

Soccer Referee Classroom Training

Spring 2026

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Coaches Talk and What we are going to do

Everything in this training

- Welcome/ Be Professional/ Tests
- Take Charge (First Job/ 14 years old)/ Coaches “Here to help” (Futures 11-13)
- Philosophy and spirit of the Rules (let them play) (Careless, Reckless, Dangerous)
- Laws of the Game 1-17 IFAB
- IFAB changes for this season (8 sec rule)
- Build out Line/ Philosophy
- Supplemental Reports/ Conduct

WELCOME

2026 REFEREE TRAINING

- PLEASE FILL OUT THE SIGN IN SHEET
- FIRST JOB FOR MANY
- MANY COMING BACK..... THANK YOU
- NYSAsports.COM
- CLASSROOM THEN FIELD TRAINING EVENT
 - OR GET CERTIFIED BY US SOCCER
- TEST

BE PROFESSIONAL

APPEARANCES MATTER AND SET THE TONE

- BE ON TIME AND BY THAT I MEAN BE A BIT EARLY
- WEAR YOUR REFEREE UNIFORM CORRECTLY
- BRING YOUR WHISTLE AND YOUR SHIRT WITH PATCH
- TUCK YOUR SHIRT IN
- BRING A WATCH TO KEEP TRACK OF TIME
- LEAVE YOUR PHONE IN YOUR POCKET OR WITH YOUR BAG

TAKE CHARGE

REFEREES OWN THE GAME FROM KICKOFF TO END OF MATCH

- KNOW YOUR SIGNALS
 - SIGNAL EARLY AND OFTEN..... YOU MUST SIGNAL
- WHISTLE LOUDLY AND CONFIDENTLY
- COACHES AND NYSA STAFF ARE HERE TO HELP YOU
- DO THESE – PLUS START OFF WITH A PROFESSIONAL UNIFORM AND YOU HAVE WON 75% OF ALL PARENT OR PLAYER BATTLES
- YOU HAVE THE POWER TO END THE GAME AT ANY TIME

THE PHILOSOPHY AND SPIRIT OF THE LAWS SOCCER (AKA FOOTBALL) IS THE GREATEST SPORT ON EARTH

- THE SAME RULES ARE USED FOR EVERYTHING FROM FIFA WORLD CUP TO REMOTE VILLAGES ACROSS THE WORLD
- SOCCER MUST HAVE LAWS WHICH KEEP THE GAME FAIR
 - THE BEST MATCHES (GAMES) ARE WHERE THE REFEREE IS RARELY NEEDED BECAUSE THE PLAYERS PLAY WITH RESPECT FOR EACH OTHER AND THE MATCH OFFICIALS AND THE LAWS
- THE LAWS ARE SIMPLE COMPARED TO OTHER SPORTS. MATCH OFFICIALS ARE HUMAN SOME DECISIONS WILL INEVITABLY BE WRONG OR CAUSE DEBATE AND DISCUSSION. WHETHER RIGHT OR WRONG THE “SPIRIT OF THE GAME” REQUIRES THAT ALL REFEREE DECISIONS BE RESPECTED.
- ALL THOSE IN AUTHORITY, ESPECIALLY COACHES AND TEAM CAPTAINS, HAVE A CLEAR RESPONSIBILITY TO THE GAME TO RESPECT THE MATCH OFFICIALS AND THEIR DECISIONS!!!

PHILOSOPHY AND SPIRIT OF THE LAWS

CONTINUED

- THE LAWS CANNOT POSSIBLY DEAL WITH EVERY POSSIBLE SITUATION, SO WHERE THERE IS NO DIRECT PROVISION IN THE LAWS. IFAB AND THE SOCCER COMMUNITY EXPECT REFEREES TO MAKE A DECISION IN THE SPIRIT OF THE GAME. “WHAT WOULD SOCCER WANT/EXPECT?”
- ACCIDENTS INEVITABLY OCCUR, BUT THE LAWS AIM TO HELP MAKE THE GAME AS SAFE AS POSSIBLE, BALANCING PLAYER WELFARE AND SPORTING FAIRNESS. THIS REQUIRES REFEREES TO USE THE LAWS TO DEAL STRONGLY WITH THOSE PLAYERS WHOS ACTIONS ARE TOO AGGRESSIVE OR DANGEROUS.
 - “RECKLESS CHALLENGE”, “ENDANGERING THE SAFETY OF AN OPPONENT”, “USING EXCESSIVE FORCE”

