

MYSA 2017 Referee Guide

Referees,

Please read this preseason guide as several things have changed for MYSA Youth games:

U12 – 9v9, 30 Min half, 16 max on roster, All can be dressed.

MYSA rule change effective 4/1/17: No heading at all U12 games and below:

If a player heads the ball intentionally the referee is to stop the game and restart with an indirect free kick for the opposing team. Advantage can be played here, for example if a defending player intentionally heads the ball and it still goes into the goal. In this case a goal is awarded.

U13-U14 – 11v11 35 min half, 22 max on roster, 18 max can dress for game

U15-U19 11v11 40 min half, 22 max on roster, 18 max can dress for a game

If U17-u19 teams are only scheduled for one game a day they may play 45 min half

Red Card procedure -

The player now MUST leave the technical area with a team representative. They can only leave with bench personnel with a bench pass that is on the roster. It could also be a club representative with a 2016 club admin pass. If only one adult with a bench pass is present the game will be temporarily suspended while that person escorts the red carded player off. The coach must return after several minutes or the game will be abandoned. That player is allowed to stay on the fan side of the field however they must remain quiet.

Lost time will be added if the local schedule allows and up to the referee to determine how much time will be added.

Check In –

All players U10-U19 and all bench personal must be on official signed state roster. They all must also have player cards or coach / manager pass. “Administrative Field Pass 2016” will also work for bench personal. Coaches cannot write in a player on the roster.

Electronic check in is allowed beginning April 1, 2017. The electronic forms must be digital copies of the official signed state roster and player/coach pass. **Gotsoccer team roster is not allowed.**

Concussion -

If you suspect someone may have taken a hard ball to the head or hit their head please have the team officials (coach, manager, trainer) evaluate them. If the team official says they are fit to come back on, let them enter the game. If you determine a player is showing signs and

symptoms of a concussion after witnessing them hit their head take them to the bench and do not allow them to return.

Common Sense –

Please remember your goal in these games is to be **Fair Safe and Fun.**

We want all players, coaches, fans and referees to have a good time and enjoy the sport.

Weather can be cold so please allow everyone to wear hats gloves pants etc. Try to keep everyone as uniform as possible but protected from the weather. You still need to know who is on what team.

Game Reports –

These are vital to MYSA knowing about serious issues like injuries and coach / fan and field problems. Please get the reports submitted in within 48 hours of the match. **Injuries are reported in the drop down area next to the yellow and red cards.** The narrative section is for additional comments on injuries, the overall game and other issues.

Recording sit outs: If a team has you sign a sit out form for a player serving a sit out please record it in the game report.

Double check the score is in the right place. Every year I have to fix 20+ games because they are recorded backwards.

Existing referees please check your background check on gotsoccer and make sure it is within 2 years.

If you are a new referee you must complete a background check if over 18 yrs and an age verification under the background check section if under 18.

Please refresh yourself on the rule changes. There are many! If you have any questions throughout the season, please let us know.

Thanks

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