



Dear Referees and Referee Assignors,

The Great Lakes Alliance (GLA) is a US Club Soccer-sanctioned regional league providing high-level competition for clubs throughout Ohio, Western Pennsylvania, Western New York, and West Virginia while emphasizing convenient travel. The GLA is part of the US Club National 1 League platform. GLA Champions advance directly to a National Competition.

The National 1 League is a top-tier youth soccer competition in the United States. Launching for the 2026-27 season, it merges the former US Youth Soccer National League and US Club Soccer's NPL into a single, unified national platform. The National 1 League provides the nation's top clubs with a consistent schedule of meaningful, high-level competition while promoting a higher training-to-game ratio that supports long-term player development.

The National 1 League adheres to the 1 game per day philosophy for U13 and older to allow athletes proper recovery time between matches.

As a US Club Sanctioned league, all teams must present: Official US Club roster, US Club Soccer player and team official passes (with photos) as well as an Official Gotsport game card.

Official Match Lengths:

U-10 through U-12:	2 x 30 minutes
U-13 through U-14:	2 x 35 minutes
U-15 through U-16:	2 x 40 minutes
U-17 Through U-19	2 x 45 minutes

New for the 2026-2027 Season – Home Team is responsible for all referee fees.

Below is the minimum referee payscale.

<u>GLA Referee Fees for 2026-2027</u>		Center	A/R	A/R	Total
Age	Format	Center	AR1	AR2	Total
U10	7v7 (1 Referee)	\$60	—	—	\$60
U11-U12	9v9	\$70	\$45	\$45	\$160
U13-U14	11v11	\$80	\$50	\$50	\$180
U15-U16	11v11	\$90	\$55	\$55	\$200
U17-U19	11v11	\$100	\$65	\$65	\$230

All matches will be played in accordance with the FIFA Laws of the Game. However, unlimited substitutions are permitted in accordance with National 1 League and US Club Soccer competition rules.

Thank you for serving as an essential part of the Great Lakes Alliance and National 1 League. Your professionalism and commitment help provide a positive, competitive environment for our players, coaches, and clubs. We appreciate your support and look forward to working with you throughout the season.

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