**Referee Guidelines**

**Before the Game:**

* Wear the proper attire – your uniform, which includes your jersey, shorts and socks, Hats and sunglasses are not allowed.
* Be at the field at least 30 minutes before your game is scheduled to begin. Check the condition of the field, nets, flags and anchors. Bring any problems to the attention of the head coach of the GHSC team. Be respectful!
* If you are running late to your game, call Mike Koshell at 422-1080.
* Conduct your pre-game meeting with the coaches and captains at least 15 minutes before game time. Be respectful and confident. Shake hands with captains and coaches and encourage them to do the same with the opposing team.
* Conduct a quick, through pre-game inspection. Check player passes, shin guards, cleats and matching socks. Make sure that no player is wearing jewelry. If a player refuses to remove jewelry, politely notify the coach that said player may not play unless the jewelry is removed. No player pass means that player may not play. No exceptions. Same if a player does not have shin guards.
* Start the game on time!
* If a team is not ready to play 15 minutes after the scheduled start time, the game is forfeited to the opposing team. Remember, due to liability issues, practice games are not allowed.

**During the game:**

* When making a call, blow your whistle firmly so that it can be heard by both sidelines. Make calls in a loud voice and with the appropriate hand signal.
* Protect the goalie – remember just one finger on the ball constitutes possession and the other team may not kick it. If that happens, play is stopped and resumes via an indirect kick by the goalie’s team.
* If at any time you become concerned with your safety, do not hesitate to stop the game. Keep all player and coach passes, as well as the score card. Immediately call Mike Koshell at 422-1080
* Do not touch the players.