

GRO 0 - 0 VVV | 57:19

UYSA Referee Zoom

Fall Season

August 29, 2023

ARRAD

RESPEC

Appreciation

- We appreciate every single one of our referees and want them to have a positive experience
- Issues with registering with USYA so you can be assigned to games – please make sure you follow each instruction step. (Issues with cut and paste will result in not getting paid)
- If you continue to have issues email uysarr@gmail.com – please include your name and contact info
- To log into your referee account you MUST use your referee log in USER NAME and password. You received this from uysarr@gmail.com
- Fingers crossed for a new improved, referee friendly system soon



Job Assignment – Thank you for your professionalism

- If you accept the game – show up (preferably 30 minutes early for the Center; 15 minutes early for the AR) Be on time
- Be in uniform – shirt, shorts, socks are required!
- Check in the teams – not optional
- Check the field for safety concerns
- Note concerns that the coach(es) bring to your attention as these should be included in your game report
 - No lines, flags
 - Goals not secured
 - Coach/Players not on the roster
 - Jersey numbers on the roster or digital cards
- Referee the game
- Submit the Game Report (this is for UYSA to know the game was played and how it went)
 - Use the Review Requested button if necessary
- Complete the Match Review (this is to be paid)





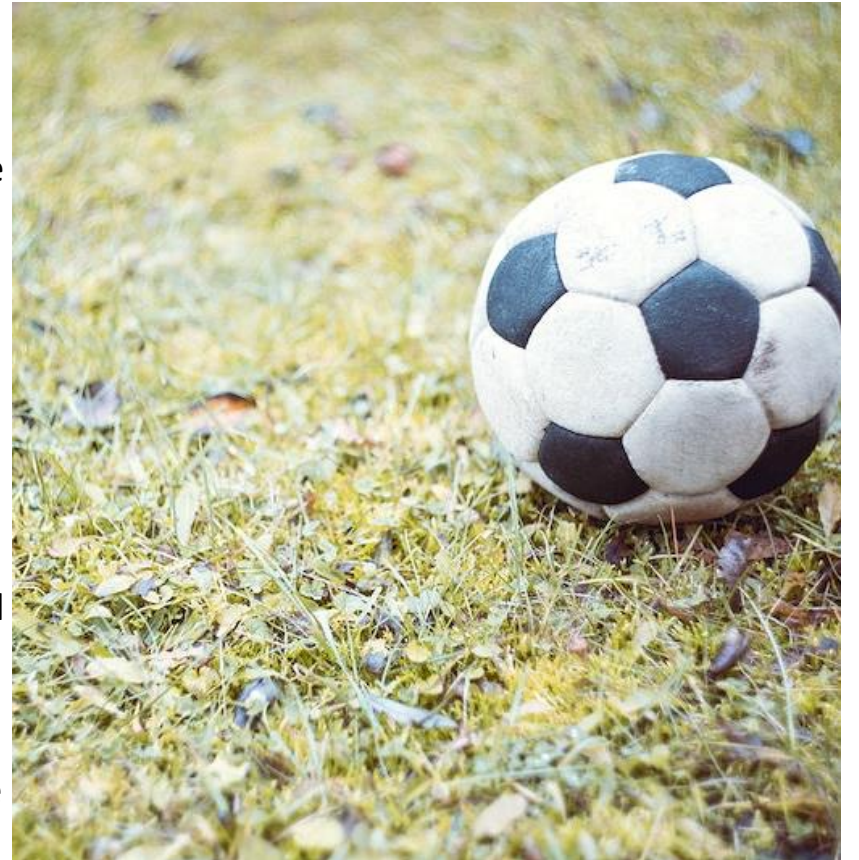
Job Assignment – Thank you for your professionalism – Outlying areas

- UYSA understands that many of our outlying areas have a small referee pool that is formed by players, parents and coaches from the local club.
- We know you know the local team, coach and probably some of the players personally
- Please have an even higher degree of professionalism.
- Do NOT give the away team the impression that you are personal friends with the other team.
- **Everyone should avoid spending extra time chatting with the other coach or players beyond what you do with the away team.**
- ARs – do NOT come to the game carrying your club bag.
- Although everyone knows there is familiarity in these smaller areas, the away team should feel that they were treated equally

Zero Tolerance - how to handle?

Zero Tolerance is enforced by UYSA, not by the referee on the field.

