

Spring/Fall 2003
Referee Handbook



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Important MYSL Contact Info

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Middlesex League Referee Web Site (referee pay forms, league rules, league procedures, league referee news):

<http://www.myslref.org>

Middlesex Youth Soccer League Web Site (League information, standings, and news)

<http://www.mysl.net>

Massachusetts State Referee Committee Web Site:

<http://www.massref.net>

Massachusetts Youth Soccer Association Web Site:

<http://www.mayouthsoccer.org>

Dates To Remember for 2003

MYSL Spring Season Start	Saturday April 5, 2003
Memorial Day Weekend	Saturday, May 24, 2003 Sunday, May 25, 2003 Monday, May 26, 2003
2002 Snickers State Cup (Round-Robin matches)	Saturday, May 31, 2003 Sunday, June 1, 2003 Saturday, June 7, 2003 Sunday, June 8, 2003
MYSL Spring Season Ends	Sunday, June, 8, 2003
League Playoffs	June 9-13, 2003
2002 Commissioner's Cup	Saturday, June 15, 2003 Sunday, June 16, 2003
Massachusetts Tournament of Champions (MTOC)	Friday, June 20, 2003 Saturday, June 21, 2003 Sunday, June 22, 2003
Labor Day Weekend	Saturday, August 30, 2003 Sunday, August 31, 2003 Monday, September 1, 2003
MYSL Fall Season Start	Saturday, September 6, 2003
MYSL Fall Season Ends	Saturday, October, 25, 2003

Rules and Procedures For MYSL Referees

Laws of the Game

FIFA Laws of the Game shall govern all games except as noted below:

(MYSL modifications to the Laws for U10 matches are located in appendix B)

- **Substitutions**
 - An unlimited number of players may be substituted. Any substituted player may re-enter the match during subsequent substitutions
 - Substitutes should leave and enter the field at the half line.
 - Substitutions may occur under the following conditions:
 - prior to a throw-in, but only in favor of the throwing team
 - prior to a goal kick for either team
 - after a goal by either team
 - at half-time
 - After a caution, the cautioned player only *may* be substituted
 - An injured player must be replaced if play is stopped, and:
 - The injured player should be removed from the field *when it is safe to do so*.
 - The opposing team should be given the opportunity to substitute a number of players equal to that which left the field for the injured team.
- **Time of Match**
 - All matches played in the MYSL are played according to the following schedule:
 - U10 – 2 equal halves of 25 minutes
 - U12 – 2 equal halves of 30 minutes
 - U14 – 2 equal halves of 35 minutes
 - U16 – 2 equal halves of 40 minutes
 - U18 – 2 equal halves of 45 minutes
 - U19 – 2 equal halves of 45 minutes
 - Half-time shall be five (5) minutes
 - All matches should be played fully
 - Time should be added for injury, time-wasting, and other losses of time not connected with play. Any time added is at the discretion of the Referee.
 - There will be NO overtime periods played in the regular season.
- **Playoff Matches**
 - All playoff matches shall be played to full regulation time as prescribed above.
 - If there is no winner at the end of regulation time the referee shall play an overtime according to the following schedule:
 - U14 and below – 2 equal halves of 10 minutes
 - U16 and above – 2 equal halves of 15 minutes
 - No half-time period is allowed between the halves
 - A coin toss should be performed prior to the start of the overtime period in accordance with FIFA Law 8.
 - If there is no winner at the end of the overtime then the winner shall be determined using FIFA Kicks From The Penalty Mark procedures.
- **The Ball**
 - For all U10 and U12 matches a size four (4) ball will be used.
 - For all U14 and above matches a size five (5) ball will be used.

