

## ***Referee Expectations***

Refereeing is a job. As with all jobs, there are certain expectations you must adhere to:

- Be in shape
- Attend continuing education classes (i.e., Impact's monthly training sessions or other sessions held across the Bay Area)
- Follow all pre-game, halftime, and post-game checklists (see checklist page below)
- Respect all players, coaches, fans, and fellow referees
- Know the 'Laws of the Game'
- Deputies (and centers):
  - Give 'appropriate' pre-game
  - Dispense brief, positive 'sandwiched-approach' feedback at half-time and at the end of the game.
- Submit 'accurate' availability (see how to submit availability FAQ)
- Weekend games will be assigned on Mon and Tues of that week. ***Immediately*** decline games you can't do. Accept games
  - By Wed evening
  - After the 'finalized schedule' email has been sent out
  - If you were assigned a game or your game(s) changes later in the week.
- Email or text accepts/declines. Always include the game ID, the number of games assigned to you, the date/time or your game(s), or some combination thereof.
- When accepting/declining games, always log in check RefScheduler first. Don't rely exclusively on RefScheduler emails to manage your games. Emails may be delayed, end up in spam the folder, or not delivered.
- Get in the habit of checking RefScheduler on game days so you know where you need to be. If your name is assigned to a game, you are expected to be there.
- Be at games on time. That means 30 minutes prior to kickoff. Call/text a member or your ref crew or a ref administrator if you will not be on time
- Know yourself.
  - If an injury will limit your performance, decline your game(s)
  - Push/challenge yourself. Request upper-level AR assignments. Request being a center.
- If you were assigned a game last minute and RefScheduler has not been updated by the following morning, contact a referee administrator
- Stay hydrated
- Use sunscreen
- HAVE FUN!