

# 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 (CCL)
- 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 4<sup>th</sup> year of NSNS.

# Pools of Players or Fixed Roster? When & Why?

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- 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 or 10U – However, tournament rosters are even more flexible.



# Roster required for every game

- Teams/Club can utilize either the Tournament Roster 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 Tournament Roster with photos
- A Roster with every player who is eligible to play is required for EVERY game

# Certified Club Linesmen (CCL)

- MANDATORY
- 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.

## 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 the CCL names to Game Report

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- 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

# Resources

- UYSA State Offices 801-307-5150
- Scot Boyd – [sboyd@UYSA.org](mailto:sboyd@UYSA.org)
- Michelle Wixom – [mwixom@UYSA.org](mailto:mwixom@UYSA.org)
- Website: [www.UYSA.org](http://www.UYSA.org)
  - Coach Tab
  - Manager Tab
    - **Team Manager FAQ's**
  - State Competition League
  - Resource Center
  - Referees
    - Certified Club Linesman (“CCL”)



# Help!

- We are here to be a helpful resource to the players, parents, coaches, teams and clubs!
  - UYSA – 801-307-5150
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