- Does not mean a silent sideline- the goal is to eliminate inappropriate behavior
 - While the goal is to prevent bad behavior from occurring, the reality is that this program is intended to prevent a coach / sideline from REPEATING the bad behavior.
 - Draft a complete report with clear explanations as to what the behavior was and why it would make sense for the sideline to take some games off to re-evaluate the purpose of their existence. (In a parent at a UYSA game sense – although that is encouraged as well.)
- Allowed and Disallowed – (from the UYSA website) [Zero Tolerance for Referee Abuse FAQs — Utah Youth Soccer Association](#)
- Dealing with coach misbehavior – UYSA points of emphasis!
 - Law 12 guidelines [Hint – if your write up uses these descriptions, then UYSA can simply point the coach to the language so they know exactly how wrong they were]
- Coaches can ask for a clarification of the call, they cannot persist or continue to dispute the call
- Where an offence is committed and the offender cannot be identified, the senior team coach present in the technical area will receive the sanction. [Yep, for parental behavior too!]
- Public, personal, provocative, profane, persistent remarks directed at, to or about a referee are NOT ALLOWED
- Ask (warning), tell (caution), dismiss (send off)



ZERO Tolerance FAQ's



A referee has all the power?

- Referees have always had the ability to make a judgement call to clear a sideline or end a match in situations they deem unsafe.
- Referees have been instructed to utilize the “Game Review Requested” button in US Soccer Connect (Affinity) after the completion of a match to notify UYSA of any issues.
- Can Parents say anything during their child’s match?
 - Utah Youth Soccer is not expecting or mandating that sidelines be silent. Exclamations in the moment are part of the game. A “handball” or “offside” as an immediate response to a situation is more than acceptable so long as that exclamation ends there. It is not acceptable to address the official with anything further.
- Complaints are simply a part of sports. As referees, we understand and accept this when we sign up. Therefore, we need to have a better understanding of exclamations vs direct or pointed dissent.

Who can talk to a referee ?

- Coaches – We encourage you to introduce yourself & start a mutually respectful relationship prior to the match. Throughout the match anything specifically stated to a referee should be done with respect.
- Players – Most referees welcome communication with players , especially when done respectfully. Take ownership of your game. Ask for clarification on a call or decision *with* respect.
- Parents – there is NO reason to speak with a referee.
- UYSA knows the names and assignments of all referees, in order to file a complaint, you do not need the official's name.



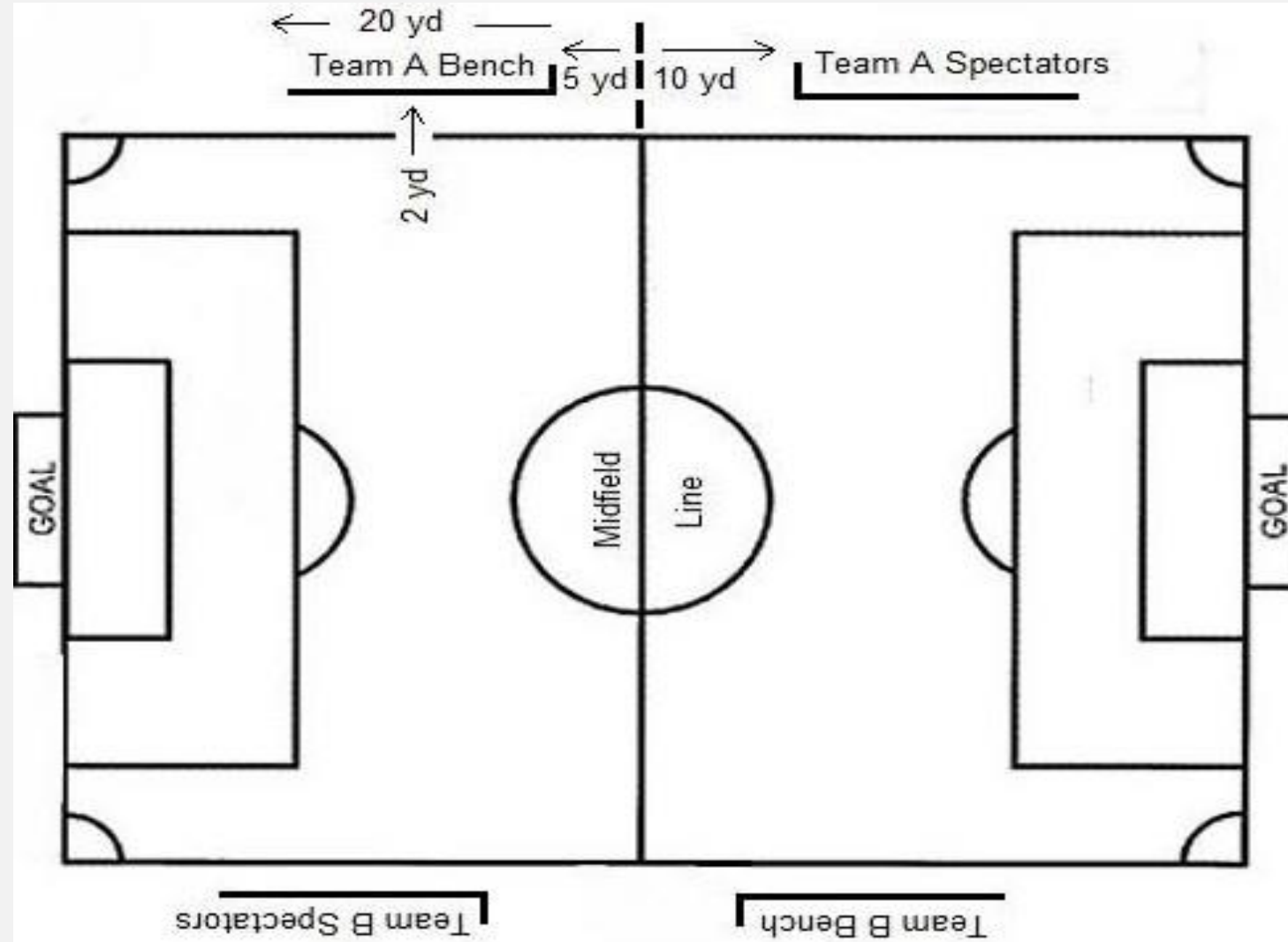
Creating a positive
learning
environment for
Player Development
– Coaches, Referees
and Parents
Goals:

