

## Referee Expectations

Refereeing is a job. As with all jobs, there are certain expectations you must adhere to:

- Be in shape
- Attend continuing education classes (i.e., Revolution FC monthly training sessions or other sessions held across the Bay Area)
- Follow all pre-game, halftime, and post-game checklists (see checklist page below)
- Respect all players, coaches, fans, and fellow referees
- Know the 'Laws of the Game'
- Deputies (and centers):
  - Give 'appropriate' pre-game
  - Dispense brief, positive 'sandwiched-approach' feedback at half-time and at the end of the game.
- Submit 'accurate' availability (see how to submit availability FAQ).
- You can request games by numbers listed in SportLynx and/or you can request to work with a particular referee (sibling or friend). Email/text Bob the games you want to do by including the game number. He will do his best to give you those games. You will get a response either way within 48 hours. If you have not heard from Bob, he did not get your communication.
- Weekend games will be assigned on Mon and Tues of that week. Immediately decline games you can't do. Accept games
  - The same or no later Wednesday evening (for weekend games)
    - Accept weekday games 2 days before gameday.
  - After the 'finalized schedule' email has been sent out
  - If you were assigned a game or your game(s) changes later in the week.
- Email or text accepts/declines. Always include the game ID, the number of games assigned to you, the date/time or your game(s), or some combination thereof.
- When accepting/declining games, always log in check SportLynx first. Don't rely exclusively on SportLynx emails to manage your games. Emails may be delayed, end up in spam the folder, or not delivered.
- Get in the habit of checking SportLynx on game days so you know where you need to be. If your name is assigned to a game, you are expected to be there.
- Be at games on time. That means 30 minutes prior to kickoff. Call/text a member or your ref crew or a ref administrator if you will not be on time
- Know yourself.
  - If an injury will limit your performance, decline your game(s)
  - Push/challenge yourself. Request upper-level AR assignments. Request being a center.
- If you were assigned a game last minute and SportLynx has not been updated by the following morning, contact a referee administrator
- Stay hydrated
- Use sunscreen
- HAVE FUN!