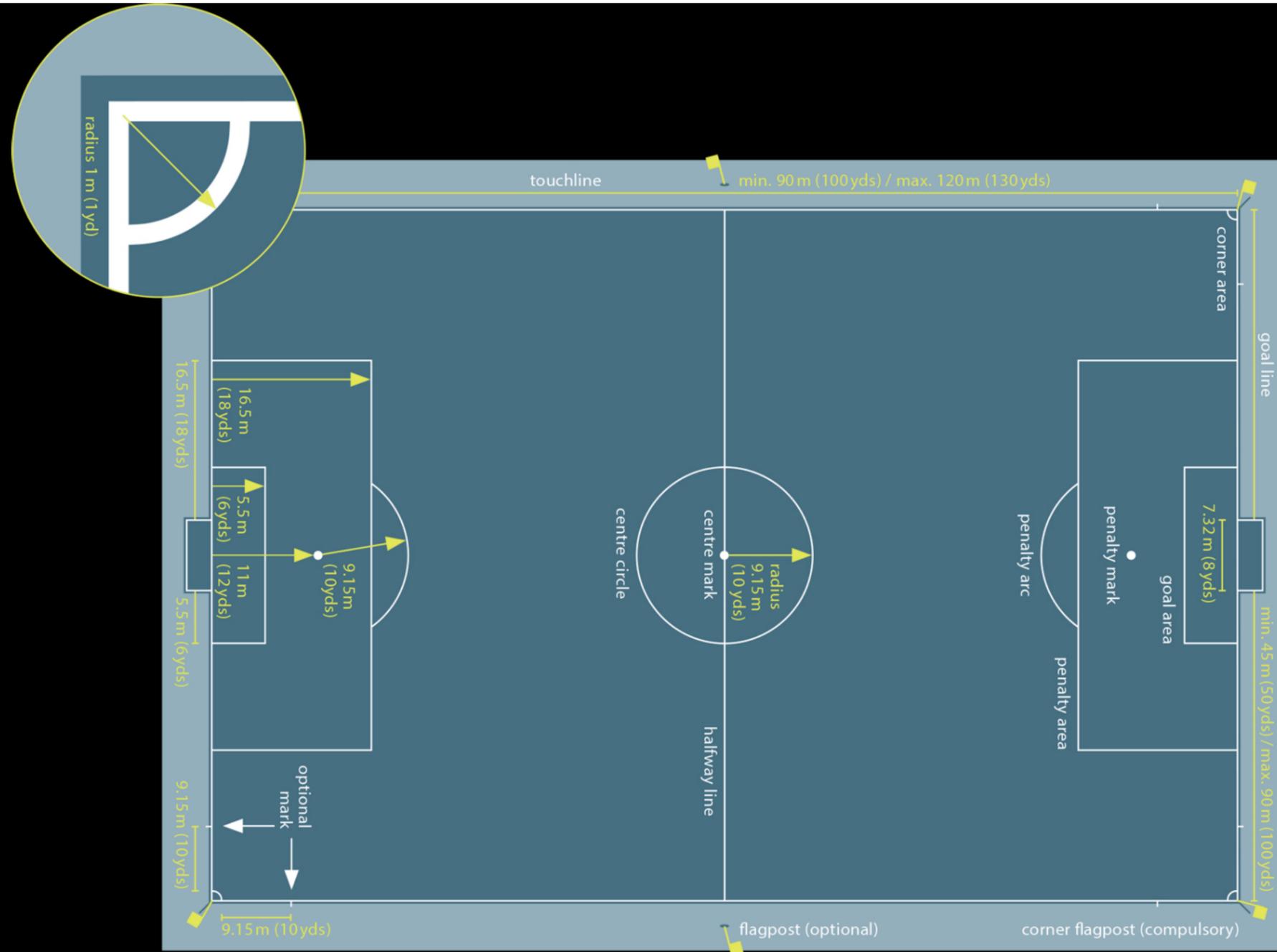
LAWS OF THE GAME

1-17

- LAW 1 THE FIELD OF PLAY
- LAW 2 THE BALL
- LAW 3 THE PLAYERS
- LAW 4 THE PLAYERS EQUIPMENT
- LAW 5 THE REFEREE
- LAW 6 THE OTHER MATCH OFFICIALS
- LAW 7 THE DURATION OF THE MATCH
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- LAW 13 FREE KICKS
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- LAW 15 THE THROW IN
- LAW 16 THE GOAL KICK
- LAW 17 THE CORNER KICK

LAW 1

THE FIELD OF PLAY



LAW 2

THE BALL

- SPHERICAL
- MADE OF SUITABLE MATERIAL
- BETWEEN 27 AND 28 INCHES IN CIRCUMFERENCE (SIZE 5)
- 14 OZ TO 16 OZ IN WEIGHT
- 8.5 PSI TO 15.6 PSI

**KNOW THE PROPER SIZE FOR THE AGE AND
GET BALL FROM THE “HOME” TEAM**

LAW 3

THE PLAYERS

- A MATCH IS PLAYED BY 2 TEAMS WITH A MAXIMUM OF 11 PLAYERS ON THE FIELD. ONE OF WHICH MUST BE A GOALKEEPER.
 - LOOK AT YOUR NUMBER OF PLAYERS IN AGE SPECIFIC CHANGES
 - THERE IS A MINIMUM NUMBER OF PLAYERS FOR EACH DIVISION. THE HIGHEST DIVISION IT IS 7 MINIMUM.
 - HISTORICALLY WE HAVE ALLOWED SHARING OF PLAYERS BETWEEN TEAMS EVEN PLAYING EACH OTHER. THIS WILL BE HARDER WITH THE SPECIFIED JERSEYS. LEAVE IT UP TO THE COACHES JUST HELP FACILITATE.
 - UNLIMITED SUBSTITUTIONS IN NYSA MATCHES. ALLOWED AT ANY DEAD BALL. CONCUSSIONs must be substituted, not allowed to play until evaluated by Medical, added to supplemental report.
 - REFEREE MUST BE NOTIFIED BEFORE ANY SUBSTITUTION IS MADE. PERMISSION TO ENTER OR LEAVE THE FIELD BY THE REFEREE MUST BE GIVEN.

LAW 4

THE PLAYERS EQUIPMENT

- A PLAYER MUST NOT USE EQUIPMENT OR WEAR ANYTHING THAT IS DANGEROUS
- ALL ITEMS OF JEWELRY ARE FORBIDDEN
 - A PLAYER WHO REFUSES MUST NOT BE ALLOWED TO PLAY. IF IT WAS MISSED THIS PLAYER MUST BE CAUTIONED
- COMPULSORY EQUIPMENT- NYSA UNIFORM-SHIRT, SHORTS, SOCKS; SHINGUARDS; FOOTWEAR; GOALKEEPERS MAY WEAR TRACKSUIT BOTTOMS
 - Size and suitability of shin guards is up to the player and their parents. Must be covered by the socks.
- NON DANGEROUS PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT, FOR EXAMPLE HEADGEAR, FACE MASKS AND KNEE AND ARM PROTECTORS MADE OF SOFT LIGHTWEIGHT PADDED MATERIAL IS PERMITTED

LAW 5

THE REFEREE

- EACH MATCH IS CONTROLLED BY A REFEREE WHO HAS FULL AUTHORITY TO ENFORCE THE LAWS OF THE GAME IN CONNECTION WITH THE MATCH
- THE DECISIONS OF THE REFEREE REGARDING FACTS CONNECTED WITH PLAY, INCLUDING WHETHER OR NOT A GOAL IS SCORED AND THE RESULTS OF THE MATCH ARE FINAL.
- ACTS AS TIMEKEEPER. WE DO NOT DO EXTRA TIME AT NYSA DUE TO NEXT MATCH SCHEDULED TOO CLOSE.
- ADVANTAGE-ALLOWS PLAY TO CONTINUE WHEN AN OFFENSE OCCURS THE NON-OFFENDING TEAM WILL BENEFIT FROM THE ADVANTAGE. PENALIZE THE OFFENSE IF ANTICIPATED ADVANTAGE DOES NOT ENSUE AT THAT TIME OR WITHIN A FEW SECONDS.
- INJURIES- STOPS PLAY FOR SERIOUSLY INJURED PLAYERS. OTHERWISE ALLOWS PLAY TO CONTINUE UNTIL A NATURAL STOPPAGE FOR SLIGHTLY INJURED PLAYERS.
- ENSURES BLEEDING PLAYERS LEAVE THE FIELD OF PLAY AND ARE NOT ALLOWED BACK ON UNTIL BLEEDING IS STOPPED AND BLOOD IS NOT ON EQUIPMENT.
- REFEREE EQUIPMENT: WHISTLE, WATCH, RED AND YELLOW CARDS