Referee Procedures

The MYSL requires that referees follow the procedures listed below in accordance with MYSL Rules:

- **Pre-Game Procedures**
 - It is recommended that referees arrive 30 minutes in advance of game time. Referees **MUST** arrive at the field at least 15 minutes in advance of the kickoff.
 - A field inspection should be performed as the first task of the referee:
 - Check the nets, are they anchored properly?
 - Check for foreign objects on the field
 - Check for proper markings
 - Check for exposed sprinkler heads
 - Check for dangerous ruts
 - Have the home coach correct any problems with the field.
 - Introduce yourself to the coaches
 - Obtain two (2) copies of the rosters from each coach. (the game **CANNOT** be played without them)
 - Obtain the coach and player passcards from each coach (except U10)
 - Obtain the MYSL Referee Report card from the home coach.
 - Player Inspection
 - Every player must have the following equipment
 - a jersey or shirt with a visible number
 - shorts
 - stockings
 - shin guards
 - Shin guards should provide adequate protection and must be covered entirely by the socks
 - footwear (soft soccer cleats or sneakers)
 - Players shall not wear the following at any time during a match:
 - jewelry of any type
 - all hard casts (even if padded)
 - any other equipment the referee determines is dangerous to another player
 - The referee shall check the pass cards of each player during the inspection and shall assure the following:
 - The player is on the roster
 - The player presenting the card is that player
 - The birth date of the player on the pass card is proper for the age group
 - That the pass card has the stamp of the Boys or Girls Commissioner clearly shown on it.

MYSL Policy on Thunderstorms and Game Play

It cannot be understated that lightning is extremely dangerous and has the potential to cause serious injury or death if a person is struck by it. As referees in the MYSL it is your responsibility to ensure the safety of the players under your charge. ***Any time lightning is visible it is the responsibility of the referee to stop the match in progress and order the players from the field.*** Failure to do this opens you as the referee and the league up to serious liability.

The MYSL instructs its referees to adhere to the following policy regarding lightning:

- 1) If a referee hears thunder the referee should immediately begin to keep an eye on the sky for any sign of visible lightning.
- 2) At the first sign of lightning the referee is instructed to ***immediately*** stop the match and move the players from the field. Even if the lightning event only lasts for a short while *it is far better to err on the side of safety as opposed to allowing players to remain in a potentially dangerous situation.*
- 3) The referee should then wait 15-30 minutes (depending on how quickly the storm moves off) before attempting to restart the match. If after 30 minutes it appears as though the thunderstorm will not abate or that field conditions have deteriorated to the point where they are unplayable the referee may elect to abandon the match. If this happens the referee is required to file a report with the league.
- 4) If the match is resumed then it should resume with the proper restart appropriate for how the game was stopped.

- **Team No Shows**
 - If a team does not have the minimum number of players (7 players) at the field and ready to play at game time, you must wait for them for an additional 15 minutes after game time.
 - If, after 15 minutes have elapsed, the team still has not arrived, you are allowed to leave the field.
 - If this happens, immediately file a report with the Boys or Girls Commissioner.

- **Unplayable Fields**
 - If, in your opinion, a field is unplayable or endangers the safety of the players you may declare the field unplayable and abandon the match.
 - Reasons for this include, but are not limited to:
 - Water covering a large portion of the field or substantially in front of the goal mouth.
 - No markings/nets at all
 - Dangerous obstructions on the field that cannot be cleared
 - If you do declare a field unplayable, *do not* tell the coaches what the result of this will be. Tell them to contact the league after you have filed your report. Return home and inform the Boys or Girls Commissioner or the Referee Coordinator immediately!
 - If there will be matches following the one you have abandoned, you **MUST** inform the town coordinator where the match was to be played. Please refer to Appendix C for town coordinator information.

- **Misconduct Procedures**
 - *During a match if you should give a yellow card, remember to do the following:*
 - Record the number of the player
 - Record the reason for the Yellow Card. According to FIFA Laws Of The Game Yellow Cards are given for the following reasons:
 - Unsporting Behavior
 - Dissent
 - persistent infringement of the Laws
 - delaying restart of play
 - failure to respect the 10 yard distance on corner kicks or for free kicks
 - entering or re-entering the field of play without the referee's permission
 - deliberately leaving the field of play without the referee's permission
 - The coach may ask to substitute the carded player. Please allow this to occur. You must **NOT** require the player to leave the field after the caution.

