



NSYSA Referee Fees and Cancellation Policy

Background: The following North Shore Youth Soccer Association (NSYSA) policy has been created to ensure that there are clear expectations around paying NSYSA referees on the North Shore.

Intent: This policy addresses the most common cancellation situations that occur during the course of a season. The policy was not created in isolation. Feedback from other Lower Mainland districts was solicited when developing this policy. After each season the policy will be reviewed and reevaluated to ensure that it is effective. This policy only applies to Clubs where the NSYSA officials referee.

Depending on the age group, there can be one referee or up to four referees at a soccer/football game. This policy addresses all referees on the field, regardless of their age group. In the following text, "Referee" may be singular or plural, as appropriate.

The NSYSA Referee Fees policy deals with 11 different referee situations. They are the following:

- 1) Standard Referee Fees
- 2) Referee Assignments
- 3) Scheduling Error by Game/Field Schedulers
- 4) Scheduling Error by NSYSA Referee Scheduler
- 5) Pre-arranged Cancellations Between Teams
- 6) Game Forfeits (Home/Away)
- 7) Blanket Cancellations (All fields)
- 8) Fields Closed By Districts/NVRC
- 9) Field Not Playable Game Day Decision
- 10) William Griffin (flooding)
- 11) Case by Case Scenarios

Note: All game cancellations MUST be communicated to, and confirmed by, either the Referee Scheduler or the Referee-in-Chief directly. This policy is subject to change at the discretion of the NSYSA. Any changes to this policy will be communicated to Clubs.

1. **Standard Referee Fees** - The referee attends the game on time and officiates the game. The referee is paid the NSYSA standard referee fees and the home Club will be billed. Please refer to NSYSA website for the most up to date referee fees.



2. Referee Assignments

- a) The referee goes to the wrong field but at the correct time and referees their game. This typically happens at multi-field complexes such as Ambleside. The referee is paid the standard NSYSA referee fee. Clubs will not be billed for these fees.
- b) If the referee goes to the wrong field and the wrong time, the referee is not paid.
- c) If the referee goes to the correct field but the wrong time, the referee is not paid.
- d) Fourth (4th) Official - In certain situations, a Fourth Official is assigned at the discretion of the NSYSA and is paid the standard NSYSA referee fee. If a Fourth Official is required, the home Club will be billed.

3. Scheduling Error by Field Schedulers – If the referee is notified of the error more than three hours before game time, the referee is not paid. If the referee is given less than three hours notice, the referee is paid the standard NSYSA referee fees. If the error is made by the NSYSA, the home Club will not be billed.

4. Scheduling Error by NSYSA Referee Scheduler – If the referee is notified of the error more than three hours before game time, the referee is not paid. If the referee is given less than 3 hours notice, the referee is paid the standard NSYSA fees. The home Club will not be billed for these fees.

5. Pre-arranged Cancellations Between Teams - NSYSA requires 24 hours notice of any team-originated game cancellation. After cancellation protocols have been followed, if the home team does not notify the NSYSA Referee Scheduler of the cancellation 24 hours before game time, the referee is paid the standard NSYSA referee fees and the home Club will be billed. If a referee mentor is scheduled to be on the field and 24 hour notification is not given, the home Club will also be billed the mentor fee.

6. Game Forfeits (Home/Away) – For any reason (including COVID), if the home team forfeits with less than 24 hours before game time, the referee is paid the standard NSYSA referee fees and the home Club will be billed. If the away team forfeits within 24 hours before game time, the referee is paid the standard NSYSA referee fees and the away Club will be billed. It is expected that the home team will communicate to the NSYSA Referee Scheduler with 24 hours notice, if either the home team or the away team has forfeited their game.



7. Blanket Cancellations (All Games) - If there is a blanket field cancellation of all games/fields, the referee is not paid. This applies to issues such as air quality, public health orders, snow etc. Exceptions to this rule may apply, depending on the situation.

8. Fields Closed By Districts/Clubs

Referees are expected to check their emails and field status (as below) before game time. CNV/DNV Fields provides field updates on Twitter. WV District does not provide updates over the weekend. All Clubs can notify the NSYSA Referee Scheduler of any weather-related game cancellations, not decided by Districts.

- a) Field(s) closure(s) prior to 10am - If the referee is notified of an unplayable field more than one hour before game time, then the referee is not paid. If the referee is notified of an unplayable field less than one hour before game time, the referee is paid the standard NSYSA referee fees and the home Club will be billed.
- b) Field(s) closures(s) after 10am - If the referee is notified of an unplayable field more than three hours before game time, then the referee is not paid. If the referee(s) is notified of an unplayable field less than three hours before game time, then the referee is paid the standard NSYSA referee fees and the home Club will be billed.
- c) Multiple game cancellations due to field closures - If the referee has multiple games at the same field or complex on the same day and the field is not playable for the rest of the day, the referee is only paid the standard NSYSA referee fees for their first game. The home Club will be billed for one game but will not be billed for any subsequent games during that day.

9. Field Deemed Not Playable by Referee

The referee's first responsibility is safety and shall assess the condition of the field at the game time to determine if it is safe to play.

- a) If the referee determines that the field is not safe to play and an alternate field is either not available or is also not safe for play, the game will not be played, the referee is paid the standard NSYSA referee fee and the home Club will be billed.
- b) If the referee has multiple games at the same field or complex on the same day and the field is not playable for the rest of the day, the referee is only paid the standard NSYSA referee fees for their first game. The home Club will only be billed for the applicable referee fee.



- c) If field conditions do not result in an all day cancellation that can be communicated to the referees before they attend the field, subsequent referees and games are subject to condition 9a). The home Club will be billed.

10. William Griffin Flooding - The NSGSC has requested alternate field/time assigned to their games on Sunday. Unlike grass fields with prescribed alternates, the alternate times for William Griffin games are variable.

- a) If the Referee Scheduler is notified at least three hours before the game time and the referee cannot attend the new time, the referee is not paid.
- b) If the Referee Scheduler is notified less than three hours before the game time and the referee can/cannot make the new time, the referee is paid the standard NSYSA referee fees and the home Club will be billed for one game.
- c) If the Referee Scheduler is notified less than three hours before the game time and the original referee cannot attend the new time but another referee is able to referee the game, the home Club will be billed for two games. All referees are paid the standard NSYSA referee fees.

11. Case by Case Scenarios - There will be scenarios which have not been considered in the above policies. These will be evaluated on a case-by-case situation and will be decided by the NSYSA. A written explanation will be provided to Clubs in their billing for these case by case scenarios.

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