



Nashoba Valley Preseason Referee Meeting

Spring 2025 Season

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Certification/Recertification

- Please check your certification status, and if necessary, complete what is needed.
- You can not ref games for NVYSL if you are not certified.
- Any issues with MSRC or USSF, please do not hesitate to ask for help.
- Your local assignor is your first point of contact for any referee related issues.
- If you have not received your new badge, and have the previous year's badge, wear that. You can still ref without a badge provided you are certified/recertified.

Important Changes for Spring 2025

- New Pre-Game Procedure - discussed later
- New Derogatory Language Policy - discussed later
- Game fees for Sunday (Gr910, Gr9PG) have increased \$10/game, for all slots, and there is no “Loyalty Bonus” any more.
- Game fees for Saturday (Gr34, Gr56, Gr78) have increased \$5/game, for all slots.
- The league voted to not continue to provide the \$3/game bonus for attending the league referee meeting.

Arbiter

- Make sure your address and contact information are correct.
- Signup for ArbiterPay if you have not already.
- ArbiterPay is only paid by the league for Gr56 and above games.
- Correct information makes it easier for other referees/assignors to be able to contact you.
- PLEASE provide a valid phone number. You may need to be reached while at the field by another referee.
- ArbiterPay will be issued every 2 weeks for games that have had scores reported and have been verified by the assignor.

Arbiter Travel Distance

- *Make sure your travel distance is set.*
- *Typically, it is set to 50 by default. Some assignors reset it to 0 when they setup your account.*
- *If you only want to ref in your town, set it to 0.*
- *Once you are set to ready, you will show available to assignors outside of your town if your distance is greater than 0.*

Arbiter Blocks

- *Make sure blocks are set. Your availability is sometimes unknown. Please make sure you do your best to set your blocks so you don't get assigned to games you aren't able to ref.*
- *If you do have a last minute issue, please let your assignor know ASAP and accommodations will be made, but it needs to be a good reason.*

Arbiter and Accepting Assignments

- *Check emails daily at the least for assignments.*
- *Accept assignments as soon as possible, within 48 hours if possible.*
- *If you show available, you are expected to ref the game!*
Exceptional circumstances excused.
- *Keep in mind, that there may be mid-week games due to some TBA and makeup games, so set blocks accordingly!*

Rosters

- Coaches and players names **MUST** be on the roster to play/be on the team sideline.
- Note: There is only one exception to a coach not being on the roster. If no adult coach is available to coach, a credentialed adult may coach. They must have their physical credentials with them and must wear them! This exception, if used, must be noted in the Arbiter game report.
- Only 3 coaches can be on the sideline per team.
- Nothing hand-written may be on the approved roster, except uniform number(s).
- **NO electronic rosters. NO exceptions.** Coaches may not offer a picture of the roster to the referee, nor may they offer to text or email the roster to the referee. Paper rosters are required.
- **Pictures are required on the rosters for all D1 Gr56 and above flights in the spring season.**
- If PlayerPass is being used for a D1 Gr56 and above game, the player using the Player Pass's picture must be on their roster.

Substitute Rosters

- If no roster is available, the coach may provide a substitute roster.
- This roster may be hand-written or an older roster with hand written updates, and must be marked clearly “SUBSTITUTE ROSTER”.
- Use of substitute roster **MUST** be noted in the Arbiter game report!
- A picture of the substitute roster must be emailed to nvyslrefereedirector@darkroom.ai or texted to 508-479-1796 within 48 hours of the game.
- ***NO electronic rosters. NO exceptions.*** Coaches may not offer a picture of the roster to the referee, nor may they offer to text or email the roster to the referee. Paper rosters are required!
- **Substitute roster must contain club name, team, grade, gender, ALL coach and player names and player jersey numbers. Even injured players who are on the sideline and are not playing must be on the substitute roster.**



