

U8-12 Season Guidelines

January 2003

Referees who officiate Oahu League (OL) U8-12 games are to follow the guidelines below (and those detailed in the Referee Advisory) in the administration of games and the season:

1. U8 -10 teams play with a maximum of eight players (including goalkeeper) at one time; the minimum number of players required for a game to occur is five (including goalkeeper).

U11 - U12 teams play with a maximum of eleven players (including goalkeeper) at one time; the minimum number of players required for a game to occur is seven (including goalkeeper).

2. For U8 games each half is 20 minutes in duration; halftimes are 5 -10 minutes.
For U9 and 10 games each half is 25 minutes in duration; halftimes are 5 -10 minutes.
For U11 and 12 games each half is 30 minutes in duration; halftimes are 5 -10 minutes.
3. The U8s have no offsides; the U9s, 10s, 11s and 12s have offsides.

Items 1, 2 and 3 are summarized below:

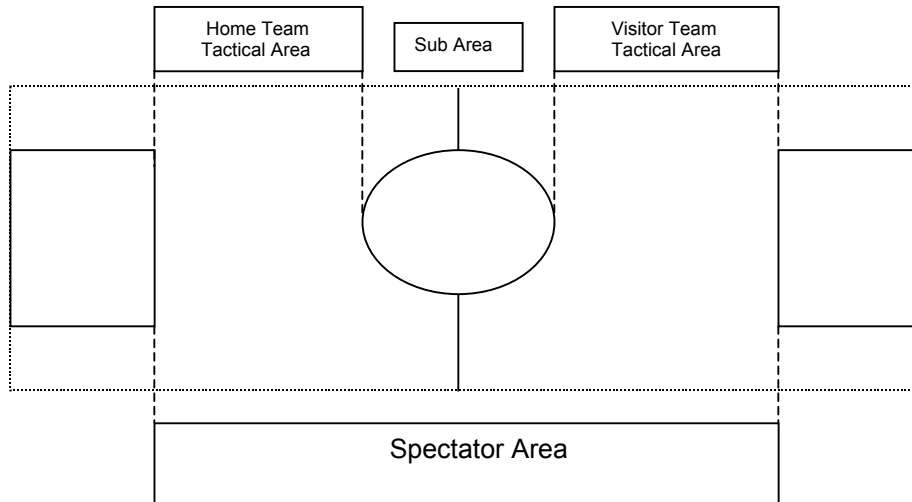
Age Group	Half (minutes)	Minimum no. Players	Maximum No. Players	Offsides
8	20	5	8	no
9	25	5	8	yes
10	25	5	8	yes
11	30	7	11	yes
12	30	7	11	yes

4. Players and coaches must have passes and their names must be pre-printed on the game card (roster) to participate in the game; no write-ins are allowed on the pre-printed game card. Players or coaches whose names are not pre-printed on the game card are not eligible to participate in the game. There are no exceptions to this rule unless you have been notified in advance by the Assignor, Registrar or President. The coach must fill-in the top left of the game card; referees are not to accept game cards unless they are completely and legibly completed.

Coaches, DOCs and ADOCs will wear their pass on a lanyard around their neck at all times. Only four coaches, DOCs or ADOCs will be permitted in the tactical area at any one time. Only those coaches, DOCs or ADOCs with a lanyard and pass and listed on the game card will be allowed in the tactical area.

5. Both teams will be assigned a designated sideline and tactical area on the same side of the field. Players and coaches must remain within the designated tactical area. The tactical area is from the edge of the center circle to the edge of the penalty arc.
6. All spectators will be located on the opposite side of the field. Spectators will not be allowed on the team side of the field.
7. Referees will not start the game until the team, coaches and spectators are in the required locations.

8. Substitutions will only be made at the mid-field line. Coaches and players will not yell “sub” to indicate that a substitution is occurring; the referee will know that a substitution is wanted by seeing the player(s) standing at the mid-field line **before** the stoppage of play occurs.
9. Diagram of field arrangement:



10. Games must start and end on time. Referees may shorten the halves equally to remain on schedule, i.e., two 25 minute halves for an U12 game.. The coaches have been instructed to be ready to start at the scheduled time. Do not allow the games to run late as delays up to 30 - 60 minutes can easily occur. It is very important that the first three games of the day remain on time as the last game at 4:30 may start at 5:00 or later. This may be your game!
11. Game cards are due to Soccerama by the Tuesday/Wednesday following the Saturday/Sunday game with accurate and proper notations for yellow and red cards. In the event of a player or coach ejection you must file the "Referee Report for Ejections" (see OL Referee Page for procedures and form).
12. The game fee schedule for officiating services U8 –12 games is listed below. As a goal, referees should receive their payments for games assigned and officiated within 10-14 days after the end of the month. It is the referee’s responsibility to maintain up-to-date email and postal mail addresses with the Assignor.

Age Group	AR	Center	RIP AR	RIP Center
U8	none	20.00	none	22.00
U9	14.00	22.00	18.00	26.00
U10	14.00	22.00	18.00	26.00
U11	18.00	25.00	22.00	30.00
U12	18.00	25.00	22.00	30.00

13. To request assignments, referees will first review the assignments available as posted on the OL Referee Page at <http://home.hawaii.rr.com/olrefprogram/index.htm> Second, referees will email the OL Assignor at olassignor@hawaii.rr.com requesting assignments by the game number and position: Center, AR1 or AR2. The requests must be for single days only; do not mix requests for different days in the same email. The referee will generally receive an email

confirmation of the match assigned and the assignment will be posted on the OL Referee Page. If you do not receive an email confirmation, the webpage listing is your confirmation. Referees must check their confirmations (if any) and the webpage posting and report errors of any kind immediately to the Assignor. The webpage listing of assignments is the listing from which all payments are made.

Referees should also check the webpage daily to remain up-to-date on all OL referee information and cancelled games.

14. In requesting assignments, consider possible conflicts (i.e., siblings or relatives on teams being officiated), club affiliation, frequency of officiating a particular team, level of intensity of game you are requesting, and your game management ability and fitness, etc. If you issue a red card to a coach or player you should not officiate that team again for awhile.
15. There may be games for which no assignments are posted; referees may go to these games "at their risk" and officiate the game if no other referees are assigned or show up; referees must notify the Assignor if they officiate an "open game". If another assigned referee shows up to do the game the "at-risk" referee must allow the assigned referee to do the "open game".
16. Referees who are assigned a game and go to the field - and no teams show up - will be paid for the assignment. Referees will also be paid for assignments that are cancelled if the Assignor does not notify them of the cancellation 24 hours before the game. Referees will also be paid for forfeited games.
17. Per USSF policy, Grade 10 referees may serve as ARs for U9-14 competitive games. Grade 12 referees may serve as ARs for U9-adult competitive games. Grade 8 referees may serve as ARs or centers for U9-adult competitive games.
18. If a club line is used they may only make in-and-out-of-touch calls; they may not make offsides calls. To assist you in making the off-sides call, have them stay even with the last defender at all times.

Club lines are eligible to receive payment for serving as a linesperson. For payment to occur their name, SSN, address and telephone number must be written on the game card. If the payment is to go to a team, they must provide the team's name, address and non-profit number.
19. On game days you may reach the Assignor at 542-9792 if you have questions or need assistance in resolving situations.
20. Referees are reminded that they are to follow the other guidelines described in the "Referee Advisory", in the timely submittal of game cards, and in the reporting of red cards.
21. In the event you observe a referee not following these guidelines or those in the Referee Advisory please tactfully remind the referee to follow them. You should also notify the assignor.