

LEAGUE REFEREE GUIDELINES

It is likely that our players will be refereeing their own boards this season. It is imperative that all players attend at least one referee class to learn the rules and their application, take the test and obtain a referee card. The following is just a brief synopsis of what a referee should know. It is meant to serve as a reminder of commonly used rules, not a comprehensive review. We have introduced a new rule that players who are refereeing should sit or stand at their seat to avoid unnecessary distractions.

Sit or stand at your seat using hand signals except when it is necessary to use the referee's wand, to clearly indicate the location of scoring discs, remove dead discs, and clear leaners. Keep your attention on your game and refrain from unnecessary moving around. You do not want to disturb the players.

If it is necessary to walk to the opposite side of the board to remove a leaner, do so in a manner that will not distract the player's concentration. Remove dead discs straight out to the gutter, not back into the playing area.

Make a call for every disc that is shot, even if the disc goes off the board.

Always allow a couple of seconds to allow a challenge by any player on that board.

If a player questions the accuracy of the scoreboard (before the next frame is started) they need to ask the Referee to check it. Remember the Referee is in charge of the board. The referee needs to lay the pointer down at the lag line, not in the playing area, to check the scoreboard.

If there is a questionable call, the Referee must make the call. Never ask a player if they want to challenge your call. If they challenge and disagree with your call, ask for the person appointed before the game to be Head Referee for that day. The Referee will lay their referee pointer at the lag line and walk away. Do not discuss your call with that person, as they will make the final call.

It is the Referee's responsibility, along with the players; to check the score board after the score is called to the scorekeeper to be sure it is logged and added correctly. That can be done as the players gather their disc. The players are not to gather discs before the scorekeeper repeats the score.

If necessary, remind the players to wait for your signal before taking their next shot.

Make all decisions in a neutral and impartial manner.

Do not impose a penalty unless you are firmly convinced that the violation took place. Use reason and good judgment before imposing a penalty for violation of the rules. Take into consideration age, infirmities, intent and circumstances prevailing at the time.

Do not touch a live disc. If a live disc is touched, the frame must be played over.

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Spot sprinkling may only occur at the end of one-half of a frame; however, the kitchen can be sprinkled at any time. Sprinkling must be requested by three players or two players and the referee.

Do not collect the discs. If you feel a player may need assistance due to a handicap, ask the player if you may gather their discs. If you gather the discs, bring them only to the 8/7 area. Please do not sling the discs back into the playing area, disturbing discs already set up by players.

When holding the referee stick, hold it vertically with the color pointing down indicating the order of play. Don't let it touch the floor as it will pick up foreign particles and deposit them on the court.

Remember that you are dealing with people like yourself and treat them with courtesy and consideration.

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