

SUMMER

The 1st two weeks of the summer season are open to self assign. We will then be opening up the games every Sunday afternoon to keep them 2 weeks in advance available to you. Please read and reference the following rules and reminders for the upcoming season. You may wish to come back to these periodically as the season progresses.

Please contact your assignors by email, phone call, or text if there are any red cards or negative interactions with teams or spectators. We cannot help with something if we don't know about it. Do not suffer in silence as you have a huge support network here ready for just you.

- 1) Games are during the weekdays in the evenings at 6p and 7:30. Please try and do both games if you can as it is generally more difficult to have people travel between two locations on the same evening.
- 2) Summer rules can be found here: <https://thurstoncountysoccer.com/downloads> under the Referee section.
- 3) Games U12 and up have 30 minute halves. All 6p games must end by 7:20p so that the next game can start on time.
- 4) Summer is a hard time for some teams to have enough players on any given night. Rosters need to be handwritten or printed and given to the referee before any match u11 and up. It is suggested that referees and coaches come up with agreed upon solutions on making sure the games are fair and competitive to allow the players that are present to play and have a positive experience. This may include sharing players or playing down in players.
- 5) Water breaks need to be agreed upon by the referees and coaches but are used pretty often in the summer. The clock stays running during the break.
- 6) No more than 3 select players may play for a given rec team. Players may be handwritten on the rosters but the referee will need names and numbers for any misconducts that are issued. Players will be guests playing on sometimes multiple teams so we don't want them getting away with being unkind towards others. Any player that is not registered may not be allowed to play. A player that is non-registered and "snuck" on to play will have the player and head coach removed from the field.
- 7) Coaches are encouraged to keep the scores within 5 goals.
- 8) Coaches are in charge of their sidelines from when teams show up to when they leave the field. Any spectator issues need to be addressed by the coaches. If they fail to do so they will receive a caution. If it continues or is threatening then the coach receives either a second yellow then red or simply a red card based on the severity of the actions. We have come a long way in this community and we want to make sure it stays positive for the players, referees, and families.
- 9) No yellow or red cards to players u10 and younger. A player playing in a dangerous manner however can be asked to be removed by the referee or perhaps removed for a given amount of time within reason.
- 10) If there are no RMA certified coaches available on the roster then the game is going to be terminated. Each team is required to have 2 RMA coaches available and placed on the roster.

Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns.

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