

ITEMS OF NOTE FOR SPRING 2025 SEASON

Match Times

Saturday Match			Sunday
Grade 3/4	Grade 5/6	Grade 7/8	High School
Girls: 9:00am	Girls: 12:00pm	Girls: 3:00pm	1:00, 2:45, 4:30 (variable times, check schedule)
Boys: 10:30am	Boys: 1:30pm	Boys: 4:30pm	

Credentials and Rosters

Credentials - **MUST** be worn when participating in any NVYSL or affiliated club activity. If a coach does not have a credential they cannot be on the sideline with the players.

Rosters - One (1) printed roster must be given to the center referee prior to the playing of any sanctioned NVYSL match. Electronic copies WILL NOT be accepted. Handwritten rosters may be accepted (fines may be imposed for extra processing effort by the NVYSL Roster Processor).

CHANGE – Post-game handshake is now a pre-game handshake

Process – After the coin toss, led by officials, all players and coaches will walk across the field and line up facing spectators, 5 yards from the sideline. A representative of the Home Club reads the sportsmanship statement found [here](#). The Home team initiates the pre-game handshake with the away team and referees. Non-starting players and coaches go back to the benches. Play begins.

Language Incidents or Discriminatory Acts Response Guidelines

In-Game – Please report any discriminatory or language incidents to the referee either at half-time or during a hydration break for proper processing.

After-Game – Please report these incidents to your local Club directors as well as through the sportsmanship reporting tool on the NVYSL website found in My NVYSL > Club Official > Club Scoring Pad.

U.S. Soccer Policy 531-9 - Mis-Treatment of Referees and new penalties

Actions that do not meet assault or abuse definitions, but cause a Referee or Protected Party harm, may be subject to U.S. Soccer's gross mistreatment framework. Gross mistreatment means any deliberate, noncontact behavior that is expected to cause harm to a Referee. The full policy and sanctions for violating this policy can be found here:

<https://mayouthsoccer.org/referees/respect-the-call/>

Sportsmanship

NVYSL, its member Clubs and boards of directors continue to place greater emphasis on sportsmanship this Spring season.

Excessive Goal Differential - We now have firmer sanctions for Excessive Goal Differential (EGD) violations, yellow card and red card violations for players and coaches.

Zero Tolerance/Codes of Conduct - The NVYSL Sportsmanship Committee will also be adhering to the Zero Tolerance Policy, as well as the 4 codes of conduct from MYSA for Players', Referee's, Coach's, and Parents/Guardians/Spectators. Please be sure to notify your team to adhere to these policies or there could be consequences.

Score Reporting

All scores must be reported by clubs within 24 hours of the match. This includes Grade 3/4 matches as the scores are visible to NVYSL personnel for mid-season flight adjustments. This further includes reporting scores within 24 hours for make-up matches that were not played due to weather, field conditions, forfeits, etc.

League Standings

Competition in the Grade 3/4 Division is purely developmental and is non-outcome based, therefore no scores or standings are published on the NVYSL Website for this age group. Standings for the older age groups are visible and tabulated under Schedule & Standings -> Distilled Standings.

Commitment to Social Justice

Anything that disenfranchises members of our community based on sex, race, religion, immigration status, gender identification (per Title 5), socioeconomics, disability, etc. is a direct insult against our constitutional mission. NVYSL affirms and echoes the statement by United States Youth Soccer (USYS) at <https://www.usyouthsoccer.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/160/2023/09/USYS-Diversity-Equity-and-Inclusion-Policy-English-10.26.20.pdf>. We reject all Racism, hatred, intolerance, inequity, and violence.

Helpful Links – Most Used Policies and Procedures

- *Card Points: Yellow and Red Card accumulation points and sanctions:* 5.2.01(d)
- *Re-Scheduling: Process:* 2.5.01
- *Player Pass: Process:* 2.4.04(c)