NVYSL Roster

AFFILIATED WITH FIFA - USSF - USYSA



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PLAYERS

JERSEY	LAST	FIRST	GRADE	YOB
88	Alpert	Daniel	6	2009
37	Anestis	Jacob	6	2010
89	Balicky	Isaac	6	2009
5	Ferrera	Andrew	6	2010
3	Fournier	Jonah	6	2009
21	Greeley	Noah	5	2010
10	Halstead	Jacob	6	2010
90	Hjelm	Davin	5	2010
7	Jaehne	Dominic	6	2010
42	Keenan	Andrew	6	2010
64	Leonard	Lucas	6	2009
13	Silva Jr	Fernando	6	2009
8	Silvera	Andrew	6	2009
20	Zancanaro	Thiago	5	2011



Daniel A



Andrew F



Jacob H



Andrew R



Andrew S



Jacob A



Jonah F



Davin H



Lucas L



Thiago Z



Isaac B



Noah G



Dominic J



Fernando S

The above coaches have agreed to follow the Coach Code of Conduct and know the penalties for non-compliance. All players and coaches meet NVYSL eligibility requirements and are properly affiliated with Massachusetts Youth Soccer.

Hacey Brideau

CLUB REGISTRAR SIGNATURE

I have reviewed this roster, including any applicable waivers, for compliance with NVYSL requirements.

Rosary M. Lavandiere

LEAGUE OFFICIAL SIGNATURE



Technical Area

- Coaches and players must be a minimum of 8 yards from the halfway line, except for player(s) waiting to be substituted.
- Coaches and players must be a minimum of 2 yards from the touchline.
- Suggest referees/coaches use cones to delineate substitution area and technical area.
- Referees should issue cards for coaches that enter the field of play without referee permission per Law 12.

Credentials

- During games, coaches **MUST** physically have credentials, and must wear them.
- If a coach does not have their credentials physically with them, they are considered spectators, and must go to the spectator's side of the field.
A license or a picture on their phone is NOT a substitute for physically having credentials.
- Exception to wearing credentials is if lanyard is broken, but they physically have them.
- **Any credential issues (including no or broken lanyard) must be noted in the Arbiter game report.**

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Kosiorek**



Coach, Spectator Behavior & Handling Injured Players

- If any coach, spectator or player show gross misbehavior please let me know ASAP, the ref records the situation in the Arbiter game report comments section.
- Expectations for injured player. If play is stopped for an injured player, the injured player must leave the field and can be substituted. See Law 5 section on injured players.
- The injured player can not come back on the field until the next stoppage of play if the player was substituted.
- G34 D2-D5 recommend stopping play anytime a player is down.
- Coaches are NOT to enter the field unless given permission by the referee. Card coaches that violate this per Law 12.

IFAB Law 12 - Team Officials - Verbal Warnings

Where an offence is committed and the offender cannot be identified, the senior team coach present in the technical area will receive the sanction.

Warning: The following offences should usually result in a verbal warning; repeated or blatant offences should result in a caution or sending-off:

- entering the field of play in a respectful/non-confrontational manner.
- failing to cooperate with a match official e.g. ignoring an instruction/request from an assistant referee or the fourth official.
- minor/low-level disagreement (by word or action) with a decision.
- occasionally leaving the confines of the technical area without committing another offence.

IFAB Law 12 - Team Officials - Cautions

Cautions offences include (but are not limited to):

- clearly/persistently not respecting the confines of their team's technical area
- delaying the restart of play by their team
- deliberately entering the technical area of the opposing team (non-confrontational)
- dissent by word or action including:
 - throwing/kicking drinks bottles or other objects
 - action(s) which show(s) a clear lack of respect for the match official(s)
e.g. sarcastic clapping
 - excessively/persistently gesturing for a red or yellow card
 - acting in a provocative or inflammatory manner
 - persistent unacceptable behavior (including repeated warning offences)
 - showing a lack of respect for the game

IFAB Law 12 - Team Officials - Send-Offs

Sending-off offences include (but are not limited to):

- delaying the restart of play by the opposing team e.g. holding onto the ball, kicking the ball away, obstructing the movement of a player
- deliberately leaving the technical area to:
 - show dissent towards, or remonstrate with, a match official
 - act in a provocative or inflammatory manner
- entering the opposing technical area in an aggressive or confrontational manner.
- deliberately throwing/kicking an object onto the field of play.
- entering the field of play to:
 - confront a match official (including at half-time and full-time)
 - interfere with play, an opposing player or a match official
- physical or aggressive behavior (including spitting or biting) towards an opposing player, substitute, team official, match official, spectator or any other person (e.g. ball boy/girl, security or competition official etc.).
- receiving a second caution in the same match.
- using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or action(s).
- violent conduct.

