



Referee-related Rule Modifications

Youth League A-AA 2018

1. Electronic Affiliation Cards

A4.i “Coaches of teams should provide active F.S.Q players’ and coaches’ affiliation cards and a pre-printed game sheet to the referee at least 15 minutes prior to the start of the game. It is also possible to present the list of affiliation cards via the PTS-League platform by smartphone or tablet. NO paper list of the cards will be allowed and the referee reserves the right to verify the electronic version of the cards at any time. The game must not start later than 15 minutes after the scheduled start time. If the Players’ and Coaches’ cards and game sheets are not present by 15 minutes after the scheduled start time, it will result in a **3-0** forfeit...”

Procedure:

- Coaches will be able to show electronic passports to the referee via their smartphone or tablet.
- The coach will hold his/her device and scroll through the list of passports.
- The referee will cross reference the information on the passport with the names of the players on the game sheet.
- Referees SHOULD NOT hold the coach’s device.
- Referees have the right to ask to see the list of electronic passports at any time before, during, or after the game. If, upon request after the game, the coach refuses to show the list of passports, this must be noted when entering the results online.

2. Positive silence

A4.r “The coaches are responsible at all times for the actions of their parents or spectators. The referee will be able to stop the game for inappropriate behaviour such as inappropriate remarks aimed at negatively influencing the course of the game. Only words of encouragement and support will be tolerated. Any parent or spectator that does not respect this rule (Positive Silence) will have to leave the field otherwise the referee will stop the game. The game will result in a **3-0** forfeit by the offending team and a \$150 fine will be applied.”

Procedure:

- The objective of this rule is to provide the referee with discretionary power to mitigate the negative atmosphere at some of the Youth League A-AA games.
- Referees should use this discretionary power carefully and their good judgment to distinguish between excitement and inappropriate behaviour from spectators.
- Referees must first temporarily stop the game to advise coaches that the spectators' behaviour must stop. If the behaviour continues, then the referee must inform the coaches that the spectator(s) in question must leave the field. If the spectator does not leave, then the game must be stopped permanently.
- The referee must write an incident report describing the event and notify the club or region (depending on which organization assigned the game).

3. Undershirts/Undershorts

C4.a.i "All players must wear club-issued uniforms (jersey, shorts, socks) of the same colour as registered by their club as per *IFAB Laws of the Game*. Undershirts must be the same colour as the main colour of the shirt sleeve and undershorts/tights must be the same colour as the main colour of the shorts or the lowest part of the shorts **OR they can both be black or white**. Players of the same team must wear the same colour;"

Procedure:

- The objective is to provide Youth League A-AA teams with more options for undershirts/undershorts.
- For undershirts, players can now wear any of the three following colours:
 - o The colour that matches the main colour of the shirt sleeve (i.e., blue for LaSalle, red for Pointe Claire)
 - o Black
 - o White
- Same principle for undershorts, except the colour of the lowest part of the shorts are also valid as per *IFAB Laws of the Game*.
- *All players of the same team must wear the same colour (except the goalkeeper who wears a different uniform).

4. Substitutions on throw-ins

C3.c.vi. "For U09-10, U11-12 ONLY: **At throw-ins**"

C3.c.vi. "**For U13-U18: At throw-ins in favour of the team. Substitution may be made by the team taking the throw-in and ONLY if they make substitutions may their opponent also substitute.**"

Procedure

- The objective is to allow the opportunity for more substitutions, so players are not forced to wait on the bench for long periods of time.
- In the U8-U12 categories, teams will be able to make substitutions on any throw-in regardless if they have possession of the ball.
- From U13-U18, teams will be able to make substitutions on their own throw-ins. If a team decides to substitute on a throw-in, the other team will have the right to substitute as well.
- The substitute must be prepared to enter the field and the referee must be advised once the ball leaves the field.
- The referee stops play to allow the substitution and whistles to restart play once the substitution is complete.
- If the substitute is not ready to enter the field of play, or the coach advises the referee at the exact moment the ball enters the field of play, the referee should refuse the substitution.

5. Thunder/Lightning

C7.e "**As soon as you hear thunder, quickly get to a safe location and stay inside for 30 minutes after the last rumble of thunder.** Teams cannot leave the premises until the referee officially calls the game and completes the game sheets. If enough time remains to resume the game, the referee must adjust his time and send a report"

Procedure

- Upon hearing thunder, stop the game and seek shelter indoors.
- Wait until thunder/lightning has subsided for 30 minutes, then resume game if time permits.

6. Retreat Line (U09-U10)

See Retreat Line document.