



AYSO Area 11Q

Adult League Guidelines for Referees

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I. JURISDICTION

- A. Unless otherwise noted in this document, the current AYSO National Rules and Regulations related to the NAASA (North American Adult Soccer Association) Program and FIFA Laws of the Game will be used this AYSO Area 11Q adult league season.
- B. The AYSO Area 11Q staff will have jurisdiction over all games played.
- C. Referee decisions are NOT subject to dispute or protest.

II. REFEREE FEES

- A. Referee fees are not included in the player registration fee.
- B. Teams are responsible for collecting referee fees from their players and will pay the referees directly during the team check-in at each game.
- C. Referee fees are to be paid in cash only. Referee fees should be paid directly to the center referee prior to the completion of the team check-in process.
- D. Referee fee schedule:
 - 1. Three-Person Crew - \$72 per team.
 - 2. Two-Person crew - \$60 per team.
 - 3. One-Person Crew - \$45 per team
 - a) *Clubs Linesman will be used.*

III. REFEREES

- A. The referee shall have the authority to decide as to the playing conditions of the field in all matches. The referee shall have the authority to postpone the actual commencement of the match, to suspend the match for short periods of time, or terminate the match in the event of inclement weather or accidents on or around the playing field.
- B. **Misconduct:** Referees will provide a written report per their referee association guidelines for all send offs.
 - 1. **Yellow Card misconduct:** Cautions may be issued per FIFA Laws of the Game at the referee's discretion. Contrary to prior season guidance, a player shown a yellow card caution does not need to leave the field and there is no mandatory cooling off period.
 - 2. **Red Card misconduct:** Send offs may be issued per FIFA Laws of the Game at the referee's discretion. Sent off players must leave the field for the duration of the match and may not be replaced.

a) Players receiving a 2nd yellow send off or a direct red send off due to any misconduct other than violent conduct or referee abuse shall serve a 1 game suspension.

b) Players receiving a red card send off for violent conduct or referee abuse will serve a twelve-month league suspension subject to review by the AYSO Area 11Q board.

C. The referee has the authority to stop or suspend play in any match where the referee deems it necessary due to spectator interference, and to request that the individual(s) creating the disturbance immediately leave the playing area to a minimum of 100 yards from the field. Said individual(s) shall remain silent for the duration of the match. Failure of any individual ejected by the referee to respond within two (2) minutes of the referee's request to leave shall be reported by the referee immediately to the Referee Assignor. Action resulting from such stoppage will be determined by AYSO Area 11Q board.

D. If a referee attacks a player physically or verbally threatens a player, the team managers have the authority to suspend or terminate the match. The team managers are required to file a written report with the AYSO Area 11Q board within two (2) days. A report will be sent from the league board to the appropriate referee association.

IV. PREGAME CHECK-IN

A. Teams should be prepared to check-in with the referee 15 minutes before their scheduled start time.

B. The team must present a printed team photo roster to the referee. The team roster will be provided to the Team Manager prior to the start of the season. Only players on an official roster will be allowed to play. If a player has no photo on the roster, a picture ID will be required.

C. The home team must present three size 5 soccer balls to the referee. Balls will not be provided by the league.

D. No jewelry of any kind that has the potential to harm another player is to be worn during the game.

E. The team rosters serve as proof of insurance coverage for the players on the roster. Teams unable to present an official roster to the referee will not be allowed to play and the match will be terminated.

F. Only members in good standing shall be permitted to play in Adult League matches.

G. Commercially available shin guards are mandatory for all players, including goal keepers. There will be no exceptions allowed.

H. No bare feet will be allowed. Shoes must be worn which in the opinion of the referee are safe. Soccer cleats are highly recommended.

V. GAMES

A. Laws of The Game

1. All matches will apply the 2017/2018 edition of the FIFA [LAWS OF THE GAME](#) with the following modifications and guidance:

a) Law 1: The Field Of Play

- (1) Spirit of the Law: The field of play must be safe for players. The goals and markings must be adequate for the referee to perform his duties and should not be confusing to the players.
- (2) The size of the field will greatly depend on the fields available for use in each city.

b) Law 2: The Ball

- (1) Size 5 soccer balls should be used in all adult league matches.

c) Law 3: The Players

- (1) Each team is entitled to begin play with a maximum of eleven (11) players and shall not continue play with fewer than seven (7).

