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2026 SUPER LIGA SPRING REFEREE PRE-SEASON MEETING

Zoom Meeting



AGENDA

- ✓ **ADMINISTRATION**
- ✓ **SUPER LIGA EXPECTATIONS**
 - Pre-Game
 - In-Game
 - Post-Game
- ✓ **STATE REFEREE COMMITTEE**





CONTACT INFORMATION



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GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Referees are independent contractors that work for the league



THE SUPER LIGA

- ✓ Scheduling league games
- ✓ Managing game dates & time
- ✓ League Policies and Procedures
- ✓ Manages ABSL
- ✓ Answers league questions



State Referee Committee

- ✓ Verifying and processing registration records
- ✓ Recruiting and retaining
- ✓ Distributing Referee badges
- ✓ Provide clarification & interpretation of the Laws
- ✓ Referee Abuse



GETTING YOUR GAME ASSIGNMENTS

Assignment Notifications

Referees receive game assignments via email and text alerts

Prompt Assignment Decisions

Referees must quickly accept or decline assignments

Assignment by Age Group

7U - 12U: Games are assigned by local clubs

13U - 19U: Games are assigned by SL regional assignors

Updating Contact Information

Keeping email and phone details current in ABSL helps receiving game assignments

Opportunities from Open Games

Open games posted on ABSL offer referees chances for extra games



SUPER LIGA REGIONAL ASSIGNORS

13U – 19U games > Assigned by Regional Assignors

- **AL RICCI**

South

Chariho, Coventry, East Greenwich, EWG, Jamestown, Narragansett, OSNK United, South County, Westerly, West Warwick

- **JEN WHITWORTH**

East

Barrington, Bristol, East Providence, Middletown, Portsmouth, Seekonk, Tiverton, Warren

- **KATHY SOUSA**

Central

CLCF, Pawtucket, Providence Sharks, Future Stars, Scituate, Smithfield, WFF

- **ED MARTINS**

North

Attleboro FC, BGYSA, Central Falls, Cumberland, Dighton-Rehoboth, Lincoln, Mach 1, NECONN, North Providence, North Smithfield, Peace Soccer.

SUPER LIGA Association/Club Assignors can be found on the **SUPER LIGA** website, www.thesuperliga.com, click on “Referee” ball.

REFEREE INFORMATION



Username

Password

LOGIN INFORMATION FOR ABSL

Will be Emailed - March 17

Assignments will start shortly after March 17

Spring 2024



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How to find ABSL

Where you could find:

- Sportsmanship Card
- Super Liga Rule Book
- Assignor information
- Blank Game Report
- Forfeiture Form



Referee Payment Process

Fee Collection

Referees collect game fees from each team before game begins.

All referee payments are made in cash at the field; each team gives you half the game fee

Volunteer Referee

Volunteers in proper referee uniform get paid.

Volunteers NOT in uniform are not paid. Referees must return fees for ununiformed volunteer

Assistant Referee Compensation

Assistant referees begin earning payments from 9U–10U divisions

Age	Format	Referee Crew	Compensation	
			Referee Crew	Per Team Pay
7-8U	4 v4	1	\$24	\$12
9-10U	7 v 7	3	\$32 (r) / \$20 (ar)	\$36
11-12U	9 v 9	3	\$40 (r) / \$24 (ar)	\$44
13-14U	11 v 11	3	\$48 (r) / \$28 (ar)	\$52
16U	11 v 11	3	\$54 (r) / \$33 (ar)	\$60
19U	11 v 11	3	\$64 (r) / \$36 (ar)	\$68
19U	7v7	1	\$64	\$32



Referee Payment Process

Match Payment

Referees receive the full fee when a game is completed

Partial Match Payment - First Half

If a game ends in the first half, referees get half the normal fee for partial services rendered

Partial Match Payment - Second Half

Games terminated in the second half result in full payment

No Match Played Payment

When a match is not played, referees must return collected fees

	Collect Game Fee	Team No Show	Volunteer in Uniform	Volunteer No Uniform	Submit Forfeiture Form	Weather Conditions	Disciplinary
GAME PLAYED	Yes	—	Pay Volunteer As AR/Referee	Return Referee Fees	—	—	—
GAME NOT PLAYED	No	Check in Team	—	—	Yes	—	—
GAME TERMINATED	—	—	—	—	—	1st half = ½ fee 2nd half = full fee	full fee & Note on Game Report



GAME CANCELLATIONS

CANCELLED

BREAKING NEWS

Guideline:

- Super Liga and/or the Referee are the ONLY ones who can cancel a game.
- If games are postponed due to weather an announcement will be made typically 2 hours before game time.

