








New Coaches Meeting

Tuesday, September 1, 2020, 7:00pm
Zoom Meeting

Agenda

-  Welcome to NCSA/General Information
-  Coach Preparation (Pre-Season/Pre-Game/Post-Game)
-  New for Fall 2020 Procedures – Including Covid-19 Adjustments
-  Game Issues/Changes and Rules of Competition
-  Q&A



You and your team are the future of soccer
in the US

Make it a positive experience!

How does your team relate to the NCSA?



Your team is
one of 739*
teams for Fall
2020

Your game
each weekend
is one of over
450+ games

Each of your
games is the
most important
to NCSA

**As of 8-31-2020*

What is Northern Counties (NCSA)



- We are the oldest and largest youth league in NJ – founded in 1973
- Sanctioned by US Club Soccer, affiliated with USSF, and must abide by FIFA regulations
- Volunteer run, nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization
- Home to 3 World Cup Players, countless college and university players
- Clubs ranging in location from Staten Island, NY – Monroe/ Woodbury, NY, Bergen County, NJ, Passaic County, NJ, etc.
- Teams ranging in age from U8 – U19 (Spring season only)
- Approximately 15,000 kids play in our league each season

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| Jim Ogle | U10-11 Boys |
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| Rui DosSantos | U15-19 Boys |
| Diane Pinto | U9 and U14 Girls |
| Michael Mara | U9 and U14 Boys |
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| Karen Huber | NCSA Administrator |

Just about everything you do will be on the NCSA website

- Obtain League Information: Board Members, Rules of Competition, League Calendar, and more
- Club Information: Club Presidents, Club Reps, Club Websites, each Club's Teams and Coaches, Fields and Directions, and more
- Schedule Information: Available by Club, team, flight and fields
- Standings: Viewable by each flight
- Your Login gives you access to create the Match Day Form (MDF), review your roster(s), report your scores, provide your match evaluation, and send communications to your Division Commissioner

Confirm your login works and have your Club Rep **update your contact information*

NCSA Rules of Competition (ROC) – the basics you need to know



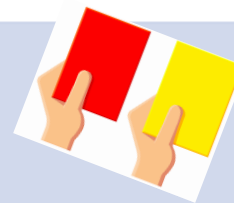
The NCSA ROC governs most everything you need to know

Read and understand the NCSA Rules of Competition

- Key points and frequent events
- Team no-shows, inclement weather, etc.
- Roster size and player eligibility, play-ups
- Scheduling, TBS, field availability, reschedules
- Referee procedures, expectations, spectator conduct

Review expectations with players, assistant coaches, trainers, and parents

- Players Play
- Coaches Coach
- Referees Ref
- Parents Cheer








Understand the implications

US Club Passes - “No Pass – No Play”*

- All coaches and players must have valid US Club passes which are laminated and have a photo of the player or coach
- Coaches and trainers must possess a pass for the Club(s) they are coaching
- Club Reps issue approved passes so check with your Club Rep on status/process

**Fall 2020 contactless/paperless game day process*

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Coach Game Preparation (Pre/During/Post Events)



Proper planning helps to avoid issues

- Pre-Season League Events/Coach Activities
- Pre-Game/Week of Game Actions
- Game Day Actions
- Post Game Responsibilities
- Game Issues: TBS/Inclement Weather/Other Game Issues
- Rules of Competition – A Coach's Responsibility

Pre-Season League Events/Coach Activities

Several NCSA events occur to get ready for the upcoming season*

Flighting

- Designed to competitively balance teams (we all look for the 1-goal differential games)
- All attempts to get to a 6 team or 8 team flight (2020-playoff picture)

Scheduling

- Designed to provide you with a balance of home and away games
- Balanced with Clubs providing key input to the scheduling process (fields, permits, availability)

OK, so what does a coach need to do here?

- **Flighting:** You know your team better than we do, upon registration give details
 - Why move up a flight? Why move down? Why stay as is?
- **Scheduling:** You should know what the season challenges will be
 - Holidays, vacations, other events
 - Early day games, late day games, TBS dates

Pre-Season Coach Team Meeting

- Do your parents understand the process?
- Do your parents know their responsibilities?
- Do you talk with your parents?

