



**2026 MSYSA Spring Cups Kickoff Meeting**  
**April 8, 2026**



# Agenda

- About MSYSA
- Meet the MSYSA Referee Assigning Team
- GotSport 101
- Cups Assignments, Pay, Expectations
- Cups Procedures and Example Match Card
- Professionalism and Work Rate
- Resources: Full Cup Rules and more
- Questions



# MSYSA



**MARYLAND STATE**  
YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION

501(c)(3) non-profit educational organization  
Member of the US Soccer Federation & US Youth Soccer



Membership organization with more than:

- 248 member clubs and leagues
- 85,000+ players
- 10,000 coaches, administrators, and volunteers
- 2,500 referees, assignors, mentors, and coaches

## Mission:

Grow the game of soccer by educating, promoting, supporting, and providing

## Vision:

Provide an opportunity for everyone to participate in the game of soccer

## Why:

We transform lives!

### EDUCATE

\*Coaching Education

\*Communicate policies/procedures for programs, player registrations, etc.

\*Disseminate info from US Soccer, US Youth Soccer, and East Region

\*Parent Education

### PROMOTE

\*Affiliate Club spotlights

\*Affiliate Coach Spotlights

\*Player Accomplishments

\*Recognize players, teams, coaches and referees with annual awards

\*Highlight talented players that make National Level pools and teams

### SUPPORT

\*Issue Grants

\*Award Scholarships

\*Club Leadership Webinar series

\*Offer technical and administrative expertise

\*Provide resources to expand recreational opportunities

\*Serve as a repository for ideas/initiatives for benefit of all members

### PROVIDE

\*Insurance coverage

\*Issue Certificates of Insurance

\*USYS Carding and rostering

PROGRAMMING

\*ODP

\*Indoor Training

\*Presidents Cup

\*State Cup

\*Summer Soccer Academy

\*Summer Soccer Training Series

\*Strategic Partnerships and Sponsorships to benefit affiliates

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# Get to Know MSYSA Assignors



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- **Subir Nigam** – Referee Assigning Manager
  - [Subir@msysa.org](mailto:Subir@msysa.org)
- **Jenifer Nesselroad** – Referee Assigning Coordinator
  - [Jenifer@msysa.org](mailto:Jenifer@msysa.org)
- **Oliver Stratton Treadway** – Referee Assigning Coordinator
  - [Oliver@msysa.org](mailto:Oliver@msysa.org)
- **Jessica Hafer** – Director, Affiliate Logistics
  - [Jessica@msysa.org](mailto:Jessica@msysa.org) - 410-330-8692
- Match Day On-Call Assignor Mobile Number:
  - 443-766-0610
- **All Assignors:** [Referee@msysa.org](mailto:Referee@msysa.org)



## GotSport is our referee assigning platform: [system.gotsport.com](https://system.gotsport.com)

- GotSport is where you will see match offerings which you will Accept/Reject, then see your assignment details (ref position, kickoff times, venues, crew members).
- [Referee Hub](#): Resources for MSYSA Refs (How to register in GotSport, RAP, FAQs, and this presentation)



## GotSport Reminders!

- Set up Blackouts from your user profile by selecting “Referee” then “Referee Availability”
  - Blackouts are dates that you know you are **unavailable** to referee
- Update your Profile with complete contact information in GotSport: phone number, complete address, and headshot.
  - If you live away from your home address (like if you are in school), please update your GotSport address to the school address/where you want to be assigned.
- Opt-in for Text Messaging. Often times we send information/updates this way (weather updates, field changes, etc.)
- All payments are made through GotPay via direct deposit, twice a month.
  - Bank Account must be a FDIC insured bank, not crypto/Venmo, etc.





# Maryland Spring Cup Assignments

- [MSYSA Spring Cups: State Cup and Presidents Cup](#)
  - Single elimination, ages 11U-19U, boys and girls
  - April 12 & 19
  - May 3
  - May 9 & 10
  - May 17
  - May 30 & 31
- Locations: MD Soccerplex and Liberty Sports Park

# Referee Pay



## ▼ 2025-26 MSYSA Cups Game Officials Pay ONLY

Age	Game Length	CR	AR1	AR2	Total by Team
17U-19U	90 Minutes	\$120	\$55	\$55	\$115
15U-16U	80 Minutes	\$110	\$55	\$55	\$110
13U-14U	70 Minutes	\$90	\$55	\$55	\$100
11U-12U	60 Minutes	\$80	\$55	\$55	\$95

Regional+ Bonus: \$20 per game – ALL positions  
Fourth Official: \$50

PAYMENT SCHEDULE: All Cups payments will be executed electronically by Jessica Hafer using GotPay on a bi-weekly basis.



# Assignor Expectations!



- Communicate with your Assignors ASAP to address any conflicts (scheduling, conflict of interests, etc.)
- Be on your game and enjoy!

