

2021 SCB Outdoor Season Referee Notes

Thanks for being a match official this year. We appreciate you helping out our league. Season starts on July 5th and will end August 29th. Games are scheduled Sunday to Friday for 8 weeks with Cape Breton Cup finals being held on Saturday August 28th.

With the province still in a state of emergency in regards to the COVID pandemic, we do take your safety serious. If you have issues with players or team officials breaking COVID protocols, try and deal with it. If you have to caution or dismiss someone (or abandon a game) because of continuous breeches COVID protocols or it was a serious breach of COVID protocols, you have SCB support. If for some reason you are unable to deal with the issues, or it involved spectators, please make sure you contact myself, Scott Mabee, or the referee assignor, Wendell Mac Gibbon and let us know what happened so SCB can deal with the issues.

Field Size

Game Format	Field Measurements (L x W)	Goal Measurements
U9	Min: 40m x 30m Max: 55m x 36m	Between Goal Posts: 4.88m (16ft) Height of Crossbar: 1.83m (6ft)
U11 and U13	Min: 60m x 42m Max: 75m x 55m	Between Goal Posts: 5.49m (18ft) Height of Crossbar: 1.83m (6ft)
U15 and U18	Min: 90m x 45m (100 x 50 yds) Max: 120m x 90m (130 x 100 yds)	Between Goal Posts: 7.32m (8 yds) Height of Crossbar: 2.44m (8 ft)

All age groups U13 and below are to use the retreat line rule during their games.

SCB encourages that all games are played on the appropriate sized fields with the correct size of goal. But at many community park fields, the field and/or goal posts may not be exactly regulation size or the ground might be uneven and the grass might be a little long. On these fields, BOTH teams are subjected to the same conditions thus the game shall be played regardless unless the conditions are grossly irregular for the teams playing. In these cases, the referee will make the final decision if the field is playable or not. Any referee can note on the game sheet any concerns they may have with a field. If a field is a constant issue, SCB may step in and correct the issue as SCB sees fit.

Game Format Information

Age Group	Game Format	Game Length	Minimum # of Players to Start	Maximum # of Players Dressed	Size of ball
U9	7 v 7	2 x 25 min halves	5	19	4
U11	8 v 8	2 x 30 min halves	6	21	4
U13	9 v 9	2 x 35 min halves	6	23	4
U15	11 v 11	2 x 40 min halves	7	27	5
U18	11 v 11	2 x 45 min halves	7	27	5

Half time for all age groups is a maximum of 5 minutes. If the weather is very hot or/and humid, the referee has the discretion to extend the half time a bit longer and/or add a hydration break during the halves. Referees are to talk to the team officials about this before the game starts. We recommend if

the temperature and/or the humidex is 30° or greater, to add a hydration break into each half of the game.

All games shall start at the designated kick off time. The referee has the power to reduce the length of each half if the game starts late. The time lost shall be deducted from the total game time. The time remaining shall be halved, as each half shall be equal. **If there is another game schedule on your field after your game, your game MUST FINISHED NO LATER THAN 15 MINS before the kickoff time of the next game, regardless of how much time is left in the game. The Government of Nova Scotia has mandated that there will be a 15 min break before games.** And the 2nd game is to start on time, at their schedule kickoff time. If games start on time or you reduce the time for each half properly for late starts, your games should end prior to reaching this mark.

The maximum wait time to start any game is 15 minutes. If one team does not have the minimum number of players to start a game, dressed and ready to go within the first 15 minutes of the scheduled start time, the result will be noted as a forfeit against this team. If both teams do not have the minimum numbers of players dressed and ready to go within the first 15 minutes of the scheduled start time, the result will be noted as forfeiture for both teams.

Pre-game inspection

Please ensure if you are the first game of the day that you do a field inspection-taking note of the goals being anchored.

Corner flags are a necessary component of the field.

Game Balls

The **home** team is to provide two game balls. Please ensure they meet minimum standards and are the correct pressure for the game. If not suitable, use the away team balls.

Coin Toss

When you call the captains, **only one player per team** is to come do the toss. There is no shaking of hands. You will do the toss, not a captain. Do this at a minimum of 5 minutes before kick-off, if not earlier, so matches begin on time.

