

MANSFIELD SOCCER ASSOCIATION



SPRING 2011 PRE-SEASON REFEREE MEETING

**FEBRUARY 20 , 2011
DAVE HORN**

RECERTIFICATION

- ▶ If you have not registered for 2011...you cannot do games.
- ▶ Do not put you or an assignor at risk by accepting a match knowing you failed to register.
- ▶ Recertification can be done online.
 - Instruction are on the North Texas Website
 - Cost will be \$60.00
- ▶ See Dave for additional information.

MSA Spring 2011 Calendar

- ▶ Season Start - March 5th
- ▶ Season End - May 14th
- ▶ Rainout Dates - March 19th , May 21st and 22nd
- ▶ Breaks
 - March 19th , April 23rd and 24th
- ▶ Daylight Saving Time
 - March 13th
 - “Spring *FORWARD*”

Changes

- ▶ **We will have referees on U5 Games this season**
- ▶ Zero Tolerance regarding Referee Abuse
- ▶ W9 Forms
Anke Hooper - MSA Treasurer

PLAYING RULES AND SPECIAL STUFF

**>> GENERAL INFORMATION AND
THINGS SPECIFIC TO
MANSFIELD**

Game Times

- Saturday:
 - U5/U6: 9:00, 10:00, 11:00, 12:00, 1:30, 2:30
 - U7 and above 9:00, 10:30, 12:00, 1:30, 3:00, 4:30
- Sunday:
 - ASU (U11 - U19): 1:00 & 3:00
 - MSA U11 Small Sided 1:00 and 3:00
 - Adult : 5:30 & 7:30
- Weeknight make-up games will start at 6:00

Age Group Information

- **AGE GROUP SPECIFIC MATCH INFORMATION**
 - **U05** (3 a side, 3 to start, no keeper, kick-in)
 - 8-min. quarters
 - **U06** (3 a side, 3 to start, no keeper, kick-in,)
 - 10-min quarters
 - **U07** (4 a side, 3 to start, no keeper, kick-in)
 - 12-min quarters
 - **U08** (5 a side, 4 to start, **keeper, throw-in**)
 - 12-min quarters

Age Group Information

- **U09** and **U10** (7 a side, 5 to start) *modified FIFA Law*
 - 25-min halves
- **U11/U12 Small Sided** (9 a side, 7 to start) full FIFA Law
 - 30 minute halves
- **U12 and above** (11 a side, 7 to start) full FIFA Law
 - 30 minute halves
- **U5 thru U8** 2 Minute Quarter Break, 5 Minute Half Time
- **U9 and above** 10 minute Half Time **MAXIMUM**

Special Emphasis

▶ Slide Tackling

- Absolutely Not Allowed In U5 Thru U8 Games

▶ Throw Ins

- NO Second Chance in the Spring Season

▶ Abuse

- Don't tolerate it!
- It's OK to abandon a game if there is a problem with the coach or spectators if you feel intimidated or uncomfortable

Special Rules for U5 and U6

- U5 Coaches are allowed to be on the field
- U6 Coaches may be on the field for the first 3 games of the season **ONLY**
- A player can be added at the Coach's discretion to equalize the game
- **All Free Kicks are INDIRECT**
 - Three (3) yards for U5/U6
- **Goal kicks maybe taken anywhere on the goal line**
- **Substitutions**
 - At quarter break only
 - Except for injuries

Special Rules for U7 and U8

- **U7 and U8 Five Goal Rule**
 - *If a team is up by five goals one player may be added until the advantage is down to two goals*
 - Notify both coaches
- **All Free Kicks are INDIRECT**
 - Players Five (5) yards from ball on ALL free kicks
- **Goal kicks maybe taken anywhere on the goal line**
- **Goalkeeper is allowed in U8 Games**
- **Kick ins for U7**
- **Throw in for U8**
 - **NO SECOND CHANCE**
- **Substitutions**
 - At quarter break only
 - Except for injuries

Quarter Breaks

U5 THROUGH U8

- ▶ Stop play at or near the Quarter end
 - As play dictates
 - Use Common Sense When Stopping The Match
- ▶ Restarts
 - Drop Ball if you stopped the match
 - Required restart for normal stoppage
- ▶ The clock stops at the quarter break
 - Time picks up where you stopped it
 - Cumulative half is 25 minutes