- Build Relationships
- Understand the opposite side point of view
- Set a great example to the players
- Work together to put the development of players first

Coaches responsibilities...

- **1. Improve understanding of officials and officiating**
- **2. Focus on doing your own job**
- **3. Don't criticize, humiliate or embarrass our referees**
- **4. Watch the language**
- **5. Don't question integrity**

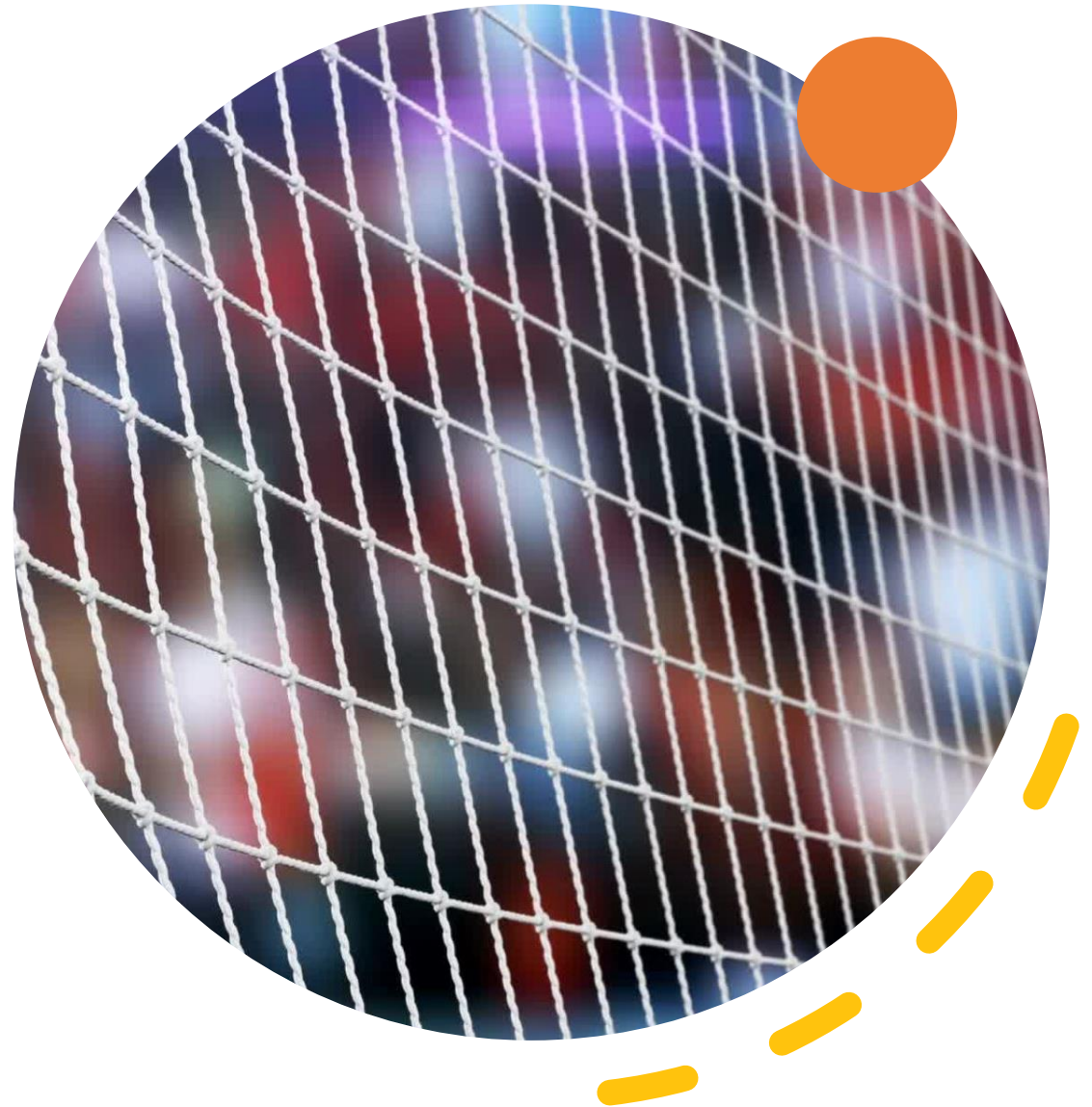
Field Set Up



Special Rules for 9U-12U

Know the special rules for 9U – 12U

- Build out lines (9U-10U)
- No heading (9U-12U)
- No scores no standings (9U-11U)
- Link on UYSA website [Utah State Competition Soccer Leagues — Utah Youth Soccer Association](#)





No Scores No Standings

- 9U, 10U and **11U** are all no scores, no standings
- 9U – 11U are allowed to use tournament rosters with photos. All players playing must be listed on the roster.
- Game Report is required - Entering your comments in the comments box will automatically save the score as 0 – 0.
- In the comment box enter the details from the game and you can enter the team name and score for each team e.g. USA 2 – Eng 1.
- Scores entered into the score boxes **MUST** be 0 – 0.

CCL's are MANDATORY in 9U, 10U

MANDATORY – not optional

- The goal is to change the way these younger teams' coaches and parents THINK about the referees. We are all part of the same team.
- Resource to help support the referee
- One CCL should be provided from each team for each game
- If one team does not provide one – this should be in your game report
 - If one team doesn't have a CCL the other team may provide the second one
- CCL should wear the provided vest
