



SANDWICH YOUTH SOCCER REFEREES' REVIEW OF RULES



>> SLIDE TACKLING IN ANY FORM WILL NOT BE TOLERATED<<

First Offense: warning to both player and coach

Second Offense: Player ejected from game

Third Offense: 3 game suspension for player and coach

Rule III: Substitutions are not allowed on corner kicks.

Rule VIII: The ball is out of play when it has completely crossed the goal line or touch-line, on the ground or in the air, or when play is stopped by the referee.

Rule XVI: Goal kicks should be taken from the goal line, 4 yards either side of the goal posts. For 4th graders and under, goal kicks may be taken from the 8 yard line.

Rule III: No player will play goalkeeper for more than ½ of the game. A coach cannot take out a keeper at half time and bring him or her back sometime later in the second half. You can have 2 keepers in the first half and 2 keepers in the second half.

Rule XIII: All free kicks are “modified indirect.” (With an indirect kick, the ball must be touched before a goal can be scored.)

Under SYS Rules, a Free Kick or Modified Indirect has to be touched by at least two offensive players before it counts as a goal. In FIFA rules, a regular indirect kick can go in off a defensive player and count as a goal. Here, under the SYS Rule for a modified indirect kick, two players of the kicking team must touch the ball before it goes in the goal, to be counted as a goal. This interpretation of the rule works well on small fields.

Rule XV: Throw- ins cannot be thrown directly into the goal. Another player must touch the ball before a goal can be scored. For 4th grade and under, they can re-do the throw.

At kick- off, the ball must go forward and the person who touched it first, cannot touch it again until another player has done so.

No Penalty Kicks. All penalties should be modified indirect free kicks. If a free kick is awarded inside the goal box, you move the ball six (6) yards away from the end line. It does not have to be right in front of the net. Make sure two players on the same team touch the ball before a goal is scored.

No Off sides. However, if in your opinion, a player does not participate in the play, (i.e. standing on the opposite side of the field), the other team is awarded a free kick from where the ball was when you had to stop the play.

No player may play wearing a “hard” or soft cast; there are no exceptions to this.

NOTE: All cautions and ejections are to be noted on game slips and to be pointed out to Referee Coordinators.



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- Return shirts and whistles when done refing.
- If you have your own whistle, please bring it because we hardly have any. Also, please bring watches. Just because there is a blow horn, doesn't mean you need to keep time, you still need to have a watch.
- No sandals or bare feet. Please wear sneakers or cleats.
- No cell phones. If you are caught using your cell phone during the game, you will no longer referee.
- Blow the whistle hard and loud!!! Everybody should be able to hear it.
- 30 minute halves with a five minute half-time. Pay attention to the blow horn.
 - Two short blows= 3 minute warning before start of game
 - One long blow= start of 1st half
 - One long blow= end of 1st half
 - Two short blows= 1 min. warning for start of 2nd half
 - One long blow= start of 2nd half
 - One long blow= end of game
- You do not need to keep score. Except during the tournament.
- Team Formats
 - 7/8th- 5 v. 5 with a goalie
 - 2-6 – 6 v. 6 with a goalie
- If the goalie punts, drop-kicks, or throws the ball over the furthest 8-yard line, in the air without the ball touching another player, the other team is awarded a free kick. The kick shall be taken from the opposite team's 8- yard line.
- Please Download the policy sheet on the website and make sure you understand everything on it.
- If you are licensed, you must show a valid USSF ID card (not a patch) to one of the Referee Coordinators at the clinic. Until you show your ID card, you will only earn un-licensed pay (\$10) instead of the licensed pay of \$15. You will only earn \$15 *after* you show your ID card and you will not be reimbursed any payments before you show your ID card.
- Attendance to all scheduled games is necessary unless approved by a SYS Referee Assignor. You must send an e-mail to sandwichyouthsoccer08@yahoo.com no later than the Friday morning before you are scheduled to referee if you cannot show up. If you do not show up to a game you will no longer be able to referee. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**
- Any questions with anything please let one of the referee coordinators know ASAP.

To find out when you are scheduled, log onto www.sandwichsoccer.org/sys and click on "Referees' Corner". If you are not able to referee a weekend, please let us know.

Also, check out all of the rules at www.sandwichsoccer.org/sys. Go to 'Rules of Play' tab and you will find out all of the rules.

To contact one of the Referee Coordinators, send an e-mail to John Simkins at simki53@comcast.net and he will make sure that the appropriate person gets the message.

If there is an emergency where you cannot referee your scheduled game, and it is short notice, please call this number: (508) 274-2243. Thank You.