



# Carrollton Farmers-Branch Soccer Association Field Marshal Guidelines

"For the good of the game, for the good of kids"

## Why are Referee Field Marshals needed?

Referee Field Marshals are there to assist with making the matches safe and enjoyable for referees, players, coaches and the spectators. Referee Field Marshals should recognize and resolve issues before they arise as well answering questions and providing directions. You should be as helpful as possible as you are representing CFBSA.

## Referee Field Marshall Duties

- Check in and get a vest at concession stand.
- Primary responsibility is to make sure that referees are not harassed, intimidated, threatened, coerced or abused in anyway.
- Check in the referees when they report to the field.
- Ensure all referees are in place for their games.
- Officiate when a referee fails to show or is running late. However, coordinate with referee assignor before officiating.
- Keep the referee assignor/league officials informed of the unusual events of the day.
- Provide any help the referee (s) may need.
- During the games, be visible, keep moving and be where the referees can see you.
- The Field Marshal while not controlling the game can speak with a referee in private after the game and discuss the game in an encouraging manner if you feel comfortable in doing so.
- The Field Marshal can remove an unruly spectator from the site. This should only be used as a last resort.
- League officials will monitor 50% playing time, however Referee Field Marshals may be occasionally asked to by league officials to assist with roster checks if available.
- A Field Marshal cannot remove any players from a game; this is the referee's responsibility only.
- Monitor spectators and coaches conduct at all times. Immediately report to CFBSA officials of an extreme situation with coaches or spectators.
- Remind parents to move away from the touch line if they are too close due to safety issues.
- Walk your fields and surrounding area to show a presence; this will deter some situations from even starting. Try to traverse along parent's sidelines. You're there to help answer questions from referees, coaches, players and parents.
- If serious injury occurs, call 911 if necessary.
- By all means, watch your child's game, but please be mindful of your surroundings.
- Use your best effort to keep the games on schedule.
- Remind coaches to keep spectators on respective sidelines and keep fans from behind goals.
- Do not get involved in physical or out of control confrontations. Have league officials or concession personnel call the authorities immediately.
- If a fan becomes agitated a good technique is to stand next to them and see if they calm down once they realize you're there.
- Provide support, direction and reassurance to all referees, especially the new ones.
- You are the eyes and ears of the assignor, keep the assignor informed.
- Inform the assignor/CFB referee representative if referees are not in proper uniform and/or do not show
- Have fun and enjoy the day.

**Remember, you are there to assist the referees and monitor the conduct of parents, players and spectators and to report their actions. At any time you do not feel safe or comfortable remove yourself immediately from the area and call authorities if warranted immediately.**