

FLORIDA CLUB LEAGUES

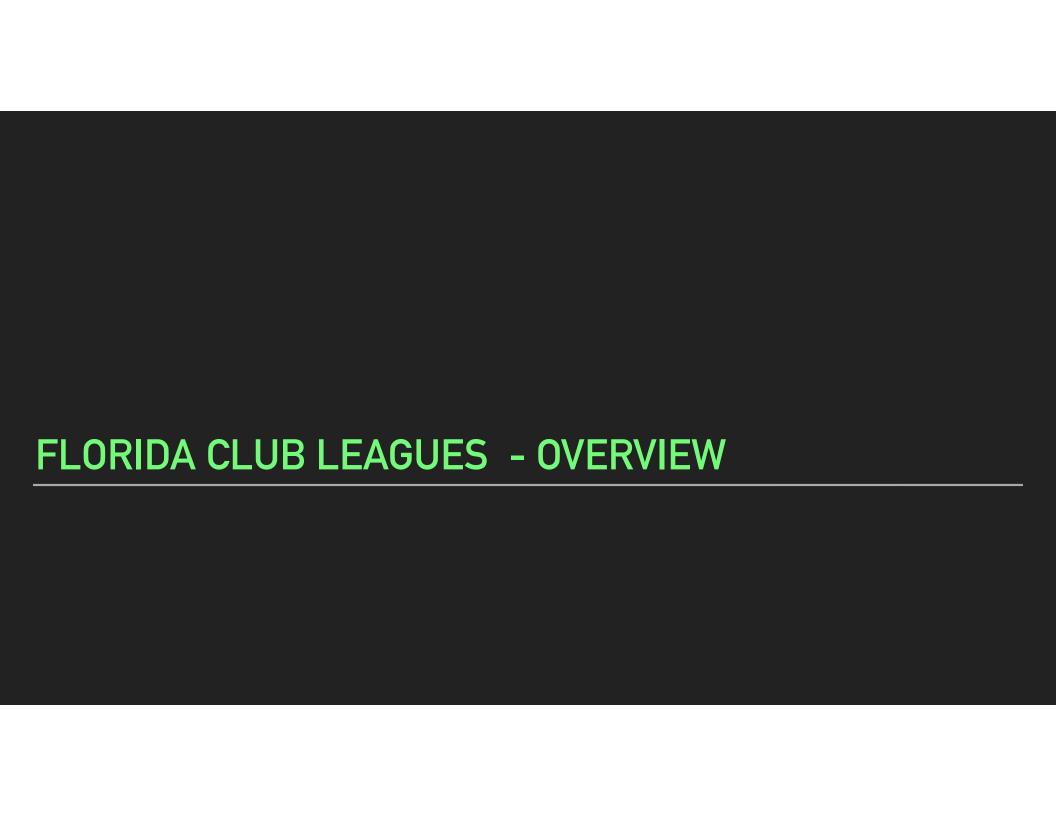
# ASSIGNOR MEETING

25/26

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### **MEETING PURPOSE**

- ▶ FCL Overview 25.26
- Game Day Review
  - Uniforms & Referee Fees
  - Game Day Procedures (per league)
  - + Substitutions
  - → Post-Game Procedures
  - → Red Card Reporting
- Mentor Program
- Referee Abuse Program





# Florida Club Leauges 25/26





# 25.26 Local Premier Leagues

### **LOCAL LEAGUES**

- U8's U18/19 Boys & Girls
- Regional Coverage

### **COORDINATORS:**

North & Central: Ashley Knott

West: Chandra Schild & Cagney Valloch

**South:** Armando Tamayo











## 25.26 Florida National Premier League

### **NPL**

- Ages U13 U18/19 Boys & Girls
- 35% increase in # of Teams from 24/25
- Now 3 Regions for BOTH Boys & Girls (North/Central, West & South)
- 2nd Division added in some markets:
  - BOYS: West (all ages), Central (13/14 and 15/16), South (13/14)
  - GIRLS: West & South (13/14 combo)
- Qualifies for a post season
- Must be consistent with our rules