Referee Field Card and Gametime Rosters

- Home COACH is to provide and fill in the Referee Field Card including: GameID, gender, grade, division, date/time, field, team names, colors, and their name.
- If it is not filled out, including GAMEID, ref should ask coach to do it.
- It's fine for the ref or coach to do a handwritten change of ONLY jersey numbers on the roster.
- Referees should indicate on all rosters for every coach and player on the roster that they are there or not there and if injured and not playing but in the technical area.
- If a match is suspended before it has been completed due to inclement or dangerous weather, that match shall be rescheduled as a make-up match and replayed in its entirety unless at least half the match was played and BOTH team's coaches agree BEFORE they and the referee leaves the field, to accept the result of the partially played match as final, and this decision must be reported it to the referee at that time.

NVYSL Referee Field Card

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GameID :		Gender :	<input type="checkbox"/> Girls <input type="checkbox"/> Boys	Home Coach:		Adult Cred?		
Grade :	<input type="checkbox"/> 3/4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5/6 <input type="checkbox"/> 7/8 <input type="checkbox"/> 9/10 <input type="checkbox"/> 9/PG							
Division :	<input type="checkbox"/> D1 <input type="checkbox"/> D2 <input type="checkbox"/> D3 <input type="checkbox"/> D4 <input type="checkbox"/> D5							
Date/Time:								
Field :								
		Sign :					Adult Cred?	
		Visitor Coach:					Adult Cred?	
		Sign :						

HOME Team Name				Color	# Players
1st Half Scoring					
2nd Half Scoring					
Player Pass?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no	HOME SCORE FINAL :			

VISITOR Team Name				Color	# Players
1st Half Scoring					
2nd Half Scoring					
Player Pass?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no	VISITOR SCORE FINAL :			

Y/R	Team	#	Player/Coach Name	Time	Code

YELLOW : Caution

DR	delays restart of play
DT	shows dissent by word or action
E	enter/re-enter field without permission
L	leaves field without permission
FRD	fails to respect required distance
PO	persistent offenses
UB	unsporting behavior

RED : Send-Off

DGH	DOGSO by deliberately handling ball
DGF	DOGSO by a free kick offense
SFP	serious foul play
S	bites/spits at opponent/other person
VC	violent conduct
AL	offensive/abusive language/gesture
2CT	receives 2nd caution in same match

Grade	Format	Ball	Duration	Heading	Minimum # Players	Gr34/Gr56 Special Rules
3/4	7v7	#4	2x 30'	NO	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NO Heading : IDFK restart • 8 yard rule on all kicks • Gr34 Goal Kicks: Defending players retreat to halfway line until kicked • Offside in Gr34 Div1 ONLY • Gr34 Throw-Ins: 1 retry allowed
5/6	9v9	#4	2x 30'	NO	7	
7/8	11v11	#5	2x 35'	YES	7	
9/PG	11v11	#5	2x 40'	YES	7	

- Referee **MUST** verify all adult coaches on sidelines have current physical credentials.
 - If an adult coach does not have physical credentials, they cannot be on the player's side
- File your Game Report in Arbiter within 48 hours of the match, including:
 - Report Final Score
 - In comments list use of the NVYSL PlayerPass, any special circumstances (e.g., cards issued, field conditions, conduct violations, injuries, referee absences, etc.). All cards **must** include team, jersey number and name.
- Immediately report issued cards to your Assignor and League Referee Director that day.
- Retain this field card and paper rosters until 2 weeks past end of season.
- Conduct violations may be verbal (insults, harassing, threats, discriminatory) or physical towards referees.

Referee Game Reporting in Arbiter

Referees MUST report:

- Score.
- Only center referee does the game reporting in Arbiter.
- Comments - include any issues with credentials, coach, player, parent behavior. Also include if PlayerPass is used, include the team and player names for all players that used PlayerPass.

All card reporting must be done first in the report and must include YC or RC, card code, half, time, team, jersey number, player/coach name.

