



## INSTRUCTIONS TO REFEREES

Thank you for accepting assignments to referee in the NL Conference. This league features the highest level of US Youth Soccer in the Midwest and Great Lakes regions, with the best teams from our 17-state area earning the right to compete in conference league play. The level of competition is comparable to games at the Regionals and late round State Cup competition. Teams are battling for Wild Card slots into the Regionals, qualification to the national tier of National League, maintain their Premier I and II Division positions or earn promotion from tier to tier (First to Premier II to Premier I).

### Prior to The Game

- Referees should arrive no later than 30 minutes prior to scheduled kick off time
- Teams are to submit a Line-Up Card and USYS Member Passes for each player to the Referee, prior to the game. The Referee Report and team Line-Up Cards are to be submitted to the Conference after each match. Please give the Referee Report and Line-Up Cards to the host team so they can submit directly to Conference with the final score of the game.
- Referees are to collect the player passes for any non-participating player that is sitting on a team’s bench prior to the match to insure that such players do not participate. Passes should be returned to the teams after the match.
- Club Pass (formerly Guest) Players are allowed
- Rosters are to be exchanged with opponent upon request
- In the event of uniform color conflict, the team listed first on the schedule must change uniform color, subject to the Referee’s decision
- 15-minute grace period for late arrival before the game is abandoned. Referees may not determine that game is forfeited, that is done at the Conference level
- In the event that a referee does not show up for an assigned game, a club AR should be used. The referee fees should be paid accordingly to the assigned Referee and AR. The fee for the second AR (club AR) is returned to the teams
- Referees are to be stationed in between the team benches prior to, at halftime and following a match.

### During The Game

Game Ball: Size 5 (provided by one of the competing teams. Be sure to return game ball to team)

Age Group	Length of Game	Substitutions
Under 13 &14	35-minute halves	Unlimited
Under 15 & 16	40-minute halves	FIFA seven (7) per half. Once replaced, players cannot re-enter during that half.
Under 17,18,19	45-minute halves	FIFA seven (7) per half. Once replaced, players cannot re-enter during that half.

To manage the substitution process player passes of the starting players should be collected at the start of each half. In order to enter as a substitute the entering player will hand their player pass to the Referee/AR.

### After The Game

ALL PLAYER PASSES ARE RETURNED TO TEAMS AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE GAME. (Including any player(s) that were sent off). **DO NOT KEEP PLAYER PASSES.** Referee Reports are to be completed and submitted to the host team or the Site Coordinator following the game. Send Offs or Serious Incidents are to be reported immediately following game to [mfrankland@usyouthsoccer.com](mailto:mfrankland@usyouthsoccer.com) Be sure to list age group, division, teams, player(s) sent off, the offense and your name, email and phone number. Be sure to include as much information as possible on the Supplemental Referee Report that can be emailed to [mfrankland@usyouthsoccer.org](mailto:mfrankland@usyouthsoccer.org)

### Game Fees

Paid to Referees after the Referee Report is turned in to the Site Coordinator. If no Site Coordinator, then teams are to pay the Referees prior to the start of the game.

Age Group	Referee	Assistant Referee
Under 13 &14	\$50.00	\$35.00 each
Under 15 & 16	\$60.00	\$40.00 each
Under 17,18, 19	\$70.00	\$45.00 each

In the event that Referees are on site and the assignor has not been notified of a postponement due to weather or field conditions, then the teams shall pay full referee fees for the game. For example if both teams are on site along with referees and weather conditions are such that the game cannot be played, then Referee fees are paid. Rules of Competition should be available from the Local Site Coordinator or off of the Conference website