LAW 6

THE OTHER MATCH OFFICIALS

- ASSISTANT REFEREES
- THEY INDICATE WHEN:
 - THE WHOLE OF THE BALL LEAVES THE FIELD OF PLAY AND WHICH TEAM IS ENTITLED TO A CORNER KICK, GOAL KICK OR THROW-IN
 - A PLAYER IN AN OFFSIDE POSITION MAY BE PENALIZED
 - A SUBSTITUTION IS REQUESTED
 - AT PENALTY KICKS, THE GOALKEEPER MOVES OFF THE GOAL LINE BEFORE THE BALL IS KICKED AND IF THE BALL CROSSES THE LINE.

LAW 7

THE DURATION OF THE MATCH

- A MATCH WILL HAVE TWO EQUAL HALVES.
 - CHECK THE AGE GROUP FOR EXACT TIMES
- HALF TIME INTERVAL WILL BE NO MORE THAN 5 MINUTES
- WATER BREAK WILL BE NO MORE THAN 1 MINUTE AND TIME WILL NOT STOP FOR THE HALF IT IS TAKEN IN
- ALLOWANCES FOR EXTRA TIME WILL NOT BE USED IN NYSA MATCHES
- IF A PENALTY KICK IS TAKEN OR RETAKEN THE HALF IS EXTENDED UNTIL IT IS COMPLETE

LAW 8

THE START AND RESTART OF PLAY

- A KICK OFF STARTS BOTH HALVES OF A MATCH; IT ALSO RESTARTS PLAY AFTER A GOAL HAS BEEN SCORED
 - IF THE PLAYER TAKING THE KICKOFF TOUCHES THE BALL AGAIN BEFORE IT HAS TOUCHED ANOTHER PLAYER AN INDIRECT FREE KICK IS AWARDED.
- FREE KICKS (DIRECT AND INDIRECT), PENALTY KICKS, THROW-INS, GOAL KICKS AND CORNER KICKS ARE OTHER RESTARTS (SEE LAWS 13-17)
- A DROPPED BALL IS THE RESTART WHEN THE REFEREE STOPS PLAY AND THE LAW DOES NOT REQUIRE ONE OF THE OTHER ABOVE RESTARTS.
 - THE BALL IS DROPPED FOR THE DEFENDING GOALKEEPER IF THE BALL WAS IN THE PENALTY AREA. ALL OTHER CASES THE REFEREE DROPS THE BALL FOR ONE PLAYER OF THE TEAM THAT LAST TOUCHED THE BALL AT THE POSITION WHERE IT LAST TOUCHED A PLAYER. ALL OTHER PLAYERS MUST REMAIN AT LEAST 4.5 YARDS FROM THE BALL UNTIL IT IS IN PLAY.
 - BALL IS IN PLAY WHEN IT TOUCHES THE GROUND.

