

Refereeing Guide for Southland Junior Football 2012

10TH Grade

In This Grade the players are developing a bit now, and as refs we need to be a bit stricter and help these kids in getting good playing techniques and habits.

Off Sides Remember the attacker can be in line with the defender at the time the ball is kicked. There must be one player plus the goalie between the attacker and the goal line before the ball is kicked. Referee is sole judge not the people on the side-line, though use someone on the side if you want.

Hand ball No handling the ball except the goalkeeper. Play advantage for an accidental handball but Referee to advise player to watch their hands. If there is an accidental handball but significant advantage is gained to that team then a free kick should be given to the other team.

Kick Offs Allow plenty of room around the ball to give the team kicking off a bit of time to develop good kicking off techniques. About 7 to 8 metres at least. **Goal Kicks** All players should be outside the goalies area, approx 10 metres. Once again give enough room to allow the goalie a chance to get the ball in fairly. Tell the opposition players to get back.

Corners are taken from the corner.

Throw Ins Ball has to be fully behind the head and both feet must be touching the ground at the time the ball is released. The back foot can be dragged. Allow second chance throw-ins throughout the game.

Goalkeepers No rough charging or play on the keepers. We need to ensure no one gets hurt as a few kids are starting to go down on the ground at this stage. The goalies cannot handle the ball outside the goalkeepers' area. Where this is not marked, use your judgement, but give some warnings before penalising to help keepers and give them a chance to know where you think the area is.

No Rough Play The players may push with their shoulders if they are contesting for the ball. No pushing with hands at all. No tackling a player from behind, or their feet if the ball has gone past the defender, ie late tackles. Step in early on rough stuff so it doesn't get out of hand. Players can be sent off and you should warn them that this can happen. No swearing on the field.

Reprimand the player responsible. Check protocols.

Penalise all foul play.

11th and 12th Grade

Games are leading up to be on a par with adult games so generally treat as such.

14th and 16th Grade - Treat as adult games.

SUMMARY

It is the referees' job to make a safe and fair game for the players involved in the game. As coaches and parents it is also up to us to ensure the kids enjoy their football, develop their skills and knowledge of the game, and have a safe environment to play in. Try to keep the game flowing and play advantage rules where you can. Kids don't like standing around or stop start games. You are in control of the game. Talk to and encourage the players, explain briefly your rulings, and try to be consistent in your calls. Each team referees one half of the game, so respect the other teams referee as you would expect to be, we all do our best.

As coaches try to encourage the parents of your team to be supportive of both teams and both referees.