

2018 AGM Report

Club Head Referee (CHR)

This year saw the referee numbers for KDSC remain stagnant.

In 2016 we had 34 referees of which 5 were adults and 2 were mini soccer referees.

In 2017 we decreased to 28 referees with 5 adults and 5 mini soccer referees, 9 of our referees were first year. However, 12 referees did not return from 2016.

In 2018 we again had 28 referees with 5 adults and 5 mini soccer referees but 10 referees were first year. Also, the referee retention rate was 54% which was a lower retention than 2016.

In 2018 KDSC hosted an entry level referee clinic with 22 attendees.

The CHR is trying to address the poor retention of referees by continuing the mentoring program started in 2016. Two to three nights a week were spent at South Gower and KCAT fields to mentor youth referees, mainly the first year officials. This will assist in developing their skills to eventually be able to referee the ERSL games and encourage them to possibly enter into the OSA upgrading programs.

In addition, 4 winter education sessions were conducted from January to March for all returning referees and an assistant referee refresher was held in May. The winter education sessions for returning referees provided instruction on the changes to the Laws of the Game introduced in June 2016 by the International Football Association Board (IFAB) as well as other topics.

The 2018 season went well with most of the required assignments being met. We also moved to Ref Centre for availability and assigning of all games including House League played at KDSC fields from a spreadsheet and email process.

In addition, we had 2 more referees upgraded into the District referee pool for 2018 allowing them to be center referee for some ERSL games and to be assistant referees for the Ontario Player Development League (OPDL) games played in the Ottawa area. A number of our referees also participated in tournaments in Ottawa to gain more experience.

We also supplied officials for the 8 games for the ERSL Shield finals also held at South Gower of which 2 KDSC referees were the center referees.