Communication:



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PRE-GAME ESSENTIALS

Early Arrival Importance

Arriving early allows referees to inspect the field and complete administrative tasks without rushing

Professional Appearance

Wearing the correct uniform and maintaining a professional demeanor signals reliability and league representation

Player and Coach Check-In

Review rosters, verify passes, and ensure teams meet match requirements before kickoff

Introduction and Sportsmanship

Introduce yourself, perform the coin toss, and read sportsmanship guidelines to promote respect





PRE-GAME INFORMATION

Referee	HOME	GAME DAY RESPONSIBILITIES	AWAY
	✓	Game Report	
	✓	Game Day Roster (2 copies)	✓
	✓	½ of Referee Fees	✓
	✓	Player /Coaches Passes	✓
✓	✓	Goal & Field Condition	
✓		Return Passes	



GAME REPORT

- 1 provided by home team
- Important Areas that need to be completed by the home team coach
 - Game Number
 - Date
 - Age Group
 - Home Team
 - Visiting Team

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GAME REPORT

Game #	Date	Age / Division	Time

HOME	VISITOR
Uniform Color	Uniform Color
Final Score	Final Score
Goal Scorers <small>(Uniform Number and Time)</small>	Goal Scorers <small>(Uniform Number and Time)</small>

OFFICIALS

REF

AR1

AR2

Home Coach

Visitor Coach

Check off the following.....

HOME Team Game Day Roster

VISITOR Team Game Day Roster

HOME Team Passes

VISITOR Team Passes

CAUTIONS - (Yellow Cards)

Team (Color)	Player's #	Reason

EJECTIONS - (Red Cards)

Team (Color)	Player's #	Reason

FIELD CONDITIONS

CORNER FLAGS	Good	Short	None
GOAL POSTS	Good	Fair	Poor
NETS	Good	Fair	Poor
LINES	Good	Fair	Poor
FIELD	Good	Fair	Poor
COACHES' BOX	Good	Fair	Poor

(Please Circle the appropriate condition)

Super Liga Team Sportsmanship Award

HOME	VISITOR
<input style="width: 50px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 50px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>

Please rate each team on a scale of 0 (worst) - 5 (best)

Super Liga Spectator Evaluation Score

HOME	VISITOR
<input style="width: 50px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 50px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>

Please rate each team's spectators on a scale of 0 (worst) - 3 (best)


REFEREE COMMENTS / FEEDBACK

CENTER REFEREE: MUST ENTER GAME REPORT IN ABSL within 24 hours




GAME DAY ROSTER

- 2 game day rosters from each team.
- Jersey Numbers must be on the game day roster.
- “Club Pass” Players must be written on the game day roster by the coach, prior to the start of the game.



2021 - 2022 Soccer Rhode Island Roster
Warwick Fire Fighters SC
WFSC-G16U-BYRD



Age: U16
Gender: Female
Level: Competitive
Color:

Association: RI
Season:
Division:
Team Number: 174899

Role	Name	Reg#	Phone	Email/UserID
Coach	Byrd, Doyle	258775	4015230026	doylebyrd@gmail.com
Coach	Mota, Antonio	1491895		tonymota99@gmail.com
Coach	Cambio, Courtney	967234	4017145454	courtneycambio@gmail.com

Name	Jersey	Reg#	State	DOB	m/f	Status	Assignment/Approved Date
1 Adams, Madison		112793	RI	04/2007	F	P	02/22/22 / 02/23/22
2 Blanco, Oriana		1128525	RI	10/2008	F	P	02/22/22 / 02/23/22
3 Cambio, Isabella		67510	RI	01/2007	F	P	02/22/22 / 02/23/22
4 Ficher, Ava		5591030	RI	12/2007	F	P	02/22/22 / 02/23/22
5 Guyon, Lily	1.	1206458	RI	04/2006	F	P	03/07/22 / 03/08/22
6 Hogan, Sloan		178069	RI	02/2007	F	P	02/22/22 / 02/23/22
7 Iang, Haley		744481	RI	02/2007	F	S	02/22/22 / 02/23/22
8 Ieddy, Iorelai		181036	RI	06/2007	F	P	02/22/22 / 02/23/22
9 Marrocco, Ava		946998	RI	01/2007	F	P	02/22/22 / 02/23/22
10 Monteiro-Lopes, Bianca		92984	RI	05/2007	F	P	02/22/22 / 02/23/22
11 Moore, JadyN		209934	RI	10/2007	F	P	02/22/22 / 02/23/22
12 Mota, Katrina		1146529	RI	01/2006	F	P	02/22/22 / 02/23/22
13 Mota, Gabriela		197914	RI	05/2008	F	P	02/22/22 / 02/23/22
14 Pereira, Alanna		184863	RI	04/2007	F	P	02/22/22 / 02/23/22
15 Quezada, Kiara		1013255	RI	09/2008	F	P	02/22/22 / 02/23/22
16 Rattigan, Emma		124364	RI	06/2009	F	S	03/07/22 / 03/08/22
17 Tzalam, Michelle		751958	RI	04/2007	F	P	02/22/22 / 02/23/22
18 Vega, Shiryu		991386	RI	11/2007	F	P	02/22/22 / 02/23/22
Joh n Smith	2						

