

## ***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., Revolution FC 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).
- You can request games by numbers listed in RefScheduler and/or you can request to work with a particular referee (sibling or friend). Email/text Bob the games you want to do by including the game number. He will do his best to give you those games. You will get a response either way within 48 hours. If you have not heard from Bob, he did not get your communication.
- Weekend games will be assigned on Mon and Tues of that week. **Immediately** decline games you can't do. Accept games
  - The same or no later Wednesday evening (for weekend games)
    - Accept weekday games 2 days before gameday.
  - 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!