

MANHEIM TOWNSHIP SOCCER CLUB CLUB RULES, POLICIES & GUIDELINES

FIFA "Laws of the Game" and Guidelines apply unless specifically changed below.

Age Specific Rules for U-9/10

Ball - Size 4

Team Size - Girls - 8 v 8,

Boys - 6 v 6 ---minimum 5 needed to play

Game length - 25 minute halves, 5 minute half-time

No Slide Tackles - penalty is direct kick

Fouls, Cards, Penalty Kicks, Offside - Follow FIFA rules

Age Specific Rules for U-11/12

Ball - Size 4

Team Size – Boys 8 v 8, minimum --7 needed to play

Girls 11 v 11, minimum

Game Length - (2) 30 minute halves (Boys) and (4) 15 minute quarters

Half-Time - 5 minute (Boys & Girls)

Between Quarters (Girls) - 2 minutes between quarters. Tell the coaches that the 2nd & 4th quarters will begin 2 minutes after the end of the 1st & 3rd. Blow the whistle at 1 min. Start the game clock at 2 mins. Please enforce this to keep the games moving.

Fouls, Offside, Cards, Penalty Kicks - FIFA rules apply

Age Specific Rules for U-14 and Up

Ball - Size 5

Team Size - 11 v 11, minimum

Game Length :

U-13/14 Boys - 35 minute halves

U-16/19 Boys- 40 minute halves

U-13/14 Girls - 35 minute halves; or 18 minute quarters

U-16/19 Girls- 40 minute halves, or 20 minute quarters

Half-Time - 5 minute

Between Quarters (Girls) - 2 minutes between quarters. Tell the coaches that the 2nd & 4th quarters will begin 2 minutes after the end of the 1st & 3rd. Blow the whistle at 1 min. Start the game clock at 2 mins. Please enforce this to keep the games moving.

Fouls, Offside, Cards, Penalty Kicks - FIFA rules apply

GENERAL CLUB POLICIES: Officials - please enforce these at all levels.

SHIN GUARDS: Shin guards must be worn - and must be INSIDE the sock - NOT pulled down over the sock. Please make them change if incorrect (unless it is raining).

JEWELRY: No jewelry or hard barrettes are to be worn by players for any reason. Do NOT allow them to tape earrings. They MUST come out. If they chose not to remove them, they chose not to play - that is their option. It is NOT an option to play with earring in - no matter how recent.

CASTS: Players with casts may not participate in games regardless of any padding. Players may not wear braces with metal hinges.

BLOOD: Any bleeding player must leave the field and may not return until the bleeding has stopped and blood is cleaned up or covered.

GAME DAY:

CANCELLATIONS: Rain cancellations will be decided at the field by the referee. Unless you are notified of a cancellation, teams and coaches must go to assigned field.

LOCATION: In all age groups, the teams and coaches will be on one side of the field and all Parents and fans on the other side - please enforce this. If there are back to back fields, the teams need to be between the fields and the spectators on the outside. No coaches or spectators should be behind either goal line. The two teams are to be on opposite sides of the center line and about 10 yards from the center line. Coaches are to stay in this area at all times.

SUBSTITUTIONS: Substitutions may be made on a throw-in by the team throwing in, or by either team on a goal kick, at quarters, and at half time. If an injured player leaves the field, each team may make one substitution. All substitutions should be made at the half-way line. Players are to go to the half-way line when the coach wants them to enter the game. The ref will call them on at their next substitution opportunity. Coaches **ARE NOT** to be at the half-way line.

NO Substitutions are to be made without the permission of the referee. After a goal, get the attention of the referee before sending on substitutes.

COACHES ON FIELD: Coaches may be on the field only at beginning of a game and if called on for injury - No coaches are permitted on the field during running time.

GAME PAYMENT

Send your report via email within 48 hours of the game - even if you are only an AR. Payment info is sent to the treasurer Tues evening. If I haven't received your report by then, you will not be paid until the following week. It will probably be the end of the week or early the following week before the treasurer mails checks.

I need a game report to make the payment.

GAME REPORT

Include the following information:

- **Age group**
- **Time**
- **Teams (color)**
- **Score**
- **The names of the center and AR's and whether you were center or AR. If there is a change from the assignments I sent out, please say why.**
- **Any injuries**
- **If there was an incidents w/ player, coaches or spectators. (After the game all refs should discuss and all report to me.)**

PAYMENT SCALE (Revised Spring 2006)

U9/10	Center	\$22	AR's	\$10
U11/12	Center	\$30	AR's	\$14
U13/14	Center	\$36	AR's	\$26
U-15-19	Center	\$50	AR's	\$36

An additional dollar will be added to all fees if a **COMPLETE** game report is filed within **48 hours**. All game reports must be e-mailed to Dave Miller at dsmiller91@verizon.net

RAINY DAYS

Unless you are notified of a cancellation by Dave Miller, rain cancellations will be made at the field at game time. If you cancel a game at the field or if you go to the field and one or both teams don't show, you will be paid. Please send in a game report stating when you arrived, and who was there and why the game was cancelled. You need to be at the field 20 minutes prior to game time to talk with the coaches.

