

REFEREE GAME NOTES

Pregame--arrive early--(15 minutes)

1) Check

a) Field - Safe for all participants

Review field markings

-Side lines, End lines, Goal box, Penalty box, Penalty spot, Center circle.

Distance --10 yds. on full size field, 8 yds. U-9 & U-10, 6 yds. U-8,

b) Goals- Secured to ground and safe

Nets attached to frame with no holes

c) Players -(equipment)

i) Shinguards covered by socks

ii) Shoes - Safe for other players (no toe spikes)

iii) Shirts

All shirts are numbered with no duplicate numbers

Goalie must wear different color from both teams

iv) Number of Players

(1) U-7 & U-8 (4) four field players with no goalie

(2) U-9 & 10 (7) seven players including a goalie

(3) U-11- U-18 - (9) nine players (must play with (7) seven or more

v) Ball size

(1) U-8 - Size (3) three

(2) U-9 thru U-12 - Size (4) four

(3) U-13 and above - Size (5) five

vi) Duration of game

(1) U6, U7 & U8: 8 minute quarters/ 32 minute match.

(2) U9 & U10: 25 minute Halves/ 50 minute match.

(3) U11 & U12: 30 minute halves/60 minute match.

(4) U13 & UP: 35 minute halves/ 70 minute match.

vii) Coin toss

(1) Winner of the toss picks if they want kick first or which end of the field they will attack. Away team calls the toss. Kick off alternates each quarter or half.

Game Situation

Starts and Restarts

Kick off -

Reason - starts a period, Restarts after a goal. a goal may be scored directly from the kick off

Procedure -The ball can go in any direction on the kick off. opponents must be outside the center circle, ball in play when kicked and moves, kicker does not touch ball 2nd time until played by another player.

Drop Ball –

Reason- any temporary stoppage which becomes necessary while the ball is in play.

Signal- Ref tells players of the drop ball to restart

Procedure- The Referee drops the ball where it was last located when the play was stopped. Play restarts when the ball touches the ground.

-If play is stopped inside the penalty area, the ball will be dropped for the goalkeeper only.

-If play is stopped outside the penalty area, the ball will be dropped for one player of the team that last touched the ball at the point of the last touch.

-In all cases, all the other players (of both teams) must be at least 4m (4.5 Yards) away.

-If the ball touches the referee (or another match official) and goes into the goal, team possession changes or a promising attack starts, a dropped ball is awarded.

Free Kick

Indirect-

Reason- dangerous play, impeding the progress of an opponents, stops goalie from playing the ball, any goalie infraction in his own penalty box.

Signal- Referee holds his arm in a vertical position until the ball is played and has touched another player.

Procedure- Ball is placed (Stationary) at the spot of the foul (unless inside the penalty area).--The kicker does not touch the ball a second time until it has been touched by another player.

Scoring - The ball must touch two players before entering the goal, to be scored.

Direct-

Reason- Does any of the following to an opponent -kicks, trips, jumps at, charges, strikes, pushes handles the ball, holds, spits, tackles opponent before he has the ball.

Signal- Ref indicates the spot of the foul and direction the kick is to go.

Procedure -Ball is placed stationary at the spot of the foul. (Unless inside the penalty area) Kicker does not touch the ball a second time until touched by another player.

Scoring- A goal may be scored directly from a direct free kick.

Change - Setting a wall- When there is a 'wall' of three or more defenders, the attackers are not allowed within 1 meter (1 yard) of the wall; an attacker less than 1 meter (1 yard) from the 'wall' when the kick is taken will be penalized with an indirect free kick.#

Corner Kick

Reason- Ball goes over goal line having last touched a defender.

Signal - Ref points to the corner arc.

Procedure -Ball is placed inside the nearest corner arc Opp. must be 10 yards away from ball Ball kicked by attacking team

Kicker does not touch the ball second time

Scoring - A goal may be scored directly from a corner kick

Goal Kick

Reason- The ball passes over the goal line having last been touched by an offensive player.

Signal- Ref points downward to the goal area.

Procedure- Ball is kicked from any point in the goal area, Opp remain outside penalty area, kicker doesn't play ball a second time, ball in play when kicked and moves.

Scoring- A goal may be scored directly from a goal kick.

Throw In

Reason -Ball passes over the touchline, throw is awarded to Opp. of play who last touched the ball

Signal- ref indicates place ball was out and direction of throw.

Procedure- Faces field of play, uses both hands, deliver ball from behind and over head, has part of both feet on or outside the touchline.

Scoring- a goal "can not" be scored directly from a throw in.

Goal

A goal is scored when the whole ball passes over the goal line between the posts and under the cross bar.

Ball Out of Play

When it has wholly crossed the goal in or touch line or when play has been stopped by the Ref.

Foul and Misconduct

a) Direct Free Kick results if any of the following 6 offenses occurs in a careless, reckless, or dangerous manner.

- i. Kick
- ii. Trip
- iii. Jump at
- iv. Strikes
- v. Push
- vi. Charges at

b) Direct Free Kick-is awarded for the following 4 offenses occur

- (1) Hold
- (2) Spit
- (3) Handles the ball
- (4) Tackles ball making contact with player first.

- c) Indirect Free Kick-is awarded for the following 4 offenses
- (1) Dangerous Play
 - (2) Impedes progress of opponent
 - (3) Prevents goalie from releasing the ball
 - (4) Restart after misconduct (red or yellow card)
- d) Indirect Free Kick- is awarded if goalie inside his own penalty area commits any of these 5 offenses.
- (1) Takes more than 6 seconds to release the ball into play.
 - (2) Handles ball 2nd time without being played by another player.
 - (3) Handles ball if deliberately played to him by team-mate
 - (4) Wastes time

Disciplinary Sanctions

Cautionable Offenses-Player shown yellow card

- i. Unsporting behavior
- ii. Dissent by word or action
- iii. Repeated fouls or misconduct
- iv. Delayed restart
- v. Fails to respect distance on free kick
- vi. Enters or re-enters field without permission
- vii. Deliberately leaves field of play

Sending Off Offenses-Player shown red card

- viii. Serious foul play
- ix. Violent conduct
- x. Spitting
- xi. Denies an obvious goal scoring opportunity
- xii. Uses abusive, insulting or obscene language
- xiii. Second caution during game.

Advantage

Play is allowed to continue when the team against which an offense has been committed will benefit from such advantage and penalizes the original offense if the anticipated advantage does not ensue at that time.

Penalty Kick

Awarded if any foul resulting in a direct free kick is committed in the penalty area.

Kicks from the penalty mark to decide the game

Referee will toss a coin to choose the goal (unless there are weather, field of play, safety considerations etc...)

Coin will be tossed a 2nd time to determine who takes the first kick

Goalkeeper can be replaced at anytime

Player temporarily off the field (e.g. injured) at the final whistle can take part

Both teams must have same number of players before and during the kicks

Referee does not need to know the names/numbers or the order of kickers

A kick is over/completed when it goes over a boundary line or stops moving (including held by GK)

(See Law 14)

Off sides (U-9 and up)

viii) Position- It is not an offense in itself to be in the offside position.

Offside Position-player is nearer their opponents goal line than both the ball and the second to last defender.

A player is not Offside if

- ix) He/she is in his own 1/2 of the field
- x) He/she is level with 2nd to last defender

Offense- a player in an offside position is only penalized if

- xi) he/she interferes with play
- xii) he/she interferes with an opponent
- xiii) he/she gains advantage by being in the position

Post Game

Ref returns ball to appropriate team (Home Team) Watches players during hand shake (At all time) In charge until he leaves field.