

2021 AGM Report

Club Head Referee (CHR)

This year was a very different year for referees for KDSC.

Due to the uncertainty of whether there would be a soccer season a number of referees did not register this year. In 2019 we had 23 referees of which 3 were adults and 3 were mini soccer referees. This year we only had 9 referees of which 3 were adults and 2 were mini soccer referees.

These referees included 6 who returned from 2019, 1 who moved to Kemptville from Cumberland and 2 new referees. Despite these low numbers very few games were played without a referee. The main issue was on Sunday nights when 3 adult referees were required for the adult games being played. The effort made by these referees to be available to cover games was greatly appreciated. A number of them were on the field several nights a week to ensure that a game had a referee.

In 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic the process to become a referee was changed by Soccer Canada. They required the provincial soccer associations to centralize the process and moved the majority of the material to online teaching sessions. At the end of the referee course a practical session was required to be hosted by a club or district to teach these new referees about the on field requirements. This process has stayed in place for 2021 and will be continued for future years.

This means that KDSC will no longer be hosting a referee clinic. The referee section of the KDSC website needs to be up dated to reflect this change.

A number of other updates are also required to the referee section of the website and will be done prior to the end of the year in preparation for next year's season.

Hopefully this winter, education sessions can be conducted from January to March via Zoom for all returning referees and an assistant referee refresher can be held in May. The winter education sessions for returning referees will focus instruction on any changes to the Laws of the Game as well as other topics such as dealing with coaches and foul recognition.

Ontario Soccer announced in 2020 that it was developing a Club Instructor program to accredit Referee instructors at the club level. This has been delayed due to the pandemic however the intention is to conduct this training in November. The Club Head referee was nominated to participate in this training.