Report if ANY team, coach, players do not participate in any of the pre-game handshake procedure. As well as any issues with the procedure.

- Game report MUST be done within 48 hours of game.
- Ref must notify nvysrefereedirector@darkroom.ai and the town assignor with ANY behavioral issues or red cards the same day of the occurrence.



NVYSL Rehydration Break Policy

Stoppage for Player Rehydration:

- ▶ The referee must stop play to allow the players to rehydrate under the following conditions:

Following MYSA policies on stoppage for rehydration. In conditions of high heat and humidity when the heat index is 80 F or above.

If either team has 1 or fewer substitutes and a hydration break is requested by the coach prior to the start of the match or at halftime.

- ▶ Rehydration breaks are initiated by the referee and occur during the match running time.

A rehydration break will occur for no longer than 2 minutes per half during a stoppage in play.

Referees will execute a hydration break near the middle of the half.

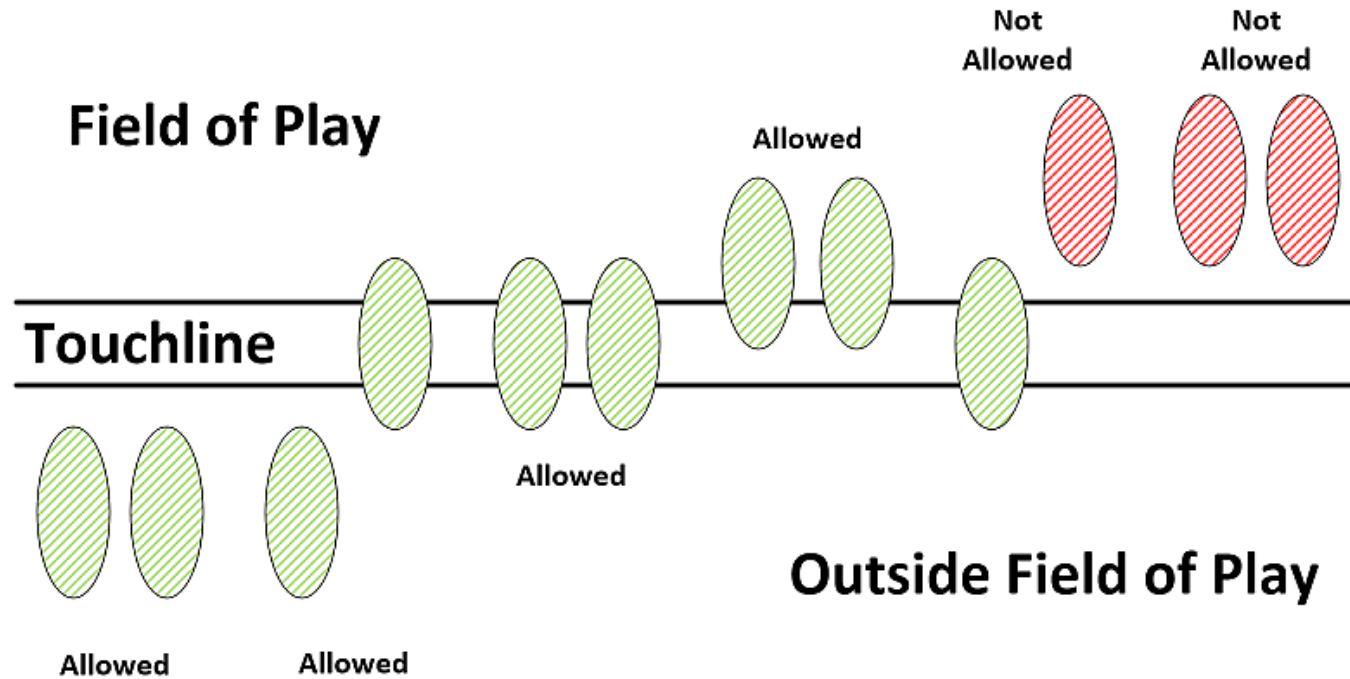
A rehydration break may also be initiated by the referee at their discretion.



