

ITEMS OF NOTE: RULES AND BYLAWS
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UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT

Each player **MUST** wear shin guards or will not be allowed to play. Cutoffs, jams, and visible boxer shorts are not allowed. Sweats, spandex, etc., are only allowed if weather or medical conditions dictate their use. **NO JEWELRY** (this includes studded earrings) is permitted. Wristbands and cloth bracelets must be removed or taped. Hard casts or splints on arms, legs, wrists, or fingers are not allowed. Protective padding must cover knee or elbow braces.

SUBSTITUTIONS DUE TO PLAYER INJURY

If the referee stops the game for a player injury, then that player must come off the field and be substituted for before play is restarted. After the coach's evaluation, the player may return to the field at the next substitution opportunity.

COACH RESPONSIBILITIES

Each coach must read and follow the League Bylaws and Coach Responsibilities Sections of this book. Each team in NVYSL is required to have a signed and dated Nashoba Valley Youth Soccer League Coach's Pledge on file with the league. A copy of this pledge is on page 7 of this book. All coaches are expected to support the referee during the game. Visible or vocal disagreement with a referee's call (or lack thereof) represents inappropriate behavior. The proper time to critique a referee's performance is after the game. The proper way is to report your comments to your Town Referee Director, and/or filling out and mailing an extended referee report to the League Referee Director.

The club and coach now have the responsibility to assure that ineligible players are not on the team roster. An unauthorized player name on a roster will constitute unsporting conduct and will result in an immediate caution (yellow card) and will be reported to the Sportsmanship Review Committee for further review.

ZERO TOLERANCE BY-LAW

Nashoba Valley Youth Soccer League has instituted a Zero Tolerance By-Law. All coaches and spectators should be familiar with this. Specifics are found on Bylaw pages 7 and 8.

NVYSL CODE OF CONDUCT

NVYSL has adopted a League Code of Conduct for all participants. Please make all coaches, players and spectators aware of the Code.

