



Fellow Referees:

With Youth League play starting this weekend we needed to make sure you are fully aware of the **“new”** modification in the CYS rules of competition.

Effective with the Fall 2009 season all levels of Youth play including, State League, State Cup, President’s Cup, CYS Cup, Option 1, X Quad, and all recreational Leagues. We must apply the **“new”** modification in the CYS rules of competition.

“With the referee's permission, a team may substitute or re-substitute any number of players at any stoppage in play.”

This has raised several concerns and issues. If we apply the proper substitution procedure and make sure we discuss this change with both coaches prior to the starting of the game we should be fine. Please discuss the following procedures with each coach prior to your match, especially the Option 1, X Quad, and Recreational games.

Here is the proper procedure for a Substitution:

- The referee is informed before any proposed substitution is made.
- **PLAYER MUST BE AT THE HALF WAY LINE CHECKED IN AND READY TO SUBSTITUTE PRIOR TO THE OPPORTUNITY FOR SUBSTITUTION.**
- The substitute only enters the field of play after the player being replaced has left and after receiving a signal from the referee.
- The substitute only enters the field of play at the halfway line and during a stoppage in the match
- With the referee's permission, a team may now substitute or re-substitute any number of players at any stoppage in play.
 - a. Prior to a throw-in, by either team.
 - b. Prior to a corner-kick, by either team.
 - c. Prior to a Penalty-Kick by either team.
 - d. After a caution or send off, by either team

- e. Prior to a goal-kick, by either team.
 - f. After a goal, by either team.
 - g. After an injury when the referee has stopped play, by either team.
 - h. Between periods, by either team.
- You must allow for substitutions. You cannot deny a team from substituting if all the conditions have been met.
 - Quick free kicks to be taken even if the opportunity exists for a team to substitute. This is up to the individual referee's discretion to allow for the quick free kick to be taken or stop play and allow the substitution opportunity.
 - All substitutions are subject to the authority and jurisdiction of the referee, whether called upon to play or not.

Key points to Remember with the new change:

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT IN YOUTH PLAY:

1. **“A PLAYER MUST BE AT THE HALF-WAY LINE CHECKED IN AND READY TO SUBSTITUTE PRIOR TO THE OPPORTUNITY FOR SUBSTITUTION.”**

YOU MUST NOT ALLOW SUBSTITUTION BY COACHES FROM THE BENCH AREA. THEY MUST BE READY AND WAITING AT THE HALF-WAY LINE PRIOR TO THE SUBSTITUTION OPPORTUNITY.

2. **There is a huge concern of time wasting with the new modification by coaches. Especially if they are ahead in goals. Remember you have the discretion to add for time wasting. I also understand that there is time restraint between games. You will need to use common sense and do the best you can in adding for time wasting.**

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