

## **UYSA Sideline Policy**

5. Bench and Spectator Areas

a. Each Team's bench area shall be along the same touchline as its respective spectator area. Thus, one Team's bench area and spectator area shall be on the opposite touchline from the other Team's bench and spectator area.

b. As you face the field, the Team's bench area shall be to the right of the midfield line extended and the spectator area shall be to the left of the midfield line extended.

c. The Team's bench area shall be located at least two (2) yards outside the touchline, beginning not closer than five (5) yards from the midfield line extended and extending twenty yards going away from the midfield line extended towards the endline on the right.

d. The Team's spectator area shall be located at least two (2) yards outside the touchline, beginning not closer than ten (10) yards from the midfield line extended and extending twenty yards going away from the midfield line extended towards the endline on the left.

e. The home team shall have first choice of which touchline to use and should designate it at least thirty (30) minutes prior to the scheduled match time.

f. Coaches must remain within their respective bench area during the match.

g. Players on the bench must remain within their respective bench area during the match except when being substituted, at which time the player must remain at the midfield line until called by the center referee to enter the match.

h. Match officials may enforce these provisions and suspend or terminate a match if a coach, player, or spectator fails to abide by requests from match officials to comply.

i. Special consideration may be made by a match referee to allow spectators with special needs to be allowed to sit outside of the team assigned spectator area upon reasonable request. Spectators that are granted special consideration are still required to comply with UYSA behavior standards and are subject to the spectator discipline policy below.