

FALL 2026 TRAVEL DIRECTOR MEETING

Essex County Youth Soccer Association



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Important Season Dates

ECYSA Fall 2025 Season Timeline

SEPTEMBER 7

Official Start Date

First matches of the regular season commence across all age brackets.

OCTOBER 10

Holiday Weekend

No games scheduled. Enjoy the mid-season break with family.

NOVEMBER 7

Final Week

The concluding slate of regular season competition.

Pre-Game Ceremony

Sportsmanship Statement Procedure

- 1. Line Up Area:** After all pre-game activities are complete, both teams and the referee crew will line up at the Halfway Line of the Coaches Sideline.
- 2. Spectator Alignment:** Led by officials, all players and coaches will walk across the field and line up facing spectators, 5 yards from the sideline.
- 3. Script Reading:** The Sportsmanship Statement will be read aloud by a representative of the Home team to all coaches, players, and spectators.
- 4. Pre-Game Handshake:** Following the reading, players perform a pre-game handshake (Home team walks down the line of the Away Team). All players then return to benches and starters assume positions.

*"All participants deserve the right to play in an environment free from hostile and distracting behavior. Poor sportsmanship will not be tolerated...
Please enjoy the game and do your part to create a positive soccer experience for all."*

Policy 531-9: Penalties Matrix

Non-Physical Offenses Against Referees (Effective May 2026)



WHATS NEW: MINOR REFEREE MULTIPLIER ADJUSTMENTS

Reminders:

This adjustment introduces flexibility in minimum application, not a reduction in accountability. Member Organizations may, and should, assign penalties above the minimum where the conduct warrants it.

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

UPDATED MAY 2026

What we heard:

The current mandatory 3x multiplier for incidents involving minor referees is too rigid and often produces disproportionate outcomes.

Solution:

Changes to the Minor Multiplier:

- Removed the multiplier for any offense by a minor
- Introduced a tiered-multiplier for offenses committed by an adult on a minor referee; 2x for Yellow and Orange, maintaining the 3x multiplier for both Red categories.

NON-PHYSICAL*	MIN. GAMES ADULT REFEREE	MIN. GAMES MINOR ON MINOR	MIN. GAMES ADULT ON MINOR	OR MIN TIME
Insulting, Belittling, Insinuating or Taunting Behavior Undermining Referee Authority	1	1	2	
Harassment, Intimidation, Retaliation, Abusive, or Threatening (Non Physical) Language	4	4	8	
Aggression, Attacking, Derogatory, Cyberbullying, Baiting or Threatening (Physical / Violence) Language	6	6	18	3 - 12 Months
Offensive or Discriminatory Act	10	10	30	12 - 24 Months

Changes to the Minimum Penalty in Time:

- Decreased the minimum time on Level 3 Red from 6 months to 3 months so that threatening physical violence doesn't have the same minimum time suspension as physical violence itself.
- Decreased the Level 1 (Yellow) category from 2 to 1 games, therefore, if a Red Card is issued during the game for this offense, there is no requirement for a hearing

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

UPDATED MAY 2026

What we heard:

Applying the same penalties to minor-on-minor incidents does not reflect developmental realities and can lead to excessive bans.

Solution:

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PHYSICAL*	MIN. GAMES ADULT REFEREE	MIN. GAMES MINOR ON MINOR	MIN. GAMES ADULT ON MINOR	OR MIN TIME
Minor or Slight Deliberate Touching	3	3	9	1 - 6 Months
Pushing, Grabbing, Pulling, Squeezing, Pinching, Lightly Slapping, Use of Object in Non Striking Manner, or Physical Property Damage	10	10	30	6 - 24 Months
Hitting, Punching, Elbowing, Kicking, Biting, Spitting, Choking, Tackling, Throwing or Use of Object or Any Part of Body (Forearm, Knee, Head) in a Striking Manner		12 Months - Lifetime	36 Months - Lifetime	12 Months - Lifetime

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For more information, visit: [USSOCCER.COM/RAP](https://ussoccer.com/rap)



Fall 2026 Reschedule Framework

Eligible Exceptions vs. Coach Agreed Rules

School, Religious & Midweek Exemptions

- **Submission Cutoff:** The requesting Travel Director must submit the new date/time no later than Sunday before kick-off (11:59 PM).
- **Resource Flexibility:** The requesting TD has full capability to select either Home or Away resource options.
- **Opposing Review:** Opposing TD must approve/deny the proposed timeline only. If denied, request shifts back to ECYSA to override once teams find a date.
- **7-Day Deadline:** If an agreement is not finalized within 7 days of initial ECYSA approval, ECYSA will formally set the date.

