



NNYSA Recreation Referee Contract

1. We PLAY FOR THE FUN OF IT. We strive to keep the games fair and fun for all players, parents, and coaches. We want to provide the best gaming experience possible to all involved and build skills that will last a lifetime.

2. Employment.

a) As a Referee, you are an independent contractor. By accepting a NNYSA recreational match, you agree to abide by the league mandates, US Soccer laws of the game and amendments to the laws of the games as noted by US soccer in their recommendations and addendums.

b) From the time you enter the area of the field of play until you leave the area of the field of play, you will be:

(1) Properly dressed in the approved referee uniform, with shirts tucked in, socks pulled up and shorts worn around the waist, no sagging shorts. You represent the league when you wear the uniform.

(2) While at your match, you are employed by NNYSA and their designated representatives.

c) There should be at least one NNYSA board member at each playing site. They will be treated in a respectful manner at all times. They are there to assist you if needed.

d) You have the final say in matters concerning the match. Call stand once the ball resumes play.

e) Your call is final in matters concerning playing or suspending the match, expulsion of coaches, team officials and spectators. Yellow and red cards are authorized in expelling coaches and team officials, are not needed for spectators.

3. Player safety

a) Ensure that the field is safe to play on. The goals must be anchored down and holes are filled in. If they are not, then notify the coaches and the NNYSA board member at the playing site. DO NOT start the match if the goals are not anchored or holes are present.

b) 6U -10U: There are NO slide tackles or slide kicks in the games. 10U, if contact is made, it's a direct kick; no contact equals indirect kick. 6U-8U, all free kicks are indirect.

c) 6U-U12: No heading. Heading results in an indirect kick.

d) One yellow card- stays in game, two yellow cards = red card- ejected from game. Red card- ejected from game.

d) US Soccer laws are applicable except as modified by US soccer for small sided games.

4. Substitutions

For 6U and 8U substitution can happen at any dead ball at the discretion of the center referee. For 10U-15U substitutions will follow the high school format (see division guidelines). Substitutions are unlimited.

a) U6 and U8 the player exits the side of the field with their coach

b) U10 through U14 may exit the nearest point of the touchline or goal line of the field

5. Referee Scheduler: Vanessa Knotts (775) 391-4636 vanessaknotts84@hotmail.com

6. Director of Referees: Leaf Knotts (775) 934-7434 or Michelle Cromwell (775) 385-6625

7. Arrive at the field at least 20 minutes prior to the scheduled start of the match.

8. All Referees must turn in the Game Cards located next to the Drop Box at each field in order to get paid or fill out the online Referee Report Form. If you do not sign the card the **YOU WILL NOT BE PAID**. Ensure that team number and team color are on the scorecard, along with your assistant referees names so they are paid as well.

9. The Referee Teams are responsible for their fields. The Head Referee is the "In Charge" of the assigned field and pitch. The Assistant Referees (Line Refs) are responsible and accountable to the Center Referee. The team must work closely together in maintaining control of the game and making the "BEST POSSIBLE CALLS" they can. A professional attitude is required at all times. If the league uses non-certified club Assistant Referees, be patient with them and help correct any of their shortcomings. This should normally be done at half time or after the match. In extreme cases this may be done during the match to correct a blaring short coming. This should always be done out of earshot of players, coaches and parents. If this is done during the match, it needs to be done quietly and quickly so as not to impact on playing time. In extreme cases, if the AR is unable or unwilling to correct their performance/appearance/behavior, they may be sent away by the center referee. You should make notes on your match card and submit a match report located at the site table in the referee book.

10. The home team is to supply the game ball for each game.

11. If problems arise the Site Managers are available to assist the referees as needed.

12. Referees must report any red and yellow cards given on the Field Report Form/Game Card. All Red Cards and/or suspensions MUST be emailed to Info@nnysa.org within 24 hours of the incident as well as reported to the Site Manager/Board Member at your location.

13. Do NOT allow any physical or verbal abuse towards you or any other team referees. Coaches are responsible for spectators. Center ref may expel anyone from the match site. Cards are not needed for spectators. If the person does not leave the match site, the center ref may suspend the match.

14. As the weather begins to shift please be prepared for either hot & dry or cold & windy weather. Also, make sure you have sufficient drinks, snacks and/or a lunch to cover the time you are at the fields.

15. When you request games please be sure to allow yourself enough time to get the fields and arrive 20 minutes before the start of the game you are requesting.

16. First game scheduled referees are to put all corner flags up for their field, and all last game scheduled referees are to put all corner flags and equipment away.

17. For scheduling, it is our responsibility to make sure that ALL games have the referees needed. You will be assigned to games according to your qualifications. Every effort is made to keep things fair (both in number of games and the types of positions).

18. IF, FOR ANY REASON, YOU CANNOT REFEREE THE GAME(S) YOU ARE SCHEDULED TO DO YOU MUST NOTIFY THE SCHEDULER NO LATER THAN THE THURSDAY (OR TWO DAYS BEFORE THE GAMES BEFORE THE GAMES IF IT'S A WEEKDAY GAME) TO ALLOW TIME TO FIND REPLACEMENTS. DO NOT FIND REPLACEMENTS YOURSELF. WE'LL JUGGLE THE SCHEDULE. If you do NOT show up for your game without notifying the referee scheduler you will hear from the Director on your availability for games for the coming weeks and any penalties.

19. If games are cancelled or postponed due to weather, referees will be sent an email as soon as the decision is made. If you're unsure by the time you need to leave home for your games, call the Directors for current game information. Games will be called 2 hours before a game is scheduled. If a match is canceled due to inclement weather there will be no payments made.

19. Match information (Standard)

	U-5/6	U-7/8	U-9/10	U-11/12	U-13/14/15
Min # players on field	3	3	5	6	7
Max # players on field	4	4	7	9	11
Duration of match	4x8	4x10	2x25	2x30	2X35
Min between halves/qtrs	2, 5, 2	2, 5, 2	5	10	10
Offsides called	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Ball size	3	3	4	4	5

20. Pay Scale

Division	Center Ref	Side
6U	\$15	
8U	\$20	
10U	\$22	\$10
12U	\$26	\$12
14U	\$28	\$15



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I have read the above information and agree to comply with everything Northern Nevada Youth Soccer Association stands for.

_____ I am a USSF Grassroots Referee for NNYSA

_____ I am a non-certified referee for NNYSA U5 – U15 recreation games only

Referee Name Printed

Signature

Date