# **NPL & Local Market Coverage**





### 25.26 ECNL RL and Pre-ECNL

### **ECNL-RL**

- Girls will remain North & South
- Boys split into 3 Regions (North, West & South)
- Qualifies for post season
- ECNL Rules (FCL substutions rule)

### **Pre-ECNL (U11 & U12)**

- Girls & Boys split North & South
- U11 (9v9), U12 (11v11)

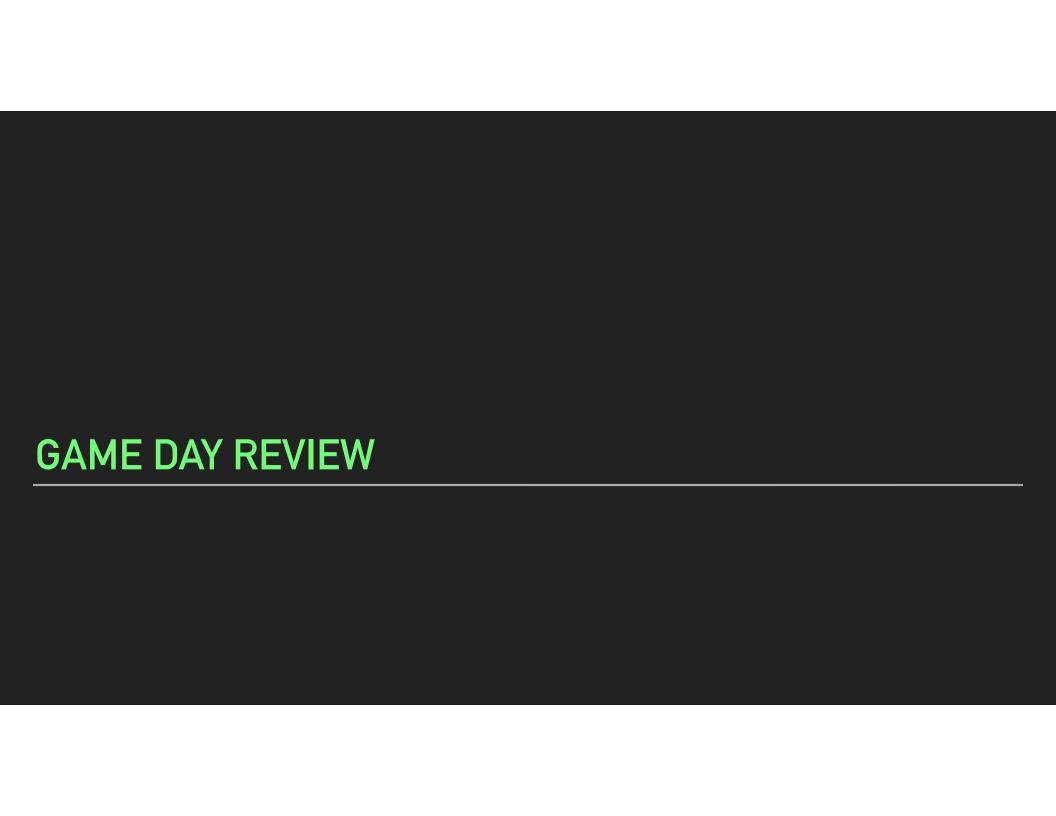




# **Market Coverage**









- Standard: Home = Light, Away = Dark
- Note: "Two-Game Travel Weekend" Guidelines
- Conflict: <u>AWAY</u> Team changes
- Communicate/Confirm with clubs by Thursday prior to Game

### { UNIFORMS }

### **STANDARD POLICY**

**HOME TEAM** - light shirt, light socks, any short **AWAY TEAM** - dark shirt, dark socks, any short

### TWO GAME / TRAVEL WEEKEND

Game #1 (SATURDAY)

**HOME TEAM** - light shirt, light socks, any short **AWAY TEAM** - dark shirt, dark socks, any short

Game #2 (SUNDAY)

