



Shahph Puma Sports Club

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SPSC- Field Marshall Guidelines

RESPONSIBILITIES and DUTIES

Before the Game

What to Bring

- Your Orange Field Marshall Vest. Please wear at ALL TIMES
- Weather appropriate soccer attire.
- A copy of the Game/Referee schedule which will be provided to you by email the day before the games (Friday evening)
- A copy of the League Manual
- Contact Information for the Referee or Game or Schedule Coordinators

Approach the Coaches

- Introduce yourself as the Field Marshall for this pitch
- Quickly review the modifications specific to the division/site
- Tell them that you will be located between the two team benches for most of the game and that if they have any problems with anything to come directly to you. If there are multiple fields, tell them you will be circulating between fields.
- If there is a game still ongoing, advise the coach how much time is remaining and suggest a place for their team to warm up or get changed (change room).
- Advise coach if there are washroom

facilities, canteen, etc. Approach the Referee

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- Give the referee the balls, game-sheets, flags.
- Ensure they start on time

During the Game

Positioning

- Position yourself between the two players benches for the majority of the game. You are welcome to circulate amongst the spectators, retrieve balls, etc but between the two players' benches is where most problems will present themselves. If there are multiple fields, circulate constantly and try to spend equal amounts of time at each field.
- Always have on your orange Field Marshall vest or yellow Field Marshall tee-shirt

What to enforce Parents

- Parents are not permitted to be seated on the same side of the field as the players' benches or on the goal line. Politely ask any parents who do this to move. It is understood that at certain sites seating is limited and Field Marshalls may use their discretion.
- Only coaches and team staff on the players' bench are permitted to give instructions to players on the field. While cheering is welcome, parents should not give technical instructions as per the League Manual. If you hear a parent issuing instructions, please ask them to stop. Coaches are encouraged to alert the field Marshall to this also.
- Spectators are not permitted to address the referee or assistant referees during the game. No abusive comments will be tolerated. The Field Marshall should give a warning to offending parents, and then if it persists, ask the individual to leave the facility. If they will not leave, ask the referee to pick up the ball. Wait 5 minutes, and if the individual still refuses to leave, the game will be abandoned and the situation will be dealt with later by the Discipline Committee. The Field Marshall will need to complete the appropriate incident report available at www.cocacolamsl.ca

Coaches

- Coaches must stay within the designated coaches' area. If there is no painted area, they must still remain close to their team bench.
- No coaches or spectators are permitted behind the goal nets or on the goal line. Goalies should not be coached from the goal line.
- Coaches are only permitted to address the referee or assistant referee to indicate a substitution (politely) or to alert them to a serious player injury out of their field of view. Coaches should ask the field marshal how much time is remaining or keep their own time. Coaches should not yell out calls like "handball" or "corner kick" before the referee has blown the whistle or indicated the call/direction. They are not permitted to verbally protest calls during the game and should not show visible

frustration with calls in front of their player. Abusive comments will not be tolerated. Field Marshalls must warn the coach if they do these things. If the coach persists, the field marshal can ask him/her to leave the facility. Upon ejection of a coach, please provide specific instructions as to where the coach should go specific to ejection procedures at the site (ie:outside of the fenced area, up to the clubhouse, to the canteen area, etc). When a player is given a red card, please do the same.

- Any coach that enters the field of play to confront an official either before, after or during the game must be reprimanded or removed by the Field Marshall.
- When coaches or team staff enter the field of play to tend to an injured player, they must NOT address the official. Field Marshalls should accompany any team staff entering the field of play to attend to an injured player. Only one team staff member should enter the field of play initially. Further team staff may be invited onto the field to assist in the removal of an injured player. No-one should enter the field of play without being invited by the referee.

Referees

- Make sure the referees start the game on time, and make sure that the half-time period is not too long (5 – 6 minutes will do).
- The Field Marshall must not make technical suggestions or coach the referees before, at half and after the game.
- If a referee is losing control of the game, the Field Marshall may address this to the referee on behalf of the coaches/players. Concerns/comments with the officiating during the game from coaches/parents/players must be passed onto the referee through the Field Marshal. Coaches/parents/players must not address these concerns directly to the referee.

After the Game

- Encourage both teams to shake hands with each other and with the referees if they do not move to do it automatically
- If the games are running behind, encourage referees/teams to start the next game quickly. As teams arrive, provide an alternate place to warm-up while the games still ongoing. This way, both teams that were waiting will be ready to start immediately.
- Collect the game-sheets, balls, flags from the referees, unless they are staying for another game. Review the game-sheet and verify that it has been filled out correctly and completely.

Return all game-sheets, balls, flags and other equipment to your association, who will return it to the KGV office. If an incident report is required, please submit it to your

association within 48 hours.

**** Important ****

Field Marshalls should contact the League Referee Scheduler immediately with regards to any changes that occur in the schedule including but not limited to the following:

- Referees who have switched games
- Referees who have not shown up
- Referees who are covering for referees who have not shown up
- Games that are defaulted by either or both teams
- Games that are cancelled due to weather or other circumstances