

# WELCOME TO THE MFRA

## **Our Association:**

The Manitoba Football Referees' Association (MFRA) is a non-profit organization that officiate games for the Manitoba Girls Football Association (Junior & Senior levels ages 7-10), and the Manitoba Minor Football Association (Cruncher, Atom, PeeWee & Bantam levels ages 7-14). The MGFA season starts the first week of May and runs until the end of June (possibly into July in 2017). All games are played on Thursday evenings. The MMFA season starts the first weekend of August and runs until the end of October. Games are played on Saturdays and Sundays, and a very occasional Wednesday evening.

## **Assignments:**

We use a program called Arbiter to schedule all assignments (instructions on that to follow in another email prior to the season). For MMFA games typically, you will be assigned at one field for the entire day and are expected to officiate all games at that one field for the entire day. Number of games can range from 1-4 per day depending on the schedule, and each are approximately two hours in length with the exception of Cruncher which are one hour.

We officiate MMFA games both in the City of Winnipeg and at 6 rural sites. All officials are expected to rotate through all sites. Rural sites are: Portage La Prairie, La Salle, Steinbach, Oakbank, Selkirk, and Stonewall. A premium is paid for rural games. A fuel allowance of \$40 per round trip will be paid to the crew driver, or divided equally if there are two drivers.

## **Rural Rendezvous Locations for Travel as follows:**

Portage La Prairie: Tim Hortons 3965 Portage Ave.  
La Salle: Tim Hortons 2147 St Mary's Rd.  
Steinbach: Tim Hortons 1040 Beaverhill Blvd. (Fermor)  
Oakbank: Tim Hortons 935 Headmaster Row (Lagimodiere)  
Selkirk and Stonewall: Tim Hortons 2500 Main St.

## **Game Rates:**

\$36.00 Head Referee (\$41.00 rural)  
\$34.00 Umpire/Back Umpire (\$39.00 rural)  
\$32.00 Line Judge (\$37.00 rural)  
\$34.00 Timekeeper (\$39.00 rural)

ALL CRUNCH GAMES, INCLUDING RURAL, AND BECAUSE THEY ARE ONLY ONE HOUR, ARE PAID AT:

\$24.00 Head Referee  
\$22.00 Line Judge

Officials may choose to get paid at mid-season and end of season, September 30<sup>th</sup> and November 15<sup>th</sup>, or one payment at the end of the season.

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## **Fees:**

- 5% of gross game fees earned will be deducted as an assigning fee at the end of the season (max \$60).
- 5% of gross game fees earned will be deducted as a volunteer fee at the end of the season. This fee will be waived if you (or your parent) volunteer for at least one Bomber 50/50 event OR sell one book of 10 tickets for the Football Manitoba Mega Raffle. All 50/50 volunteers are paid \$20 per event to cover expenses such as gas and parking.
- Insurance and Registration – \$30.00 per member (includes \$13.50 Football Canada fee).
- CFOA membership fee –\$6.50 per member (on-field referees only).

## **Jerseys and Equipment:**

Jerseys and equipment are supplied at no charge and are to be returned at the end of the season, with the exception of hats and whistles. New officials receive their first hat free, and all subsequent hats are to be purchased from the MFRA. Black hats weather and turn brown fairly quickly so you can expect to replace your hat at least every second season, but some are finding they need to replace them after each season. It all depends on the care you take with them. The MFRA supply standard long sleeved jerseys however short sleeved jerseys can be ordered and purchased through the MFRA. You are responsible for the care of MFRA issued equipment and therefore must cover the replacement cost if damaged.

Note that there are no specific uniform requirements for timekeepers, but we ask that you dress appropriately for the weather and surroundings.

## **FCOCP CERTIFICATION:**

**LEVEL 1:** ALL NEW ON-FIELD OFFICIALS, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THOSE ONLY OFFICIATING AT THE CRUNCHER LEVEL, MUST BE A MINIMUM OF 15 YEARS OLD AT THE START OF THE 2017 SEASON IN AUGUST, AND MUST PASS THE LEVEL 1 FCOCP TO ACHIEVE CERTIFICATION. LEVEL 1 QUALIFIES YOU TO WORK ON THE LINES.

**LEVELS 2&3:** ANYONE INTERESTED IN TAKING THEIR LEVEL 2 OR 3 SHOULD ADVISE ME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. BOTH LEVELS ARE CONDUCTED IN CLASSROOM. THE MFRA HOST THE LEVEL 2 CLINIC, AND THE MFOA HOST THE LEVEL 3. LEVEL 2&3 QUALIFIES YOU TO WORK BOTH UMPIRE AND HEAD REFEREE POSITIONS.

**CRUNCHERS:** THERE WILL BE A CRUNCHER CLINIC HELD SPECIFICALLY FOR THOSE OFFICIATING AT THE CRUNCHER LEVEL.

Thank you for your interest in the MFRA! Please feel free to contact me at any time should you have any questions or require additional information.

Laura Restiaux  
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