

The Coast Soccer League Board of Directors would like all Referees to implement good sense for the safety and health of the youth players in our League. When games are played in high temperatures, please give the players water breaks, stopping the clock or adding time to cover the break, as necessary.

Please remind your Referees that if a team takes the field wearing sleeveless jerseys in any Coast Soccer League game, the Referee may note it on the match report, but under no circumstances should the team be asked to change, and the game should be played letting them wear their jerseys as is.

Substitutions may now be made at any stoppage of play with the referee's permission (= any dead ball). This means either team may substitute on a re-start, but Referees need to exercise reasonable judgment. For example, at a corner kick, if the attacking team wants to substitute, it should generally be allowed and then the defending team if they choose. But the defending team should not be allowed to substitute first as it takes away a tactical advantage to the attacking team. Use this logic on all re-starts and you'll do fine.

In connection with following the FIFA rules for substitution, this also means if a Coach, Administrator or other team representative enters the field to attend to an injured player, that player must leave the field before the game is re-started. The injured player may be substituted by the Coach or the team may play short. If substituted, the injured player may re-enter at the next substitution opportunity with the Referee's permission. If they play short, the play may enter at any time with the Referee's permission. It's recommended you ask the player if they want the Coach/help and let them know if they enter, they must leave the field. If they say yes, motion the Coach on. This does not mean they need to get the player off the field immediately, but use reasonable judgment. Be lenient if a Coach starts to enter the field and the player says no to help

Mike Benjamin, the Coast Soccer League Referee Liaison, clarified several issues from the league's point of view during the discussion of referee reporting. Supplemental Referee Reports are required under any of the following four conditions:

- 1) serious injury (defined as the player receiving or will receive professional medical attention after the game),
- 2) serious foul play which results in a send off,
- 3) violent conduct which results in a send off, and
- 4) referee assault which results in a send off.

It was pointed out that we never show cards to the coach or administrator, just verbally caution or send off but they are clearly notated on the game report. Also, we pull player cards only for violent conduct and referee assault. We were advised to include facts only in the report, and write it promptly before details get forgotten. Do not include your Social Security number on the report. Please send a copy to Mike Willmott, Assignor and Ken Bruette, President.

Send offs should be reported promptly on Saturday nights to help prevent a player being wrongly used in a Sunday game. However, the responsibility for them playing/not playing is their coach's. As Referee's, if the opposing Coach states a player is not eligible to play, but they are listed on the Game card Line-up sheet, Referees should allow the player to play and then note on the game report the opposing Coach's statement. CSL will adjudicate the issue.

The issue of players wearing casts being allowed to play is addressed by CSL deferring to the Referee on whether it is safe or not safe. This means it is up to each Referee's personal opinion as to the danger inherent in the cast and whether the player will be allowed to play or not. The same applies to braces (like a knee brace) or splints.

SCRA's guidance to our Youth Referees as Centers is they do not allow any casts.

All Players and Coaches must have laminated photo ID cards beginning with the first game on 09/09/06. It's OK for a substitute Coach from the same club to be a Coach for a team.

Mike Benjamin noted that match reports are not to be signed before the end of the game, but officials may enter their name and number prior to the match beginning.

Clarification of the current rule language of a ball must be “kicked and moved” (i.e., for an indirect kick) means the kick must be a motion of the player’s foot, not a simple tapping of the top of the ball.

It was announced that SCRA is also supporting the CYSA-South Youth Signature League Elite Soccer League this fall season where there will be 6 to 7 games per game day in the U9 – U13 Divisions. These games are to be officiated the same as CSL games and they pay the same fees in cash on the field before the game begins. The only differences are:

- 1) Game reports are completed and given back to the Home Coach to include any misconduct.
- 2) For U9 & U10 games, SCRA will provide the Ctr Referee only. The participating teams will provide “club linesman”.