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Dear Referee,

Welcome to the upcoming soccer season. We hope the information included in this letter will serve as guidelines for this game and future games with NTPSA.

1. The Referee will be paid \$60.00 and each Assistant Referee will be \$35.00 (two are assigned for each game). Each team is responsible for paying \$65.00 (CASH) prior to the start of the game. In the event as assistant referee is missing from the game, return the extra money to each team and if/when the missing official arrives, recollect the money and be sure the tardy assistant referee is paid. Do not keep any extra fees (THIS IS REFEREE MISCONDUCT!!!), return extra money to the teams. Inform your referee assignor of any missing or tardy game officials.

2. COLLECT ID CARDS AND GAME SHEETS - Game sheets must be pre-printed with the team and player information, and no names may be written in on the game sheet, and used to verify players at the time their ID cards are collected at the beginning of the game. Double check any tardy players (ID CARDS with the game sheet). Only NTPSA ID cards with current season and year, and the proper team name and Division are allowed. DRIVER LICENSE AND INDOOR CARDS are not valid. If a player does not have an ID card or it is not valid, DO NOT ALLOW THE PLAYER TO PLAY. Any questions pertaining to the eligibility of players need to be noted on the game sheet and turned in by the referee.

Be alert to any discrepancies between the players and ID cards. Careful inspection of the ID cards along with the game sheets can help NTPSA keep the teams honest and catch teams playing illegal players.

3. NO GAME may be declared for the following reasons: No net within fifteen (15) minutes of game time, No ID cards within fifteen (15) minutes of game time, Not enough players (minimum 7 players to start the game) within fifteen (15) minutes of game time, failure to pay game officials prior to the start of the game, and Illegal players. In the event of a team with not enough players, do not collect any referee fees, inform your referee assignor immediately for payment and NTPSA will collect the money from the team responsible. Be sure to note NO GAME on each team's game sheet if possible and the reason for the no game.

4. UNIFORMS - Team MUST wear jerseys of similar style and color. Each jersey must have different number (minimum 6 inches) of contrasting color that matches the number assigned on the game sheet. Jersey numbers MUST be permanently affixed to the back of the jersey and cannot be taped or handwritten. Players are not allowed to switch jerseys with teammates. Jersey rules apply to the primary jersey as well as alternate jerseys. HOME team must change to their alternate jerseys in case of color conflict. Alternate jerseys may be pullover, see-through mesh "pennys" of a contrasting color where the jersey number is visible. Shinguards are mandatory.

5. **Each game shall consist of two halves of 45 minutes each, with a break after the first 45 minutes for halftime. The timing of the halves WILL NOT begin until the ball has been "kicked-off" to start the half. The clock does not begin at game time, it begins at Kick-off. If you want the game to start on time, check the players' ID cards and game sheet prior to "game time" and have the teams ready to play at game time.**

6. HYDRATION BREAKS- Hydration breaks will be taken if one team requests at the beginning of the game. If the temperature at the start of the game is 90 degrees or above, the hydration breaks shall occur automatically. Hydration breaks will be taken approximately midway through each half, and should not last more than three (3) minutes. Time will not be stopped during hydration breaks.

7. RULES OF SUBSTITUTION - The number of substitutions will be unlimited and may be done at any stoppage of play, WITH THE REFEREE'S PERMISSION.

8. MISCONDUCT - Report ALL misconduct to the NTPSA office within 48 hours. If a player is ejected, keep the player's ID card and turn it in to the NTPSA office (address & fax above) with your written report. **BE SURE TO REPORT ALL CAUTIONS.** Disciplinary action will be taken against individuals and teams guilty of persistent misconduct.

9. The BENCH and SPECTATORS are the responsibility of the TEAM CAPTAIN.

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