

Rosters Questions & Answers

Referees,

We understand there has been some confusion regarding SYSL's new rules regarding player rosters and player check in on game day. In order to offer clear guidance for referees please review the following FAQs:

Who is required to present a player roster?

The coach or other team official for each team in SYSL in all age divisions must present a **PRINTED** player roster to the referee prior to every game. Beginning on the **FIRST** week of the season these printed rosters must include a photograph of each player in the U13 through HS divisions, **NOTE: Pictures are not required in U9 & U11.** ALL Rosters **MUST** have Name and Birth Dates and Pictures, Numbers are not required for rosters, but players must have a number on their jersey in order to play.

A team official presented me with a printed roster, now what?

The roster should have the name of every player on the team, and a picture of each (for **U13-HS**). The referee (or assistant referee at the referee's direction) should verify the name and Birth date of each player. Example: Call out players' names and ask them to tell you their birthdate. Rosters are to be given back to the team official after check in.

A team official presented me with a handwritten roster, a roster on their phone/tablet, or a printed roster with handwritten changes. Is this acceptable?

No. Rosters must be printed, with no handwritten revisions or changes (strikeouts of players not attending are acceptable). Only SYSL Official Rosters are accepted. **AFTER week 3, ONLY rosters with SYSL Stamp and Signature will be accepted. If it does not have the SYSL stamp, treat it as if they did not hand you a roster.**

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I'm refereeing a U9 or U11 game, do I need to check rosters?

Yes. This rule applies to ALL teams in SYSL. U9 and U11 teams are not required to have pictures on rosters.

A player on the team I'm checking in is not on the roster. What should I do?

Inform the coach that the player may NOT play in that game because the player is not on the team roster. If the coach has any questions or concerns instruct them to contact their town rep for clarification or instructions. Do not allow the player who is not on the roster to play in the game. At **your** discretion you may allow the player to sit on the team bench or remain in the team technical area.

One of the coaches doesn't have a printed roster. What do I do now?

You **MUST** allow the team without a roster to play the game. Notify the opposing coach of the issue and inform them that they should contact their town rep with the details. Their town rep will know how to proceed. They do not need to notify the town rep prior to playing the game. In addition, you should submit a supplemental match report, via the SYSL website, using the "Other Game Issue Report" at the bottom of the page. Please indicate, at minimum, the name of the team that did not have a roster and any other useful information.

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One or more of the players does not have a picture or a Birthdate, or Wrong Birthdate on the printed roster. Does this mean they can't play?

YES. If a player does not have a picture or a Birthdate, or a Wrong Birthdate on the roster they should **NOT** be allowed to play. The absence of the picture or Birthdate should be handled in the same manner as if a printed roster is not presented to the referee. Follow the link in the question above to report the issue and be sure to notify the opposing coach.

I think one of the players isn't who they claim to be. What should I do?

If the player gives you their name, but you feel for some reason they are not who they claim to be, consult the picture on the roster vs the player or ask the player to verify their date of birth (this must be on the roster with their full name). If you feel there is still a discrepancy, allow the player to play, but use the report mentioned in the question above to report the issue to SYSL.

A team official who isn't on the roster is present. Is this allowed?

Yes. While there is a space on the roster to list and show team officials, they are not required to be listed on the roster. Any individual, who is not a player, and is positioned by the team bench and technical area is considered a team official. They are subject to the Laws of the Game and SYSL Playing Rules and may be cautioned or dismissed by the referee if necessary.

I have a question you didn't answer. How can I find out what to do?

Contact your assignor, or the SYSL Referee Coordinator at 908-906-6600

Thank you for your assistance in ensuring compliance with our playing rules. You are a vital part of the experience for players of all ages, and we appreciate your hard work.