



AYSO Area 1C Referee Points of Emphasis Under-19 and Under-16 Upper Division Play Fall Season

1. These Points of Emphasis (POE) do not supersede the Area 1C Rules and Regulations. They are intended only to summarize and condense those rules for Upper Division Referees. Please call the Area Referee Administrator (ARA, Scott Davis, 714/355-6404) with any questions.
2. Any individual acting as a Referee or Assistant Referee are required to have a current AYSO Volunteer Registration form on file with eAYSO. NO EXCEPTIONS
3. Assignments to Upper Division games will be issued through the ArbiterSports software program (www.ArbiterSports.com). See separate instructions for Assigning Procedures.
4. Rule references refer to the Area Rules for Upper Division Play.

Pre-game Guidelines

5. The team listed first on the schedule is the home team, regardless of the field location. The home team shall occupy the north or west side of the field, while the visiting team shall occupy the south or east side of the field. Referees may make exceptions to this rule but must report the exception in Arbiter along with the reason. Coach request is not a valid reason. (Rule 10)
6. Spectators should occupy the same side of the field as the players, between the Penalty Areas and at least 10-feet behind the touchline. Certain fields do not have seating or space to accommodate this guideline, so Referees must use best judgment in enforcing this. If bleachers or grandstands are available, they must be used. (Rule 10)
7. Home teams must have alternate jerseys or pinnies available in the event of a uniform conflict. Home team provides two balls while visitors provide one. (Rule 10)
8. Each team shall present a completed Game Card with every team member's full name and number. Make sure the Game Cards are fully filled out. Yellow Game Cards are used for Girls U-19; green for Boys U-19; orange for Girls U-16; and blue for Boys U-16. This is the best time to collect the stamped envelope from the Home Team coach. (Rule 13g)
9. Each team shall present laminated, picture ID cards for the coach, assistant coach, and every player and substitute. Acceptable Picture ID cards must be laminated, signed by the Region Commissioner, with a current, age appropriate photograph attached. Any player, substitute, coach or assistant coach who does not submit a Picture ID card that complies with these rules shall not participate in that game. This applies to every game, first to last---NO EXCEPTIONS. (Rules 7 and 8)
10. Check-in is best accomplished with 2 people; 1 checking the Picture ID cards and the other checking the game card. Both should be checking for proper uniform, shoes, shin guards, socks over, no jewelry, etc. Uniforms should meet AYSO requirements. At a minimum, shirts must match and be uniquely numbered. (Rule 11)
11. The Referee Team shall retain the Photo ID cards of all players and Coaches until the conclusion of the game. (Rule 8)
12. If a game cannot be played due to insufficient players after the 15 minute grace period, inform both coaches. In such a case, the entire Referee Team shall leave the field. Referees are not authorized to referee a "friendly" game. NO EXCEPTIONS

Game Conduct

13. FIFA rules apply. 3-person Referee Team --- NO EXCEPTIONS. (Rule 13a)
14. Normal substitution is on the eighths, i.e. approximately every 11 minutes in U-19 and every 10 minutes in U-16. Best way I have found is to have all players and substitutes who will be out for the next eighth (including those that were also out for the preceding eighth) come to the touchline and face the field. The AR then walks behind and notes the numbers on the game card. Injury substitutions can occur at any time. (Rule 14)
15. Every player should play one half of the game. No reduction of this requirement is allowed for players who arrive late. Report discrepancies on Arbiter and on the Game Card. (Rule 14)
16. If a Head coach is sent off during the game, the game is terminated immediately ---NO EXCEPTIONS. The Referee should telephone the ARA as soon as possible to report the incident. In addition, the Referee and both Assistant Referees should submit an incident report within 24-hours. (Rule 16d)

Post-game Guidelines

17. Conduct a post game handshake. If coaches ask to skip the handshake out of concern for potential incidents between the teams, the referee should honor that request.
18. Fill out the Game Cards completely, noting the final score and any misconduct and/or injuries. (Rule 13g)
19. Retain the ID card of any coach or assistant coach that was expelled and of player or substitute who was Sent Off. (Rule 8c)
20. Submit the complete Game Card and any retained ID cards, along with a written Misconduct Report, to the Upper Division Coordinator (Peter Smock, 626/733-3014) within 24-hours. In addition, email the Misconduct Report to the ARA and report the incident on the Arbiter system. (Rule 19)
21. Only submit information for one game per envelope. Two sets results in "Postage Due".
22. It is the Coach's responsibility to retrieve the rest of the ID cards from the Referee Team. Nevertheless, help them out. Make sure all Photo ID cards are returned. (Rule 8c)
23. Submit your report on Arbiter within 24-hours of the game. Indicate the winner, score, any misconduct (both red and yellow cards) and any injuries you are aware of. Misconduct reports should indicate the time, player number and name, and the nature of the misconduct. (Rule 19)
 - Good example: "60', Pasadena #15, Betsy Ross, cautioned for USB, reckless tackle"
 - Bad example: "cautioned #15"
24. In the case of a coach or spectator expulsion, or a send off of a player or substitute, the Referee shall complete the Misconduct Report Form available on the Area 1-C website and email it to the ARA as soon as possible after the match. In any case, the written report must be submitted to the Upper Division Coordinator within 24-hours. If the send-off involved Serious Foul Play, Violent Conduct or Offensive, Insulting, or Abusive Language or Gestures, the Assistant Referees should also file a written Misconduct Report via email to the ARA. (Rule 19)