

Montrose Soccer Club

Referee Guidelines

Referees are responsible for the safety of the players and coaches during a match. Referees must know the laws of the game (IFAB laws of the game) and enforce them fairly. They have the responsibility for upholding the laws and spirit of the game.

GAME DAY – OFFICIALS (Referees) Officials can have a significant impact on the tone of a game by simply treating players and coaches with respect, even when calling infringements or making cautions.	
DO:	
Referees should show respect for the players, coaches, spectators, and the game itself.	Honor all refereeing commitments except in the case of serious illness or unexpected circumstances whereby your ability to perform required duties would be impaired and, in such circumstances, notify, in a timely manner, the appropriate personnel.
Arrive at least 20 minutes early, to inspect the field & check in with coaches and league officials. Warm-up, and prepare to ref the game. Make sure you have the equipment needed such as league game cards, whistles, time piece, and yellow and red cards. If doing multiple games, make sure you have food and water.	Pre-game communicate expectations to coaches and players for a fair and safe game. Tell the coaches you will ask for their help to have them remove any spectator or player for unsporting or poor conduct. Remind them the game will not continue until the person(s) are removed.
At coin toss have captains introduce themselves and shake hands. Visiting team calls the coin toss.	Be positive and upbeat
During game communicate clearly with players when making calls or stopping play, by providing a loud, clear whistle, a directional signal, and a verbal cue (especially for younger players).	Report any foul or abusive language or behavior on the part of coaches or parents to the league official. If you do not, the behavior will continue and other refs will have to deal with it later on. Know who to call and to whom to report.
Conduct yourself in a professional manner at all times and carry out your duties to the best of your ability.	Seek support/ guidance advice from peers, colleagues, mentors and / or assessors with regard to issues that may hamper your performance as a referee.
DO NOT:	
Tolerate abusive or foul language or behavior on the field. Stop the game, speak to players and coaches. For coaches and spectators use the “ask, tell, and remove policy”. Use progressive discipline (verbal warning, yellow card, red card) for players unless immediate send-off (red card) is appropriate.	Engage in arguments about any call with players, parents or coaches. Encourage players and coaches to move forward with the game and put it behind them. If anyone continues to argue, question, or dissent then use appropriate disciplinary action up to and including removal (send-off for players).
Engage in abusive, insulting or foul language or behavior toward any player, coach or parent. Model and set the example of how you want others to act.	Criticize or make any negative comments, including online or through social media, regarding an opposing team, coach, player, referee, staff member or soccer community related issue.

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****** The Montrose Soccer Club will reimburse initial certification fee (\$90) and annual recertification fee (\$50) at the end of the Fall season if you have refereed at least 10 games per calendar year.

Contact info: Kelly Fox (club assignor) 720-626-3610
Dani Gore (club registrar) 850-803-9817
Jeremy Sitton (club president) 970-275-6449
Colorado Referee Hotline 303-529-7718

As a contracted referee with the Montrose Soccer Club it is the responsibility of the referee to:

- Keep your availability up to date on the Assignr website. Priority will be given to those who's availability is in the system when assigning games.
- Accept or decline your assigned games within 48 hours of being assigned a game. If you have not done this then the game may be reassigned or opened to others who are available. There is no penalty for declining games.
- If there is a change in the assigned officiating crew prior to or during the game you must notify the Assignor.
- Show up to work games that you have "accepted". Failure to show up to two accepted games or giving less than 12 hours' notice may result in not being assigned to future games for that season.
- Act in a professional manner. No phones on the field, no ear buds while refereeing. Your appearance matters.
- Show up to assigned games at least 20 minutes before start time.
- Check the field for any safety hazards. Goals must be secured with sand bags and should not be easily moved. Discuss any safety concerns with the coaches to see if there is a way to address the issue so the game can be played safely.
- Have required uniform and equipment with you. Whistle, yellow/red cards, watch (or other timing device), flags, something to write on to keep score and necessary reports. You may have to center a game when you thought you were going to be an AR if someone doesn't show up. Be prepared.
- If you are the referee listed first you must submit your game report to Assignr within 24 hours of game completion.
- Report any concerns regarding the game, coach, or other officials to the Montrose Club Assigner.
- Notify the Assignor if you are not comfortable with your assignment or have any other questions or concerns.

By signing this form, you agree to uphold referee guidelines and expectations of the Montrose Soccer Club as stated above.

Referee signature

Date