John Smith

PLAYER AND COACHES PASSES

- Every Player and Coach must have a current USYS Pass
- The passes can be a printed, laminated or virtual on any mobile device



NO PASS = NO PLAY and/or NO COACH



SPORTSMANSHIP CARD

Sportsmanship card must be read to all players, coaches and spectators prior to the start of each game on the spectators' side of the field



The **SUPER LIGA** Sportsmanship Card

The Super Liga's philosophy is to provide a fun filled and safe environment to create the "Youth Soccer Experience".

We encourage coaches, players, referees, and spectators to respect each other and the game by creating a positive and enthusiastic environment. Poor sportsmanship will not be tolerated.

It is the referee's discretion to terminate the game if any threatening statements are made or for anyone entering the field of play without permission.

Let's make this a true Youth Soccer Experience for all.

PLAY FAIR !! PLAY WELL !!



RULES & POLICIES

HANDBOOK

- Referees are required to understand all Super Liga rules and policies
- Download or print from www.thesuperliga.com located on the referee section

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EXPECTATIONS

Laws of the Game Knowledge

Referees must master the Laws of the Game and league-specific variations, including age-related rules

Effective Communication

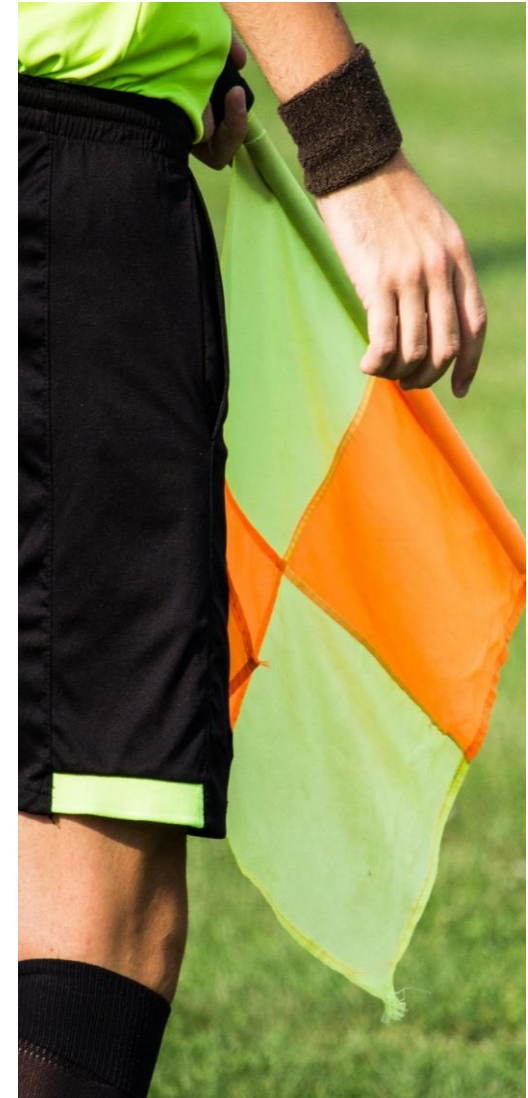
Clear verbal cues and confident body language help referees maintain match flow and authority

Professionalism Under Pressure

Referees must stay calm, impartial, and composed during dissent and emotional situations

Safety and Game Management

Referees monitor player conduct, enforce stoppages, and ensure safety of players





IN-GAME CONDUCT

Maintain Composure

Referees must stay calm and focused despite criticism or emotional pressures during matches

Address Disruptive Behavior

Referees should follow league protocol by asking coaches to manage disruptive spectators effectively.

Avoid Direct Spectator Interaction

Referees must never engage directly with spectators to prevent escalating tensions and ensure safety.

Document Serious Misconduct

In cases of persistent misconduct, referees document incidents for league follow-up and support.





