



# Soccer Referees Playoff Meeting

Monday, January 29, 2024, 6:30 pm

Boca Raton Community Center

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# Meeting Agenda

- Playoff Schedule
- Payment Schedule
- Length of Games & Overtime
- Overtime mechanics
- FIFA Kicks from the Penalty Mark
- Reminders
- Feedback and Questions



# Playoff Schedule

- Playoffs begin Monday, February 12
- Playoffs end Sunday, February 25
- Tom Cup Finals Saturday, March 2
  - at Spanish River Park
- Playoff Schedule Posted on <https://getagame.club:30500/>
- 10 Minutes of waiting before forfeit for a 6pm weekday games; otherwise, 5 minutes
- Uniform and equipment check should be strictly enforced.

# SABR Referee Payment Schedule

## Recreational League

Age Group	Referee	Assistant Referee
U9, U10	\$30	\$20
U11	\$36	\$22
U12	\$42	\$26
U15	\$62	\$38
U19	\$66	\$40



# Length of Games & Overtime Periods

Age Group	Game Length	Overtime Periods
U9 & U10	Two 25-minute halves	One 10-min Period
U11 & U12	Two 30-minute halves	One 10-min Period
U15	Two 35-minute halves	One 10-min Period
U19	Two 40-minute halves	One 10-min Period

# Breaks after Regulation

- Overtime for tied games is the only difference between the regular season and the playoffs.
- If tied at the end of regulation, a five minute break should be provided before OT.
- Another five minutes break should be provided before the start of penalty kicks if needed.



# No Golden Goal Rule

The whole overtime 10 minute period needs to be played; if still tied at the end of overtime; the game will go to penalty kicks.

If after overtime period has expired in the playoffs or Tom Cup finals, FIFA “kicks from the penalty mark” rules will apply

- Every player on the field of play and substitute in the technical area after balancing the teams at the end of the overtime period are eligible to participate in the penalty kicks. This applies to goalkeeper as well.
- To repeat, players on the bench are eligible, which is a club exception from FIFA rules.
- Write down all the players numbers who are **NOT eligible after balancing**.
- Each team shall designate the order of all eligible players in the order they will shoot, to take the penalty kicks, and give the list to the referee.
- The list will be kept by the AR who is managing the players in the center circle.



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- At the beginning of overtime, you may suggest to the coaches that to save time, they start making out their lists.
  - Include player jersey numbers
  - Allows the coach to strategize who they need to have kicking as the first group of five
  - You can remind the coach that their goalkeeper may be placed anywhere on the list—they don’t have to go last.
- The referee and both ARs should each keep track of goals and check with each other periodically.

## Kicks from the Penalty Mark – Set Up

- After the players are chosen and you have the list of all those NOT eligible, ask both teams to meet you in the center circle.
- Provide a brief overview of the rules to coaches and players; ask if they have any questions.
- Ask for captains from both teams.
- The team whose captain wins the coin toss shall choose to go first or second.
- Other than the player taking a penalty kick and the two goalkeepers, all players shall remain within the center circle while the taking of kicks is in progress.



# Kicks from the Penalty Mark – Suggestions

- Before the game, referee should consult with ARs and determine which is better suited to stand on the goal line and which is better suited to manage the players being sent to kick.
- Discuss with both goalkeepers the rules regarding their positioning and movement.
- As each kicker approaches the penalty spot, hand them the ball and allow them to place it on the spot themselves.
- Tell each kicker sternly to wait for your whistle before kicking.

## Kicks from the Penalty Mark – Process

- The referee shall choose the goal from which penalty kicks will be taken.
  - See if a Blue Shirt has already set cones for one goal.
- The kicks shall be taken alternately by the teams.
- Starting with the first player, AR in the center calls them out to the penalty mark by jersey number, using the lists you got from the coaches.
- If, before both teams have taken five kicks, one team has scored more goals than the other could, even if it were to complete its five kicks, the taking of the kicks shall cease.
- For U9 & U10, if there is no penalty mark on the field, please make a mark halfway between the goal area line and the penalty area.



