ISL Referee Rules

FIFA Laws of the Game

League Modifications
There are no roster requirements in the ISL. Players may play up or down in age divisions. *Teams are limited to 14 on the sideline for U11/12 matches. 18 for U13 and above.*

All players and coaches must present to the referee, prior to the start of the match, a current ISA membership pass, with picture and laminated both sides, from the club they represent. This may be the traditional USYSA pass or the ISA Club Pass. Players may only play for one club in the ISL. Referees are to give player passes back to the team after the check-in process. Referees are not to retain player or coach passes.

Guest players are allowed. A player or coach who arrives to a match late must present a current pass to the sideline official at the time of arrival. Only coaches and players who have presented passes may be on the team sidelines. Spectators are required to take the opposite side of the field. There are no exceptions to this rule. If the referee cannot verify everyone on the field is registered, the match will be abandoned and logged as not played. If a referee consistently does not check player cards they will not be paid for officiating ISL matches.

Match Duration
U11/U12 30 minute halves  
U13/U14 35 minute halves  
U15/U19 40 minutes halves

Coaches may change the length of any match as long as both coaches agree and inform the referee prior to the start of a match.

Teams play the match length of the oldest team scheduled to compete. Coaches will advise referees if they are playing two games in one day.

Substitutions
U13 and Older Age Divisions

Unlimited player substitutions at any stoppage at the discretion of the referee, with a limit of three times per half. When a team has used their three allotted stoppages for substitutions in a half they cannot substitute for any reason including a player who leaves the field for attention due to an injury. The injured player may re-enter at the discretion of the referee.
U11/12 Age Division
Unlimited Substitutions shall be made with the consent of the referee at the following times:
Both teams may substitute if players are at the center mark.
1. Prior to a throw-in in your favor
2. Prior to a goal kick by either team
3. After a goal by either team
4. A team may substitute for an injured player or players and the opponent may substitute a like number of players, when the referee stops play for an injury
5. At halftime.
6. A change of jersey if requested by the referee.

Inclement Weather
Once a match has started, the referee is responsible for postponing matches that are a risk to all participants. Prior to the start time of the match, the field managers & the coaches have the responsibility. Both coaches must inform the referee that they have agreed not to play a match due to the weather conditions. Referees will be paid for matches that have started and must be cancelled.

For storms, please observe the 30-30 rule. If you see lightning and hear thunder within 30 seconds, suspend play immediately. You must then wait at least 30 minutes until after the last lightning strike to restart play, no exceptions; this is for the safety of everyone. Once you have decided to suspend play, please leave the field area and get into a building or car, do not stand outside and make sure you tell coaches and players to do the same. If they refuse to leave at this point it’s not up to you to get them off the field, please seek shelter instead. If restarting a game would make your next game start more than 15 minutes late, do not restart the game. Inform the coaches that the match cannot proceed and report the incident on the game report (on Arbiter) and the league will determine how to proceed.
Pay Scales
U11/U12 = 70.00 crew > Center 30.00/AR 20.00
U13/U14 = 90.00 crew > Center 40.00/AR 25.00
U15/U16 = 105.00 crew > Center 45.00/AR 30.00
U17/U19 = 120.00 crew > Center 50.00/AR 35.00

Assessments
The ISL will pay for all SDA approved referee assessments for referees that referee 5 or more games within the season the assessment was completed. We reimburse assessors in the amount of $50.00. Please contact your assignor if you would like to be assessed.

The ISL will assist all referees who would like guidance from a mentor through the IRC mentoring program. We feel strongly that the league should provide the environment for the development of the player and the referee. Please contact your area assignor if you wish to be assigned a mentor.

ISL Referee Assignors

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Game Reports
Referees must keep a record of the match. Game Reports are filled out in Arbiter after the match is completed. All Red Cards or ejections must be reported on game day. There is an online link to a Send-Off Report in Arbiter. The link can be found in the game report.

A referee crew will only be paid if the scores are properly reported on the Arbiter. Reports are done by the referee (center) by clicking on the red “R” next to his/her game. If a game no longer appears on your schedule click the “show all” button to view all past games.

When completing the report the referee (center) must confirm the score, notate AR’s that did not show up, and put in the name, mailing address, and phone number of any certified official that helped out if an AR didn’t show up or wasn’t assigned.
Referee Payment
All officials (referee and AR’s) are responsible for keeping track of their games and payment. Officials can click on the “payments” tab in order to view all payments that have been processed. Every effort must be made to inform the League Director and the Referee Administrator as soon as you notice a payment issue. Any incorrect or missing payments not reported within 30-days of the end of a given season will not be paid. **DO NOT CONTACT YOUR ASSIGNOR REGARDING INCORRECT PAYMENTS.**

Please write or call us at any time if you have a question or would like to make an observation or comment. We greatly appreciate the input from our referees.

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