***New coaches: Important for Spring and thereafter**

Pre-Game/Week of Game Actions

The days leading up to a game, Coaches need to take a few actions

Verifying with opposing coach

- Email coach to confirm: Jersey colors, field address, special information (field rules, parking, etc.), phone number(s)
- Don't wait for opposing coach to send, be proactive

Referee communications

- All head coaches should receive email from referees either Thursday or Friday prior to weekend game
- Respond back to confirm and provide contact information
- If you do not hear from the referees please let NCSA know via the post-game referee/game report

*Paperwork, cards, and fees

- Paperwork: Match Day form and NCSA watermarked roster
- Cards: All player and coach** cards that are laminated
- Fees: Ref fees (**exact change**)
 - Each side pays half
 - Who pays if one team doesn't show
 - What if I cannot show
 - What if game is not played
- Are you needing play-ups?

| Division | Age Group | Game Length | Center Referee Fee | Assistant Referee Fee |
|----------|-----------|------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 | U17 – U19 | 45 minute halves | \$90 | \$50 |
| 2 | U15-U16 | 40 minute halves | \$80 | \$45 |
| 3 | U13-U14 | 40 minute halves | \$80 | \$45 |
| 4 | U11-U12 | 35 minute halves | \$70 | \$40 |
| 5 | U9-U10 | 30 minute halves | \$60 | \$35 ¹ |

Fields

- Are they safe (rocks, glass, holes, mud)
- Are they lined (is grass too tall, can you see the lines)
- Are the goals there, properly secured/anchored
- Backups: Who is your backup in case you (coach) cannot make game
- Do they have spare cards and paperwork (can they login to the website)

***Special procedures for paperwork for 2020 due to Covid-19**

It's game day...are you ready and prepared?

Do you have all your paperwork?

- Do you know your login ID and password? Did you already complete it?
- Does your backup know they are your backup?
- “Ref, look I have it on my phone”, “Ref, can I email it to you later?”, “But they are just kids, let them play!”
- NO cards, NO paperwork, NO fees – means NO play!

I have all the paperwork BUT

- No corner flags (do not use cones), goals with no nets (or major holes)
- The field is a mess OR unplayable (rocks, debris, etc.) – the referee CAN decide to abandon
- Field was fine Thursday when I checked, then heavy rain Friday and I just show up on Saturday for my game (no lines, muddy, etc.)
- Communicate with your Club – most changes, cancellations, etc. are required from them (e.g. field condemnation)

Play-ups

- Are they on the Match Day form? Did I electronically enter them?
- Are they legal play-ups (ROC 4.5)
 - Can girls play-up to a boys team <YES> vice versa <NO>
 - Can a 12A play-up to a 12C <NO> vice versa <YES>
 - Can a 12CB play-up to a 12CW <NO>

Your Players

- Dressed properly (correct uniform, under armor matches jersey, etc.)
- No jewelry – even if the player's ears were pierced yesterday

Post Game Responsibilities



The game is over...there is still work to do

Confirmation with Referee

- Confirm score – result
- Ensure you have your cards






Teams, Players, and Parents

- NO MATTER WHAT – shake hands with opposing team and referee crew
 - There should be ZERO exceptions to this
- Clean up after yourselves – set the example
- Above all – MAKE SURE your players (even opposing team) have a ride home. DO NOT ever leave a kid at a field alone

Eventually we will go back to this. Instead, have team wave/clap in celebration of the game/sportsmanship

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- Enter score (within 4 hours post game):
 - Home team wins – home team enters score
 - Game results in tie – home team enters score
 - Game is abandoned, stopped early (before half) – no score is entered
 - Notify your Division Commissioner
- Fill out Referee report (you can do this later)
 - NCSA cannot improve unless we know, establish trends, iron out issues
 - All Division Commissioners read 100% of all reports each week
 - Be honest on your report, state the facts, do not let emotions fabricate the report

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Summary of Key Changes - Starting Fall 2020



All changes will be reflected in the NCSA ROC

Temporary “Playing Up”

- Unlimited for Fall 2020
- Players can play across on teams of same age/flight (e.g. Boys 12CB playing on Boys 12CW)
- Players registered for an older team can play for the younger team in which that player qualifies for
- Girls may play for a Boys team of the same age across any flight (e.g. Girls U12A can play on Boys U12C)

Playoff Flights

- We are implementing for the higher flights a “playoff” format (this adjusts when your initial games must be played by)

Covid-19 Specific Changes

- Social distancing adjustments and field layout (parents/spectators, coaches/players)
- Eliminate physical pass inspection (but coaches MUST demonstrate they have passes at game)
- Elimination of coin toss (home team chooses)

Elimination of Paperwork

- Everything is going paperless/contact-less
- Electronic process through NCSA website
- *Referee check-in process is still conducted but without paperwork*

General

- No handshaking post game, instead perhaps both teams clap/wave in the spirit of the game/sportsmanship
- Masks should be worn where applicable

New Procedures for Game Day - Starting Fall 2020



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 Match Day 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 Match Day 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' Match Day 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 Match Day – No Fees – NO PLAY
 - **Referee payment: Cash (exact change), Check (exact amount), and Venmo (yes, Venmo)**
- Make sure you position home/away team and home/away parents according to new procedures (where possible)