- *During a match if you should give a red card, remember to do the following:*
 - Record the number of the player
 - Record the reason. Reasons for a Red Card are:
 - Serious Foul Play
 - Violent Conduct
 - Spitting
 - Denying the opponent a goal or an obvious goal-scoring opportunity by deliberately handling the ball. (This does not apply to the goalkeeper in his own penalty area)
 - Denying an opponent, moving towards the goal, an obvious goal-scoring opportunity by an offence punishable by a free kick or penalty kick
 - Using offensive, insulting, or abusive language and/or gestures.
 - Receiving a second caution in the same match
 - Inform the player that he/she must leave the playing field and complex immediately. With younger players (U14's and below) it is sufficient that the player returns to the sideline where the coach will be held accountable for that player and his/her conduct. U16's and above MUST leave the area as stated in the Laws Of The Game.
 - *DO NOT* restart the match until the sent off player has left the area to your satisfaction
 - At half-time, or at the end of the match, check the roster for the player's name and find his pass card. **DO NOT RETURN THIS CARD TO THE COACH, RETAIN IT TO SEND IN WITH YOUR REPORT!**
- *Coach Dismissal*
 - Inform the coach that he must leave the playing field and complex. **DO NOT** display the red card.
 - Wait for the coach to leave the area. If the coach refuses to leave the area and no one is available to assist you, abandon the match immediately.
 - At half-time or at the end of the match you **MUST** retain the coach's pass card.

USSF Game Report Procedures (*IMPORTANT*)

- USSF Game Reports are REQUIRED for the following reasons:
 - Yellow Cards
 - Red Cards/Coach Dismissal
 - Serious Injuries
 - Any unusual incidents that affect the game or the outcome
- USSF Game Report forms are available from:
 - <http://www.myslref.org>
 - <http://www.massref.net>
 - <http://www.ussoccer.com>
 - MYSL Referee Coordinator
 - Massachusetts State Referee Committee
- Please refer to the end of this handbook for examples of the USSF Game Report
- If you are filling out a report for a Yellow Card then just the primary report form is required.
- If you are filling out a report for a red card/coach dismissal, serious injury, or unusual incident the supplemental report is required in addition to the primary report.
- The supplemental report should contain a complete description of the incident/injury. Please include *only the facts* of the incident. Do not embellish the story or include any personal feelings. Simply tell what you saw or heard and nothing more.
- When reporting misconduct you MUST use ONLY the reasons for Yellow and Red cards described in this handbook or in FIFA Laws of the Game. For example, a Yellow Card is NEVER reported as Serious Foul Play, and a Red Card is NEVER reported as Unsporting Behavior. No other reasons other than those listed here are valid for either type of card!
- *If the correct reason for the misconduct is not used then the report is subject to appeal and the ruling is subject to being overturned.*
- Be sure to send your **completed** and **signed** original report and any **player or coach pass cards** to the **Boys or Girls Commissioner**. Please see the front section of this handbook for address information.
- Be sure to also send a **copy** of your report, either by mail or e-mail, to the Referee Coordinator.
- In the event of a serious incident the Referee should notify the Referee Coordinator or Commissioner that day and then send the report.
- ***In all cases, referee reports MUST be filed within 48 hours of any incident.***

MYSL Referee Pay Scale

- MYSL Referees are paid according to the following schedule:
 - U 10 Match - \$15.00/game
 - U12 Center Referee - \$20.00/game U12 AR - \$10.00/game
 - U14 Center Referee - \$25.00/game U14 AR - \$12.50/game
 - U16 Center Referee - \$50.00/game U16 AR - \$25.00/game
 - U18 Center Referee - \$50.00/game U18 AR - \$25.00/game
 - U19 Center Referee - \$50.00/game U19 AR - \$25.00/game
- If you are a referee doing a U16-19 match by yourself, the pay scale for those games is the following:
 - U16-19 Single Referee - \$75.00/game
- If you wish to claim the additional fee for doing a U16-19 game alone, please be sure to have the “Single Referee Verification” area on the back of your pay card filled out. Any pay card that does not have this area filled out will be paid at the regular rate.
- If you are selected to referee in an MYSL playoff match. The pay scale for referees doing these matches will be the following:
 - U12-14 - Center Referee - \$30.00/game AR - \$20.00/game
 - U16-19 - Center Referee - \$50.00/game AR - \$35.00/game

Administrative Procedures

○ MYSL Game Report/Payment Voucher

- For every game that you do an MYSL Game Report must be filled out. The completed report looks like this:

