



# B5 Referee Newsletter

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- [www.bysl.net](http://www.bysl.net)

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## Game Reports

A referee's job is complete when a game report is complete and submitted to the correct authority. BYSL currently requires complete game reports for all games when cards are issued, a coach is ejected, problems with spectators, serious injury, or any unusual incident. In these cases, a standard USSF game report needs to be submitted within 24 hours of the game. Each league has its own discipline chair so reports for BYSL, GCF, FSL, etc are submitted to different people. Contact information for reporting is posted on JustinLauer.net under the "Application" tab. A downloadable, MS Word version of a USSF game report is available so reports can be completed on a computer and e-mailed in.

If you have any questions about reporting, contact your referee assignor to clarify details. If you do not have a lot of experience with game reports, you should contact a more experienced referee to get advice on how to fill out a game report. A report is very important and an essential part of a referee's job.



## T2000

This is a three chamber whistle which works well to control upper level matches. One technique for effective officiating is to have a loud whistle which commands respect.

## Referee Assignments

Referees may only accept game assignments from a certified USSF referee assignor. Referees may not accept games from anyone else. If a coach or club official contacts you directly, you need to contact your referee assignor immediately so you do not get accused of violating referee policy. All coaches and clubs know better but some try to circumvent rules which creates a great risk for everyone involved.

If you show up to referee a match not assigned by an assignor then you cannot wear your patch and you are 100% liable for any injuries and issues that may arise during the game. Also, no players would be covered by FYSA insurance since a referee was not assigned by a certified assignor. This issue comes up prior to each season as teams try to set up pre-season games. Do not put yourself and players at risk by accepting games directly from coaches or club officials.

# Referee Information

## BYSL Checklist for Modified Rules by Charlie Westerfield, Grade 8 Referee

The club season is starting again. During club season most of us bounce around from field-to-field, site-to-site, and age-group-to-agegroup over the course of the weekend. That means every game may have different BYSL rule modifications applying. Al Zabel's pre-game checklist inspired me to create a small wallet-sized checklist that highlights the major age-specific rule modifications which we need to worry about in the BYSL handbook. The new referee fees were covered in last month's newsletter and have also been updated in the 2008-2009 edition of the downloadable checklist. Below is a description of the "shorthand" notation on the age-specific rule modifications checklist.

Age	BYSL Checklist Notes	Description
U8	24 min, No PK, All Indirect, No scoring on KO/Corner/GK, No Offsides, 2 Throw Ins, Size 3, 4/3 Players	24 minute halves, No Penalty Kicks, All free kicks are Indirect, No scoring directly from Kick-offs, Corner kicks, or Goal Kicks, No Offsides calls, Players may be allowed 2 throw-ins, i.e., a second attempt after a bad first attempt, Size 3 ball, 4 players maximum and 3 players minimum on the pitch
U10	25 min, All Indirect except PK, 9 yds PK spot, No scoring on KO/Corner/GK, Offsides-Yes, 2 Throw Ins, Size 4, 6/4 Players	25 minute halves, All Indirect kicks except Penalty Kicks may be awarded, the penalty spot is 9 yards from the goal line, No scoring directly from Kick-offs, Corner kicks, or Goal Kicks, Offsides is called, 2 throw-ins may be allowed, Size 4 ball, 6 players maximum and 4 players minimum on the pitch
U12	30 min, 10 yds PK spot, 1 Throw In, Size 4, 8/5 Players	30 minutes halves, penalty spot 10 yards from the goal line, Only 1 throw-in allowed, i.e., Foul Throw called on first bad throw in attempt, Size 4 ball, 8 players maximum and 5 players minimum on the pitch
U14	35 min, 12 yds PK spot, Size 5, 11/7 Players	35 minute halves, penalty spot is 12 yards from the goal line, Size 5 ball, 11 players maximum and 7 players minimum on the pitch
U16	40 min	40 minute halves
17+	45 min	45 minute halves
U16 /19	(6v6), 25 min, No offsides, 3 line rule, Scoring from KO/GK/CK, 6/4 Players	25 minute halves, Offsides is not called, but a pass may not travel over 3 lines in the air, Scoring is allowed from kickoffs, goal kicks, and corner kicks, 6 players maximum and 4 players minimum on the pitch

This checklist and Al Zabel's pre-game checklist may be downloaded from:

<http://www.justinlauer.net/information.html>

2008-2009 BYSL Referee Fees

	R	AR	AR	Format
u8 (below)	\$16	n/a	n/a	4v4
u9-10*	\$20	*	*	6v6
u11-12	\$25	\$14	\$14	8v8
u13-14	\$30	\$15	\$15	11 v 11
u15-16	\$40	\$20	\$20	11 v 11
u16 rec	\$26	n/a	n/a	6 v 6
u17-19	\$50	\$25	\$25	11 v 11
u19 rec	\$30	n/a	n/a	6 v 6

**Monthly Referee Spotlight:** E-mail your profile and picture if available so you can be included in next month's newsletter.

All submissions should go to: [RefereeJustin@Yahoo.com](mailto:RefereeJustin@Yahoo.com)

\* \$12 per AR if used



# Referee Training Courses

## Grade 08 Recertification Clinics

Mims: August 17th; 12pm-5pm

Cape Canaveral Hospital (Cocoa Beach): 12pm-5pm

## Grade 08 Entry Level Classes

City Gas Company (Rockledge): August 4,5,7,11,12,14; 6pm-9pm

Melbourne Beach Community Center: August 6,8; 6pm-9pm; 9,10;  
11am-5pm

Chain of Lakes Park (Titusville): August 22,23,24,25

## Grade 7-6 Upgrade

August 15-17, 2008 at Disney Wide World of Sports in Kissimmee.

