

No Scores / No Standings League(s)

9U, 10U and 11U

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9U – First exposure to UYSA State Leagues

- Training for the coaches and team managers!
- Training for referees!
 - Support for the referees
 - Voluntold Certified Club Linespersons
- Expectations of Team Managers
- Game Reports/Reporting Score as 0-0.
- Improvement in the sideline behavior and expectations

Why – no scores and standings

- **United State Soccer Federation (USSF) has developed Player Development Initiatives (PDI) for the younger players where it is encouraged that the amount of travel time is limited and that the primary focus should be on development rather than an atmosphere of winning with promotion and relegation.**
- **Sport in general has become more and more competitive at a younger age, data shows that this is one cause of burn out and leading cause of players dropping out of the sport(s). At the younger ages there are so many things happening - mentally and physically. There is a risk of damaging players when they are left off the field as winning becomes the primary objective.**
- **We do value winning and recognize that there are many lessons to be learned with winning and losing, but the main objective is to focus on the individual player development and keep kids in the game for the X-League.**
- **The format for the X-League was discussed in depth with club leadership, UYSA Committees and the Board of Directors before moving to NSNS. This Fall will be the 5th year of NSNS.**

Pools of Players or Fixed Roster?

When & Why?

- To allow the greatest movement of players as they develop their skills throughout the season(s)
- To allow players of like abilities to compete together
- To emphasize individual player development NOT team development
- All players should receive extensive playing time
- No Club Passing in 9U, 10U and 11U – However, tournament rosters are even more flexible.



Roster required for every game

- Teams/Club can utilize either the Tournament Roster (w/ photos) or the Game Day Roster
- Every player MUST be listed on the roster – if they are not on the roster they may not play.
- How do I create a Tournament Roster?
 - Team Manager FAQ's on the website
 - <https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5e7523545b0dd164cae80bd8/t/5f58fe6e578ddf562b1b54fc/1599667822725/Creating+a+Tournament+Roster+-+9.9.2020.pdf>
 - Under tournament name please list the UYSA game number
 - Must use the printed Tournament Roster with photos
- A Roster with every player who is eligible to play is required for EVERY game

9U – 10U Specific Rules

- All scores entered as 0-0 (while creating the match report, the ref should list the actual score in comments)
- Build Out Lines (about 10 yards from the half line)
 - Other team must retreat behind build out line when ball in goalkeeper's hands or on goal kick.
 - Other team can come in once the ball is in play.
- 7 players on the field
- No punting or drop kicks by goalkeepers (violation results in an indirect free kick)
- No heading, even inadvertent (violation results in an indirect free kick)
- No offside between midfield line and build out line
- Certified Club Linesmen ("CCL")
 - Ball in/out, help on subs, help on build out line. No calling fouls or offside.
 - Run from the half-line to the end line.
- Field Specifications / law specifications
 - Field width 35-45 yards / length 55-65 yards
 - Free Kicks / corner kicks (8 yards from ball)
 - Penalty kicks (spot 10 yards from goal)
 - Goal size: 6.5 x 18 recommended; up to 7.5 x 21 allowed
 - Penalty area: 24 yards wide and 12 yards into field of play
 - Ball size 4
 - Game length: Two 25-minute halves, minimum of 5 minutes for half time

Certified Club Linesmen (CCL)

- MANDATORY – every league game
- Training is required
- [Certified Club Linesman — Utah Youth Soccer Association](#)
 - UYSA Video
 - CDC Heads Up (State law)
 - Safe Sport (US Federal Law)
- WHY?
- Better educated coaches/parents/sideline
- Other parents/spectators are less likely to “attack” a referee verbally or physically
- Are you FIT to be a referee? Interested in becoming certified?
- Wear the vest
 - Vests are in the mail and have been sent to the address of the Head Coach



Why do we have to provide CCL's – we already pay way too much for referees!