MIDDLESEX YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE
FALL/SPRING
REFEREE REPORT & PAYMENT VOUCHER

(Please Circle): AGE LEVEL

Boys Under / 19 18 16 **14** 12
Girls Under / 19 18 16 14 12

(Please Circle): Division **I** II III IV

Date of Match 4/7/01 Time 1:00pm
Home Team Billerica Shirt Color Green
Coach Signature [Signature] Score 1
Visiting Team Woburn Shirt Color Orange
Coach Signature [Signature] Score 1
Referee's Name (Sign) [Signature]
Referee's Name (Print) Brian D. Tremont
Address 382 Ocean Ave.
City or Town, State, Zip Revere, Ma 02151
Social Security # 000-00-0000

ATTENTION: All ejection(s), player/coach ID cards with letter to be sent to either the Boys or Girls Commissioners.
FOR PAYMENT: Enclose this card with completed MYSL Referee Payment Voucher form at the END of the season, and send to:

JOHN R. GALLAGHER
10 Wiley St.
Woburn, Ma 01801

- You usually obtain this report from the home coach at the field where your match is being played. If for some reason the coach doesn't have this card you can have extra cards with you by obtaining them at:
 - <http://www.myslref.org>
- This report is the **official** record of the match and **MUST** be complete.
- Be sure to **legibly** fill in:
 - Age Group
 - Division
 - Date of Match
 - Home Team Name
 - Shirt Color
 - Away Team Name
 - Shirt Color
 - Home and Away Score
 - Your signature
 - Your Name, Address, and Social Security Number
- Make sure to have both the home and away coach sign the card **BEFORE THE START OF THE MATCH**.
- Retain this card, after the match, in your file. You will need to send this and all other cards in at the end of the season.
- If you are doing a U16, 18, or 19 match and you are the only referee working the match, be sure to have the home and away coach sign the "Single Referee Verification" area on the back of the pay card.

- **MYSL Referee Pay Sheet**

- Every referee must fill out the pay sheet. The sheet can be obtained from the following sources:
 - <http://www.myslref.org>
 - MYSL Referee Coordinator
 - MYSL Treasurer
- The sheet looks like this:

- Every sheet must include the following information:
 - Referee Name
 - Address
 - City or Town
 - State and Zip
 - Telephone number
 - Social Security Number (**MANDATORY**)
- Be sure to fill in all the information from the game cards onto the grid on this sheet:
 - R or L for whether you acted as Referee or Linesman in the match
 - Date of the match
 - Time of the match
 - Sex and Age Group
 - Home Team
 - Away Team
 - Home/Away Score
- Once this information has been filled out completely, sign and date your form.
- Mail the form **BEFORE THE DEADLINE DATE** to the Treasurer.

- **Zero Tolerance**

- MYSL Rule 27 states:
 - “Coaches and assistant coaches must set a proper example for their team by conducting themselves properly, supporting the referees and assisting in maintaining order before, during and after the game. They are responsible for their fans who shall not be permitted to disrupt the game or direct verbal or physical abuse to players and/or referees. Failure to comply with this Rule may result in a suspension for the individual, loss of home games for the team, or other penalties as determined by the Board of Directors.”
- NO Referee in the league should tolerate abuse from players, coaches or fans.
- Referees are directed to deal harshly with any incident of abuse during or after their game. This includes the removal of such person or persons from the playing field.
- All incidents of abuse should IMMEDIATELY be reported to the Referee Coordinator who shall then report any such incidents to the President, Commissioners, and the Sportsmanship Committee.
- The league DOES NOT tolerate the verbal or physical abuse of referees, players, team staff, or spectators and will deal accordingly with those who violate Rule 27.


APPENDIX

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USSF Game Report Form
MYSL U10 Rules
MYSL Town Directors

Appendix A

USSF Game Report Forms


UNITED STATES SOCCER FEDERATION Revised 1/04
REFEREE REPORT
This report must be mailed within 48 hours after completion of game to proper authorities.

