



*Online Training:
SAY Playing Rules - Laws*

SECTION 1

Welcome to SAY Soccer's online training course for SAY Soccer Officials. In the first section of the online training course you will receive a brief introduction on how to navigate each section of the online course as well as a background on SAY Referee Directives, and why you should referee.

INTRODUCTION

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Online Training Instructions

WHY THIS TRAINING?

- This on-line training program is part of the required training to become a SAY soccer official.
- The intent of this training is to provide you with the basic information about the **SAY Playing Rules and Laws** along with some useful additional information.
- This will also allow for more focused training during the classroom sessions.
- It will also shorten the number of classroom hours required.
- Finally, it is hoped that this training will be more fun and enjoyable to learn the facts of the **SAY Playing Rules - Laws**.

TRAINING MATERIAL AND QUIZZES

- You can work through each **Law** in any order you so choose, but the sequence as listed is the recommended order.
- After each section there will be an interactive quiz to assist you in understanding the information sufficiently prior to proceeding to the next section.
- The results of the quizzes are not recorded and, as such, no one will know how you scored on any of the quizzes.
- If you miss a question, the correct answer with a corresponding explanation will be given.

WHEN SHOULD I DO THIS TRAINING?

- You will need to complete all this on-line training prior to the first in-class clinic session.
- It may take you several hours to complete this training, so avoid waiting until the last minute.

WHY TAKE CLASSROOM TRAINING TOO?

- This training material is very effective for the simple and straight forward ***SAY Playing Rules***.
- Some of these ***SAY Playing Rules*** are more complex and require more demonstration, practical application, and examples to be fully understood prior to going out on the field for the first time.

WHAT IF I HAVE TROUBLE?

- If you cannot complete the training prior to the first class and have given yourself enough time and effort, contact your local referee trainer for further assistance and recommendations on your next steps.

CAN I STOP AND COME BACK LATER?

- Absolutely!
- This entire on-line training package may take you several hours to successfully complete.
- It is not intended nor necessary to be completed all in one sitting.
- The material is openly accessible, and you can come back later and look at any of the sections again either for a review or just for fun.

SAY SOCCER DIRECTIVES

- Just as the referee team needs to meet before the game starts to decide on how they are going to work together most effectively, the information below will help you with the general principles of SAY and the role of the official in upholding these principles.



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- The definitive **Laws of the Game** of soccer are those of The International Football Association Board (IFAB).
- These **Laws of the Game** apply all over the world and provide a standard that governs international competition.
- The USSF (United States Soccer Federation), the NCAA (National Collegiate Athletic Association), and the NFHS (National Federation of High School Associations) all have their own set of Laws, or Rules, which basically conform to the **IFAB Laws**, but also have variations unique and appropriate for their organizations.
- Various youth soccer programs, such as SAY Soccer, have made further changes to allow for situations specific to young recreational players.

- The **IFAB Laws of the Game** shall apply to SAY Soccer play, except as may be amended in the **SAY Playing Rules – Laws**.
- The interpretations of the **SAY Playing Rules - Laws** are the responsibility of the National Director of Officials of SAY and, with the approval of the SAY National Board, are binding upon all participants in the SAY Soccer program.

- When SAY Soccer was founded, it was stipulated that all teams would be made up of eleven (11) players, regardless of their age.
- Over time, a considerable body of opinion has determined that younger players would be better served if games were played on smaller fields with fewer players on each team.
- With such an arrangement, each player has many more opportunities to play the ball, and to develop skills at a faster rate.
- Increased participation should also improve the players' interest and enjoyment.