- 2 Strikes (reports to UYSA) that you wouldn't use the CCLs and we will ask that you not be assigned to UYSA games
 - First time Scot will hunt you down and chastise you. Your name will also be sent to the SRC (Holly).
- If you want to know what they are instructed to do, watch the video. (5 minutes) [Certified Club Linesman — Utah Youth Soccer Association](#)



High School Age Groups

Elimination of use of the word "Nigga" from the game

- First, UYSA was humiliated when, at Presidents Cup Regionals and Far West Regionals, 3 Utah players from 3 separate Utah clubs were ejected from games and the tournament for use of the word "Nigga". UYSA is aware that some of our minority players have taken to using this word with each other, and we have heard it being used extensively in conversation or during practices. Please make this very clear to your players: the use of that word on the soccer pitch is the definition of foul and abusive and, if heard by the ref, will result in an automatic red card and a 2 game suspension (1 for the ejection and 1 at the League Commissioner's discretion.) The use of this word has no place in our games. Coaches, if you are allowing this word to be used in practice, I consider you to be complicit in any future ejection for your player for using it.

Request to substitute cautioned player



Next, HS rules require that all cautioned players must be subbed from the game to allow them a cooling-off period. This makes logical sense and UYSA has invited their coaches to implement this process with their teams, especially if the player is heated.



Note this is not required but you can use this to your advantage to help control the match.



