

VYSA State Cup Rules for Referees for Fall 2011 Competition U15-18 Age Groups

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 VYSA State Championship Rules on request.

Pre-game Procedures

- Teams and up to four team officials will take same side of field. The home team will choose side and provide the game ball(s). The site coordinator or referee will decide if other arrangements are necessary due to site contingencies.
- The away team has choice of jersey color. The home team must change if there is a conflict. Referees must change if their color is the same as either team.
- A 15-minute grace period is allowed for both presentation of check-in materials (see below) 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 (5 players for U12 8v8). If fewer than 7 players (5 players for 8v8) 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. Verification of eligibility is very important in this competition, so check-in must be thorough.

- There are four types of documentation used by the referee crew for check-in:
 - The official, stamped VYSA State Cup roster. (Please make no marks on this document.)
 - The Game Day roster for each team. Teams may have up to 22 players on the State Cup roster, but only 18 players eligible to play that day. Names of players 19-22 will be crossed through; these players may sit on the team bench but may not wear any part of the team uniform. The Game Day roster is frozen at kickoff.
 - VYSA player and team official passes. These are picture IDs and must be laminated.
 - The Game Report for that day's game. In addition to particulars about the game, it will list the names of the eligible players for the game.
- Referees will check players and team officials against the (1) State Cup roster, (2) Game Day roster, and (3) player and team official passes. The referees may prohibit participation of players and team officials whose identity cannot be verified or whose documents are inconsistent or improper.
 - Referees will keep the Game Report until after the game. The rosters and passes will be returned to the teams after check-in but must be available during the game.

Post-game Procedures

- Referees will complete the Game Report and give it to a representative of the WINNING team. This is the official record of the match, so it must be complete and accurate. For cautions and ejections, record name, number, and team to insure proper identification.
- The referee will report ejections to the appropriate Cup chairs by telephone (call collect if necessary) no later than the evening of the game:
 - Girls' teams to Cathy Mann, Home 703 912-4866, Cell 703 447-0139
 - Boys' teams to Bill Cunningham, Home 757 431-2878, Cell 757 393-2022

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

Age	Length of Half	Ball Size	Half	Overtime *	Officials
U-15-16	40 minutes	#5	5 mins	Two 15-minute	3
U-17-18	45 minutes	#5	5 mins	Two 15-minute	3

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

Substitutions. Substitutions may be made, with the consent of the referee, at any stoppage.

- A maximum of 7 substitutions are permitted for each team during each half and during overtime. After leaving the game during a half, a substituted player may not reenter during the same half. After leaving the game during overtime, a substituted player may not reenter.
- Before the game, the referee will ask each team to provide the passes for the players starting the game to the assistant referee on the team side or the fourth official. Substitutes wishing to enter will check in with the assistant referee or the fourth official and surrender their passes. At halftime and fulltime, all passes will be returned to the teams. The same procedure will be followed for the second half and overtime. All passes will be returned to the teams after the game.
- Referees should instruct the teams that substitutes should 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). (Use of pennies by substitutes is not mandatory but should be encouraged.)

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, if necessary a responsible adult from the player's team must be identified to take care of the player for the remainder of the game.

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