

Good afternoon everyone!

Welcome to \_\_\_\_\_ Elementary. Just a few quick reminders before we get this game started.

Thank you for your support of all our players, coaches, and referees. We would like you to keep in mind that our players are students who are learning the game. They are going to make mistakes and that is ok. We ask that you all be supportive of players on both teams today as our main goal for them is to have fun and learn.

Our coaches are all volunteers. They are not perfect but they are doing their best. We want to thank our coaches for their time and support of the players this year.

Choose one of the following 3 options:

Volunteer/staff referee: Our referees today are volunteers. They are not perfect and will try their best throughout this game to provide a safe and fair environment for our students. They will most likely make some mistakes today, but please know that they are doing their best to referee a fair game for both teams. Only coaches will be able to discuss concerns with our referees.

Student Referee: We are thankful today to have some amazing student referees from \_\_\_\_\_ (school). We are so happy to have them here as they are much better referees than I am/we are. Please remember that they are still students who will need our patience and understanding as they will make some mistakes. Only coaches will be able to discuss concerns with our referees.

I am refereeing: I will be refereeing today's game. I am not a good referee, but I am what was available for today. I guarantee that I will make some mistakes. Just know that I will do my best to call a fair game. Only coaches will be able to discuss concerns with our referees.

If you have not had a chance to read our districts' Fair Play Code of Conduct, we greatly encourage you to do so. The code contains our conduct guidelines for players, coaches, officials, and spectators while attending sporting events in this district.

Once again, thank you for your support and let's get this game started!