If the fields or referee coordinator cancels games before game time, you will be notified and will not be paid.

If you go to a game and the teams don't show, please send a game report for that day and include information about how long you waited, whether anyone showed up (players, other team, etc.) and you'll be paid.

GENERAL REFEREE INFORMATION

1. Referee Coordinator: If you have any questions, please contact Dave Miller.
Home Phone: 291-4427
2. If there is a problem and you cannot reach me at home you can try 381-8694.
3. Assignments will be made by E-mail each week.

Please read all information below and keep for future reference.

4. I will send out the schedule Sunday or Monday night asking for volunteers. E-mail me with you availability and I will start to assign games. I will send out updates throughout the week with openings that are available. Even if you are not assigned, it is important that you check your E-mail on Wed or Thurs to see if you are being asked to fill in for someone whose plans have changed.
5. Adults, our policy is to assign teens first. If you want to work, please send you availability to Ed Griffis and work for Lanco. Note for new referees: Lanco and MTSC are totally different organizations. You need to complete availability for Ed Griffis to work for Lanco. Information can be found on the website at www.eteamz.com/lancosoccerreferees
6. **Please e-mail or call the Referee Coordinator if:**
You have any problems with coaches or players or the teams do not show up for a scheduled game. These situations should also be noted on your game report.
7. Three man teams, if you work a center you weren't assigned, please note the reason on your game report. Note: If you are the assigned AR, you are NEVER to ask the assigned center if you can do the center. Only the assigned center has the right to ask for a switch. The reason for the switch MUST be included in your game report.

GAME DAY

1. Wear your gold Lanco shirt.
2. Wear black shorts and black referee socks. If it is cold, wear a long- sleeve black shirt under the shirt. If you have alternate shirts, please bring them in case one of the teams has gold shirts.
3. Arrive at the field at least 20 minutes before game time.
4. Check fields, nets, goals, ball, and inspect players for shin guards, no jewelry, etc. **NOTE: Players MUST wear shin guards UNDER socks.** If they have the shin guard on top of the sock, they must change it - even if the sock is turned down over the shin guard. It is your responsibility to enforce this in all games.
5. Introduce yourself to the coaches. Give guidelines, answer questions, and address concerns.
6. Keep a scorecard for each game at the field. Please fill in the age group, time, and the teams' colors. You will look more prepared and can record any problems as they happen.

7. AR's need to complete all information on the report. If you do not work your assigned position, state why a switch was made.
8. If there are any serious injuries or any behavior incidents with fans, coaches, or players, be sure to include that in your game report.
9. If a player is injured and does not return to the game, ask the coach for the player's name and record the type of injury - head, leg, etc. This may be needed for insurance purposes.
10. You are in control from the time you enter the field. However, exercising control should be distinguished from exerting power. Power is ego-centered, personalized, and confrontational. If you don't take yourself seriously, and remember that it's OK to let players and coaches know that you are human, you won't have trouble avoiding coming across as a power broker.

Problems with Coaches

In the past there have been a few coaches and spectators who consistently give the referees a hard time complaining about calls, etc. This is especially true when one of our younger referees is working their game. Do not be "card happy", but do not hesitate to caution or send off a coach who does not quiet down after a warning. One way to approach it is to go to the coach and say quietly "your comments are out of line. Please keep them to yourself. If I have to come over again, we will have to deal with the situation." If the coach does not quiet down, don't hesitate to give them a caution.

If it is a parent who is out of line, go to the coaches and ask them to talk to the parent. If a parent will not quiet down and the coaches cannot get them to leave the area, you can end the game and walk off the field. If you resort to this make sure the coaches know why you are doing it. File a complete game report. Any time you have a "mouthy" coach or parent, put that in your game report so we can ask the coordinator to monitor the coach. If you have had problems with a coach and are scheduled for his game again, or if you are just uncomfortable and want some moral support, please call Dave Miller 291-4427 and he will have someone at your game.

Becoming A Better Referee

If you are a FIFA referee, you need to attend LANCO referee association meetings which are held several Sunday nights during the season. To maintain FIFA certification, you are required to have 5 hours of training each soccer year. It is important that you attend at least 5 meetings during the spring and/or fall season to meet this requirement.

1. You can find Lanco information at www.lancosoccer.org.

-
2. The site for Lanco referees is www.eteamz.com/lancastersoccerreferees/.