

# REFEREE HANDBOOK

To: ALL Referees

## REGULAR SEASON:

1) **Mandatory** - Referees are to check all Coaches and Player passes and only those Coaches and Players for that game can be on the Player/Coach sidelines.

2) **Goal Safety** - Referees are to physically inspect goals prior to each game to assure that Goal's are securely anchored in accordance with CPSC guidelines. (CPSC guidelines can found online at [www.oysan.org](http://www.oysan.org))

3) **YAYSL Rules** –All FIFA Laws of the Game will apply to all age Groups (Including offside's for U-10`s) with the exception that an indirect free kick is awarded to the opposing team at the center spot on the half-way line, if the goalkeeper punts or drop kicks the ball from his/her penalty area into the opponent's penalty area.

4) **BALL SIZES** - U10, U11, & U12 use size 4. U-13'S and up use size 5.

## 5) DURATION OF GAMES:

	<u>AGE</u>	<u>REGULATION</u>	<u>BALL SIZE</u>	<u>PLAYERS</u>
1)	U10...2 X 25 minute halves...		#4 ball (6v6, min 4 players)	
2)	U11/12...2 X 30 minute halves...		#4 ball (8v8, min 5 players)	
3)	U14...2 X 35 minute halves...		#5 ball (11v11, min 7 players)	
4)	U16...2 X 40 minute halves...		#5 ball (11v11, min 7 players)	

## 6) SUBSTITUTIONS

All teams in the YAYSL will be allowed unlimited substitution from the roster with the referee's permission at the following times:

- A: before a throw-in in the favor of the substituting team
- B: before a goal kick by either team
- C: after a goal by either team
- D: at half-time
- E: one-for-one for an injured player with both teams permitted to substitute one-for-one
- F: one-for-one for any player receiving a caution
- G. Players going into the game as substitutes must enter at the

**midfield line**

## 7) MINIMUM NUMBER OF PLAYERS

A team failing to field four (4) players for U10s, five (5) players for U11s and U12s, and seven (7) players for U14 A and U14B at the scheduled starting time, or at any time during the match, will forfeit the game by a 0-3 score. A 20 minute grace period, beyond the scheduled match time, will be given to each team to begin the match. If the 20

minute grace period has expired the team not prepared to play the match will forfeit the match.

## **8) REFEREES**

1). Referees are paid according to the following scale. These fees will remain effective unless changed by YAYSL:

	Center	Lines
U10 (6v6)	\$20.00	No Linesmen
U11, U12 (8v8)	\$20.00	\$16.00
U13, U14, ECT. (11v11)	\$20.00	\$16.00

2) Referees are to charge only for the licensed referee present. Coaches are not responsible to pay for a Club linesman or linesmen when they are used in the absence of a Licensed Assistant Referee(s).

3) The only referee system recognized by the YAYSL for match play is a three person system with the exception of U-10's which require only one referee. If a match cannot be played under the three person system, then an exception may be made; wherein the licensed center ref will appoint a club linesman or linesmen (unlicensed) as deemed necessary.

4) Relatives of players shall not referee at any league sanctioned match unless opposing coaches mutually agree in advance of the match.

5) All referee fees are to be paid prior to the start of the match. Each teams share shall be one-half (1/2) the total fee due.

6) For further explanation of the above mention rules, please refer to the Rules and Regulation section of the Constitution/By-Laws of YAYSL.

## **9) RED CARDS:**

### **1) PLAYERS:**

If a player receives a RED CARD and is consequently sent off (disqualified) from a League or Tournament match, he or she will be suspended from further play as follows:

A. First RED CARD – Suspension from the team's next scheduled match

B. Second RED CARD (Combined Fall and Spring Season) – Suspension from the team's next three (3) matches.

C. Third RED CARD (Combined Fall and Spring Season) – Suspension for the remainder of that seasonal year ending August

31<sup>st</sup>.

\*\*The League president will keep a list of red carded players and coaches.