**HOME TEAM** - dark shirt, dark socks, any short **AWAY TEAM** - light shirt, light socks, any short

### **WHO CHANGES?**

In case of a conflict the **AWAY TEAM** will be required to change

All clubs should be confirming uniform colors with each other by THURSDAY prior to the event

This policy is in conjunction with ECNL Uniform policy for consistency



### REFEREE FEES

- Fees remain same for 25/26
- Fees are same for ALL Leagues
- ▶ HOME Team responsible for Referee Fees

Age Group	Fee Total	Fee Breakdown	Playing Time
U8 / U9 / U10	\$50	Center Only	50m (2×25)
U11 / U12	\$140	\$60 (C) - \$40 (AR)	60m (2×30)
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### **GAME DAY - ECNL REGIONAL LEAGUE**

- Digital / App based Rosters & Check-in
- Specific instructions and tutorials in Athlete One

### Reminders:

- One Game per day
- ▶ 4 Player "down" Rule
- Fixture Ties (one team/fixture, even on diff days)
- Tents, Trainer & Water Required
- NEW Substitution Rules





### **GAME DAY - PRE ECNL**

- Digital / App based Rosters & Check-in
- Specific instructions and tutorials in Athlete One

### Reminders:

- ▶ <u>Can</u> play 2 games per day (1-9v9 and 1-11v11)
- ▶ Can <u>NOT</u> play 2 11v11 in a day
- ▶ U12 = 11v11 w/ size 4 ball
- ▶ Heading allowed at U12 (team age not "actual" age)
- Unlimited Substitutions



### 6.6 Heading Game Rule (removed old and replaced with wording from US Club)

The Federation is recommending, and US Club Soccer is requiring immediately, new rules as it relates to heading, as follows:

Players in 11-U programs and younger shall not engage in heading, either in practices or in games.

<u>Limited heading in practice for players in 12-U and 13-U programs</u>. More specifically, these players shall be limited to a maximum of 30 minutes of heading training per week, with no more than 15-20 headers per player, per week. There are no heading restrictions in games.

Clubs should be aware of circumstances in which individual consideration is needed. For examples:

- A 10 year old playing at 12-U or older should not head the ball at all.
- An 11 or 12 year old playing at 14-U or older should abide by the heading restrictions in practice.
- Referees should enforce these restrictions by age group according to the specified rules. Referees will not be assessing the age of individual players on the field; they will enforce the rules for the age group.
- In adherence to these new requirements, referees have been instructed by U.S. Soccer of the following rule addition: When a player deliberately heads the ball in a game, an indirect free kick (IFK) should be awarded to the opposing team from the spot of the offense. If the deliberate header occurs within the goal area, the indirect free kick should be taken on the goal area line parallel to the goal line at the point nearest to where the infringement occurred.





### **GAME DAY - NPL**

- Game Card (GotSport)
- Official Roster (always good to have on hand)
- Player Passes (Physical & Digital)
- ▶ Referee Fees (Home team)

### Reminders:

- One Game per day
- ▶ 4 Player "down" Rule
- ▶ 26 Player pool locked at season start
- ▶ No Hand Written players
- NEW Substitution Rules



DOWNLOAD the US Club App for quick access to NPL schedule & GotSport Account



### **GAME DAY - PREMIER LEAGUES**

- Game Card (GotSport)
- Official Roster (always good to have on hand)
- Player Passes (Physical & Digital)
- Referee Fees (Home team)

### Reminders:

- Can play 2 games in a day
- ▶ Player pool (26 max) any age eligible player
- No Hand-Written players
- Unlimited Substitutions













### **ECNL-R & NPL**

NEW Substitution Rule

Teams are allowed a maximum of three (3) substitution <u>moments</u> per half, per team - with water breaks not considered as a substitution moment (Players can be subbed). Players who are substituted may reenter the game at any time, provided they are substituted off during a stoppage in play.

