



THE YOUTH SOCCER EXPERIENCE !

2025 SUPER LIGA SPRING REFEREE PRE-SEASON INFORMATION



Welcome!





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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.



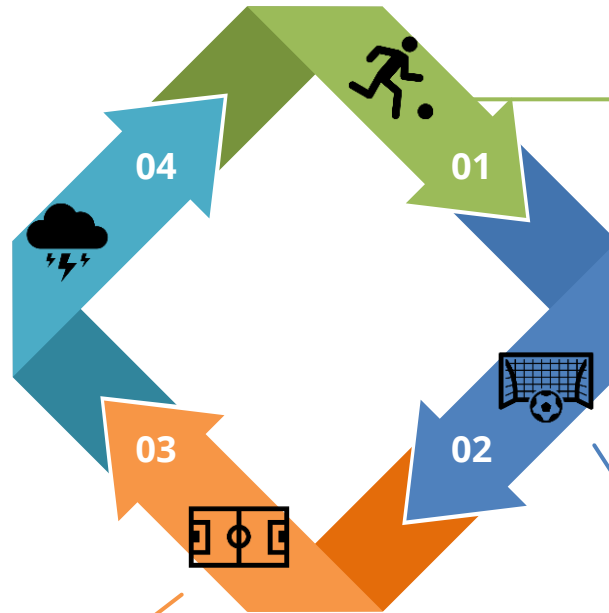
SAFETY FIRST

WEATHER

How to deal with inclement weather conditions

PLAYERS SAFETY

Player safety is utmost importance



FIELD

Make sure the field is safe to play the game

GOALS

Ensure that goals are properly anchored



WORKING TOGETHER

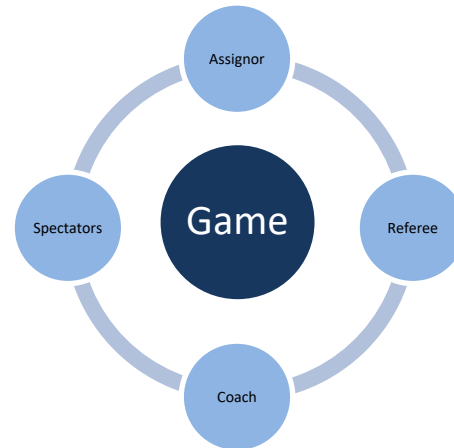


Assignor

- ✓ Certified Refs
- ✓ Assign games
- ✓ Right crew
- ✓ Recruitment

Spectators

- ✓ Positive cheering
- ✓ Encouragement
- ✓ No threats
- ✓ No abusive language



Referee

- ✓ Player's safety
- ✓ Certified
- ✓ Qualified
- ✓ Applies Laws

Coach

- ✓ Game Report
- ✓ Conduct
- ✓ Manage Players
- ✓ Support with unruly spectators



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



REFEREE GAME ASSIGNMENTS

How you will receive Super Liga games

- All games are assigned through Assign-By-Super Liga (ABSL)
 - You can login to ABSL by visiting (shown on next slide)
- Referees will receive an email & text informing them they have a game
 - You will need to accept or decline game on ABSL

Who assigns what?

7U – 12U games > Local Association/Club Assignor

- Most of your games will be assigned by your town (local) assignor
- These assignments are typically within your own town

13U – 19U games > **SUPER LIGA** Regional Assignors

- This level game is typically for referees/AR's with some level of experience
- These games may require you to travel outside of your town

HOW DO I FIND ASSIGNOR'S CONTACT INFORMATION

- Super Liga Association/Club Assignors can be found on the Super Liga website, www.thesuperliga.com , click on "Referee" ball



Referee Game Assignments

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FLASH NEWS

Update 2-7-24

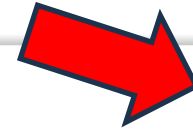
Associations/Clubs Looking for Players for 2025 | Spring Super Liga Season

WARWICK FIRE FIGHTERS SOCCER CLUB

Looking for 13U/14U Girls players for this Spring. Anyone interested may contact Doyle Byrd at doylebyrd@gmail.com .

