

## Indianola Soccer Tribe Referee Quick Reference Guide

### Pre-Game

1. Arrive minimum of 20 mins prior to kickoff
2. All ref pre-game brief: assign AR sides, how to handle subs, other signals/expectations
3. Check in away team as a group
  - Intro yourself to coaches, get player cards, team check in/equipment check
4. Check in home team as a group
5. After teams checked in, call for captains and have visitors call coin toss for ball or field choice
6. 1-2 mins prior to start, blow whistle and call teams to the field to start game

### Halftime

Discuss how the first half went, things to watch for in second half, and things for each ref to work on/adjust

### End of game

1. Gather as group ~10 yards from where teams shake hands to observe
2. After teams are done, conduct post game referee huddle: how the game went, things to work on going forward, and if anything should be passed to referee coordinator (red cards/send offs, forfeit, abandoned game, issues with parents/coaches, or questions)

### U7/U8

- 2x20 min halves, 5 min halftime
- 4v4, size 3 ball, no goalies/offside

### U9/10

- 2x25 min halves, 10 min halftime
- 7v7 (min 6 to play), size 4 ball
- Offsides in effect, build out line is half line
- No punts/drop kicks/headers, award an indirect kick for the other team to restart

### U11/12

- 2x30 min halves, 10 min halftime
- 9v9 (min 7 to play), size 4 ball
- No build out line, goalies are allowed to punt/drop kick. Heading allowed in U12, **not U11**

### U13/14

- 2x35 min halves, 15 min halftime
- 11v11 (min 9 to play), size 5 ball

### U15/16

- 2x40 min halves, 15 min halftime
- 11v11 (min 9 to play), size 5 ball

### U17+

- 2x45 min halves, 15 min halftime
- 11v11 (min 9 to play), size 5 ball

## Infraction overview

### Physical contact fouls (law 12)

- Careless: whistle
- Reckless: Yellow
- Excessive: Red

### Cautionable offences

- Persistent infringement
  - Can be either an individual player or a team
  - No specific number defines persistent
- Unsporting Behavior
- Delaying restart of play
- Dissent by word or action
- Leaving/entering field of play without permission
- Stopping promising attack (SPA)
  - Denying obvious goal scoring opportunity (DOGSO is a red)

### Sending off offences

- DOGOS handball
- DOGSO foul
  - Considerations for DOGSO
    - Distance between offence and goal
    - Direction of play
    - Number and location of defenders
    - Possession of ball
- Serious Foul Play
- Biting or spitting
- Violent conduct
- Abusive language or gestures
- Second caution

### Offside

- Not on a throw in, goal kick, or corner kick or a deliberate play by an opponent (deflections don't count as a deliberate play)