

Last Paragraph under TEAM ROSTERS:

A maximum of three non-players or non-substitutes will be allowed on the team side of the field. Anyone who is not a player on the team MUST have a valid USYSA State Association Risk Management pass. Furthermore, there must be one adult (age of 21 years or greater) on the team side of the field the entire time the team that they are with are on the field, including the warm-up time before the match until all of the players leave the field. Any youth coaches on the team side MUST carry a valid USYSA State Association Risk Management pass which identifies them as an Under 21 coach. Should the league subsequently find that a youth coach is participating with an adult Risk Management pass, it will be carry the same penalty as a dismissal (send off) from the match. The league also reserves the right to take further action against the club that sponsored the team.

PLAYER/COACH'S PASSES:

All players (on teams older than U10) and coaches MUST have a player's or coach's pass, signed and sealed by the league/district registrar or State Risk Management officer, with a photo that is no more than 2 years old, in order to participate in any BCSA game and/or be on the team sideline. If a team is from a USYSA state association that does not have a Risk Management Program, then the coaches and sideline personnel must have a risk management pass issued by NYSWYSA; whether they be adult coaches or Under 21 coaches. All Youth Risk Management passes must identify the coach as being under the age of 21. U8 and U10 players and substitutes (not coaches) are exempt from this rule. There are no other exceptions to this rule.

In addition the team must present the referee crew with an original signed (if Under 8 or Under 10) or approved (if Under 12 or over) team roster listing all players. Referees are to check to be certain that the passes and the certified roster match. At the conclusion of the match the certified roster will be returned to the coaching staff. For Under 8 and Under 10 the rosters must be signed by the club registrar and need no state stamp, seal or approval. A coach or trainer may be on the team sideline without being on the roster provided that they have a valid USYSA Risk Management pass.

This rule is not to be interpreted and must be strictly enforced by all referees at all BCSA league games, including the games on opening weekend. Any team appearing without authorized player passes shall be deemed as forfeiting the game and will be fined the forfeit penalty plus applicable referees fees per occurrence. Any individual player(s) without an authorized player pass (except U8 and U10 teams) who appears on the team roster will not be allowed to participate or remain on the team. Likewise, if a team shows at a game site without a coach with a valid USYSA Adult (over 21) Risk Management pass, the game shall not be started and deemed a forfeit, as if the team did not show at the field at all.

In the event that a team appears at a game site with passes but without the certified roster, a *neatly printed* roster with the players' names and pass numbers shall given to the referee who, in turn, will file a report with the league registrar attaching said roster to the report. A \$5 fine will be imposed on the team for each such instance.

There will be a 15 minute grace period at the beginning of the match for each team and coach to present their required documentation or the game shall be deemed a forfeit to all parties who were unable to provide the proper and required documentation. The game shall not start until the documentation is complete. If a team official at the game site refuses to provide said documentation AND said team is not at full strength

BUT has enough players to start the match (typically 7), the referee shall have the authority to abandon the match and the match shall be considered a forfeit. DOCUMENTATION SHALL NOT BE USED AS A DELAYING TACTIC. If a coach or manager is not normally going to be the person responsible for providing the required documentation, they must carry with them a photocopy of all pertinent documentation that may be used to check the team into the match should the person who normally carries the documentation be delayed arriving at the match site, BUT the originals of all of the required documentation must be provided at halftime or the match shall be deemed a forfeit. In any case, the coaches must always have the original risk management pass. No photocopy of that document will be considered valid.

If for whatever reason, a team is unable to have an adult with a valid Risk Management pass on the team side of the field at any point during a match, the game shall be terminated and considered a forfeit by said team with all the penalties that any forfeit implies.

NOTE: Adults who are properly on the sideline with the team will be responsible for the actions of all members of the team; including youth coaches. Should an adult coach refuse or be unable to control the actions of his or her team, the game shall be terminated and the adult coach will automatically be penalized for failure to control the bench area. This penalty shall be the same as if the coach had been sent-off (or dismissed) from the match.

