

Procedural Items for LIT

8:30AM Games

If you have a **8:30AM** game Please be at the fields **no later than 8:10 AM**. At 8:20 AM I will check fields to make sure there are 3 refs on all the games. It will cause a great deal of confusion and since I will be on my fifth or sixth cup of coffee a large amount of anxiety that I will transfer to you if you are late. If for some reason you will be late for your 8:30AM game call me so I will know you will be there, 396-4888 (please read section above about anxiety)

Phone

The cell I will be using for the tournament is 859-396-4888. If something happens and you need to call me during tournament weekend use that #.

Game Ball

Home team supplies game ball. If they don't have a good one ask the visiting team for a ball.

Team Check in

Field Marshals will handle team check in and keep the player passes and pay you after the game.

Ejections

If you issue a red card at the tournament here is the procedure I would like you to follow. **After the game from the player's pass write down the player's name, age group and team. The field marshal will then send the player pass back to HQ so records can be properly kept. Please do not keep the player pass yourself. As soon as you have some time between games fill out a referee report.** The referee reports and supplementals will be in the referee tent. I do not need a supplemental report unless you issue the red card/cards for violent conduct or serious foul play. If you have a serious injury in a game I will need a report and supplemental. **After you finish the report take it to the headquarters tent.**

Other items

Please bring a chair for your use between games, bring something you can carry water in so you will have water between games.

Between games when you are not officiating please do not wear your uniform (referee shirt). If you are one of the referees who has a child playing in the tournament and who is also officiating please do not wear your uniform (referee shirt) while you watch the game.

You can download rules, maps, procedural items from the web at <http://www.lexingtonfc.org/LIT/Referees.htm>

Food will be provided to referees at the concession trailers. The workers in the concession trailers will have a list of referees. Identify yourselves to the workers in the trailers and they will mark your name from the list. In general, one meal for every 3 games worked. Meal consists of drink, bag of chips, candy bar and cheeseburger.

It is extremely important that you get to your fields for your game as soon as you can. If you wait till the last minute to show up to the fields it causes a lot of confusion between ref coordinators and field marshals. If you get to your field and someone is late go ahead and get the coin toss and other pre game items done so the game can start as soon as all refs are present.

LIT TOURNAMENT RULES

Use a World Cup entrance for all finals.

Laws of the Game: Matches shall be played according to “Laws of the Game and Universal Guide for Referees” published by FIFA. USYSA Rules affecting game play shall apply unless amended below. **OFFSIDE IS CALLED IN ALL AGE GROUPS EXCEPT U9 ACADEMY**

Age Group	Length of Game	Overtime Period*	Ball Size
U-14 - U-13	Two 35 minute halves	PK's	#5
U-12 - U-11	Two 30 minute halves	PK's	#4
U-10	Two 25 minute halves	PK's	#4
U-9	Two 25 minute halves	No	#3

*NO OVERTIMES, STRAIGHT TO PK'S PK'S ARE ONLY USED IN SEMIS AND FINALS NOT POOL PLAY

Substitutions: Substitutions shall be unlimited. Substitutions shall be made from the mid-field line with the consent of the referee at the following times: 1) **Prior to a throw in your favor (note if a team in possession chooses to substitute, the opposing team may also substitute at that time);** 2) Prior to a goal kick for either team; 3) After a goal for either team; 4) After an injury to either team, when the referee stops play; 5) Between periods; and 6) When play is stopped to administer a caution.

Minimum Number of Players: A team failing to field the minimum number of players required to start a game for that age group within 10 minutes following the designated starting time shall forfeit the match. The score of the forfeited match shall be recorded as 4-0.

Uniforms and Equipment: Shin guards are required and socks must be worn to completely cover shin guards. All players must wear the same team uniform, each with a different number. If a uniform color conflict occurs, the home team will be responsible for changing uniforms. As a guideline, home teams should wear white/light colors; visitors wear dark. Home teams shall also provide a game ball.

U9 Academy Games: The U9 Academy plays 2 -25 minute halves. There is only one ref per game in U9 except for a couple of games that got assigned 3 refs. Talk to coaches prior to first game to see how they want the games called. **OFFSIDE is NOT called in U9 Academy**

Overtime: There will be no overtime. Semi's and Championships go straight to PK!