LAW 9

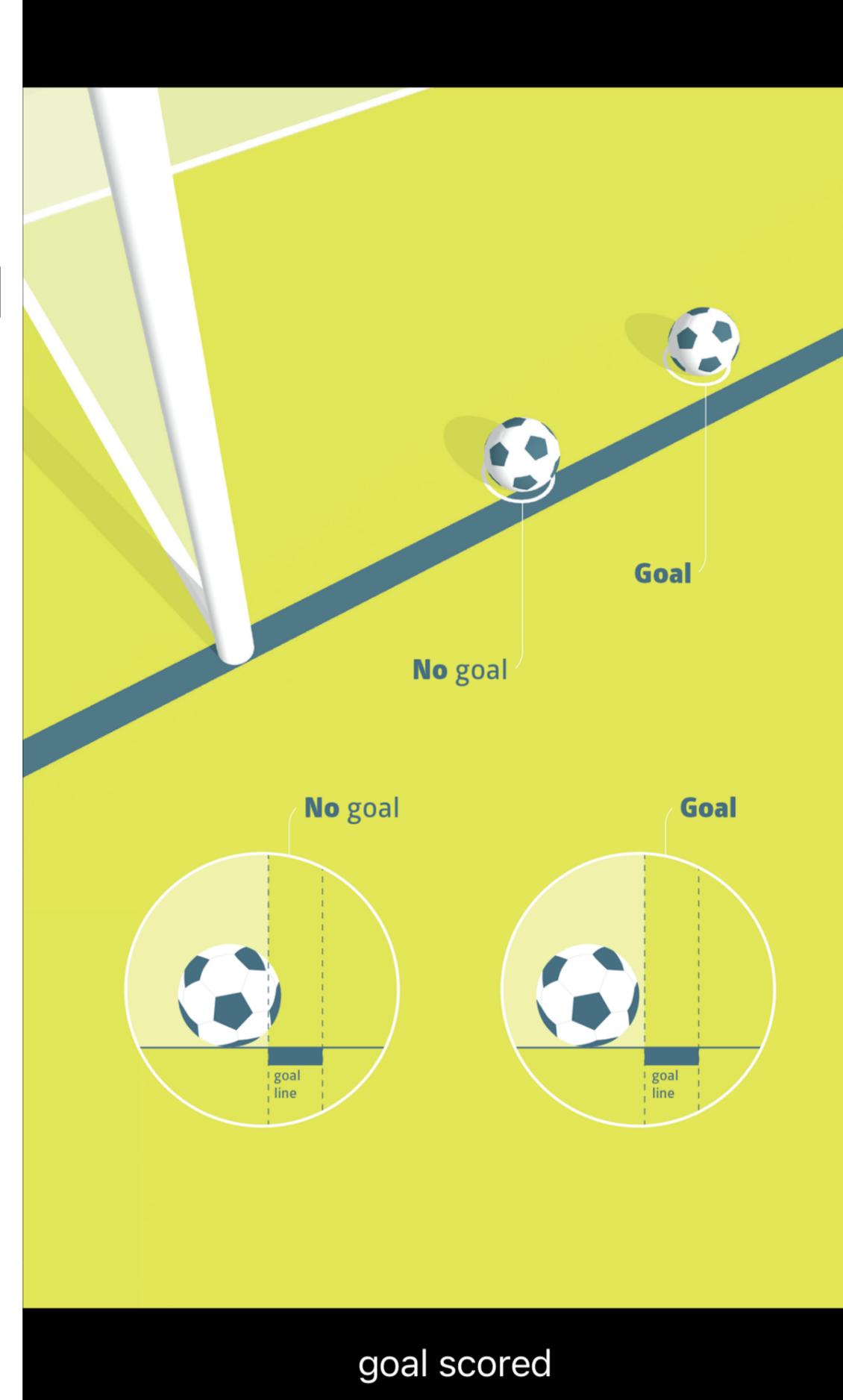
THE BALL IN AND OUT OF PLAY

- THE BALL IS OUT OF PLAY WHEN
 - IT HAS WHOLLY PASSED OVER THE GOAL LINE OR TOUCHLINE ON THE GROUND OR IN THE AIR
 - PLAY HAS BEEN STOPPED BY A REFEREE
 - IT TOUCHES A MATCH OFFICIAL REMAINS ON THE FIELD OF PLAY AND A TEAM STARTS A PROMISING ATTACK OR THE BALL GOES DIRECTLY INTO THE GOAL OR THE TEAM IN POSSESSION OF THE BALL CHANGES. IN ALL OF THESE CASES PLAY IS RESTARTED WITH A DROPPED BALL.
- BALL IS IN PLAY AT ALL OTHER TIMES WHEN IT TOUCHES A MATCH OFFICIAL AND WHEN IT REBOUNDS OFF A GOALPOST, CROSSBAR OR CORNER FLAG POST AND REMAINS ON THE FIELD OF PLAY

LAW 10

DETERMINING THE OUTCOME OF A MATCH

- GOALS SCORED
- TEAM SCORING MORE GOALS IS WINNER. IF NO GOALS OR EQUAL NUMBER OF GOALS THE GAME IS DRAWN
- KICKS FROM THE PENALTY MARK WILL PROBABLY ONLY BE USED IN THE CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH. REST OF MATCHES JUST END IN A DRAW



LAW 11

OFFSIDE

- OFFSIDE POSITION
 - A PLAYER IS IN THE OFFSIDE POSITION IF: ANY PART OF THE HEAD, BODY OR FEET IS IN THE OPPONENTS HALF (EXCLUDING THE HALFWAY LINE) AND. ANY PART OF THE HEAD, BODY OR FEET IS NEARER TO THE OPPONENTS GOAL LINE THAN BOTH THE BALL AND THE SECOND-LAST OPPONENT. A PLAYER IS NOT IN THE OFFSIDE POSITION IF LEVEL WITH THE SECOND-LAST OPPONENT OR OPPONENTS.
- OFFSIDE OFFENSE
 - A PLAYER IN AN OFFSIDE POSITION THE MOMENT THE BALL IS PLAYED OR TOUCHED BY A TEAM-MATE IS ONLY PENALIZED ON BECOMING INVOLVED IN ACTIVE PLAY BY: INTERFERING WITH PLAY BY PLAYING OR TOUCHING A BALL. INTERFERING WITH AN OPPONENT, OR GAINING AN ADVANTAGE BY PLAYING THE BALL OR INTERFERING WITH AN OPPONENT
- NO OFFENSE
 - THERE IS NO OFFSIDE FROM A GOAL KICK, THROW IN OR CORNER KICK RECEIVED DIRECTLY

LAW 12

FOULS AND MISCONDUCT

- DIRECT AND INDIRECT FREE KICKS AND PENALTY KICKS CAN ONLY BE AWARDED FOR OFFENSES COMMITTED WHEN THE BALL IS IN PLAY
- DIRECT FREE KICK — CARELESS, RECKLESS OR EXCESSIVE FORCE
 - CHARGES, JUMPS AT, KICKS OR ATTEMPTS TO KICK, PUSHES, STRIKES OR ATTEMPTS TO STRIKE, TACKLES OR CHALLENGES, TRIPS OR ATTEMPTS TO TRIP
 - IF IT INVOLVES CONTACT IT IS PENALIZED BY A DIRECT FREE KICK
 - CARELESS IS WHEN A PLAYER SHOWS A LACK OF ATTENTION (NO DISCIPLINARY ACTION NEEDED)
 - RECKLESS IS WHEN A PLAYER ACTS WITH DISREGARD TO THE DANGER TO OR CONSEQUENCES FOR AN OPPONENT (MUST BE CAUTIONED) (YELLOW CARD)
 - USING EXCESSIVE FORCE IS WHEN A PLAYER EXCEEDS THE NECESSARY USE OF FORCE AND/OR ENDANGERS THE SAFETY OF AN OPPONENT AND (MUST BE SENT OFF) (RED CARD)
 - A HANDBALL OFFENCE (NYSA much more lenient... allows for non experienced players to react. And any player defend body parts) But this has yellow card and red card updates for 2025 in regard to deliberate (Denying of of a goal or obvious goal scoring opportunity (DOGSO) Yellow if non deliberate... Red if Deliberate
 - HOLDS AN OPPONENT
 - IMPEDES AN OPPONENT WITH CONTACT
 - BITES OR SPITS AT SOMEONE ON THE TEAM LISTS OR A MATCH OFFICIAL
 - THROWS AN OBJECT AT THE BALL OR OPPONENT OR MATCH OFFICIAL

LAW 12

FOULS AND MISCONDUCT

- HANDLING THE BALL IT IS AN OFFENSE IF A PLAYER
 - DELIBERATELY TOUCHES THE BALL WITH THEIR HAND/ARM, FOR EXAMPLE MOVING THE HAND/ARM TOWARDS THE BALL
 - TOUCHES THE BALL WITH THEIR HAND/ARM WHEN IT HAS MADE THEIR BODY UNNATURALLY BIGGER. (NYSA allows for defending body parts and new players reactions to continue play.)
 - GOALKEEPER HAS THE SAME RESTRICTIONS ON HANDLING THE BALL OUTSIDE THEIR PENALTY AREA. IF THEY HANDLE THE BALL INSIDE THEIR PENALTY AREA WHEN NOT ALLOWED TO IT IS AN INDIRECT FREE KICK FROM SPOT OF FOUL. 8 second rule count last 5 seconds visually as well as verbally. First offense Corner Kick, second corner kick plus yellow, third offense corner kick plus red.
 - US Soccer and IFAB 2025 change. Inside the penalty area if handling the ball offense. Besides the PK.... If deliberate (on purpose) Red Card/. If accidental Yellow Card. (Only do this at U16/U12 Levels)... If Stopping a Promising attack then go down a section. Yes yellow. No only PK.