# Professionalism and Work Rate



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## Professionalism

- Starts Before Kickoff and Continues After Final Whistle
- Appearance is your First Impression
- Communication Sets the Tone

## Work Rate

- Movement Shows Commitment
- Stay Connected with Play
- Fitness Supports Focus

# Cups Procedures: Before the match!



- Read the "Weekday/Weekend Match(es) Reminder" email. This email provides Rules/Reminders for the League(s) of your upcoming matches. Details about match durations, substitution rules, Full State Cup rules, and more.
- Check GotSport the morning of your games to confirm times and locations.
- If there are cancellations due to weather, you will hear from the MSYSA Referee Assigning Team. If you do not hear from us, your match is on as scheduled.
- **The Center Referee must communicate with the crew! Contact your crew before the game to confirm or update your arrival time. Messaging can be done through GotSport.**

# Cups Procedures



- Arrival time: **30 minutes prior to the match for all referees!**
- Teams must have their **PHYSICAL COACH AND PLAYER PASSES ALONG WITH THE GAME SHEET.**
  - The Home Team will provide the Game Sheet
  - Referees are able to [access the Game Sheet in GotSport](#) beforehand
- Check-In Procedure! Must be followed:
  - Players will line-up; the manager/coach will hand the individual card to their player before check-in begins
  - Ref will call out the player's name, player will hand the card to the Ref, and Ref will check card and jersey # on the match report
- NO player or coach write-ins
- YES change jersey numbers
- 11U-12U: No more than 16 active players
- 13U-19U: No more than 18 active players
- Strikethrough absent players
- Uniforms: Home team wears light jersey/socks and Away team wears dark jersey/socks
  - Undergarments: Home team must wear white and Away team must wear black or main color of their jersey.
  - If there is a color conflict between teams, the Home team must change.

# Cups Procedures



- Every match will have a walk-out, which can include all players or just the starters
- Mentors will be on-site to provide feedback and evaluation
- Boxed lunches and water/gatorade is provided at the Headquarters Tent (Field 8-9)

AFTER THE MATCH! Please take a picture of the final Match Card and email to [Referee@msysa.org](mailto:Referee@msysa.org)

- Give hard-copy to the winning team, who will deliver it to the tent
- RED CARD(S)? call Jessica after the match: 410-330-8692
  - Supplemental Report must also be completed then emailed to [Referee@msysa.org](mailto:Referee@msysa.org)

# Cups Procedures: Substitutions and Head Injury!



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- **Presidents Cup: unlimited substitutions for all age groups**
- **State Cup:**
  - **11U-12U: Unlimited substitutions are permitted**
  - **13U-14U: Unlimited substitutions are permitted over **3 moments per half plus halftime.****
  - **15U-19U: Unlimited substitutions are permitted over **4 moments per match plus halftime.****
- **If the match requires overtime, each team will receive one moment plus the interval between the two equal halves.**
- **For a head injury: the team may substitute that injured player even if they don't have a moment remaining.**
- **The substitution for the evaluation of a head injury WILL NOT count toward the teams' total allowable moments (unless other substitutions are made at the time of the substitution).**
- **If you feel that a player has suffered a head injury, they must be subbed off and cannot return to the match without medical clearance. THERE WILL BE TRAINERS AT THE GAMES.**
- **THERE IS NO HEADING FOR 11U**

# Cups Procedures: Determining the Outcome of A Match



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## 2026 Spring Cups

- Matches in all rounds of the competition must have a winner!
- Games ending in regulation with a tied score will play the Extra Time period specified.
- If it is still tied at the end of Extra Time, the Kicks from the Mark procedure will be used to determine the winner

<b>Age Group</b>	<b>Half Length</b>	<b>Ball Size</b>	<b>Extra Time</b>
<b>11-12U</b>	30'	4	Two 10' periods
<b>13-14U</b>	35'	5	Two 10' periods
<b>15-16U</b>	40'	5	Two 15' periods
<b>17-19U</b>	45'	5	Two 15' periods

# Example Match Card/Report

- Venue, Field, Date, Time, Age group, Game #
- Coaches and Players are listed for each team
  - No Club-Pass players are permitted!
  - If you see any orange-highlighted players, THEY CANNOT COMPETE
  - Put a check-mark next to players that are present for the match
  - Strikethrough absent players
- Referee names are at the bottom
  - Notify us ASAP if a referee is not at the match!


 2025 State Cup (11U-18U)  
 system.gotSPORT.com/scoring  
 Event Code: ca53a7  
 Event PIN: 6655

Printed At: 12/19/25 09:58AM EST

**Field:** Cedar Lane Park (Bel Air- Harford County) : Field 11

**Date:** 03/08/25

**Time:** 05:00PM EST

**Male U17 - SC 17u B - play-in & round of 16 / Play-In Games A**

**Game#: 52**

H PIPELINE SC 2008 BOYS NORTH BLACK						A WORLD CLASS PREMIER WCP 2008 BOYS BLUE					
Coach (Primary)						Coach (Primary)					
Coach (Assistant 1)			Coach (Assistant 1)			Coach (Assistant 1)			Coach (Assistant 1)		
Coach (Assistant 1)			Coach (Assistant 1)			Coach (Assistant 2)			Coach (Assistant 3)		