GAME: FC Greater Boston 1 vs. Javerius USA Soccer Club 2	
<small>Home Team</small>	<small>Visiting Team</small>
<small>State Association/ Professional League</small> Massachusetts Youth Soccer	<small>Division/ Age Group</small> BU 14
<small>Date of Game</small> April 2 2008	<small>Referee</small> Brian Treaner
<small>Field and Address</small> Elm Brook, MA	<small>Scheduled Time</small> 1:00p <small>Actual Kick-off</small> 1:05p <small>End of Game</small> 2:30p <small>Score at Half Time</small> 1-1

<small>REFEREE</small> Brian D. Treaner	<small>Grade</small> T	<small>SSN</small> 054 - 54 - 4278
<small>A Referee #1</small>	<small>Grade</small> SSU	
<small>A Referee #2</small>	<small>Grade</small> SSU	
<small>A Referee #3</small>	<small>Grade</small> SSU	

Field Conditions

<small>Was the home team on the field on time?</small> Yes	<small>If not, how late?</small>	<small>Weather</small> Sunny	<small>Partly Cloudy</small>
<small>Was the visiting team on the field on time?</small> Yes	<small>If not, how late?</small>	<small>No. of Spectators</small> 20-25	<small>approx.</small>
		<small>Marking of Field</small>	<small>Full</small>

Players Names of the home team were reviewed and checked.
Players Names of the visiting team were reviewed and checked.
Line-up of the home team is not disclosed.
Line-up of the visiting team is not disclosed.
*Without Names I am to not disclose.
A supplementary form explaining circumstances must accompany any unusual situations.

Review injuries during the game

Name	Team	Part No.	Team	Nature of Injury

Players cautioned during the game


Name	Team	Part No.	Team	Type of Misconduct
Christopher Liggett	MA	N/A	FC Greater Boston	Unsporting Behavior (Goal Kick)

Players sent off the field - player names must be retained and returned to the proper authority with this report.

Name	Team	Part No.	Team	Type of Misconduct
Charles Hernandez	MA	N/A	Javerius USA	Violent Conduct

CI received _____ Phone # (617) 491-4368
CI did not receive _____ Date April 2 2008
Be return to: _____ Referee Signature: _____

For without penalty, severe injury or other substantial circumstances, a photo may need to go to Federation headquarters, 1700 K Street NE, Washington, DC 20002
 ussocer@ussf.net


UNITED STATES SOCCER FEDERATION
REFEREE REPORT
This report must be mailed within 48 hours after completion of game to proper authorities.

GAME: Medford 1 vs. Wachusett 2	
<small>Home Team</small>	<small>Visiting Team</small>
<small>State Association/ Professional League</small> Massachusetts Youth Soccer	<small>Division/ Age Group</small> BU 14
<small>Date of Game</small> 4/29/08	<small>Referee</small> Brian Treaner

Describe Any Unusual Incident:

This report will describe the events leading up to the send-off of [redacted] of Medford, from the BU14 match played between Medford and Wachusett at Plymout Park, Medford on April 29, 2008.

At the 13th minute of play Wachusett was in the process of attacking the Medford goal just after a corner kick. A Wachusett player about 12-14 yards away from the goal took a shot directly on the goal. [redacted] was standing on the goal line as a defender, not as the goalkeeper, and he saw this ball coming toward him, reached out his hand and stopped the ball with his hand following it from entering the goal. Had [redacted] not been in the way, the ball would have gone directly into the net. Since this was judged to be a goal denied by a deliberate handling of the ball I sent [redacted] off from the field of play pursuant to the LAWS of the Game, Law 12 - Fouls and Misconduct, Sending-Off Offenses, #4. The player left the field of play without any incident.

It is also worthy to note that on or about the 10th minute of play it was necessary for me to caution (without display of the yellow card) the coach of the Wachusett team, [redacted] for dissent. After the warning was issued [redacted] did not engage in any further dissent for the remainder of the match.

Remarks:

Referee Signature: _____ **Report Date:** 4/29/08
Phone #: (617) 491-4368 **SSN:** 014-54-4278

Distribution: State Association / League / Referee OCSF

Appendix B

MIDDLESEX YOUTH SOCCER UNDER-10 RULES

Unless otherwise specified below, all under-10 matches will abide by the Rules of the Middlesex Youth Soccer League.