LAW 12

FOULS AND MISCONDUCT

- INDIRECT FREE KICKS IS AWARDED IF A PLAYER
 - PLAYS IN A DANGEROUS MANNER
 - IMPEDES THE PROGRESS OF AN OPPONENT WITHOUT ANY CONTACT
 - IS GUILTY OF DISSENT, USING OFFENSIVE OR INSULTING OR ABUSIVE LANGUAGE
 - PREVENTS A GOALKEEPER FROM RELEASING THE BALL
 - COMMITS ANY OTHER OFFENSE NOT MENTIONED IN THE LAWS FOR WHICH PLAY IS STOPPED TO CAUTION OR SEND OFF A PLAYER

LAW 13

FREE KICKS

- DIRECT AND INDIRECT.
 - REFEREE MUST SIGNAL
 - DIRECT CAN GO DIRECTLY INTO GOAL
 - INDIRECT MUST BE TOUCHED BY ANOTHER PLAYER, IF IT GOES DIRECTLY IN THEN A GOAL KICK IS AWARDED FOR OUT OF BOUNDS
 - IF A DIRECT OR INDIRECT KICK GOES INTO OWN GOAL THEN A CORNER KICK IS AWARDED

LAW 14

THE PENALTY KICK

- A PENALTY KICK IS AWARDED IF A DIRECT FREE KICK OFFENSE INSIDE THE IR PENALTY AREA OR OFF THE FIELD AS OUTLINED IN LAWS 12 AND 13
- BALL PLACED ON THE PENALTY MARK
- GOALKEEPER MUST STAY ON THE GOAL LINE UNTIL THE BALL IS KICKED (AT LEAST ONE FOOT)

Law 14.3 – Summary Table

Encroachment by:	Outcome of the Penalty Kick	
	GOAL	NO GOAL
Attacking player	Impact: penalty is retaken No impact: goal	Impact: indirect free kick No impact: no retake
Defending player	Impact: goal No impact: goal	Impact: penalty is retaken No impact: no retake
Defending & attacking players	Impact: penalty is retaken No impact: goal	Impact: penalty is retaken No impact: no retake
Offense by goalkeeper	Goal	<u>Not saved</u> : no retake, unless kicker is clearly impacted <u>Saved</u> : penalty is retaken and warning for goalkeeper; caution for any further offense(s)
Offense by goalkeeper & kicker at the same time	Indirect free kick and caution for kicker	Indirect free kick and caution for kicker
Ball kicked backwards	Indirect free kick	Indirect free kick
'Illegal' fainting	Indirect free kick and caution for kicker	Indirect free kick and caution for kicker
Wrong kicker	Indirect free kick and caution for wrong kicker	Indirect free kick and caution for wrong kicker

LAW 15

THE THROW IN

- A THROW-IN IS AWARDED TO THE OPPONENTS OF THE PLAYER WHO LAST TOUCHED THE BALL WHEN THE WHOLE OF THE BALL PASSES OVER THE TOUCHLINE, ON THE GROUND OR IN THE AIR
- A GOAL CANNOT BE SCORED DIRECTLY FROM A THROW-IN. IT WOULD BE OUT OF BOUNDS SO EITHER A GOAL KICK OR CORNER KICK IS AWARDED
- AT THE MOMENT OF DELIVERING THE BALL THE THROWER MUST:
 - STAND FACING THE FIELD OF PLAY; HAVE PART OF EACH FOOT ON THE TOUCHLINE OR ON THE GROUND OUTSIDE THE TOUCHLINE; THROW THE BALL WITH BOTH HANDS FROM BEHIND AND OVER THE HEAD FROM THE POINT WHERE IT LEFT THE FIELD OF PLAY
 - ALL OPPONENTS MUST STAND AT LEAST 2 YARDS FROM THE POINT ON THE TOUCHLINE WHERE THE THROW-IN IS TAKEN
 - IF THE BALL TOUCHES THE GROUND BEFORE ENTERING THE FIELD OF PLAY THE THROW-IN IS RETAKEN.
 - THE THROWER MUST NOT TOUCH THE BALL AGAIN UNTIL IT HAS TOUCHED ANOTHER PLAYER

LAW 16

THE GOAL KICK

- A GOAL KICK IS AWARDED WHEN THE WHOLE OF THE BALL PASSES OVER THE GOAL LINE, ON THE GROUND OR IN THE AIR HAVING LAST TOUCHED A PLAYER OF THE ATTACKING TEAM AND A GOALS IS NOT SCORED
 - A GOAL MAY BE SCORED DIRECTLY FORM A GOAL KICK BUT ONLY AGAINST THE OPPOSING TEAM; IF THE BALL DIRECTLY ENTERS THE KICKERS GOAL A CORNER KICK IS AWARDED.
- THE BALL MUST BE STATIONARY AND IS KICKED FROM ANY POINT WITHIN THE GOAL AREA BY A PLAYER OF THE DEFENDING TEAM
- THE BALL IS IN PLAY WHEN IT IS KICKED
- THE OPPONENTS MUST STAY OUTSIDE THE PENALTY AREA UNTIL THE BALL IS IN PLAY

LAW 17

THE CORNER KICK

- A CORNER KICK IS AWARDED WHEN THE WHOLE OF THE BALL PASSES OVER THE GOAL LINE, ON THE GROUND OR IN THE AIR, HAVING LAST TOUCHED A PLAYER OF THE DEFENDING TEAM AND A GOAL IS NOT SCORED.
 - A GOAL MAY BE SCORED DIRECTLY FROM A CORNER KICK, BUT ONLY AGAINST THE OPPOSING TEAM; IF THE BALL DIRECTLY ENTERS THE KICKERS GOAL, A CORNER KICK IS AWARDED TO THE OPPONENTS
 - BALL MUST BE PLACED IN THE CORNER AREA NEAREST TO THE POINT WHERE THE BALL PASSED OVER THE GOAL LINE
 - BALL MUST BE STATIONARY AND KICKED BY THE ATTACKING TEAM
 - BALL IS IN PLAY WHEN IT IS KICKED
 - CORNER FLAG POST MUST NOT BE MOVED
 - OPPONENTS MUST REMAIN 10 YARDS FROM CORNER ARC UNTIL BALL IS IN PLAY

