

# LCSA Field Marshall Program

## Field Marshals

Field Marshal Volunteers (FM) are an integral part of game-day operations. Serving as a representative of LCSA, FMs will assist players, parents and visitors regarding such things as field and facility locations, team venue, game times or any other questions.

## FM Program Proposal

LCSA is asking for volunteers to join our FM program.

You must complete 10 hours during the season to receive a voucher good for one (1) free future registration for their child or a refund of the current Registration fees (for one child) already paid. Unused hours earned during the Fall season will rollover to the Spring. All hours will reset at the end of the Spring season. Shifts will typically be in increments of 2-3 hours.

In order to qualify, the volunteer will need:

- complete background check
- a valid Driver's license
- Complete the shifts by logging in and out at concessions at the time of the shifts.
- Time slots can be obtained by emailing [coordinator email](#) and/or using a electronic sign up form tbd (ie [signup genius](#)).

If a volunteer cannot make it to an assigned time slot, they will need to notify us at [coordinator email](#) or text [XXX-XXX-XXXX](#).

## Game Day Responsibilities

### Prior to game (including, but not limited to:)

Arrive 10 minutes prior to assigned time

Sign in at the designated location (Referee box at Corinth, concession stand at LD) and put on a Field Marshal vest.

At the end of the shift, you must sign out, and return the vest.

Sign in/Sign Out is VERY important for us to track completion of your scheduled time.

If sign In/Out is not done, it could be considered a non-completed shift.

### During the game

Field marshals monitor all activities on the fields during game times

Field marshals watch for any potential issues or conflicts that may arise

Notify Board Member on call with any issues and escalating as needed to the Fields and Facilities Director and/or to an Executive Board member.

Notify Wendell Henson at 940-642-5559 when a referee and the standby are not available

Remind coaches to wear their photo ID cards (as needed)

Notify Fields and Facilities Director with any field or goal/net issues.

## **FAQs:**

### **- I have two kids, can I get two vouchers?**

Yes, if you complete the necessary time slots, you can earn multiple vouchers limited to the number of kids you have in our program. We are not looking for someone to try to do all the shifts and then start selling the vouchers.

### **-What happens if it rains?**

In the event of rain cancelling part of one shift AFTER this shift has begun, then that shift will be considered complete. We will not try to make you complete a partial shift at a different time. However, if the rain cancels a shift BEFORE the shift begins, then you will need to find a different time slot.

Please make yourself familiar with our weather guidelines as posted at the parks. With our weather systems, you may have to follow the protocols in case the Thor Lightning predictor system goes off.

### **- What should I do in the event of an injury to a player?**

It is not the responsibility of the Field Marshal to offer any type of medical assistance to an injured person on the field, unless you're qualified, of course. Your assistance is limited to offering band-aids or ice pack to the injured person (available at concessions). You or the parent/guardian of the injured player may contact 911, if necessary (would consult with the parents if present and player is conscious). You may help direct emergency response to the injured person and offer to help in crowd control.

### **-What should I do if a referee doesn't show?**

Upon arriving at the fields, referees sign in at the referee table which is located by the concession stand. If a referee doesn't show up at their appointed time, there is a standby referee available at the park. If that option isn't available, contact Wendell Henson at 940-642-5559.

If you cannot find a center referee for a U9 or above game, the game should be rescheduled. A game can still be played if there is a center referee and 1 lineman.

### **-I've never done this before, what should I expect?**

We think of field marshaling as having insurance, you have it but you hope you don't have to use it. In the best case scenario, you will be answering questions such as Where is Field 3? for most of the time.

However, if something does come up you will be there to lead and take charge of the situation. Dealing with this kind of logistics and number of people, the scenarios could be anything: It could be picking up jackets or soccer balls left at the stands after a game and taking them to lost and found which is located inside the concession stand. It could be talking and calming down (or kicking out if it gets to it) an over the top parent who keeps berating a 15yr old referee, which we know neeeeever happens. It could be assisting an injured player with ice or a band-aid. It could be a parent looking for a missing child who wandered off to the playground or restroom. Informing individuals that pets are not allowed on the fields. Worst case scenario, and we pray these never happens, it could be having to call 911 in case of a severe injury or because we can't locate a child. In summary, we are asking the FM to be there as a voice of reason and use common sense when needed.

## **Weather Policy**

### **Weather Guidelines**

The Fields and Facilities Director or an onsite Board Member will determine if games can be played under safe conditions and the City of Corinth will determine if the games will be played due to poor field conditions. You can sign up for automatic field status updates from the City of Corinth by going to <https://www.cityofcorinth.com/list.aspx> and signing up for the Notify Me program. Local lightning shall always be considered hazardous. In the event of lightning or thunder all play must stop.

The City of Corinth Parks and Recreation Department has installed the **Thor Guard Lightning Prediction System** in most area parks to alert when conditions are favorable for lightning strikes. If the Thor Guard siren goes off during a game in progress, the game is immediately called and players, coaches and spectators are to evacuate to their vehicles. More information about the Thor Guard system is available at <http://www.thorguard.com/>. Instructions are also mounted at the bulletin board by the concession stand.

### **Lightning Warning System and Safety Tips**

**ATTENTION:** These are only guidelines and some exceptions to them will occur. The Fields and Facilities Director or a Board Member makes the final decision and will post the decision on the Hotline or website. The coach of each team should always refer to the Rainout Hotline 940-497-5109 or LCSA website <http://www.lcsasoccer.org> before game time if there are any doubts games will be played as scheduled.

### **Postponements**

The 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President or an onsite Board Member is responsible for determining whether a game must be canceled or postponed due to weather at any time up to the start of play.

When field conditions may be considered questionable due to inclement weather, the hotline will update the Hotline by 4:00 p.m. on weekdays, 7:30 a.m. for Saturday and by noon on Sundays. Coaches, parents, and players may check for current field conditions online or call the weather hotline at 940-497-5109.

If the Thor Guard siren goes off during a game in progress, the game is immediately called and players, coaches and spectators are to evacuate to their vehicles. If the game was at least 5 minutes into second half or more, the game is considered complete and will not be rescheduled. Otherwise, the game will be rescheduled at a later date, as long as there are reschedule dates available. This determination will be made by the referee as to whether the game meets the criteria as a completed game and will report this to the league and referee scheduler.

For games not in progress but set to start within the hour, (or next set of games scheduled) a decision will be made concerning those games at their scheduled game time.

For inclement weather where there is a dangerous situation but with no siren activation, the referee on the field is responsible for calling the game with the support of the stand-by referee.