



# Lake Simcoe Soccer Club Junior Linesperson Orientation 2009

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## Refereeing 10 Commandments: Keys to having FUN!!

### 1. Leadership Qualities:

Be a match leader. Lead by example, gain the players respect. Your personality is vital; you can't copy anyone, it must be your own. Be eager to cooperate with everyone. Become trusted for your actions. Use the Laws correctly. Take responsibility for the application of the laws. Study the rules, use them correctly.

### 7. Good Sense of Humor:

A good sense of humor is gold! Sport should be cheerful. Do not lose your sense of humor. You can improve your relations with the players if you use no swear words, keep yourself calm, control your temper, use agreeable and relevant language, do not forget to smile - but do not exaggerate, and don't smile at every moment.

**Commandments 1 and 7 are the most important for the LSSC Linespeople.**



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## Welcome to all new LSSC Junior Linespersons

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The Junior Lining program, offered by the LSSC, exists to introduce potential referees to the responsibilities of soccer officiating and in turn, provides our members the required fairness and control during a game.

There is a course for Junior Linespersons provided by the LSSC free of charge. You must 11 years of age by April 1, 2009 to qualify as a Junior Linesperson, however if a need arises, younger kids that have expressed an interest, will be called upon to help. There is also a Junior Linesperson T-shirt that he/she is expected to purchase. These shirts will be similar to last year and must be ordered after the JL course completes. If an older sibling has one of our white LSSC t-shirts already, you may wear that instead of purchasing a new one – your choice.

Junior Linespersons must wear their uniform at all times when “working”. The only exception will be early in the season in cases where the uniform orders have not yet been fulfilled.

A Junior Linesperson’s uniform consists of the following:

<b>Junior Linesperson</b>
JL T-shirt
Black Shorts (soccer team shorts)
Black socks (or dark soccer socks)
A Referee flag (provided by the club)
Soccer Shoes
A tote (to carry your stuff in)
A watch
A water Bottle - filled
A pen
NO HATS!



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## Yes! It's a Job!

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Junior Lining is a job. For most it is a first job. This implies professionalism and commitment. Like most jobs, employees are rewarded based on merit and penalized based on poor performance – Junior Lining works the same way.

I realize that most new Junior Linespersons rely on others for transportation, but please understand the importance of being on time for all assigned games. We do make allowances for Holidays etc. but we do need warning. Emergencies are forgiven. Like any job, you are expected to be there when you say you will. This can be fun and profitable for all our junior linespersons.

You are required to perform at a level of professionalism that would be expected of a game official. This requires that you:

- a) Arrive on time (on time means 15 minutes before kick-off)
- b) Carry out your duties to the best of your ability in a professional manner.
- c) Report all necessary information to the Club.

You are expected to be fully knowledgeable about the “applicable” Laws of the Game for Junior Linespeople.

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## Officiating Support

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The LSSC fully supports its referees and junior linespersons. The Head Referee will support all of the club referees and junior linespersons and respect the choices they make on the field. The LSSC handbook is an excellent source of stated commitment to the referees and junior linespersons...

### **Player's Code of Ethics – point 6:**

It is the player's responsibility to maintain self-control. They will accept official's decisions without argument, play with intensity but without hostility, and behave graciously in triumph or defeat.

### **Parent's Code of Ethics – point 3:**

I understand that I need to be appreciative of volunteer coaches and officials and I agree not to interfere, and to let them do their job.

### **Spectator Behaviour – point 1:**

Spectators should refrain from making any comments to the referees and lines people.

### **Excerpts paraphrased from the Referee Zero Tolerance Policy:**

- Coaches may question a call, not complain about a call. They must also accept the response to the question and refrain from further comment on the call in question. They are subject to ejection upon further complaining or questioning on the SAME call. If the coach refuses to leave, gather your linespeople at the centre of the field and wait 5 minutes until the coach leaves – ensure you inform the coach that he or she has 5 minutes to leave. If the coach still refuses to leave after 5 minutes, you and your linespeople will leave the field – do not change your mind – just go. Contact the Head Referee immediately.
- Spectators shall never approach a referee. If complaints, harassment and/or abuse continues, the referee must proceed to the coaches bench, request the spectator be removed by the coach and not referee until this action takes place. If the situation is not resolved in 5 minutes, call in your linespeople and leave the field together. Contact the Head Referee immediately.



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## Junior Linesperson Training

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There will be one Junior Linesperson training course offered this year at the clubhouse. Part One of the course is your orientation meeting. Part two will be outdoor instruction. The instruction content will focus on:

- The “applicable” Laws of the Game and interpretation of them.
- Flag signals for the linesperson (also termed the Assistant Referee)
- How to run the touch line with the flag
- How to run the field

### Expectations of the Junior Linesperson when attending the outdoor portion of the course:

- Please wear your uniform
- Bring some water
- Do not wear a hat!
- Recommend not to wear jewellery – as is required when refereeing or lining on the field

### Websites of interest:

<http://www.lakesimcoesoccer.com>  
<http://www.ontariosoccer.net/>  
<http://www.yrsra.ca>  
<http://www.fifa.com>



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## Pay Schedule

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The pay schedule for 2009 is available in a separate handout.

**Rain and cancelled games:** If for any reason outside the referee's control he/she is unable to start or finish at least half of any game, you will receive ½ of the regular pay for that game. If the second half has started and 67% of the game time is complete, you will receive full pay.

All Junior Linespersons will start at pay level A.

