



Area 11-L Spring 2009 - Referee Guidance



- All Area 11-L Spring 2009 scheduled games will have Referee Signups made through Schedules Etc.
 - All Referees must:
 - have a unique email address
 - be a FS2008 registered volunteer in eAYSO
 - have their Referee certification on file in eAYSO
- Only Referees with an Advanced badge or higher will be eligible to sign up as the Referee (Center) for U16 – U19 games
 - Exception:
 - An Intermediate badged Ref who has successfully passed all the Advanced badge requirements except for the field assessments. They must also be actively seeking the field assessments. They will be allowed to be a Referee (Center) for GU16 games.
- Home Region Referees have first priority for game assignments until the Tuesday before that weekend's games. This is an honor system and will be monitored by each Region's RRA for compliance.
- If a Referee who has signed up for games needs be removed from his/her game assignment(s), please email Hart Borrowman at ADRI@ayso11l.org; the backup individual is Ken Bruette at ARA@ayso11l.org
- All Referees are expected to honor their commitment to officiate games.
- Referees should not sign up to officiate their own child's game except as a last resort
- There is NO Area 11-L Referee point requirement system but there may be Regional requirements. Please work directly with your local Region on these issues.
- Area 11-L Rules apply for all Spring 2009 games scheduled by Area 11-L:
 - Players are only required to play 50% of each game (exception = injury).
 - Players may play any position for their play time (no Goalkeeper field play requirement)
 - If an adult is called onto the field to attend to an injured player, that player must leave the game before the game is re-started. The team may elect to play short in which case the "injured player" may return to the game at any time with the Referee's permission. If the team elects to substitute the player, the "injured player" may re-enter at the next substitution opportunity.
 - If a Region chooses to apply other, Regionally based requirements, they will apply **ONLY** to that Region's team.

- Referees seeking games for badge upgrades will receive priority sign up privileges.
- Referee restrictions for age group signups are determined locally by the Regional Referee Administration. Any request for an upgrade must be processed through your local Region.
- The Schedules Etc Referee message board is for items that affect most everyone. It is NOT a complaint blog or the mechanism to be removed from game assignments.
- Games will have a running clock during substitution breaks. A 10 min, (whistle to whistle), halftime period will be allowed.
- Referees are expected to show professionalism in manner and dress at all times. To that end, Referees are to only confirm certain actions but not enforce it. For example, a player is played on one “quarter”. Allow this to occur, but report it to 11-L Mgmt.
- Any individuals identified as being suspended are not allowed to play or attend games. The Referee will NOT start/re-start the match until that person has left the field area within sight and sound of the Referee. This situation is also to be reported to 11-L Mgmt.
- All games must be played as scheduled by Area 11-L. Games rained out are not automatically re-scheduled.
- Coaches must show and display a properly completed and laminated Photo ID card, signed by their Regional Commissioner. If a Coach has a card, but the Asst Coach does not, the Asst Coach may not function as an Asst Coach. If no Coach/Asst Coach on a team has a photo ID card, the game is not to be played. Referees are not to interfere if the coaches decide to hold a “friendly scrimmage”, but should report the facts of the missing ID cards via the Misconduct Reporting system. Only 2 Team officials, i.e. “coaches,” allowed per team.
- Goal Frames must be anchored to the ground in accordance with Law 1. It is permissible to use sand bags or other such appropriate counterweights to accomplish this.
- Rainout notifications will be posted on the Area 11-L website (Mudline). Once a field is closed, it will remain closed for the day. Referees do have the authority to not play a game due to safety concerns. In a case where a game is not played or terminated early due to the referee’s concern for safety, such action should be reported using the Misconduct Report.
- Referees are NOT empowered to make decisions regarding outcome of games. Referees simply report misconducts or other unusual circumstances via the Misconduct Reporting system. Unusual circumstance that should be reported may also include, game suspension due to weather, field issues, missing coach ID cards, forfeits, etc. The Area 11-L 2009 Spring Administrators will render all applicable decisions regarding outcome of matches/standings.

- All misconduct/issue reporting should be completed within 24 hours after the conclusion of the match in question.
- U08 games only require a Referee (Center)
- U09 – U19 games require a 3-person Referee team.
- Referees needing equipment/uniforms should contact their Region.
- At team check-in, Referees need to confirm the player number to the name on the lineup card provided by the coaches. If the game has no issues, at the conclusion of the match, give the lineup cards back to the respective Coaches with your signature and the final game score. If there are issues, retain the lineup cards and report the applicable issue(s) via the Misconduct Reporting system.

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