

Referee Quick Reference List

- A. All U6 teams will play with four (4) players. U7 and U8 teams will play will five (5) players. There are no goalkeepers on the U6, U7 or U-8 teams. All U10 teams will play with seven (7) players. All teams in other divisions will play with 11 players, unless an agreement to play with fewer players is made between the two coaches. The minimum number of players for a game to be played in the U6 Division is three (3), U7 & U8 Division is four (4), and U10 Division is six (6) and seven (7) for upper divisions. The Board of Directors may make changes in these numbers at its discretion.
- B. The official dress for each player on the field of play during the game shall be; Team jersey, shorts, socks, shin guards and soccer shoes. Shin guards must be worn and must provide a reasonable degree of protection. Long sleeve shirts may be worn under the team jersey. It is recommended that these shirts be white or identical to the jersey in color. If long pants are worn, it is recommended that they be sweat pants, that the regulation shorts be worn on the outside of the long pants, and that they match the color of either the jersey or the shorts. Only the Goal Keeper may wear a hat or a visor. The goalkeeper in every game must wear a jersey color, which does not conflict with either team's jersey colors. Players who do not conform to this dress rule shall not be permitted to play.
- C. For the U-10 Division, five minutes prior to the scheduled kick-off, each team must provide a club linesman to the center referee if requested. The linesman is not to act as a coach on the sidelines while lining a game.
- D. Thunder and Lightning: In the event of lightning/thunder, all games or activities shall be stopped immediately. It is the responsibility of coaches and referees to clear the fields immediately when lightning is spotted or thunder is heard. Coaches and referees shall be responsible for player safety. Individuals may return to the fields 30 minutes after the last hearing of thunder or spotted lightning.
- E. In the event a game must be suspended because of conditions, if a game reaches halftime it is considered an official match during the regular season. Otherwise, BRYSA will try to reschedule the game, if possible. A post season game that is stopped at any point due to poor or unsafe playing conditions, will be referred by the center referee to the Scheduling Committee. The Scheduling Committee will review and consider the referral and subsequently determine if the abandoned game will be replayed unless the Scheduling Committee rules and procedures do not include a consideration of replay.
- F. With reference to score, games are considered "out of hand" when a (6) goal differential has been reached. Under this rule, all games must complete the first half of the game and part of the second half prior to the game being called as follows:
 - U-10: 1st half plus 12 minutes of the 2nd half
 - U-12: 1st half plus 15 minutes of the 2nd half
 - U-14: 1st half plus 15 minutes of the 2nd half
 - Girls U-19: 1st half plus 15 minutes of the 2nd half
 - Coed U-19: 1st half plus 20 minutes of the 2nd half

If the (6) goal differential is reached at any point after the half way point in the 2nd half, the referee will notify both coaches and the game will be terminated. The team with the most goals is declared the winner. This rule does not apply to the U-6, U-7 and U-8 games, since no score is kept. The "out of hand" rule is **not** in effect during playoff matches.

CONDUCT

- A. BRYSA has a zero tolerance for physical or verbal abuse to any referee or any participant of BRYSA.
- B. Coaches shall be responsible for the conduct of their teams' players and supporters while they are at the game, practice field or facility. Improper conduct on the part of the coaches, players or spectators may result in penalties against the individual, including expulsion from the field or facility, forfeiture of a game if deemed necessary by the referee. Referees shall provide, within 48 hours, a written report to the Head Referee describing the circumstances surrounding the sending off (red card) of a player or a coach.
- C. In addition to those penalties required by the Laws of the Game for the issuance of a card, the following will also apply:
 - 1. Any player sent off the field by receiving a red card from the referee shall be suspended for the remainder of that game and the next in which he or she plays. Ejected players shall not be replaced or substituted for at any time during the game.
 - 2. Although coaches **may not** be cautioned and shown the yellow card, they may be warned that their behavior is at risk of being considered irresponsible. If the behavior continues, they may be expelled from the field but not shown the red card. The coach will be suspended for the remainder of the game and the next in which he or she is supposed to coach. The field includes both sidelines so if expelled the coach needs to go to the parking lot.
 - 3. A player receiving a yellow card shall be removed from the field and may not re-enter the game until the next regular substitution. A player so removed may be substitute for upon removal. A player receiving a second yellow card in a match will be sent off and no substitute will be allowed and the team will play short.
- D. The referee must explain all infractions of the law to the players in the U-6, U-7, U-8 and U-10 Divisions.