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

Field Setup – New Social Distancing Requirements



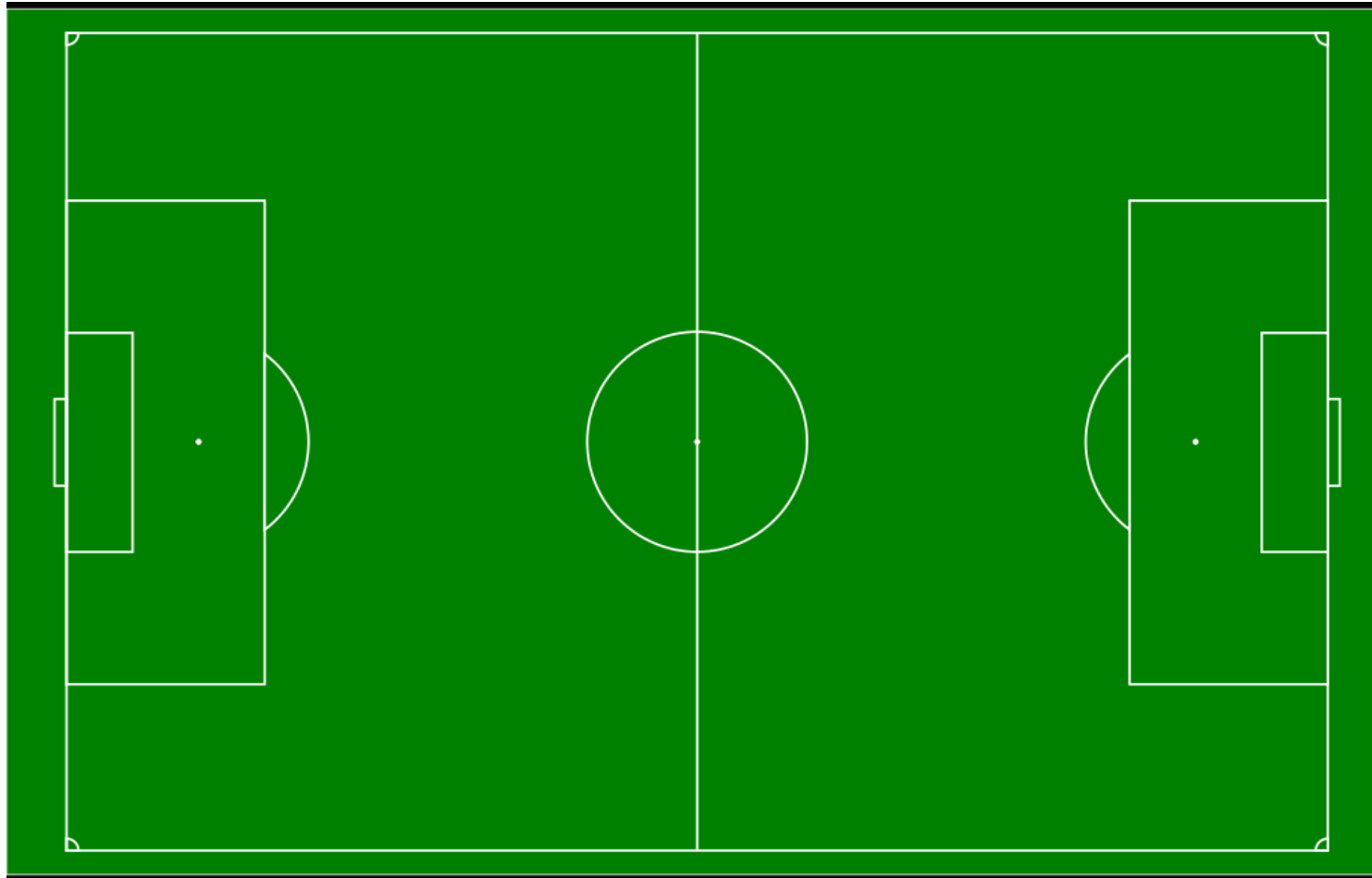
Coaches/Players



5 yards
each side



Parents/Spectators



Parents/Spectators



5 yards
each side








Coaches/Players



Home and Away Coaches - Combined Responsibility

- Players and spectators from the same team are on the same side but on opposite halves
- Coaches/Players are on the same half of the AR but 10 feet behind touchline
- Coaches always maintain 10 feet behind touchline
- Players and spectators should be 6 feet apart (adhere to social distancing rules)
- It is encouraged to wear masks for anyone not playing, and wear masks while playing if desired

