

NCenYSA Rules of Competition

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ARTICLE I: REGISTRATION

Section 1: Registration Period

Registration for fall will be during the month of August and spring registration will be during the month of February. Closing dates for fall and spring seasons will be determined by a vote of the NCenYSA Board of Directors. No player registration will be accepted after the season's registration has been sent to US Club, except for those players who have moved into the geographical boundaries of the association (Okanogan County) after the close of registration.

Section 2: Dues

Each year the NCenYSA Board of Directors, by majority vote, will establish the dues to be paid by each Member Club to the Association. These dues will be part of the Registration Fee paid by the Member Club for each individual registered.

Section 3: Registration Age(s)

A player will be assigned to a division on the basis of the player's age as of January 1st of the current season. The minimum age will be three (3) years by January 1st of the current season. The maximum age will be eighteen (18) by January 1st of the current season. No player will be nineteen (19) before January 1st.

ARTICLE II: TEAMS

Section 1: Team Types

"Recreational league" means an intra-club league in which:

- (1) The use of tryouts, invitations, recruiting, or any similar process to roster players to any team on the basis of talent or ability is prohibited;
- (2) The Club administering the league accepts as participants in the league any eligible youth (subject to reasonable terms on registration);
- (3) A system of rostering players is used to establish a fair or balanced distribution of playing talent among all teams participating; and
- (4) It is the goal or recreational play that all players be allowed to play; playing time should average a half of a game averaged over the whole of the season.

Section 2: Player Transfer

Transfers may only be submitted by a Member Club Registrar to the Association Registrar. Actual transfer will be dependent on confirmation from the Association Registrar and will be dependent on following US Club rules.

Section 3: Team Size

Full size teams are limited to a maximum of 20 players (suggested 18) or, for modified teams as suggested by our governing body, US Club.

Section 4: Team Dissolution

If a select team cannot complete its schedule because of lack of participation of players, the team will be disbanded and the players will be unable to play for the remainder of the scheduled season. The team will be responsible for any fees to be paid for not completing its assigned schedule.

Section 5: Team Age Grouping

(a) Recreational team age groupings shall be established by NCenYSA at the beginning of each seasonal year.

ARTICLE III: RULES OF PLAY

Team competition shall be governed by FIFA rules and their current interpretations as found in the publication Laws of the Game and Guide to Referees, except as modified in this Article.

Section 1: Number of Players

(a) Matches can be played with a minimum of seven (7) players unless playing modified size teams. In the event a team cannot field seven (7) players within fifteen (15) minutes of the official starting time, that team shall forfeit the match. If a match is started and injuries cause one team to lose players below the seven (7) minimum, that team shall forfeit the match, although the game can be continued as a scrimmage. A reasonable amount of suspended time shall be given in the case of injuries to determine if the player can return to the match.

(b) Teams will match the number of players showing up by a small team unless doing so would violate the intent that all players play 50% of a game.

Section 2: Substitution

In all divisions free and unlimited substitutions are allowed *with the consent of the referee* at the following prescribed intervals:

Section 3: Scheduling season

It shall be mandatory to play a regular Association match unless the Referee Coordinator and the opposing coach agree to rescheduling at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the match time. In case of a failure to show up at a regularly scheduled Association match, the offending team shall lose the match by a score of 1 to 0 for age groups recording scores. A match may be postponed at the field site if in the referee's opinion the weather conditions are too hazardous for play if both teams appear at the field site.

Section 4: Duration of Game, Ball Size and Home Team Responsibilities

Duration of game and ball size is determined by US Club. Please refer to Attachment A for the current specifics regarding duration of games and ball size.

When the proper ball size is not available, the ball present at the match will be used. The home team will always be listed on the schedule first and will be responsible for providing the ball for the game and ensuring the goals, corner flags and nets are properly set up. The home team is further responsible for ensuring all equipment is put away at the end of the match.

Section 5: Tie Games

Regular season games ending in a tie will remain a tie. Overtime (sudden death or shootout) will be used to break ties only in tournament play. [To be outlined prior to tournament.]

Section 6: Player Time in Matches

Every player that has suited up will play in a regular season game, except for those who are under disciplinary action for misconduct or at the coach's discretion. Coaches may award playing time based upon a player's time commitment as well as their attitude. This includes regular season games. It is the goal or recreational play that all players be allowed to play; playing time should average a half of a game averaged over the whole of the season. Tournament and post season games may have different rules.

Section 7: Ten Goal Rule

If a team is losing a match by ten points, the coach of the losing team has the discretion to end the match at that point. The intent of this rule is not to end the match, but rather to encourage the coach of the stronger team to change tactics and allow less skilled players the opportunity for more playing time and/or an opportunity to play other positions.

Section 8: Rule and Regulation Changes

Once the playing season begins, the rules of competition will not be subject to change until after the season is completed.

Section 9: Safety

Any material at the discretion of the referee considered to be dangerous will not be worn during the match (watches, necklaces, earrings, hard casts, belts).

Section 10: Misconduct

- (a) Per FIFA rules, a player given a red card shall be ejected. His/her team shall play down equal to the number of red cards given to that team.
- (b) A copy of the ejection report, from the referee, will be sent to the Club's Age Group Representative and the NCenYSA Director of Competition. The Age Group Representative will insure the player is suspended from participation in the next regularly scheduled game. If a player receives a second red card in season play, he/she shall be suspended from play until reinstated by the Association.
- (c) No misconduct at U10 and below.