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- Average cost per player / per game for the referee is \$2.92 to \$3.88 each game (roster size 9 – 12 players)
 - Opportunity for parents to see the game from a different perspective. It is easy to be critical of the referee/linesman when you have never done any refereeing. Also, other parents on your sideline are less likely to be critical of a fellow parent/volunteer
 - Provides additional education about the nuances of the game and the responsibility that the referee has for watching 14 players
 - Provides an Introduction to the pathway to becoming a certified referee.
 - Provides support and additional eyes that help the single referee assigned to the game. Requiring more referees (3 man system) adds to the referee shortage and does nothing to help grow the referee pool.
 - Adding the cost of two additional referees to the game increases the cost of playing soccer. Everyone wants fees as low as possible. Requiring each team to provide the required two CCL's helps keep the fees that UYSA charges as low as possible.
 - Primary responsibility – in and out of bounds. We are all capable of doing that!

No Volunteers – what do we do?

Have the coach or the Club require all parents to watch and listen to the UYSA video (little over 5 minutes). Everyone gets the opportunity to feel the pressure of “getting the call right!”

The more educated the parents are, the safer youth will be.

Why do I have to log in and enter zeros and the CCL names in the Game Report?

- UYSA needs to know that the game was played – so score entered as 0-0
- UYSA policy requires that the teams enter the information
 - Need to know that the game was played so the referee gets paid
 - If there were any injuries (referee should report this) – supplemental insurance for players and referees
 - That a CCL was provided and again for liability and insurance purposes
- Actual score may be entered into the Comments – not the Score boxes
 - i.e., USA 2 – England 1

Zero Tolerance Policy

- **Inappropriate Behavior Towards Referees will NOT be tolerated!**
- A coach has the responsibility to coach the players, and parents or spectators on the sideline have the responsibility to cheer for your player and their teammates. At no time does your role cross over to being a referee mentor or educator, regardless of your knowledge or understanding of the game
- If you are making any remark(s) towards or about a referee, you are at risk for the entire sideline being uninvited to attend games for the remainder of the season
- You put your team at the risk of game stoppage and forfeit, and other potential outcomes as adjudicated by the league
- If a remark is public, personal, provocative, profane, persistent you will be asked to leave and may not be at other games
- How will this be enforced? - the referees assigned to the games will be told that "Team X is not allowed to have ANY spectators within 100 yards of the field, or the game will be forfeited by the team."
- There are no excuses for inappropriate behavior

New from US Soccer

- Revision of Policy 531-9 / Youth & Amateur
- [2f05fc99cfcd0fe167e023708ffc2cbda374b399.pdf](#)
- Explanatory video: [Referee Abuse Prevention Policy | U.S. Soccer Official Website](#)
- Remember! Minor referees will start to be given green ref badges.
 - Any discipline enforced by UYSA for misbehavior toward a minor referee must include a 3x multiplier. UYSA does not have discretion.

8 Second Rule - GK

- A corner kick is awarded if a goalkeeper, inside their penalty area, controls the ball with their hand(s)/arm(s) for more than eight seconds before releasing it. A goalkeeper is considered to be in control of the ball with their hand(s)/arm(s) when:
 - the ball is between their hands/arms or between their hand(s)/arm(s) and any surface (e.g. ground, own body)
 - holding the ball with their outstretched open hand(s)
 - bouncing it on the ground or throwing it in the air
- The referee will decide when the goalkeeper has control of the ball and the eight seconds begin and will visually count down the last five seconds with a raised hand.
 - A Goalkeeper cannot be challenged by an opponent when in control of the ball with their hand(s)/arm(s).



Areas of Focus for Fall '25

- No sideline / parental misconduct
 - We had multiple incidents this Summer in tournament season.
 - Yelling at a referee to “do your job” or “protect our kids” doesn’t solve anything.
- More focus on recognizing that the ref and the coaches are working together to try and create a safe, competitive atmosphere to help every player improve.
- We all know that the kids and parents keep score!
 - That’s OK! This is a competitive league.
 - AND, our coaches know the results mean nothing – so they can focus on developing EVERY player.

Resources

- We are here to be a helpful resource to all players, parents, coaches, teams and clubs!
- UYSA State Offices 801-307-5150
- Scot Boyd – sboyd@UYSA.org
- Michelle Wixom – mwixom@UYSA.org
- Frank Hoyt (SU-IRL) – fhoyt@UYSA.org
- Website: www.UYSA.org
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 - **Resource Center** [Resource Center - USYS Utah](#)
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