are 17-25 years old, ask us about FIFA Club

Tournaments

- Father Hennepin June 11-13
- North Metro Jamboree June ?
- Super Soccer Sat, NLS June ?
- East League Playoffs July 15-19

Check the Tournament page at
www.merryhilger.com for updates

Tournaments

- Tournaments will not be scheduled on GO
- Availability schedule for each tournament will be on our web site

Tournaments

- National Sports Center is still looking for Referees for NSC Cup, Wal-Mart All American Cup, Schwan's Cup Weekend Tournament, and Schwan's USA Cup

High School

- We will be assigning high school games for Northwest Suburban, North Suburban and Mississippi 8 conferences along with some private schools

Questions?

- If you need help with GO call Merry or Diana at home so we can walk you through it. You can also check out the demos on the GO site or our presentation at the bottom of our home page
- Read the Summer Informational Letter
- Please call us anytime on our cell phones if you have any questions

Club Abbreviations

- BHK
- CIS
- CDA
- CNS
- CRZ
- HPK
- NLS
- NMT
- NSS
- PYS
- WBL
- OFL
- Blackhawks
- Cambridge-Isanti
- Champlin-Dayton
- Centennial
- Cruz Azul (play in Mpls & Ham Lake)
- Hopkins
- Northern Lights (play in Ramsey)
- North Metro
- NSSA
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