



## **MWSL Head Referee and Referee Administrator Report Fall Season 2015/2016**

### **Correspondence**

- Coaches/managers – thank you for continuing to send in your referee reports, we appreciate your feedback. Last season the online system was set up to auto-generate the referee's name on every report. This has been a huge positive in being able to provide immediate feedback to the head referee regarding referee performances.
- Please continue to send emails with any questions or concerns you have...all feedback that you provide is helpful to us.

### **Referee Information**

- Total # of Referees used 203 - Total Females used - 37

### Opportunities for Females

- Cup Finals:
  - o 15/17 Finals were refereed in the center by a female referee (feedback was generally very positive)
  - o All 15 matches were formally assessed by a BC Soccer assessor which was the 1<sup>st</sup> time for many of these referees
  - o 21/34 Assistant referee spots went to females as well.
  - o We received tremendous support from our male referees who realize the importance of these opportunities
- We are in the planning stages of offering our 3<sup>rd</sup> female – only entry level course in late August or early September. Stay tuned for information.

### **Online Scheduling System**

- Even into year 5, we are still working towards having the system Auto-assign assistant referees, currently we are having to put them in by hand and this creates a lot more work for Tim.
- Feedback from referees is positive. They find the system relatively easy to use
- Have added an Automatic Email Reminder Notification that goes out ~48 hours before the game. This is greatly helping to reduce the number of officials who are missing games.
- In the Winter Season we had 100% of games assigned to a referee, but there were a few games where the referee's forgot what day it was and there were last minute illness or emergencies.

### **Challenges**

- Ensuring that all referees are applying the Laws as they are meant to be applied (ie. Giving verbal warnings, and cards when they are warranted).
- Feedback from coaches/managers is sometimes inaccurate in Law, and therefore we need more education out there
- Also, regarding reports, please send in reports on referees who do a good job (as well as the problematic ones), those referees deserve recognition as well, and it helps us to establish patterns with our referees
- Games being cancelled and rescheduled at the last minute. This often proves difficult for Tim as referees are already committed to other leagues (out of 1902 winter season games this year, approximately 560 games had schedule changes, many two or three times)
- There were approximately 65 cancelled games, and at least 28 were defaults. These are often frustrating to referees who have committed their time to the MWSL

### **Future Goals**

- To hold a Coaches Evenings with focus on Laws of the Game questions and improving coaching strategies to prevent injuries.

- To continue to provide support and opportunities to the female referees in our league (while working to increase the overall number)
- To continue to support all the referees in the league and ensure that the best referees are getting appropriate games
- To complete on-going evaluations of all the referees in the MWSL
- To continue to use coaches reports and evaluations to provide on-the-job training of our referees to improve the overall level of officiating
- To continue to remove referees from the league who are not doing their job
- To ensure that the women of the MWSL have a safe and fun place to play soccer