



GAME RULE SUMMARY CHART

Game Rule Summary Chart For Coaches, Parents, AND Referees

Fall 2024 and Spring 2025

GRADE	3/4	5/6	7/8
FORMAT	7v7	9v9	11v11
TIME	2 x 30 min	2 x 30 min	2 x 35 min
HEADING	NO (attempted or actual)		YES
BALL SIZE	#4	#4	#5
OFFSIDES	NO	YES	YES
PENALTY MARK	8 yds	10 yds	12 yds
PLAYERS NEEDED TO START	5	6	7
PLAYERS NEEDED TO CONTINUE	5	6	7

SPECIAL 3RD/4TH GRADE RULES	<p>Goal Kick: defenders must retreat to the half-line, but the opposing team may kick before all defenders have retreated.</p> <p>On a PK, all players except the kicker and the goalkeeper must be on the kicker's defensive side of the half-line.</p> <p>On a goal kick or goalkeeper save, the resulting punt or throw must touch a player or the ground in the goalkeeper's defensive half of the field; If the ball lands or is touched first in the kicking team's offensive half, the defending team will be awarded an indirect free kick from the half-line.</p>
SUBSTITUTIONS	<p>After a goal, prior to a goal kick, prior to the start of the 2nd half - unlimited both teams</p> <p>On a throw-in - the team with possession may sub unlimited, and if they choose to sub, then the defending team may sub unlimited</p> <p>If an injured player(s) is substituted, then the opposing team may sub on a 1 for 1 basis</p> <p>After a caution, the offending player must leave the field and cannot return until the next substitution opportunity; a substitution is allowed (but not required) for the carded player</p> <p>A team that is already at the minimum number of players needed to continue play may temporarily play at below the minimum</p> <p>Any player who is bleeding must be substituted immediately and may return only when bandaged; bloody uniforms may not be worn</p>
15 MINUTE RULE	<p>BAYS provides a 15 minute window for referees to show up for a scheduled game (LAW5), for Team Coaches to present an official team roster that has been validated by their Division Director Match Rule (MR) 1, and a required minimum number of players to start a game (LAW 3). See also Starting the Game in MR8.</p>
ROSTERS	<p>Two (2) printed paper copies (one for the referee, one for the opponent) and signed by the coach; electronic versions are not valid. All rosters must be typed/printed with no handwritten additions except for jersey numbers, additions of substitute coaches, or crossing off of players/coaches not in attendance. The referee is not responsible for ascertaining the roster size or eligibility of players.</p>

<p>COACHING AND COACH CREDENTIALS</p>	<p>Official MYSA Credential Lanyards must be displayed and worn by ALL team officials on the team’s sidelines. Electronic versions are not valid.</p> <p>At least one credentialed adult must be present on each team’s sideline throughout the game.</p> <p>There is a maximum of three, Credentialed, non-player people on the team sideline</p> <p>Prior to kickoff at every game, when referees ask for the team roster, they should verify that all team officials are wearing the proper credentials and number no more than 3</p> <p>Under 18 team officials are allowed and must have an official MYSA credential</p> <p>All team officials on the sideline must stay within the technical area (if marked) and if not marked, within an area designated by the referee.</p>
<p>EQUIPMENT</p>	<p>Plaster/fiberglass casts (even if padded) and jewelry (including earrings) of any kind are not allowed. Players with medical, religious, or cultural wearable items must have the item properly secured with any medical information showing.</p> <p>Players can play with assistive devices such as prescription glasses, cochlear implant processors, hearing aids, insulin pumps, and other approved equipment that is essential for them to wear in order to play.</p> <p>It is the Coach’s responsibility to point the specific equipment out to the referee before the game, so that if there is an issue— such as the assistive device coming off the player during the game—the referee is aware of the need to stop the play to provide assistance.</p> <p>It is the referee’s responsibility to ensure that the players’ equipment and other items are safe.</p>

ZERO TOLERANCE

This Zero Tolerance Policy is in effect as of Spring 2024 and applies to all coaches, players, parents, spectators, and other supporters and officials participating in a BAYS program or event.

1. No one, except the players, is to speak to the referee during or after the game. Exceptions: Coaches may ask questions before the game, call for substitutions and point out emergencies during the game, or respond to the referee if addressed.
2. Absolutely no disputing calls, during or after the game, no direct or indirect remarks to the referee to watch certain players or attend to rough play. **NO YELLING** at the referee, **EVER**, and no criticism, sarcasm, harassment, intimidation, or feedback of any kind before, during, or after the game.
3. Violators may be sent-off and are subject to disciplinary action by the BAYS Sportsmanship Review Committee..
4. If Coaches would like to provide feedback about the refereeing, **AFTER** the game, log into the BAYS site and under My BAYS->Coach/Manager->Game Feedback click the correct game link to access a form that will send the feedback directly to the home Referee Assignor as well as to BAYS officials.
5. If spectators have questions regarding particular calls, rules, or a referee, or wish to give feedback regarding a referee, they should contact their BAYS team coach. Coaches can file feedback reports with BAYS or speak with their club officials to get more guidance.

There are required default sanctions for ZT violations: See the BAYS Zero Tolerance Policy.