

Carlsbad Galaxy Referees - Letter from the Director



Carlsbad Galaxy Philosophy: Carlsbad Galaxy is dedicated to providing a fun, safe, and positive environment to play recreation soccer. We thrive to be the best youth soccer organization in San Diego with our organization, coaches training, coaches curriculum, referee training, and league communication.

Referees: We are so lucky to have talented referees in our program. Our referees play a huge role in how successful our program is viewed. Remember our referees help control the atmosphere of the game with their communication with coaches and players, confidence on the field, and keeping the sidelines positive. Referees should be able to address both sidelines and let them know that you want to hear nothing but positive encouraging comments.

A Good Referee: A good referee encourages players to play fair. A good referee explains why a foul was called and corrects the player. A good referee can have a laugh with the coaches, players, and parents. A good referee will blow their whistle with confidence. A good referee will be energetic and positive. A good referee WILL still make mistakes.

Sending Coaches and Parents Off: As a referee you have the power to: send a coach off, send a player off, send parents off, stop a game until parents or coaches leave the facility, stop a game all together if there is an issue or you deem the game to be unsafe.

Game Day Behavior From Coaches: This year we are dedicating a whole coaches training to sideline behavior on addressing both players and referees. The referees will also be at this training so that we can help build this relationship.

Steps for coaches to take if winning by more than 3 goals:

1. Have kids work on what you went over in practice (example can we score from a cross)
2. Switch Players around (4 goals)
- 3. Have the other team add a player (5 goals)**
- 4. Remove a player from your field (6 goals)**
5. Make players have an objective before scoring i.e. 10 passes (7 Goals)

**Item's bolded are so referees are in the loop.*

Injury Report: In year's past we have not had a system in place to report on serious injuries if they happen. However, this season I am giving that responsibility jointly to the referee and coach to fill out an Injury Report if something serious happens on the field. As a referee you know what a serious injury looks like and where we hope that this doesn't happen, we as directors would like to be able to follow up with parents and players who get injured while playing for Carlsbad Galaxy. The injury report will be on the website, referees should print 3-5 of these keep them in your bag in case something happens. Complete the document with input from the coach. Referees should then take a picture of the document and send to me via email or text.

Report Bad Behavior: The directors can only be in one place at time, which makes it impossible to see everything. However, if we do not know there is an issue it's tough to address it. If something happens, fight, sending parents off, injury, anything that you feel should be addressed please contact us to let us know. You can email, call or text.

Thank You: Just want to say a huge thank you in advance for being a part of our league, you guys are a main reason why our league is so successful. I look forward to another great season!

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