PORTSMOUTH

Looking for 13U/14U Girls players for this Spring. Anyone interested may contact Russ Costa at 401-662-1608.



REFEREES



ASSIGN BY SUPER LIGA





SUPER LIGA REGIONAL ASSIGNORS

- **AL RICCI**

South

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

- **JEN WHITWORTH**

East

Barrington, Bristol, E.P., Middletown, Portsmouth, Seekonk, Tiverton, Warren

- **KATHY SOUSA**

Central

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

- **ED MARTINS**

North

BGYSA, Central Falls, Cumberland, Dighton-Rehoboth, Lincoln, Mach 1, NECONN, North Providence, North Smithfield

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REFEREE INFORMATION

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REFEREES

Where you could find:

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

REFEREES



ASSIGN BY SUPER LIGA



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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 **REFEREES** page

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The Youth Soccer Experience

**RULES AND POLICIES
FOR
COACHES AND REFEREES**

**2025
SPRING**

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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



GAME DAY EXPECTATIONS



Introduce yourself to both team coaches

Player/Coach check-in: Using passes and roster;

- Check in coaches (3 max)
- Check in all players (place check mark next to name)
- Return all passes prior to start of game

Coin Toss:

Ask for team captain(s) and visiting team selects head or tails

Sportsmanship Card:

Read to Players, Coaches & Spectator's on the spectator's side prior to start of game



REFEREE EXPECTATIONS

- ✓ Early arrival
- ✓ Three teams need to work together
 - Referee, home and visiting team
 - Three teams should be in different colors
- ✓ **Professional appearance**
- ✓ **Consistent interpretation of laws**
- ✓ Know the modified rules & policies
- ✓ Pre-game with Assistant Referees





POINTS OF EMPHASIS

Topic	Emphasis
Game Management	Concussion Policy Game Reports Arriving on-time
Dealing with Conflict	Use cards
Referee Demeanor	Non confrontational
Missing Crew Member	Volunteer – Extra fee returned
Missing Game Reports	





GAME DAY 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 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
WFFSC-G16U-BYRD 

Association: RI
Season:
Division:
Team Number: 174699

Age: U16
Gender: Female
Level: Competitive
Color:

Role	Name	Reg#	Phone	Email/UserID
Coach	Byrd, Doyle	258775	4015230026	doylebyrd@gmail.com
Coach	Mota, Antonio	1491895		tonymota99@gmail.com
Coach	Cambio, Courtney	867234	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 Bianco, 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	3	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 lang, Haley		744481	RI	02/2007	F	S	02/22/22 / 02/23/22
8 ledly, lorelai		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, Shinyu		991386	RI	11/2007	F	P	02/22/22 / 02/23/22

John Smith
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Lisa G. Smith



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 (Uniform Number and Time)	Goal Scorers (Uniform Number and Time)

CAUTIONS - (Yellow Cards)

Team (Color)	Player's #	Reason
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		
6.		

EJECTIONS - (Red Cards)

Team (Color)	Player's #	Reason
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		

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)

OFFICIALS

REF

AR1

AR2

Super Liga Team Sportsmanship Award

HOME	VISITOR
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

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

Super Liga Spectator Evaluation Score

HOME	VISITOR
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

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

REFEREE COMMENTS / FEEDBACK

Check off the following.....

HOME Team Game Day Roster

VISITOR Team Game Day Roster

HOME Team Passes

VISITOR Team Passes

Notes:

Coaches DO NOT Need to Sign Game Report after the conclusion of the game.

MUST BE ENTERED in ABSL on GAME DAY (CENTER REFEREE)



PLAYER AND COACHES PASSES

- Every Player and Coach **must** have a current USYS Pass.
- The passes can be a physical laminated pass or a virtual pass on any mobile device.