KEY HIGHLIGHTS

Heading Prohibition for Safety

Heading is banned in 7U–11U divisions, with referees enforcing this for player safety without exception

7U-8U Small-Sided Format

This group plays 4v4 with no goalkeepers, indirect free kicks, and simplified restarts to focus on development

9U-10U Build-Out Line Rules

Rules include goalkeeper distribution limits and offside calls to reinforce consistent league enforcement

19U 7v7 Format Details

New format features specific field size, roster limits, and goalkeeper restrictions unique to this division





HEAD TRAUMA POLICY



Referee stops game due to player(s) head trauma

Player must be removed from the game and not allowed to return

Referee must indicate incident on game report





HEADING POLICY

7U – 11U GAMES: Players shall not engage in heading

When a player deliberately heads the ball in a game....

An indirect free kick (IFK) will be awarded to the opposing team from the spot of the offense

If a player does not deliberately head the ball, then play should continue.

If the deliberate header occurs within the goal area, the indirect free kick will be taken on the goal area line parallel to the goal line at the point nearest to where the infringement occurred



LIGHTNING POLICY



Maximum 40-minute delay before terminating game

- Coaches and Referees need to communicate prior to start of game when weather is suspect
- If lightning is observed by any referee or coach the referee will stop the game immediately
- Referee must wait 20 Minutes between observing lightning before the game can resume



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POST-GAME REQUIREMENTS

Timely Game Report Submission

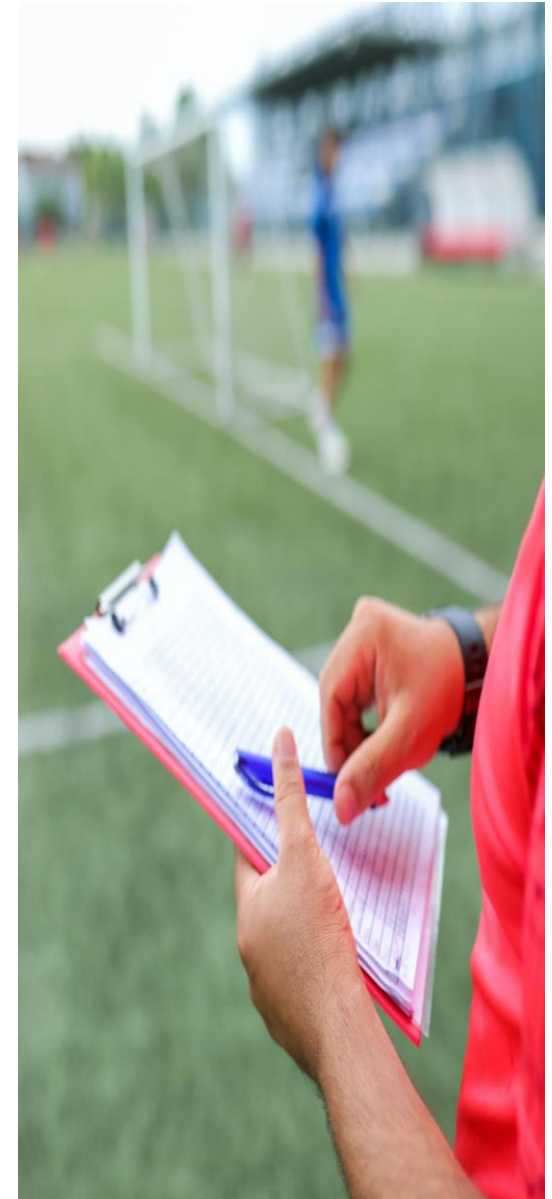
Referees must enter the ABSL online game report within 24 hours, including all critical match details

Data Accuracy Verification

Referees must double-check that all data entered matches the game day documents

Document Retention

Game rosters and game reports must be kept for the entire season to ensure they are available if issues arise





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Laws of the Game Updates



LotG Updates

Law 3: “Only The Captain”

- Designed to prevent “mobbing” of a Referee or Assistant
- Encouraged for all Leagues but really designed for Adults (with limited subs)



LotG Updates

Law 9: “Dropped Ball”

If the ball was inside the penalty area:

→ Ball dropped to defending goal keeper in their penalty area (no change from last year)

If the ball was outside the penalty area:

→ If one team HAD clear possession OR WOULD HAVE HAD clear possession, they get the dropped ball

→ Otherwise team who TOUCHED THE BALL LAST get the dropped ball



LotG Updates

Law 12: “Goalkeeper 8 Seconds”

- TALK to the Goalkeepers and Coaches before the game so they understand the process
- Once the goalkeeper has CLEAR CONTROL of the ball, you begin to count “8”, “7”, “6”
- For the final 5 seconds, include a visual to your countdown with arm raised above your head, 5 fingers, then 4, then 3, etc



LotG Updates

Law 12: "Goalkeeper 8 Seconds"





