



TO: **2017 Fall Season MRL Team Coaches and Administrators**
FROM: MRL Commissioner
DATE: July 8th, 2017
RE: **Points of Emphasis (2017-2018)**

Please be sure to review the following points of emphasis in regards to the upcoming season.

TEAM BENCH SIDES

Only team personnel (coaches, administrators and players) along with game officials (and site officials) are permitted on the Team Bench side of the field during MRL matches. Team Coaches are responsible for enforcement in keeping non-authorized personnel including parents/spectators away from the team bench side.

TEAM BENCH SUPERVISION

7.14 Team Bench Supervision

A coach, manager or team official must supervise a MRL team at all times at the Team Bench Area. Coaches, managers and team officials are required to provide the Referee with a pass, as provided by their host state association, certifying that the coach, manager or team official is currently rostered with the team/club. If by send off or emergency, a team does not have a coach, manager or team official to supervise the MRL team during a MRL game, then the game shall be forfeited.

COACHES LICENSING REQUIREMENT

Please be familiar with the coaches licensing requirements for this season.

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All coaches on the sidelines coaching in a MRL game must have at the minimum a US Soccer "D" Coaching License or equivalent earned prior to the 2017-18 season as determined by MRL (i.e. minimum NSCAA Advanced National Diploma)

Know that an Advanced National Diploma from the NSCAA serves as the equivalent to the US Soccer National "C" License.

SUBSTITUTIONS

Substitutions may be made during any stoppage in play.

There are Unlimited Substitutions for U14 games.

For U15, U16, U17, U18 and U19+ games, the MRL operates under the FIFA-Seven (7) "per half" substitution system. Once replaced, players cannot re-enter the game during that half of play.

MRL rules do not permit any modifications to this rule (i.e. coaches agreeing beforehand to waive the rule). In the event that the MRL determines that a game was played under substitution rules not outlined above, the MRL at its sole discretion may deem the game a double forfeit.

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TEAM ROSTERS

Teams are to file their initial state association approved team roster with the MRL at least 7 days prior to their first game. **Be sure to refer to the “2017 Fall Season—Team Roster & Player Guide” for additional information** on flexibility offered in listing the number of players that are permitted on the Team Roster and the Club Pass Roster.

We use an online roster filing system through Sports Forms. Be sure to follow the procedures in the SportsForms Team Roster Submission Overview document.

Remember, that teams can use up to 30 players during the course of the season in accordance with our rules and policy. Rosters may be updated in accordance with MRL Rules and Policy through to the Freeze Date of October 18, 2017.

FINES FOR FORFEITS

From our 2017 Scheduling Policy...

--Any games that are forfeited within 7 days of a scheduled game date and time shall result in the offending team paying (1) the full referee fees for the forfeited game, (2) an additional \$50 forfeiture fee payable to US Youth Soccer Region II-MRL and (3) any field fees that may have been incurred by the host as determined by the MRL Commissioner.

Thus the assessed fine shall be:

For Under 13 and 14 \$170.00 per game plus any field fees

For Under 15 and 16 \$190.00 per game plus any field fees

For Under 17 and 18 \$210.00 per game plus any field fees

Failure to pay fine may result in team and club being placed in bad standing by the MRL and ineligible for the teams and other teams in its club for future MRL play.

SEND OFFS

Please be familiar with following MRL Rules.

9.01 Send Offs

Any player, coach or team official who is sent off (red card) from a match will be suspended for the team's next MRL match. If a player, coach or team official who is ejected (red card) two times in a season, the player will be suspended for the next three (3) MRL matches. Any player who is deemed guilty of fighting with another player or coach (violent conduct) on or off the field of play will be suspended for a minimum of two (2) MRL matches, pending further review by the MRL Commission.

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Teams are responsible in implementing the suspension of players, coaches and/or team officials due to send offs. With teams playing multiple games during a weekend, we rely on team administrators (managers) and coaches to self-enforce suspensions. On all Send Offs, the player (and/or coach/administrator/manager) must not participate in that team's next scheduled MRL game. A team that plays an ineligible player shall be subject to disciplinary action including but not limited to: forfeiture of the match, suspension of the team's coach from MRL competition, or expulsion of the team from the MRL.

NOTE: the MRL does not have yellow card accumulation rule resulting in suspensions.

Thanks for taking the time to review these items. Good luck with your upcoming season.