

NORTHVALE RECREATION DEPARTMENT

YOUTH SPORTS REFEREE POLICY

1. Introduction.

The Borough wishes to establish rules for the selection participation of youth referees for its various sports programs.

2. Age requirement.

Referees must have attained the age of 12 years.

3. Application Form:

Everyone wishing to be a youth referee must complete an application form to be provided by the Department of Recreation.

4. Parental/Guardian Consent.

In order to participate as a youth referee, any referee under the age of 18 must provide parental/guardian consent on a form prescribed by the Northvale Recreation Department.

5. Scheduling Assignments:

All scheduling shall be done by the Director of Recreation or his/her designee. Priority shall be given to those with the most experience in the sport, and experience as a referee, if any.

6. Requirements:

A. You must attend a Mandatory Meeting to be scheduled.

B. Training: If you have never worked as a referee, you must attend two games and work with the referee to gain a better understanding of the game and the referee's role, prior to working as a referee. If you have any questions or concerns

regarding any matter relating to being a referee or your experience as a referee, you must immediately contact the Recreation Director to discuss your questions or concerns.

7. BASIC RULES

- A. You must show up at least 15 minutes before each match, dressed in uniform.
- B. You shall inspect the players and review the rules with both players and coaches.
- C. You must confirm your attendance with your assignment as referee. If you cannot attend, it is your responsibility to attempt to find a replacement and to notify the soccer commissioners immediately.
- D. You must thoroughly review and memorize the league rules for each season.