

In-House Operating Procedure For Referees (updated 4/9/2018)

Starting and Stopping a Game (including throw-ins)

Kick-off occurs at the beginning of each quarter/half. Kick-off is from the center of the field, does NOT need to be passed forward, and cannot be touched by that player until another player has touched the ball. A goal cannot be scored directly off a kick-off. A ball is out of play when the entire ball fully crosses an end or side line. When the ball goes out of play on a side line, it shall be thrown in from the point where it crossed the line. The thrower must face the field and shall deliver the ball with both feet on the ground, behind the line, with two hands on the ball from behind and over their head. There are no time-outs unless the ref stops play due to injury. When injured, a player should remain on the ground until the ref stops play.

Goal Kicks

Goal kicks start at the U7 level. When the offensive team kicks the ball over the opposing teams' end line, the opposing team is awarded a goal kick. The goal kick should be taken from any point inside the goalie box (usually on the outer horizontal corners). All players from the opposing team must be outside the penalty box and should not touch the ball until it leaves the penalty box. If the ball does not leave the penalty box, the team should re-take the kick. The kicking team can be in the penalty box during the goal kick, but also must wait for the ball to leave the penalty box before making contact with the ball.

The person taking the goal kick cannot touch the ball after its initial kick until another player, on either team touches the ball.

Corner Kicks

Corner kicks start at the U7 level. When the defensive team kicks the ball over their own end line, the opposing team is awarded a corner kick. The ball is placed in the designated area in the corner nearest where the ball went out of bounds. A goal can be scored directly on a corner kick. The person taking the corner kick cannot touch the ball after its initial kick until another player, on either team touches the ball.

Hand Ball/Free Kicks

Free kicks start at the U7 level. A free kick is awarded for any hand ball or foul. All free kicks are indirect, meaning another player must touch the ball before a goal can be scored.

Penalty Kicks

Penalty kicks start at the U7 level. Penalty kicks are awarded for fouls committed inside the penalty area at the discretion of the ref. When a penalty kick is awarded, the opposing team must keep the same goalie that was playing the position at the time the penalty was called. A team cannot change goalies prior to the penalty kick. Penalty kicks are direct.

Drop Balls

Drop balls start at the U7 level. Any stoppage that results for a reason other than the ball leaving the playing field or a goal (for example injury), a dropped ball should be made between a player from each team. The ball must hit the ground before either player can make a play on the ball.

Offside

Offside infractions begin at the U8 level. At the U8 level, the calls should be very lenient and meant to teach. At the U9/U10 level, off sides should be fully enforced. A player is involved in active play AND in an offside position if he/she is nearer to his opponents' goal line than both the ball and the last opponent, besides the goalie. Although a player may be offside, a penalty should only be called if the offending player is interfering with play or gaining an advantage by being in that position. In the event of an offside offence, the referee awards an indirect free kick to the opposing team to be taken from the place where the infringement occurred.

A player is not in an offside position if he/she is on their half of the field. There are also no off sides if the player receives the ball directly from a goal kick, throw-in, or corner kick.

Goals/Goalie Protocol

A goal is scored when the entire ball crosses over the goal line between the goal posts. The goalie is allowed to use their hands anywhere in their own penalty area. All coaches are to instruct their players to **stop** attacking the ball immediately if the goalie is going down to pick up the ball. No charging or attempting to harass or interfere with the goalie is permitted. Repeated offenses should be handled by the coach of the offending player. If a team continues to show aggression in this regard, the coach may be disciplined. This is very important to protect our goalies.

Aggressive Play

Fouls and misconduct will be called by the referee. Players that are overly physical should be taken aside by their coach and the matter handled between the coach and player. If a player or coach has a problem with a player, coach or parent of the opposing team, the coach should address the problem with the opposing coach to correct the problem. Each coach is responsible for the actions of his players, his coaches, his parents, and himself. A parent of one team should never engage a player on another team in verbal or physical response.

Slide Tackling

Slide tackling, while legal in the game of soccer as long as the ball is contacted first, is to be discouraged at this age. It is dangerous for both the tackler and the person with the ball. It is also usually not effective at this age because they usually miss the ball and give up position. If there is a problem with a player consistently executing slide tackling and putting opposing players at risk, the coach should address the problem with the opposing coach to correct the problem. Restart is an indirect free kick.

GENERAL AGE GROUP GUIDELINES

	U7	U8	U9/U10
Field Size (approx.)	55 x 30	55 x 30	70 x 40
Game Time	Four (4) 12 minute quarters	Four (4) 12 minute quarters	Two (2) 25 minute halves
Players	6 3 offense 2 defense 1 goalie	6 3 offense 2 defense 1 goalie	10 (adjustable) 4 offense 3 mid 2 defense 1 goalie
Goalkeeper	Yes	Yes	Yes
Corner Kicks	Yes	Yes	Yes
Goal Kicks	Yes	Yes	Yes
Offside	No	Yes (lenient)	Yes
Throw-Ins	Yes (with retakes)	Yes (with retakes)	Yes (change of possession)
Ball Size	#4	#4	#4
Penalty Kicks	Yes, but rare (top of penalty box)	Yes, but rare (top of penalty box)	Yes
Coach	One (1) + Asst Coach allowed on field for Fall Season; sideline for Spring	Sideline only	Sideline only

Pay Scale

Level Of Play	Age	Center Ref		AR
Beekman Inhouse	U7	\$ 32.00		n/a
Beekman Inhouse	U8	\$ 32.00		n/a
Beekman Inhouse	U10	\$ 42.00		n/a
Beekman LDT	GU12	\$ 47.00		n/a
Beekman LDT	BU12	\$ 47.00		n/a
Beekman LDT	GU15	\$ 71.00		\$ 36.00
Beekman LDT	BU15	\$ 71.00		\$ 36.00
Beekman LDT	GU19	\$ 81.00		\$ 41.00
Beekman LDT	BU19	\$ 81.00		\$ 41.00

In House Tournament	U7	Pay Rate = \$25.00 per hour
	U8	Pay Rate = \$27.00 per hour
	U10	Pay Rate = \$31.00 per hour