### **2) TEAM REPRESENTATIVES:**

A. The YAYSL reserves the right to discipline team representatives (rostered managers and coaches) during match play by the use of RED CARDING. If a team representative receives a RED CARD from referee during a match, that individual must leave the team area and the area of the field of play. Further, the team representative receiving the RED CARD may not attend another league or

tournament match until the YAYSL Executive Committee has reviewed the circumstances surrounding the RED CARD and has taken the appropriate action; in no event shall the coach receiving the RED CARD be allowed to attend another match for a minimum of one calendar week. The Executive Committee may impose further disciplinary action after any one or all of the above offenses in accordance with the guidelines established in the Rules and Regulation section of the YAYSL Constitution and By-Laws.

**Procedure:**

- 1) The referee shall mail the player/coach pass to the league President immediately following the match.
- 2) The referee shall also submit a written report on why the player/coach RED CARD was issued; the report shall be mailed to the league President within five (5) days following the match. (For further explanation of reporting a RED CARD(s), please refer to the Rules and Regulation section of the YAYSL Constitution and By-Laws.)

The referee and all other officials must be treated with respect before, during, and after every match by all those who attend. Each team and its officials, players and spectators are bound to uphold this ruling and as such, all coaches, officials and players are subject to severe disciplinary actions by the Executive Committee of the YAYSL for failure to ensure the safety and courteous conduct towards referees and all other officials conducting league business.

**10) WEATHER CONDITIONS:** In inclement weather, the coach of the home team must contact the opposing team to discuss condition's of the playing field. If the league has match locations the community or non-community representative must contact the competition secretary to discuss field conditions. This should take place in a timely manner to assess the field and notify the referees. The referee is the judge at match time and his/her decision cannot be changed or challenged. If during the match the referee determines the weather may be a threat to safety or other reasonable concern, he/she may postpone or cancel the match. The games must be stopped IMMEDIATELY following the first sighting of lightning or thunder is heard. Play must not be resumed until completely lightning AND thunder free for at least 30 minutes.

- 1) Any match cancelled in the first half prior to the beginning of the start of the second half the match must be replayed in its entirety.
- 2) Any match cancelled in the second half will stand. (Playoff games are the exception to this rule when a division champion is being determined).

## **TOURNAMENT**

### **YAYSL "Fall Classic" Tournament Rules**

The Fall Classic is the end-of-the-season tournament for teams who competed fully in the YAYSL during the fall season.

**A) Mandatory:** Referees are to check all coaches and player passes and only those coaches and players for that game can be on the player/coach sidelines.

**B) Goal Safety:** Referees are to physically inspect goals prior to each game to assure that goals are securely anchored in accordance with CPSC guidelines. (CPSC guidelines can be found online at [www.oysan.org](http://www.oysan.org)).

**C) YAYSL Rules:** All FIFA Laws of the Game will apply to all age Groups (Including off side's for U-10's) with the exception that an indirect free kick is awarded to the opposing team at the center spot on the half-way line, if the goalkeeper punts or drop kicks the ball from his/her penalty area into the opponent's penalty area.

**D) Ball Sizes:** U10, U11 & U12 use size 4. U-13's and up use size 5.

**E) Duration of Matches:** Start of match: A five (5) minute grace period, beyond the scheduled match time, will be given to each team to begin the match. If the five (5) minute grace period has expired the team not prepared to play the match will forfeit the match. Any team forfeiting a match means a loss for that team by a score of 0-3. Home Team is the first team listed in the tournament schedule. The home team will supply the game balls (2 quality balls for the match).

