

Youth Coaches FAQs May 2018

Are game sheets necessary for every game? Game sheets are always necessary and must be completed and handed in to the referee prior to every game. Game sheets MUST be signed by all team officials present. Two copies are printed and handed to the referee. Referee retains one copy to mail to the league. The other copy is signed by the referee and returned to the team official.

What are the envelopes for? The home team is responsible for bringing a stamped envelope to the field to give to the referee so that the referee can mail all game sheets to the league on completion of the game. Envelopes may be used to hold referee payment and game sheets however do NOT seal them prior to giving to referee.

Can referee be paid other than cash? NO. Referee must be paid in cash and in exact amounts. Please remember this when determining amounts for referee and ARs. Fee schedule is available in our Rules and Regulations on our website.

What happens if the referee does not show? In accordance to MJ rules, if a referee does not show for a scheduled game, the game may be played using an alternate if both teams agree. Please indicate that game was played with a substitute on the game sheets, home team mails game sheets to the league and emails the league mjleague@hamiltonsoccer.net.

Does the league postpone games due to heat? No. Discuss with the referee(s) and opposing coaches the addition/increase of water breaks.

What if it is stormy outside prior to leaving or arriving at the field? Teams must endeavour to attend their game location unless notified by the league. If the status of a game is changed, you will be emailed when the league receives notice. The league also posts changes to the status of games on their homepage at www.hdselectleague.com and on our Twitter feed [@HDMJSCL](https://twitter.com/HDMJSCL).

Is the league having Cup games this year? Yes. The league has will have cup play in addition to league play for U13s and older. Cup games are single knock out, leading up to the finals played on the weekend of August 18/19 at Tim Horton's Field (August 25/26 for U13s and U14s at Heritage Green). Cup games are displayed online as part of your regular league schedule. All cup games are indicated with a game number beginning with 8****. There will also be an online bracket for each age group to help with planning. For most divisions, cup games begin the week of June 11. Pay close attention to the schedule AND the bracket as some teams will play two games that week depending on results. Remember, cup games require both teams to split referee fees and each game must have a winner.

Can I reschedule a game? In a word no. Generally the MJ league only reschedules games that are not played or completed due to weather related reasons. All requests to reschedule a game MUST be initiated by the team's club. In all cases, the league will not reschedule games for school trips, vacations, injuries, non-OFSSA qualifiers/title games or unused blackouts.

Do I need to call or email in scores? For the U13s and older, the referee enters the score into the HaDmin system based on what is recorded on the game sheet. This in turn updates the standings. Coaches do not have to report or confirm scores.

Beware 3rd Party Schedule Listings. Only the schedule displayed on the MJ website is official. The MJ league will not be responsible for schedules that are extracted from their site to 3rd party sites.

Please remember to read the Rules and Regulations located under the Forms-Policies-Procedures drop down menu on our website www.hdselectleague.com