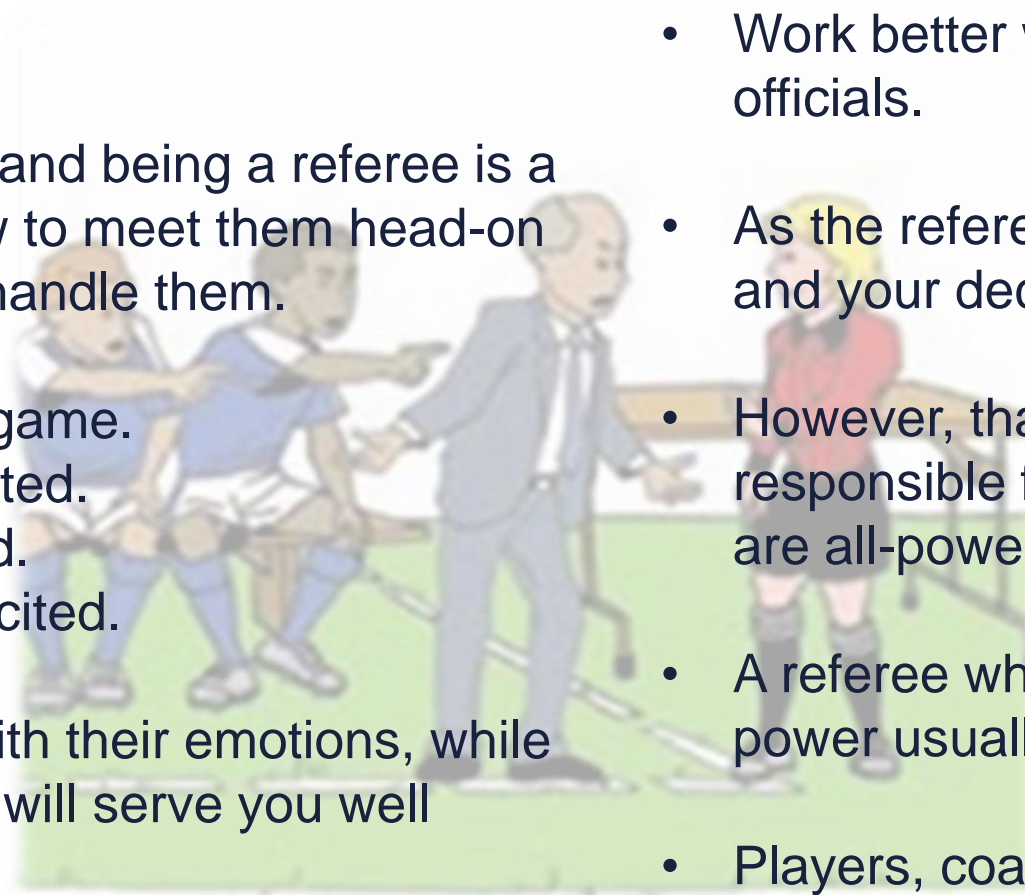
- The **SAY Playing Rules – Laws** have been modified in their application to include provisions for short-sided team games at all levels of play.
- Most of the standard **IFAB Laws of the Game** still apply.
- The SAY Soccer modifications of these **IFAB Laws of the Game** are intended to change the nature of the game as little as possible, and are primarily directed toward creating a safer game that is more age-appropriate for the participants and a means for all players to participate.
- All team members and coaches are subject to these **SAY Playing Rules - Laws**, whether on or off the field of play.

EXERCISE

- Refereeing a soccer game is good exercise.
- You can be outside and run around, enjoy exciting games, and make a few dollars all at the same time.
- It can help keep you in shape for your own sports, help you lose weight, or just allow you to have some fun.