LotG Updates

Law 12: “Goalkeeper 8 Seconds”

- If goalkeeper doesn't release the ball at count “0”, award a corner kick to the other team
- If an opponent attempts to stop the goalkeeper, blow whistle and give IFK for defending team (and talk to the opponent so that this doesn't happen again)
- U9/U10 and Build-Out Line – (1) don't start your eight second count until all attackers are behind the BOL and (2) standing on the BOL and talking to the Goalkeeper will prevent problems

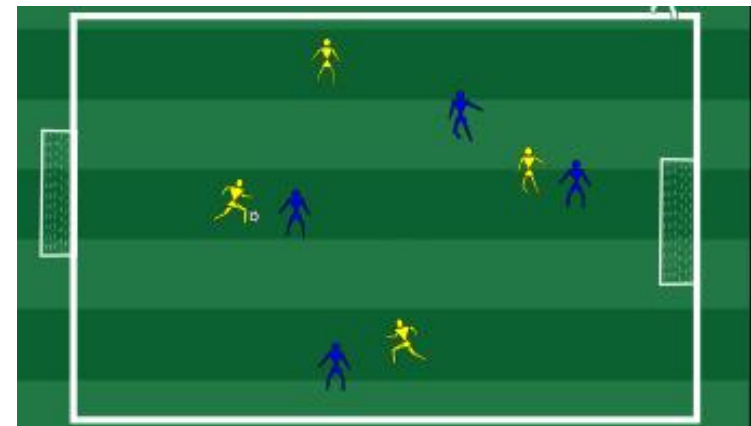
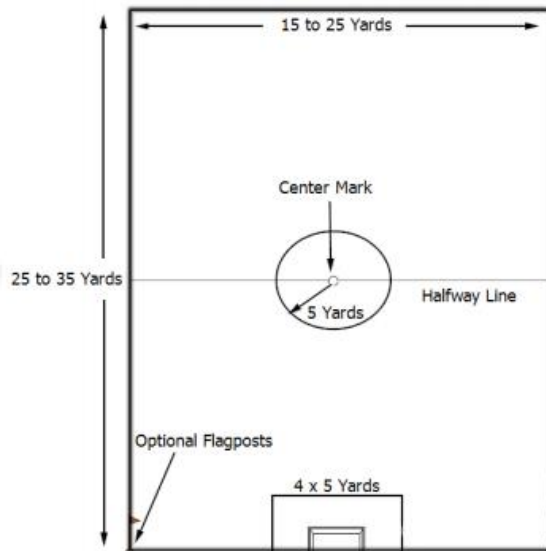


Social Media and SportsYou

- We have social media presences on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter (links on www.risrc.us website). We also use another platform called SportsYou (www.sportsyou.com). It looks like Facebook, but it is restricted to just RI/MA referees.
- PLEASE JOIN!
- Go to the SportsYou home page and create a free account
- Once you create an account, open your email and click the SportsYou confirmation link
- Enter this Access Code: **5N9P-NKA4** This will get you directly to our Group.