SUBSTITUTIONS

U9 and Up

- **Off before ON - Easier to manage**
- **In from midway line ONLY**
- **Off can be anywhere**
- **Subs are allowed (Per NTSSA) at a...**
 - Throw In - By Possession Team Only
 - Goal Kick - Either Team
 - Corner Kick - By Possession Team Only
 - Injury Stoppage - Either Team one for one
 - When A Player Is Cautioned
 - The Cautioned Player Only May Be Substituted
 - On Hot Day It Is Up To You
 - Subs Are Allowed On Water Breaks
 - Only If The Referee Gives Permission
- **COUNT YOUR SUBS!**

PLAYER SAFETY

- ▶ Shin guards are required - covered by socks
- ▶ No Jewelry
 - Both Player and Referees
 - Pierced earrings are unsafe!
 - They come out or the player does not go in **PERIOD!**
 - **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- ▶ Injuries
 - Ball to Head * Head to Head - Stop play immediately
 - Other injuries if not serious don't interrupt flow
 - **If coach comes on to the field to attend to a player the player must leave the field.**
 - **You can bring the player back on after the restart**

Field Related Items

▶ Nets And Corner Flags

- Nets Stay UP on all fields
- Coaches of the last game are to pick up the flags and take them to the Referee Shelters

▶ Home / Visitor Spectator Areas

- Home on The North or West
- Visitors on The South or East
- Spectators 6 ft off of the Touchline
- No Coaching behind the net

▶ Technical Area on U10 and above

- Top of the center circle on each side of the midway line

Administrative Thing You Do

▶ **Game Reports**

- Make sure that the score is entered on both sheets
 - Make sure that the scores **MATCH!**
- No excuse for the referee part not to be neat and legible
- Your comments about the coaches are as important as their comments about you.

▶ **If You Write Up A Coach Be Thorough**

- Write up must be submitted the day of the match.
- One of the mentors will help you if needed

MISCONDUCT

- Coaches
 - Coaches are responsible for their players, assistants and spectators.
 - Ask the coach to take care of the problem person
 - Stop the game until the idiot leaves
 - Ask - Tell - Remove
 - If they don't stop, will not leave or your feel uncomfortable - ABANDON THE GAME
- Cautions, Send Offs and Abandoned games must be documented
 - The NTSSA Misconduct Report is to be used
- U09 and U10
 - Notify coaches if a player is using his/her size as an advantage

Referee Abuse/Assault

- ▶ Expect some disagreement with your calls
- ▶ Do your best to avoid Assault
- ▶ If you were threatened or physically attacked
 - **Report it**
 - To the BMOD and The Assignor
 - To the Police
 - **You must write it up and submit the report to NTX**
- ▶ On the field is the same as off the field
- ▶ **DO NOT BE AFRAID TO WRITE A REPORT**

How to Handle Coaches and Spectators

▶ Coaches

- Be Polite and Respectful
- Be firm
- DO NOT BE CONFRONTATIONAL
- ASK, TELL, REMOVE

▶ Spectators

- Politely ask the coach to handle the problem
- TELL the coach to please take care of it
- If the coach refuses - Abandon the game

▶ Write up the incident

- The A&D Committee can't take care of it unless they know.

ASU Game Administration

- ▶ Arlington Soccer Unlimited Games
 - You will receive rosters from the coaches
Referee and ARs names must be listed
The Referee **MUST** sign the form
 - MSA Game Reports are also required
- ▶ Cautions will be recorded on the ASU Roster and the MSA Game report
- ▶ Send Offs
 - A NTSSA Misconduct Report must be submitted to ASA and MSA within 48 Hrs
- ▶ Actions involving coaches must be written up and submitted to ASA and MSA
- ▶ Referee may have to sign the SIT OUT form

Severe Weather

- Game Suspension
 - Your Decision If Field Conditions Dictate - Use Law 18
 - Check with the Assignor or BMOD
- Abandonment and Play Date Cancelation
 - You Will Be Notified By 8:00
- Lightning Warning System
 - Located Between Fields 1 And 2
 - **Air Horn Blast And Red Light Flashing**
 - Suspend Match Immediately
 - Send EVERYONE To Their Cars
 - Referees Get Inside The Referee Area
 - Wait For ALL CLEAR Before Resuming Play

On The Pitch

- ▶ Player Safety is your most important duty
- ▶ Pregame Equipment Check
 - Don't make a production of it.
- ▶ Do not start the game if you haven't been paid
 - DO NOT MAKE CHANGE
- ▶ Manage Subs
- ▶ BLOW YOUR WHISTLE
- ▶ HAVE FUN