GAME DAY PROCEDURE

ARRIVE 20-25 MINUTES PRIOR TO START OF GAME

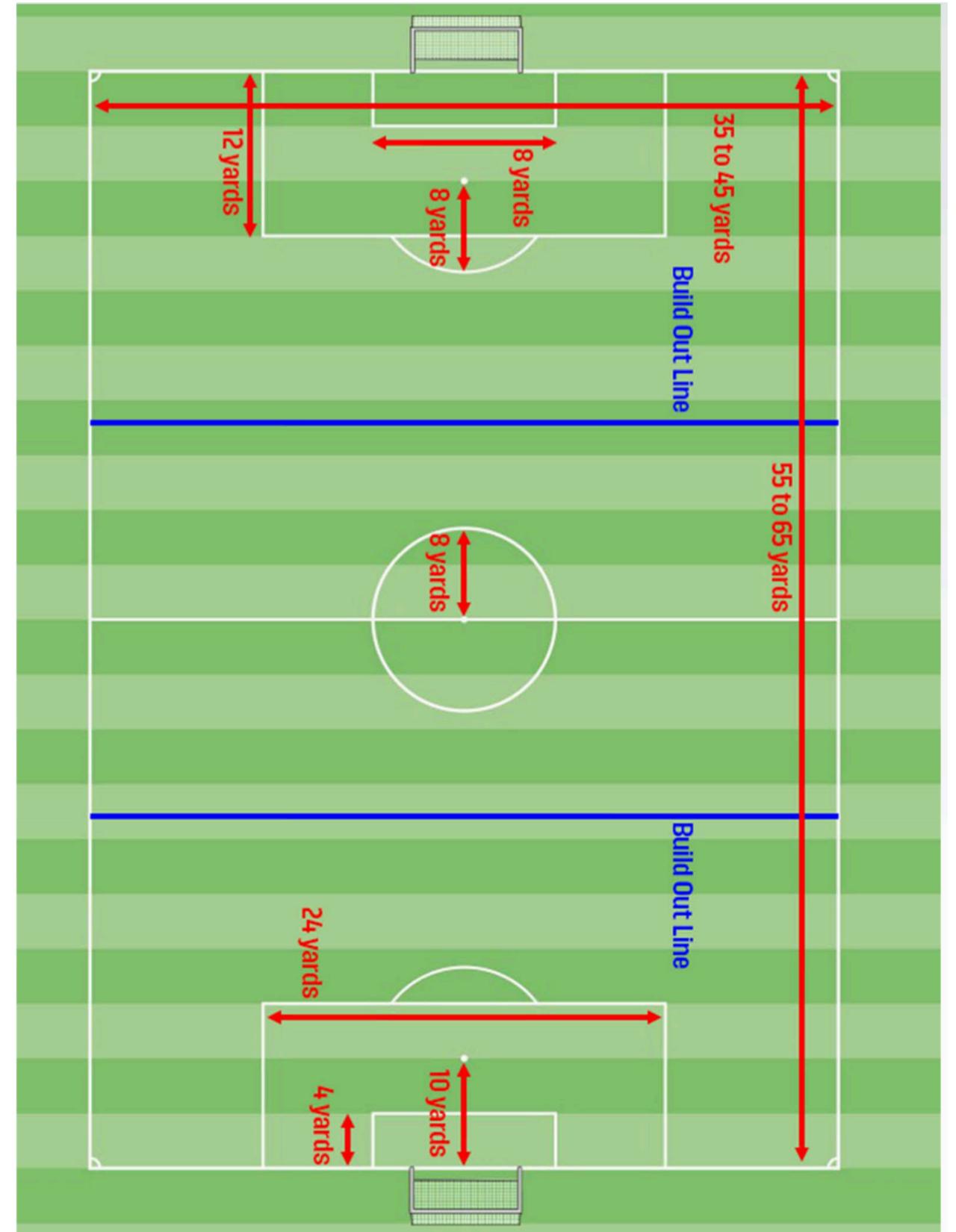
START THE GAME ON TIME

1. Walk the field to look for any foreign objects
2. Check to see if the goals are secure
3. Check the condition of the nets
4. Introduce yourself to the coaches
5. Explain basic division rules
 1. Game length
 2. Heading allowed or not
 3. Offside or not
 4. Number of players
6. Perform player equipment checks
 1. **NO JEWELRY**
 2. Shin guards are required to be worn under the socks
7. Call for team captains
8. Away team calls coin toss
 1. Winner chooses ball or side to defend
9. Get a game ball from home team
10. Blow the whistle and have the players take the field
11. Ensure the players/keepers are ready
12. Start your timer
13. Blow the whistle to start the game
14. Game on...have fun!
15. Write your scores and any supplemental reports in Shed.

