

TO: ALL INSTRUCTORS, ASSESSORS, AND ASSIGNORS
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PLAYOFF GUIDELINES

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU REVIEW THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WITH YOUR REFEREES WHO ARE DOING PLAYOFF GAMES. WE WANT TO AVOID ANY MISTAKES IN REFEREE DECISIONS THAT COULD AFFECT THE OUTCOME OF THESE CRITICAL GAMES. THANK YOU.

- CIFSS PLAYOFF OVERTIME RULES - TWO 10-MINUTE OVERTIME PERIODS (**WHICH ARE GOLDEN GOAL, SUDDEN DEATH**); THEN KICKS FROM THE MARK

- LA CITY PLAYOFF OVERTIME RULES - TWO 10-MINUTE OVERTIME PERIODS (**NO GOLDEN GOAL, NO SUDDEN DEATH**); **THEN TWO 5-MINUTE OVERTIME PERIODS WHICH ARE GOLDEN GOAL, SUDDEN DEATH**; THEN KICKS FROM THE MARK (MAKE SURE ANY REFEREES ASSIGNED TO LA CITY GAMES KNOW THE DIFFERENCES IN RULES FROM CIFSS - RE: CAUTIONED PLAYERS AND DISQUALIFIED HEAD COACHES)

- REVIEW THE NFHS RULE BOOK REGARDING 'KICKS FROM THE MARK' MAKING SURE YOU KNOW THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN HIGH SCHOOL PROVISIONS AND THOSE OF USSF AND NCAA SOCCER

- EVEN THOUGH YOU MAY NOT ENFORCE THE RULE DURING THE SEASON, MAKE SURE THERE ARE BALL SHAGGERS BEHIND EACH GOAL TO AVOID ANY CONCERN ABOUT DELAY OF GAME ISSUES (LA CITY - BALL SHAGGERS ARE PROVIDED BY BOTH TEAMS SO THAT THEY WILL BE BEHIND THEIR OWN GOALKEEPER'S GOAL)

- MAKE SURE YOU IDENTIFY A SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR BEFORE THE GAME BEGINS

- THE HOME TEAM SHOULD BE IN LIGHT COLORED JERSEYS AND SOCKS; THE AWAY TEAM SHOULD BE IN CONTRASTING DARK COLORED JERSEYS AND SOCKS; IF THERE IS A PROBLEM WITH UNIFORMS, PLAY THE GAME AS LONG AS YOU CAN TELL THE TEAMS APART BUT YOU MUST SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE APPROPRIATE CIF LIAISON AND OFFICE; REMEMBER GOALKEEPERS ALSO SHOULD HAVE NUMBERS ON THE FRONT AND BACK OF THEIR JERSEYS (NEW RULE THIS YEAR)

- THE GAME BALLS SHOULD HAVE THE NFHS INSIGNIA ON THEM (FOR CIFSS, THE BALL MUST BE THE SPALDING TF5000, TF-SC5, TF-SC3); IF NOT, PLAY THE GAME BUT YOU MUST SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE APPROPRIATE CIF LIAISON AND OFFICE

- CHECK THE FIELD MARKINGS CAREFULLY; IF THERE ARE PROBLEMS, TRY TO HAVE THEM CORRECTED BEFORE THE GAME; THEN SUBMIT A REPORT AFTER THE GAME TO THE APPROPRIATE CIF LIAISON AND OFFICE

- YOUR REFEREES SHOULD NOT ACCEPT PLAYOFF ASSIGNMENTS UNLESS THEY CAN BE AT THE GAMES AT LEAST 30 MINUTES BEFORE GAME TIME; THIS ENSURES A PROPER PRE-GAME MEETING FOR THE OFFICIALS (ALL GAMES ARE SCHEDULED FOR 5:00PM BUT CHECK WITH THE ASSIGNOR AS THE GAME TIME IS OFTEN CHANGED)

- REMEMBER NOISEMAKERS ARE PROHIBITED; THIS INCLUDES HORNS, BELLS, SIRENS (WARN THE ADMINISTRATOR AND/OR COACH; IF IT CONTINUES, A REPORT MUST BE FILED)

- ON GAMES THAT ARE NOT PLAYED WITHIN A STADIUM, MAKE SURE SPECTATORS ARE CONFINED TO AN AREA AT LEAST 10 FEET FROM THE TOUCH LINE; NO SPECTATORS ARE PERMITTED BEHIND THE GOAL LINE UNLESS SEATED IN BLEACHERS

- WE HAVE HAD TOO MANY INSTANCES OF ILLEGAL SUBSTITUTIONS THIS SEASON; REVIEW THESE RULES CAREFULLY SO SUBSTITUTIONS TAKE PLACE AT THE PROPER TIME (REMEMBER THE GOALKEEPER MUST BE REPLACED IF ATTENDED TO ON THE FIELD AFTER AN INJURY - UNLESS IT IS AN OBVIOUS SERIOUS INJURY, GIVE THE PLAYER AN OPPORTUNITY TO RECOVER BEFORE CALLING SOMEONE ON TO THE FIELD)

- IN THE CASE OF SEVERE INCLEMENT WEATHER, IF YOU MUST TERMINATE THE GAME, IT IS AN OFFICIAL GAME IF ONE COMPLETE HALF OR MORE OF THE GAME HAS BEEN PLAYED. IF LESS THAN ONE HALF HAS BEEN PLAYED, THE GAME MUST BE RESCHEDULED FROM THE START

- FOR THE PLAYERS AND COACHES INVOLVED IN PLAYOFF GAMES, THIS IS AN EXCITING AND IMPORTANT TIME FOR THEM. LET'S MAKE SURE OUR REFEREES GIVE THEM THE EFFORT AND EXPERTISE THAT THEY DESERVE.

CONTACT ME IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS THAT ARISE DURING THE PLAYOFF SEASON. FS

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