Handshakes

There is to be no “fair play” handshakes prior to the start of the game, and no shaking of hands post game between players, team officials, and/or game officials.

Team Officials on the Bench

All team officials on the team’s bench/technical must be listed on the game sheet. Team must have a minimum of one (1) adult team official list on the game sheet and are permitted up to a maximum of four (4) team officials.

Male teams must have a male adult team official on the bench and females must have an adult female team official on the bench during all SCB events and activities. If the team has male and female players, then an adult of each sex must be present on the bench. Referees are to note on the game sheet if any team that does not fulfill this requirement, after directing them to do so.

Substitutions

There shall be no restriction on the number of substitutions made during a game, but no more than six (6) substitutions per team will be allowed at any one time, except at half time and end of the game (should extra time be required) where teams will be permitted substitute as many players they require.

Substitutions are to be made as per IFAB Laws of the Game.

If a team or both teams are only making one substitution each, then the players leaving the field should leave at the nearest touchline (as per the Laws of the Game). Substitutions should take place at the half way line near the bench area when there are 2 or more substitutions being made.

Offsides

Remember that offside is called in U13 and above games. In U9 and U11 games, although offside is not called, if you have players who always seem to be playing in an offside position or is “cherry picking”, please encourage the player to get back onside or have a chat with the team’s coach to have him encourage his players to try and get back onside.

Game sheets and Scores

For SCB games – each team supplies 3 games sheets. At the end of the game, once game sheet goes to the home team, one of the away team, and one the referee keeps to submit.

All players and team officials are to be listed on the game sheet. No one is allowed to be within 20m of the bench areas if they are not on the game sheet. Check to make sure when you receive the game sheets from a team.

The game cannot start until the game sheet has been handed to the referee or when the referee says they will collect the game sheet from the teams. **If you do not have game sheets from one or both team by the end of half time, the game does NOT start until you have game sheets from both teams. The game sheets are to be used also for contact trace, as mandated by the Government of Nova Scotia.**

U11 to U18 - The referee is to file a match report at the end of every game they are in charge of. The report will include the score, any cautions/dismissal information (name and # of the player(s), team(s) and for what did they receive the game for (i.e. USB, Dissent, Serious Foul Play, etc.) given out in the games, any team official ejections, and any other incident that SCB should be made aware of. This information, along with a scan copies or pictures of the completed game sheets are to be emailed to scbscores@gmail.com within 24 hours of the completion of the game. SCB will not pay the referee for any games that the referee has not sent in the scores and copies of the game sheets. We are required to have these game sheets on file for contact tracing as per the Government of Nova Scotia’s rules.

Remember that you have to file a misconduct report with Soccer Nova Scotia for all dismissal with 48 hours of the game. If you need help filling it out or need to talk to someone about an incident, please reach out to Wendell Mac Gibbon or Scott Mabee.

U9’s – the home team coach sends in the game sheets.

Cape Breton Cup Games

The Cape Breton Cup will be the league playoffs this year. More information will be sent out when we get closer to the playoffs on the formats and any additional information you may need. There will be games that require a result so make sure you are up to date with the extra time and kicks from the penalty mark procedures.

Game Cancellations

If a game played in the CBRM is to be postponed due to weather, SCB will make this decision by 3:00pm each day. You should receive an email if a game has been postponed or you can check the SCB website or facebook page as it will be posted on there as well. If SCB does not postpone the game by these times, the referees will arrive at the field and decide if the game needs to be postponed due to weather or field conditions (double check the SCB website or facebook page just in case we postpone the games late.)

Payment

Payment for SCB games will be done by cheque from the Cape Breton Referees Association. Cheques will be cut every 2 weeks and placed in the referee room at the CBU dome. The rate of pay for each level of game can be found on Soccer Nova Scotia's website.

Please note that the Cape Breton Soccer Referee's Association takes \$0.50 per game from your pay to subsidize the finances of the association as which include things like awards, pizza party, etc.

If you have any questions or issues, please reach out to Wendell Mac Gibbon (wmacgibbon@seascape.ns.ca) or myself, Scott Mabee (soccermabee21@gmail.com)

Have a great season!