UYSA's mass-confrontation policy



We have instructed teams to-

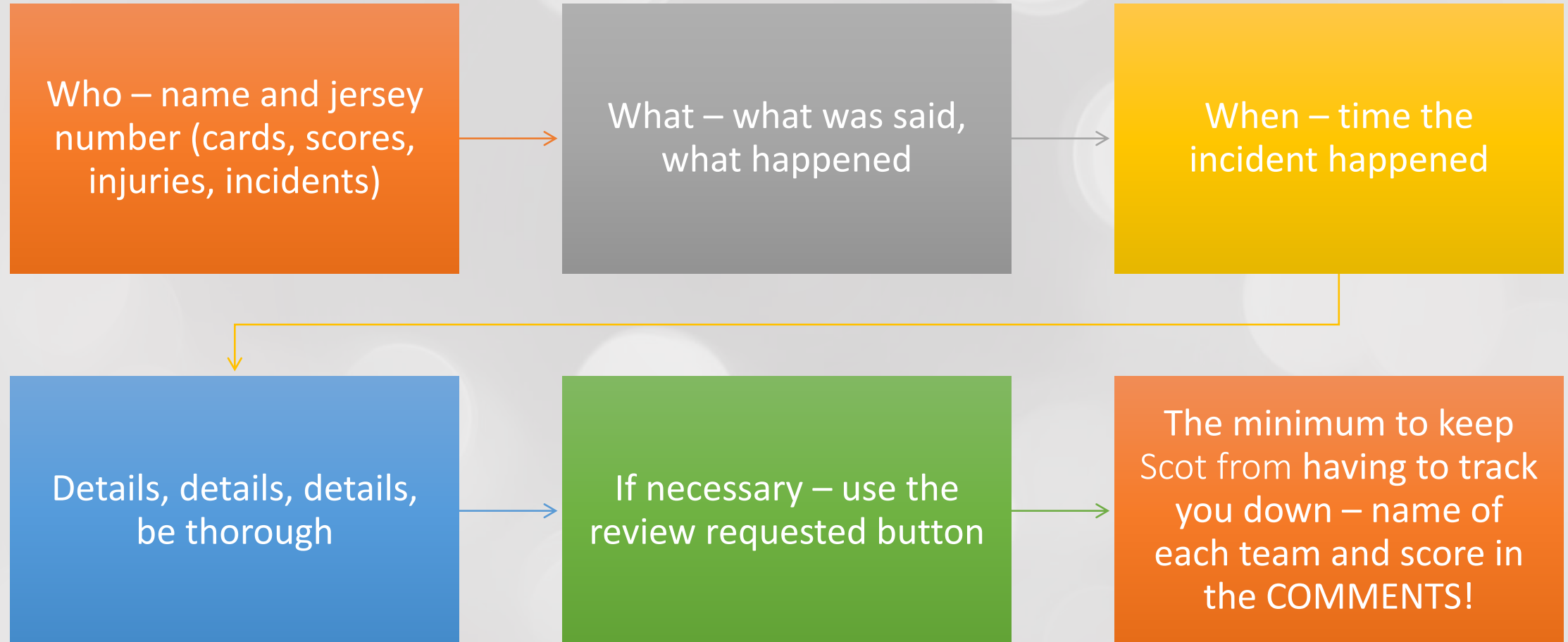
- Players - try to remove YOUR team's player from the confrontation. Players on the bench - **STAY** on the bench and **OFF** the field. Any bench player who enters the field "may" be ejected.
- Coaches - you may enter the field without permission to de-escalate the situation by removing YOUR player/s. Do everything in your power to avoid touching a player from the other team.
- Parents - Stay **OFF** the field. If you must step on the field, only do so to remove your child from the confrontation. **DO NOT** touch any other player.

GAME REPORTS

- Every game **MUST** have a report submitted
- Game reports are **NOT** the match review you much click in the score box of the actual game.
 - Match Review = Payday!
 - Game Report = Happy UYSA
- Must be submitted within 24 hours – if there was a red card
- All reports are due within 48 hours
- Every report Must be complete –
 - Major injuries -
 - Cautions / send offs
 - Early termination – must include the minute game was terminated
 - Concerns from Coaches brought to your attention
- Emails from UYSA require a response
- Emails from the SRC (Holly) require an immediate response
- Keep reports until the end of the season (you forget details, scores, etc.)



Elements of a Game Report



Excellent Game Report!

