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Assignors,

As the season is slowly beginning, EDP wanted to send a few reminders for assignors and to pass onto the referees.

**Referee Information:**

·        Referee Information for EDP North Atlantic League managed by NYCS: <https://newyorkclubsoccer.com/nycsl/>

* + As a reminder, no one is permitted to play without the correct roster and we ask the referees to retain the game rosters for a minimum of two weeks.

·        EDP website referee section:  <https://www.edpsoccer.com/referees>

·        Referee Game Day Details: <https://www.edpsoccer.com/league-game-day>

·        Misconduct Guideline: <https://www.edpsoccer.com/_files/ugd/fb63b9_3b0a2d4ef5b340339552824d8d57301e.pdf>

·        Referee Abuse Prevention:  <https://www.edpsoccer.com/referee-abuse-prevention>

o   EDP has shared this information with all of teams and expect full compliance.

·        Any serious incident that may need additional attention/action by the league should be reported within 24 hours of the game conclusion with a USSF report (attached) to [colin\_hope](https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/goog_1685416676)[@edpsoccer.com](http://edpsoccer.com/) so EDP can review the matter and take further appropriate action if warranted.

**Important National League Rule Substitution Update:**

\*National League Only (NL Team North Atlantic) not for regular EDP North Atlantic

* The procedure for the 13U-14U age groups has changed to unlimited substitutions over three (3) moments\* per half + halftime adjustments.
* The procedure for the 15U-19U age groups has changed to unlimited substitutions over four (4) moments\* per match + halftime adjustments.

**Updates to USSF Law of the games Implementing (all Leagues):**

“Only the Captain Rule”

* To encourage fairness and mutual respect toward referees, Travel Leagues shall adopt the IFAB “Only the Captain” guidelines. While respectful communication between referees and all players is part of the game, referees may implement a ‘captain-only’ zone in instances where they are approached or surrounded by multiple players during major incidents or key decisions.
  + The “Only the Captain” guidance shall apply to the 15U–19U age groups, where players are generally expected to demonstrate maturity, leadership, and game understanding sufficient for the protocol to be effective.
  + In the 8U–14U age groups, if multiple players confront the referee, the referee shall manage dissent in accordance with Law 12 – Fouls and Misconduct and may request the assistance of a rostered coach to help de-escalate the situation.
* Each team may designate one captain on the field during the match. The captain has no special authority but serves as the designated team leader.
* Captains may enter the ‘captain-only’ zone when signaled by the referee and are expected to deter teammates from doing so.
* If the captain is a goalkeeper, another player should be designated in advance (e.g., at the coin toss) to fulfill this role when communication with the referee is necessary.
* If the captain is substituted or sent off, a new captain shall be nominated.

\*Note:  If the state mandate is different, please defer to that

**8 second rule** – Goalkeepers must release the ball within 8 seconds.  Referees should be giving a 5 second warning.    If the Goalkeeper has control of the ball with their hands/arms for more than 8 seconds, the referee will award a corner kick.   Referees can use their judgement with implementation for this rule at the development ages 8U-14U.

**Game Change Rule Reminder:**

Changes made once the schedule is locked may result in referee fees being due, and any game date being changed within 7 days of the game WILL require referee fees to be paid.

* Sunday Game Date – change needs to be requested by Monday - 8am
* Saturday Game Date – change needs to be requested by Sunday - 8am
* Friday Game Date – change needs to be requested by Saturday - 8am

Thank you,

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