7U-8U PLAYING FORMAT AND RULES



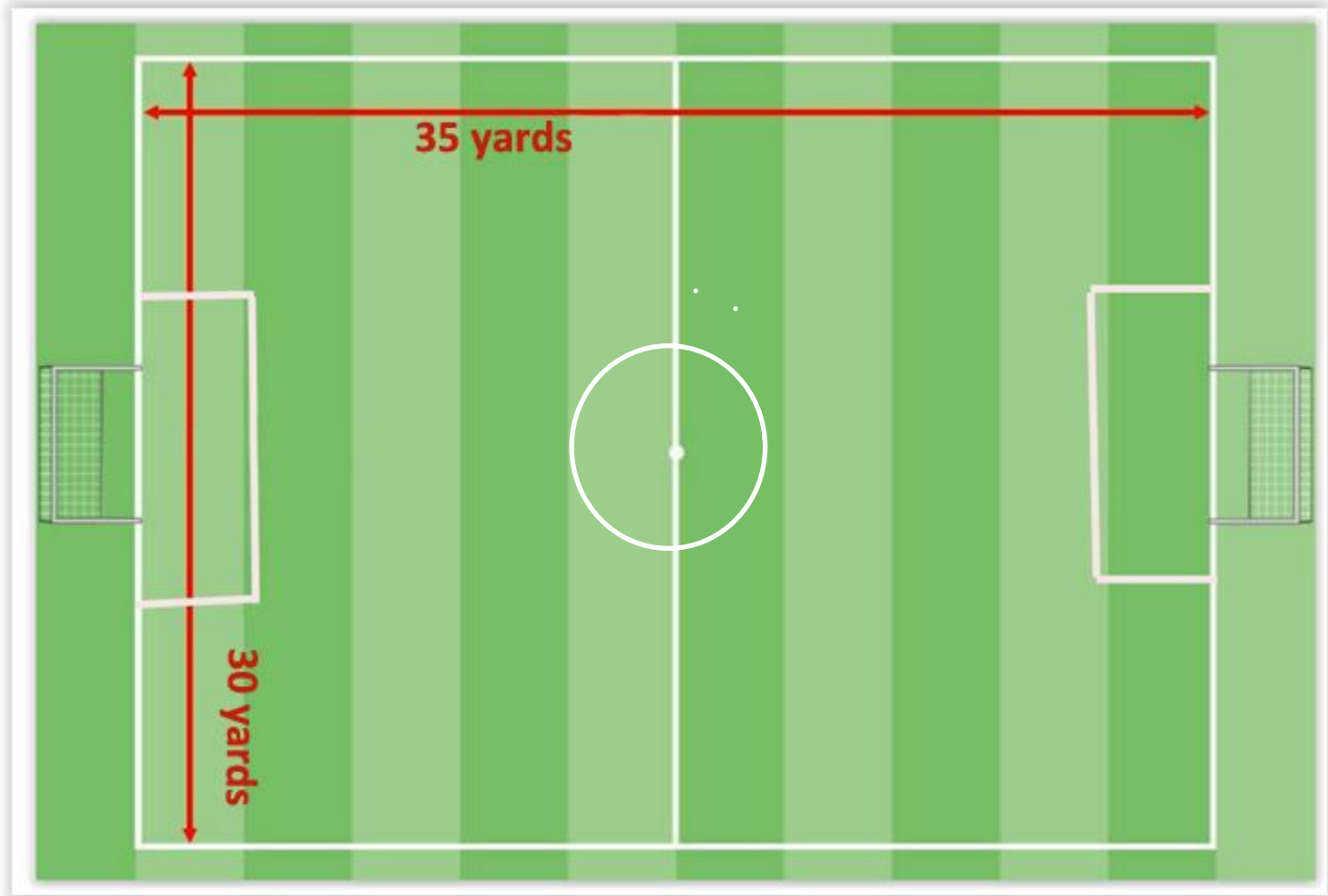


7U-8U 4 V 4 FORMAT

- Field Size 30 x 35
- Goal Size 4 x 9
- Ball Size - 3
- Format 4 v4 (no Goal Keepers)
- 4- 12 min Quarters
One minute rest in between quarters
5 Minute Rest at halftime
- Substitutions are made on the fly.



7U-8U FIELD



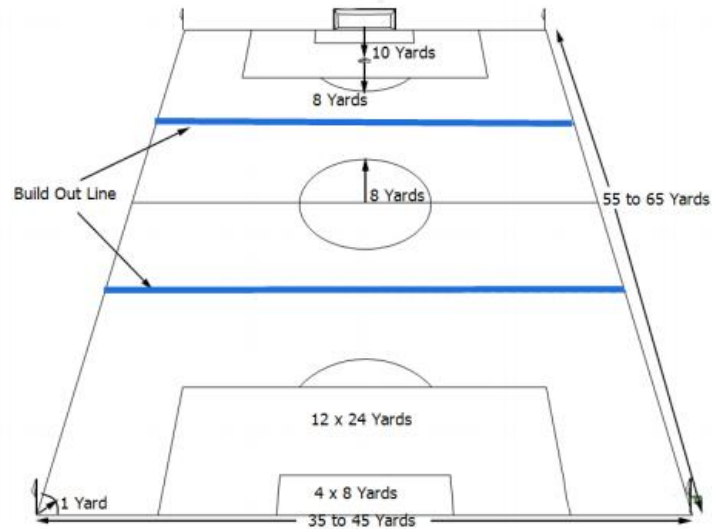


7U-8U 4 V 4 FORMAT

- One Referee per game: Referee Fee = \$24 (\$12/team)
No Assistant Referees
- Restart after a goal: From the center circle.
- There are no offsides.
- All fouls will be INDIRECT FREE KICKS with the opponent 5 yards away. Fouls inside the goal box will result in ball being placed 5 yards outside the goal box (this allows opponent to establish a wall).
- The referee shall explain all infractions to the offending players.
- All FREE KICKS will be INDIRECT with the opponent 5 yards away from the ball
- On the taking for a Goal Kick, the opponent must retrieve to midfield and not cross over until ball is put into play