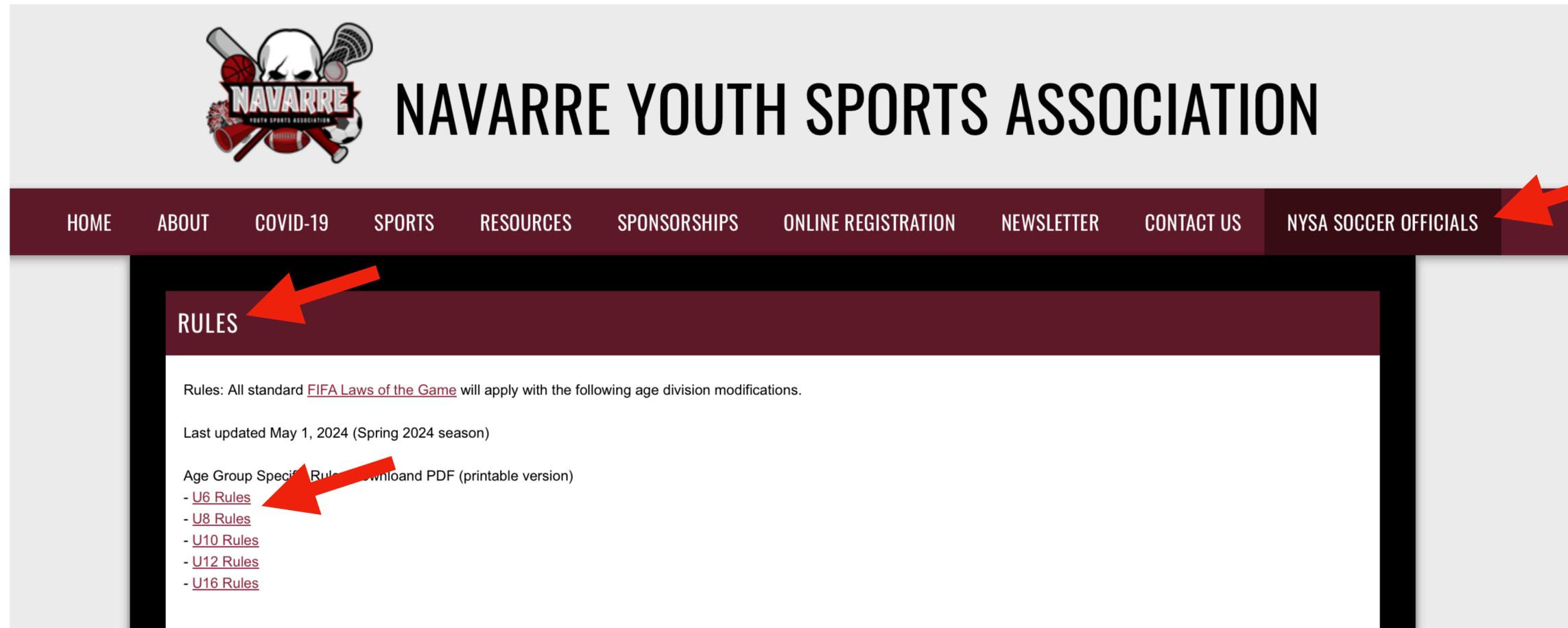
BUILD OUT LINE

TRYING TO TEACH GOOD HABITS

- WHEN THE GOALKEEPER HAS THE BALL IN HIS OR HER HANDS DURING PLAY FROM THE OPPONENT THE OPPOSING TEAM MUST MOVE BEHIND THE BUILD OUT LINE UNTIL BALL IS PUT INTO PLAY
- NO PUNTING FOR GOALKEEPERS
- IDEALLY GOALKEEPER WILL WAIT TO PUT BALL IN PLAY ONCE ALL OPPONENTS ARE BEHIND THE LINE
- GOALKEEPER CAN PASS THROW OR ROLL THE BALL INTO PLAY
- ONCE BALL IS PUT INTO PLAY THE OPPOSING TEAM CAN PASS BUILDOUT LINE
 - In play touches teammate behind BOL/
Crosses BOL
- ALSO USE BUILD OUT LINE FOR GOAL KICKS



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The screenshot shows the website for the Navarre Youth Sports Association. At the top left is the logo, which features a stylized figure holding various sports equipment (a baseball bat, a tennis racket, a soccer ball, and a basketball) with the word "NAVARRE" and "YOUTH SPORTS ASSOCIATION" below it. To the right of the logo is the text "NAVARRE YOUTH SPORTS ASSOCIATION". Below this is a dark red navigation bar with white text for the following links: HOME, ABOUT, COVID-19, SPORTS, RESOURCES, SPONSORSHIPS, ONLINE REGISTRATION, NEWSLETTER, CONTACT US, and NYSA SOCCER OFFICIALS. A red arrow points to the "NYSA SOCCER OFFICIALS" link. Below the navigation bar is a dark red header for the "RULES" page, with a red arrow pointing to the word "RULES". The main content area of the page contains the following text: "Rules: All standard [FIFA Laws of the Game](#) will apply with the following age division modifications." followed by "Last updated May 1, 2024 (Spring 2024 season)". Below this is the text "Age Group Specific Rules" followed by a link to "Download PDF (printable version)". A list of links follows: "- [U6 Rules](#)", "- [U8 Rules](#)", "- [U10 Rules](#)", "- [U12 Rules](#)", and "- [U16 Rules](#)". A red arrow points to the "U6 Rules" link.

THANK YOU!

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HOME ABOUT COVID-19 SPORTS RESOURCES SPONSORSHIPS ONLINE REGISTRATION NEWSLETTER CONTACT US **NYSA SOCCER OFFICIALS**

BECOME AN OFFICIAL

RULES

ASSIGNMENTS

TRAINING

CONTACT SOCCER OFFICIALS

[Sep 14 Assignments, Change 1](#)

[Sept 7 Assignments, Change 3](#)

Why did I not get a game assignment?

There are many factors to assigning games at the NYSA but I will attempt to outline the process.

Every week I send out an email asking for availability for the upcoming weekend. So the first thing I consider is if I receive a response from you. If I do not get a response, then you may or may not be assigned a game. Basically if you do not respond, you go into a standby pool and will only be assigned a game if I run out of officials. **Be sure you are on the Officials GroupMe chat and have your contact information on file. erik@nysasports.com**

I compile a list of all those that respond that they are available. This list is in order of response. So in other words those that respond quicker have a higher likelihood of getting an assignment.

I use this list of available officials and start at the top of that list to start assigning games. I may get to the end of the games before I get to the end of the list. Simply put I may run out of games before I run out of officials.

Another factor considered is who worked games the previous week. I will prioritize those that did not get to work a game the previous week over those who did work a game the previous week. Simply put you may be bumped from a game by someone who did not work a game the week prior.

Some weeks there will be more games than available officials and all available officials will probably get multiple games.

Other factors that I consider are skill level, age, experience, and training participation. I am much more likely to give you a game if you participate in the training event(s). These events include any USA Soccer Referee certification or our NYSA classroom, etc. and more.

Performance will also become a factor after the first couple of weeks. The better you perform the more games you will be assigned.

Some weeks there are just more available officials than there are games. It doesn't happen very often but there will be weeks that there are simply not enough games to go around. I have

THANK YOU!

- CHILD LABOR LAWS

- POSTER WILL BE IN SHED

- DAYS AND HOURS RESTRICTIONS BASED OFF OF AGE PLEASE HELP ME TO MAKE SURE WE STAY CORRECT



CHILD LABOR LAWS
The State of Florida and the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA)
Protecting the Health, Education and Welfare of Minors in the Workplace.
 This chart summarizes the child labor laws of the State of Florida.
 The Federal Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) may be more restrictive.

