



Referees' Corner Review of Rules



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

First Offense: warning to both player and coach

Second Offense: Player is required to take a 5 minute penalty and a substitution will be allowed

Third Offense: Player ejected from the game

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 touchline, 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.

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



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Attention Referees!!

- Return shirts and whistles when done reffing.
- 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
- When in doubt, re-start with a drop ball.
- 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.
- No Headers for Gr. K-3.

To find out when you are scheduled, log onto 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 sandwichsocccer.org/sys. Go to 'Rules of Play' tab and you will find out all of the rules.

To contact the Referee Coordinator, send an e-mail to SYS@SandwichSoccer.org
We will make sure that the appropriate person gets the message.