CHALLENGE

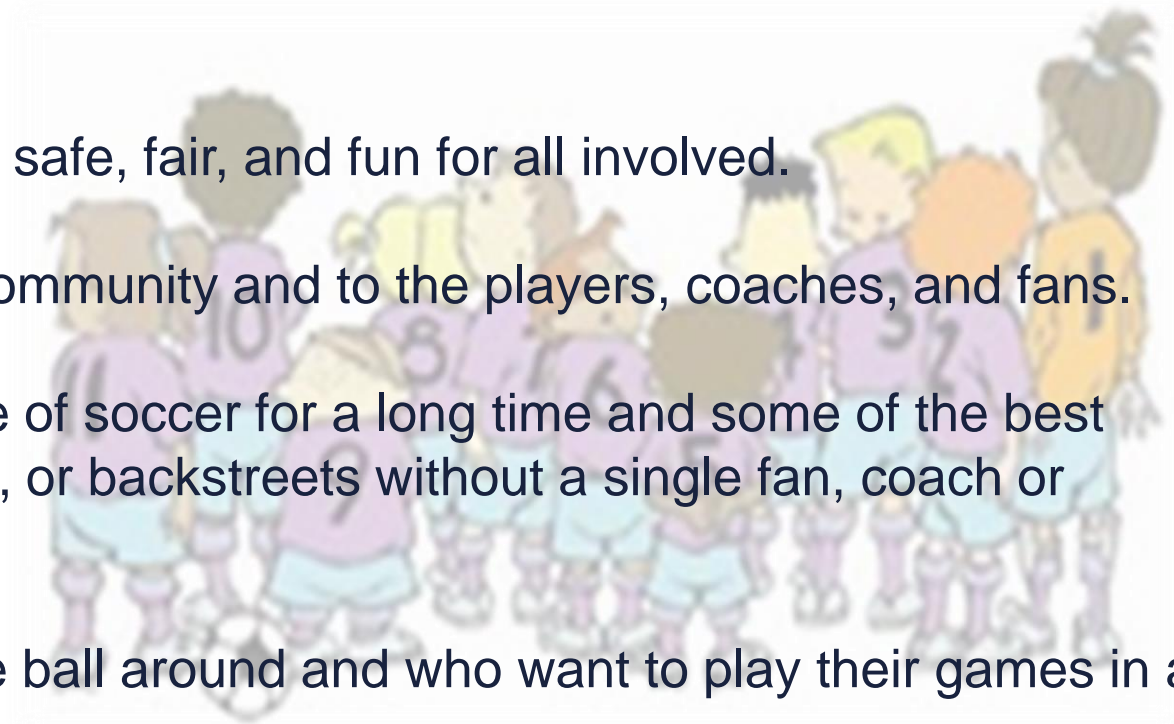
- Life is full of challenges and being a referee is a perfect way to learn how to meet them head-on and know that you can handle them.
- Soccer is an emotional game.
 - Players get excited.
 - Fans get excited.
 - Coaches get excited.
- Learning how to cope with their emotions, while keeping yours in check, will serve you well throughout your life.



- Work better with others, i.e. your fellow officials.
- As the referee, you are the one in charge and your decisions are final.
- However, that does not mean you are not responsible for your actions and that you are all-powerful.
- A referee who officiates because of the power usually does not last long.
- Players, coaches, fans, and fellow officials sense this power hunger and soon want to avoid you.

THE KIDS

- The game needs referees of all ages.
- Referees are there to make sure the game is safe, fair, and fun for all involved.
- As a referee you are doing a service to the community and to the players, coaches, and fans.
- People have been playing the beautiful game of soccer for a long time and some of the best games ever played were in backyards, parks, or backstreets without a single fan, coach or referee.
- SAY Soccer is just kids who enjoy kicking the ball around and who want to play their games in a safe environment.



KNOWLEDGE

- Knowledge is a great thing.
- The more you know, the more you can do and see.
- With a complete knowledge of the **Laws of the Game**, you are better referee, a better player, a better coach, and a better fan.
- This training package and the clinic sessions to follow are the beginning of this journey to learn more about the game and the **SAY Playing Rules - Laws**.
- You must never stop learning.

FRIENDSHIP

- Becoming a SAY Soccer official is a great way to meet friends that have similar interests.
- Working with different referees should help you understand how different people can be so much like you, and that you have as much to learn from them as they have to learn from you.
- Some of the people you will meet will become your friends for the rest of your life.
- Take the time to get to know them and understand them.



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