



# AREA 11R TOURNAMENT GUIDELINES

## Referee Addendum (2021)

### The Basics:

- Referees participating in any Area R tournament must be cognizant of the recent changes in the LOTG as adopted by AYSO National Rules and Regulations.
- Finals and games that will determine advancement to Section 11 Playoffs will not be self-assigning. Referee performance in the playoff pool portion of the tournament will be considered by the Area Referee Administrator for participation in the tournament finals.

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### Team Check-In

Each coach and his/her entire team **must report for check-in at the registration area at least sixty minutes before the start of their first game.** No other check-ins required after the initial check-in.

Unless otherwise specified, it shall be the responsibility of the Game Official (Field Coordinator) in charge of the play-off location to verify:

- Team Roster
- Player I.D. cards
- Player Medical registration forms
- Player equipment check for each participating player

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### Teams

Roster sizes for each Division are indicated below unless previously authorized by the Area Tournament Director.

Division	Min. Roster	Max. Roster	Play Format	Ball Size	Heading	Keeper punt
U10	5	10	7 vs. 7	4	Not allowed	Not allowed
U12	6	12	9 vs. 9	4	Not allowed	Allowed
U14	7	15	11 vs. 11	5	Allowed	Allowed

The **HOME TEAM** is the team listed first on the schedules.

When a color conflict in uniform exists, the HOME TEAM shall change jerseys or wear bibs.

All regions must have a color change of uniforms (bibs) at each field site.

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**Game Format** (The tournament format is round-robin play.)

**NO coin toss** – To start the match Home Team chooses either: side to defend or kick off.



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The HOME TEAM shall supply satisfactory game balls at the discretion of the Referee.

A team shall be subject to forfeit of a game upon review of the Area Director if found in violation of any of the following:

- Failure to show up for a scheduled game.
- Inability to field the minimum number of players.
- Failure to be on the field of play and ready to play at game time or following a 10-minute grace period.
- Leaving the field without the referee's permission, with the intent not to continue the game.
- Failure or refusal to continue the game.
- Misconduct that causes the termination of the game.
- Use of an ineligible player.

Coaches and players for both teams will be placed on the same side of the field on opposite sides of the halfway line.

Spectators will be placed behind the opposite touchline to the players and coaches, directly across from the respective coach and players. There will be a 10-yard open space spanning the halfway line on the spectators' touchline.

The Referee shall allow a grace period of 10-minutes maximum from the scheduled kick-off time before canceling any game. When games previously in progress are running later than 10-minutes from scheduled kick-off time, no grace period shall be allowed.

No person shall stand, be seated, or loiter behind or near goals or between the 18-yard penalty area line and the goal line.

Game cards for all Area 11R tournament games shall be retained by the Referee or Field Coordinator and shall be forwarded for processing per the instructions of the Area Referee Administrator.

Division	Pool Play	Medal Round (Semi/Final)	Overtime (Final)
U10	Two 20-minute halves	Two 25-minute halves	Two 5-minute periods
U12	Two 25-minute halves	Two 30-minute halves	Two 7-minute periods
U14	Two 30-minute halves	Two 35-minute halves	Two 9-minute periods
Half Time 5 minutes			Half Time 10 minutes

If applicable, if a final is tied at the completion of overtime, both teams proceed to Kicks from the Penalty Mark (KFTPM), per FIFA Laws of the Game.

The Referee is responsible for reporting game results on the game cards provided to the Field Coordinator or Area representative.



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### Substitution of Players

Substitution of players in all U10, U12, & U14 games shall be in accordance with the AYSO National Rules and Regulations.

- All players MUST play at least ½ of each game, with consideration of player tardiness.

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### Misconduct: Sendoffs and Cautions

**TWO POINTS WILL BE DEDUCTED FROM THE TEAM POINTS TOTAL FOR ANY SENDOFF.**

All player or coach send-offs or cautions for infringement of the Laws of the Game and/or any inappropriate behavior before or after a game, especially verbal abuse directed at game officials, by any player, coach, or spectator shall be reported in writing and by phone/text message by the Referee to the Area Referee Administrator within twenty-four (24) hours after the incident.

#### Players

Any player sent-off from the field must leave the field of play. In the event a sent-off individual refuses to leave the field, the Referee shall suspend the game immediately.

The penalty for a player sent-off for a non-violent offense shall be a one game suspension from his/her next scheduled game. **A send-off for violent conduct shall be a minimum three game suspension.**

#### Coaches/Spectators

Any coach, and/or spectator sent-off from the field, must immediately leave the game site area so as not to be within sight or sound of the field. In the event a sent-off individual refuses to leave the field, the Referee shall suspend the game.

The penalty for a coach sent-off for a non-violent offense from the field shall be a one game suspension from his/her next scheduled game for the team for which the misconduct occurred. **A send-off for violent conduct shall be a minimum three game suspension for all teams the coach is a team official in a coaching capacity.**

If the game has already started, the Referee in charge of the game shall stop the game and not allow the game to continue until the player/coach in question has left the field site area.

Playing a suspended player will result in a forfeit.

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Each coach is responsible for cleaning up the general area after their game(s).

Use of any tobacco product, drugs or alcoholic beverages is prohibited within the field area at the game site.

Devices, such as but not limited to, air horns, cow bells, drums, megaphones, etc. shall not be allowed.

Minimum recommendation for youth referee participation in Area tournaments.

- ### Youth under 16-years old

- Youth 16 or 17-years old – AYSO ID required for validation of certification date and placement.

- Must have refereed for at least two full regular seasons to be a Center Referee. Approved by the RRA and the RC.
- Must have refereed for at least one full regular season to an Assistant Referee.
- Cannot Center any All-Star games unless approved by the RRA and the Area Board, unless certified as an Intermediate Referee.

Referee decisions during a match are final and not subject to protests. Matters concerning player eligibility or breach of the Area 11R Guidelines are the only matters that may be brought up on a protest.