- Ejection for XXXX for persistent dissent. As a play was unfolding, both coaches for XXXX were screaming at me for what they thought was illegal contact against their player. I played an advantage call as their player got past the defender and took a shot that resulted in a corner. I then went to the coaches and explained what I saw and also warned XXXX that the yelling was unacceptable behavior. I turned around to restart the game and XXXX kept the conversation going about me not making the call so I turned back around and cautioned him and warned him that any more would result in his dismissal from the game. As I turned around to get the game going again he yelled at me to “start making the calls” so I dismissed him from the game. He left the field slowly, but did not carry the conversation on any more.

How would you handle this?

Game Stat Entry --- Last Modified By: [REDACTED] - May 7 2022 4:54PM [Change Log](#)

Game Number: 354210 Date: 5/7/2022 Time: 02:30 PM Field: 1

Home: [REDACTED] Visitor: [REDACTED]

Colors: None None Colors: None None

Score: 2 Score: 2

Special Code -- Special Code --

Goals/Cautions/Ejections

--Select Admin/Player--

Item Type	Reason	Item Type	Reason
--	--	--	--

Add Remove

Goal-Nield, Matthew (PL)-(10)
Goal-Greenberg, Alexander (PL)-(13)

Add Remove

Goal-Lemon, Crew (PL)-(5)
Goal-Roach, Easton (PL)-(3)

Referees Assignment (click name to rate referee performance)

Center Referees [REDACTED] Assistant Referees [REDACTED] Mentor [REDACTED] Club Linesman [REDACTED]

Supplemental Incident Report / Game Comments

Add Comment (Max 7000 chars per comment):

Comments: [REDACTED] Delete All Comment

***** [REDACTED] added at May 7 2022 4:51PM *****
Final score: [REDACTED] 2 - [REDACTED] 2
No misconduct.
[REDACTED] has a player, Easton [REDACTED] on their roster but Easton did not appear on the game day roster. Easton's digital player pass was pink but the system did not allow us to click and open it up to verify if he was eligible. La Roca's coach was insistent that Easton was eligible and that their team would take the forfeit if Easton was not eligible. I told the All Stars coach of this and said I would add this to my match report and let UYSA verify Easton's eligibility.

Game Comments review requested

Having accurate rosters is crucial to ensuring a fair game and avoiding potential disputes. If there is a discrepancy between the game day rosters provided by each team, it should be documented in your game report.

For example, "Coach xxxxx was marked as redlined on the away team's roster but was listed as good on his team's roster."

Use Correct
Codes! All
Coach
Ejections must
be recorded as
CE!

Game Stat Entry --- Last Modified By: Scot Boyd - Apr 11 2022 8:14AM [Change Log](#)

Game Number: 355300 Date: 4/9/2022 Time: 02:00 PM Field: 1

Home: [Redacted] Visitor: [Redacted]

Colors: None None Colors: None None

Score: 0 Score: 4

Special Code -- Special Code --

Goals/Cautions/Ejections

--Select Admin/Player--

Item Type Reason Item Type Reason

-- -- -- --

Add Remove Add Remove

Caution-PI-Washburn, Colton (PL)-(-102)
Caution-UB-Witter, Jerryn (PL)-(-115)

Ejection-CE-Hunt, Joshua (HC)

Referees Assignment (click name to rate referee performance)

Center Referees Assistant Referees Mentor Club Linesman

[Redacted] [Redacted]

Supplemental Incident Report / Game Comments

Add Comment (Max 7000 chars per comment):

Comments: [Delete All Comment](#)

***** [Redacted] added at Apr 9 2022 2:23PM *****
Colton Washburn PI caution
Jerron Witter caution UB reckless foul
Head coach Joshua Hunt ejection. 2nd caution for dissent and disrespectful language toward referee.

***** Boyd, Scot added at Apr 11 2022 8:14AM *****
All coach ejections are CE, not 2CT even when 2CT. Change made.

Game Comments review requested

Mentors

- If you are a newer ref, ASK your assignor to have a mentor attend at least one of your games.
- Assignors – Young refs first game in the middle, get a mentor!
- If you are a more experienced ref and want to mentor, please contact Holly.
- Last Spring - 81 games mentored
- Goal for UYSA for Fall 2023 – 350 games mentored (out of over 7000)



LAW 18



Help for you and UYSA

- Review requested – button

Game Comments review requested

- We'd rather read that nothing happened than miss a critical incident that needs to be addressed
- Report the bad behavior– it saves the next referee from dealing with the same or worse behaviors.
- Send emails to the League Office at the following emails: Scot at sboyd@UYSA.org; Michelle at mwixom@UYSA.org