

2024 SCB Outdoor Season Referee Notes

Thanks for being a match official this year. We appreciate you helping out our league.

Assignments

SCB uses the RAMP Sports Management Platform for assigning referees to games. Please follow the instructions, sent my Soccer Nova Scotia, on how to use the RAMP Assigning portion of the platform. Please make sure you go in at least weekly to set your availability as well as to note and conflicts you may have.

Field Size

Game Format	Field Measurements (L x W)	Goal Measurements
U9	35m x 25m (can be marked with cones)	Between Goal Posts: 2.44m (8ft) Height of Crossbar: 1.52m (5ft)
U11	50m x 30m	Between Goal Posts: 3.66m (12ft) Height of Crossbar: 1.83m (6ft)
U13 and Sr. Women's 7v7	Min: 60m x 42m Max: 75m x 55m	Between Goal Posts: 5.49m (18ft) Height of Crossbar: 1.83m (6ft)
U15/U17 and Sr. Men's	Min: 90m x 45m (100 x 50 yds) Max: 120m x 90m (130 x 100 yds)	Between Goal Posts: 7.32m (8 yds) Height of Crossbar: 2.44m (8 ft)

All age groups U13 and below are to use the retreat line rule during their games.

SCB encourages that all games are played on the appropriate sized fields with the correct size of goal. But at many community park fields, the field and/or goal posts may not be exactly regulation size or the ground might be uneven and the grass might be a little long. On these fields, BOTH teams are subjected to the same conditions thus the game shall be played regardless unless the conditions are grossly irregular for the teams playing. In these cases, the referee will make the final decision if the field is playable or not. Any referee can note on the game sheet any concerns they may have with a field. If a field is a constant issue, SCB may step in and correct the issue as SCB sees fit.

Game Format Information

Age Group	Game Format	Game Length	Min # of Players to Start	Max # of Players Dressed	Size of ball
U9	5 v 5	20/25 min mini game	3	10	4
U11	7 v 7	30 min mini games	5	14	4
U13	9 v 9	2 x 35 min halves	6	23	4
U15(U17)	11 v 11	2 x 40 min halves	7	27	5
Sr. Men's	11 v 11	2 x 45 min halves	7	27	5
Sr. Women's	7 v 7	2 x 30 min halves	5	13	5

U9 games: if you have been asked by a club to officiate an Under 9 game, please read the SCB Under 9 Handbook at

<https://cloud.rampinteractive.com/soccercapebreton/files/League/SCB%20U9%20Handbook%20-%202024.pdf>

U11 games: if there are 2 fields with 4 U11 teams playing games, then each mini game is 20 minutes long. If there are 3 team only using one field at a location, then the mini games are 30 minutes. If you are assigned to Under 11 games, please read the SCB Under 11 Handbook at <https://cloud.rampinteractive.com/soccercapbreton/files/League/SCB%20U11%20Handbook%20-%202024.pdf>

For those referees officiating Under 13 games, please read the SCB Under 13 Modified Laws of the Game at <https://cloud.rampinteractive.com/soccercapbreton/files/League/SCB%20U13%20Modified%20Laws.pdf>

U9 and U11, break between mini games is 10 minutes. U13 and above, half time for all age groups is a maximum of 5 minutes. If the weather is very hot or/and humid, the referee has the discretion to extend the half time a bit longer and/or add a hydration break during the halves. Referees are to talk to the team officials about this before the game starts. If the temperature and/or the humidex is 30° or greater, add a 2-minute hydration break into each half of the game.

All games shall start at the designated kick off time. The referee has the power to reduce the length of each half if the game starts late. The time lost shall be deducted from the total game time. The time remaining shall be halved, as each half shall be equal. **If there is another game schedule on your field after your game, your game MUST FINISHED NO LATER THAN 5 MINS before the kickoff time of the next game, regardless of how much time is left in the game.** And the 2nd game is to start on time, at their schedule kickoff time. If games start on time or you reduce the time for each half properly for late starts, your games should end prior to reaching this mark.

The maximum wait time to start any game is 15 minutes. If one team does not have the minimum number of players to start a game, dressed and ready to go within the first 15 minutes of the scheduled start time, the result will be noted as a forfeit against this team. If both teams do not have the minimum numbers of players dressed and ready to go within the first 15 minutes of the scheduled start time, the result will be noted as forfeiture for both teams.

