

RCCFO 2023 Youth League

Team, Coach, Player, and Fan Expectations

Leagues are encouraged to schedule a minimum of 3 Saturday contests per week with the start times being 16:00, 18:00 & 20:00

RCCFO currently does not have enough officials to cover all Sunday games.

Youth League Responsibilities: Pre-Season

- **Youth Scrimmages**
 - For any youth scrimmage in which RCCFO officiates, each participating organization will be charged \$100.00 for each team. *(Ex. XYZ has 1 A, 1 B & 1 C team = \$300.00, or XYZ has 1 A, 2 B's & 1 C Team -= \$400.00)*
- **Schedules and League Rules**
 - Each League shall submit their full schedule no later than one (1) month prior to their first scheduled games.
 - Schedule must be submitted in an understandable format
 - Late fee for submitting schedules:
 - Late schedule fees are per week, thus if season schedule is received late - \$50 offense
 - Not submitted 1 week prior to season, second offense - \$100.00 fine (\$150.00 total)
 - No submission by weekend prior to first games – \$50.00 Fine (\$200.00 total) No officials 1st week
 - League to notify RCCFO immediately of any changes to their schedule via email (assigners & president)
 - Prior to the season leagues must provide the address of each teams home field location
 - Prior to the season all teams are to provide the RCCFO a location for our officials (4) to park when hosting home games. This location will be near the field/stadium entrance. *This a safety request so we are in a group entering and leaving the field. This is due to officials being followed and challenged in the parking lot after games.*
 - Leagues should provide special rules to the RCCFO before the season
 - These rules will be placed on the RCCFO web site
 - If no specific league rules – NFHS rules will apply
- **Review with Parents & Coaches -Expectations**
 - League officials need to review with parents and coaches behavior expectations
 - Stress they are not seeing a sectional final crew
 - Most of the time working with younger officials
 - Learning/training for new officials
 - If current behavior continues, the result will be no officials will be assigned to your games

Youth League Responsibilities: Game Day

- **On site Organization Representative**
 - Each organization is required to provide a representative that will be available for the day
 - Both home and away representative to meet with officials before the start of days games
 - Meeting should include both representatives
 - Review any special (league) rules, provide officials a list of special rules
 - Meeting is time to get agreement between the two teams that the rules being presented are the rules that we are going to play by, and review ZERO tolerance policy for coaches and spectators

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- Each representative will provide the lead official with a card containing your name and contact number, as well as the head coach for each division
- Each representative will be provided a card containing the officials for the day
- If either representative needs to leave the site, an alternate contact must be reported to the lead official. Even if this means stopping a game.
- No representative (per weekend, offenses are cumulative)
 - First offense: warning
 - Second offense: \$50
 - Third offense: \$100, etc.
 - *Referee to track and report to assignors and president if there are problems via email*
 - If needed, due to no representation by a team an email from the RCCFO President to the league president and organization president informing them of this issue and fines due.
- **Payment of officials**
 - Payment should be before first game and for the number of games to be worked
 - Worst case – payment by halftime of first game
 - If hosting teams – hosted teams are responsible for paying officials before their games
 - Payment:
 - Cash or check
 - If cash, separate payment in 4 envelopes
 - Payment not received by halftime of first game – Penalty:
 - First offense: no penalty, an email from the RCCFO President to the league president and organization president informing them of delinquent payment
 - Second offense: Penalty
 - Penalty – same structure as late schedules
 - \$50.00, \$100.00, \$200.00
 - Official game fees for 2023 = \$85.00 per game / per official - no mileage
 - 1 game = \$85.00 per official
 - 2 games = \$170.00 per official
 - 3 games = \$255.00 per official
- **Game Representative: (coaches)**
 - Meet with officials before game, discuss no tolerance policy
 - Only person that will speak to the officials during the game
 - Any violation, no on field warning - unsportsman penalty administered against individual (\$50 fine)
 - *Referee to track and report to assignors and RCCFO president if there are problems via email following the game*
- **Start of Games**
 - Try to keep game start time as scheduled
- **Player / Coaches / Parent behavior**
 - Player
 - If a player is ejected from the game:
 - Player is unable to play for the rest of that game
 - Player is not available for the next scheduled game (Section V rule)
 - Lead official to report disqualification to RCCFO president and assigners via email after the game

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- Coach(es)
 - Zero tolerance –
 - A \$50.00 fine will be imposed on any coach who receives an UNSPORTSMAN penalty. Two unsportsman penalties on the same coach results in a disqualification, see below:
 - If a coach is disqualified/ejected:
 - They must leave the stadium before the game resumes
 - a \$200.00 fine will be imposed and must be paid no later than 3 days prior to the next scheduled game. If no payment is received, RCCFO will not officiate that level of play the following Saturday/Sunday. **NO NEGOTIATION**
 - First offense: \$200 fine, RCCFO will provide officials the following week
 - Second offense: \$200 fine, RCCFO will not provide officials the following week for that level of play (A, B, or C), team will forfeit.
 - Third offense: No officials for the rest of the season for that level of play (A, B, or C)
 - Separate tracking for A, B, and C levels
- Parental Incident
 - Parent(s) removed from game site
 - First offense: \$200 fine, RCCFO will provide officials the following week
 - Second offense: \$200 fine, RCCFO will not provide officials the following week for that level of play (A, B, or C), team will forfeit.
 - Third offense: No officials for the rest of the season for that level of play (A, B, or C)
 - Separate tracking for A, B, and C levels
 - Want to penalize the offending team coaches/parents, not the whole organization
 - If first or second game is assigned no officials, following games start times will be adjusted so that there is not a gap between game s
 - Ex: A game is suspended due to previous incident – Game times will be 11:00 & 1:00. (10:30 & 12:30)
- Stands/Bleacher Incident
 - If there is problem in the stands, and the individual cannot be identified
 - Game will be stopped and the coach on that sideline will be asked to identify who needs to be removed. If no one is identified the game will be suspended and a forfeit will be awarded.
 - If there is a second incident on the same sideline, the game will be suspended and a forfeit will be awarded.
 - If one set of stands, both coaches will be brought together
 - If person(s) cannot be identified, the whole sideline will be cleared
 - Both teams will be suspended the following week
 - See fine schedule noted above for offenses
 - Officials will call 911 to avoid problems and have incident documented
 - Head official to notify assignors and RCCFO president of any problems by Sunday night via email
 - Meeting between RCCFO, league representative, offending team representative(s) (president & coach)
 - Discuss problem and how they will be resolved
 - Resolution determines if officials will be assigned the following week

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- Offending team(s) will NOT have officials assigned the following week until fine is paid and meeting is held (PAYPAL / VENMO quickest way to pay fines)
- Parent(s) following officials to their car
 - Officials to call 911 to report problem, document incident
 - Officials to report problem to assignors and RCCFO president
 - Fine – See fine schedule above for parent incident
- If a team suspension creates a gap in the schedule, the schedule should be adjusted to remove the gap, so games run consecutively.