

# SAPL/NPL Game Day procedures

Referees should arrive no later than 30 minutes prior to scheduled kick off time.

## Player Verification

1. Game Roster Form The Referee shall require that both teams provide two (2) copies of the US Club Official Roster, one (1) to be given to the opposing coach. A player may be handwritten on the bottom of this roster.
2. Verify the Player's Identity The Referee shall verify the identity of the players represented on the player's pass by inspecting the Player's photograph, which is on the pass.
3. Player Not Permitted to Participate The Referee will not permit a Player to participate unless a valid player pass has been furnished.
4. Verify Written Data The Referee shall verify that the Player's pass indicates the correct Club name and age group.
5. Discrepancy in the Data Should there be a discrepancy in the Age Group, and/or Club name, the player shall be permitted to participate in the match. The Referee shall retain the pass and shall forward the Player's pass in question, with his/her report, to the League, which will administer disciplinary action for any or all infringements and violations regarding Player eligibility.

Game fees are to be paid to referees prior to kick-off. Referees should be paid cash (no checks) Teams split referee fees.

- U17 & U18/U19 Fees: \$80 to referee and \$50 to each assistant referee
- U14, U15, & U16: \$70 to referee and \$40 to each assistant referee
- U13: \$60 to referee and \$40 to each assistant referee.

Host Club must provide at least 3 balls for each game, with a minimum of 1 ball placed behind each goal. U13 and older teams all utilize ball size #5

## Duration of the Game

### Age Group / Duration of the Game

- U12/U13: 35-minute halves (10-minute halftime period)
- U14, U15 & U16: 40-minute halves (10-minute halftime period)
- U17 & U18/U19: 45- minute halves (15-minute halftime period)
- Referees should provide appropriate stoppage time in every game.

Bad Weather and/or Poor Field Conditions - Game Terminated by the Referee: Should the match be terminated by the Referee prior to the time specified in the rules, for reasons of bad weather, poor field conditions, or darkness, the entire game must be replayed. (FIFA Law VII).

## RULES OF PLAY

All US Club sanctioned competitions must be played in accordance with the most current FIFA laws of the Game and the modifications noted within these rules unless specifically accepted by authorization of the South Atlantic Premier League Board. It is the responsibility of all coaches and referees to be thoroughly familiar with and abide by the FIFA laws and these modifications.

### SAPL Rule Modifications and Substitution Recommendations:

#### U13 - U19 Substitution Rules

- Substitutions: U13-U18/U19: FIFA, seven (7) per half. Players may not re-enter in the same half

Substitutions with the consent of the Referee at any stoppage in play:

1. Change With The Goalkeeper: Any of the other players may change places with the goalkeeper provided that the Referee is informed before the change is made, and that the change is made during a stoppage in the game.
2. Substitution Procedure: When a goalkeeper or any other player is to be replaced by a substitute, the following conditions shall be observed:
3. The Referee shall be informed of the proposed substitution before it is made.
4. The substitute shall not enter the field of play until the player he is replacing has left, and then only after having received a signal from the Referee.
5. Enter the field during a stoppage in the game, and at the halfway line.
6. Any player suspected of a head injury by a referee or trainer, MUST be substituted for evaluation without counting against the team's total number of substitutions.
  - If a team uses all their substitutions during a half a player is allowed to re-enter the game
  - If the player with the head injury is cleared by a trainer they may re-enter the game for the player that replaced them

The referee will return all player cards at halftime to both teams for the second half.

#### Miscellaneous:

- Uniforms: In a one-game weekend (teams will confirm uniform colors with each other) Home Team: light shirt, light socks, any short | Away Team: dark shirt, dark socks, any shorts
- Uniforms: In a two-game weekend (teams will confirm uniform colors with each other)
  - Game #1 -Home Team: light shirt, light socks, any short| Away Team: dark shirt, dark socks, any shorts
  - Game #2 -Home Team: dark shirt, dark socks, any short | Away Team: light shirt, light socks, any shorts