

## Referee Information and Responsibilities

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Referees are to maintain a professional demeanor / appearance throughout their assignment. Referees are expected to be dressed in the uniform consistent with the other officials assigned to the match.

1. Referee should read and understand the LVYSL Rules of Play prior to the start of the seasonal year.
2. Referee will arrive at the field with sufficient time to inspect the field and equipment for safety and with enough time to check in the players.
3. Referee arriving late to the field should make an effort to contact the team officials to alert them of the delay. The referee should be mindful of the distance between games when accepting multiple fields.
4. Referee will inspect the field and player equipment prior to the start of play.
5. Prior to the start of the game, the referee will collect team official passes for all participants on the player sideline and retain them until the end of the game. Team official passes should be returned to the team official upon conclusion of the game unless there were cards or ejections issued. The passes of ejected coaches or players receiving red cards should be kept by the center referee and submitted to the referee assignor within twenty-four hours.
6. Referee will compare player pass to the game day line up provided by each participating team. Referee should indicate any conflicts on the game report.
7. Referee may not make judgement on player eligibility except in the circumstance of health and safety of the participants.
8. Referee should avoid interaction with spectator sideline. If necessary any conversation should be directed to the team sideline and team officials instructed to maintain sportsmanship like behavior of their spectators.
9. If the team officials are disruptive to the play, the referee is to ask for sportsmanlike behavior; if necessary issue a verbal caution and if warranted a final ejection of the offending team official. (ask, tell, dismiss)
10. Referee may abandon the game and call the Police if they feel physically threatened by spectators or team officials.
11. In the case of injury, the referee is to follow concussion guidelines.
12. Referee is responsible to submit a full game report to the referee assignor within twenty four hours of the match if there was an injury, player cautions or ejections were issued.
13. Referee should contact the referee assignor immediately, by phone, to report injuries, cautions, ejections or other matters of concern after the game.
14. Referee found to issue cautions or ejections excessively in a seasonal year may be requested to have an assessment prior to being assigned additional LVYSL games.
15. If an appeal / grievance is filed by a team, the referee may be requested to attend. *Attendance is not mandatory and the referee may elect to have the referee assignor represent their game report. Note: LVYSL prefers to make every effort to offer both sides a fair hearing prior to a final decision and therefore it is preferable that all parties appear at a hearing.*

### Spectator Misconduct

Spectator misconduct includes but is not limited to verbal abuse (of referee, opposing coach, player or another spectator), unauthorized entry to the field of play, verbal or physical threats. A team official and club are responsible for the conduct of their spectators.

1. Minor Spectator Team Misconduct and Violations
  - A minor infraction is when the referee indicates unacceptable spectator misconduct on the game report.
  - The BOD reserves the right to impose additional sanctions on a club for repeated spectator misconduct.
2. Spectator Ejections Incidents and Violations
  - Spectators ejected from the match must leave the field of play and surrounding area. They must stay away from the field until the referee leaves the site.
  - Games should not be restarted until the ejected spectator has left the field and surrounding area.

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### **Abuse or Assault of a Referee**

Any misconduct or violations towards a referee will not be tolerated. The following applies to a player, coach or spectator.

Abuse (including foul language) or physical threats toward the referee will result in fines and suspension pursuant to the rules and regulations of EPYS and U.S. Soccer.