If the assigned referee does not show up to officiate the game, if one of the assistant referees feel confident to step into the referee role, then please do so. Just have a parent act as your club linesperson and all they do is call ball in and out of play. If neither assistant referees are not comfortable in officiating the game, then the game does not start. If an assistant referee does not show up for their assignment, then just have a parent be the club linesperson for you. In all case of mentioned, please let Wendell know who did not show up for their assignment.

There may be games where the referee assignor may not be able to assign 2 assistant referees (U13 and above). In these cases, just have a parent fill in as your club linesperson, calling ball in and out of play only.

Pre-game inspection

Please ensure if you are the first game of the day that you do a field inspection-taking note of the goals being anchored.

Corner flags are a necessary component of the field. Make sure the home team has something safe marking the corners (disc cones for example) if they do not have corner flags available.

Game Balls

The **home** team is to provide two game balls. Please ensure they meet minimum standards and are the correct pressure for the game. If not suitable, use the away team balls.

Coin Toss

When you call the captains, **only one player per team** is to come do the toss. There is no shaking of hands. You will do the toss, not a captain. Do this at a minimum of 5 minutes before kick-off, if not earlier, so matches begin on time.

Handshakes

There is to be no “fair play” handshakes prior to the start of the game, and players/teams can determine themselves if they want to shaking of hands after the game has completed.

Team Officials on the Bench

AT ALL TIMES, there must be TWO (2) team officials on each bench. One of the team officials must be 19 years of age or older. If there are not two team officials on the bench, DO NOT START THE GAME until they fulfil this requirement. If a team official is late or missing, tell the team to get a parent over there as the 2nd team official (this is the only time when you will have someone on a team’s bench without being on the gamesheet). If this happens, note it in the match report.

Substitutions

Under 11 and above: There shall be no restriction on the number of substitutions made during a game, but no more than five (5) substitutions per team will be allowed at any one time, except at half time and end of the game (should extra time be required) where teams will be permitted substitute as many players they require.

If a team or both teams are only making one substitution each, then the players leaving the field should leave at the nearest touchline (as per the Laws of the Game). Substitutions should take place at the half way line near the bench area when there are 2 or more substitutions being made.

Offside

U11: no offside is called.

U13 and above and Senior Men’s, offside will be called.

Only one referee will be assigned to Senior Women’s 7v7 games only obvious offside that you see will be called.

All U11 teams have the option to use the “4 Up 1 Up”, “Swap GKs”, and “Mix ‘Em Up” during any game.

- 4 Up 1 Up – When a team is losing by four (4) or more goals, that team can add an extra player onto the field.

- Swap GKs – Swap goalkeepers if the run of play is not allowing for goalkeepers to develop.
- Mix Em Up – Mix all players together from both teams if mismatched and the game is becoming lopsided.

We strongly encourage the teams do use one of the options if the game becomes unbalanced in favour of one of the teams.

Game sheets and Scores

For SCB games – for all SCB games, game sheets will be submitted electronically through the RAMP Gamesheet App. Referees are to download the RAMP Gamesheet App to access

All players and team officials are to be listed on the game sheet. If they are not on the gamesheet, they cannot participant in the game! Only those listed on the game sheet are to be on and near the team benches. Spectators should be sitting on the opposite side of the field from the benches. Check the gamesheet app to make sure when you receive the electronic gamesheet from the teams.

The game cannot start until the game sheet has been submitted or if you want, can allow up to half time for them to submit. **If you do not have game sheets from one or both team by the end of half time, the game does NOT start until you have game sheets from both teams.**

The referee is to input the match report at the end of every game they are in charge of through the gamesheet app.. The report will include the score, any cautions/dismissal information (name and # of the player(s), team(s) and for what did they receive the game for (i.e. USB, Dissent, Serious Foul Play, etc.) given out in the games, any team official ejections, and any other incident that SCB should be made aware of. This information is to be done within 48 hours of the completion of the game. SCB will not pay the referee for any games that the referee has not inputted the match report.

Remember that you have to file a misconduct report with Soccer Nova Scotia for all dismissal with 48 hours of the game. If you need help filling it out or need to talk to someone about an incident, please reach out to Wendell Mac Gibbon or Scott Mabee.