	Minors 16 & 17	Minors 14 & 15
SCHOOL ATTENDANCE	May NOT work during school hours unless they meet a criterion of the Hour Restrictions listed below.	Florida: May not work during school hours (some exceptions apply). <i>As provided in 450.021(1), no person 13 years or younger shall be employed, permitted or suffered to work in any gainful occupation at any time (See Age Restrictions)</i>
PERMITS TO WORK	Not required under Florida Law.	
HOURS OF WORK, WHEN SCHOOL IS IN SESSION	May work up to 30 hours per week. Not before 6:30 a.m. or later than 11 p.m. and for no more than 8 hours a day when school is scheduled the following day, except on a holiday or Sunday. On days when school does not follow, there are no hour restrictions.	May work up to 15 hours per week. Not before 7 a.m. or after 7 p.m. and for no more than 3 hours a day on school days, when a school day follows. May work up to 8 hours on Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and on non-school days, when school days do not follow, until 9 p.m. Daily maximum of 3 hrs. on school days, 8 hours non-school days; weekly maximum is 18 hours; not before 7 a.m. or after 7 p.m. Note: Application of state law allows this age group to work up to 8 hours on days when school days do not follow, until 7 p.m.
HOURS OF WORK, WHEN SCHOOL IS NOT IN SESSION (summer vacation; winter and spring breaks)	No Limitations Note: Hazardous occupations still apply for minors.	Florida: May work up to 8 hrs. per day and up to 40 hrs. per week; may not work before 7 a.m. or after 9 p.m.
DAYS PER WEEK	15 yrs. or younger may not work more than 6 consecutive days in any one week.	
BREAKS	15 yrs. or younger without a 30-minute break after working 4 consecutive hours, applicable to 17/16 years of age when working 8 hours or more.	
AGRICULTURE	Florida: Minors participating in farm work, not on their parents or guardian's farm, must comply with the same restrictions as in other work.	
RESTRICTED OCCUPATIONS This section represents Chapter 450.061- Hazardous Occupations Prohibited, Exemptions. Note that HB917 (2024) authorizes minors aged 16/17 to work in residential construction if the minor: has earned his/her OSHA 10 certification; is under the direct supervision of a person 21 years of age with at least 2 years of related experience and has his/her OSHA 10 Certification; is not working on any scaffolding, roof, superstructure, or ladder above 6 feet; and is not in violation of any OSHA rules or federal law related to minors in the workplace. The State of Florida has incorporated the 17 Hazardous Occupations (HOs) of the FLSA into the Florida Child Labor Rule. For more info on FLSA HOs, contact the U.S. Department of Labor, Wage and Hour Division, Child Labor U.S. Department of Labor (dol.gov)		
Minors under the age of 18 may not work in below occupations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working in or around explosives or radioactive substances Operating Motor vehicles Logging or sawmilling Operating power-driven meat processing machines to include meat and vegetable slicers, slaughtering, meat packing, processing or rendering Working on any scaffolding, roofs or ladders above 6 feet; or non-residential building construction Wrecking, demolition or excavation Mining occupations Operating power-driven bakery; metal-forming, punching, and shearing machines; woodworking, paper products or hoisting machines Manufacturing brick and tile products Operating circular saws, band saws, & guillotine shears Working with compressed gases exceeding 40 p.s.i. Working in or around toxic substances, corrosives or pesticides Firefighting Working with electrical apparatus or wiring Operating or assisting to operate tractors over 20 PTO horsepower, forklifts, earthmoving equipment, any harvesting, planting, or plowing machinery or any moving machinery 		Minors 14 and 15 may not work in these occupations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Operating any power-driven machinery other than office machines, including all power mowers and cutters Maintaining or repairing, machines, or equipment Working in freezers or meat coolers Operating, setting up, adjusting, or cleaning power-driven meat or vegetable slicers, grinders, food choppers, and cutters, and bakery-type mixers. Operating motor vehicles Manufacturing, mining, or processing occupations where goods are manufactured, mined, or processed. Cooking (some exceptions apply) & baking Working in occupations in Transportation, Warehouse & Storage, Communications, and Construction (except clerical); boiler or engine rooms Loading and unloading trucks Working in public messenger services Handling certain dangerous animals Conducting door-to-door sales of products as employment (some exceptions) Spray painting
EXEMPTIONS Hour Restrictions – (from hour restrictions only; hazard restrictions apply until 18 yrs.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minors who have been married Minors who have either graduated from an accredited high school or hold a high school equivalency diploma. Minors 16/17yrs. who are enrolled in a home education program, or an approved virtual instruction school program. Minors 16/17 yrs. who have obtained a waiver allowing them to work more than 30hrs/week. The 40-hour limitation still applies. Minors who hold waivers from a K-12 Public School or Child Labor Compliance with <u>specified hours restrictions</u>. A court order may authorize an exemption from hourly restrictions. 		EXEMPTIONS Age Restrictions — (from age requirements; hazard restrictions still apply until 18 yrs.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minors who work for their parents who owned the business in occupations not declared hazardous. Pages in the Florida legislature Minors in the entertainment industry registered with Child Labor Compliance as prescribed in ss. 450.012 and 450.132, F.S. A court order may authorize an exemption from age restrictions.

PARTIAL WAIVERS The Florida Child Labor law is designed to serve and protect minors and encourage them to remain in school. At times, some minors may feel that the law conflicts with their best interest or their life circumstances; therefore, they have the right to request an exemption from the law. If a minor is attending the K-12 public school, a waiver may be obtained and granted by the local school district. All other minors may request an application by contacting the Department of Business and Professional Regulation Child Labor Program. Waiver applications are reviewed and granted on a case-by-case basis. To qualify, applicants must demonstrate that certain requirements of Florida law need to be waived. Employers must keep a copy of partial waivers of employed minors.

PENALTIES Florida: Employment of minors in violation of Florida Child Labor laws may result in fines up to \$2,500 per offense and/or be guilty of a second-degree misdemeanor. FLSA: Maximum fines up to \$11,000 per minor / per violation.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION Florida: If an injured minor is employed in violation of any provisions of the Child Labor laws of Florida, an employer may be subject to up to double the compensation otherwise payable under Florida Workers' Compensation law.

POSTING REQUIREMENTS Florida: All employers of minors must post in a conspicuous place on the property or place of employment, where it may be easily read, a poster notifying minors of Florida Child Labor laws.

For information on Florida laws contact: Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation • Child Labor Program
 2601 Blair Stone Road • Tallahassee, FL 32399-2212 • Telephone 850.488.3131; Toll-Free 1.800.226.2536 • www.myfloridalicense.com
 For information on Federal laws contact U.S. Department of Labor, Wage & Hour Division, listed in the telephone directory under U.S. Government;
[Child Labor | U.S. Department of Labor \(dol.gov\)](http://Child Labor | U.S. Department of Labor (dol.gov))