

VYSA Presidents Cup - Rules for Referees

In the event of a conflict between these excerpts and the complete VYSA State Championship Rules, the complete rules prevail. The home team must provide a copy of the complete VYSA State Championship Rules on request.

Pre-game Procedures

- If an assigned official fails to appear, the game may be played with a substitute official but only if both coaches agree.
- Teams and a maximum of four officials will take same side of field. (Passes are not required for team officials during preliminary round competition.) Home team will choose side and provide the game ball. The site coordinator or referee will decide if other arrangements are necessary due to site contingencies.
- The away team has choice of jersey color. Home team must change if there is a conflict with the visiting team. Referees must wear a contrasting color.
- A 15-minute grace period is allowed for both presentation of check-in materials and for sufficient players to start the game. The grace period for both starts from scheduled kick-off time.
- If check-in materials are not presented within the grace period, the game is a forfeit.
- At the end of the grace period the game will start if a team has at least 7 players. If fewer players are present, the game is a forfeit.
- Screw-in cleats are not permitted at Occoquan or Bull Run Parks in Northern Virginia.

Team Check-in Procedures. Check-in may not be waived.

- U13-15 teams may have up to 18 players on the roster; U16-17 teams may have up to 22 players on the roster but only 18 will be eligible to play any given game (players 19-22 on the roster may sit on the team bench but may wear no part of the team uniform). No guest players are allowed.
- The home team will provide a Game Report to the referee with game-day rosters for both teams attached.
- Each team will also make available to the referee its VYSA official league roster (no copies) and player passes for pre-game roster and player verification. Passes do not need to be laminated during preliminary round competition.
- The referee MUST check players against the (1) game report, (2) player passes, and (3) official league roster. The referee may prohibit participation of players whose identity cannot be verified or whose documents are inconsistent or improper.
- Referees will retain the game report until after the game. The roster and passes will be returned to the teams after check-in but must remain available to the referee for the duration of the game. Referees will make no marks on the roster.

Post-game Procedures

- The referee will complete the game report and give it to a representative of the WINNING team. This is the official record of the match, so referees must insure it is complete and accurate. For cautions and ejections, record name, number, and team to insure proper identification.

- There are no other reporting requirements unless there are problems with check-in materials or during or after the game that should be reported immediately to the President's Cup chairman:

- Anne Thompson, cell 703 963 4583, email annetomson@aol.com.

Rules of Play. FIFA Laws of the Game apply except as modified herein.

Age	Roster Size	Min # to Start	Length of Half (mins)	Ball Size	Half time (mins)	Overtime (mins) *	Officials
U—13-14	18	7	35	#5	5	Two full 10s	3
U-15	18	7	40	#5	5	Two full 15s	3
U-16	22	7	40	#5	5	Two full 15s	3
U-17	22	7	45	#5	5	Two full 15s	3

* Games may not end in a tie. If tied at the end of regulation, after a 5-minute rest period, the winner shall be determined first by two full overtime periods, and if still tied, by kicks from the penalty mark.

Substitutions

- Substitutions are unlimited and may be made, with the consent of the referee, at any stoppage of play except corner kicks and penalty kicks.

Referees should instruct the teams that substitutes are to be standing at the halfway line, ready to enter when signaled by the referee (except to replace an injured player who has left the field).

Ejections. Ejected players or coaches must leave the field and surrounding areas. They must be far enough away not to participate or comment on the game. When a player is sent off, a responsible adult from the player's team must be chosen to take care of the player for the remainder of the game.

Protests. To be valid, protests must be communicated to the referee and opposing coach before leaving the game site.