Referees are not there to police your team/spectators for social distancing. Use common sense on fields that may have difficulties adhering to above

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TBS Games

- Every team is allocated 1 TBS per season (pre-season)
- Every Club can allocate where those TBS games go (pre-season)
- You can buy a TBS (pre-season)
 - \$25 vs fines from NCSA ROC section 5.x and/or section 8.x
- 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

Rules of Competition – A Coach's Responsibility



Coach

- Your behavior defines you, your team, your parents
- Arguing a call? Why? What for
 - Scenario: A perceived missed off-sides leads to a goal
 - Scenario: A handball in the box is missed
 - Scenario: Little Johnny got knocked down
- Encourage your players to move on; Don't encourage them to retaliate
- **ZERO Tolerance** – You can get dismissed at the discretion of the referee – PERIOD
- Are you looking to understand or are you really arguing a call
- When summoned to the field for an injured player, attend to that player...it is NOT a time to argue/debate a call
 - It's one thing to ask "I didn't see what happened, any idea what might be wrong" vs "If you called fouls this wouldn't happen" - The latter is a Red card offense
 - Only enter the field once the referee calls upon you

From the time Referees check-in teams until they physically leave the complex you (Coach) are responsible and accountable for your behavior, the behaviors of other coaches, players, and parents

Player

- Walk away from conflict – Coach's example goes a long way
- Teach them sportsmanship

Parent

- They become unruly – it's the Coach's issue not the Referee's
- Under NO circumstance does anyone come to the Player/Coach bench area...even post game until the Referees clear the field

What does it mean to sign the Match Day form (since this is now electronic, your submittal of the MDF is your signature)

- You agree to the ROC; the information you provide is accurate and not to deceive

Contact your Club Rep if you need a watermarked roster or US Club cards for players, coaches or trainers.



Season: July 1, 2019 - July 31, 2020 Governing Season
Region: Northeast Region - US Club Soccer
Division: Competitive - 13U - Male - 2007
Club: Aviators Soccer Club
League Associations: Northern Counties Soccer Association
Team Name: Aviators-B13CB-Munoz

PLAYERS






| Name | DOB | Membership ID | Eligibility Status | Jersey # |
|----------------------|------------|---------------|--------------------|----------|
| Aahad, Muhammad | 02/01/2007 | 10044500 | Eligible | 17 |
| Broncano, Sebastian | 07/12/2007 | 10044495 | Eligible | 22 |
| DeGennaro, Vincent | 06/21/2007 | 10044498 | Eligible | 9 |
| Finnerty, Joseph | 04/27/2007 | 10044503 | Eligible | 10 |
| McAllister, Jacob | 08/11/2007 | 10044504 | Eligible | 13 |
| McGurran, Ryan | 10/15/2007 | 10044499 | Eligible | 20 |
| Morrow, Aidan | 04/30/2007 | 10044509 | Eligible | 18 |
| Munoz, William | 12/17/2007 | 10044497 | Eligible | 11 |
| Ober, Ryan | 05/24/2007 | 10044496 | Eligible | 24 |
| Paradiso, Franco | 02/06/2007 | 10044506 | Eligible | 5 |
| Russo III, Joseph | 07/24/2007 | 10044502 | Eligible | 14 |
| Stevens, Charles | 05/14/2007 | 10044507 | Eligible | 3 |
| Thomas, Gabriel | 06/01/2007 | 10044505 | Eligible | 12 |
| Von Seidelmann, Kyle | 01/02/2007 | 10044501 | Eligible | 6 |

STAFF

| Name | Title | Membership ID | Eligibility Status |
|---------------------|------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| DeGennaro, Jeff | Assistant Coach | 10015040 | Eligible |
| Fernandes, Daniel | Athletic Trainer | 10015041 | Eligible |
| Leung-Munoz, Angela | Head Coach | 10043553 | Eligible |

League Verified: 08/07/2019

1. Must be US Club Roster
2. Must have NCSA Watermark
3. Must have League Verified Date
4. Uniform numbers must be electronically added before you get a watermarked roster (you can no longer write them on the roster since we are going paperless)
5. All players and coaches must be listed except for play-ups (those go on Match Day form)
6. Coaches and Players **MUST** have an updated picture (*PLEASE do not use a picture of a kid from 2nd grade who is playing, say, U14*)

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Q&A

Have a great season!

Appendix

Watermarking US Club Roster Changes for 2020



1. Clubs still submit rosters for watermarking
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

Match Day Form Changes for 2020



1. The creation of the Match Day Form (MDF) by a coach has been made mobile friendly to accommodate any necessary coach updating MDF at the field before game time
2. A new data field has been added 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. All players playing up 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 the menu when creating the Match Day form
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.
9. 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

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