NO PASS > NO PLAY , NO COACH

NOTE: **MAX 3 Coaches** allowed in the players'/coaches' box



2025 SPRING SUPER LIGA

- 3/29/2025 Week 1
- 4/5/2025 Week 2
- 4/12/2025 Week 3
- 4/19/2025 5/17 REVS Night Games
- 4/20/2025 EASTER – No Games
- 4/26/2025 Week 4
- 4/29/2025 Competitive Directors' Meeting
- 5/3/2025 Week 5
- 5/10/2025 Week 6
- 5/11/2025 Mother's Day
- 5/17/2025 Week 7 (last weekend for 19U games)
- 5/24/2025 Memorial Day Weekend – No Games
- 5/28/2025 19U Semi-Finals
- 5/31/2025 19U Finals
- 5/31 & 6/1 SRI Cup
- 5/31/2025 Week 8 (last weekend for 7U-10U games)
- 6/7 & 6/8 7U-10U SRI Festival
- 6/7/2025 Week 8 (last weekend for 11U-16U games)
- 6/15/2025 Father's Day
- 6/18/2025 11U-16U Quarter Finals played by
- 6/25/2025 11U-16U Semi Finals played by
- 6/28/2025 11U-16U Championships
- 6/29/2025 11U-16U Championships (Rain Date)





2025 Spring SUPER LIGA

Referee Fees

Age	Format	Referee Crew	Compensation	
			Referee Crew	Per Team Pay
7-8U	4 v 4	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
15-16U	11 v 11	3	\$54 (r) / \$33 (ar)	\$60
17-19U	11 v 11	3	\$64 (r) / \$36 (ar)	\$68

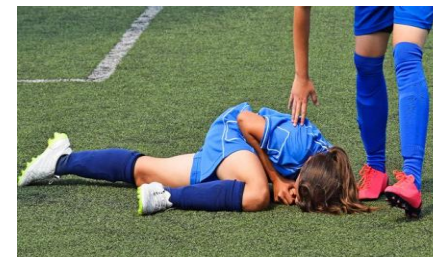


REFEREE PAYMENT PROCESS

	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



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



GAME CANCELLATIONS



Games are cancelled only by
THE SUPER LIGA
and/or the Referee

- **2.5 Hours prior game time.**
- **Entire day cancellation, 6am.**
- **Unusual Circumstances**



GAME CANCELLATIONS

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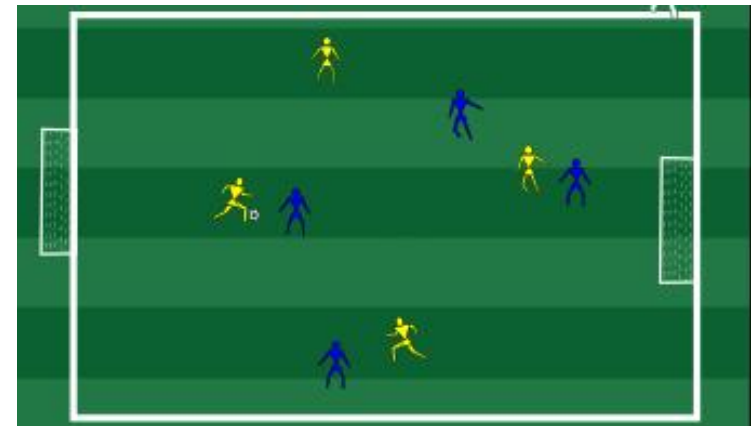
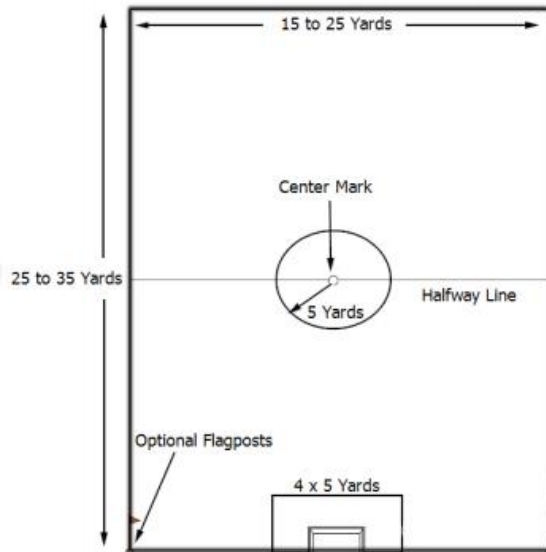
LIGHTNING POLICY

