



# YSSL Match Commissioner Program

## Purpose of the Program

- Ensure a safe, respectful, and professional match environment
- Provide real-time support to referees, coaches, and clubs
- Serve as the league's eyes and ears on the ground
- Reinforce YSSL policies, expectations, and core values

Match Commissioners (MCs) are neutral representatives of the league who help ensure matches are conducted the right way—from arrival to final whistle.

## What Match Commissioners Do

- Introduce themselves to coaches and referee crew
- Observe sideline behavior and match environment
- Support referees—especially developing officials
- Step in only when necessary to de-escalate
- Take detailed notes on significant events
- Submit a full report within 24 hours

This is about guidance and accountability, not interference.

## Program Philosophy

- **Support First:** Help referees succeed through encouragement
- **Professional Standards:** Uphold league policies and expectations
- **Transparency & Consistency:** Provide clear, unbiased reporting

## Why It Matters

- Protects referees and improves retention
- Raises professionalism across matches
- Provides credible, first-hand league insight
- Creates consistency across all games

## Expectations

- Be professional, visible, and approachable
- Remain neutral at all times
- Focus on the big picture, not individual calls
- Communicate clearly and respectfully
- Submit reports on time and with detail

## The Big Picture

The YSSL Match Commissioner Program is about making the game better for everyone involved—players, coaches, referees, and clubs. It's not about catching mistakes. It's about ensuring things are done right.