LAWS OF THE GAME

The Playing Rules shall be the laws of the game as authorized by the Federation International De Football Association (FIFA) and the United States Soccer Federation (USSF) shall apply in all cases, except as amended by the following.

FIELD OF PLAY

- A. No one will be permitted behind the goal lines during a game.
- B. Spectators shall be restricted to one side of the field and the teams to the opposite side of the field.
- C. Each team must have at least one coach approved by BRYSA present at the game.
- D. The coach, the assistant coaches and members of the teams are the only individuals allowed on the team sidelines during the game.
- E. The coach, assistant coach and members of the team are restricted to one-half of the area along the team side of the field (i.e. from 18-yard line to the halfway line), except for U-6, U-7 and U-8. Coaches are allowed at any point along the touchline on the team side of the field in U-6, U-7 and U-8 for the purpose of instructing their players.

PLAYING RULES

- A. Substitutions will be allowed only after a goal has been scored or goal kick by either team or the team not in possession of the ball may substitute an unlimited number of players at a throw-in if the team in

possession of the ball is substituting. Injured players may be substituted for at any time with proper notification to the referee, one for one. Yellow-carded players may be substituted for upon their removal from the field. When a team repeatedly substitutes to consume time, the referee shall stop the clock and notify the coach of the offending team that the repetition may be construed as unsportsmanlike conduct and earn a yellow card.

B. Ejected players shall not be replaced or substituted for at any time.

PLAYERS EQUIPMENT

This applies to any equipment, which, in the opinion of the center referee, is dangerous (rings, necklaces, earrings, watches, etc.):

- A. Types of equipment which are always illegal include:
1. Projecting metal or other hard plates on clothing or person.
 2. Knee, head, arm thigh or hip pads containing sole leather, fiber, metal or any unyielding materials, unless covered with proper padding. The center referee will make the determination if the padding is sufficient.
- B. Medical casts may be worn by U10 and higher players if a medical release is signed by a health provider and received by BRYSA, if properly wrapped with padding, and if, in the opinion of the Referee, for that particular game, no hazard exists for the casted player or for the opposing team players; the Referee's decision is final. No casts are allowed for U6 , U7 and U8 players.

Wrapping: NO BUBBLE WRAP ALLOWED. Casts must be sufficiently covered with at least ½ inch thick of closed cell foam then wrapped securely with a soft elastic athletic bandage.

- C. A knee brace may be worn, but shall be wrapped.
- D. Referees, coaches, parents and any member of the Association shall act responsibly to the wearing of illegal equipment.
- E. Proper soccer shoes, in conformity with the official lawful standards are the only acceptable soccer shoes. Sneakers may be worn, but no hard sole street shoes are permitted.
- F. All players shall without exception, wear shin guards. Shin guards must be covered entirely by socks. Kneepads and elbow pads may be worn.
- G. Glasses and contact lenses may be worn; however, the player and/or his or her parents or guardian accept the responsibility and liability for replacement, damage or injury, if such are worn. Wearing of such apparel is discouraged.

THE BALL

U-6 and U-8	Size 3
U-10 and U-12	Size 4
U-14 and U-19	Size 5
Girls Team (U-12)	Size 4

Girls Team (U-14)	Size 5
Girls Team (Combined U-12 & U-14)	Size 5

DURATION OF THE GAME

U-6:	4 Ten-minute quarters
U-8:	4 Ten-minute quarters
U-10:	2 Twenty-five minute halves
U-12:	2 Thirty-minute halves
U-14:	2 Thirty-five minutes halves
Girls U-19:	2 Thirty-five minutes halves
Coed U-19:	2 Forty-minute halves

START OF PLAY

In those games played in quarters, the team kicking off in the first quarter shall also kick off to start the game in the second quarter. The team kicking off in the third quarter shall also kick off to start the game in the fourth quarter.

OFFSIDE

The center referee shall not apply the offside rule in U-6, U-7 and U-8 games.

PENALTY KICKS

A direct free kick will be used in lieu of a penalty kick in the U-6, U-7 and U-8 Divisions. Penalty kicks on all fields for U-10 Division and above shall be taken from the penalty spot located 12 yards from the goal line. Even though a field may be of reduced size, this distance shall not be reduced or altered.

THROW IN

One retry on a foul throw in shall be allowed for U-6 and U-8 Divisions. The coach shall explain the proper method before allowing the player to retake the throw in.

GOAL KICKS

Goal kicks in the U-6, U-7 and U-8 Divisions will be taken five yards in front of the goal. Regular restart will apply in all other Divisions.

CORNER KICKS

No substitution is allowed on corner kicks.