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**DATE:** 12 December 2012  
**TO:** Provincial Referee Departments  
**FROM:** Tiger Liu, Head of Refereeing  
**RE:** Fourth Officials

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Effective 1 January 2013, the Canadian Soccer Association (CSA) recommends that fourth officials, in all National Competitions, sit at the fourth official's table during a match and only stand when the game requires him/ her to do so.

Exception: Where leagues have different competition rules and regulations pertaining to fourth officials.

Reason: By changing the requirements of fourth officials from standing to sitting at the fourth officials table, the CSA is complying with FIFA's mandate regarding the management and control of a match. When the fourth official stands, it signifies an issue that needs to be dealt with; in turn, creating awareness amongst the teams and other referees that an issue has arisen.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

Tiger Liu  
Head of Refereeing