Referee All-Hands Meeting

September 5, 2018
AYSO is a non-profit youth soccer organization for players all over the United States, the Virgin Islands, Trinidad and Tobago.

In AYSO there are:

- 500,000 Players
- 50,000 Teams
- 125,000 Volunteers
- 50 Staff
Governing Organizations

FIFA (Fédération Internationale de Football Association) governs the worldwide game.

USSF (United States Soccer Federation) is the national governing body.

AYSO is a National Association member of USSF.
AYSO
Philosophies
OBJECTIVES FOR THIS MEETING

Introductions
Local Rules and Policies
Online Scheduling
Player Development Initiatives
Opportunities to Refresh/Upgrade Your Skills
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Referee Mentoring
Working with Coaches and Spectators
Working Together as a Team
Key Take-Aways and Q&A
# Referee Leadership Team 2018-2019

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Local Rules – Region 34

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- All players must play at least three quarters of every game, or one less quarter than those for which they are present.
Local Policies – Region 34

- Zero Tolerance Policy on Abuse of Youth Referees
- Sportsmanship Points Guidelines
  - Must Explain Point Deductions on Game Card
- Volunteer Points are Same as Last Year
  - U7/8 and U10 – 2 points
  - U12 – 3 points
  - U14 and above – 4 points
Online Scheduling -- CGI

Welcome! Thank you for continuing to support the kids in our region by being a referee.

Select from the options below to search the game schedule. Narrow your search by selecting more than one search parameter. Use your mouse and the Ctrl key to select more than one Division to search.

Division:  
- BU-07
- BU-08
- BU-10
- BU-12

Team:  
- ---

Team Credited:  
- ---

Ref Name:  

Show:  
- All records

Sort by:  
- Division
- Ascend

Then by:  
- ---
- Ascend

View Records  Reset Form

My Schedule  Profile
Pre-game Duties and Activities
Arrive early

At least 15 minutes prior to game time (preferably more), in the proper uniform.
Pre-game Duties and Activities

Arrive early

With required equipment

NO JEWELRY!
Pre-game Duties and Activities
Prohibited equipment

CASTS OR SPLINTS
May never be worn in AYSO games and may not be removed at the field in order to play.

JEWELRY OF ANY KIND
This prohibition includes necklaces, earrings, bracelets, anything hard in hair (including woven beads).
Exception: medical alert bracelets may be worn, taped down with the medical information visible.

HATS
Exception: goalkeepers may wear soft hats for sun purposes, and the Referee may permit soft hats for warmth.

SUNGLASSES
Exception: prescription sunglasses may be worn.
Pre-game Duties and Activities

Brief Assistant Referees

How we are going to work as a team.

How we are going to communicate:

- Follow standard signals
- Discuss non-standard signals
Pre-game Instructions

• Introduce the match
• Left diagonal
• Back-up referee and timekeeper
• Three responsibilities
  – Goal line, touch line, offside line
• Stay with 2\textsuperscript{nd} to last defender or the ball
• Any special positions on restarts
• Help with calling fouls (or not)
• Other special instructions
Keeping Time

Law 7 grants Referees the discretion to add time for time that is lost through time wasting, injuries, etc.
### Region 34 Scorecard

**Division:** B GU [TEAM #]  
**Team Name:**  
**Colors:**  
**Coach:**  
**Ass. Coach:**

Indicate: C - Captain; A - Asst. Captain; G - Goalkeeper by Qtr;  
N - Not Playing That Qtr; Give reason for any absent players.

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<th>Goals Scored 1st</th>
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<th>Team Colors</th>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Time</th>
<th>Field</th>
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<th>Winning Team #</th>
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**Division B GU [TEAM #] Time**

**Team Colors:**

**Sportsmanship Award Rating**

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**Total Points**

NOTE: Ejection of a player, coach or spectator from a game shall result in the offending team receiving ZERO points in that category.

The issuance of a CAUTION to any player, coach or spectator shall result in the deduction of two points in that category.

Reason(s) for Point Deduction(s):

See Sportsmanship Guidelines for deducting points

**MISCONDUCT REPORT**

Disciplinary Actions Taken

File Report with Referee Administrator for All Ejections

**Name (please print)**

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UP NEXT...

PLAYER DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES
9U/10U Build-Out Line (BOL)

- 9U/10U matches now include BOL to help promote development of player skills
- BOL only impacts these three situations:
  - Goalkeeper putting ball into play after possessing in hands
  - Offside
  - Goal Kicks
9U/10U Build-Out Line

• Located halfway between the halfway line and penalty area line parallel to the goal line
• Line may be solid, dashed, or simply marked by cones (or flags) off the field
  • Referee needs to know how line is marked prior to match
  • Good practice to remind players/coaches prior to match
9U/10U Build-Out Line

Build-Out Lines
9U/10U BOL and Offside – National Rules

• The area of potential offside infractions is defined by the BOL and the closest goal line.

• The BOL replaces the Halfway Line as the boundary where offside infractions are considered.

• In our region, we still call offside all the way to the Halfway Line

• The Extra Program follows National Rules
BOL Does Not Restrict Player Location During Normal Play

OK in regular game play
Opponents MUST Move Behind BOL When GK Gets Possession
BOL and Goalkeeper Possession

When the goalkeeper gains possession of the ball with their hands

- Opponents must retreat behind the BOL.
- The goalkeeper has the option to put the ball back into active play without waiting for opponents to retreat.
- Opponents may cross the BOL once the ball is released from the goalkeeper’s hands.
What about other saves by the goalkeeper? (9U - 10U)

- If the goalkeeper kicks/punches ball rather than trying to collect ball with their hands, then play continues as usual.

