

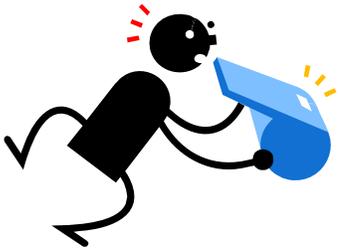


# S.A.Y. Soccer Referee Tips

**FOR U5 & U7 REFEREES!**

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## Introduction

S.A.Y. Soccer is recreational soccer. We usually play a summer and a fall season.

During the season there is usually one game per week with a little practice before the game.

Fun & good sportsmanship are stressed & each player plays at least 50% of each game. U5 and U7 games are refereed by the coaches who are parent volunteers.

U9, U12 and U15 Premiere League will be provided with certified referees. SAY Soccer motto is "Kids having Fun". The purpose of using referees in any game is to promote fairness to each player and to encourage the kids to have fun.



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### S.A.Y Soccer is about:

- \* Kids having fun
- \* Safe Environment
- \* Teach Soccer fundamentals & teamwork Soccer
- \* Our success will be measured by the above & by our improvement, not by wins & losses.

## Good Referee Practices

Here are some good referee practices:

- Come to a game prepared. Bring your uniform, a time taking device and your whistle at a minimum.
- The most important aspect of the game is safety. Before starting the game, observe the kid who will be playing. Make sure they have proper attire. No-one should be allowed to play without shin guards or with any jewelry on. Notify their coach if you see any kid which do not comply.
- Make sure you are heard on the field. Your use of the whistle is very important. Do not be aggressive, but loud enough for all to hear. It is important for all players to hear when the whistle is blown as well as the people on the sidelines.
- When a player conducts a foul, help the player know what he/she did wrong. Most of the players do not know the soccer rules. It will help prevent them from conducting the same foul again.
- Be an authority figure, but not a "buddy". Do not argue with players, coaches or parents. It is prudent to explain a decision if someone ask, but do not debate with any individual.
- Be impartial. Even if there are family members or kids you know on one team, you are required to maintain an impartial mind.
- Always have a positive attitude. Smile a lot. This will have a big impact on the kids. Thank the players and coaches after the game if possible.
- At the U5 and U7 level, most fouls are for poor technique. However, cut down on serious behavior (Such as foul mouth, direct kicking or hitting someone) immediately.
- Move around the field with the play. There will be less questions about your decisions if you are close to where a foul happened.
- If thunder/lightning is in the forecast, forewarn the coaches the game may be cancelled. At the first sight of thunder/lightning cancel the game and tell the players and parents to seek safety away from any trees and open fields.
- Remember; there is no offside in a U5 or U7 game.



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## The Soccer Laws

These are the 17 Soccer Laws:

1. Law One—The Field of Play
2. Law Two—The Ball
3. Law Three—Players and Substitutions
4. Law Four—Players Equipment
5. Law Five—The Referee
6. Law Six—Assistant Referee
7. Law Seven—Duration of the Game
8. Law Eight—The Start of Play
9. Law Nine—Ball In and Out of Play
10. Law Ten—Method of Scoring
11. Law Eleven—Offside
12. Law Twelve—Fouls and Misconduct
13. Law Thirteen—Free Kick
14. Law Fourteen—Penalty Kick
15. Law Fifteen—Throw-In
16. Law Sixteen—Goal Kick
17. Law Seventeen—Corner Kick

SAY of Chicago have adopted part of SAY Soccer's Rules. They can be found at:

<http://www.saysoccer.org/pages/images/09rulebookplayrules.pdf>

## Say Referee Signals

