



Coach Meeting

March 23, 2022
Zoom Meeting

Agenda



Welcome to NCSA/General Information



Game Issues/Changes and Rules of Competition



Q&A



How does your team relate to the NCSA?



NCSA – over
950 teams for
Spring 2022

Your game
each weekend
is one of over
450+ games

Each of your
games is the
most important
to NCSA

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Watermarking US Club Roster for Spring 2022



1. Clubs still submit rosters for watermarking in the same manner as before.
2. NCSA uploads the roster to our database, which watermarks it and places the season and date of upload automatically.
3. Changes in the US Club Roster require submission in the same manner for watermarking.
4. Coaches can access their roster under TEAM GAME MANAGEMENT>>>View/Print Active US Club roster for any team with which they are associated in NCSA database.
5. Club officials can access the roster under TEAM GAME MANAGEMENT>>>View/Print Active US Club roster for all teams within their club

All paperwork is electronic and supports contactless interaction

Pre-Game/Week of Game

- Via the website, make sure you are working off the current US Club NCSA roster (e.g. any additions to your official roster)
 - Make sure the NCSA watermark is there)
- Via the website, create the MatchDay form (typically 24 hours before game)
 - Enter every coach that will be on sideline during game (max 4)
 - Enter every play-up that will participate during game
 - **If coach(es) or play-up(s) are not on MatchDay form they CANNOT play regardless if you possess their pass during game**

Game Day

- You can enter a coach and/or play-up on game day; BUT, you must enter them via the website
 - Bring your smartphone, have a backup person to assist
 - Once you generate a 'new' MatchDay form the referee can grab it from the website at check-in
 - **Be prepared.** Referees typically have multiple games and we don't want to delay the next game (and many referees will need to travel to other fields – as well as coming from other games)
 - *"I forgot my password"* is no different than in prior seasons to *"I don't have my paperwork"* NO Paperwork – NO Pass – NOT Entered on MatchDay – No Fees – NO PLAY
 - Referee payment: Cash (exact change), Check (exact amount), and Venmo (yes, Venmo)

Coaches, work with your Club to ensure you have access, you are listed as the coach for the team(s), and have a routine

Match Day Form for Spring 2022



1. The creation of the Match Day Form (MDF) by a coach is mobile friendly to accommodate any necessary coach updating MDF at the field before game time. This will replace any handwritten changes/additions made at game time.
2. A data field is on the form to capture the Coach Pass Number on the MDF.
3. To facilitate the inclusion of the coach pass number, a coach may now save the coach's pass number under PERSONAL INFORMATION>>>Edit Personal Data.
4. If the pass number is saved for that coach, it will prepopulate on the MDF creation page just as it prepopulates the coaches' names.
5. For coaches' info not prepopulated, it may still be typed in.
6. The instruction language has been clarified that all players playing up (a broader term under Fall 2021 Rules) must be listed with uniform number, player name, pass number and NCSA team registered to.
7. The list of teams the player playing up is to be chosen from includes all NCSA league teams from that club. In theory, even a female U10 player might be rostered to a U12 boys team and is eligible to play "up" on the U10 boys team this Fall so all teams are listed.
8. The MDF creation page contains a certification of compliance with the statements on the MDF by the person creating it on behalf of all coaches. The language of the MDF can be accessed by a link before saving the MDF as well as on the public site under STANDINGS/OTHER GAME INFO>>>Game Day Form.

Game Issues/Changes



TBS Games

- Any TBS **MUST** be officially scheduled (not played) within 2 weeks of the TBS date
 - TBS games at the start of the season **MUST** be scheduled (not played) within 2 weeks from the start of the season
 - If not scheduled within 4 weeks (fines can already be assessed) NCSA **CAN** schedule the game automatically

Inclement Weather

- Pre-game – Referee or Home Club calls game before start – Each referee gets \$25 travel fee
 - Any other stoppage the referees get full-fee – ZERO exceptions
- Lightning/Thunder during game (ROC 6.10):
 - Understand the implications of waiting it out (Referees may have other games)
- Games become official once the first half is completed

Other Game Issues

- Game abandoned by Coach: Other than the philosophical question of ‘Why’ – just don’t do it
- Excessive scoring: 7 is the differential
 - Do you know the risks?
 - Do you or have you adjusted your style when you are up, say, 4-0?
- Red cards: If you are the only coach, the game is over – PERIOD
- Unruly spectators: Referee can, at their discretion, abandon the game
 - Coaches: This is your problem – PERIOD
- **Regarding payments, should there be any issues Home team is 100% responsible to pay 100% of the fees at the field (i.e. if Visiting team doesn’t show)**

Per Above: Should any of the events convert a game to TBS

- Immediately start scheduling those games

TBS (To Be Scheduled) Games

- **General Info**
 - TBS at the start of the season must be scheduled within 2 weeks of season start (when the first NCSA game is played)
 - Games during the season that 'turn' to a TBS must be scheduled within 2 weeks of the date the game became a TBS
- **Home team shall provide 3 reasonable options for reschedule**
 - Sunday Sept 10 4pm; Sunday Sept 10 9am; Monday Sept 18 5pm: Is that reasonable?
 - Why not give 4, or 5
 - Understand your opponent may have zero control over their fields, generally first-come first-served process
- **Visitor team can proactively do the same in the spirit of getting games scheduled**
 - Share what you can do vs what you absolutely cannot do
 - Leverage your club for coach options. Do you really need to be there?
- **“I’ve sent countless emails”; “They are not responding to my emails”; “They are being unreasonable”**
 - Did you call them?
 - Did you offer reasonable options, did the other side do the same
 - Really?
- **Work with your Club/Team ahead of time to be prepared**
 - Do you know the school schedule
 - Do you know of the major religious events going on
 - Other

Youth sports in the USA is suffering from a shortage of referees/officials. The number one reason that referees/officials are leaving is abuse. Abuse from coaches and spectators. As coaches you have the opportunity to change the course of how we interact with officials:

1. Respect. Always treat the referee[s] the same way that you would like to be treated. Do not yell at them or make a spectacle over a call not going your way.
2. Informed. Make sure that you and all of your coaches are intimately aware of the Laws of the Game and the NCSA Rules of Competition. [hint – any disagreement with a referee’s call is defined as dissent and prohibited by both the LOTG and NCSA ROC.
3. Communicate. Post game, complete the referee evaluation [win or lose] and know that it is fueling the league’s referee compliance and development programs. Improving the quality of our referees is important to the league and we need your feedback after EVERY game not just the ones that you did not like the referee.

Presentation Link & Passcode

https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/ILRkmobt6J1UKHuuQbtZvZJVuYJ9x58sjUV8Lml6UW9d0l7Kd2tgde8_GZ05tjd0_2mRGpcfGaUkY2IL

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