- 1) Preliminary rounds. . . 2 X 25 minute halves (all age divisions)
- 2) Championship rounds:
  - a) U-10 ... 2 X 25 minute halves
  - b) U-11/12 ... 2 X 30 minute halves
  - c) U-14(A & B) ... 2 X 35 minute halves

**F) Substitutions:** Are unlimited with the consent of the referee in the following situations:

- 1) before a throw-in by the team in possession
- 2) before a goal kick by either team
- 3) after a goal by either team
- 4) at halftime
- 5) one-for-one for an injured player with both teams permitted to substitute one-for-one
- 6) For a player who has just received a yellow card, but only if the game has not yet been re-started.
- 7) Players going in the game as substitutes must enter at the **midfield line**.

**G) Ties** in preliminary rounds will stand. Winners will determined in all championship rounds; 2 X 5 minute overtime periods will be played with teams exchanging ends of the field after the first overtime period. Then if it is still a tie, penalty kick elimination will be conducted with 5 kicks per team using players on the field at the end of the match. If the match is still a tie, a sudden death penalty kick round will be initiated with players who were on the field at the end of the match but did not kick in the first round of penalty kicks. If the match remains a tie after the sudden death penalty kick period, the period shall continue with all players eligible to take one turn at kicking until a winner is determined.

**H) Conduct:** Any player sent off (disqualified) from a match will be ineligible to participate in the next scheduled match. The exception to this is a player who had been sent off previously during the combined Fall and Spring YAYSL season, in which case the player will not permitted to participate in the remainder of the tournament.

1) Any player receiving a RED CARD in the final match preceding the tournament is not eligible to play in the first tournament match. [All disciplinary action for additional RED CARDS applies to the YAYSL Fall Classic.] The president of YAYSL will keep track of red cards during the regular season and will give a list to the tournament director.

2) Any player receiving two yellow cards during the tournament will not be permitted to compete in the next match during the tournament.

**I) Incomplete Matches Preliminary Rounds:** In the event play is stopped due to lighting or other severe weather in the preliminary rounds of the tournament, a decision will be made according to the following policies

1) If the first half was completed. The match will be called complete and the score at the end of play will be final.

2) If the first half cannot be completed, the match will be called a scoreless tie and each team will be awarded one point (regardless of the score at the time play was stopped).

**J) Incomplete Matches, Championship Rounds:** If play is suspended by the referee due to darkness or inclement weather during the championship rounds, the match will be replayed according to the following policies:

1) If the first half was not completed, regardless of score, the match will be replayed in its entirety at a site and date to be determined by the Executive Committee.

2) If the first half was completed, the match will be restarted at the point it was suspended at a site and date determined by the Executive Committee.

**L. Tournament Standings** (Methods of Scoring)

1) Advancement to the championship rounds, where applicable, will be determined on the basis of points awarded as follows:

a) Win = 3 points

b) Tie = 1 point

c) Loss = 0 points

2) In the event of a tie in the point standings, the following sequence will be used to break the tie (in the order provided):

a) head-to-head competition

b) goal differential (goals scored less goals allowed, with maximum of 3- goals scored per match)

c) lowest total goals allowed

d) penalty kicks (one round of five per team, alternating shots)

e) sudden death penalty kicks with different players

**M. Officiating:** The tournament referee assignor is responsible for ensuring that three (3) FIFA licensed referees are schedule for all U-11 age groups and up and one (1) licensed referee for U-10's for tournament play.

a) The only referee system recognized by the league for tournament play is a three-person system, where all referees are FIFA licensed at level eight (8). If a match cannot be played under the three person system, then an exception may be made; wherein the referee will appoint a club linesman or linesmen (unlicensed) as deemed necessary.

b) Relatives of players shall not referee at any league-sanctioned tournament match unless opposing coaches mutually agree in advance of the match.

- c) Tournament referees will be paid by the Tournament Director.
- d) Referees fees with a three person system for tournament play shall be:
  - U-10 - \$20.00 referee, no assistant referee
  - U-11/12 - \$20.00 referee, \$20.00 each assistant referee
  - U-14(A & B) -\$20.00 referee, \$20.00 each assistant referee

Referees are to charge only for the referees present. The tournament director will not pay when a club linesman or club linesmen are used in absents of licensed assistant referees.