

Open Cup Games – Referee Instructions

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The Open Cup games will be played during the Spring season. The schedule for these games (U12-U18) can be found at the Mass Youth website: www.mayouthsoccer.org These games will be played at locations throughout the state, and I will assign referees when the specific game information is sent to me.

The referee for each game will have to complete a simple and short online game report immediately after the match is completed. If you can not complete the game report within two hours, you need to call me with the score (length of match, etc) within two hours and then you must complete the game report within 24 hours. Please do your best in complying as the result affects the remaining teams who have time deadlines to schedule and play their next Open Cup game. The schedule/brackets for all Open Cup games are updated continuously as the game results are submitted. Teams are required to check the website daily and must comply with all time deadlines – referees will also find this area useful.

The Open Cup game report can be accessed at:

http://www.mayouthsoccer.org/tournaments/state_cup.aspx Type in the information requested in each “block” and then “submit report”. A copy of the game report will automatically be emailed to you. If you have a problem, you must contact me via phone asap. The following information is required:

- Game number – **THIS IS REQUIRED** (example: G13OC-01 – the final email notification has this info)
- Date, age group, gender, and location
- Name of teams involved (higher seed is home team)
- Final score of game (use numbers as 1, 2, 3, etc. – do not use ll to mean 2)
- Click the length of match – Regulation, Overtime, Kicks from the Penalty Mark
- **Number and Name** of player receiving Caution and Send-Off – use comments’ section if needed
- Name of referee and assistant referees (if fees paid – click “Yes” or “No”)
- Is this a “Dual” game? Answer is NO unless I tell you otherwise.
- Complete the Fair Play Rating for each team (scale of 1 to 5; 5 is the highest)
- **GAME ROSTERS:** Please email or fax to Terri Filippetti (Cup Director) within 24hrs

General guidelines for all Open Cup games:

- Arrive at the field 30 minutes before the scheduled start time.
- **All games must have a winner. Use Overtime, if needed, which requires that both Overtime Halves be played to completion; and then Kicks From The Penalty Mark, if needed, to determine the winner.**
- Refer to game length chart below for proper time limits and ball size!
- All Caution and Send-Offs must be listed on the game report – name, number, and team. This information must be correct. **DO NOT KEEP ANY PASSCARDS EVEN IF A SEND-OFF IS ISSUED!**

Law II - Substitutions: Substitutions shall be unlimited:

- Prior to a throw-in (team in possession only)
- Prior to a goal kick by either team
- After a goal is scored
- After an injury when the referee stops play
- At start of second half

Law 12 Fouls and Misconduct: Conform to FIFA and only for U12 8v8 the following exception:

An indirect free kick is awarded to the opposing team at the center spot on the halfway line if a goalkeeper punts or drop-kicks the ball in the air from his/her penalty area into the opponent’s penalty

area. (Refer to <http://www.usyouthsoccer.org/coaches/RulesSmallGames/> for more information on U12 8v8.

All teams must hand the referee a copy of their **Game Roster** prior to all matches (referee check-in). Rosters will be from the team’s League, be approved by that League, and may NOT contain any hand-written player names. The U12 (8v8) may have a maximum of 18 players. The U13-U18 *Team Roster* may have up to a maximum of 22 players but the **Game Roster** is limited to a maximum of 18 players (taken from the 22 player Team Roster). The **Game Roster** is created by simply crossing-out the “inactive” players on the *Team Roster*. The players not participating in the game may be on the bench but they may not be in uniform.

Please review the above guidelines with coaches before the game begins. Get a “Game Roster” roster, ½ game fee (cash) from each team, and laminated player pass cards when you check the players in. No player can play until a valid pass card is presented – NO EXCEPTIONS! Each team is allowed to have up to 4 coaches with the team and show a valid passcard. Start the game on time – the game must be finished before darkness unless the field has lights. There is a 15 minute grace period unless otherwise notified.

Referees should read the 2014 Open Cup Rules and Procedures:
http://www.mavouthsoccer.org/tournaments/state_cup.aspx

Referee Fees: U12-U14 **\$120/game** (\$50-\$35-\$35) U15-U18 **\$150/game** (\$70-\$40-\$40).

If any unusual situation occurs that might affect the game from being played/completed, all three officials should try to resolve it immediately. If necessary, call me on my cell phone – if I’m not available, call the Director, National Championship Series. Every effort must be made to play the game.

Thunderstorms require the game to be stopped until they pass – there is no maximum time limit to wait – just wait. Player safety comes first but as a general rule: Rain only – play! Muddy field – play!

Age	Regulation Halves	Overtime Halves	Ball Size
U12	30 Minutes	10 Minutes	4
U13	35 Minutes	10 Minutes	5
U14	35 Minutes	10 Minutes	5
U15	40 Minutes	15 Minutes	5
U16	40 Minutes	15 Minutes	5
U17	45 Minutes	15 Minutes	5
U18	45 Minutes	15 Minutes	5

<p>If overtime is involved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coin flip before overtime for choice of ends. • No half-time break between overtime halves. • Coin flip before KFTPM – team that wins coin flip has choice to kick first or second. <p>Keep game moving – determine penalty kick shooters quickly!!</p>

Open Cup Matches require a winner! Use Overtime, if needed, which requires that both Overtime Halves be played to completion; and then Kicks From The Penalty Mark, if needed, to determine the winner.

Thank you,

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