Premier Leagues & Pre-ECNL

Unlimited Substitutions

Substitution rules listed on all GotSport match reports for reference

### 2.5 Weather and Lighting (updated the following wording)

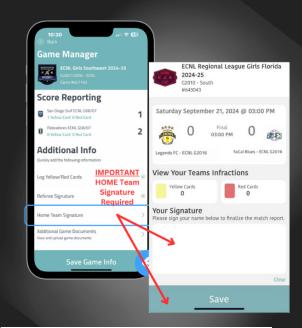
In the event of significant delays due to weather or lightning, it is recommended to wait up to 60 minutes before resuming play, unless both teams agree to a different course of action with the site director (see Section 6.12). If the match is suspended before the completion of one half, it must be rescheduled at a time mutually agreed upon by the teams, in consultation with FCL. Referees are required to submit an incident report for any match that is terminated early.



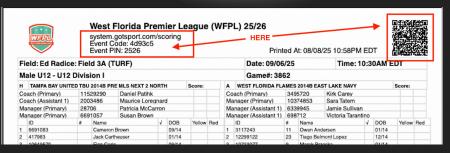


### **POST GAME**

- Sign Game Card
  - (RL & Pre ECNL) Home Team
  - (NPL & Premier Leagues) BOTH Teams
- Referees to Enter the scores\*
- HOME Team Upload image of Game Card within 24 Hours (\*and score if Referee fails to)
- Red Cards Reported to League within 24hrs
- Accountability Form (Visiting Team)



### Score Reporting Options





### **RED CARDS - ALL LEAGUES**

- Clubs report their OWN Red Cards
- MANDATORY Form on website
- Submit within 24 Hours of game (Fines for unreported Red Cards)
- Sanction Grid in Handbook & Website
- New RAP Policy
- Referee Supplemental sent to FCL and Home Club Special NOTE:
  - Coach / Parent Red Card = Sanction + FINE
  - Violent Conduct (Players & Coaches) = Sanction + FINE





### **HELPFUL REMINDERS**

- Bookmark FCL Website & Handbook
- Download the US Club & ECNL App
- Share this "Quick Reference" to all teams (on website)
- Communicate often and effectively

### GAME DAY REFERENCE GUIDE

25/26















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\*This policy is in conjunction with ECNL Uniform policy for consistency. All players shorts must be matching and of same color as rest of team

### { GAME DAY }

#### WHAT YOU NEED...

#### ECNL RL & Pre-ECNL

- Cell Phone with athlete one app REQUIRED
- All Match info & Player Cards are DIGITAL
- Electronic Check-In by referees on the field

#### All other FCL Leagues

- Match Report from GotSport
- US Club Player Cards for players and staff (laminated preferred, digital will be accepted)

### { POST GAME }

### WHAT TO DO...

- Coaches/Managers sign the Game Card/Ap
- Post score within 24 hor
- UPLOAD image of Game Report (GotSport only)
- If no red card is given, the HOME team
- Game Card until the end of the season
- Visiting Teams MUST fill out Accountability Form

