



OHIO SOUTH STATE REFEREE COMMITTEE
A MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES SOCCER FEDERATION



Game Reports: Your Final Duty!

Ohio South Intermediate Referee
Training

What is a Game Report?

An official document summarizing relevant events of the game, including before and after the game.

Why is a Game Report Needed?

- Documents notable events, problems, serious injuries and/or misconduct of players, team officials or spectators.
- Provides a legal record of the match for league, competition, and referee
- Completes the duties of the referee

When is a Game Report Needed?

All Matches that require a record

- Misconduct
- Injuries
- Problems
- League requirements
- A record for the referee



Who is responsible for the Game Report?

The Referee Team

- Referee writes
- With input from the AR's



GAME REPORTS

How do I write a proper Game Report?

- 1) All game reports consist of two sections - the fill-in-the-blank (who/what/where/when) section and the freestyle description of the game and any incidents.
- 2) Report should give a clear, concise account of the game.

GAME REPORTS

What does it look like??

1) It's a 2 page document that looks like...

UNITED STATES SOCCER FEDERATION
REFEREE REPORT
This report must be mailed within 48 hours after completion of game to proper authorities.

GAME: _____
 Home Team _____ Score _____ Visiting Team _____ Score _____

State Association/ Professional League: _____ Division/ Age Group: _____

Date of Game: _____ Scheduled time: _____
 Field and Address: _____ Actual kick off: _____
 _____ End of game: _____
 _____ Score at half time: _____

REFEREE: _____ Grade: _____
 Sr. Assistant: _____ Grade: _____
 Jr. Assistant: _____ Grade: _____
 4th Official: _____ Grade: _____

Field Condition: _____ Weather: _____
 Was the home team on the field on time? Yes If not how late? _____ No. of Spectators: _____ approx.
 Was the visiting team on the field on time? Yes If not how late? _____ Meeting of field: Good
 Players Passes of the home team were received and checked. Conduct of Administrators: Excellent
 Players Passes of the visiting team were received and checked. of Players: Excellent
 Line-up of home team is enclosed. of Spectators: Excellent
 Line-up of visiting team is enclosed. Downing room for Redown: N/A
 4th Official Game Log is enclosed. for Players: N/A

A supplementary form explaining circumstances must accompany any unusual situations.

Serious injuries during the game.

Name	Pass No.	Team	Nature of Injury

Players cautioned during the game.

Name	Pass No.	Team	Type of Misconduct

Players sent off the field—Player passes must be retained after the game and returned to proper authority with this report.

Name	Pass No.	Team	Type of Misconduct

I did not receive the referee fee of \$ _____ Referee Signature: _____ Phone #: () - _____ Date: _____

For additional remarks use supplementary sheet.
 For serious, assault, severe injury, or other substantial occurrences, a photo copy must be sent to Federation Headquarters: Fax: (312) 905-9972
 Distribution: State Association / League / Referee

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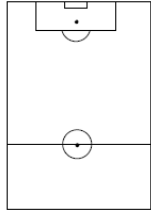
UNITED STATES SOCCER FEDERATION
REFEREE SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT
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A supplementary form explaining circumstances

GAME: _____
 Home Team _____ Score _____ Visiting Team _____ Score _____

State Association/ Professional League: _____ Division/ Age Group: _____

Date of Game: _____ Referee: _____

Describe Any Unusual Incident:



Remarks:

Referee Signature: _____ Report Date: _____
 Phone #: () - _____ Referee Registration I.D. No.: _____

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2) It can be found at

http://www.swosoa.org/USSF/2011_recert/modes/CD/USSF_Game_Report_Completepdf.pdf

GAME REPORTS

How do I write a Game Report?

- 1) Be ACCURATE
- 2) Be BRIEF
- 3) Be CLEAR
- 4) Write legibly
- 5) Use correct spelling and punctuation

May be useful to seek input on what you have written from a more experienced colleague.

GAME REPORTS

How do I write a proper Game Report?

First Section of Report

BASIC (Fill-in-blank) INFORMATION

- Game Date, Time, Location
- League / Division
- Home/Visiting Team Name & Number
- Referee and AR names and grades
- Incidents - injuries or misconduct
- Player Name, Pass#, Shirt #, and Team Affiliation

First page of the Report

Basic Fill-In Information

Incidents - injuries and misconduct

Use 7 + 7 Cautionable & Send-Off language



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Where is the Report Sent?

- League Officials
- Referee Assignor
- Referee

Within 48 hours from the
end of the match

Exercise 1

- Look at some quotations from actual game reports on the following two slides.
- Think about and write down how you could improve them. To be discussed in recert clinic session.

Actual Yellow Card Reports

- *A player ran past the referee with hate in their eyes*
- *The coaches lost control of themselves*
- *Several people said that the attacker said.....*
- *We recommend that the coaches from the Greenberg team be suspended for six games*

Actual Red Card Reports

- *"Abusive language against Tempo U-16".*
- *"Abusive language - Charging the referee by Sam Stone"*
- *"The player was ejected for intentionally slide tackling the goalie from behind after the goalie had possession of the ball in the goal box."*

MISCONDUCT REPORTS

OFFENSE VS. INCIDENT

Report must differentiate between the "offense" and the "incident"

- ✓ The "offense" is a classification according to the *Laws of the Game* that defines a player's misconduct (7 & 7 offences)
- ✓ The "incident" is what the player actually did at the time the offense was committed.

Key Points about Reports

- Accurate
- Concise
- Proper Terms (7&7)
- Legible
- Emotionless
- Just the Facts and Only the Facts!!!
- Language - Direct quotes



Brain Teaser 11

- A. Must a game report be written for all yellow cards issued in a local youth game?
- B. Who is responsible for preparing and submitting the game report?
- C. Must a game report be written for a serious injury that occurs in a local youth game?
- D. When describing misconduct in a written report, must the specific 7 & 7 language describing the offense committed be included in the report?