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Melbourne Area Girls Labor Day Challenge

Close to one hundred teams competed in games played at Mitchell Ellington, Satellite Library, Crespino, and Hoover. All tournament referee must have experience with competitive level games. This event went very well and weather was good except for a small lightning day Saturday afternoon in Merritt Island.



Referee Jerry Stubbs is in an upper level match at Mitchell Ellington Park.



Referee Glenn Stout ensures a fair challenge takes place.



Referees Jim Kendig and Jimmy Bayless have a pre-game conversation in the referee room prior to checking in teams.

Vero Beach Boys Labor Day Challenge

Around fifty boys teams were playing for top honors at Hobart Park for the Boys Labor Day Challenge. For the first time in three years, lengthy lightning delays were avoided at this tournament. A number of crews were wearing new USSF green jerseys.

Game Management by Al Zabel, State Assessor, Referee, Instructor

Assessors and instructors often use the term "Game Management" when referring to how a referee takes control of and then manages a game. The next question would then be how does a referee exhibit good game management skills? The following is my attempt to provide a general definition, quantify the term "Game Management", and then describe some game management skills.

Game Management could be defined as how responsibly and effectively a referee takes charge of a game and uses his/her skills to successfully bring it to conclusion despite hardship or difficulty."

In an effort to quantify the term, I have split game management into three recognizable periods of the game (the pre-game, the actual game, and the post-game) and provided some attributes.

Pre-game Attributes:

1. Field Presence – acting, looking, and presenting yourself in a manner that indicates you will take charge of and then control the game.
 - Attitude – confident, respectful, professional
 - Uniform – clean, neat, professional looking
(Your uniform is a reflection of your attitude)
 - Relaxed – this instills confidence in the players and coaches that you know what you are doing.
 - Equipment – you have with you anything that you will need to assist you in having a successful game (flags, whistles, watches, etc.).
2. Pre-Game Procedures - thorough
 - Use a checklist – there are still a lot of referees with poor pre-game procedure skills that often result in missed-communications on the field. The assistant referees have a duty to make sure everything is understood.
3. Handling Players and Coaches
 - Talk to the players to direct and express your concerns.
 - Talk to the coaches to control and prevent disruptions.
 - Cover abnormal conditions (such as weather) and rule interpretation as necessary before the game.
4. What do the players expect of the referee?
 - Be fair, honest, and most important of all, consistent.
 - Be physically fit.
 - Have the courage to make calls
 - Make the right calls based on the level of play

Game Attributes:

1. The refereeing team enters the field together showing solidarity, referee holding the ball, assistants with their furled flags on the outside.
2. Heightened awareness during the first 10 minutes and last 10 minutes of each half.
 - During a tight game these are the periods when the referee is tested.
 - During these periods the referee can establish and then retain control of a game.
3. Anticipate play – reading the game and moving in the direction of play before it actually happens.
 - Good referees respond quickly to game conditions.
 - Look to mid-field on deadball conditions for teams needing substitutions.
 - Handling substitutions quickly and effectively.
4. Position on set plays
 - Know where to be and then vary that position during the game.
5. Assistant referees
 - Control the bench and touchline – assure there are no distractions from the bench and the touchlines are clear so there is no interference on calls.
 - Retain focus and concentration – do not get distracted by coaches or spectators.
 - Involved in the game – eye contact with the referee, silent signals, make calls in your area of influence, in the proper position (always), assistance on

Post-Game Attributes:

1. The refereeing team meets at the center of the field again, as a show of solidarity.
2. Retrieve the game balls (return to owners)
3. Insure there are no retaliations or confrontations.
4. Gather information for the game report
 - Referee confers with assistant referees to validate game information
5. Return the player passes and rosters.
6. Leave the field together and as quickly as possible.



Referee Training Courses

Grade 08 Recertification Clinics

Sebastian River High School: September 21st; 1pm-6pm
Satellite Beach Community Center: November 2nd; 12pm-5pm
Vineyard Christian Church (Melbourne): November 22nd; 12pm-5pm
Vineyard Christian Church (Melbourne): November 29th; 1pm-6pm

Grade 08 Entry Level Classes

Find a room that can hold 30 people for 18 hours total and a class can get set up near you! It is recommended to have 6 nights with 3hrs per night.

Grade 8-7 Upgrade

See FSR website for upcoming clinics
Requirements: Pass assessment on u17-19 match, complete game log with 75 centers, pass fitness test and written test at clinic

Grade 7-6 Upgrade

See FSR website for upcoming clinics
Requirements: Pass 3 assessment on u19 and adult matches, complete game log with 100 centers on u17-19 and adult matches, pass state fitness test and state written test at clinic.

Online Registration Required: www.fsr-inc.com

Order Referee Gear Online:

<http://justinlauer.net/refgear/gear1.html>

Submit Articles For Future Newsletters

Submit referee articles and pictures to:
RefereeJustin@Yahoo.com

BYSL Fall Season

View the following information on JustinLauer.net

- Assignment Policy
- BYSL Rules
- Assignments
- Directions to parks
- Discipline contact information

Columbus Weekend

Referees are needed for the BYSL Fall Challenge over Columbus Weekend. Applications are available online:
<http://www.justinlauer.net/tournapp.html>

BYSL Fall Challenge:

Brevard County (sites TBD)

Cocoa Expo Columbus Cup:

Cocoa Expo Sports Center

Discipline Contact Information

Each league has its own discipline committee. Submit reports to the correct person!

BYSL: Frank Morreale <Discipline@cfl.rr.com>

GCF: Matt Hutchinson <jamshutch@cfl.rr.com>

FSL: Tony Laurendi <tony@mpinet.net>

Contact your assignor to get information for other leagues