

## **METRO YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE**

### **REFEREE MEETING MARCH 7th. 2011**

Attention all referees; the first referee meeting of the spring season took place on March 7th. And the following subjects were discussed:

**1.** Carmelo announced that Silvia Liccardo is the new League Administrator. She will probably be calling us when is needed.

**2.** David Ricca is the new Game Chairman. He will be the contact person for referees when a game is cancelled or for any game situations when Carmelo is not available. Carmelo introduced Frank Giuliano, the league's president who welcomed the new referees and reminded everyone about the importance of checking the passes correctly.

#### **3. REPORTS:**

a. All reports must be complete and accurate. Referees must inspect the field and measure it and report it. Field must be playable and goals must be secured.

b. Reports from referees and ARs for the same game, must be the close. This is achieved by meeting with the referee team at the end of the game to compare notes.

c. All referees must make a report for every game they officiate. Female referees must assure a good report is submitted. The State and the USSF want more female referees to advance.

d. All reports must be submitted within 48 hours after the game.

e. If a card is given during the game, referees must give detailed explanation of the misconduct so the league administrators or the arbitrator can make the right decision.

f. If a red card is given, the sent off player's pass must be held by the referee and mailed to the league with the report as soon as possible.

#### **4. PASSES:**

a. Referees must check both sides of the passes. Make sure that passes are for the current year.

b. Do not accept passes from the U.S. Soccer. Only passes from the NJSA are accepted.

c. Secondary passes from the NJSA are also accepted.

d. If a red card is given and the coach wants the pass back arguing a State Cup Game, this must be confirmed by the referee with Carmelo or any other league's official.

#### **5. GENERAL:**

a. Referees must give themselves enough time for games. They must conduct a Pre-Game conference with the assistants as well as with the coaches before every game.

- b. Referees must acknowledge his or her Assistant Referees. If in doubt or if a miscommunication occurs, the referee can approach the AR to clarify the situation.
  - c. A team trainer can be at the team's bench, but he or she is not allowed to coach. The league allows 2 coaches on the bench.
  - d. Referees should not give explanations to coaches or anyone else. They must explain everything in the reports.
  - e. Remember that referees don't get questioned for misjudgments, they get questioned when they break the rules.
  - f. Coaches are accountable for his team's parents.
  - g. All referees must look professional; they must wear the USSF authorized uniforms during games. If an undergarment is required due to weather conditions, they must match the main color of the uniform.
  - h. Referees must confirm their acceptance of their games by sending an e-mail to the delegate of the home team and a copy to Carmelo 3 days before the games. If confirmation is not received by Thursday night, such games will be re-assigned to another referee.
  - i. All referees must communicate with each other before the games.
  - j. If there is a cancellation, Carmelo will call the referee and the referee will call the ARs.
  - k. Coaches can call up to 2 hours before the game to confirm the conditions of a field on a rain-day.
  - l. Off-side rule is used for divisions U10 and up.
  - m. Fields for Small-Sided games must be measured and reported.
  - n. SMALL SIDED FIELD DIMENSIONS: MAX 50 YARDS X 80 YARDS, MIN 40 YARDS X 70 YARDS
- U.S. Youth Soccer Recommendations are
1. LENGTH 70 YARDS WIDTH 50 YARDS
  2. A HALF WAY LINE SHALL BE MARKED OUT ACROSS THE FIELD
  3. A CENTER CIRCLE WITH A (8) YARD RADIUS
  4. FOUR CORNER AREAS WITH A (2) FOOT RADIUS
  5. GOAL AREA SIX (6) YARDS FROM EACH GOAL POST AND SIX (6) YARD INTO THE FIELD FROM THE GOAL LINE
  6. PENALTY AREA (14) YARD FROM EACH THE GOAL POST AND (14) YARD INTO THE FIELD FROM THE GOAL LINE
  7. GOAL SEVEN (7) FEET HIGH and TWENTY ONE (21) FEET WIDE
  8. OFFSIDE CALLED FOR U10 ONLY
  9. THE HOME TEAM HAS TO CHANGE JERSEYS IF BOTH TEAMS HAVE THE SAME COLOR
- o. If an Assistant Referee is not available, he or she can be replaced by a club linesman. Club linesman can be replaced if the AR arrives before the end of the first half. After that the club linesman cannot be replaced.

p. The referee who starts a game must finish the game as long as he or she is physically able to finish it.

q. State Cup assignments must be answered within 2 days.

**GOOD LUCK. ENJOY THE SEASON.**