



NATIONAL 1 MIDWEST DISTRICT 2 (OHIO RIVER LEAGUE) 2026-2027 REFEREE CHECKLIST

Pre-Game Referee Requirements

- ☐ **Team Check-In**
 - Review Game Card, rosters and player cards/photo roster for each team
 - Teams must write in any club pass and trapped 8th grade players (2 max/game) on the Game Card prior to kick off and have approved by Referee
 - Keep Game Card(s) from both teams
 - Collect Referee payments from each team
 - U13-14: 80/60/60 | \$100/team
 - U15-16: 90/65/65 | \$110/team
 - U17-19: 100/75/75 | \$125/team

Referee Game On – N1 Midwest District 2 Competition Rules

- ☐ All N1 matches will be played in accordance with the FIFA/US Soccer Laws of the game except as modified by these competition rules.
- ☐ **Game Length:** National 1 Matches shall be played with the following game length:
 - U13-U14: 2 x 35 minutes with 10-minute half-time
 - U15-U16: 2 x 40 minutes with 10-minute half-time
 - U17-U19: 2 x 45 minutes with 10-minute half-time
- ☐ **Game Day Roster:** A maximum of eighteen (18) players may be rostered on a game day roster.
- ☐ **Club Pass:** Any US Club Soccer registered player within a club or team participating in National 1 or approved affiliate may participate in a National 1 game, except as outlined below. The team shall follow the procedures published by the Operator for adding a player to the game day roster (See Pre-Game Above).
- ☐ Any player rostered or having participated in the current year in an official ECNL competition or equivalent is ineligible to participate in any official National 1 matches for the same club.
- ☐ A maximum of four players rostered or having participated in the current year in an official ECNL Regional League competition may participate in any National 1 match.
- ☐ **Trapped U15 player:** A player registered to a team participating in National 1 who is in 8th grade, but who is age appropriate for the U15 age group is classified as a “Trapped U15 Player.” A Trapped U15 Player is eligible to participate in U14 National 1 Competition that is played during the player’s sanctioned high school soccer association’s competition season. No more than two (2) Trapped U15 Players may participate in any individual U14 National 1 Competition (See Pre-Game Above).



- ❑ **Substitutions:** Substitutions may be made at any stoppage with the approval of the referee. For 2026-2027, All U13-U19 National 1 Midwest District 2 substitutions are unlimited. Coaches may NOT agree to changes to the substitution policy.

Post-Game Referee Requirements

- ❑ **Game Card:**
 - Complete Game Card Report along with final score, yellow and red cards and any other areas that need to be completed by Center Referee.
 - Sign Game Card.
 - Hand the Completed/Signed Game Card back to the Home Team
 - Home team is responsible for reporting score to the league via the QR code/league pin number and scanning/emailing Game Card to the N1 MW D2 directors.
- ❑ **Disciplinary Issues:**
 - Any disciplinary issues with players, coaches and/or spectators need to be reported in writing to the N1 MW D2 Commissioner, Tim Lesiak, at tlesiak@theohioriverleague.com within 24 hours of the final whistle of the match.