Gr34 Rethrow Procedure

Gr34 (but not D1) we are allowing rethrows as follows:

- If there is a rethrow violation, blow your whistle.
- Let player know what the violation was.
- Allow the same player to retake the throw.
- If there is a violation on the rethrow, blow your whistle and the throw-in turns over to the opposing team.
- It is advisable to let coaches know before the start of the game that rethrows are now being allowed.



From IBAB LOTG 15.1:
Have part of each foot on the touchline or on
the ground outside the touchline.

NVYSL Player Equipment Policy

- Each player shall wear fully covered shin guards or they will not be allowed to play.
- Keepers are allowed to wear keeper gloves with finger savers.
- Splints with soft, non-rigid, external flexible structure or covered non-rigid internal structural items (similar to finger savers on keeper gloves) are allowed. They may not have any loose straps.
- Players with plaster or fiberglass casts or hard splints, even if padded, cannot play—even with the permission of a parent or medical approval. Players with orthopedic braces that have exposed or uncapped metal parts are also not allowed to play.
- IFAB mandates; “All items of jewelry (necklaces, rings, bracelets, earrings, studs, leather bands, rubber bands, etc.) are forbidden and must be removed. Using tape to cover jewelry is not permitted.” Wrist bands must be removed if possible and may be required to be taped at the referee’s discretion.
- Players with medical, religious, or cultural wearable items must have the item properly secured and protected (such as by taping down, covering, wrapping, or secured through other methods.) Medical information displayed on an item must stay observable.

NVYSL Weather Policy

- If a severe storm approaches the playing area the game may be suspended while shelter is sought.
- In the event the game is suspended, ALL participants **MUST** clear the field immediately and move into their cars or other permanent shelter.
- If there is visible lightning or audible thunder, the game must be suspended and all participants are expected to seek shelter.
- Games cannot be resumed until 30 minutes passes without the presence of lightning or thunder.
- In the event of National Weather Service warning (i.e. tornado warning) games must be suspended immediately and everyone must seek shelter.
- Any weather related decision are at the sole discretion of the referee. Coaches should not provide input to the referee's weather decision. If they are, politely let them know you're all set.

General League Miscellaneous Info

- Make sure to check goals, especially for sandbags if the town uses them to weight goals. It's coach's responsibility to handle any issues with the goals/field/corner flags.
- Only one copy of the each team's roster (including PlayerPass rosters) is needed, referee keeps them with Referee Field Card for two weeks past the end of the season.
- Please wear proper referee attire, such as long black socks and long black shorts. You may wear rain gear if needed.
- NO Heading for Gr34 & Gr56. Restart is IFK.
- Offside is called for Gr34 D1 and all Gr56 and above.

More General League Miscellaneous Info

- If you feel you have been assigned a game that may be more difficult than you are comfortable with, contact your assignor.
- If you are 18 or older, print out your credentials from the massref website (Print ID Card) and have it with you at the field.
- Scores **MUST** be reported no later than 48 hours after the game or that game will not be paid in that pay cycle until the score is reported.
- The league only pays via ArbiterPay.
- You must sign up for ArbiterPay in order to be paid for Gr56 and above games.
- Towns pay all Gr34 games. Contact your town assignor for information on payment for Gr34 games.
- ArbiterPay PaySheets will be run every two weeks on Thursday following each second weekend of games.

What Happens if Refs Don't Report Score

- The league has a policy requiring center referees to report into Arbiter their game's scores and any other game report information within 48 hours after their game.
- This fee is ONLY imposed on the center referee. But, ARs will not be paid until the referee submits the referee report, so ARs may be delayed in getting paid if the center ref does not do their Arbiter report in a timely manner. If the unreported game does not get remedied within two weeks, the ARs will be paid in the next pay cycle.
- The fee will be \$3 if the score is not reported by 6:00PM two days following the game, and \$1/day thereafter.
- For example, all Saturday games, score must be reported by 6:00PM the following Monday. After that, unless you have a reasonable reason, a \$3 fee will be deducted from the center referee Game Fee, and for every 24 hours thereafter \$1 will be deducted from the center referee Game Fee, until the score is reported. Not having access to Arbiter is not a valid reason, nor is having a broken phone, as you can email, text or call your assignor or me the score/report and we can always enter it for you. You have our phone numbers and our email addresses.



