



Dear Coach,

Referees are part of soccer and without them, there would be no organized soccer games. The people who referee in Brookline are doing the best they can.

Please, do not criticize the referee, however wrong you think the call is.

Please talk to your parents and players about this.

Please stay off the field, unless the referee calls you on to deal with an injured player.

Please, send your substitutes to the halfway line, and send them on, only when the referee calls them on.

The referees are going to be using the rules of BAYS, the travel league that they also ref in.

Here are the (slightly updated) rules that you might have seen already.

No jewelry is allowed to be worn during games- No hoop/dangling earrings, necklaces, bracelets etc. If a player has ear piercing STUDS they may be taped down with medical tape. Taped earring studs are worn at the player's own risk.

Grades 3-4 (Girls and Coed)

- Teams will play 7v7 or 8v8 including goal keeper
- Main priority is the safety of the kids
- If a player is injured, the referee will stop play. If there wasn't a foul, play will be restarted with a drop ball.
- No penalty kicks. All fouls inside the penalty box will result in a free kick outside of the penalty box.
- No heading of the ball is allowed.
- On goal kicks, the defending team must move back behind the midfield line until the ball has been kicked.
- Offside infractions will NOT be called.
- Size #4 ball is used.

Grades 5-6 (Girls and Coed)

- Teams will play 9v9 including goal keeper
- Main priority is the safety of the kids
- If a player goes down in proximity of the ball, the referee will stop play. Play will be restarted with a drop-ball.
- If a player is injured, the referee will stop play. If there wasn't a foul, play will be restarted with a drop ball.
- No heading of the ball is allowed.
- Penalty kicks are allowed.
- Goal kicks the non-kicking team must be outside the penalty area.
- Off sides infractions will be called.
- Size #4 ball is used.

Grades 7-8 (Girls and Coed)

- Teams will play 11v11 (or other based on team size) including goal keeper
- Main priority is the safety of the kids
- If a player goes down in proximity of the ball, the referee will stop play. Play will be restarted with a drop-ball.
- If a player is injured, the referee will stop play. If there wasn't a foul, play will be restarted with a drop ball.
- Heading of the ball is allowed.
- On free kicks, defending team must stand 10 yards from the ball.
- Size #5 ball is used.