

THE GAME CARD

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In an attempt to keep the referees who are assigned games in the Harold S. Young/Don Hawkins Playing Leagues informed, D7 is issuing a newsletter, which will be included with the monthly checks. Referees are encouraged to read the newsletter and apply the information, as it will make the job of administrators, assignors and referees, hopefully easier.

The items selected for this edition come from observations made in October of the 2004/2005 season:

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- Diagonal System**—The Diagonal System is the **only** system to be used in the Harold S. Young/Don Hawkins Playing League. **REFEREES ARE NOT TO USE THE DUAL SYSTEM (this is not an option)**. If one of the officials does not appear, there will be a referee and 1 AR and a club linesman if one is provided. Referees are to make every attempt to see that the teams provide a club lines-person. If none is provided, there is to be a referee in the center and 1 AR on the line. The other quadrant will operate without an AR or club lines-person.
- Cautions**---When a player is cautioned (shown a yellow card), that player must leave the field, a substitute may be made for that player. The cautioned player may re-enter the match at his team's next opportunity for a substitution. No substitution is allowed for an ejected (red carded) player. **(THIS SUBSTITUTION RULE APPLIES ONLY TO CAUTIONS ISSUED IN THE HSY/DH PLAYING LEAGUES. IN ALL OTHER COMPETITION, THERE IS NO REQUIREMENT TO SUBSTITUTE WHEN A PLAYER IS CAUTIONED.)**
- Injuries**---Referees are to use sound judgement when an injury occurs during play. Depending of the nature of the injury, referees should stop play, beckon the coach(s) onto the field so they can tend to the injured player, and restart play with a drop ball (unless the ball has gone out of touch). Remember that there is no requirement to have a player(s) near the ball when it is dropped. Referees must remember that these are children playing in the D7 playing leagues, not adults.
- 7 Reasons for Issuing a Yellow Card/Red Card**---Referees need to know what the reasons are for issuing a yellow/red card. Too many referees are making up their own reasons. Referees are encouraged to be more informed on what are the valid reasons to caution or send-off a player or coach. The USSF has issued a

Memorandum regarding cautions, subject: CAUTIONS AND CAUTIONABLE OFFENSES 2004. This Memorandum can be found on the main page at www.cnra.net.

5. **Game Start Times**---Referees are to insure that games begin on time. Too many referees believe that the game revolves around them. Referees should remember they are equal partners in the game as are players and coaches. Referees should never be the cause for games not starting on time.
6. **Proper Referee Uniform**---Referees are to be dressed properly and dressed as a team. This means that the uniforms of all 3 officials should be the same (i.e. the same colored shirt, referee shorts, and referee socks. All socks should be the same). Shirts are to be tucked in. Shorts worn at the waist. Socks pulled up. No pagers, telephones etc. are to be carried by the referee during matches. Respect the game and players. Players are not allowed to wear jewelry. Referees should not wear jewelry except for wedding rings.
7. **Prescribed Medical Devices**---Players shall be permitted to wear and/or use medical devices that are prescribed to address a medically recognized disability such as glasses with corrective lenses, insulin pumps and hearing aids. Items of a religious nature can be allowed as long as they cannot cause injury to themselves or another player.

Players wearing any dangerous equipment or devices, including orthopedic casts, air splints or metal splints, shall **NOT** be eligible to participate in any game. Braces, wraps, bubble wraps and ace-bandages are OK if approved by the referee.

8. **District 7 Web Site**---District 7 is in the process of developing a web-site. This web-site will have a link for referee information. As it continues to expand, referees will be able to get up to date information regarding changes in "Laws Of The Game" as well as interpretation of the Laws through USSF Memorandums. The web-site is www.cysadistrict7.org. I will be suggesting that Send-Off Reports be put on-line so as to be able to download a copy for use.
9. **HSY/DH In-Service Clinics**---If any referee have any suggestion(s) regarding topics for next summer's in-service clinics, feel free to contact me by going to the above listed web-site or contacting me directly (Mick Walker, DRA 299-5411).
10. **Game Cards**---We are still having problems with referees not completing game cards. All information should be legible. The game card is the referee's report of the game. It should have the number of the person who scored a goal; the time the goal was scored; cautions and send-offs recorded with player's number, time, and reason. If you terminate a game, make sure you record in the referee's comments the time and reasons for the game being terminated. Don't forget to enter your name on the signature line (preferably printed since some of you have impaired handwriting skills).