(2) Co-ed Matches

(a) Due to the limited number of female players registered this season, there is no minimum requirement for female players on co-ed teams to commence play.

(b) If agreement from both team managers, and the center referee, can be reached; a match day decision to modify this rule will be allowed based on the number of female players on each team that day.

d) Law 4: The Players' Equipment

- (1) Commercially available shin guards are mandatory for all players including goalkeepers. There will be no exceptions allowed.
- (2) All players must wear the approved AYSO Area 11Q Adult League uniform. All players on the same team must wear matching uniforms (goalkeeper excepted.)

- (3) Garments may be worn under the uniform (i.e. long sleeves, etc.) during inclement weather, however the match referee will be the judge of what should be allowed or not.

e) Law 5: The Referee

- (1) Spirit of the Law: The referee's duty is to ensure the match is fun, fair and safe for the players.

f) Law 6: The Other Match Officials

- (1) Club Linesmen

(a) Club Linesmen are sometimes used when neutral assistant referees are not available. Club Linesmen are usually selected from volunteers present at the game and often are supporters of one of the clubs or teams playing in the game. Because of their lack of official training, Club Linesmen have very limited responsibilities.

(b) If fewer than three (3) referees are available to officiate a match, teams may be asked to provide a club linesman to help the referee when the ball goes out of play. They will not have any other duties, such as offside or calling fouls. The club linesman can be a substitute player, team manager or spectator, but must wear a different color jersey from the players on the field or a penny. Players may rotate club linesman duties during the match.

g) Law 7: The Duration Of The Match

- (1) Two 45-minute halves.

h) Law 8: The Start And Restart Of Play

- (1) Per FIFA LOTG

i) Law 9: The Ball In And Out Of Play

- (1) Per FIFA LOTG

j) Law 10: Determining the Outcome of a Match

- (1) Per FIFA LOTG

k) Law 11: Offside

- (1) Per FIFA LOTG

l) Law 12: Fouls And Misconduct

- (1) There will be no slide tackles allowed. The referee has sole discretion to determine what may or may not be a slide tackle.

(a) A slide tackle shall be considered playing in a dangerous manner. An indirect free kick will be awarded for the opposing team. Any misconduct shall be applied per the FIFA LOTG (there is no automatic caution).

m) Law 13: Free Kicks

(1) Per FIFA LOTG

n) Law 14: The Penalty Kick

(1) Per FIFA LOTG

o) Law 15: The Throw-In

(1) Per FIFA LOTG

p) Law 16: The Goal Kick

(1) Per FIFA LOTG

q) Law 17: The Corner Kick

(1) Per FIFA LOTG

B. FORFEITS:

1. There will be a ten-minute grace period at the start of the game for a team to take the field before a forfeit is declared.

VI. CONDUCT

A. Referees shall have the right to issue red cards and send off any players or dismiss coaches guilty of using profanity, either by word or action, against other players, other coaches, spectators, referees, or any league officials.

B. Players guilty of pushing, attacking, or threatening by action, word, or gesture toward a referee or any league officials shall receive a minimum twelve-month suspension.

C. Conduct which threatens the ability of the AYSO Area 11Q Adult League to provide a safe, respectful, and inclusive environment for recreational adult soccer is not allowed.

1. Incompatible conduct shall include, but is not limited to:

a) Verbal abuse of other players, officials, or spectators (using profane, insulting, intimidating, threatening, demeaning, or derogatory communications, including gestures.)

b) Cheating (intentional and egregious violations of the rules of play, using ineligible players, fake identifications, etc.)

2. Players who are charged with conduct incompatible with recreational play may receive a sanction in line with the severity of the offense, up to and including a twelve-month suspension.

3. A report, or complaint, describing the alleged conduct in violation of this rule, which may be made in the referee's game report or after the incident by an opposing team or player, shall be investigated by the AYSO Area 11Q board.

D. All spectators must remain behind the control line and between the 18-yard lines (penalty areas in small fields).

VII. PROTESTS

A. The match referee has full discretion to officiate a match as they deem appropriate. No post-match protests will be considered.

VIII. RULES INTERPRETATION

A. The AYSO Area 11Q board retains the right to interpret and apply the league rules to the optimum benefit of all league participants.