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To: All Region 9 Assistant Referees

From: Chris Page, Regional Referee Administrator for Region 9

Indicating Player Substitutes on the Game Cards:

As a reminder, the Assistant Referee is to indicate only those players who are ***not*** playing at the ***beginning*** of each period by placing a mark (preferably an "X" or a "-") in the 1st, 2nd, 3rd or 4th substitution box by the player's name. The first two boxes on the Game Card are used to record which half a player scored a goal (1st half or 2nd half).

If a player started a "quarter", but has to be substituted out ***during that quarter*** due to injury, illness or some other reason, do ***not*** mark them out for that quarter since you have already marked another player out. Leave the game card as is.

If a player who is listed on the Game Card is ***unable to play the entire game***, or they started the game but ***cannot complete the game***, draw a single line through all 4 substitution boxes next to their name and write in the reason why next to their name (such as "injured", "ill", "absent", etc).

Enforcing the Technical and Spectator Areas:

As a reminder, a team's Coach and one Assistant Coach are to be at least 1 yard from the touchline and no more than 10 yards from the center line in either direction. Ideally, this "technical area" will be marked on the field, but even if it is not, this should be enforced. This benefits the players so that they are not interfered with when play is close to the touchline (including throw-ins). It also benefits you in two ways: You can readily see the touchline and determine if a ball is in or out of play and you can avoid collisions with the Coach or Assistant Coach. It can also help both the Referee and the Assistant Referee identify the Team Officials a bit easier too.

Ideally, all other people (substitute players, spectators, etc.) should be at least 3 yards (9 feet) from the touchline, if possible. We do have a few fields that are rather close together in places, so this may not be possible. If that is the case, just make sure they are out of the way and as far back as possible without interfering with the other field.

Only the Referee(s) and/or Assistant Referee(s) working a match should be in full referee uniform. Anyone else in a referee uniform (coaches, spectators, referees arriving for the next game, etc) near the field should cover up or replace their referee jersey (they can keep their socks and shorts on).