



*Soccer Association for Youth, USA*

# **SAY Referee Training Syllabus**

## **LAWS: 5 - 6**



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# **LAW 5:**

# **Referees**



# Referee Equipment



**SAY**

**SYSTEMS OF OFFICIATING**

**ONE REFEREE (1 Whistle)**

**TWO REFEREES (2 Whistles)  
(EQUAL AUTHORITY)**

**ONE REFEREE AND TWO  
ASSISTANT REFEREES  
(1 Whistle)**

**THREE REFEREES (3 Whistles)  
(EQUAL AUTHORITY)**

# OFFICIALS

ENSURE THE GAME IS

**SAFE FUN FAIR**

ENFORCE THE LAWS  
TOGETHER

WORK TOGETHER AS A TEAM

MAINTAIN CONSTANT EYE  
CONTACT

# **REFEREE (DIAGONAL SYSTEM)**

**MAKES THE FINAL DECISION  
ON ALL SITUATIONS**

**DISCUSS MECHANICS PRIOR  
TO THE GAME**

**TRY TO ALLOW THE GAME TO  
FLOW NATURALLY**

# ROLE OF REFEREES

**ENFORCE** THE LAWS

**APPROVE** THE BALL

PLAYERS' EQUIPMENT

**KEEP** THE TIME

**RECORD** GOALS, CAUTIONS,  
EJECTIONS

**STOP** FOR INFRINGEMENTS  
OF THE LAWS  
FOR INJURIES

**DECISION** MAY REVERSE  
DECISION - IF GAME  
HAS NOT RESTARTED

**USE** ADVANTAGE CLAUSE  
MAY CHANGE  
DECISION

**REFRAIN** FROM PENALIZING  
FOR TRIFLING  
OFFENSES

**SIGNAL** TO RESTART AFTER  
ALL STOPPAGES



**CAUTION**

**SHOW A YELLOW CARD**

**FOR MISCONDUCT**

**FOR UNSPORTING  
BEHAVIOR**

# **EJECTION**

**SHOW A RED CARD**

**FOR VIOLENT CONDUCT**

**FOR SERIOUS FOUL PLAY**

**FOR OFFENSIVE OR  
ABUSIVE LANGUAGE**

**SHOW A YELLOW AND RED  
CARD**

**FOR SECOND CAUTIONABLE  
OFFENSE**

# **SUSPEND OR TERMINATE FOR:**

**UNACCEPTABLE FIELD  
CONDITIONS**

**LIGHTNING**

**COACH INTERFERENCE**

**SPECTATOR INTERFERENCE**

**SERIOUS DISORDER**

# **ALLOW**

**ONLY PLAYERS ON FIELD**

**OTHERS ONLY WITH  
REFEREE'S PERMISSION**

# **REPORT**

**ALL EJECTIONS**

**TERMINATED GAMES**

**NO-SHOW, SUSPENDED GAMES**

# **LAW 6:**

# **Assistant Referees**



**NEUTRAL ASSISTANT  
REFEREE**

**ANY QUALIFIED SAY  
OFFICIAL**

**SHALL SIGNAL**

**WHEN THE BALL LEAVES  
THE FIELD OF PLAY**

**GOAL JUDGE**

**CORNER-KICK**

**GOAL-KICK**

**THROW-IN**

**SHALL SIGNAL**

**OFFSIDE**

**FOUL OR MISCONDUCT OUT  
OF VIEW OF REFEREE**

**SUBSTITUTION**

**SHALL NOT**

**ISSUE CAUTIONS OR  
EJECTIONS**

# **ASSIST THE REFEREE**

**INSPECT THE FIELD**

**INSPECT PLAYER'S  
EQUIPMENT**

**SELECTION OF GAME BALL**

**BACK-UP TIME KEEPER**

**BACK-UP RECORDKEEPER**

**GAME CONTROL**



# **CLUB LINESPERSON**

**ANYONE WHO IS NOT A  
QUALIFIED SAY OFFICIAL**

**SHOULD ONLY SIGNAL  
WHEN BALL IS OUT OF  
PLAY**

**SHALL NOT BE PERMITTED  
TO MAKE ANY OTHER  
CALLS OR INTERFERE WITH  
THE GAME**