



# MN Academy Rules for Referees

## Game Ball:

U13-U19: Size 5 Ball (provided by home team)

## Game Length:

U13-U14: Two 35-minute halves

U15-U16: Two 40-minute halves

U17-U19: Two 45-minute halves

- Halftime is ten minutes for all age groups
- There shall be no overtime periods in regular season competition

## Uniforms:

- The team listed as home will wear light-colored uniforms
- The team listed as away will wear dark-colored uniforms
- If there is a conflict, the home team needs to change

## Substitutions with the consent of the Referee at any stoppage in play:

- Procedure: When any player is to be replaced by a substitute, the following conditions need to be observed:
  - The referee shall be informed of the proposed substitutions before it is made
  - The substitute shall not enter the field of play until the player he/she is replacing has left, and then only after having received a signal from the referee.
  - Enter the field during a stoppage in the game and at the halfway line.
- Change with the Goalkeeper: Any of the other players may change places with the goalkeeper provided that the referee is informed before the change is made, and the change is made during a stoppage in the game.

## Team Check-In and Post Game Responsibilities:

- Check teams in (players and coaches) using a team's photo match card
- Only players listed on the photo match card with a picture are eligible to participate in that match.
- Following the game, the Center Referee needs to complete and fill out the standard match card and return it to the Home Team Coach/Manager/Admin. See details below.

## Items to be completed by the Center Referee postgame:

- Final Score
- Yellow and Red cards with correct codes.
- Signature and USSF ID number from the Center Referee authorizing that all information contained in the match card is accurate.
- Fill out the Notch post-game report as well to ensure you are paid.