9U-10U PLAYING FORMAT AND RULES



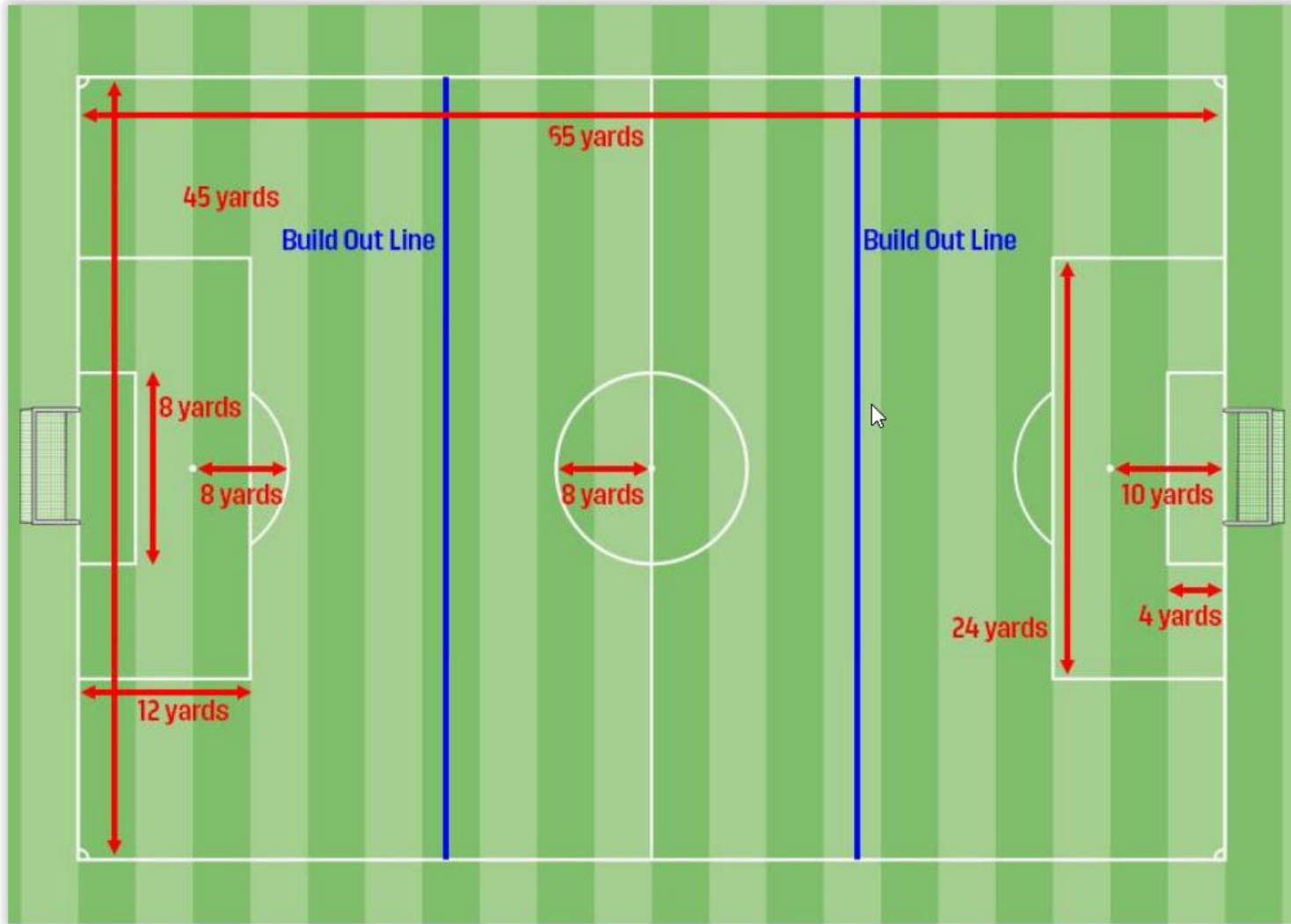


9-10U 7 v 7 FORMAT

- Field Size 40 x 60
- Goal Size 6 x 18
- Ball Size - 4
- Format 7 v 7 (includes Goal Keepers)



