

Hello Club Managers,

Thank you again for leading your clubs and making a difference in our communities. I know that this weekend will be a busy weekend for all of you – so just a few reminders for your referees:

Referees will need to walk the field and check for any unsafe areas and that the goals are secure, nets are in place and corner flags are up.

Players Passes – Referees will check in both teams – check for jewelry (No earrings, nose rings or eyebrow rings – no exceptions), proper shoes & shin guards. No Pass, No Play – No exceptions.

Game Cards – Referees need to write their names and phone numbers on the game cards. They also need to review the final score with BOTH coaches for accuracy.

Substitutions – This is STANDARD CYSA guidelines – On your own teams Throw In, At any Goal Kick, at any kick off, and a courtesy sub is allowed for an injury. If the Coach comes on the field to check on a player, that player must leave the field (except for goalie) until next stoppage.

Goal Kicks – Goal Kicks will be from the 6 Yard Box

Offside – Offside will be called at every age level

Throw In – Improper throw-ins should be called at every level.

Coach Behavior – Your Coaches should at all teams show good sportsmanship and be respectful to the Referees, Opposing Teams and their own players.

Referees – Referees should be COURTEOUS, RESPECTFUL, FAIR towards the players & Coaches and keep the matches SAFE.

Jersey Conflicts –HOME Team changes or wears pennies

Home team – should provide three game balls

Gametimes:

U8 – Two 20-minute halves

U10 – Two 25-minute halves

U11 - Two 30-minute halves (Select/Metro)

U12 - Two 30-minute halves

U14 - Two 35-minute halves

U16 - Two 40-minute halves

U19 - Two 45 Minute halves

HALFTIME is 5 minutes

Referee recommendations

U8 & U10 Dual man-system

U12-U19 Three man-system

All select/metro games must have 3 currently certified referees (No Exceptions)

If we have a RED Card, please have your referee completely fill out the attached 24 hour send off form and IMMEDIATELY submit it and the player pass to Sarah Najarro. Also - please email me if your referee issues a RED CARD....

When referees are faced with loud and dissenting coaches and/or parents - They should always start with this philosophy- ASK, TELL, then DISMISS if necessary. Ask the nicely to please be quiet, then tell them politely but sternly to be quiet - if it persists and is causing issues for the referee and there is no other alternatives -then dismiss the parent or coach.....

Tobacco, Alcohol and Foul/ Abusive language is NOT tolerated under any circumstances

** Club Managers - tell your PARENTS to NOT bring dogs to the games - these are soccer matches for the kids -you don't need to bring your dog....

If you have any questions, please call me... Good luck with your games !!

Bruce Mattos, SYSL Head Referee