



Welcome to the 2008 Season! On behalf of the Tonka United Board of Directors and staff and all the players, coaches and parents, I want to thank you for being a referee this year. We at Tonka United believe that our referees and our referee programs are the best in the state! Our recreational referee program is designed to give new referees a solid start by learning the basics in a low-pressure environment. Through solid mentoring, we hope that you will develop into a high quality referee for both our travel and recreational programs.

Communication

- Email is the primary method of communication.
- The best and fastest way to reach me is via email. You can contact me through Refcoord or by emailing me directly at: jsrausch@gmail.com I check email throughout the day.
- In emergencies, my home phone number is: 952-949-0498

Pay

- Referees are paid on a monthly basis. So games that were worked in May will be paid in June. I try to get everyone paid by the 2nd week of month at the latest.
- Pay is based entirely on RefCoord records.
- Referees are paid as follows: We are reviewing pay rates and they may change for the better.
 - \$12 per game for grades 2-4;
 - \$15 per game for grade 5
 - \$17 per game for grades 6 through 9
 - Referees who are in good standing, work all of their scheduled games, and work at least 10 games will receive an "End-of-Season" bonus.
- You are paid for rainouts ONLY if the game is called at the field.
- Make sure that you have completed the referee registration form.

Scheduling

- All games are self-assigned via Refcoord.
- If you haven't already signed up, do it now: www.RefCoord.com
 - Sign-up for TonkaRec and if you want to do travel games TonkaU
- At the start of the season, I will post a limited amount of weeks with games. The month of May is now posted. You will be able to start signing up for games Tuesday (April 29th) at 9pm.
- Because we have so many referees, at the start of the season you will be able to sign up for a maximum of 2 games per week. I may expand it as the season goes along based upon need. I typically allow more than 2 games if you volunteer to fill in for someone who can't make a scheduled game.
- **You should sign up for 2 games on the same night.**
- Backup Referees are noted in the system as BUP. Backup officials will always work games based upon need. You may end up working with another referee but you will be working.
- Games that are cancelled due to weather, field conditions or other reasons are typically made up on the following Saturday. If you are scheduled for a cancelled game, you are assumed to be working the make-up game unless you contact me.
- **If you cannot work a scheduled game, you need to let me know As Soon As Possible.** The sooner I know, the sooner I can find a replacement.
- Failure to attend a scheduled game without providing me with 24 hours notice will result in a 2 week suspension. Multiple offenses will result in a season ban.
- When someone cancels out on games, I will send a notice via Refcoord.
- If you switch games with someone or find a replacement you MUST inform me of the change so that Refcoord can be updated. **ALL PAY IS BASED UPON REFCOORD RECORDS.**

Uniform

- Referees gain initial respect by wearing the correct uniform. It should be clean too!
- Uniform consists of :
 - referee shirt (any official color is fine)
 - black shorts
 - black socks
 - black shoes
 - whistle
 - Digital watch.
- Be sure to bring a water bottle and a snack. Especially during those hot summer days.

Game Day

- Arrive at least 15 minutes prior to game time.
- Check-in with the referee mentor at the concession building prior to your first game.
- Try and be dressed before you walk to your field.
- Start games on time!
- Introduce yourself to the coach (and the players if you like). Be friendly to both teams.
- Be prepared to explain simple things to the players, especially the youngest ones. They are just learning to play.
- Remember, we DO NOT keep scores. Both teams are winners at the end of the game.
- Finally you are not there to take abuse from a coach, parent or player. If a coach or parent becomes abusive, please notify the field mentor ASAP.

HAVE A GREAT SEASON!