

Head Referee Application

Position Title: Technical Director

Position Duration: 2 Years (5 seasons – including Summer REMIX)

About Stonewall Kickball:

Stonewall is an LGBTQ & Ally community-based, non-profit sports league that strives to raise funds for local non-profit organizations. Our league values each player for who they are and what they bring to the league's community.



Applicant Requirements:

- All Head Referee applicants must have at least one season of umpire experience & be available each Sunday of the season to coordinate field set-up/tear-down, substitute umpires as needed, clarify and adjudicate on the rules, etc.
- All Head Referee applicants should be knowledgeable of all Stonewall Kickball rules, as well as ideally be generally familiar with rule variations across other kickball leagues and organizations. They must serve impartially at all times and be firmly committed to the integrity of the sport.
- All applicants should be available to attend the Captains' meeting on Tuesday, December 7th, at 7 p.m.

The Head Referee is chiefly responsible for:

- Maintaining the accuracy and integrity of all kickball rules and for managing any rules-related complaints on the local level.
- Ensuring that all public documents on the rules are accurate and up to date, as well as drafting addendums to address field-specific concerns as they arise.
- Educating umpires, referees, and players on all rules & will hold Rules Clinics for umpires prior to each season.
- Scheduling umpires in advance of all games and communicating to find substitutes as needed.
- Managing the League's equipment, including coordinating field set-up and take-down, taking inventory before each season, and submitting requests for equipment purchases to the Commissioner.
- Assessing, in coordination with the Commissioner, the usability of potential field locations each season and final determinations on whether game play is permissible during inclement weather conditions.
- Coordinating the investigation into personal conduct issues by players, ensuring that all parties involved are treated fairly and judiciously.

Name:

Address:

Email address:

Please attach a resume and answer the following questions. Application is DUE to Jeremy Miller (skdc@stonewallsports.org) by Monday, Nov. 29th at 5 PM.

General

Why are you interested in serving in a leadership role for Stonewall Kickball?

Please list prior experience serving in a leadership role or volunteering for Stonewall Kickball or other non-profit organizations. What other volunteer commitments do you currently have?

Describe a time where you had to deal with a difficult situation, particularly where you made a decision that was not necessarily in your own personal best interest.

Specific Skill Sets

What skills and experiences do you possess that will help you succeed at this position? Specifically, describe your experience participating as a player or umpire in SKDC and other kickball organizations, tournaments, etc.

Discuss a time where you have worked to make your community more equitable and inclusive to those around you (communities of color, trans and non-binary folks, women, etc.). How do you see Stonewall Kickball improving inclusivity and outreach for these and other groups within the LGBTQIA community, and how might you go about increasing diversity within the League's pool of available umpires?

During kickball games, there are often disputes regarding rules, calls, etc. Please share your comfort level with the rules of Stonewall Kickball – DC and give an example of a dispute involving a call or play on the field where you were responsible for deescalating the situation and clarifying the rules.

What other specific ideas do you have to help the League evolve and grow?

Please describe why you would be a good addition to the Stonewall Kickball Leadership Team. Are there other skills that you could bring to the position, above and beyond what has been listed? Do you have any connections or relationships with other organizations/entities/individuals in DC that might support the League's operations and mission (e.g. potential sponsors, other sports leagues, ANC commissioners or local community leaders, bar/venue owners, local drag talent and other performers)?

Please share any other information you feel important for consideration of your application to serve as a member of Stonewall Kickball leadership.