1. Field of Play

- A. Dimensions. The field should be 40 to 50 yards wide and 60 to 70 yards long. This is the ideal size for 6 v 6 soccer. Fields should come as close to these dimensions as possible in order to insure that no team gains an advantage due to an oversized or undersized field.
- B. Markings. The field of play should be distinctly marked with lines of not more than five (5) inches wide. The field is divided into two halves by a halfway line. The center mark is indicated at the midpoint of the halfway line. A circle with a radius of eight (8) yards is marked around it. A quarter circle with a radius of eighteen (18) inches from each corner flag will mark the corner arc.
- C. Goal Area. A goal area is defined at each end of the field by two lines drawn at right angles to the goal line, six (6) yards from the inside of each goal post. These lines extend into the field of play for six (6) yards and are joined by a line drawn parallel with the goal line.
- D. Penalty Area. A penalty area is defined at each end of the field by two lines drawn at right angles to the goal line, fourteen (14) yards from the inside of each goal post. These lines extend into the field of play for fourteen (14) yards and are joined by a line drawn parallel with the goal line.
- E. Goals. Goals must be placed on the center of each goal line. Goals should have a minimum size of six (6) feet tall and twelve (12) feet wide. All goals must be secured to the ground so as to maintain stability and minimize the risk of falling over.

2. Ball

- A. Size. A size four (4) ball will be used for all under-10 matches.
- B. Replacement. The ball may not be changed or replaced during the match without the permission of the referee.

3. **Number of Players**

- A. Roster. Referees shall assure that proper rosters are obtained from each coach prior to every match. A proper roster is one that has the stamp of the Boys or Girls Commissioner on it and has listed on it the name and date of birth of every player playing in the game.
- B. Players. A match is played by two teams, each consisting of not more than six (6) players, one of whom is the goalkeeper. A match may not start, or continue, if either team consists of fewer than four (4) players who are able to play.
- C. Playing Time. Each player should play a minimum of 40% (20 minutes) of the total playing time.
- D. Substitutions. All substitutes should enter and leave the field at the halfway line. Players on the field may be replaced by a substitute under one of the following conditions:
 - 1) prior to a throw-in in your team's favor,
 - 2) prior to a goal kick by either team,
 - 3) after a goal by either team,
 - 4) after an injury by either team when the referee stops play (one player only), or
 - 5) at half-time.
- E. Coed Teams. Teams may be coed but, if coed, the team must be placed in a boys division.

4. **Coaches/Supervision**

- A. Coaches. Each team must have a designated head coach and may have up to two (2) assistant coaches.
- B. Supervision. For each team, a registered coach or assistant coach must be present during the entire game. If no such coach is present, or if the coach is ejected or leaves the game for other reasons, the referee may accept another person, but not a player, as the substitute coach. The game will not be played or continued if the referee, at anytime, decides that no proper supervision is present. If the referee abandons the game, a forfeit will be assessed at the discretion of the Age Director.

5. Player's Equipment

A. Required Equipment. The required equipment of a player is:

- 1) a jersey or shirt
- 2) shorts
- 3) stockings
- 4) shinguards
- 5) footwear

B. Shinguards. Shinguards are to be made of a suitable material in order to provide a reasonable degree of protection and must be covered entirely by the stockings during the match.

C. Footwear. The footwear shall be soft soccer cleats or sneakers.

D. Goalkeeper. Each goalkeeper shall wear colors which distinguish him/her from the other players and from the referee.

E. Restrictions. The following articles are not to be worn or allowed during a match:

- 1) jewelry of any type,
- 2) hard casts (even if padded), or
- 3) any other equipment the referee determines is dangerous to another player.

6. Referee

A. A currently registered referee shall be used for all matches.

B. Referees shall be assigned by the **HOME** team club's referee assignor.

C. Referees are encouraged to explain all infractions of the Laws of the Game to the offending player(s) as the progress of the match permits. Due to the age of the players, such explanations are viewed as a method to educate the younger player.

7. Linesmen (Assistant Referees)

A. Linesmen may be used at the discretion of the referee, if necessary.

B. The linesmen only responsibility shall be to indicate, to the referee, whether the ball is out of play.

8. **Duration of the Match**

- A. Periods of Play. The match shall be divided into two (2) equal halves of twenty-five (25) minutes each.
- B. Half-Time. The half-time interval shall be five (5) minutes.
- C. Allowance for Time Lost. The allowance for time lost in either period is at the discretion of the referee.