- The BOL is not a factor in this situation.
Putting Ball into Play: Referee Considerations

- The goalkeeper may play the ball to either side of the BOL.
  - *The BOL only impacts opposing team position on field.*
- The goalkeeper does not need to wait for opponents to retreat; takes the risk of interception.
- Referee should encourage opponents to retreat.
  - *The goalkeeper has “6-seconds” to put the ball into play after opponents have retreated across the BOL (not commonly enforced in 9U/10U – vocally encourage the goalkeeper to put the ball into play).*
Opponent Considerations

- Opponents may cross the BOL as soon as the ball is released from the goalkeeper’s hands.

- **Offense:** an opponent crosses the BOL before the goalkeeper releases the ball and subsequently interferes with play:
  - Be vocally proactive; manage opponents to avoid this behavior.
  - Use judgement and don’t interfere for trifling offense.
  - If play has to be stopped to deal with the offense:
    - Remind the opponents of the proper procedure.
    - Restart with an IFK for the goalkeeper’s team on the BOL where the opponent crossed early.
Opponents MUST Move Behind the BOL for Goal Kick
Putting the Ball Into Play
From a Goal Kick

• Opponents must move behind the BOL when play is restarted with a goal kick.
  • The player taking the goal kick does not need to wait for opponents to retreat across the BOL.
  • The ball may be kicked to either side of the BOL.
• Opponents may cross the BOL when the ball is in play (the ball exits the penalty area).
Putting the Ball into Play from a Goal Kick: Referee Management

- The Referee should encourage opponents to retreat.
- The player taking the goal kick does not need to wait for opponents to retreat, but they risk interception.
- The ball may be kicked to any point on the field.
Putting the Ball into Play from a Goal Kick:

- Opponents may cross the BOL as soon as the ball exits the penalty area.

- **Offense:** Opponents cross the BOL before the goal kick is taken or before the ball exits the penalty area:
  - The Referee stops play and asks opponents to retreat; then the goal kick is retaken.
  - Use judgement and don’t interfere for a trifling offense.
  - Be proactive; manage opponents to avoid this behavior.
Goalkeepers at:

- 11U and 12 U may punt the ball.
- 10U and 9U may **NOT** punt the ball.

The restart for a 10U or 9U goalkeeper punt is an Indirect Free Kick

This can **never** be the basis for a caution or send off.
GK Punts Are Prohibited in 9U/10U

Punts, Drop Kicks and Half-Volleys are not permitted
Opportunities to Improve / Upgrade

• Laws of the Game – US Soccer website
  https://www.ussoccer.com/referees/laws-of-the-game

• Intermediate Referee Course
  – October 14 and 21 in El Segundo

• Advanced Referee Course
  – Not yet scheduled

• Register for any class on www.aysou.org

• Work as a Referee Team
Referee Mentoring Program

- Higher level referees who are available to help new or less experienced referees
  - Support new referees at 1st (2nd, 3rd...) game
  - Mentor referees who want to improve skills
  - Observe referees who want to upgrade to Intermediate
  - Assess referees who want to upgrade to Advanced
“The reason they can play that good is their parents aren’t yelling at them from the sidelines.”
Ask coaches to deal with inappropriate spectators.
Working with Coaches and Spectators

• Coaches and Team Parents were asked to promote a supportive sideline
  – Be a good role model
  – Make this a comfortable environment for the kids

• Coaches are to stay in the coach’s area
  – 10-yards either side of the halfway line, similar to the center circle
Working with Coaches and Spectators

• If you have to confront a coach who loudly dissents one or more of your calls
  – Remain calm; do not threaten or escalate
  – Ask for his/her cooperation
  – Second time, indicate that you may have to ask them to leave if their behavior continues
  – Do not show them a yellow or red card
Working with Coaches and Spectators

• If you have a spectator who coaches
  – Ask the coach to ask the spectator to refrain from coaching from the sideline

• Or a spectator who dissents
  – Begin by asking the coach to control the sideline
  – Second time... indicate that the coach may be asked to leave if the dissent continues

• No spectators beyond the edge of the penalty area or behind the goal line
The Referee Team

• Communicate as a team
  – Starts with pre-game instructions
    • Review instructions, even if you’ve refereed together before
  – Make eye contact several times during play
    • When making a call, try to look at your AR first
    • During fast breaks, look at your AR for offside
  – Consult your AR’s for controversial calls
The Referee Team

• At halftime, discuss the game
  – Anything we missed?
  – Any questions?

• At end of game, meet at midfield
  – Monitor team handshake
  – Shake hands with players and coaches
  – Complete game cards; review them for completeness and accuracy
Key Takeaways

• Support Our Youth Referees
  – Zero Tolerance for Abuse of Youth Referees
• Update Your Volunteer Form www.ayso34.org
• Fill Out Game Cards Clearly and Completely
  – PLEASE PRINT
• Sign-up for Matches – Week One and Beyond
• Select Your Affiliated Team(s) Online
• Work Together as a Team
Key Takeaways

• Upgrade Your Skills
• Upgrade Your Referee Badge by Taking the Intermediate or Advanced Course
• Keep Calm when Working with Coaches and Spectators
• Become More Involved
During the safety inspection of the players, the Referee notices that a player is wearing earrings. She explains that she had her ears pierced the previous day and if she removes the earrings the holes will close.

What should the Referee do?

The Referee should explain to the coach that earrings are not permitted; if the player wishes to play, they must be removed.
A player is injured and leaves the field (with the Referee’s permission). What are the coach’s substitution options?

The team can play short until the player returns to the field (with the Referee’s permission),

or

A substitute can replace the injured player.
A player is injured and leaves the field (with the Referee’s permission). The coach decides to substitute the injured player. Which player gets credit for the “quarter”?

The player that started the “quarter.”
Q&A
In AYSO, it’s about *more* than the game!