Demotion happens through one for the following:

- a) Repeated tardiness
- b) Sitting, laying down or otherwise assuming a posture not befitting a referee or linesperson.
- c) Repeated complaints from coaches and executive members of unprofessional refereeing or lining.
- d) Repeated not wearing the proper uniform or not having your shirt tucked in or your socks pulled up.
- e) Repeated wearing of jewellery (except for watches)
- f) Laziness on the field (not keeping in the game or keeping up with the game)
- g) Poor refereeing or lining.
- h) Demonstrated lack of knowledge of the Laws of the Game.
- i) Lower than 90% assignment commitment after 10 games.

Promotion happens when:

- a) Any coach recommends you as a good referee or linesperson,
- b) I see quality effort.
- c) No complaints at all.
- d) 90% or higher assignment commitment.

Under this scheme, referees or linesperson who are doing a good job get rewarded - those "showing-up" and not much else will not.

Games are scheduled based on Class and Level. So Level B referees can expect to do the lower paying games. Junior Linespeople can be demoted or promoted at any time. After demotion, correcting and proving his/her self can promote a Junior Linesperson back to Level A.

Any Level B Junior Linespersons who continue to slide will be fired.



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## Code of Ethics

All Junior Linespersons of the Lake Simcoe Soccer Club are required to follow the Code of Ethics for Canadian Referees as set out by the Canadian Soccer Association.

<b>Code of Ethics for Canadian Referees</b>	
The Canadian Soccer Association is aware of its responsibilities toward its referees and, having granted certain privileges to referees, it is obliged to ensure such individuals realize and respect their responsibilities and duties.	
Specifically, a Canadian referee shall:	
<b>1.</b>	Conduct himself/herself with dignity on and off the field of play at all times and shall, by personal example, endeavour to inspire the true principles of fair play and to earn the respect of those whom he/she serves.
<b>2.</b>	Not cause The Canadian Soccer Association to become involved in any controversial matters and shall abide by the rules and regulations of the jurisdiction in which he/she officiates.
<b>3.</b>	Adhere to all national standards and directives.
<b>4.</b>	<b>Always be neat in appearance and maintain a high level of physical and mental fitness.</b>
<b>5.</b>	Study the Laws of the Game and be aware of all changes, and shall enforce all said laws and changes.
<b>6.</b>	Perform his/her designated responsibilities, including attending organized clinics and lectures, etc., and shall assist his/her fellow referees to upgrade and raise their standard of officiating.
<b>7.</b>	<b>Honour any appointments made for and accepted by him/her unless unable to do so by virtue of illness or personal emergency.</b>
<b>8.</b>	<b>Not publicly criticize other referees or any soccer association.</b>
<b>9.</b>	<b>Not make any public statement to the media (newspaper, TV, radio, etc.,) relating to any game officiated by him/her or regarding the quality of the match or the performance of the teams and their players.</b>
<b>10.</b>	Follow the correct lines of communication to the CSA Referee Committee which shall be through the Provincial/Territorial Soccer Association where he/she is registered.
<b>A Canadian referee shall be subject to disciplinary action should he/she not comply with this Code of Ethics.</b>	



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## Laws of the Game for Junior Linespersons

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### **1. The Field of Play**

Field Markings:

“The field of play is marked with lines. These lines belong to the areas of which they are boundaries”

“The two longer boundary lines are called touch lines. The two shorter lines are called goal lines”

### **2. The Ball**

### **3. The Number of Players**



Substitution

### **4. The Player's Equipment**

### **5. The Referee**

### **6. The Assistant Referee**

Duties:

Junior Linespersons can be appointed to line games. Their duties, subject to the decision of the referee, are to indicate:

- “when the whole of the ball has passed out of the field of play”
- “which side is entitled to a corner kick, goal kick or throw-in”
- “when a substitution is requested”
- “whether, at penalty kicks, the goalkeeper has moved forward before the ball has been kicked and if the ball has crossed the line”

### **7. The Duration of the Match**

### **8. The Start and Restart of Play**

### **9. The Ball in and out of Play**

The Ball is out of play when:

- “it has wholly crossed the goal line or touch line whether on the ground or in the air”
- “play has been stopped by the referee”



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The Ball is in play at all other times, including when:

- “it rebounds from a goalpost, crossbar or corner flagpost and remains in the field of play”

## **10. The Method of Scoring**

Goal Scored:

“A goal is scored when the whole of the ball passes over the goal line, between the goalposts and under the crossbar, provided that no infringement of the Laws of the game has been committed previously by the team scoring the goal.”

## **11. Offside**

## **12. Fouls and Misconduct**

Junior Linespeople do NOT call fouls.

## **13. Free Kicks**

## **14. The Penalty Kick**

“The defending goalkeeper remains on his goal line, facing the kicker, between the goalposts until the ball has been kicked”

## **15. The Throw-in**

A throw-in is awarded:

- “when the whole of the ball passes over the touch line, either on the ground or in the air”
- “from the point where it crossed the touch line”
- “to the opponents of the player who last touched the ball”

Procedure:

“At the moment of delivering the ball, the thrower:

- faces the field of play
- has part of each foot either on the touch line or on the ground outside the touch line
- uses both hands
- delivers the ball from behind and over his head”

## **16. The Goal Kick**

## **17. The Corner Kick**

“A corner kick is awarded when:

- the whole of the ball, having last touched a player on the defending team, passes over the goal line, either on the ground or in the air, and a goal is not scored...”

## **18. ??????**



Throw-in

