



# GAME DAY PROCEDURES

The procedures outlined in this document are to be followed by teams participating in AAVSA PDA Academy Leagues.

## **WEEKLY MANAGEMENT OF TEAM MATCH DAY ROSTER**

- » Match Day Roster Limits per team:
  - » **7U-8U teams:** No limit (pool).
  - » **9U-10U teams:** No limit (pool)
- » Club Pass Players: **We do not utilize club pass at the 7/8u and 9/10u age level.**
  - » 7u-8u : can play on their team and play up into the 9/10u team (with approval from club)
  - » 9U – 10U: can only play on their 9-10u team unless they are a true 7/8u birth year.
- » Write Ins are allowed only for those players already registered and on an official roster with 7/8 or 9/10u team.

## **VERIFY TEAM SUSPENSIONS**

- » Players and/or Team Officials required to serve a suspension will be marked off the Match Card with red text and line through their name. If showing on the Match Card, write “Sit Out” next to their name or in the notes by the Referee.
- » Players who are on the team roster but are not eligible to play in the game or are not participating in the game **are not** allowed to be on the team bench, only checked-in players permitted on the sideline.
- » Team Officials who are on the team roster but are not eligible to participate in the game due to suspension. **must not be in attendance in any capacity** (warm-up, half-time, or on the spectator sideline).
- » All red cards will be an automatic 2 game suspension, following the game in which the card was issued.
- » Yellow cards do accumulate and can result in a red card being issued.

## **DOWNLOAD AND PRINT THE MATCH CARD**

- » The Match Card will be printed by the local association and provided at the game day sites.
- » Home team coach for 7/8u is responsible for picking up the match cards prior to the game & turning in the match card after the game
  - » All 9/10u Match Cards will be with the Ref assigned to your field of play.

### **Coaches 7/8u are responsible for:**

- Checking in all players on the match card with a check mark next to the players' name
- Checking in all Team Officials on the sideline with a check mark next to the name



## Players & Team Official Check-In

- » The teams will occupy the same side of the field. Teams are to remain on their half of the field between the halfway line and eighteen yards from their goal line.
- » Both teams should present the referee with a Match Card (printed from Got Sport). The referee will complete one of the Match Cards – using the latest print on date/time stamp. The Referee will use the Match Card to check-in the Players from both teams and all Team Officials.
- » Adults who will be on the team sideline (maximum of 4) must present a current (**WHITE**) and valid USYS Member Pass to the referee prior to the game and **must have it visibly displayed during the game.**
- » At every game, each team coach or manager must have proof of his or her players' registration available for inspection by the match referee(s).
- » Acceptable forms: physical laminated US Youth Soccer / STX Youth Soccer ID Card for each player with the player's current photo **OR** a Virtual Player Pass (when approved by the league) from Got Sport with the player's current photo in accordance with STYSA Rule 3.2.9.
- » The Home Team must wear their darker colored jersey and socks. The Away Team must wear their lighter colored jersey and socks. If in the referee's judgement there is a conflict, the Home Team must change.

## SPECTATOR AREAS

- » Spectators are to occupy the opposite side of the field from their team's bench area.
  - » Spectators should not intermingle with opponent spectators. No spectators should be behind goals, nor should they be by the corner kick areas.
  - » Spectators should be sitting 2 yards (6ft) away from the touch line.
- SPECTATOR AREAS** Coaches/Managers are required to maintain control of their players and the team's fans on the sideline. **A coach or an assistant coach may be cautioned and/or ejected by a referee for the misconduct of a fan of the team which he/she coaches.**
- SPECTATOR AREAS** Misconduct by a parent, fan, or supporter can be investigated and disciplinary action can be taken by any of the various levels which have jurisdiction over the team involved under the jurisdiction of the member association and its affiliates.

## MATCH RECORDING DEVICES

- SPECTATOR AREAS** The use of personal match recording devices on the team sideline, such as Veo, Trace, Hudl, etc., to record your teams at our events are permitted by a credentialed (valid USYS **WHITE** Member Pass) Team Official.
  - » The use of non-approved UAS (drones) at any event that is sanctioned by STX Soccer is strictly prohibited.
- SPECTATOR AREAS** If utilizing an elevated recording device (this includes the use of high pods / anything over six feet in height) the device must be properly secured with weights and stabilizers.
- SPECTATOR AREAS** You must be courteous to those around you and not block viewing and if a park/complex/match official asks for the device to be lowered at any time, full compliance is expected.

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## POST-MATCH PROTOCOLS

- » The Referee shall fill out the official Match Report to include misconduct codes and any notes for all 9/10u matches.
- » ALL referees MUST turn in their match cards for any 9/10u games to the office after their last match is complete.
- » All 7/8u Home team coaches MUST bring their properly filled out match card to the office for turn in (putting a check mark next to each player present to play and coach/team manager).
- » The Coach or Team Official from each team is required to sign the completed Match Card prior to leaving the field area. **PLEASE REVIEW ALL INFORMATION PRIOR TO SIGNING.**
- » A Protest is related to a specific match and is filed by one of the involved team officials. Only those teams involved (no third parties) are permitted to protest a match's result. Judgement calls by the referee may not be protested.
- » Any protest must be orally lodged with the opposing coach and match referee at the field of play as well as noted on the Match Card prior to submission via email.
- » The Protest Fee of \$250 must be received/paid to AAYSA within 48 hours of the protest and must include a detailed letter with the account of the events surrounding the protest.



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### **INCLEMENT WEATHER GUIDELINES**

- » Monitoring weather conditions is the responsibility of game officials, coaches, site coordinators, facility directors, and/or club administrators.
- » Heat Guidelines - One, two (2)-minute water break per half with running time is recommended when the Heat Index is above 90 degrees Fahrenheit. Two, two (2)-minute water breaks per half with running time is recommended when the Heat Index is 100 degrees Fahrenheit. **Water breaks are implemented by the referees, not by individual game/coach agreements.**
- » Lightning Policy - If lightning should be found 10 miles or less to the event location, play will be stopped immediately for a minimum of 30 minutes and shall not resume for a minimum of 30 minutes following the last lightning or thunder observed within 10 miles.  
If play is stopped due to lightning all fields must be cleared and all attendees must seek shelter within a car or building. Trees, pavilions, or tents do not provide shelter.
- » If a match is suspended for inclement weather, the match shall be considered official after one full half of play (the second half does not have to start).