ID	#	Name	✓	DOB	Yellow	Red	ID	#	Name	✓	DOB	Yellow	Red
1	13283553	8 Aymaan Anwar		07/09			1	428337	6 Kedus Anteneh		10/08		
2	14329070	000 Santooman Dossou		10/08			2	23248284	62 Mohamed Bah		01/08		
3	23386379	13 Cody Gay		03/08			3	21580686	57 Victor Barakat		05/08		
4	4358592	18 Evan Goss		05/09			4	29615441	5 Matthew Garcia		02/09		
5	1228328	27 Brandon Gullett		09/08			5	17264568	17 Heizkaya Green		02/08		
6	23679478	2 Elijah Higoy		05/08			6	30038070	29 Oscar Hernandez		12/09		
7	22337425	17 Oskar Lyp		07/08			7	840323	5 Jason Kim		09/08		
8	21557082	21 David Manzanares		06/09			8	903424	26 Kofi Koumi		09/08		
9	558342	0 Andrew Maynard		07/08			9	2054154	30 Junior Lara Portillo		11/08		
10	12348683	29 Riley Pannebaker		11/09			10	18547526	51 Brian Morales Sosa		09/08		
11	580975	6 Cole Petty		03/08			11	1857277	24 Mariano Moreno		04/09		
12	22439625	9 Caleb Scarborough		10/08			12	505559	15 Kyle Osborn		02/08		
13	30329632	23 Kaden Walton		10/09			13	421361	7 Johan Rooh		01/08		
							14	4950977	22 Casey Sanami		04/08		
							15	30142955	38 Vitaly Sokolov		03/08		
							16	17888399	39 Dylan Solano		02/08		

Home Goals								Final Score
By #	Min.	By #	Min.	By #	Min.	By #	Min.	

Away Goals								Final Score
By #	Min.	By #	Min.	By #	Min.	By #	Min.	

Home Official Sign

By signing this report you agree all items reported are valid

Away Official Sign

By signing this report you agree all items reported are valid

Referees	Grade	USSF ID Number	Instructions/Notes
Referee: Alexander Tyshkevych	Regio	2006071574035263	
Asst Referee: Alex Kongkrathun		1000000001847975	
Asst Referee: Danny Vest		2016000003827131	

**Cautionable Offense Codes**

UB = Unsporting Behavior  
 DT = Dissent by word or action  
 PI = Persistent infringement  
 DR = Delays restart of play

**Sending-Off Offense Codes**

FRD = Fails to respect required distance  
 L = Leaves the field without permission  
 E = Enters the field without permission

S = Spits at opponent  
 2CT = Receives 2nd caution  
 DGH = Denies opposing team of obvious goal-scoring opportunity  
 DGF = Denies obvious goal-scoring opportunity to an opponent

- AFTER THE MATCH:**
1. Clearly write the final score of the match
  2. Notate cautions and send-offs
  3. Notate the timings of the goals in the boxes
  4. Get the Match Report signed by a Coach/Manager from each team
  5. Email a copy of the completed Match Report to [Referee@msysa.org](mailto:Referee@msysa.org)
    - Include any Supplemental Report to the email, as well

Referees should only call our On-Call Number: 443-766-0610



# Standards of Dress and Appearance



## STANDARDS OF DRESS AND APPEARANCE OFFICIAL U.S. SOCCER FEDERATION UNIFORM

**UNIFORM:** Always make sure your uniform is clean, neat, and professional in appearance.

### CLASSIC UNIFORM

#### SHIRT

- Long or short sleeve
- Yellow with black pinstripes
- Men's or women's

#### BADGE

- U.S. Soccer Federation with current year (securely fastened to shirt over left chest).
- The badge should be for the highest grade for which the referee is currently qualified

#### SHORTS

- Black shorts
- Bottom edge of shorts not less than 3 or more than 7 inches above the top of the knee cap

#### SOCKS

- Black socks
- U.S. Soccer Federation Referee Program 2-stripe socks

#### SHOES

- Black shoes
- Black laces (may have white manufacturer's design)



### ALTERNATIVE UNIFORMS

The following shirts have been approved by the Federation as alternatives that can be worn in case of color conflict. There is no order of preference among the alternate jerseys. The other parts of the referee uniform (shorts, socks, shoes) do not change if the referee wears an alternate shirt.



Official Sports International is the official supplier of referee uniforms to U.S. Soccer.

Only manufacturer's logos and U.S. Soccer approved badges and/or emblems may be visible on the referee uniform.

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- Full Cup Rules: [2026 State Cup Rules of Competition](#)
- [GotSport Support and Helpful Tutorials](#)
- Referee Abuse: If you encounter referee abuse, please submit this [report](#) which will go to the State Referee Committee. Also call the MSYSA On-Call: 443-766-0610
- If a red card is shown, you must submit the [Supplemental Report](#) and email to [Referee@msysa.org](mailto:Referee@msysa.org)
- Match Day On-Call Assignor Mobile Number: 443-766-0610
- All Assignors: [Referee@msysa.org](mailto:Referee@msysa.org)

**Thank you!**



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