

# Granville District Soccer Referees Association

## Refereeing Roo-Ball: A Crash Course

### Before Starting:

- Check referee's sheet and player's gear. Do all players have shoes and shin pads?
- Check number of players (max of 6 for U6/7 and max 9 for U8: one must be the goal keeper)
- Check ball (size 3, round, inflated ok??)
- Toss for choice of ends only (not to kick-off)
- Have a pen to mark the number of goals as they are scored
- Have a watch to keep time: U6/U7 = 15mins/half; U8 = 20mins/half (NO injury time added)
- With U6 & U7 only, a coach from each team can be on the field to 'help' their players

### Restarting Play

- Opposing players must be atleast 5 metres from ball at kick-off, corners, free kicks & goal kicks
- The ball should not be played twice by the same player.

### Ball out-of-play

The ball is out of play when "it has **WHOLLY** crossed the goal or side lines, or when play is stopped by the referee". Play is restarted by:

**Goal Kick:** Taken from edge of semi-circle

**Corner Kick:** Taken on the goal line and 6 metres from the edge of the semi-circle

**Throw-In:** Taken from where the ball went out – both feet to be on or behind the line, thrown with both hands from behind and over the head. Players get 2 attempts to 'get it right' and the second throw-in shall be considered 'good'.

**Free Kicks:** See below

**Dropped Ball:** If, for any other reason, play is stopped by the referee (eg to treat an injured player), play is restarted by a dropped ball where the ball was when play was stopped (but if within the semi-circle, the ball is dropped on the edge of the semi-circle)

### Free Kicks

ALL free kicks in Roo-Ball are indirect, ie the ball must be touched by another player before a goal can be scored.

Free kicks in the semi-circle are taken on the nearest edge of the semi-circle.

Free kicks are awarded when any of the following offences are **INTENTIONALLY** committed:

1. Kicks an opponent
2. Trips an opponent
3. Jumps at an opponent
4. Changes an opponent in a dangerous or violent manner
5. Charges an opponent from behind
6. Strikes (or attempts to) an opponent or spits at him
7. Holds an opponent
8. Pushes an opponent
9. Handles the ball with hand or arm

Other offences are:

- Dangerous play (ie high feet)
- Charging fairly with shoulder but ball is not within playing distance
- Obstruction
- Charging the goalkeeper

**Always nicely explain to the player what he did wrong.**

### Other Matters

If a player swears, speak to them; but if it continues, get the coach or manager to take some action

If a coach or manager abuses you, just stop the game and get a club or ground official to intervene

### At End of Game

Complete the referees card by:

- Filling in the scores (number and words)
- Print your name clearly in the 'referee' line

\*\* END \*\*

**Remember: USE COMMON SENSE**