

Community Soccer Club

Referee Game Guidelines

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Scoring Policy

In an attempt to ensure the enjoyment of the game by all players and fans, while not unduly reducing playing time for the players, the following policy will apply to help control excessive goal differentials between teams:

In the event one team achieves an advantage over its opponent by:

- 4 goals - coach will move the scoring player(s) to the defensive end;
- 5 goals - all future shots must be taken from outside the penalty area (18 yard box);
- 6 goals - scoring players will be subbed out for 10 minutes or the remainder of the period, whichever is less.

Coaches are expected to cooperate with the spirit of this rule by adjusting positioning and skill levels of the players on the field to maintain, to the extent practical, parity between teams. This may include teams trading players for a period or two to even out the competition.

Kindergarten (Division Coordinator: Vic Johnson)

Teams play 5 v 5 with no goalkeeper. One coach from each team is allowed on the field to help the players with their positions and to give instructions on technique. A second coach may be positioned off the field behind the goal if desired. Coaches are not permitted to interfere with play or to enter the goal arc at either end. A size 3 ball is used. Play is four (4) eight-minute periods with two-minute breaks at quarters and a five-minute break at half time. Players get two chances on throw-ins, and referees and coaches are urged to instruct them on proper technique. Offside is not to be called. Defending players cannot enter the circular area in front of the goal unless the ball is in the area. On all goal kicks the opposing team shall retire behind the midline. Referees are to call all hard body contact, even if not intentional. No slide tackling is permitted. No heading permitted. Game report forms are not required for kindergarten.

Grade 1 & 2 (Division Coordinator: Breanna Bohaychyk)

Rules are the same as above except as follows. Teams play 8 v 8 including the goalkeeper. A size 4 ball is used and play is four (4) ten-minute periods. No coaches are permitted behind the goals. Offside should only be called if it's blatant, and then only after a warning. Referees are to advise the players verbally so they begin to understand this law. Again, referees are to call all hard body contact and kicking, even if not intentional. No slide tackling is permitted. No heading is permitted. Game report forms are required.

Grade 3 & 4 (Division Coordinator: Jacob Pniewski)

Rules are the same as above except as follows. Teams play 9 v 9 including the goalkeeper. Coaching is allowed from the touch line at mid field only. A size 4 ball is used. Play is four (4) thirteen-minute periods. All laws, including throw-ins and offside, are enforced; however, referees may still use discretion in allowing second chances on illegally-executed throw-ins. Referees are encouraged to state what the infraction was so the players know what they did and what the corresponding punishment was. No slide tackling is permitted. No heading is permitted.

Grade 5 & 6 (Division Coordinator: Ty Hill)

Rules are the same as above except as follows. Teams play 10 v 10 including the goalkeeper. A size 4 ball is used. Play is two (2) thirty-five-minute periods. All laws, including throw-ins and offside, are enforced. No slide tackling is permitted. No heading is permitted.

Grades 7 - 9 (Division Coordinator: Meredith Myers Ryser)

Rules are the same as above except as follows. Teams play 11 v 11 including the goalkeeper. A size 5 ball is used. Play is two (2) forty-minute periods. Control of the game is more formal at this age level. The players should know the laws and explanations should not be necessary. However, the team captain may ask a question during a stoppage of play and, provided the question is asked politely and sincerely, referees are requested to answer honestly. Heading is permitted at this age level, but no slide tackling is permitted.

Referee Reminders

1. Please avoid wearing yellow jerseys if possible as they conflict with the players' jerseys.
2. Report any misbehavior by players, coaches or fans to a board member immediately after the game.
3. Make sure you have signed your Safe Kids form and concussion certificate and turned them in to the CSC Referee Coordinator. Also, if you are a new ref please turn in a signed IRS Form W-9.
4. If you are doing the last game on your field, do us a favor and bring the game ball back when you come up to collect your check. Leave the flags on the field.
5. Please be at the field 10 minutes before kick-off. If it's game day and you know you're going to be late, call the Ref Coordinator to let us know.
6. Please turn in your game report forms when picking up your check.

Field Layout (subject to change – see web site for current layout)

