



Delco Soccer Coaches Guide

During the week before your home game

The home coach should contact their opposing coach of the game(s) for the coming weekend. Communication exchange should center on the following:

- **Verification of directions** /parking (or traffic tips)
- **Game time details** / any possible field or weather issues
- **Uniform Color** for each team should be agreed upon, if a conflict in color the home team must yield and change uniforms to secondary.
- **Home coach should verify with their delegate that their referee assignor has been contacted to reconfirm the club's home schedule for the week.**

Pregame

- **Roster / Card Check** - Coaches must exchange EPYSA printed game day rosters generated from the EPYSA system (not your Delco stamped roster) and check the cards of every player. A copy should be given to the referee as well. Any player not playing **MUST** be crossed out, if not they will be considered as having played even if they didn't. Any guest players (playing up) must be written in fully. Coaches can **NOT** submit a protest later about player eligibility if they didn't fully check passes against the roster and players who are present. Per the bylaws there is a fine for not checking passes if it is reported to the league. The game must be played even if a player's eligibility is questioned by one of the teams. A protest prior to the game must be made to the referee and noted in his game report.
- **Field Check** – both coaches must check the field, for appropriate lines (as per Delco specifications), corner flags, and goals / nets for safety. Only the referee can deem a field unplayable once at the field.
- **Payment of referee(s)** is ½ of payment by each team; **you must get the referees full name prior to the game starting. (You will need it for your game report)**
- Make sure all supporters are aware of the league rules on what is acceptable behavior prior to every game, that way someone being “new” or not being at one of your parents meeting is not an excuse.
- If a referee does not show for a game the game must still be played. Both coaches must agree upon a substitute referee(s) and note that a referee did not show in their game report.

Guest Player Rules

Delco is 100% EPYSA registered this year, and supports a “Club Pass” in that a player may “play up within the same club” to a team in a higher division or age group to which team they are rostered on. Players cannot play down. Secondary players are not supported until U15.

Implications of guest player violations – any team to be found with a roster violation or fielding an ineligible player will be given a forfeit and fine for any game in which that player participates.



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Sideline procedures

Delco rules indicate that teams both sit on the same sideline, each taking ½ of the field. Coaches and players must remain on their half of the field during the game at all times. Coaches must remain in the coaching area. This technical area should be marked off by lines or cones. Parents and fans must sit across from their team. No one may sit behind the goals on either end. The exact measurements can be found on the website under field layout.

All people, players, fans and parents must behave properly. The referee will ask the coaches to calm down their supporters if needed. The head coach is responsible for the parents and supporters of their team. The referee may eject the coach if he is unable to keep parents or supporters under control. Fans & players must be a min of at least 1 yard up to a max. of 3 yds. back from the field at all times. This line should be marked parallel to the field sideline markings. All subs should enter thru the midfield line.

Substitution / Game Rules

- For all age groups in Delco a team can sub on their own throw in or on the other team's throw in only if the opposing team is subbing as well. All teams may sub during a goal kick, no teams may sub during a corner kick. Players must be up at the midfield line ready to sub in.
- At U9 only Goal kicks are taken from the 14 yard box.
- Standard FIFA rules apply in other cases.

Referee

Each team must get the referees full name (write it down) and give the head coaches pass and ½ of total amount of payment to the referee(s) prior to the game.

If the game has any cards / incidents, then you must record the name and infraction of the player in your online game report. Coaches must report all incidents in their game reports.

They report if ref is late, no show, field not ready for play, field not marked with the technical/parents area. passes not checked, red/yellow cards, game not started on time, and other incidents.

Ejections & Incidents

Any player or coach who is ejected will be automatically ineligible for the next league game, and will be fined per the bylaws/ per incident. Delegates will be notified of the fine due and length of suspension to be served. Any team failing to pay fines will not be able to participate in league



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play until the fines are paid. Delco Soccer League takes incidents seriously, so use your best judgment when reporting them.

Field Conditions / Cancellations

A coach **MAY NEVER** cancel a game for any reason, only the club delegate can close the fields with league approval. Ample notice must be given to warn the away team prior to their leaving for the game. If a game doesn't get played and it wasn't postponed by the club delegate thru the league procedures, then it will be a forfeit for both teams. Contacting an opposing coach means speaking with them in person or at least getting confirmation that they are aware. Simply leaving a voicemail message is not acceptable, you need to follow up until you are 100% sure they are aware. Cancelled games should be made up within 2 weeks of cancellation.

Post Game

You must file a game report within **24 hours** of the end of the game. Reports are filed on www.delcosoccer.org. Failure to report a game will result in a \$25 fine per incident.

It is probably best to have more than 1 person who can fill out the game report.

Things you need for your game report:

- The referees full name
- Recording any field issues & incidents (all cards **MUST** have name, number and reason)
- The score of the game

Scores and Standings:

The score of a game is to be reported by both teams each week. The score however will only show online after the home team submits their game report. Away coaches who report their scores and do not see them reflected online are more than welcome to contact the home team to remind them to report the score! Standings are automatically updated when the home team reports the score. Both coaches should check weekly what is reported in case of an error in your reporting.

For any issues the delegates should contact Goose at refereeliason@delcosoccer.org