(d) Misconduct applies to coaches at all age levels.

Section 11: Fields of Play

Field size shall be established by NCenYSA, in consultation with all clubs in the Association prior to the fall season. Please refer to Attachment A for current dimensions of the fields of play for each age division.

Section 12: Uniforms

(a) In order to compete in the Association matches, a player must be dressed with the following:

- (1) Team Jersey tucked into shorts;
- (2) Regulation soccer shoes, multi-purpose gym shoes or sneakers;
- (3) Shin guards are mandatory, with socks covering.

(b) When the weather is inclement, players may wear a base layer under shorts tucked into socks, shirts underneath their jersey and light gloves or hats as noted by FIFA.

Section 13: Tournaments

Any Club wishing to hold a tournament shall submit a tournament proposal to NCenYSA. Any special rules for the tournament must be in writing and delivered and agreed upon by the NCenYSA Director of Competition. Special rules will be given in writing and delivered to all teams prior to the start of the tournament. Upon sanctification of the tournament, any team rostered in NCenYSA shall be given the opportunity to play in the tournament.

Section 14: Standings

Standings for the Association will be determined on a total point basis with one (1) point awarded for a tie and two (2) points awarded for a win. No points are awarded for a loss. In the event of a tie between two teams for first place at the end of the regular season play, there will be dual champions. Standings will only be kept at.

ARTICLE IV: COACHING AND OFFICIATING

Section 1: Coaching Responsibilities

(a) Each team must have a coach or designated and RMA cleared adult at the field throughout the entire match and practices. Coaching is understood as giving advice and directions to one's own team on points of strategy and position. Coaching shall only be done by a maximum of two (2) persons from each team from the same side of the field. The tone of voice is to be informative.

(b) A coach may be sent off by the referee if he/she is in violation of any rules of competition warranting ejection. An assistant coach or responsible, RMA

cleared adult is permitted to continue coaching the team for the duration of the game.

(c) If the coach has any questions to ask the referee he/she may do so before or after the game and only in a respectful manner. Any questions for the referee during the game are allowed only from the team captain.

(d) Members under the age of eighteen (18) may only serve as assistant coaches.

(e) All coaches will complete a Risk Management form before practices begin. No coach will be allowed to meet with the children before the form is completed and submitted to US Club.

(f) Coaches or players are NOT allowed to:

- (1) Be behind the goal line during the match;
- (2) Be closer than eighteen (18) yards from the corner, except in modified play, or make derogatory gestures or remarks to the officials, other coaches or spectators;
- (3) Use artificial devices as megaphones;
- (4) Enter the field of play unless the players are acknowledged and the coaches are requested by the referee;
- (5) Consume alcoholic beverages, drugs or tobacco products at any time during practices or competition or come to any practice or competition under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

(g) Violation of this rule will result in suspension and is subject to Article III, section 11.

(h) Coaches are responsible for:

- (1) The conduct of their players and parents on and off the field before, during and after the match;
- (2) Keeping their substitutes and parents two (2) yards behind the touchline;
- (3) Having all their players at the match site fifteen (15) minutes prior to the start of the match;
- (4) Being knowledgeable of the soccer rules;
- (5) Providing the referee with one linesman to assist the referee during the match if requested. Volunteer linesmen only assist in calling the ball in and out of play.

Section 2: Protests

(a) The procedures for filing a protest for Recreational Teams will be to submit a written description of the purported error. It should contain the particulars of the referee's improper procedure in the administration of a specifically stated rule or rules of the game. No protest will be accepted on the basis of judgment calls rendered by the referee. A coach or his/her designee must submit the original to the Association Director of Competition, the opposing coach and the referee involved so all parties have the protest in their hands within seventy-two (72) hours after the match. The original must be submitted with a \$10.00 protest fee, which will be refunded immediately if the protest is upheld. Written comments may be submitted by all parties. Failure to comply exactly with these procedures shall automatically void the protest.

(b) The Director of Competition will handle the protest within seven (7) days after the related match and the decision will be final.

Section 3: Officiating

(a) A referee shall be assigned by the Director of Competition to officiate each match with the authority assigned to him/her as defined in Laws of the Game (FIFA). He/she shall have the authority to reject the linesman provided by the competing teams. The referee must file a misconduct report to the Director of Competition and the Age Group Representative for all coaches and players ejected from the game. The report must be filed within one week of the incident.

(b) The referee shall at all times put great emphasis on the welfare of the players and officiate each match in a manner inducing clean competition and sportsmanship. The referee is empowered to end any match if in his/her opinion players or coaches are not conducting themselves according to the NCenYSA, WSYSA or FIFA rules. If players or coaches do not abide by the referee's decision, the match will be abandoned and the score at game abandonment will become the final score. If the match is between two Member Clubs, the Association will review the case. The referee will submit to the NCenYSA Board, in writing, an explanation of his/her action. The Board will review the incident with the referee, coaches and players involved and take any action it deems appropriate.

Dated this 2nd day of March, 2018.

North Central Youth Soccer Association

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