## If the Number of Goals are Tied

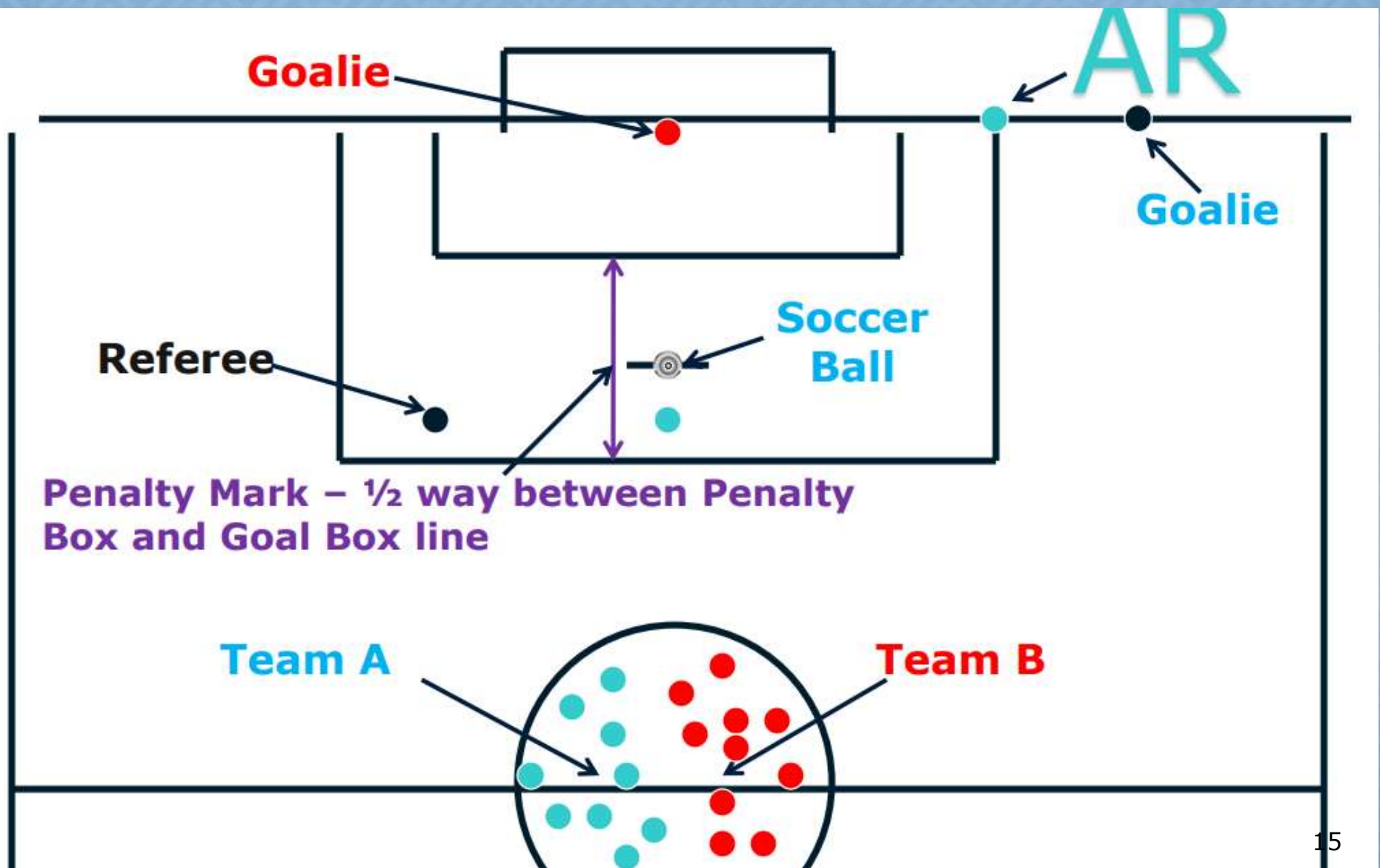
- If, after both teams have taken five kicks, the match remains tied, the taking of kicks shall continue, with different players than the first five players, until such time as both teams have taken an equal number of kicks (not necessarily five more kicks) and one team has scored a goal more than the other team.
- If all eligible players have taken a kick, and the goals are still tied, then the kicking shall continue in the same order as at the beginning of the process.
- Continue to keep track of jersey numbers and goals made.
- Each kick shall be taken by a different player, and not until all eligible players of any team, including the goalkeeper, have each taken a kick, may a player of the same team take a second kick.

# Goalkeeper Positions and Injury

- Goalkeeper must be on the goal line (at least one foot) and cannot move from that position until the ball is kicked. They can only move to side to side before the kick is taken.
- The goalkeeper who is the teammate of the kicker shall stand outside the penalty area at which the kicks are being taken, behind goal line, beyond the penalty area and behind the AR.
- Once the goalkeeper is assigned for the taking of the penalty kicks to determine the winner of the match, they cannot be changed. The exception is if a goalkeeper sustains an injury during the taking of the kicks and who, because of the injury, is unable to continue as goalkeeper; in this situation, they may be replaced by an eligible substitute.



# Positions During Kicks from the Penalty Mark



# Reminders

- Be sure you are recertified for 2024.  
<https://sabr.soccerref.net/>
- Be prepared, professionally dressed, and on time
  - 30 minutes prior to gametime
- As previously noted, if there is no penalty spot marked, pace 12 yards for U11 and above, and mark a spot halfway between penalty and goal areas for U9 & U10.



# Reminders, cont'd.

- "Slide tackles" are permitted for youth games; it is noted that they may often, but not always, result in a foul.
- No band-aids on ears--it will be assumed they are covering earrings.
- For U9 & 10, the goalie may not bounce the ball and kick it.
- All parts of uniforms must be the right color for playoffs.

# Questions?