ASSIGNMENTS AND SCHEDULING

>> ASSIGNOR

DAVE HORN

ASSISTANT ASSIGNORS

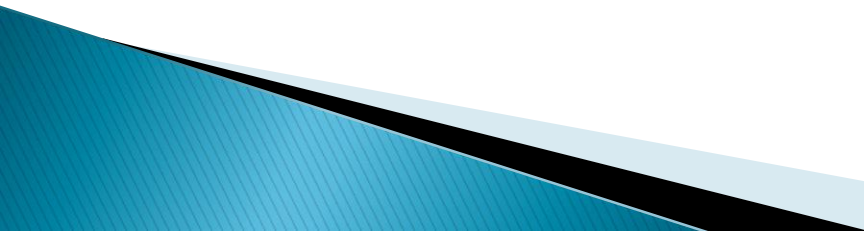
ANKE HOOPER

BETH CALDWELL

Assigning Software

- ▶ We will be using RefSelect again this season
- ▶ You must be registered to be assigned
 - Assignments will be emailed to you
 - You must confirm the assignments
- ▶ Send an email to Dave Horn if you need a tutorial or need help.
- ▶ Defraying the cost of RefSelect
 - The Assignor pays \$200/Season
 - Would every referee be willing to donate \$1.00 per season?

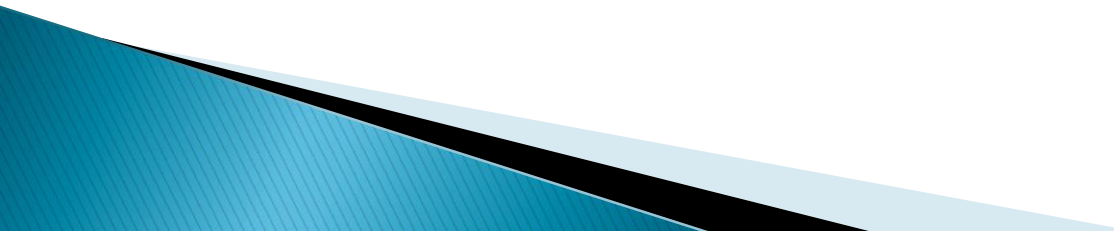
Assignments

- ▶ Assignments by phone is the last resort
 - ▶ Emergency assignments on game day will use RefSelect availability
 - ▶ There will be standbys for the 9AM and noon games
 - ▶ Mentors will be assigned
 - ▶ Remember: You are an independent contractor. You can work where you want when you want for who you want.
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Assignments

- ▶ One To Two Weeks In Advance
- ▶ New Refs Will Be Assigned Two Games
- ▶ Experience Refs Will Get No More Than 4 Games
- ▶ You May Not Be Assigned Every Week
- ▶ Assignments Finalized By Wednesday At Midnight
- ▶ Don't Accept If You Are Not Going To Work
- ▶ If A You Have A Conflict Let Me Know As Soon As You Do
 - Don't Call Me At 8am Saturday Morning
 - Unless you are on your deathbed!

Announcements

- ▶ Facebook: MSA Referees
 - ▶ Twitter: @msarefs
 - ▶ Broadcast email
 - ▶ Text Message
 - ▶ Phone
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MSA REFEREE MENTOR PROGRAM

**>> IF YOU ARE NEW YOU
WILL BE HELPED.**

Mentors

- ▶ DAVE MARSH is leading the program again this season
- ▶ New Referees will have mentors
- ▶ You will not be sent to the wolves when you move up
- ▶ All Referees help All Referees
 - Talk to your peers about you game
 - Ask a friend to watch and critique your game

OTHER IMPORTANT STUFF

>> GET OUT YOUR PENCIL OR PEN. YOU NEED TO WRITE THIS STUFF DOWN

Important Websites

- ▶ www.mansfieldsoccer.org
- ▶ www.ntxsoccer.org
- ▶ www.ussoccer.com/Referees/Referees-Home.aspx
- ▶ www.refereeinstructiononline.com/index.php
- ▶ www.fifa.com/aboutfifa/developing/refereeing/teachingmaterial.html
- ▶ www.refselect.com/refselect/logout.do

LAST BUT NOT LEAST

▶ IMPORTANT NUMBERS AND EMAIL ADDRESSES

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