9. **Start of Play**

- A. Preliminaries. Prior to the beginning of play, the referee shall summons a captain(s) from each team to the center of the field for the coin toss. The visiting team shall call the coin toss. The team which wins the coin toss decides which goal it will attack in the first half of the match. The other team takes the kick-off to start the match. The team which wins the coin toss takes the kick-off to start the second half of the match.
- B. Kick-off. A kick-off is a way of starting (or restarting) play. All players shall be in their own half of the field. All players of the opposing team shall be at least eight (8) yards from the ball until it is in play. With the ball stationary on the center mark, the referee shall give a signal to start play. The ball is in play when it is kicked and moves forward. The kicker shall not touch the ball a second time until it has touched another player. A goal may be scored on a kick-off.

10. **Ball In and Out of Play**

- A. Out of Play. The ball is out of play when:
 - 1) it has wholly crossed the goal line or touch line whether on the ground or in the air, or
 - 2) play has been stopped by the referee.
- B. In Play. The ball in is play at all other times including when:
 - 1) it rebounds from a goal post, crossbar or corner flagpost and remain in the field of play, or
 - 2) it rebounds off the referee when he/she is on the field of play.

11. **Method of Scoring**

- A. Goal Scored. A goal is scored when the whole of the ball passes over the goal line, between the goal posts, and under the crossbar provided that no infringement of the Laws of the Game has been committed previously by the team scoring the goal. A goal may be scored on a kick-off.
- B. Winning Team. The team scoring the greater number of goals during a match is the winner. If both teams score an equal number of goals, or if no goals are scored, the match is a draw (tie).

12. Off-Side

The off-side rule does not apply in an under-10 match.

13. Fouls and Misconduct

- A. Conformance. During a match, conformance will be with all FIFA Laws of the Game except as otherwise noted.
- B. Exceptions. The following exceptions to the FIFA Laws of the Game will pertain to all under-10 matches:
 - 1) there are no penalty kicks.
 - 2) there is no off-side.
 - 3) goal kicks and goalkeeper punts must bounce or be played in the kicking team's own half of the field.

14. Free Kicks

All free kicks will conform to the FIFA Laws of the Game with the exception that an opponent must be eight (8) yards from the ball before the kick is allowed.

15. Penalty Kicks

No penalty kicks shall be awarded to or taken by either team. All fouls committed inside the penalty area that would normally result in a penalty kick will be moved outside the penalty area to the point closest to where the foul was committed and a direct free kick awarded.

16. Throw-ins

All throw-ins will conform to the FIFA Laws of the Game.

17. Goal Kick

- A. Awarded. A goal kick is awarded when the whole of the ball, having last touched a player of the attacking team, passes over the goal line, either on the ground or in the air, and a goal is not scored.
- B. Procedure. The ball is kicked from any point within the goal area by a player of the defending team. Opponents remain outside the penalty area until the ball is in play. The ball is in play when it is kicked beyond the penalty area; the ball may not be played or touched until it has exited the penalty area. The kicker shall not play the ball a second time until it has touched another player.
- C. Infringement/Sanctions. Goal kicks must bounce or be played in the kicking teams own half of the field by either team or there is a loss of the ball to the opposing team. An indirect kick is awarded to the opposing team at the halfway line at the point nearest the point of the infraction.

This rule also applies when the goalkeeper, after making a save, punts or drop-kicks the ball into play.

18. **Corner Kick**

All corner kicks will conform to the FIFA Laws of the Game with the exception that an opponent must be eight (8) yards from the ball before the kick is allowed.

19. **Certified Rosters and Identification Cards**

- A. Certified Rosters. A certified roster shall be that roster reviewed by and stamped with the appropriate Commissioner's name prior to the beginning of the season. Adds/Drops to the original certified roster will be in the form of a supplemental roster attached to the original certified roster. Before the match, each coach will hand to the referee two copies of the team's certified roster which must indicate each player's name, date of birth and shirt number. The referee shall pass on one copy of the team's certified roster to the opposing coach.
- B. Identification Cards. During the Spring Season, each coach and assistant coach(s) will have in their possession an identification card properly stamped by the appropriate Commissioner. Identification cards shall be made available to the referee upon his/her request.
- C. Missing Roster(s). If either team fails to submit copies of the certified roster before the match, the game may be played at the discretion of the referee. It will be the responsibility of the opposing coach to report this violation to the Age Director. If the referee abandons the game, a forfeit will be assessed at the discretion of the Age Director.

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