



## SPRING 2010 – REFEREE GUIDANCE



1. Referee Game Signups
  - a. Referee game signups will be handled on-line using Schedules Etc. as in 2009.
    - i. You will be able to see and sign up for all games that you are qualified for on any field in the Area 11-L gaming circuit
  - b. U08 Games only require a Referee (Center)
  - c. U10 – U19 need 3 Officials
    - i. Referee (Center)
    - ii. 2 Asst Referees
  - d. Games that do not have a Referee (Center) signed up by Thursday at 9 pm before the game weekend will be cancelled. Once cancelled, the game will not reinstated.
  - e. Each Referee will be listed with Last Name, First Name, Badge Level and Region
  - f. Referee rating
    - i. All Referees have limitations set by their Region/Area 11-L for their Center and AR up to age limit. This is based on ability, experience and badge level using reasonable criteria
    - ii. A Referee/Asst Referee rating increase can be requested at any time. This is subject to on field performance, badge level and may require a field assessment.
    - iii. A Referee/Asst Referee rating may be decreased using the same criteria as above.
  - g. Only Referees/Asst Referees that are registered FS2009 volunteers in eAYSO and that have a Referee badge certification in eAYSO are allowed to officiate games. Contact your local Regional Referee Administrator for issues with this.
2. Neutral Referees
  - a. The goal is to have neutral Referees (Centers and Asst Referees) on all games; however, in order to get a 3-person Ref team on the games, it is permissible for affiliated Referees to sign up for games on Wed before the game weekend. See the procedures below if an affiliated Referee signs up for a game
  - b. Home Region referees have first priority pick for signups until 1 week before the game date
    - i. This is an honor system where each Region will monitor the Ref signups. Officials may be unassigned for violation of this.
3. Affiliated Referees (have a relationship to the team playing (son, daughter or other relative).
  - a. Only sign up for coverage of a last resort and wait until the Wed before the game weekend
  - b. Inform the other officials on the game and both Coaches
  - c. Asst Referees need concurrence of both Coaches to call Offside/Fouls. Otherwise they are limited to calling the ball in and out of Touch.
4. Playing Team Check-in
  - a. **Coaches are required to be wearing a green Spring 2010 ID card in order to check in a team and/or be coaching**, in the technical area, during the game. Minimum of one (1), maximum of two (2) coaches per game. All other adults/spectators are to remain three (3) yards behind the touchline and are to refrain from coaching. In the event that the Coach ID card requirement is not met by either or both participating teams, the referee/referees are to abandon the match and file a Game Misconduct Report documenting same.

#### 4. Playing Team Check-in (cont'd)

- b. Each team provides a game line-up card
  - i. Each player's name and jersey number must be listed
  - ii. Call out the player's name and validate the jersey number
- c. Perform a player safety check
  - i. No Hard casts or splits allowed
  - ii. Preventative medical devices (like knee braces) are allowed provided they pose no danger to the other players or to the player themselves. Plastic Knee braces are generally OK
  - iii. No visible jewelry allowed
  - iv. The Referee on the game is the final determinant for player safety where a reasonable person perspective should be used.
- d. Field Safety
  - i. The Referee is the final determinant for field safety
  - ii. Portable goal frames must be anchored
    - i. Sand bags or other method of anchoring the goal frame is acceptable if they are not staked down.
- e. Game (Misconduct) Reports
  - i. All individuals Sent Off from the game (players, Coaches, Spectators) and all Cautions issued must be reported to Area 11-L within 24 hours (sooner is better) using the Area 11-L Misconduct Report on-line reporting system.
  - ii. Reports should only state the facts and not recommend anything
  - iii. Players who leave the game injured should be reported with the on-line reporting system as well as any other items the Referee would like to report (i.e. games abandoned – no Coach ID card).
  - iv. Reports filed are distributed to Area 11-L, each playing team's region's Regional Commissioner and Regional Referee Administrator.
- f. Game Score Reporting
  - i. Each Coach is responsible for reporting the game score
  - ii. Referees do not determine who wins or loses or forfeits; Referees report game scores when the game was ended if a Game Report is filed.
    - i. Any game terminated early must have a Game Report filed within 24 hours with the reason why.
- g. Team Volunteer Point systems/Regional Play Requirements
  - i. Area 11-L has NO volunteer point requirement, but your local Region may; please contact your Region for any questions related to getting "game credit".
  - ii. Regional Play requirements (i.e.  $\frac{3}{4}$  play, number of quarters a player may play in goal, etc.) may remain in force for any given team, but the referee is not to mandate such requirements for the other team in the match.
- h. Rain Outs
  - i. The Area 11-L website "Mudline" page is the authoritative source for game rain outs.
  - ii. Field open/closed status should be posted by 7:00 AM of game day
  - iii. Once a field is closed, it stays closed for the entire day.