



## Introduction

As North Delta Football Club's Head Referee I am available to support all referees and assistant referees. Please see my contact information on page five and feel free to communicate with me anytime. information.

## Becoming a Referee

Register for a **BC Soccer Referee Clinic:**

- **Ages 12-13 Small Sided Referee Clinic**
- **Ages 14+ Entry Level Referee Clinic**

After completion of either course, you may referee with any soccer club in BC.

On going and extra education training is available:

## Mentoring

North Delta Football Club (NDFC) support our referees with mentors. Mentors, who are like 'referee coaches' help our referees and ensure they maintain a high level of professionalism.

- New referees will have a mentor with them for their first game, ensuring they gain some comfort and allow mentors to see a referee's skill level.
- As referees gain experience and wish to try higher levels, mentors will continue helping them.
- Mentors regularly watch referees during games, assessing their abilities and coaching them along.
- As Head Referee, I am always available to talk after your game, if you want to go over a call you made or discuss different strategies to deal with problems you may have had.

## Advancement - Pathway

Advanced training is available for experienced referees seeking work at higher level games. Please visit **BC Soccer Referee Pathway** for more information.



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## **Annual Registration and Training**

To continue refereeing each year, all referees must renew their BC Soccer registration and complete a BC Soccer Refresher Clinic. Please see [BC Soccer Annual Registration](#) for more information.

## **Laws of the Game – Reference Material**

- [IFAB Laws of the Game](#)
- [BC Soccer Small Sided Rules](#)
- [BC Soccer Retreat Line Development Tool](#)
- [BC Soccer Rules and Regulations](#)

## **Information NDFC Need from New Referees**

After completing a BC Soccer referee clinic, please provide me with the following information:

- name
- home address & home phone number
- cell phone number (if the referee has one, if not, then their parent's cell number)
- email address – the one you prefer to receive schedules through
- date of birth
- soccer team you play for (team's name, coach's name, level)
- void cheque or direct deposit form – to pay receive payments
- referees under the age of 16 must have a parent complete, sign, and send me the Parental Consent Form. Please see Resources section.



## Scheduling

- After a new referee's contact information is entered onto NDFC's Referee List they will begin receiving weekly emails from NDFC's schedulers with a list of available games. Referees reply letting the schedulers their available and games they may prefer. NDFC's schedulers then confirm back with the games they have assigned.
- For new referees, I will find a suitable first game where a mentor can be with the referee. Once we determine a referee's skill and comfort level, the referee will be added to NDFC's Referee List, and then the referee will begin receiving weekly emails from NDFC's schedulers.
- Referees who have more flexible availability often get more game assignments than other referees. For example, if a referee only asks for a specific game and others want it too, they may not get any games on a weekend. Referees who offer to work any game on a particular day have a much greater chance of being assigned a game.

## Equipment

Besides being in 'uniform', referees need to purchase the following (which are not provided by NDFC):

- two flags
- a whistle - **Fox40** is preferred
- a wristwatch - to keep track of time, but don't bring a stopwatch that hangs around your neck
- match pad with yellow & red cards



## Expectations of the Referee

NDFC pay referees to work, therefore, these are their expectations of their referees:

### #1 – SHOW UP ON-TIME

- Referees must be on the field 30 minutes before kickoff. This gives referees time to check the field, check the teams, and talk with your assistant referees.

**South Fraser Referee Pre-Game Checklist** (located under the Schedules tab).

### #2 – LOOK PROFESSIONAL

- Wear a proper 'uniform':
  - Tuck in your jersey. (Black is the first colour choice, ref is the second)
  - Wear black shorts.
  - Wear long black socks that are pulled up.
- For U13+, it is best to not wear anything with a club logo on it. For example, try not to wear shorts with an NDFC logo.

### #3 – ACT PROFESSIONAL

- No matter if you are refereeing a U8 game or a U18 game always show the players and teams respect by working as hard as you can in every game.
- For the Small Sided referees, try to make all the calls you see.

## Payment Information

NDFC volunteers ensure the payments go out as accurately and as quickly as possible. Referees should keep track of their games to ensure the payment amount is correct. If there are any problems, please let me know.



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## Direct Deposit

- a void cheque or direct deposit form must be provided to receive payments.
- NDFC can no longer do e-transfers, as it costs the club too much money.
- failure to provide direct deposit information will force NDFC to charge a \$10 fee for an e-transfer.
- amount of payment a referee receives depends on the level of game.

## NDFC Referee Fee Schedule:

Level	Referee	Assistant Referee
U8-U9	\$20.00	n/a
U10	\$25.00	n/a
U11-U12	\$30.00	n/a
U13-U14	\$50.00	\$25.00
U15-U16	\$60.00	\$30.00
U17-U18	\$70.00	\$35.00

## Discipline Reporting

During your game, if you Caution (yellow card) or Send Off (red card) anyone, you need to make a report. Report all discipline on the **BC Soccer Discipline Site**:

- Please contact me the first time you show a card, and we can work on your report together.
- Referees who are experienced at reporting their cards are reminded:
  - Use the exact words that were spoken. For example, if someone swore, you need to say exactly what they said; you cannot just say they swore.
  - Keep your report brief, but ensure all the necessary information is in your report.
  - Ensure your report is clear. The people reading it were not at the game, so your reasons need to be explained.
  - Keep your report to the facts as you view them. Do not offer your opinion on what punishment should be delivered.
  - If you send off a player or coach by issuing two yellow cards, it should be reported as one red card and the reason for the red card is the two yellow cards. Then describe the details.



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## Coaches Conduct

NDFC is actively working to increase the level of respect towards referees. Referees may find some coaches, players, or parents may behave poorly – this needs to get better.

- NDFC coaches attend a pre-season information meeting. At this meeting, I speak to the coaches about how they may treat their referees and the consequences they will suffer if they are abusive towards them.
- NDFC coaches may also receive additional punishment, even after a game, if warranted.
- To help me identify problem coaches/teams, I need NDFC's referees to tell me when there is poor conduct, even if you did not show a yellow or red card to the coach.
  - If you tell me when a coach/team behaves badly, I can try and stop it for future games, and for other referees. (Coaches/teams that behave badly often get worse.)
  - If I know of a coach/team that are difficult to deal with, I can try to ensure that NDFC do not send a new referee to do those games, as they may have a bad experience.
  - If I know when a referee has had a difficult game, I can also help them with ways they may be able to deal with future challenges.

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## REFEREE SCHEDULERS

### **Stef Piva**

**U13-U18 Game Scheduler**

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**U8-U12 Game Scheduler**

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## RESOURCES

The pages that follow show information for the following:

- ❖ [PARENTAL CONSENT FORM](#) (Completion is required for referees under the age of 16)