

2022 SCB Outdoor Season Referee Notes

Thanks for being a match official this year. We appreciate you helping out our league. Season starts on May 30th and hoping to have the season wrapped up by August 25th. Games are scheduled Sunday to Thursday.

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
	7 v 7	2 x 30 min halves	5	13	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. If the temperature and/or the humidex is 30° or greater, add a 2-minute 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 5 MINS before the kickoff time of the next game, regardless of how much time is left in the game.** 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.

If the assigned referee does not show up to officiate the game, if one of the assistant referees feel confident to step into the referee role, then please do so. Just have a parent act as your club linesperson and all they do is call ball in and out of play. If neither assistant referees are not comfortable in officiating the game, then the game does not start. If an assistant referee does not show up for their assignment, then just have a parent be the club linesperson for you. In all case of mentioned, please let Wendell know who did not show up for their assignment.

There may be games where Wendell could not assign 2 assistant referees (U13 and above). In these cases, just have a parent fill in as your club linesperson, calling ball in and out of play only.

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. Make sure the home team has something safe marking the corners (disc cones for example) if they do not have corner flags available.

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 not to start the game or**

continue the game until this requirement is met on each bench.

Substitutions

There shall be no restriction on the number of substitutions made during a game, but no more than five (5) 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.

Offside

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.

Boy U18’s

This season we only have 2 Under 18 Boys teams. They will be playing 11v11 and 7v7 throughout the season.

For 11v11, they will be playing a 5 game series (Game #901, 902, 903, 904, 905). These games require a result. If tied at the end of the game, you play 2 x 5 min extra time. If still tied at the end of extra time, then you go to Kicks from the Penalty Mark to determine the winner.

For 7v7 games, (Games 921 to 932), they will play 2 x 30 min halves on a U11/U13 size field. All other laws apply (offside, etc.) No retreat line will be used. Cautions and dismissals are to be issued if warranted and misconduct reports filed. Teams are to still hand in a Demosphere game sheet to the referee for each of these games. They are to just cross out who is not playing in that game. There should be players crossed out for each of the game. As well, a player can play in both 7v7 games that night for their club.

Game sheets and Scores

For SCB games – each team supplies 1 game sheets. At the end of the game, if a team wants a copy of the completed game sheets, then they can ask to take a picture of it. The referee is to keep the game sheets.

All players and team officials are to be listed on the game sheet. No one is allowed to be within 10m 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.**

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.

SCB Playoffs

SCB will send out the referee information in regards to its playoff formats at the beginning of August.

Cape Breton Cup Games

The Cape Breton Cup will be a tournament format this season. Girls will be played on the weekend of July 16th/17th and the boys on July 23rd/24th. U11 will play 8v8, U13's will play 9v9, and U15/U18's will play 7v7.

Game Cancelations

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.)

Senior Soccer

SCB is trying to organize a senior soccer program this season: Men's (11v11) on Thursdays nights, Women's (7v7) on Tuesday nights, and Coed on Sunday nights. Registration ends this week and the leagues are slated to start the week of June 6th. Once we know our registration numbers, we will create the formats and SCB will send you the referee information for the senior program.

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.

Referee Fees

	Referee	AR
U18 (11v11)	\$46	\$32
U18 (7v7)	\$32	\$22
U15	\$40	\$26
U13	\$32	\$22
U11	\$22	-

This season, due to high fuel costs that we are currently experiencing, SCB is providing a referee travel allowance. We have divided our area up into communities, using their main field as the start/destination location. If you have to travel to a different community to officiate, you may be eligible for a travel allowance. Here is the travel allowance grid:

	Glace Bay	CBU	New Waterford	Sydney	North Sydney	Baddeck	Terra Noire
Glace Bay				\$10	\$20	\$50	\$88
CBU					\$15	\$45	\$83
New Waterford				\$10	\$20	\$50	\$88
Sydney	\$10		\$10		\$10	\$40	\$78
North Sydney	\$20	\$15	\$20	\$10		\$30	\$63
Baddeck	\$50	\$45	\$50	\$40	\$30		\$33
Terra Noire	\$88	\$83	\$88	\$78	\$63	\$33	

There is no referee travel allowance paid for travel between Glace Bay - CBU - New Waterford. Same goes for Sydney – CBU. If you are unsure of what community you fall into, please contact Scott Mabee (soccermabee21@gmail.com). For those referees living far from any of the communities listed, please contact Scott Mabee.

Any CBRM based referee travelling to an non CBRM location game (and vice versa) will be entitled to a \$15 meal allowance. We do encourage the referees to car pool if feasible and safe to do so but leave the decision to the official if they want to carpool or not.

Allowances will be paid along with your referee payment every two weeks. Allowances also apply to NSSL games as well, but you will not be paid your allowance at the field. It will be paid on your bi-weekly referee payment. If you have officiated any NSSL prior to SCB issuing their first bi weekly referee payment, your travel allowance will be on the first referee payment.

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) We are here to help you. Any questions about a situation in your game, not sure about something, anything about

officiating, please reach out to us. Never be afraid to reach out to us about anything. We are here to help you succeed at and enjoy officiating.

Have a great season!

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Regional Level Referee