U9's – do not require gamesheets.

SCB Playoffs/Cape Breton Cup

League playoffs will be the Cape Breton Cup. Cape Breton Cup for U13, U15 and U18, if required, will be the week of August 12th to the 18th.

Game Cancelations

If a game played in the CBRM is to be postponed due to weather, SCB will make this decision by 3:00pm each day. You should receive an email if a game has been postponed or you can check the SCB website or Facebook page as it will be posted on there as well. If SCB does not postpone the game by these times, the referees will arrive at the field and decide if the game needs to be postponed due to weather or field conditions (double check the SCB website or Facebook page just in case we postpone the games late.) You should also receive notification through the RAMP Assigning App.

For all of Soccer Cape Breton Competition and League Administration information, please read the SCB League handbook at <https://cloud.rampinteractive.com/soccercapbreton/files/League/2024%20SCB%20League%20Handbook%20Final.pdf>

Senior Soccer

Senior Men's will be playing 11v11, 90 min games this season.

No other special instructions outside the Laws of the Game.

Each team are to submit a gamesheet via the RAMP Gamesheet App. Follow the steps about in regards to teams submitting gamesheets. If a player is not on the gamesheet, they cannot play.

Senior teams do not require to have team officials but do need a team captain/manager.

Referees are to submit the match report via the RAMP Gamesheet App. Report this within 48 hours.

Senior Women's will be playing 7v7 games this season. All Laws of the Game apply except for:

(a) game to be played on a U11/U13 size of field, using U11/U13 size of goal nets;

(b) each team fields 7 players which one has to be a keeper;

(c) game will consist of 2 x 30 min halves;

(d) offside will not be called unless it is blatant or a player is considered to be "cherry-picking";

(e) on free kicks, corner kicks, and kick-offs, opposing team is to be 5 yards from where the location of the kick is to be taken.

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Payment

Payment for SCB games will be done by cheque from the Cape Breton Referees Association. Cheques will be cut every 2 weeks and placed in the referee room at the CBU dome. The rate of pay for each level of game can be found on Soccer Nova Scotia's website.

Please note that the Cape Breton Soccer Referee's Association takes \$0.50 per game from your pay to subsidize the finances of the association as which include things like awards, pizza party, etc.

All travel allowance, if entitled, for SCB games will be paid at the end of the season.

For those returning referees this season who are active will receive a \$55 reimbursement fee from SCB.

Referee Fees

	Referee	AR
Sr. Men	\$56	\$35
Sr. Women	\$34	-
U15	\$40	\$28
U13	\$34	\$24
U11	\$16	-

This season, due to high fuel costs that we are currently experiencing, SCB is providing a referee travel allowance. We have divided our area up into communities, using their main field as the start/destination location. If you have to travel to a different community to officiate, you may be eligible for a travel allowance. Here is the travel allowance grid:

	CBU	Glance Bay	New Waterford	Sydney	North Sydney	Baddeck	Terra Noire
CBU					\$15	\$45	\$83
Glance Bay			\$10	\$10	\$20	\$50	\$88
New Waterford		\$10		\$10	\$20	\$50	\$88
Sydney		\$10	\$10		\$10	\$40	\$78
North Sydney	\$15	\$20	\$20	\$10		\$30	\$63
Baddeck	\$45	\$50	\$50	\$40	\$30		\$33
Terra Noire	\$83	\$88	\$88	\$78	\$63	\$33	

If you are unsure of what community you fall into, please contact Scott Mabee (competitions@soccercapobreton.com). For those referees living far from any of the communities listed, please contact Scott Mabee.

Any CBRM based referee travelling to an non CBRM location game (and vice versa) will be entitled to a \$15 meal allowance. We do encourage the referees to car pool if feasible and safe to do so but leave the decision to the official if they want to carpool or not.

If you have any questions or issues, please reach out to Wendell Mac Gibbon (wmacgibbon@seascape.ns.ca and 902-577-0753) or myself, Scott Mabee (competitions@soccercapobreton.com and 306-861-8287). We are here to help you. Any questions about a situation in your game, not sure about something, anything about officiating, please reach out to us. Never be afraid to reach out to us about anything. We are here to help you succeed at and enjoy officiating.

Have a great season!

Scott Mabee
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Regional Level Referee