- Coaches and Referees need to communicate with each other prior to start of game- if there are thunderstorms in the forecast during the game.
 - If lightning is observed by any referee or coaches, the referee will stop the game immediately.
 - Referee must wait 20 Minutes between observing lightning before the game can resume.
- **Maximum 40-minute delay before terminating game**
- Game terminated in the 1st half
 - Referee crew keeps half the game fee
 - Game is replayed
 - Game terminated at half-time and beyond
 - Referee crew keeps game fee.
 - Score is final at the time of termination



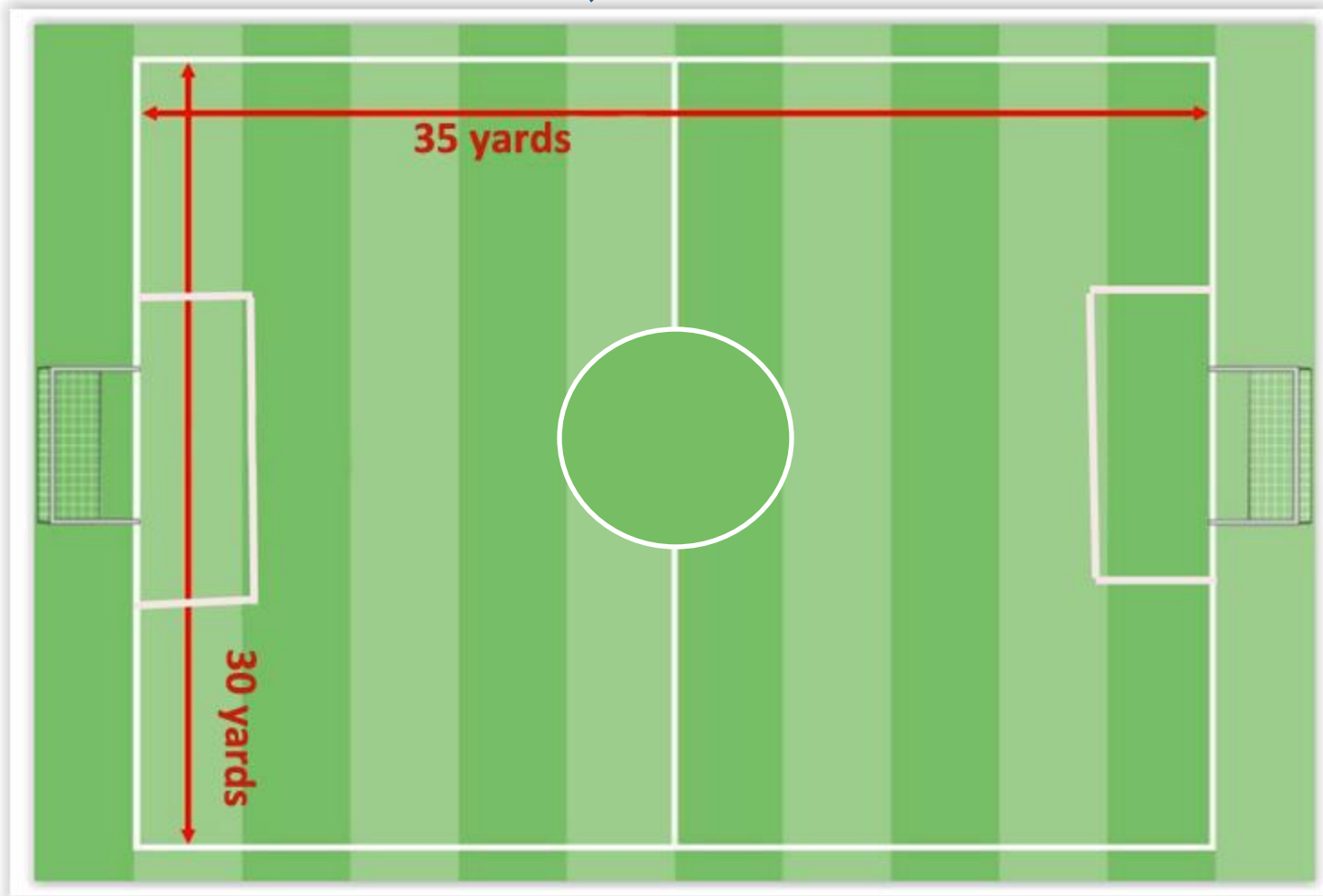


7U-8U PLAYING FORMAT AND RULES





7U/8U PLAYING FORMAT AND RULES





7U/8U 4 V 4 FORMAT

LAW 1 - THE FIELD

Field	Size (Yards)	Markings	Size (Yards)
Length	35	Center Circle	5
Width	30	Penalty Box Width	11
Goal	4 X 9	Goal Box depth	5

LAW 2 - THE BALL

Ball Size	3
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LAW 3 - THE PLAYERS