Other Notes

1. Every member of the organization is responsible for the actions of its coaches, players, officials and spectators before, during and at the conclusion of the game.
2. Each coach during the game is responsible for the verbal and physical actions of its team, coaches and spectators. All players and youth coaches who are sent-off or dismissed from a match shall not be required to leave the team side of the field. All said persons are still under the authority of the adult who is present on the sideline and said adult is solely responsible for their actions. *A coach may be asked to leave the field as a result of a violation of this rule and will be subject to all fines as if he/she had committed the misconduct. If a spectator is ejected, the team shall be fined \$25 for each occurrence. If a game is terminated due to the inability of the coach to control the team sideline, said coach shall automatically considered to have been dismissed and all send-off fines and penalties shall be applied to said coach.*
3. Any BCSA player, coach or spectator involved in any unsporting like incident reported by the game officials in any competition, shall be suspended immediately from any involvement in BCSA related activities for a period to be determined by BCSA.
4. Any player, coach or team official who assaults (civilly or criminally) a referee, shall automatically be suspended for at least one year. NYSWYSA will be notified of the occurrence.
5. There will be a maximum of 3 non-players allowed for each team on the players side of the field. This includes coaches, assistants, managers, photographers, spectators, trainers and parents. ALL SUCH PERSONS MUST HAVE A VALID USYSA STATE ASSOCIATION RISK MANAGEMENT

PASS. IF SUCH A PERSON IS UNDER THE AGE OF 21, SAID PASS MUST IDENTIFY THAT PERSON AS BEING UNDER THE AGE OF 21.

6. Ejection of a coach or team official will have the same penalties as a player (sit out one game plus a \$25 fine).
7. If a referee does not arrive and both coaches agree, the game may be played with a volunteer referee. The league encourages teams to play if at all possible. Agreement should be noted in the game report to the AGC.
8. Report the absence of a referee or referee assistant to your AGC.
9. If the assigned referee arrives, the game may be turned over to him at a stoppage of play or at half time after establishing with him the time remaining. The game will continue, not be restarted.
10. When a player, coach, manager or club official assaults a referee or an official referee assistant, and the assault amounts to physical violence, the state association has sole right and authority to adjudicate the matter. The President of BCSA having information about such assault will, on completion of an investigation and determination that an assault did occur, immediately notify the proper state association authorities and give them all of the information BCSA has compiled.
11. If a player starts bleeding during the game, they must be removed from the game until the bleeding stops, and is properly covered.

Cautions and Send Offs

1. All rules covering cautions and send offs are covered by the FIFA Laws of the Game. BCSA has also added to these laws with additional rules.
2. Coaches and all other non-players/non-substitutes on the team side of the field are reminded that any verbal warning received from a referee shall be considered a CAUTION just as if the referee had shown a yellow card. If any non-player is dismissed from the match, he or she will not be shown the red card BUT BCSA will treat the situation as if the red card had been shown. Adults who are dismissed must leave the sight and sound of the field. If it is subsequently discovered that an adult who has been dismissed has not left the sight and sound of the field, or is within sight or sound of the additional match that they must sit out, severe additional penalties will be levied. Sitting out games by team players or officials (adult or youth) is a serious matter under the BCSA Code of Conduct. Failure to do so properly is a serious breach of that Code.
3. If a player during the game is sent off, they must sit out the remainder of the game (while their team plays short) plus their next game at that level of competition. In NYSWYSA, level of competition is defined as any game in which that player would play with the pass that he was playing with when the send off was issued. This includes State Cup competition, tournaments, in or out of the Binghamton

District, BCSA Spring League game or ODP. This sit out carries over from one season to the next season if the penalty was not served. The sit out must be served in whole matches of which the total playing time is at least the same amount of time as the full BCSA game in which they were suspended. If a coach, substitute or other non-player is sent off the field or dismissed, they must also serve the same suspension. Depending on the severity or volume of offenses committed, the Board of Directors reserves the right to increase the amount of time to be served.

4. A send off or dismissal in BCSA games also costs the player or coach or other non-player a \$25 fine, payable to BCSA. The fine must be paid before the player, coach or other such person can resume playing or attending games.
5. Any send off issued will result in that person's State Association pass being sent to the Spring League Coordinator. The pass will be returned after that person has sat out the one game suspension and paid the \$25 fine to BCSA. It is the responsibility of the club to see that this fine is paid to the BCSA Treasurer.
6. Any person who is sent off or dismissed more than once during the Spring League season shall appear before a review committee appointed by the President (three or more members). This review committee shall have the power to suspend the person from further participation. Failure to appear shall result in immediate suspension.
7. Strong or vulgar language is punishable for players and coaches with a send off or dismissal.
8. Any person who is sent-off or dismissed can not communicate with anyone at any match from which they are banned using any means, electronic or otherwise.