

2019 AGM Report

Club Head Referee (CHR)

This year saw the referee numbers for KDSC decrease.

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 2019 we decreased to 23 referees with 3 adults and 3 mini soccer referees with 6 first year referees. The retention rate increased to 59% but we did not replace as many referees who left as we did in 2018. As well the loss of 2 adult referees greatly impacted the ability to cover our games.

In 2019 KDSC hosted an entry level referee clinic with 10 attendees of which 6 were KDSC referees.

The CHR is trying to address the poor retention of referees by continuing the mentoring program started in 2016. If possible 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.

We also attempted to take advantage of the Ontario Soccer mentor training but due to the late delivery of the course material to the District it was not practical to hold a course. One will be arranged prior to the start of the season in 2020.

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 as well as other topics such as dealing with coaches and foul recognition.

The 2019 season went fairly well with most of the required assignments being met. However due to a busy schedule on Monday nights and the loss of adult referees we were not able to provide the Women's C4 team with assistants for most of their games. Our move to Ref Centre for availability and assigning of all games including House League has worked well.

In addition, we had 2 more referees upgraded into the District referee pool for 2019 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 7 games for the ERSL Shield finals held at the South Gower fields of which 3 KDSC referees were the center referees for 4 of those games.