Players	Number
Field	4 Max (no goal keeper)
Field	3 Min

➤ Substitutions are made “ on the fly”



7U/8U 4 V 4

FORMAT

LAW 5 - THE REFEREE

- One Referee per game: Referee Fee = \$24 (\$12/team)

LAW 6 - ASSISTANT REFEREE

- None required

LAW 7 - DURATION OF THE MATCH

- 4 Quarters – 12 minutes each

LAW 8 - THE START AND RESTART OF PLAY

- Restart after a goal: From the center circle.

LAW 10 - THE METHOD OF SCORING

- Conform to FIFA rules



7U/8U 4 V 4 FORMAT

LAW 11 - OFFSIDES

- There will be no offsides in the 8U age group

LAW 12 – FOULS & MISCONDUCTS

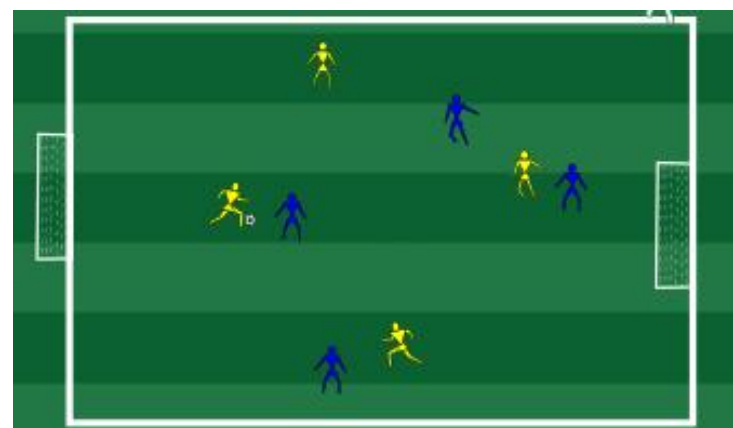
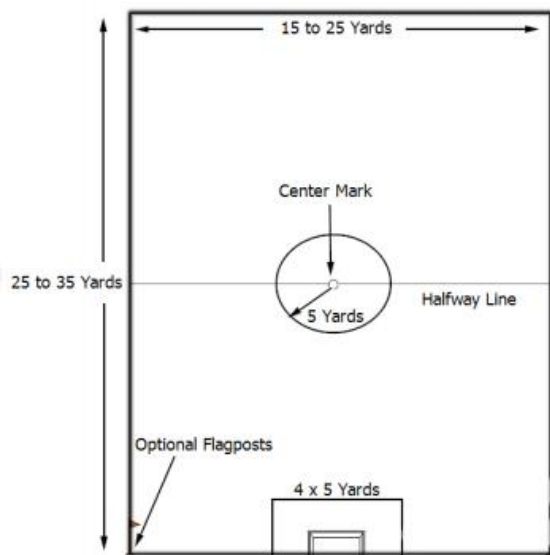
- Conform with FIFA with the following modifications...
- All fouls will be INDIRECT FREE KICKS
- opponent 5 yards away
- Fouls inside the goal box will result in ball being placed 5 yards outside the goal box (this allows opponent to establish a wall)
- The referee shall explain all infractions to the offending players