## Entry Level Assessor Clinic

Location: JW Marriott Orland Resort

Dates: August 8, 9, 10

Times: 6-9PM, 8AM-5PM, 8AM-12PM

Online Registration Required: [www.fsr-inc.com](http://www.fsr-inc.com)

### Order Referee Gear Online:

<http://justinlauer.net/refgear/gear1.html>

### Submit Articles For Future Newsletters

Submit referee articles and pictures to:

[RefereeJustin@Yahoo.com](mailto:RefereeJustin@Yahoo.com)

### BYSL Fall Season

View the following information on [JustinLauer.net](http://JustinLauer.net)

- Assignment Policy
- BYSL Rules
- Assignments
- Directions to parks
- Discipline contact information

## Labor Day Weekend

Referees are needed for Labor Day Weekend. Applications are available online:

<http://www.justinlauer.net/tournapp.html>

### Girls Labor Day Challenge Sites:

Mitchell Ellington Park — Merritt Island

Satellite Library — Satellite Beach

Crespino Park — Indian Harbour Beach

Hoover Middle School — Indialantic

### Boys Labor Day Challenge Site:

Hobart Park — Vero Beach

## Discipline Contact Information

Each league has its own discipline committee. Submit reports to the correct person!

BYSL: Frank Morreale <[Discipline@cfl.rr.com](mailto:Discipline@cfl.rr.com)>

GCF: Matt Hutchinson <[jamshutch@cfl.rr.com](mailto:jamshutch@cfl.rr.com)>

FSL: Tony Laurendi <[tony@mpinet.net](mailto:tony@mpinet.net)>

Contact your assignor to get information for other leagues

# Ask Ralph the Ref



Referee Ralph Allen a.k.a. Ralph the Ref is from area A3. His monthly advice column will give an out of town perspective as well as answer the kind of questions that we don't find in the

*Thank you all for the wonderful questions. The overwhelming response is very exciting. If you do not see your question in this month's newsletter check continue to check in the following months. Please continue to send in any questions you have about refereeing and soccer. Just send your questions to [RalphRef@JustinLauer.net](mailto:RalphRef@JustinLauer.net).*

Dear Ralph Ref, When should I stop the game because of weather conditions? The teams do not usually want to stop playing and they look at it as a bad thing I have done. When is a best time to stop game? What do I say to the teams?

-Stumped by Bad Weather

Dear Stumped, Suspending a match is something none of use likes to do, but the LOTG (Laws of the Game) allow for it when necessary. I quite frankly don't care what the teams think of me. As referees, the safety of all the participants is our ultimate responsibility. The best time to stop a game is when, in your judgment, the conditions are no longer safe to play in. Lightning, flooded fields, tornado warnings, civil disturbance, alien attack, are all valid reasons to suspend a match. Tell the coaches you are concerned for the players' safety and leave it at that.

-Ralph Ref

Dear Ralph Ref,

I really like going to tournaments. I have applied to some and been turned down. What should I do?

-Left Out of the Fun

Dear Left Out, Are you young and inexperienced? The assignors I know look at/for several things. Remember, for assignors, their reputation is at stake and tournaments are a showcase event. Assignors look at their available pool from the top down. Here are a few suggestions: Ask your current assignor(s) if they will give you a positive recommendation. If not, ask why, and what you can do to improve your reputation. Second, ask other refs you know that go to tournaments if they would put a good word in for you with the tournament assignor. Lastly, contact the assignor and introduce yourself. Express your desire to be included. Offer to do any level game so he can see how you perform. Sell yourself and if given the opportunity, prove yourself both on and off the field.

-Ralph Ref

Dear Ralph Ref,

In the last two years, I have past my 58th birthday, gone over the ten-year mark in refereeing and become a grade seven ref. When assignments are being delved out, who should get the tougher games? Should it be the younger refs with better speed and appearance, or should it be the older, slower but wiser person? Should I just put up my saddle and become an instructor?

-Stuck in the Middle

Dear Stuck,

Having just turned 50, I feel you pain, both on and off the field! You raise an interesting issue. Guile and experience or raw energy and good eyes? If you have attained a grade 7, you should be qualified and be offered higher-level games. However, there are some matches [robably better off left to a more athletic ref. I believe that a good assignor knows the teams and refs in his area and assigns games based on who is capable of performing up to standard in those games. As for appearance, beauty is only skin deep, but ugly goes all the way to the bone! Why not stay active as a ref and become an instructor or assessor? Getting a head start now will put you in a good position when you do decide to put the horse in the barn.

-Ralph Ref

Dear Ralph Ref,

During a game I keep my red and yellow cards in my pocket. I have seen other refs keep them in other pockets than I do. Where do you keep cards during a game?

-Card Clueless

Dear Card Clueless, Cards? What cards? Am I missing something? Oh!, those red and yellow things that I never use. I generally keep my cards in my book in my front left pants pocket with the yellow facing out. My whistle is in my right hand so I use my left for cards. If a game starts to turn a bit rough, I will remove them from the book, leave the yellow in the front left pants pocket and put the red in my left back pants pocket. Sounds a bit anal retentive, but I always know where they are and which one is which. An older ref told me of the time he inadvertently issued a red card with his money clip! It took him years to live that one down.

-Ralph Ref

Submit Questions or comments to [RalphRef@JustinLauer.net](mailto:RalphRef@JustinLauer.net)