Coach Agreed Reschedule Rules

- **Mutual Selection:** Coaches of both teams align directly to reschedule and fully determine a mutually agreed timeline.
- **Absolute Deadline:** Deadline to submit remains strict: no later than Sunday before kick-off (11:59 PM).
- **Organization Fee:** A new fee equivalent to the specific grade group's referee fee is applied to the requesting team's town organization.
- **Mandatory Play:** The rescheduled game must be played even if a game official/referee cannot be successfully assigned.
- **Reschedule of Reschedule:** Allowed but will result in the processing fee being billed again.

Coach Agreed Reschedule Fees

Billed to Requesting Team's Town Organization (Equivalent to Referee Fees)

GRADE 4

\$50

GRADE 6

\$60

GRADE 8

\$80

Operations & Compliance

Important Reminders for Town Directors

•Compliance & Operational Notes

- **Non-Resident Paperwork:** Ensure flawless, precise spelling of the town name. Operational typos will cause structural delays in our new non-resident approval loop.
- **Mandatory Credentials:** All regulatory coaching credentials must be fully finalized and verified before a coach can be officially assigned to any team roster.
- **Save the Date (AGM):** The Annual General Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday November 10h at 7:00 PM. Venue: The Polish Club.

Subject: Join Us for the Every Player Counts Festival

We're excited to invite teams to the Every Player Counts Festival: A Celebration of Veterans, taking place November 21–22, 2026 at the SBLI Fields at Progin Park. Built around the idea that every player deserves a place to play, this special weekend will bring our soccer community together to honor veterans, celebrate the game, and give more players the opportunity to experience a festival environment. The festival is open to non-MTOC eligible teams (Grades 5-8) and will feature:

- Two games for each team in one day
- No entry fee
- An opportunity to make an optional donation benefiting veterans

A memorable day of soccer, community, and celebration at SBLI Fields at Progin Park

One Game. One Community. Every Player.

Come celebrate the game, honor our veterans, and create a memorable experience for every player.

Interested in participating? Contact your league for more information and to express your interest.



The poster features a yellow background with a subtle soccer ball pattern. At the top left is a soccer ball logo with the text 'EVERY PLAYER COUNTS. FESTIVAL'. To the right, the title 'A CELEBRATION OF VETERANS' is written in large, bold, blue letters. Below the title, the slogan 'One Game. One Community. Every Player.' is displayed. Three icons (calendar, location pin, and group of people) are used to list the event details: 'November 21-22, 2026', 'SBLI Fields at Progin Park', and 'Open to non-MTOC eligible teams | Grades 5-8'. On the right side, two young boys are shown wearing blue t-shirts with the 'EVERY PLAYER COUNTS' logo. At the bottom left, it says 'Presented by ELITE' with a stylized logo. At the bottom right, there is a 'MASSACHUSETTS YOUTH SOCCER' logo.

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Nicholas Scaltreto

Lead Account Executive
Group Sales

TEAM SPOTLIGHT & PROFILE

Professional Profile

Nicholas drives group sales engagement, stadium packing, and high-impact multi-game outreach programs for the New England Revolution. He specializes in community relationship building and strategic soccer club partnerships.

Core Responsibilities

- Manage major high-demand group and corporate ticket packages.
- Orchestrate local youth soccer community and club tournament partnerships.
- Coordinate exclusive matchday field experiences and high-end theme nights.
- Leverage data analytics for targeted regional fan development campaigns.

Education & Connection

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Open Forum

Questions, Comments, or Additional Items?