LAW 13 – FREE KICKS

- All FREE KICKS will be INDIRECT
- opponent must be 5 yards away from the ball

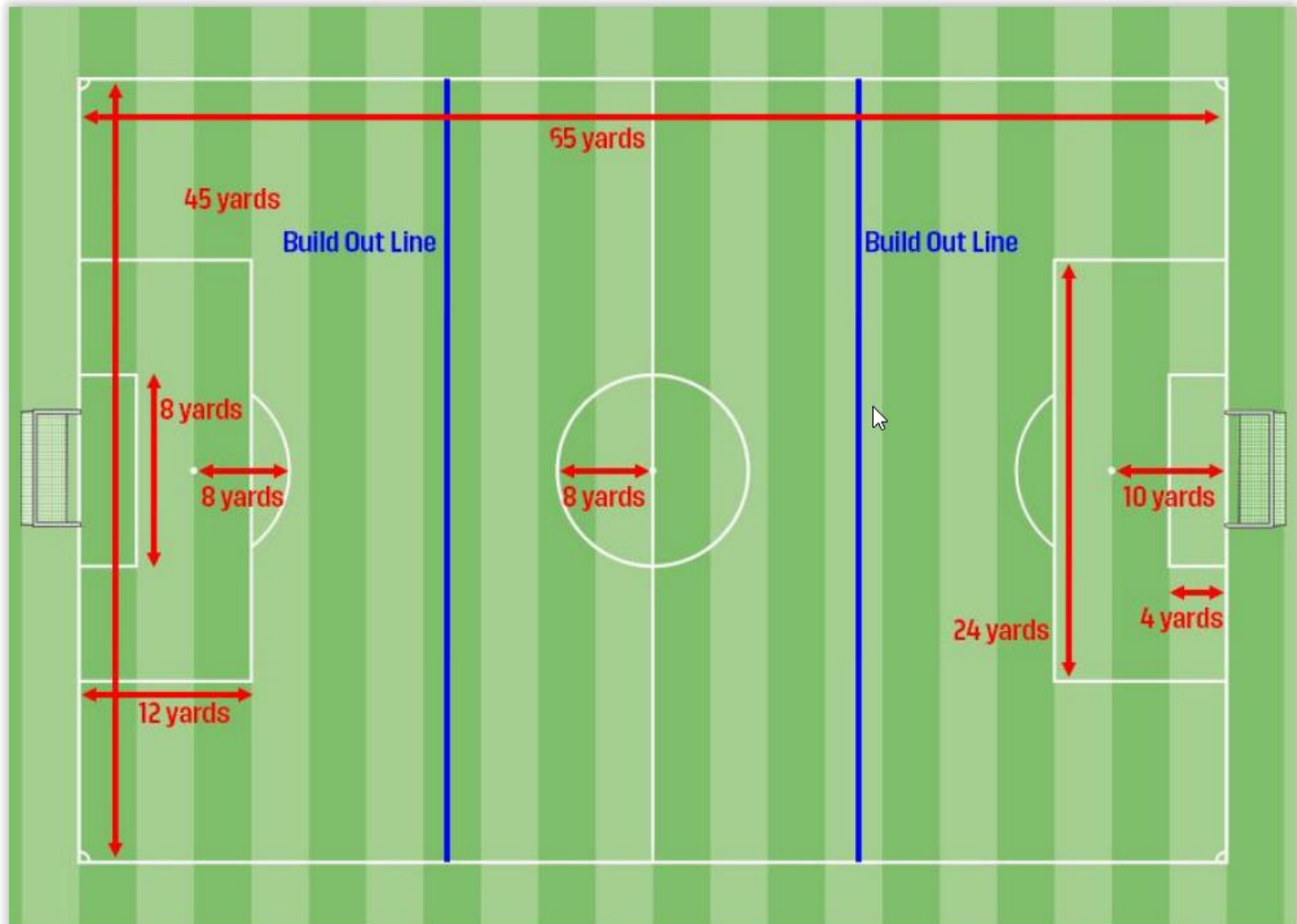


7U-8U PLAYING FORMAT AND RULES





9U-10U PLAYING FORMAT AND RULES





BUILD OUT LINES

9U-10U PLAYING FORMAT AND RULES

During Goal Kick: Opposing team must move behind the build out line until the ball is put into play

Punts and drop kicks: Not allowed by the goalkeeper

If a goalkeeper punts or drop kicks the ball: award an indirect free kick to the opposing team from the spot of the offense

- If within the goal area; award indirect free kick on the goal area line parallel to the nearest point to where the infringement occurred
- Ideally, the goalkeeper will wait to put the ball into play once opponents are past the build out line. However, the goalkeeper can put the ball into play sooner.



BUILD OUT LINES

9U-10U PLAYING FORMAT AND RULES

Offsides: The build out line will be used for offside

- Players cannot be offside between the halfway line and the build out line.



9U-10U PLAYING FORMAT AND RULES

LAW 1 - THE FIELD

Field	Size (Yards)
Length	60
Width	40
Goal	6 X 18

LAW 2 - THE BALL

Ball Size	4
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LAW 3 - THE PLAYERS

Players	Number
Field	7 Max (includes goalkeeper)
Field	5 Min



11U-12U PLAYING FORMAT AND RULES

LAW 1 - THE FIELD

Field	Size (Yards)
Length	75
Width	50
Goal	7 X 21

LAW 2 - THE BALL

Ball Size	4
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LAW 3 - THE PLAYERS

Players	Number
Field	9 Max (includes goalkeeper)
Field	6 Min



REFLECTIONS – WHAT'S NEXT

- Contact your assignor
 - Review your Assign By Super Liga (ABSL) information
 - Review the Super Liga Rules and Policies
 - Make sure you have all the required referee gear
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RI SRC SUPER LIGA Presentation





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**What
we ignore,
What
we allow...**





Holding





Kicking or Attempting to Kick





Charging





Spitting





Pushing





Striking





Deliberate Handling





Then why do we allow this?



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What does this new policy mean?

We need to report incidents:

- Within 48 hours of the incident, the Referee needs to fill out a report and submit it to the League and the State Referee Administrator
- For tournaments or special events, the Referee should transmit a written report to the tournament director on the day of the incident and/or to the referee's home state SRA, if applicable, within 72 hours of the incident.
 - The Referee should include the following information in the report:
 - (A) Match details, including but not limited to team information, age group, score, and date.
 - (B) Detailed statement about the incident, including the definition of the behavior or action (i.e., assault, abuse, mistreatment)

[RISRC.US/game-time/referee-abuse](https://risrc.us/game-time/referee-abuse)

We need to educate ourselves

- Do we know the Laws of the Game?
 - Do we know what our duties are on game day and after game day?
 - Do we know how to contact a Mentor, Referee Coach, Assignor, or Administrator for support?
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