

GUIDELINES for REFEREES

GENERAL GUIDELINES

Jewelry is not allowed to be worn by players. If someone had something recently pierced and it cannot be removed, they cannot play.

Please communicate to all players that any climbing or hanging on soccer goals is strictly prohibited and enforce the rule.

No player should be playing near any goal that is not properly weighted down. Before any player goes onto the field, goals on the field must be properly weighted.

During games only players and referees are allowed on the game field. Absolutely no coaches or parents are allowed on the field. This rule is for all age levels.

TEYSA has a zero tolerance for any parent, coach, player or other spectator addressing the referees regarding their performance before, after or during any game. In no event is any parent, coach, player or spectator permitted at any time to yell at, hassle or direct derogatory comments towards any referee or player. Referee abuse will result in game suspensions. Please report any issues to the Referee Manager as soon as possible.

If the games are running late referees may cut the quarters short to get back onto schedule.

Check the league website www.tesoccer.org before any game to make sure your field is open. Weather may be clear but your field closed.

INJURY POLICY

It is always the Referees decision that is final as to whether a player is allowed to play in a game. If there are disagreements with the Referee's decision, the only recourse is to lodge a complaint after the game with the President of TEYSA. Here are the guidelines the Referee should follow:

1. If a player has a cast on his/her arm/wrist they are still allowed to play as long as they have it wrapped with 2" of foam and tape or ace bandage over the foam. There can be no exposed parts to the cast. The player will also need a doctor's note if they are 3rd grade or older and a parent's note if they are 2nd grade.
2. A player who wears a knee brace or other type of brace must have one that has no metal or sharp edges.
3. If an injury should occur during a game or practice, please error on the side of extreme caution. If you're not sure what to do call someone who does, a parent who is a

doctor/nurse or 911, especially if a head injury is involved. Any type of head or back injury, do not move the player unless they can move under their own power.

4. If a player, for any reason, has an injury causing them to bleed they must leave the game immediately. They can reenter the game when the bleeding has stopped and is all cleaned up or bandaged.

GOAL SAFETY:

Goals have been known to tip and fall onto children and, in some tragic cases, this has resulted in death or serious injury. Many times goals tip and fall because children climb or hang on the goals. However, strong winds can also cause the goals to tip and fall.

Accordingly, TEYSA's policy is that no player should be playing near any goal that is not properly weighted down. Thus, before any player goes onto any field, whether for a game, scrimmage, practice or other reason, please check that the goals on the field are properly weighted.

DO NOT TAKE THE FIELD if the goals are NOT weighted down! Please communicate to all children that **ANY CLIMBING OR HANGING ON SOCCER GOALS IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED** and enforce the rule. In addition, please use common sense.

Many times the weight bags that have been previously placed on the goals are moved so the landscapers can cut the lawn. They do not put the bags back in place or, if they do, the bags rip. Thus, you **MUST** check every time. If you move a goal, then please replace the weight bags on the goal to secure it.

If your goals are not weighted down, then please send a volunteer to the Field of Dreams on Howellville Road. TEYSAs equipment shed is at the end of the driveway. Next to the shed, there are pallets of 40 lbs top soil bags for use in weighting down the goals. The smaller goals should be weighted down with at least two of these bags. The larger goals should be weighted down with three or four.