



Welcome

BAYS Fall 2024
Referee Assignors Preseason Meeting
August 14, 2024

Key Season Dates

- Game Schedule live - Target Date 8/22
- Season Start Grades 3-8 - Saturday 9/7
- Season Start HS Grade 912 - Sunday 9/22
- Seatbelt Saturday/Sunday 9/28 - 9/29
- Referee Appreciation Weekend **10/5-10/6**
- Referees paid after Week 3, Week 6, Week 9, and season close on 11/30
- All the [BAYS rules](#) and the [2023 - 24 IFAB LOTG](#) are in effect this season.
- Notes:
 - SAT dates **10/5** and 11/2
 - PSAT dates 10/12 and 10/26
 - ACT dates 9/14 and 10/26



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ZT and Sportsmanship

- [Policy Update](#) - Sanctions remain the same as S24
- Reconsideration process
 - 48 hour window
 - No Ref-assigned RATING change - but can modify sanction
- Assignors to follow up on all home ZT reports and report findings
- [ZT Impact Quotes](#)



BAYS RESPECT Campaign

What do we want CLUBS to do:

- Share the BAYS **RESPECT** campaign directives with your coaches, parents, players and referees via email and reinforce it at your preseason Coach and Referee meetings.
 - Mass Youth Soccer [Codes of Conduct](#)
- Add your own voices within your clubs to amplify BAYS' efforts to make **RESPECT** the hallmark of our game.
- Consider suggesting that teams have Spectator Sideline Monitors to help ensure a positive and supportive cheering section for all.
- Armbands will be sent to new Active and Pending refs



Emphasize Game Management

- Review LOTG regarding fouls and misconduct:
 - Swearing, especially directed at someone specifically, is a straight red card
 - Using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or action(s), especially directed at someone specifically, is a straight red card
 - Flagrant taunting, demeaning, or other derogatory language directed toward an opponent or the referee could be a yellow card or a red card depending on the severity of the incident.
- Encourage referees to immediately address unsportsmanlike behavior, like taunting, trash talking, name calling, etc. which often can escalate quickly if left uncalled.
- Early game management is key!
 - Even just holding up the game to speak to players signals to all that referees are watching, aware, and going to take action
 - Showing cards also helps maintain control
 - Yellow cards have minimal lasting consequences for the players, yet can significantly curb undesirable behavior on the field
- Referees should always remain professional and NOT engage/escalate issues with spectators, players, or coaches



Game Reports

- Timely - NO pay without submitted game report
- Detailed comments from all referees for any: ZT, Red Card, Injury
 - [ZT Ratings Guidelines](#)
- Presence of comments flagged in Game Report Overview
- Referees sent reminder for unfiled game reports on scored games
- Downloadable Incomplete game report for assignors
 - My Bays->Referee Assignor->Referee Admin->Incomplete Game Reports
 - Will NOT list referees who have not ACCEPTED their games



Pre-Game Management

- Coaches sent reminders about required items so NO excuses:
 - All wearing valid credential - no more than 3 team officials on sideline
 - Paper Roster
 - 15 minute rule
 - Jersey numbers written in (no duplicates)
 - If coach not listed on the roster, write in substitute coach's name
- Call out **numbers** not player names (sensitivity to mispronunciations)
- NO earrings, etc. See - [Wearable item policy](#)
- [Line Assistants](#) - If no ARs, draft line assistants: Must be credentialed if an adult or if a youth player registered with Mass Youth Soccer



Pre-Game BAYS Laws

- BAYS provides a 15-minute window for the referee(s) to show up for a scheduled game (LAW 5).
- If the official game starts late due to one of the above or weather, the Center Referee should adjust the shortened game time to two equal halves.
- Official games can start during the 15-minute window once:
 - A qualified referee arrives as per LAW 5/ single person crew options are met.
 - An adult credentialed person is present to coach each team
 - Both teams provide an official paper roster to the referee (MR1).
 - A friendly can be played if the paper roster is not provided.
 - The minimum number of players for each team are present (LAW 3)
 - 7 players to **start/continue** for 11v11
 - 6 players to **start/continue** for for 9v9
 - 5 players to **start/continue** for 7v7 including Grade 9-12



Game Coverage

- Reach out for help to other [local assignors](#):
- [Referee recruiting letter](#)
- Credentialed coach can serve as an Acting Referee if no one available
- [Facebook group](#)
- Possible [Slack channel](#)

FUTURE ISSUES - Spring 25/Fall 25

- Referee Rate Increases and Allocation of money by position
- What are the rates paid by Clubs and other leagues that you compete with for refs



Assigning - Site Functionality


- Emails sent by clicking on blue envelope **automatically** CC in parent/guardian
- Other Official/4th referee slot available for all games
 - Town Paid - Shows as \$0 rate since all towns will pay/use slot differently as mentors, trainees, field marshals, etc.
 - Assignment tracks through Referee Pay Download
 - Functions like another assistant referee
- Game Update Messaging
 - Free form text box for Assignors to use to send explanations/links/directions
 - to referees upon assignment changes
 - to referees AND coaches about rescheduling



Rearranged Games

- Move games to [Unscheduled](#) as **SOON** as you know game will not be played
 - Publicly viewable on team's schedule page
 - Notification sent to coaches
- [Replacement Game\(RG\) Process](#) - starts with the CR game report that game did not complete or kick off
 - Division Director makes Replay/No Replay decision
- [Late Cancellation](#) process
 - By Thursday at 7pm for Sat/Sunday;
 - By noon the day before for Weekday games
 - Keep the email you get as back up
 - *NEW 50/50 Fine assignment*
- Teams No Show - [MR 16](#)



Why No Game	Conditions	Who Initiates	Refs Paid
Teams No Show	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Refs <i>at the field</i> · Neither team or coach show up · Fields are open and playable 	Center Referee by filing game report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Yes – If at the field · Original game shows with -1 suffix
Late Cancel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · One side or BOTH sides initiate a cancellation and fails to notify by stated window 	Referee Assignor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Yes – game reports AUTO-generated · Shows with -86 suffix
Forfeit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · One or both teams forfeit · Can happen if team does not have roster or credentialed adult w/in 15 minutes 	Division Director	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Yes – if at the field
Rainout/unplayable field - When teams show up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Game cannot be safely played or finished 	Referee Assignor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Yes – if at the field or on the way to the field
Rainout/unplayable field - When NO teams show up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Refs on the field but no teams show up then EITHER Teams No Show or Late Cancel – NOT Both 	Referee Assignor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Yes – if at the field or on the way to the field · No – if club closes fields at least one hour before game time
Clubs Close fields	Clubs close fields by BAYS required windows <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · 7:00AM for morning games · 10:30AM for afternoon games 	Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · No <div style="text-align: right;">  </div>

MSRC

- Process for requesting local field sessions
- Michael Creane is the BAYS point person for coordinating field session requests
 - Assignors should contact him at: reftraining@bays.org
 - Also check out this page under Assignor Resources:
<https://bays.org/content/request-referee-training-course>
- Discounted recert cost for referees who complete all steps early?



Moving Forward

Thank you

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