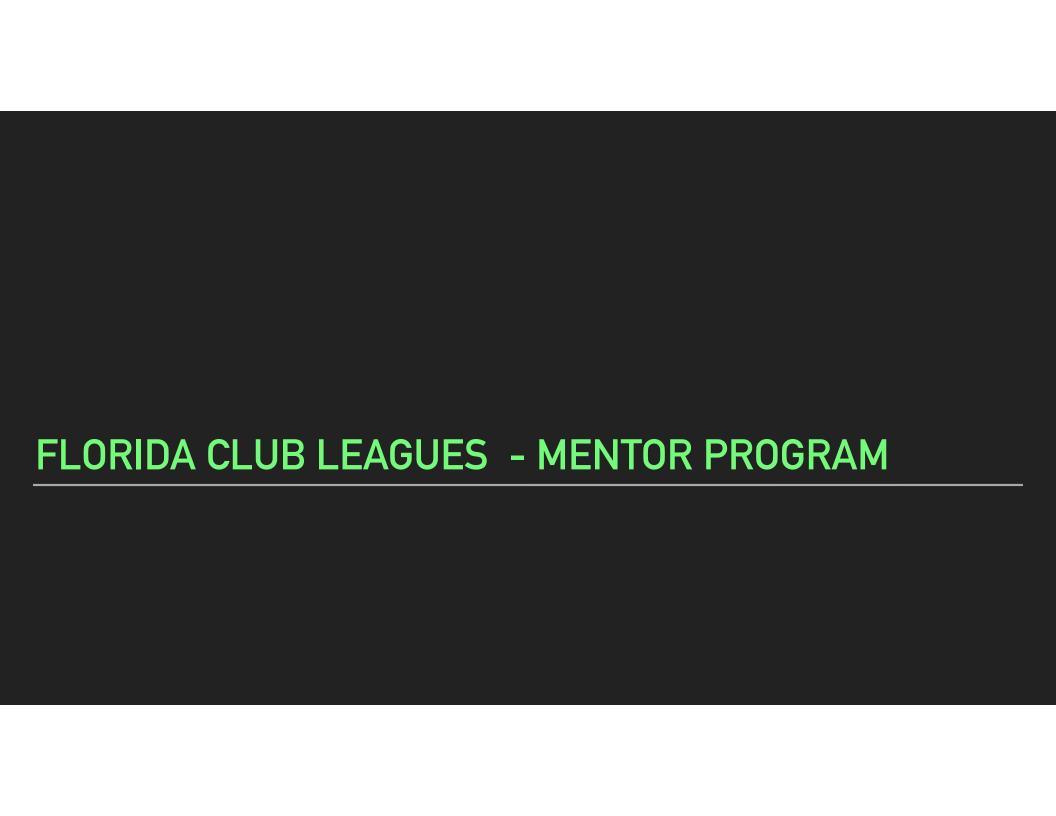
ed Card Procedures and Accountability Form found on FCL website

### { REFEREE PAY STRUCTURE }

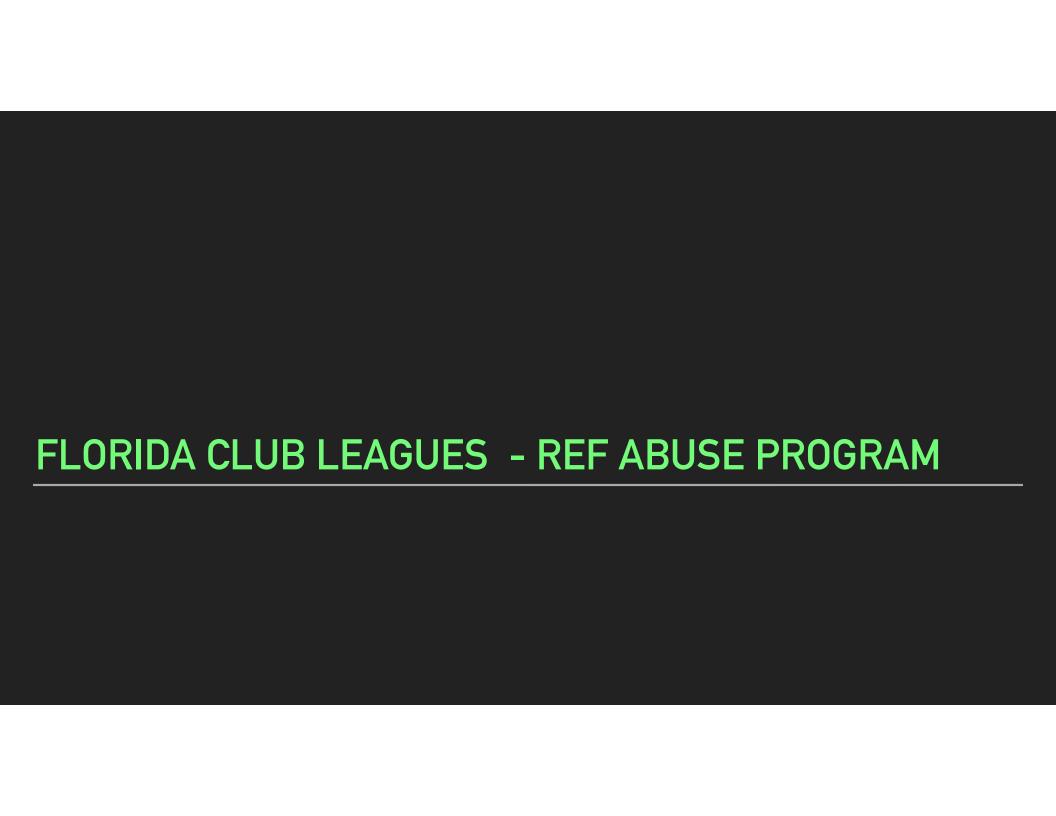
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Referee fees paid by HOME tear



