

## Hauppauge Soccer League Referee's Checklist

### Prior to Match

Review the "Laws of the Game."

Know the "rules" for the age group that will be playing.

### Referee Dress Code

- You must wear your Yellow Referee shirt, tucked in.
- You can wear sweatshirt / jacket - **underneath your Referee Shirt ONLY**
- Do not wear any Jewelry (other than a watch)

### Bring to Match

- Stopwatch/Countdown Clock
- Whistle
- Yellow/Red Cards (Referee Wallet)
- 2 Line Flags
- "Laws of the Game" Book

### Before Match

- Arrive at the field 30 minutes before game time.
- Walk the field to inspect for debris, proper placement of the corner flags, and proper setup of goals/nets. If you have the first match of the day, be extra thorough. Introduce yourself to the coaches.
- Make sure that each team and spectators are on opposite sides of the field.
- Line the players up and check their equipment.
  - shinguards must be fully covered by socks
  - sneakers or cleats
  - no jewelry, including earrings
  - no beads in their hair, hard clips, etc.
  - no cast of any type
- Have both (home and away) coaches sign your Ref. Sheet  
(Remember that's proof that you worked the game – no sheet – no paycheck!)

Make sure that the sidelines are clear of equipment and spectator chairs.

Make sure that the match starts on time. A match that starts late backs up the following games.

### After Match

The match is not officially over until both teams disperse.

Remain at the center of the field while the players shake hands.