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| **AGE** | **Time** | **Halftime** | **Players** | **Ball size** | **Off side rule** | **Build out** | **Throw in** | **Keeper** | **Punt** | **Heading** |
| **6U** | 10 min quarters | 5 min | 4v4 | 3 | NO | opponent behind midfield on Goal Kick | Kick in, no throw | No | No | No |
|
| **8U** | 10 min quarters | 5 min | 4v4 | 3 | NO | opponent behind midfield on Goal Kick | Unlimited re-throw allowed | No | No | No |
| **Academy** | 20 min halves | 5 min | 7v7 | 4 | NO (only blatant) | opponent behind midfield anytime Keeper has possession | One attempt to re-throw allowed | Yes | No | No |
| **10U** | 25 min halves | 5 min | 7v7 | 4 | NO (only blatant) | opponent behind midfield anytime Keeper has possession | One attempt to re-throw allowed | Yes | No | No |
| **11/12U** | 30 min halves | 10 min | 9v9 | 4 | Yes | NO | No Re-throw | Yes | Yes | 11U No 12U Yes |
| **13/14U** | 35 min halves | 10 min | 11v11 | 5 | Yes | NO | No Re-throw | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| **15/16U** | 35 min halves | 10 min | 9v9 | 5 | Yes | NO | No Re-throw | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| **17/18U** | 45 min halves | 10 min | 11 v 11 | 5 | Yes | NO | No Re-throw | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| **19U rec** | 35 min halves | 10 min | 9v9 | 5 | Yes | NO | No Re-throw | Yes | Yes | Yes |

**Referee Uniform**

Yellow is the primary jersey, red is the alternate. Red/blue/green may also be worn, but many officials will not have all colors. All referees must wear the same color. Black shorts, and any USSF approved socks. Solid black hats are allowed. All refs must wear current year USSF patch.

**Pre-game duties (Do so as a group as much as possible)**

* Arrive early. Meet coaches & introduce yourselves as a group when possible. Remind coaches there is no coaching from the goal area, only in the coaching technical area marked on the field. Spectators must sit on opposite side of the field.
* Secure ball from home team. Inspect size/material and air pressure.
* Inspect field, secure nets if needed and make sure goals are anchored. If goals need anchored let coaches or team manager know. Do not play game without goals being anchored.
* Inspect players equipment for safety, anything that could cause injury needs to be removed. Collect player USSF Cards (Select teams)

**Game reminders**

* Start on time, blow whistle firmly. Often there are many games going on at the same time.
* Be courteous to coaches and players. If time permits to answer a question for a player/coach and it was asked politely answer it.
* Signal and announce calls clearly. Spectators, coaches and other players want to know what the call/whose possession it is.

**Post-Game duties**

* Return ball to home team, return all player cards if applicable. If any reports are needed, get information from player/coach cards.
* If there were any changes to officials (no show, switched from AR to Center, switched game with other official) please notify me as soon as possible.

**Weather**

If there is ***lightning or thunder*** please follow the below guidance (from USSF 30/30 policy)

1. 9U Academy & all 10U/above- Stop the game. Clear the field, this is important. All players, coaches & referees must physically leave the field and go to shelter. Wait (30) minutes to see if storm passes. If (30) minutes passes and there is still thunder/lightning present, terminate the game and note the score and time played. Notify me of the outcome. 8U/6U games, Stop the game. Clear the field. Games will then be cancelled.

***Games are considered complete if over one half has been played.***

**Spectator/Coach/player conduct issues**

**You are in control of the match. Please do not allow spectator or coach behavior to affect the game in a negative way.**

1. If there are parents/spectators that are causing disruption to the game, warn the offending team’s coach if known. If in doubt warn the home coach or team manager. If it continues ask them to have the spectator leave. Notify me after the game of any spectators that were removed from the field area.
2. If a coach is disrupting the game they should be asked to leave. If either the coach or spectator refuses to leave suspend the game, note the time played and scored and relay it to myself.
3. Please use best judgment addressing player conduct, do so consistently and early. All red cards require a completed report to be submitted. Please contact me after the game with all information. (Teams involved, player names, numbers, foul offense, time, any pertinent information) Reports available on <http://www.kyreferee.com>
4. Reports on dismissals must be sent to [reports@kyreferee.com](mailto:reports@kyreferee.com) , copy myself on the e-mail @ [kkeeton@midway.edu](mailto:kkeeton@midway.edu) as well

Reports are mandatory for any send-off of players, coaches or spectators, serious injury that occurs during a match and circumstances when a match had to be abandoned.

**Small sided (U9/U10 Academy) rule modifications**

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|  | **Rule modification** |
| **Bad Throw in** | Allow one attempt to correct; second bad throw in a row is turned over to opposing team |
| **Goal kicks** | Opposing team behind midfield until ball is in play |
| **Offside** | Only blatant and repeat offense. |
| **Coaches** | Remain in the coaching technical area (between midfield/top of goal box, their team side) |

**Referee uniform links**

* **Official Sports** : <http://www.officialsports.com/>
* **Law Five** : <http://www.lawfive.com/>
* **Soccer Super Store**: <http://www.soccersuperstoreusa.com/referee-gear/referee-uniforms/>

There are also many items available new on E-bay (jerseys) for a lot less money than the above sell for if you don’t mind shopping around. For those just getting started you will definitely need the following

1. **Yellow jersey** (I also recommend red, but have not come across a situation where yellow would not work @ GFC yet)
2. **Black shorts/black socks**
3. **Black shoes (primarily black)** *personally I don’t like cleats, you often times run 6+ miles in just one full sided / full field game and that is just not comfortable. Whatever you are in comfortable in is OK though.*
4. **Wallet** with Yellow/Red cards and score sheet, pencil/pen
5. **Whistle** (get 2, they are inexpensive and necessary)
6. **Watch** with timer/stopwatch function ***(please don’t use a phone)***
7. **Flags** (not 100% necessity for 1st year officials, as you will be working with someone who has these) but they do come with most starter kits
8. **Sunscreen**. Even on cloudy days, often times we are out there for 3-4 hours and you will get burned without it.

Bring plenty of water, snacks, and a large plastic bag to put your gear in in case it begins to rain.