Change to Pre-Game Handshake

► Procedure

- After players are checked in, (suggested) 5 Minutes prior to Kickoff, both teams and the referee crew will line up at the Halfway Line of the Coaches Sideline.
- Led by officials, all players and coaches will walk across the field and line up facing spectators.
- The Sportsmanship Statement will be read by a representative of the Home team to all coaches, players and spectators.
- Following the reading of the script, players will perform a pre-game handshake. (Home team to walk down the line of Away Team). After the pre-game handshake, all players and coaches will return to benches and starting players will assume positions on the field of play.



Change to Pre-Game Handshake

Sportsmanship Statement

Mass Youth Soccer and **the Nashoba Valley Youth Soccer League (NVYSL)** share a mission to provide a safe, fun and inclusive soccer experience for all participants

All participants deserve the right to play in an environment free from hostile and distracting behavior. Please do your part to create a positive soccer experience for all.

Poor sportsmanship will not be tolerated, and sanctions may be applied for violations of policy or codes of conduct.

It is the referee's discretion to terminate the game if any threatening or discriminatory statements are made or for anyone entering the field of play without permission.

Language Incidents or Discriminatory Acts Response Guidelines



Mass Youth Soccer has zero-tolerance for discrimination of any kind. The guidelines protect individuals from discrimination and harassment based on the following protected statuses: race, color, religion, sex (including pregnancy, childbirth and breastfeeding), sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, national origin, age, disability, veteran status.

Derogatory Language and Discriminatory Actions

Examples of derogatory language include, but are not limited to:

- Sexually explicit statements, sexual flirtations, advances, propositions, subtle pressure for sexual activity, comments, questions, jokes, or anecdotes.
- Jokes, which include reference to race, religion, national origin, or gender identity.
- The displays or uses of objects or pictures which adversely reflect on a person's race, religion, national origin, or gender identity.
- Use of pejorative or demeaning language regarding a person's race, religion, national origin, or gender identity.

Derogatory Language Incidents or Discriminatory Acts Response Guidelines

If a player or coach reports being subject to derogatory language or discriminatory actions, which is heard or seen by the referee crew, the incident will be addressed according to the IFAB Laws of the game.

If a member of the referee team did not hear or witness directly, the Center Referee will implement the following steps:

- Stop the game, if necessary.
- Send both teams to their respective technical areas.
- Gather the referee team.
- Bring both coaches together.
- Explain the situation to the best of your ability and understanding.
- Direct the coaches to resolve the issue immediately.

If the coaches are uncooperative, or a resolution cannot be initiated or reached in a reasonable amount of time (resolution not to exceed 5 minutes), the referee will abandon the game immediately.



U.S. Soccer Policy 531-9

Referee Abuse prevention

General

Misconduct against Referees may occur before, during, and/or after the match, specifically when the Referee arrives at and/or departs the venue. Misconduct may occur also at later times when directly related to duties of a match affiliated with U.S. Soccer or its Organizational Members.

For the purposes of this policy, a Referee is protected by U.S. Soccer policy from the time they arrive at the venue (which shall include the parking area), until their departure from the venue. For the purposes of this policy, “Protected Party” means a member of the Referee’s family or household, or a guest of the Referee at the match or match venue. All U.S. Soccer policies are in addition to the local, state, and Federal laws.

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Referee Abuse prevention

Actions that do not meet assault or abuse definitions, but cause a Referee or Protected Party harm, may be subject to U.S. Soccer's gross mistreatment framework. Gross mistreatment means any deliberate, noncontact behavior that is expected to cause harm to a Referee. Gross mistreatment includes, but not limited to, the following actions or behavior committed against a Referee or Protected Parties:

- ▶(A) Severe or repeated harassment, including hate speech or discriminatory remarks based on race, gender, national origin, sexual orientation, disabilities, or any other legally protected characteristic.
- ▶(B) Extreme verbal attacks that would cause emotional harm to a reasonable person.
- ▶(C) Approaching a Referee when they arrive or depart the venue with aggression (e.g., intimidation).
- ▶(D) Any form of cyberbullying, including spreading false information about the Referee, sharing the Referee's personal information (aka doxing), or publicly posting content that ridicules or mocks the Referee or uses hate speech.
- ▶(E) Questioning the Referee's character, integrity, honesty, truthfulness, or impartiality.
- ▶(F) Yelling insults, taunting, making, or expressing derogatory/belittling remarks towards a Referee.
- ▶(G) Pervasive action that belittles or undermines the Referee's authority or intended to cast doubt on the Referee.

