

Referee Team,

As you know, playoff games are more contentious due to the nature of one-and-done – No Tie games. Therefore, everyone (players, coaches, parents & family/friends) is more emotionally engaged and we, referees, must keep everyone grounded before, during, and as soon as the match completes. Please remind everyone that there is zero tolerance for abusive behavior including language towards anyone/ anywhere on the field.

- All games are still bounded by same AYSO rules as the regular season for each division; ex., Player development (including Build Out Line) are still in play, no heading allowed for U12 and below
- Same regulation time for each division
- Coaches must wear proper attire and age appropriate badges
- All players must wear shin guards

REFEREES:

- Must show at least 30 mins before game starts to check in teams, inspect fields, and coordinate with referee on expectations – same as regular season games
- Must wear proper attire (green jersey strongly suggested) – no hats other than the issued black with “ayso” logo...and yes tuck in your jersey
- If the score is tied at the end of regulation time, the referee will conduct a coin toss to determine field side and kick off. Referee will explain Overtime (OT) rules. A winner shall be determined by Kicks From The Mark (KFTM)
- Know the OT rules :
 - Overtime game duration
 - U10 – Two 5 minutes halves
 - U12 – Two 7 minutes halves
 - U14 – Two 9 minutes halves
 - If teams are tied after OT periods – teams will proceed to KFTM
 - Only players that on the field during second OT half are allowed to participate in kicks from the mark
 - Coaches are allowed to switch goalies only with participating players
 - AR#1 should be position at the goal line junction, AR#2 should be attending the participating non-kicking players at the midfield area
 - Breaks:
 - between end of regulation play and first overtime are 3 minutes
 - between each overtime period and between overtime and KFTM are 2 minutes
 - Sent-off players are still not allowed to participate in OT – sanction will continue through OT even if it means that a team still plays short

Please feel free to email me if you have any questions. These notes can also be found in Blue Sombrero under Volunteers/Referees “Referee Team playoff invite and rule reminder - fall 2019”

Thank you for everything that you have done during the regular season and thank you for helping during playoff.

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