

MIDLANDS SOCCER OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION

Monthly Newsletter - March 2024

Note from the President:



MSOASC.ORG

Click on our link and have a look around <https://msoasc.org/index.html> . There are still a few kinks to iron out, but our intent is to have a one stop shop for everyone to have access to useful information. If you need help or have a suggestion on adding information that may be helpful to other referees, please drop us a line at msoa.south.carolina@gmail.com .

Check out the “RESOURCES” tab. A lot of useful items like “PAY” sheets. You can print this page out – it gives you three sizes to pick from: wallet, postcard, and money bag sizes are available. This is a helpful document to make sure you are getting paid correctly at the field or via mail.

REFEREE FEES FOR YOUTH			
Elite Clubs National League (ECNL)			
U13	35 min halves	\$60	\$40
U14/U15/U16	40 min halves	\$65	\$40
U17/U18/U19	45 min halves	\$75	\$50
US Youth Soccer Piedmont Conference			
U13/U14	35 min halves	\$70	\$57
U15/U16	40 min halves	\$80	\$62
U17/U18/U19	45 min halves	\$85	\$67
National League South Carolina (NSC/SCSCL)			
U13/U14	35 min halves	\$60	\$40
U15/U16	40 min halves	\$65	\$45
U17/U18/U19	45 min halves	\$76	\$50
MSOA Open Leagues			
U13/U14	35 min halves	\$40	\$30
U15/U16	40 min halves	\$50	\$36
U17/U18/U19	45 min halves	\$60	\$40



Another helpful document is “Game Sheets” (which will be changed to a Google excel document), but for now you can download the sheet and fill it out if you’re a nerd like me. **One BIG PUSH** that the referee coach/mentors are reverting to is getting back into our older responsibilities of having your AR’s back the CR’s up in **TIME** and **SCORING**.

Another set of documents that we at MSOA have developed for our referees to use in the cases where we have to deal with either coaches or spectators are also available in the resources section. We understand that the last thing we as officials want to deal with before/during/after a match is gathering problem coach/spectator information for yet another report. However, take a second to read over both documents and understand that we want to limit what we report. There is a procedure that we ask everyone to use prior to removing a disrespectful person from the pitch. Obviously, any threat of violence or verbal abuse should be handled immediately according to the SCYSA document for “Zero Tolerance”. We now have the documents for you to use and submit to MSOA. The association will then contact SCYSA and /or the offending club to address the concerns from the crew.

HELP STOP ABUSE.... WITHOUT OFFICIALS..... THERE IS NO GAME!

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It is hard to believe that MSOA is turning 5 in June!



COVID almost derailed our efforts to keep MSOA active and moving forward, but here we are. There is still a lot of hard work to do to not only keep the fires going, but also to keep MSOA and its members in the forefront of knowledge and training.

Help us celebrate our 5th birthday this June 8th at Saluda Shoals with our **REFEREE APPRECIATION PARTY** and General Meeting.

More information will be coming out as the day draws near.

Referee Spotlight: (To honor the hard work of our local officials)

A graphic for a referee spotlight featuring four spotlights at the top illuminating the text.

REFEREE SPOTLIGHT

A portrait of Kenneth "KC" Dunbaker, a young man with short brown hair, smiling and wearing a light-colored zip-up jacket.

Kenneth "KC" Dunbaker
Age: 36
Referee Start: 2000

"I began officiating when I was 12 with my mom, doing games on weekends when my club (playing) schedule allowed. Throughout college I refereed both club and high school in the spring when not in season. After graduation I began coaching club and high school soccer, taking a break from officiating. I recertified in 2023 and have enjoyed being back on the field with a lot of the same refs that mentored me when I was a kid. Beyond officiating, I am the River Bluff Women's Varsity Soccer Coach where I also teach Physical Education."

Continue to update your Arbiter accounts to keep your assignors happy please!

Assignors Corner:

Contact either Brian Paulen (Lexington Assignor), Dennis Cook (Columbia Area Assignor), or Sofia Hernandez (Adult League) to make sure they have your information and that you are ready to work in the season. Also, and this is critical, **UPDATE YOUR ARBITER/Game Officials availability weekly.** If you know you cannot work on any given weekend or weekday, block the time/day accordingly.

Brian ~ referees.lexsc@gmail.com (USSF)

Dennis ~ denniscook@aol.com (USSF & HS)

Sofia ~ admin@columbiasoccer.org (Adult league for refs 18 years or older)



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Q&A?!?!? (Law 13 - Free Kicks)



Team A is awarded a free kick for the reckless tackle outside the penalty area. The referee calls over the Team B player and as they are being shown the yellow card, a Team A player takes the free kick and passes the ball to a team-mate who has a goal-scoring opportunity.

What is the correct decision?

The free kick must be retaken by Team A because the referee started the disciplinary sanction procedure and distracted the players of Team B so they could not defend Team A's attack.

Did You Know ?!?!? (Law 11 - Offside)

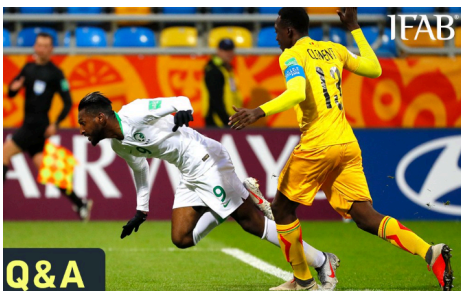


Two attacking players move towards the opponents' goal which is defended only by the goalkeeper. One attacker runs with the ball into the penalty area and passes the ball to the other attacker who is nearer to the opponents' goal line than the ball and the second-last opponent. The attacker receives the ball and shoots over the crossbar.

What is the correct decision?

Play is restarted with an indirect free kick to the defending team from the place where the offside offense occurred. If the ball was received (played) by the attacker inside the goal area, the free kick may be taken anywhere in that area.

Did You Know ?!?!? (Law 11 - Field of Play, and Law 14 Penalty Kicks)



A defender recklessly fouls an attacker and the point of contact with the attacker's leg is on the penalty area line.

What is the correct decision?

According to Law 1 - Field of Play, the lines belong to the areas of which they are boundaries so the foul is considered as having occurred inside the penalty area. The referee awards a penalty kick and cautions the defender (Yellow Card).

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Upcoming events and training: (In the Midlands area only)

June 8th - MSOA 5th Birthday Party, Soda City Soccer Game, and GM Meeting. More information to come.

Send your responses/questions to : msoa.south.carolina@gmail.com



As part of our commitment to supporting our refereeing community, we have our email setup for you to send your questions to regarding:
How to get registered to become a referee,
How to get recertified,
Accessing red card reports and where to send them to...etc. etc....

Thank you again for all your hard work!!!!

See you on the pitch,

MSOA Staff

Look us up:

Instagram: [msoa_sc](#)

Twitter : [@SoccerMidlands](#)

Facebook : [MSOA - South Carolina \(James Neary\)](#)