

## GVSA REFEREE GAME DAY PROCEDURES

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### GVSA Game Detail and Referee Pay

<u>Age</u>	<u>Referee</u>	<u>Assistant Referee</u>	<u>Game Length</u>	<u>Ball Size</u>	<u>Number of Players</u>
U8-U9	\$25	\$10	2x25 minutes	4	6
U10	\$25	\$15	2x25 minutes	4	6
U11-U12	\$30	\$20	2x30 minutes	4	8
U13-U14	\$35	\$25	2x35 minutes	5	11
U15-U16	\$40	\$30	2x40 minutes	5	11
U17 and older	\$45	\$35	2x45 minutes	5	11

### Pregame Procedures:

- All GVSA games shall be refereed by three officials (one Center and two AR's) that are members of GVSOA and are assigned by GVSOA assignors and that are USSF certified. Should three officials not be available – then at least one certified official needs to be present and up to two club lines can be used and need to be briefed by the center official as to their duties and procedures.
- All referees are expected to arrive at the game site at least 30 minutes prior to scheduled game time. It is suggested that referees make contact by phone or electronically the day before the game to confirm attendance. Official's contact details are listed on the Arbiter scheduling software.
- The referee team is expected to meet together on arrival and have a pre-game review of procedures and special instructions for the game.
- The referee team is expected to request and inspect game balls from the home team. All game balls should be of the proper size, in good condition and to the proper inflation pressure. At least one spare ball should be available and checked before the game.
- The referee team is expected to check each team participants (players and team officials) for proper equipment and to be in possession of a proper pass card and risk management card (if over 18 years old).
- The referee team is expected to check the field, markings, goals and nets to make sure that they are in safe playing condition and meeting the required size and dimensions.
- The referee team is expected to follow and enforce all current USSF laws of the game and directives.
- All USSF certified referees are required to have and wear as required the following USSF uniform:
  1. One USSF yellow (and recommended) one other color referee shirt (red and black would be the top option for a second shirt after yellow followed by blue and green).
  2. One pair of solid black standard referee shorts.
  3. One pair of black socks with top white stripes as a minimum.
  4. One pair of black with limited other color shoes with either turf or stud bottoms.
  5. One set of accessories to include: referee whistle, note book and pen, coin for toss, one set of yellow and red cards, one watch with count down or count up timer to measure game length.
- The referee crew is expected to record a correct report of the game to include the score, any cards or misconduct and a rating of the sportsmanship of fans, coaches and players. To ensure that this information is absolutely correct – it should be compared and agreed by all officials. This report must

be mailed in the GVSA envelope within 24 hours of game date. Any additional comments or information that should be recorded for transmission to the GVSA league administration should be made on the back of the report. This information is not necessarily to be shared with the team officials or coaches and can be added after the game sheets have been signed by team officials.

### **GVSA Game Reporting Procedures**

It is very important that all game results are reported promptly! Please do the following at the game:

- Make sure that as the center (head) referee you get the Game Report sheet. ANY NAMES OF ANY PLAYERS AND COACHES WHO ARE NOT PRESENT SHOULD BE CROSSED OUT! This is especially important in U17 and older age groups, as teams may register up to 22 players, but only 18 may dress for a game. It is also to ensure that suspended players and coaches are not participating. If a name is not crossed out it is assumed that a Player/Coach participated in the game.
- All on the list must have a GVSA pass card including all players and team officials (coaches) who are on the sideline. They must all be listed on the game report. A maximum of three adults, all who must have a valid pass card from your club in their possession, may be on the sideline with a team during a game. Under no circumstance may a player play for your team if he/she is not registered on your team through GVSA. Using an ineligible player is a serious offense and any coach who does so will be subject to suspension and further disciplinary action. Any player or team official who claims to have a GVSA pass card but that is not with him can participate in the game if they list their name, birth date and signature on the back of the game report. The GVSA league administrator will take responsibility to check on the player's eligibility.
- All adults present on the sideline must be in possession a GVSA Pass Card showing their Risk Management information (if the pass card shows it is expired the coach is required to have his/her MSYSA Risk Management card also). The Risk Management cannot be expired. If an adult does not have this he or she will not be allowed to participate as a Coach under any circumstance. There must be at least one adult coach present during the game. If not, the game shall not be played, the Referee's will be paid and the absence of a Coach reported to GVSA.
- The home team must provide a self-addressed stamped envelope to the referee (the envelopes are included in the team packets – please put a stamp on them).
- The home team pays the officials.

### **GVSA Policy on Inclement Weather**

Any GVSA sanctioned game in progress or prior to starting will be suspended or delayed by the referee for inclement or severe weather including thunder or lightning. This delay will be 30 minutes from the time the lightening is seen or thunder heard. Each time that lightening is seen or thunder heard the restart time will be reset by the referee to 30 minutes. There are no exceptions to this rule.

If the suspended game has played at least one half it may be terminated and considered a completed game and the score at the time of the termination will stand as the final score.

No game shall be suspended for longer than 90 minutes. If there is another game scheduled to start directly after the suspended game then this game shall not be delayed beyond 30 minutes from the scheduled start time and in which case the suspended game shall be terminated and must be rescheduled.

Team officials or coaches are responsible for directing their respective teams to their cars, transport or proper shelter.