



BOBCATS SOCCER REFFEREE INSTRUCTIONS

If you are unable to make a game, you **MUST CALL** Dave Sokolowski 773-908-2038, at least 2 hours prior to the game starting, even better would be the night before the game.

Please arrive at least 10 minutes before game time

Before Game Check In:

- Introduce yourself as the ref to the coaches.
- Ask the coach for the ref card.
- Have each child tap on their shin guards to ensure they are equipped with them. Shin guards are mandatory-they may not play without them!
- Have each child place their heel on the ground and their toes up to check for spikes on the toes of the shoes. If a player has spikes on their toes, they must change shoes or an adult may cut the spikes off completely.
- Check for any jewelry: necklaces, bracelets, earrings.
 - For the player's safety, no child is to have any jewelry for a game. There is also not to be any tape or Band-Aids over earrings-they must be taken off.
- All players must tuck their shirt in their bottoms.
- Explain to the players that there is no pushing or shoving.
- Be sure to let the players know that slide tackles are not allowed in this league and they are not allowed to kick the ball while on the ground.

Game start:

- Be sure to start the game **ON TIME**.
- Be sure to be loud enough that the players and coaches hear your calls.
- Indicate to either the player or coach why a call was made, if necessary.
- Make sure when you blow the whistle, it is loud enough for all to hear.
- Coaches are not to be on the field during play.
- Players can be substituted at any time of the game.

If you are a last minute assignment, write LM at the top of the Ref card. Keep your emails or email Stan (sparke@tinleyparkbobcats.org) confirming that you are the last minute assignment, as it will be verified through the schedules and communication with the Commissioner.