

Bellingham Soccer

Quick Referee Chart for In-Town and Travel

Rules/Format	4v4	5v5	6v6	8v8	11v11
Age Group	U7/U8	U9/U10 Franklin	U9/U10 BAYS	U11/U12	U14/U16/U18
Number of players	4	4 + Keeper	6	8	11
Minimum # to start	4	5	5	6	U14(8), U16(8), U18(7)
Minimum # to continue	4	5	4	5	7
Length of half(minutes)	4 qtrs 12 minutes in length	25 minutes	30	30	U14(35), U16(40), U18(45)
Ball Size	4	4	4	4	5
Offside Rule	none	none	none	yes	yes
Penalty Kick Distance(yds)	10 yard (dashed line)	8 yards	8 yards	10 yards	12 yards

- U9/U10 Franklin rules note: Goal differential of 5 the losing team adds a player which is withdrawn if the differential falls below 5.
At an 8 goal differential, the game is called, teams are mixed and play is restarted (as long as 10 minutes remain in the game)
- Micro 4v4 rules note: Defender touch ball: A PK will be awarded from the center of the 10
- U9/U10 BAYS Goal kicks: Opposing team must remain at half field until the goal kick is taken. A quick kick is allowed before the team retreats to half field.

BAYS Zero Tolerance Policy

All individuals responsible for a team and all spectators shall support the referee. Failure to do so will undermine the referee's authority and has the potential of creating a hostile environment for the players, the referee, and all the other participants and spectators.

Consequently, BAYS has adopted and modified the following rules:

1. No one, except the players, is to speak to the referee during or after the game. Exceptions: Coaches may ask questions before the game, call for substitutions and point out emergencies during the game, or respond to the referee if addressed.
2. Absolutely no disputing calls, during or after the game, no remarks to the referee to watch certain players or attend to rough play. NO YELLING at the referee, EVER, and no criticism, sarcasm, harassment, intimidation, or feedback of any kind during or after the game.
3. Violators may be ejected and are subject to disciplinary action by the BAYS Sportsmanship Review Committee.
4. If coaches or spectators have questions regarding particular calls, rules, or a referee, or wish to give feedback regarding a referee, please contact the town soccer club referee's coordinator for the game in question, or contact the BAYS Referees Representative at <https://www.bays.org>.