



NYCSL Fall League 2020 COVID-19 Referee Guidelines

Please utilize the following NYCSL procedures, protocol and guidance for NYCSL League referee operations: Remember, Referees must follow social distancing guidelines at all times when on and off the field. Referees are required to wear face coverings at all times when not on the field. Anyone with symptoms must NOT work.

While masks are not recommended during periods of athletic activity, Referees and/or ARs are permitted to wear masks during the game if they so choose.

Deliberate physical contact of any kind is prohibited (i.e. no handshakes, "high fives", etc.)

Absolutely no physical contact with players.

No spitting will be allowed on the field, sidelines, or anywhere on the event premise.

Referees should bring and use all their own equipment (cards, whistles, flags). Electronic whistles rather than traditional whistles can be used. Referees should regularly disinfect their traditional whistles (this is a good idea always anyway!) It is OK if AR flags do not match. Bring hand sanitizer and use it before and after each period of play. Avoid touching your face as much as possible.

Handle the ball as little as possible

The coin toss should be conducted with only one participant from each team and one referee, separated according to social distance guidelines. Pick up your own flip coin or simply catch it.

Referees should enter the field away from participants and each other by social distancing guidelines. Referees will follow social distancing whenever possible on and off the field.

Remember, referees are not asked to control physical distancing measures in the technical areas, along the spectators' sidelines or anywhere OFF the field during the game. Referees have enough to do within the game itself. If there are legitimate issues occurring off the field that are interfering with play, temporarily suspend the game and ask for the coaches' assistance. This is the same action Referees should be taking with any off-the-field issue.

CHECK-IN procedures:

Player and Coach Check-In is required for all NYCSL games.

*All players, coaches, and referees must wear a mask during the check-in process

Coaches will submit a printed USYS League Generated Roster with Photos (CJSL, LIJSL, EHYSL etc...) to both the referee and opposing coach, which will not be returned to the coach. Referee may ask any player to unmask briefly to verify identity. It is suggested that referees use gloves when handling any paperwork.

*Referees MUST submit scores if using Game Officials within 24 hours of game.



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Referees will perform a safety equipment check of players while maintaining social distance.

In the event of misconduct on the field, the referee will show card(s) while following social distancing guidelines. Play will be suspended by the referee until the referee can confirm the player identification with the coach.

IF TEAMS ARE NOT FOLLOWING LOCAL HEALTH GUIDELINES after warning, you may terminate the game, report it to your assignor via email immediately after the game and complete the required game report.

In the event of a mass confrontation during a game, allow coaches onto the field to help assist. Again, eliminate contact with players during this situation. Think “triangle of control” immediately.

In the event of a serious injury where player does not return to the game, after the game make sure to identify the player with the coach/ manager so that proper injury report can be filed.

In short, use common sense when dealing with players and coaches. Remember to **LIMIT CONTACT** in all

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Referees accepting NYCSL League assignments are agreeing to follow the NYCSL COVID-19 referee procedures listed above. Stay safe, stay healthy and remember the spirit of the game.