



## INSTRUCTIONS TO REFEREES

Thank you for accepting assignments to referee in the Indiana Youth Soccer (ISL). As you know, this league features the highest level of youth soccer played in Indiana. The level of competition is comparable to games in the late rounds of the State Cup competition. Games are extremely competitive. Teams are battling for seeding in the State Cup, to maintain their standings in their Division or earn promotion from the First Division to the Premier Division.

Teams, coaches and parents expect the very best from referees. Our league strives to provide everyone with the best environment for youth soccer competition. Your acceptance of games in the ISL demonstrates your desire to officiate at the highest levels of youth soccer and we appreciate the hours of dedication you have invested in reaching this level. Good luck with your games. Should you encounter any problems, we want to hear from you (see information below)

Please be sure to be familiar with the following rules of competition:

- Game Ball: Size 5
- Length of Games: Under 13 and 14 – 35 minutes halves; Under 15 and 16 – 40 minute halves; Under 17 and 18 – 45 minute halves
- Substitutions: Rule updated 1-7-2008, Games will employ unlimited substitution with the consent of the referee at the following times:
  - Prior to a throw-in in your teams favor
  - Prior to a goal kick by either team
  - After any goal
  - At half-time
  - At half-time of any overtime period, if applicable
  - If a team has a substitute player ready on their own possession as described above and the opponent also has a player ready for substitution, both teams may substitute when signaled by the referee.
- Prior to the game. teams are to submit an Official ISL Line Up Card to the referee and opposing coach. The manager should have their Indiana Youth Soccer Passes for each player and all bench personnel in case of dispute. Player passes are not to be given to the referee. They are only there as a backup to the lineup card.
- Guest Players are allowed – maximum of seven (7) up to a roster total of twenty-five (25). They will be listed on line-up card if approved
- Uniform Color conflict, Rule Updated – 1-7-2008 – The home team must wear a white/light color jersey and the visiting team must wear a dark color jersey. If the referee determines the uniforms are too similar and may cause confusion, the offending team must change their jersey to comply with the color requirements.
- Fifteen (15) minute grace period for late arrival before game is abandoned.

**Game Fees** Referee Fees are to be paid prior to the match. Each team will pay ½ the referee fees at each match. Teams should bring the appropriate breakdown of cash. Referees are not to be expected to make change.

U13/U14 – Center 40/ AR's 30/30	Each team brings \$50.00
U15/U18 – Center 50/ AR's 35/35	Each team brings \$60.00

**Game Reports** are to be filed online through the Referee section at [www.indianasoccerleague.org](http://www.indianasoccerleague.org)

**Cautions and Send Offs** are to be reported immediately following game at [www.IndianaSoccerLeague.org](http://www.IndianaSoccerLeague.org) (under the “Referees” tab) using the online form provided.

The ISL provides a condensed version of its rules pertaining to game operations. Copies are available from the Site Coordinator or on the league web site. Should you have any questions, please direct them to the ISL Commissioner, Angel Hall at [isl@indianayouthsoccer.org](mailto:isl@indianayouthsoccer.org)