U.S. Soccer Policy 531-9

Referee Abuse prevention

JURISDICTION AND HEARINGS

(A) When any amateur or professional player, coach, manager, club official or game official assaults, abuses or grossly mistreats a Referee, the original jurisdiction to adjudicate the matter shall vest immediately in the responsible Member Organization which is affiliated with the Federation.

(B) When an allegation of assault or abuse is verified by the Member Organization the accused person is automatically suspended until the hearing on the assault or abuse.

(C) The Member Organization must hold a hearing within thirty (30) days of the verification by the Member of the gross mistreatment, assault, or abuse or, if applicable, the thirty-day period provided by subsection (B)(3) of this section. If the Member does not adjudicate the matter within that period of time, original jurisdiction shall immediately vest in the Federation's Appeals Committee to adjudicate the matter, to which the same provisions as to the term of suspension shall apply.

(D) Failure to hold the initial hearing shall not rescind an automatic suspension for assault or abuse.

(E) All hearings will consist of written statement by all involved parties and shall be held in accordance with MYSA/NVYLS procedures.

(E) A person who is found to have committed gross mistreatment, assault, and/or abuse may appeal to the Appeals Committee by following the procedures of Federation Bylaw 704 within fourteen (14) days from receipt of the decision of the Member Organization.



REFEREE ABUSE PREVENTION

POLICY 531-9 PENALTY OVERVIEW / YOUTH & AMATEUR

The Penalties Matrix defines consequences associated with physical and non-physical offenses against Referees.

NON-PHYSICAL OFFENSES of gross misconduct, abuse, and / or assault

NON-PHYSICAL*	MIN. GAMES	TIME
Insulting, Belittling, Insinuating or Taunting Behavior Undermining Referee Authority	2	
Harassment, Intimidation, Retaliation, Abusive, or Threatening (Non Physical) Language	4	
Aggression, Attacking, Derogatory, Cyberbullying, Doxing or Threatening (Physical / Violence) Language	6	6 - 24 Months
Offensive or Discriminatory Act	10	12 - 24 Months

PHYSICAL OFFENSES of gross misconduct, abuse, and / or assault

PHYSICAL*	MIN. GAMES	TIME
Minor or Slight Deliberate Touching	3	1 - 6 Months
Pushing, Grabbing, Pulling, Squeezing, Pinching, Lightly Slapping, Use of Object in Non Striking Manner, or Physical Property Damage	10	6 - 24 Months
Hitting, Punching, Elbowing, Kicking, Biting, Spitting, Choking, Tackling, Throwing or Use of Object or Any Part of Body (Forearm, Knee, Head) in a Striking Manner		12 Months - Lifetime

(*) Disclaimer: These are only a few examples of abuse – other actions or statements may also fall into this category.

KEY PENALTY FACTORS

- Single offenses are at **minimum** the prescribed game penalty or time penalty for non red zone offenses
- Penalties can be **both game and time** depending on severity / circumstances
- Second time offenders receive **double punishment**
- Third time offenders receive a **lifetime ban**
- More than one offense at the same time is **at least the punishment for the most serious offense**
- Offenses against minors are automatically subject to a **"minor multiplier"** resulting in **triple punishment**
- One offense warning per league** to be managed by states and leagues collaboratively
- Game consequences are **inclusive of 1 game penalty for any red cards given**
- Optionality for **50% penalty for first offense from a minor**

Questions?

- Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.
- Any exceptional circumstances happen at the field, and you need assistance/advice, you can call your assignor or me. I will answer best I can if I am not ref'ing.
- Keep all rosters and Referee Field Card for two weeks past the end of the season!
- Your local assignor is your first point of contact for any referee related issues.
- My contact information is nvyslrefereedirector@darkroom.ai and 508-479-1796.