

2009 Presidio Soccer League - Gaming Rules and Referee's Duties

- 1) **REFEREE CERTIFICATION:** Referees shall before, during and immediately after the game wear the appropriate uniform and current USSF badge. A referee should arrive at least fifteen minutes prior to a scheduled game. Presidio Soccer League requires that all referees when asked provide their name and proof of registration (as listed below) if asked by either team. If the referee does not provide this information the game is abandoned. All center referees must:
 - have a current year USSF badge or,
 - have in their possession a current USSF referee registration card or other proof of registration
 - must be at least **2 years** older than the age of the teams playing.

NO CURRENT BADGE, NO CURRENT USSF REFEREE REGISTRATION CARD OR NO OTHER PROOF OF REGISTRATION, GAME SHALL BE RULED AS ABANDONED (see Games below).
- 2) **REFEREE KNOWLEDGE OF RULES:** Referees shall be familiar with and understand all Presidio Soccer League, CalSouth and USSF Rules and Regulations. Referees shall know the length of the game, halftime and ball size, which is also shown on game roster. Presidio Soccer League expects referees to be neutral and impartial with all calls.
- 3) **LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT:** All games shall have at least one neutral league official or referee who is bilingual. All members of the referee crew must be able to communicate with each other.
- 4) **REFEREE PRE-GAME RESPONSIBILITIES:** All members of the referee crew shall:
 - a) Check players equipment(FIFA Law 4): cleats, shin guards, and other uniform requirements. Illegal equipment, NO PLAY.
 - b) Check that the lineup sheets are filled out completely and **signed by both coach and manager before the game.**
 - c) Check that each player on the lineup sheet has a valid USYSA player pass/card and that,
 - 1) All player cards are to have **the same team number**, coach must be **affiliated with the club**,
 - 2) player's numbers and names are listed on the lineup sheet,
 - 3) Players being checked-in must match the pictures on cards.
 - d) Check that at least one administrator from each team has a **valid CalSouth coaching pass**. Any team that does not have at least one administrator with a valid CalSouth coaching pass shall forfeit the game.
- 5) **REFEREE ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES:** (FIFA 5) The length of break at **halftime is 5 minutes**. Referees are required to legibly print their name and sign the lineup sheet and/or the cash on the field form. Cards must be returned to the team at the conclusion of the game, unless violent conduct or assault on a referee. A copy of the game roster must be mailed or faxed to the Presidio Soccer League representative at the bottom right of the game sheet. Games can also be input on the Presidio Soccer League website. All red card report must be sent within 48 hours, with the game sheet attached.
- 6) **ADMINISTRATOR RED CARDS/FORFEITS:** If no coach is present due to referee discipline, that team will forfeit the game. All coaches must be currently licensed by CalSouth. Any coach from the team's club may continue the game if the coach has a valid coach's card with that club.
- 7) **FIELDS:** Fields shall conform to FIFA (Law 1). The home league is responsible for marking and setup of the field. All fields **MUST** have standing corner flags and goals **MUST** be anchored down. No corner flags or anchored goals, **NO GAME** and the home team shall forfeit the game. The suitability of corner flags, goals safely anchored and playability of the field are the sole and final discretion of the Referee.
- 8) **FORFEITS** - Games **WILL NOT BE PLAYED** and the offending team(s) will **FORFEIT** the match if any of the following occur 15 minutes after the scheduled start time for the game:
 - a) A team(s) does not have at least seven eligible players present.
 - b) team(s) arrives without valid USYSA player passes.
 - c) No team coach is present with a valid CalSouth coach's pass. If a coach leaves the game, whether voluntarily or because of irresponsible behavior and there is no other coach from the club with a valid coach's card to continue the game, the game is forfeited.
 - d) The home team has not provided corner flags and properly anchored/secured goals.
- 9) **RED/YELLOW CARDS:** Cautioned and ejected players shall have their names and numbers recorded by the referee on the lineup sheet. The referee shall submit a clearly written report to the designated Presidio Soccer League Director within 48 hours. This would include any Supplemental Reports with specific details of a red card infraction of Presidio Soccer League or CalSouth rules. Report must also be send to referee's association President and/or assignor.
- 10) **SIDELINE BEHAVIOR:** Coaches are responsible for their sideline and all actions thereon. Coaches are expected to coach their teams in a positive and respectful manner. Presidio Soccer League encourages referees to discipline any coach for irresponsible behavior if the coach, player or parent uses derogatory words or actions aimed at their players, the opposing team's players, coach or sideline or any of the referees.
- 11) **GAMES:** Games terminated due to the actions of individuals are **ABANDONED GAMES** and will be treated as protested games which may be ruled complete, ordered re-played or continued from the point of stoppage. Games terminated due to the elements are **SUSPENDED GAMES** and if terminated before the commencement of the second half will be re-played in their entirety. Suspended games terminated during the second half will be considered complete. Abandoned games may be ruled a forfeit by a team when the actions of that team's players, coaches or spectators causing the abandonment.
- 12) **PROTESTS:** All protests shall be written and mailed to the respective Presidio Soccer League Director within 48 hours of the incident with a \$50 fee (certified or league check only). The fee is refunded if the protest is upheld. Only protests based on violation of the Presidio Soccer League or CalSouth By-laws, the misapplication of a playing rule by a Referee or the use of an ineligible player will be considered. No protest will be considered involving a Referee's judgment.

- 13) **LOAN PLAYERS:** No loan players are allowed.
- 14) **TACKLING FROM BEHIND/PLAYER SAFETY:** A tackle from behind which endangers the safety of an opponent is a red card offense. The safety of all players is the paramount concern in Presidio League games.
- 15) **REFEREE AND TRIAL BOARDS:** The Referee agrees that by refereeing a Presidio Soccer League game, when requested, to appear before Trial Board Hearing. Failure to do so will result in said Referee being relieved of all Presidio Soccer League referee duties until the matter has been resolved.
- 16) **SUBSTITUTIONS:** Player Substitutions are unlimited by a team:
 1. Substitutions may be made by both teams, with the consent of the referee, at any stoppage of play.
 2. When a player injured on the field requires attention, **they must be** substituted off the field of play.
 3. Substitutions shall be made at midfield within (10) yards of the halfway line. The substitute player shall not enter the field of play until allowed by the referee and the player substituted has left the field of play.
 4. Excessive substitutions resulting in confusion or delay of game are discouraged and will not be allowed by the referee.
- 17) **GAMES ACROSS COUNTY LINE:** Games that cross over the county line established by Presidio Soccer League, shall not be scheduled before 10:00am or after 4:00pm with the following exceptions: (10am to 4pm Rule)
 1. The following leagues are not subject to the 10 am to 4 pm rule:
 - a. Escondido Soccer League/FC Heat
 - b. North County United
 - c. Soccer Club of Oceanside
 - d. Valley Center Youth Soccer
 - e. Vista Soccer Club
 2. The following leagues are subject to the 10 am to 4 pm rule:
 - a. Barca
 - b. Elsinore Valley
 - c. Fallbrook
 - d. Horsethief Canyon
 - e. Menifee
 - f. Murrietta
 - g. Ramona
 - h. Temecula Valley
 - i. Temecula United
 - j. Arsenal
 3. Any mutual agreement between clubs/teams with approval of the Assistant Director for your circuit