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REFEREE LIAISON POLICY - WINNIPEG YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION (WYSA)

It is a requirement of **every** team registering with, or under the auspices of, the Winnipeg Youth Soccer Association to designate an individual to act as a **referee liaison**. The **referee liaison** of each team shall be a person who is not a team official (of that team) and their main role will be to act as a deterrent to possible acts of misbehaviour by spectators or team officials.

Each team shall provide a **referee liaison** that shall:

1. Be identified with a **referee liaison** armband provide by their team.
2. Be clearly identified on the game sheet as the **referee liaison**.
3. Introduce him or herself to the referee prior to the start of the game.
4. Locate themselves on the spectator side of the field.
5. Monitor the behaviour and deal with inappropriate comments, gestures and /or general unsporting behaviour directed at the referee, players or any other individual by **their** teams' spectators.
6. Quickly diffuse problems before they arise by being visible or calmly speaking with the individual(s) involved.
7. Be visible and available to assist the referee at **any time**.
8. Submit a brief report in writing of any incident that they deem that BVSC should be aware of involving inappropriate behaviour by **any** individual.

Instructions to referees:

1. A referee **will** not start a match until both teams provide a referee liaison.
2. Teams have up to five (5) minutes after the scheduled kick-off time to provide a referee liaison.
3. If only one team provides a referee liaison within the stipulated time allowed, the referee will abandon the match. The non complying team will default the match and BVSC will award the win to the opposition.
4. Playing time will not be extended in order to acquire referee liaisons