

BBYSA General Rules:

1. Referee will check Players 10 minutes prior to game: Players cannot wear barrettes, earrings or bracelets. Medical tags are allowed but must be taped. Socks must cover shin guards. No tennis shoes are allowed (U6 is an exception). Sweatpants/shirts can be worn but must be underneath player's uniform shorts/shirts. Goalkeeper must have a different color jersey than teammates and opposing team. Goalkeeper must wear gloves.
2. Referee will meet with coaches 5 minutes prior to game to go over: substitution rules, where parents and players need to remain during the match and any questions the coaches want to address during the game will be addressed by the referee during half-time or after the game.
3. Coaches and Players will remain in designated areas on one side of the field, while parents and spectators will remain in designated areas on the other side of the field. Parents/Spectators are not allowed to be behind the goals. NO Exceptions. The Referee will stop the play of the game if there is an infraction on this rule and wait until it is remedied.
4. Referee will call for captains 3 minutes before the game is to start. Coin Toss: Visiting team calls Heads or Tails. The winning team chooses which side of the field they would like to defend. The losing team kicks-off.
5. Substitutions can be made by either team when the ball is out of play. This includes: Goal Kicks, Throw-Ins, and Kick-Offs at center field. An exception is Corner Kicks, substitutions cannot be made on Corner Kicks or Indirect/Direct Kicks. Please keep your substitutions to a minimum, to allow for the game to flow nicely. The Referee has the authority to refuse a substitution(s) if he/she feels that it is slowing down or interrupting the flow of the game.
6. Substitutions must take place at the designated box at center of the field. Referee must be notified and motion to the coach that it is okay to substitute. Player(s) being substituted must exit first before the substituting player(s) can enter the field. Goalkeeper substitutions: Referee must be notified before the change can be made.

7. Goalkeeper cannot kick the ball from their goal to the opposing team's goal. This will result in an immediate indirect kick from the center mark by the opposing team.
8. There are no off-sides called on: Throw-Ins, Goal Kicks or Corner Kicks.
9. Referee position of arm on calls:
Direct Kick / : A goal can be scored directly from a direct kick.
Indirect Kick I : The ball must touch another player before a goal can be scored.
10. Overtime will not take place during regular season in the event of a tie. Overtime however will be applied to tournament play at the end of the season.
11. Referees have the authority to evict players from the game as well as coaches and parents. BAD SPORTSMANSHIP WILL NOT BE TOLERATED. Coaches, if there is a problem with a parent, the referee will give you a chance to handle the problem before stepping in.
12. Referee Decisions are FINAL! Any problems or complaints that you might have with a Referee can be handled by emailing the complaint to BBYSA bbysa2014@gmail.com Attn: Referee Coordinator.
13. Questions regarding rules and regulations can be found in the FIFA Rule Handbook as well as through STYSA (South Texas Youth Soccer Association). Any further questions can be answered by emailing bbysa2014@gmail.com Attn: Referee Coordinator