

## GVSA Referee Game Day Procedures

### **Pregame Responsibilities**

- Arrive to field 30 minutes prior to the scheduled game time
- Center referees will receive a game sheet and **laminated** passcards from each team. All players and coaches must have a picture on their passcard
  - If the passcards are not laminated or a player doesn't have a picture on their card, this **must** be reported on the game report
- Home team pays the referees prior to the start of the game
  - Referees are to be paid even if the game is not started due to circumstances beyond their control (i.e. thunder, lighting, field conditions). Absent/missing referees are not paid.
- When teams are lined up for check-in:
  - Coaches/team officials must have:
    - Valid GVSA pass card (this can be shown on a phone)
    - Valid risk management & SafeSport (these are separate from the GVSA passcard)
  - Check off each coach/team official that meets this criteria. If a coach is not present or doesn't have a valid pass card, risk management card, or SafeSport certification, cross off their name from the game sheet.
    - Any coach without a valid GVSA passcard or valid risk management or SafeSport Certificate **may not be on the team's bench.**
  - No more than 3 adults may be on the team bench
  - Players:
    - An assistant referee should read the player's names using the laminated pass cards given. When a player's name is called, they are to confirm their number. When the number is confirmed, place a check mark next to their name.
      - If a player is **not present and not participating**, cross off their name from the game sheet.
      - If they are present, but **not** participating, cross off their name from the roster and **place a check mark** next to their name and indicate the reason they are not playing (ie. Injured, too many rostered players, etc.)
      - Only 18 players may be dressed and checked in for U13+ games
  - Once players are checked in, return the pass cards to a coach or manager. Keep the game sheet.
- **Field conditions**
  - Check the field conditions to make sure it is safe to play. All goals need to be secured. If the fields are not in proper condition (holes, too muddy, etc.) or the goals are not secured, inform the home team's coach to have them fix the issue. If the issue cannot be fixed within 15 minutes after the scheduled start time, the match must be abandoned
- **Uniform**
  - USSF approved shirt, black shorts, black socks, black/dark colored shoes
  - All three referees should wear the same color shirt that does not match either team's uniform color
  - Flags, stop watch, pen/pencil, notepad, flipping coin

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### Postgame Responsibilities

- Center referees need to confirm with the assistant referees the score and any cards given. Record goals, yellow cards, and red cards on the game sheet.
- Confirm game details with each team coach/manager/team official and have them sign both game sheets.
- Record sportsmanship scores **after** each team has signed both game sheets.
- Email game sheets to [gvsagamereports@gmail.com](mailto:gvsagamereports@gmail.com) **within 24 hours of the game.**

### Game Details & Referee Pay

Age Group	Referee	Asst. Referee	Half Length	Ball Size	Players
U7/U8	TBD by home club	NA	25 minutes	4	5v5
U9/U10	\$35	\$25	25 minutes	4	7v7
U11/U12	\$40	\$30	30 minutes	4	9v9
U13/U14	\$55	\$40	35 minutes	5	11v11
U15/U16	\$65	\$45	40 minutes	5	11v11
U17-U19	\$75	\$50	45 minutes	5	11v11

\*No heading in U11 and under (purposeful or accidental)

\*No offside in U7/U8

### Inclement Weather Policy

- Game must be suspended or delayed for 30 if thunder is heard or lightning is seen
- The time starts over every time there is another occurrence of thunder or lightning
- No game shall be suspended longer than 90 minutes
- If a game is scheduled to start directly after the suspended game, that game cannot incur a delay longer than 30 minutes from the scheduled start time. If this will happen, the current suspended game must be terminated
- Team officials are responsible for directing their team to proper shelter, **not** the referee crew. If a team does take proper shelter, put that on the game report
- The referee crew must also seek proper shelter
- If the game cannot be finished, report the amount of time remaining, what half the game was in, the score, and any cards that were given

### Sportsmanship Rating

- Rate team officials, players, and spectators based on this ranking system:
  - 1. Poor, unacceptable behavior
  - 2. Below average, unacceptable behavior
  - 3. Average behavior
  - 4. Good/great behavior
  - 5. Excellent, outstanding behavior
- A report is required for any behavior that is rated a 1 or 2