

## Referee's Corner

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### Frequently Asked Questions

#### **When do I allow a substitution?**

Substitutes are permitted on:

- All Goal Kicks (no matter whose possession it may be)
- All Kick-Offs
- The Throw-In of the team calling for substitutions
- The Throw-In of the opposite team, provided they also call for substitutions
- Injuries

\*\*\*Note that goalkeepers can be substituted at any of these times, as long as the referee is informed.

#### **What is the Mercy Rule?**

Our League no longer employs any form of a Mercy Rule. As referees it is our responsibility to record every single goal that is scored. It is this true score that is recorded in the game sheets. Also remember that it is our job as referees to keep track of which player scored the goal.

#### **What do I do if U7 and U9's are swearing at each other?**

Since we do not use disciplinary cards at these age levels, we must send them off the field for a 'cool down'. As referees you can decide how long this cool down will last. I would suggest ten minutes. If the problem persists, send them off again, this time for a longer period of time. If the player continues this behaviour a third time, then you may remove them from the game. By then the player has been given ample warning and should know that what they are doing is wrong.

#### **At what time can I give out Red and Yellow Cards?**

Discipline cards can be shown to any player or substitute:

- Before the game
- During the first half
- During half-time
- During the second half
- During any periods of extra play (in play-off situations)
- After the game

### **What should and shouldn't players be allowed to wear?**

Please referee to the following document issued by the CSA through the OSA.

[Insert Link to "Law 4 Memo"](#)

### **If I award a Direct or Indirect Free Kick, where does the kick take place?**

The DFK or IFK should be taken from the point where the infringement occurred.

### **When can a player NOT be Offside?**

A player doesn't commit an Offside Offence when they receive a ball directly from:

- A goal kick
- A corner kick
- A throw in
- A team-mate if they were in their own half of the field when the ball was played
- A team-mate if they were level with the second last opponent when the ball was played

### **During the play-offs, what do I do if in the end, the score is tied?**

If after both halves of regular play the score is tied, two extra halves of 'Silver Goal' will be played. Both these halves must be played in their entirety no matter how many goals have been scored. If the score is still tied at the end of this, the winner will be decided by kicks from the penalty mark in a 'Shoot Out'. For Shoot Out instructions, please refer to pages 53, 54, and 55 in the 2006 version of the FIFA Laws.

\*\*\*Any additional Question? Email them to Nathaniel Stevens for answers!

### **Incident Prevention**

- Make sure that the teams and spectators are seated on opposite sides of the field
- Throughout the game, watch the perimeter of the field to make sure spectators are behaving properly, and seated where they should be
- If you notice anyone violating this, make their coach aware of the problem (it is their responsibility to control their spectators)
- If they can not control the spectator and the problem persists, abandon the match (ie. end the game immediately)
- After the game has finished all three officials should stand at centre and monitor the hand-shake (try and watch for players spitting on their hands, an offence punishable by a Red Card)
- Throughout the game blow your whistle loud, and often. Try to keep the level of aggression to a minimum (especially at the younger age levels). This will set a precedent; everyone will know what to expect and they will know that you're in charge

## **Helpful Documents**

**Use these to clarify your understanding of the rules.**

2006 FIFA Laws of the Game

Insert link to “2006FIFALawsOfTheGame”

GBYSL Rules of Play for Mini Soccer

Insert link to “RULES OF PLAY FOR MINI SOCCER”

**Use these to test your understanding of the rules.**

Referee Quiz (Blank)

Insert link to “RefereeQuiz”

Referee Quiz (With Answers)

Insert link to “RefereeQuizAnswers”

SWRSA Quiz

<http://www.swrsa.ca/referees/quiz.asp>

SWSRA Quiz

<http://www.swsra.ca/SWSRA/Quiz.aspx>

**Print these off incase you ever need them.**

Red Card Report

Insert link to “RedCardReport”

Yellow Card Report

Insert link to “YellowCardReport”

Special Incident Report

Insert link to “SpecialIncidentReport”

## **Other Useful Websites**

Ask The Ref . Com (Fantastic site for Q & A’s to many common rule-related inquiries)

<http://www.asktheref.com/>

Ontario Soccer Association (OSA)- Referee Department

<http://soccer.on.ca/OSN.nsf/1422DE1221EB9886852568170050F4F6/FD78FFDB3646DA6B852570EB005F42CC?OpenDocument>

South West Regional Soccer Association (SWRSA)  
<http://www.swrsa.ca/>

South West Soccer Referee's Association (SWSRA)  
<http://www.swsra.ca/swsra/>