



# SDI

## Quick Referee Tip

### SPRING SEASON FEEDBACK 2019

Preparing for our games & reflecting on our performance to improve is part of our job as referees!

Spring season feedback from Assignors, Mentors, Instructors, Referee Coaches, and even your fellow referees provides us the opportunity to review topics & work to improve on the fields. Spring Season feedback items for your review are here for you!

**#1 & #2 are topics in the feedback weekly, these are an easy fix, let's do it!**

**1) RULES, RULES, RULES** - every week feedback indicates that referees are not reviewing the specific rules of competition! Referees must always apply The IFAB Laws of the game, but leagues, tournaments, and clubs have different modifications and you must read rules of competition prior to your games. Review all emails and information provided by your assignors. Know the substitution opportunities! Understand the Build Out Line application for 7v7 games. Rules of Competition are available at [coloradosoccer.org](http://coloradosoccer.org), home club websites, emails from your Assignors, and Apps.

**2) ARRIVAL AT THE FIELD - Minimum of 30 minutes prior to kickoff.** Referees have work to do before the whistle blows for kick off. Arrive early to prepare with your crew, conduct team check-in, pre-game, field inspection to name a few. Running late, coming from your own game, etc? Communicate with your crew members or the assigned mentor at the complex. Your job requires you to be early, kickoff time is not arrival time.

**3) ASSISTANT REFEREES - POSITION** - your movement on the touchline is lateral, step side to side so that you looking across the field, turn and run/sprint when play demands you to. We face the field and move laterally to stay in position with the 2nd to last defender for accurate offside decisions. Follow the ball to the goal line, and make eye contact with the center referee at every stoppage of play.

**4) REFEREE POSITION** - general ideas - be near play, but not in the way. Run & cover the field so you can see contact between players and you will be in position to call fouls. Putting yourself at an angle will allow for you to better see between players/play and the contact made to make foul decisions. When working the diagonal system of control make eye contact with your AR's at every stoppage. During active play work to have play between you and your AR's so we always have 2 sets of eyes on the action, allowing for you to see each other and communicate.

**5) SMALL SIDED GAMES - SOLO REFEREE** - sometimes it can be a challenge to be in the best position to make offside decisions when you don't have AR's. Here is a tip to try - it requires you to move & cover the field to be in the best position. When a team goes on the attack, try running wider on the field so you can see across the field putting the majority of the players in front of you and try run closely with the second to last defender "line" across the field, this will put in at a better angle to make an offside decision, rather than running yards behind play.

### ALWAYS GOOD REMINDERS

Safety of players always our number 1 priority. Position yourself near play so you can see fouls, stop play when there is injury and allow coaches to tend to their players. Anytime a player is down with an injury that is head related immediately stop play.

Loud whistles & confident signals. You are the referee, you having been through the training online & on the field. Manage the game with confidence! Referee uniform, appearance & body language is important and shows you are prepared and ready for your job. Dress professionally from head to toe - black shorts, referee socks. Arrive at the fields with a good attitude & display confidence. If you are working competitive league games you should have the new style jerseys, or be adding them as soon as possible. Dress for success!

### RESOURCES

[CSA Rules/Bylaws](#)

[7v7 Build Out Line](#)

[IFAB Laws of the Game](#)

[Practical Guidelines for Match Officials](#)

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