



SOCCER MAINE

Maine State Premier League Semi-finals & Finals 2018 Game Day Procedures

MSPL Procedures and Rules:

All coaches and team administrators should read and be familiar with the MSPL Procedures and Rules. Full document can be found on the MSPL Handbook link on the Soccer Maine website.

The information below highlights some key points of emphasis particular to game day procedures:

Check-in:

Teams will be checked in at midfield during half-time of the preceding game, if there is a preceding game, either by a Soccer Maine representative or by a referee. Do not take your team away to warm-up until your team has been checked in. Please note that the referee checking in your team may also be working the preceding game. It is imperative that your team be lined up in alphabetical order ready for check-in. Players should be dressed for game, shin guards on and covered with game socks. (Reminder that any tape used for shin guards over socks should be the same color of the same color as the sock if possible.) This is a policy from the Referee Association. Player passes, Official signed roster and referee payment must be made available. If a player is not with the team at check-in but planning to play, his/her pass should be held until the player arrives and can be checked by a Soccer Maine official. As long as player is listed on the game day roster they are eligible to play.

All players and coaches must be present at the field a minimum of **30** minutes prior to the game with player passes, rosters and referee fees ready. We would prefer **45** minutes prior to your game.

Player passes:

Passes **must** have a current head shot photo and be laminated. State staff and/or referees must be able to identify you from the photo.

Coach passes:

Passes must have a current head shot photo and be laminated. State staff and/or referees must be able to identify you from the photo.

Rosters:

All teams must have an official Soccer Maine signed roster in their possession to be given to the referee or State official for check-in. This roster has the signature of Shari Levesque, Executive Director, on the bottom.

U13 –U19: All teams will note on the Roster presented to the referee the 18 players who will participate in the match during the game. Any players listed on the roster but not playing in the game may sit on the team's bench. Player must still participate in Check-in, with valid player pass, and must be wearing street clothes, (No part of team uniform!). At the time of the kick off, the roster of the participating 18 players will be set and no changes can be made.

Warm-up Time:

We have not built warm up time into the game schedule on the turf fields. The next team should be ready to play immediately following the conclusion of the preceding game. If there is a bit of extra time in between, teams are welcome to take those few minutes.

Referee Payment: Teams are required to pay the referees for all MSPL final games at check-in. Referee payments are as follows:

U12 \$50 for the Center and \$25 for the AR (x2)

U13 - U14 \$60 for the Center and \$30 for the AR (x2)

U15 – U16 \$70 for the Center and \$35 for the AR (x2)

U17 – U19 \$70 for the Center and \$40 for the AR (x2)

Team managers should make every effort to have suitable denominations that can easily be divided among the referee crew.

Soccer Maine will reimburse clubs for the referee fees once the MSPL Finals have concluded.

Home and Away Team Designation:

The home team is the first team listed on the schedule. Home team is responsible for supplying a suitable game ball to the referee prior to the game.

The away team shall have the choice of jersey color. In the event of a conflict, the home team must change both jersey and socks if so directed by the referee.

Game length

Age Groups	Length of game	Overtime periods	Ball size
Under-12	Two 30' halves	Two 10' periods	Size 4
Under-13 to Under-14	Two 35' halves	Two 10' periods	Size 5
Under-15 to Under-16	Two 40' halves	Two 15' periods	Size 5
Under-17 to Under-19	Two 45' halves	Two 15' periods	Size 5

Weather Concerns

These games will not be postponed for rain. If thunder and lightning ensues during the game, we will follow the NCAA protocol for those circumstances, which involves 30 minute delays. The referees will administer this policy.

Post-Game Procedures:

The referee will submit a Game Report including results and noting any cautions (yellow cards), ejections (red cards), or serious injury to the MSPL Director and to the State Referee Assignor at the MSPL Semi-finals and Finals games.

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Turf and Bench Area:

All athletic facilities used by Soccer Maine require that Teams remove all bottles, debris or garbage and place in appropriate trash receptacles or carry out. You are responsible for cleaning up your bench area prior to leaving with your team. Sport drinks, soda, juices and drink supplements are not allowed on any synthetic playing surface. **Water only is allowed on the turf.**

Chewing gum, glass, tobacco products, alcohol, and any sharp objects are not allowed on the turf or around the turf.

Only players, coaches, officials and trainers are allowed on the turf area and the center area between the two turf fields at Thomas College. All others must remain outside the fence on the other 3 sides of the field. Please make sure you notify your parents of this policy.