

Melrose Youth Soccer Referee Information

Spring 2004

To: All referees working the Melrose Youth Soccer Spring Season City U8/U10/U12 & Travel U10
From: Assignor (Raj Das 781 979-0476)
Re: Assignment Procedures and Rules of Competition
Date: 04/03/2004

- 1) All referees must be currently registered with the USSF.
- 2) All referees are required to attend the spring season orientation session prior to game assignment.
- 3) Games will be assigned starting on Sundays for the upcoming week.
- 4) Each referee is responsible for showing up 15 minutes prior to their assigned game time.
- 5) Referees will be called whenever a game is cancelled. Otherwise, report to the assigned game as scheduled. Any assigned games which are not played must be reported to the assignor immediately.
- 6) Unless there is an emergency, no change to assignments are to be made without notifying the assignor. For all other cancellations, you must give 48 hours notice to the assignor.
- 7) Rules of competition follow the USSF and the Small Sided Soccer Guidelines attached to this notice.
- 8) All payments for games will be made after the last game of the season at a rate of \$15 per game from Melrose Youth Soccer.
- 9) U10 Travel games will be paid at an additional rate of \$15 per game from the MYSL at the end of the season upon submittal of the Referee Payment Voucher. This is obtained from the Home coach prior to the game and must be signed by both coaches.
- 10) Our Melrose Youth Soccer web site is currently under construction <http://www.melroseyouthsoccer.net>
- 11) The Middlesex Youth Soccer League web page is at <http://www.myslref.org> and it contains lots of good information and position papers – check it out.
- 12) ANY inappropriate conduct should be reported to the assignor immediately after the conclusion of the game. The Zero Tolerance Policy will be enforced.

Small Sided Soccer Guidelines

Play MUST stop if there is thunder and/or lightning

NO Jewelry, earrings or casts allowed
EVEN with a Doctor's note!

- **#1 Priority is SAFETY**

Injury – stop play and have coach attend to the player

If the field is unsafe, do NOT play

- The referee is in charge
- The coach is responsible for their players and the parents
- Time - running time - referee may add time only for significant “lost” time during game - rare
- Red/Yellow cards are not used for City League games

	U8C	U10C	U12C	U10T
Players	5v5	7v7	8v8	6v6
Periods	4x12	4x12	4x15	2x25
Ball	#3	#4	#4	#4
Offside	No	No	Yes	No

- Kick offs - ball must move forward and then be touched by another player
- Out of bounds - only when the ball is completely across the line - the line is part of the field
- “Hand Ball” – only for deliberate handling of the ball
- Keeper – to release ball within 6 seconds
- Goal kicks - all opposing players must be outside the penalty box - ball to be kicked from anywhere in the goal box

- Penalty kicks - all players except the kicker and keeper behind the mid-field – not for U8 and TU10
- Corner kicks - can not move/hold post
- Drop ball - the ball must hit the ground prior to being kicked - no rule on the number of players participating
- Direct/Indirect kicks - defensive team must give 10 yards distance from ball - offensive team can take quick kick

Small Sided Soccer Guidelines

Players and Uniforms

- **Shirt and Shorts**
- **Shoes - sneakers or soccer cleats**
- no metal - no toe cleat
- **Shin guards - must be covered**
by socks/fabric
- **Nothing dangerous**

Fouls / Penalties

- **Jumping in/on/onto player**
- **Pushing/Charging**
- **Striking/Holding**
- **Kicking players**
- **Spitting at players**
- **Handling ball**

Substitutions

- **Kick off - both teams**
- **Goal kick - both teams**
- **Throw in - only the team with possession**
- **Injured player - if the injured player is substituted for, the other team may substitute 1 for 1**
- **Corner kick - None allowed**
- **Keeper - inform the referee of the change**

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Throw Ins

- **Both feet on ground**
- **Behind and then over the head**
- **2 hands on the ball**
- **Within 1 yard of where it went out**
- **Player to face field**
- **Feet on or behind touch line**
- **Thrower can not play ball again until another player touches it first**

At the Field ...

City

Meet the coaches

Introduce yourself

Walk the field

Know the field conditions

Check each team in

Shin guards must be covered

Footwear - no metal

No hats - keeper may have a soft visor hat only

No Jewelry

Taped earrings NOT allowed

Casts NOT allowed - even if covered - even with doctors
note

Coin toss

Have captains introduce themselves

Away team calls heads or tails

Winner determines side - Opponent get the ball

Substitutions

Waiting at the half way line

Waiting for your OK to come on the field

City U8 Unique Goal Arc

Goal Arc

No one is allowed to play the ball in the goal arc

Indirect free kick awarded to the opposing team

Defenders are not to plant themselves at the arc line –
discourage this activity but it is the coaches responsibility

U10T

Meet the coaches

Introduce yourself

2 Approved Rosters – Keep one and give one to other coach

Have the coaches sign the referee report

Submit the Referee report for league payment with rosters

Walk the field

Know the field conditions

Check each team in

Shin guards must be covered

Shirts - home team to change if similar

Footwear - no metal

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U10 travel specific rules

6 players max and 4 min to play

No penalty kicks - place ball outside penalty area closest to
the foul - direct kick awarded

Goal kicks/punts must bounce on their side of the field -
indirect kick at halfway line penalty

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