

Procedural Items for 2009 BIT

Check In

There will be no check in prior to the games. For those referees with the first games of the day please be at your fields 15 minutes prior to kick off so that the various ref coordinators can see that all the fields are covered. The tournament is operating on 3 different game times. In order to keep the games on time, referees were generally scheduled within the same game times. **It is extremely important that you get to your fields for your game as soon as you can.** If you wait till the last minute to show up to the fields it causes a lot of confusion between ref coordinators and field marshals. **If you get to your field and someone is late go ahead and get the coin toss and other pre game items done so the game can start as soon as all refs are present.**

Phones

The cell I will be using for the tournament is 859-396-4888. If something happens and you need to call me during tournament weekend use that #. Joe Ales will be the ref coordinator at the upper fields at Masterson # 559-8021, David Frabel is the back up ref at Berea Road 684-4492.

Game Ball

Home team supplies game ball. If they don't have a good one ask the visiting team for a ball.

Team Check in

Field Marshals will handle team check in and keep the player passes and pay you after the game.

Ejections

If you issue a red card at the BIT here is the procedure I would like you to follow. After the game from the player's pass write down the player's name, age group and team. The field marshal will then send the player pass back to HQ so records can be properly kept. Please do not keep the player pass yourself. As soon as you have some time between games fill out a referee report. The referee reports and supplementals will be in the referee tent. I do not need a supplemental report unless you issue the red card/cards for violent conduct or serious foul play. If you have a serious injury in a game I will need a report and supplemental. **After you finish the report take it to the headquarters tent.**

Other items

Please bring a chair for your use between games, bring something you can carry water in so you will have water between games.

Between games when you are not officiating please do not wear your uniform (referee shirt). If you are one of the referees who has a child playing in the tournament and who is also officiating please do not wear your uniform (referee shirt) while you watch the game.

You can download rules, maps, procedural items and ref schedules from the web at <http://www.lexingtonfc.org/BIT/Referees.htm>

Food will be provided to referees at the concession trailers. The workers in the concession trailers will have a list of referees. Identify yourselves to the workers in the trailers and they will mark your name from the list. In general, one meal for every 3 games worked. Meal consists of drink, bag of chips, candy bar and cheese burger (or burger).

Parking will be an issue, especially at the upper fields. Don't try to drive to the upper fields if you have a game at the lower fields followed by one at the upper fields.

Please

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Tournament Rules and Regulations

Age Group	Length of Game	Ball Size
U-19 - U-16	Two 40 minute halves *	#5
U-15 - U-13	Two 35 minute halves*	#5
U-12 - U-11	Two 30 minute halves	#4
U-10 – U-9	Two 25 minute halves	#4

*Times may be altered to accommodate schedule

Substitutions: Substitutions shall be unlimited. Substitutions shall be made from the mid-field line with the consent of the referee at the following times: 1) **Prior to a throw in your favor (note if a team in possession chooses to substitute, the opposing team may also substitute at that time)**; 2) Prior to a goal kick for either team; 3) After a goal for either team; 4) After an injury to either team, when the referee stops play; 5) Between periods; and 6) When play is stopped to administer a caution..

Uniforms and Equipment: Shin guards are required and socks must be worn to completely cover shin guards. All players must wear the same team uniform, each with a different number. If a uniform color conflict occurs, the home team will be responsible for changing uniforms. As a guideline, home teams should wear white/light colors; visitors wear dark. Home teams shall also provide a game ball if a tournament ball is unavailable..

Inclement Weather: Only the Tournament Directors or referees have the authority to postpone, shorten, or cancel a game due to inclement weather. **The safety of players and spectators is the top priority.**

Offside: Offside will be called in all age divisions.

Overtime: There will be no overtime periods. Games that require a winner shall go straight to Penalty Kicks.

U9 Will only have one referee.

Zero Tolerance for Language

Foul language will not be tolerated. Referees are instructed to deal with foul language by ejecting or cautioning players.

***No Pets are allowed at any of our venues**