



ICYSL REFEREE REFERENCE SHEET

ICYSL is a recreational soccer league. Our motto is "KEEP IT POSITIVE". The league was formed to allow children to continue to play soccer when there were not enough players in the individual towns to form viable age appropriate programs. Our goal is to provide players with a safe, enjoyable environment, while promoting GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP among the players, parents, fans and coaches.

ICYSL rules are modeled after the Laws of the Game. There are some league specific differences listed below but most of all use common sense:

- There are no game cards, nor player passes.
- There are no limits to the number of players on a team; all players must play equal time each game.
- NO ROSTER EXCHANGE/ NO PLAY. Coaches' responsibility, to be done electronically.
- Coaches must be 21 or older.
- Jerseys without numbers NOT allowed, duplicates are allowed.
- A team may play one player up if the opponent cannot field a complete team.
- The minimum number of players to start or complete a game is five (5) for the 7v7 divisions, six (6) for the 9v9 divisions and seven (7) for the 11v11 divisions.
- A late arriving player is eligible to play if the second half has started.
- The referee changes jersey if there is a color conflict with either team.
- The U9 game is 50 minutes. 2x 25-minute halves, 5mins. half-time.
- The U11 game is 60 minutes. 2x 30-minute halves, 5mins. half-time.
- The U13 game is 70 minutes. 2x 35-minute halves, 5mins. half-time.
- The U15 game is 80 minutes. 2x 40-minute halves, 5mins. half-time.
- The U18 Game is 90 minutes. 2x 45-minute halves, 5mins. Half-time.
- Referee fees are determined by the individual towns.
- Referee fees are the responsibility of the HOME town during regular season -NOT ICYSL
- Referees must report to ICYSL all RED and YELLOW caution cards, injuries, and disciplinary action against spectators. The name of the town, team and player/coach must be reported.
 - To report yellow card: icysl.board+yellowcard@gmail.com
 - To report red card: icysl.board+redcard@gmail.com
 - To report injury: icysl.board+injury@gmail.com
 - To report any other issue: icysl.board+issue@gmail.com
- or summarize the entire game here -
 - Referee Game Report: icysl.board+refreport@gmail.com
- The coach can be carded for the bad behavior of anyone involved with the team and must be in control at all times.

In the case where a team becomes short-handed through disciplinary ejection (2 yellow cards on a player or a red card), opposing teams may play up to two (2) more players than the shorthanded team. This includes teams who become shorthanded due to red cards in previous games.

During the **playoffs** each team should be allowed to play with the full complement of players up to a 2-player advantage.

SLIDE TACKLE: It is against ICYSL rules for U9-U15 divisions to slide-tackle an opponent during a game. Any occurrence of slide tackling will result in the issuance of a yellow card to the player causing such infraction. Restart with an indirect free kick. Note: A goalie sliding to make a save within the box is NOT considered a slide tackle and IS legal. Slide Tackle is allowed for U18 divisions.

The complete ICYSL Rules and Regulations and other useful information can be found on the website: <http://www.icysl.net>

HEADING THE BALL

Consistent with U.S. Soccer Mandates on heading the ball, HEADING is BANNED for all division players U11 and below.

1. An indirect free kick will be awarded to the opposing team if a player U11 or younger deliberately touches the ball with their head during a game.
2. The IFK is to be taken from the place where the player last touched the ball with their head.
3. An IFK awarded to the attacking team inside the opposing team's goal area, must be taken on the goal area line parallel to the goal line at the point nearest to where the player touched the ball with their head.
4. Neither cautions nor send-offs shall be issued for persistent infringement of denying an obvious goal scoring opportunity related to the heading infraction.

Divisions U9 – U18

It is considered unsportsmanlike to score an excessive number of goals and run up the score against your opponent without taking appropriate steps to play a more competitive game.

- Each game WILL be played to its entirety and will not end early.
- It is expected that NO team should win a game by more than a 6-goal differential.
- All scores WILL be reported exactly as they ended even if the game ended in a goal differential greater than 6 goals. This will allow the ICYSL Board to have real time data.

For **games ending with over six (6) goal differential (U9-U18) and only those game**, a referee (non-biased position) must submit a "modified" referee report to the ICYSL board at icysl.board+jen@gmail.com stating; Did coach of winning team make every effort, moved players, removed players, pulled players back to allow opposing team to bring the ball up, in the spirit of the game, to keep the game competitive? Yes or No

If Yes - no board decision needs to be made but noted

If No - Referee to provide details for Board consideration

STANDINGS: Teams will receive three (3) points for a win, one (1) points for a tie, zero (0) points for a loss. There will be no bonus points for goals.

FORFEIT: Teams who forfeit a game will receive zero (0) points while the opposing team will receive three (3) points.

Thank you helping make the ICYSL a fun experience for all! We are looking forward to a great season.

Should you have any questions or need to issue a report on a game please contact me:

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