- FCL working with FSR to assign mentors to our league games
- Mentors will be assigned by FSR
- GotSport will be used for the majority of assignments, FSR will work with local assignors with ECNL RL games in Athlete One
- Mentors will be sending feedback to FSR on the referees and if any additional action is needed, FSR will contact the assignor(s)
- Intended outcome: tempered sideline behavior, less red cards and referees getting additional support



### REFEREE ABUSE PROGRAM



### PENALTY OVERVIEW

The Penalties Matrix defines consequences associated with physical and non-physical offenses against Referees.

### NON-PHYSICAL OFFENSES of gross misconduct, abuse, and / or assault

NON-PHYSICAL*	MIN. GAMES	TIME
Insulting, Belittling, Insinuating or Taunting Behavior Undermining Referee Authority	2	
Harassment, Intimidation, Retaliation, Abusive, or Threatening (Non Physical) Language	4	
Aggression, Attacking, Derogatory, Cyberbullying, Doxing or Threatening (Physical / Violence) Language	6	6 - 24 Months
Offensive or Discriminatory Act	10	12 - 24 Months

### PHYSICAL OFFENSES of gross misconduct, abuse, and / or assault

PHYSICAL*	MIN. GAMES	TIME
Minor or Slight Deliberate Touching	3	1 - 6 Months
Pushing, Grabbing, Pulling, Squeezing, Pinching, Lightly Slapping, Use of Object in Non Striking Manner, or Physical Property Damage	10	6 - 24 Months
Hitting, Punching, Elbowing, Kicking, Biting, Spiting, Choking, Tackling, Throwing or Use of Object or Any Part of Body (Forearm, Knee, Head) in a Striking Manner		12 Months - Lifetime

(\*) Disclaimer: These are only a few examples of abuse – other actions or statements may also fall into this category.

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### **KEY PENALTY FACTORS**

- Single offenses are at minimum the prescribed game penalty or time penalty for non red zone offenses
- Penalties can be both game and time depending on severity / circumstances
- Second time offenders receive double punishment
- Third time offenders receive a lifetime
- More than one offense at the same time is at least the punishment for the most serious offense
- Offenses against minors are automatically subject to a "minor multiplier" resulting in triple punishment
- One offense warning per league to be managed by states and leagues collaboratively
- Game consequences are inclusive of 1 game penalty for any red cards given
- Optionality for 50% penalty for first offense from a minor

Please follow your current reporting structure - updated reporting procedure will be a part of Phase 3.

- Using the Federation Penalty Chart as a guideline, FCL will handle the top two categories (yellow and orange) non-physical and physical reported abuse
- Referees MUST report this abuse using the FSR portal within 24 hours, still turning in our game cards & supplementals
- ▶ FSR will share report with FCL
- FCL PDE Committee along with FCL Safeguard/Compliance and FSR representative will review and take appropriate action
- > ALL reported incidents will be input to a US Club database
- > Anything in the bottom two categories will be reported directly to US Club and handled by US Club



# Questions?



### HAVE A GREAT SEASON!