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MYSO Rule Summary for Referees 2010

Grade 9 Referees can only be center referees at any in-house game up to U14 or any U9/U10 traveling game (must be older than the players). They can also serve as assistant referees for any traveling game up to U14.

Note: All free kicks taken within the penalty area by the defending team must leave the penalty area before being touched by any player. All opponents must be outside the penalty area until the ball clears the penalty area.

MEMBER PASS

- Signed with current photo and laminated.
- **No Pass, No Play, No Exception.**
- Coach or adult must also present a proper member pass. If no coach or adult pass is presented, there can be no game.
- When presented with an Ejected Participant Report, referees are to sign it to reflect the current game suspension, **OR**, accept it as a valid pass after the last game suspension has been served.

COMPETITIVE MATCH REPORTS

A completed match report from each team must be sent to the MYSO office by the referee.

AGE SPECIFIC GUIDELINES

U9/U10

- Play 6 vs. 6 (Max: 6; Min: 4 on field).
- Substitution allowed at any stoppage of play.
- Offside is **NOT** in effect.
- All free kicks are INDIRECT free kicks.

U11/U12

- Play 8 vs. 8 (Max: 8; Min: 5 on field).
- Substitution allowed at any stoppage of play.
- Offside **IS** in effect.

U13 and Older

- Play 11 vs. 11 (Max: 11; Min: 7 on field).
- Substitution is allowed:
 1. Prior to a throw in, by the team in possession of the ball. If the team in possession is substituting, both teams may substitute as long as the opposing team's players are ready.
 2. Prior to a goal kick, by either team.
 3. After a goal, by either team.
 4. After an injury, by either team, when the referee stops play—substitution is unlimited.
 5. At half-time.
- Offside **IS** in effect.

There will be **NO GAME** if a team has less than the required minimum number of players.

PLAYERS' EQUIPMENT

- No jewelry is allowed except medical alert identification.
- All eyeglasses must be secured by an elastic eyeglass band or tape.
- In cold weather, sweat pants or shirts underneath the uniform shall be allowed.
- Padded cast is acceptable if allowed by referee.

DURATION OF THE MATCH

U5 and U6:*	Four 8-minute periods
U7 and U8:*	Four 12-minute periods
U9 and U10:	Two 25-minute periods
U11 and U12:	Two 30-minute periods
U13 and U14:	Two 35-minute periods
U15 and U16:	Two 40-minute periods
U17 and Older:	Two 45-minute periods

* *Rec small-sided games*

THE START AND RESTART OF PLAY

- Games shall not start later than 15 minutes after the designated starting time.
- In any case, the game must not be started if it will cause a second game scheduled on the same field to be delayed more than 10 minutes beyond its scheduled start time.
- A game is considered complete when at least one half (of the game) and 50 percent of the second half have been played. Anything less must be reported to the appropriate authority who will determine if it needs to be replayed or will determine the outcome of the game.
- The referee is the official timekeeper and sole judge on the amount of time that has been played.
- League games, which are tied at the end of regulation time, will remain tied. In MYSA-sponsored tournaments, if a game is tied after regulation time, two 5-minute overtime periods (not sudden death) will be played. If the game is still tied after the second overtime, the tie shall be broken by taking kicks from the penalty mark following the procedures in USSF Laws of the Game.

ANY ISSUED CARD

With the exception of mistaken identity, once a red card has been shown, it cannot be rescinded. If you discover a mistake, rescinding the card is only allowed prior to restarting the game.

FOULS AND MISCONDUCT

- Referees must promptly report problems of behavior by coaches, players and fans to the appropriate MYSA official.
- If a coach is asked to leave a game, the referee will retain the coach's member pass and will send it to the MYSA office along with the game report.
- If a coach refuses to leave after expulsion, the referee should terminate the game and include the details in the game report.
- Only registered adults from that Member Club will be able to coach that game. The replacement adult must present a proper member pass to prove registration (see No Pass, No Play section).

SENDING-OFF OFFENSES

A player is sent off and shown the red card if he/she commits any of the following seven offenses:

1. is guilty of serious foul play (**SFP**).
2. is guilty of violent conduct (**VC**).
3. spits at an opponent or any other person (**S**).
4. denies the opposing team a goal or an obvious goal-scoring opportunity by deliberately handling the ball (this does not apply to the goalkeeper within his/her own penalty area) (**DGH**).
5. denies an obvious goal-scoring opportunity to an opponent moving towards the player's goal by an offense punishable by a free kick or a penalty kick (**DGF**).
6. uses offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures (**AL**).
7. receives a second caution in the same match (**2CT**).

CAUTIONABLE OFFENSES

A player is cautioned and shown the yellow card if he/she commits any of the following seven offenses:

1. is guilty of unsporting behavior (**UB**).
2. shows dissent by word or action (**DT**).
3. persistently infringes the Laws of the Game (**PI**).
4. delays the restart of play (**DR**).
5. fails to respect the required distance when play is restarted with a corner kick or free kick (**FRD**).
6. enters or re-enters the field of play without the referee's permission (**E**).
7. deliberately leaves the field of play without the referee's permission (**L**).

ADDITIONAL CAUTIONS WITH REFEREE'S DISCRETION

A referee may issue cards after the match is finished and up until he/she leaves the field (of play).

1. Fakes an injury or exaggerates the seriousness of an injury.
2. Fakes a foul (dives) or exaggerates the severity of a foul.
3. Unfairly distracts or impedes an opponent performing a throw-in.
4. Changes jerseys with the goalkeeper during play or without the referee's permission (both players must be cautioned).
5. Engages in trickery to circumvent the goalkeeper's limitation on handling the ball played from a teammate's foot (the defender who initiates the "trickery" is cautioned, the decision does not require that the goalkeeper actually handles the ball and the misconduct can occur during dynamic play or at a restart).
6. Enters or re-enters the field of play having previously been substituted (unless the rules of competition allow such return).
7. Enters or re-enters the field of play without the referee's permission after having previously been instructed to leave the field to correct equipment.
8. Enters or re-enters the field of play as a substitute without receiving permission to do so by the referee.

Please contact the Minnesota State Youth Referee Administrator with any questions.