9U - 10U FIELD





9U-10U PLAYING FORMAT AND RULES

BUILD OUT LINES

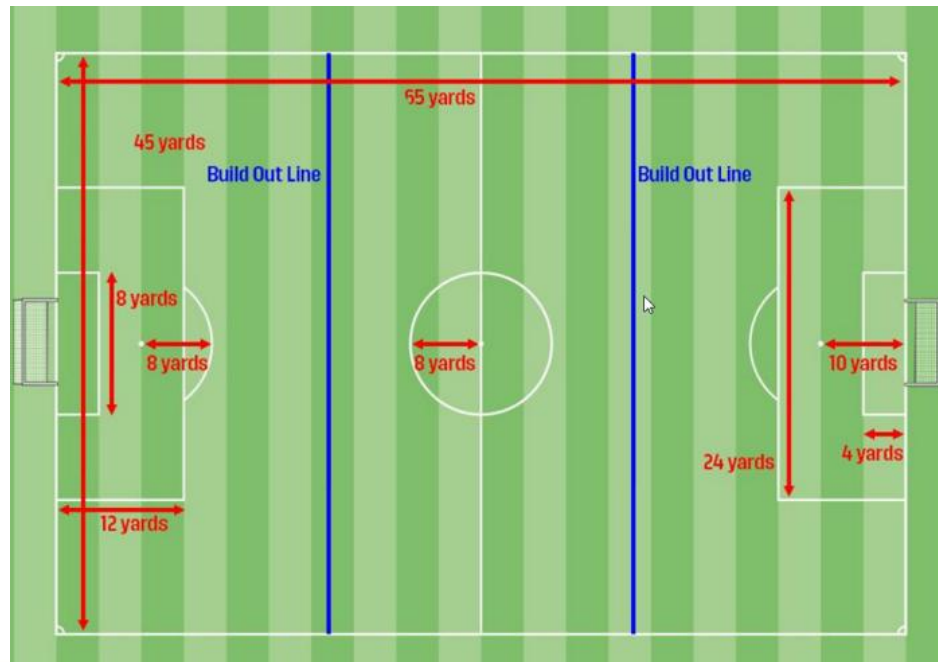
- When the goalkeeper has the ball in his or her hands, the opposing team must move behind the build out line until the ball is put into play.
- Once the opposing team is behind the build out line, the goalkeeper can pass, throw or roll the ball into play. (punts and drop kicks are not allowed).
- Ideally, the goalkeeper will wait to put the ball into play once all opponents are past the build out line. However, the goalkeeper can put the ball into play sooner if he/she feels there is an advantage to do so.
- After the ball is put into play by the goalkeeper, the opposing team can cross the build out line and play resumes as normal.



9U-10U PLAYING FORMAT AND RULES

BUILD OUT LINES

- The build out line will also be used to denote where offside offenses can be called. Players cannot be penalized for an offside offense between the halfway line and the build out line. Players can be penalized for an offside offense between the build out line and the goal line.





NEW 19U FORMAT

- Games will be played on the 11U-12U field.
 - Field: 75 yards long by 50 yards wide
 - Goals: 7 feet high and 21 feet wide
- The game will be played 7 v7, which includes a goalkeeper per team.
 - 22 Player pool
 - 18 players per game.
- Duration of game: 35 min halves
- One Referee
- Referee Fee \$64
- No Offsides
- Goal Keepers cannot punt or drop kick the ball and throw the ball past midfield.
- Kick ins or Throw ins.



REFEREEING IS A JOB

Being a referee comes with responsibilities

- As a referee, you are being paid and providing a professional service to the teams and the Super Liga League.
- You are expected to provide that service in a competent manner.

Laws Of The Game: Know the Laws of the Game and league modified rules. You should know all the rules of the game better than anyone else at the field.

Be Prepared: Have at least the minimum equipment; a whistle, a watch, red and yellow cards, referee's uniform, and something to write with and on.

Time Management: Allow yourself enough time to check the field, check in teams and communicate with your referee team.

Respect: Be friendly, with both teams. Don't be partial to one team as it can give the impression of favoritism.

Remain Calm: When you caution or eject, do not lose your temper,. Do not deliberately embarrass the player. Be polite but firm.

Pay Attention: You are there to watch all aspects of the field and game. Ignore criticism and adverse comments from the sidelines, unless they are threatening and/or not appropriate.

Teamwork: Referees control the entire game while the coaches are responsible for the behaviors of their spectators and players. If you have an unruly spectator, ask the coaches to address it. DO NOT address spectators directly.



REFEREE AND ASSIGNOR COMMUNICATION

Communication with Assignor / How to get games

- ✓ Get to know your assignor
 - ✓ Most of your assignments will come from your association assignor
 - ✓ Do you know them and do they know you
 - ✓ Reach out to your assignor if you have not received a game by the 2nd week of the season

- ✓ Assign By Super Liga (ABSL)
 - ✓ This is where you will receive your game assignments
 - ✓ Accept or decline on a timely manner
 - ✓ Make sure your contact information accurate

- ✓ Open games
 - ✓ Super Liga sends out a list of “open games”
 - ✓ This is a good way to get additional assignments



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THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING



Wishing all an enjoyable and
successful

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