

# SOCL Rules of Competition – Spring 2014

FIFA Laws of the Game apply with the following modifications:

## A. Substitutions

Unlimited substitutions allowed, with the consent of the Referee, on any dead ball.

## B. Length of Games

U10-U11 (Pacific Crest) 9v9 - 30 Minute Halves with 10 Minute Half Time  
U12 (Siskiyou) 11v11 - 30 Minute Halves with 10 Minute Half Time  
U13-U14 (Siskiyou/Cascade) - 35 Minute Halves with 10 Minute Half Time  
U15-U16 - 40 minute Halves with 10 Minute Half Time  
U17-U18 - 45 Minute Halves with 10 Minute Half Time  
High School (U18) 8v8 - 40 Minute Halves with 10 Minute Half Time

\* No overtime or tie-breaking kicks from the penalty mark during League matches.

\*\* In the event of a blended division (*i.e. a U12 team is playing a U13 team*), play 35 Minute Halves with 10 Minute Half Time.

## C. Ball Size

U11-U12 = #4

U13-U19 = #5

\*Home team shall provide 3 game balls.

\*\* In the event of a blended division (*i.e. a U12 team is playing a U13 team*), the ball size and game duration defers to the OLDER team. If the home team is the younger team, away team must provide proper size balls.

## D. Field Preparation / Goal Kicks

Home Team is responsible for field preparedness: Mowing, lining, goal & net set-up, and corner flags. All goals, including portable goals, must be securely anchored to the ground. It is further the responsibility of the home team to provide a playing field with at least the following min. dimensions: 50 x 100 yards (11v11) and 40 x 75 yards (U11/U12 8v8).

Goal Kicks for pure U12 games shall be taken from the penalty stripe.

## E. Game Start Time

Teams are expected to play games at the scheduled time and location. Referees must complete the player/coach credential check-in process (with valid member passes and official rosters) prior to scheduled game time. If an unofficial roster or invalid member pass is accepted by the referee, SOYSC still reserves the right to declare a post-game forfeit. For emergency situations, call the SOCL weekend hotline phone for guidance. Calls can be placed to either Kevin Primerano at 541-301-3681 or Ken Baker at 541-840-4453.

## F. Minimum Number of Players/Adults

A team must have at least seven players and one rostered adult to start a match. For 8v8 and 9v9 matches the minimum number of players is 6.

## **G. Team Sidelines**

If space permits, coaches, spectators, and players not on the field of play must remain at least 6 feet behind the touchline and at least 18 yards from the corners of the field. Teams must be on one side of the field, spectators on the other side, if space permits. A team consists only of those players, coaches or managers who are on the official roster and have valid member passes. Coaches, players and spectators are not allowed behind the end line for any reason.

## **H. Officials Report**

Coaches should verify with the referee at the games conclusion that their score matches his/her report. All officials must submit online game reports and official rosters to SOCL within 48 hours after the match.

## **I. Cautioned or Sent Off Participants**

**YELLOW CARDS (CAUTIONS):** Referees will note all cautioned players/coaches in their game report, but will not retain the specific member passes.

**RED CARDS (SEND OFFS):** Referees **will not retain** and **submit** with their game report the member passes of any sent off (ejected) player/coach.

Referees will not show yellow or red cards to coaches, but will inform them clearly in conversation what action is being taken. If a coach is sent off, the assistant coach or an adult with valid member pass belonging to the teams club will be appointed. If no one is available, the game will be forfeited.

## **J. GAME SUSPENSIONS**

Minimum that will apply:

2nd caution received in the same game - 1 game

Serious foul play - 1 game

Violent Conduct - 2 games

Foul & Abusive Language - 1 game

Referee Abuse - 3 games

Referee Assault - 3 months or per USSF policy

Additional Suspensions

- 1 game for refusal to give name to the official.
- 1 game if the Coach is sent off.

## **K. Sanctions**

A team must have at least seven (7) players and one (1) coach/manager and submit to the referee an official US Club Soccer game roster and valid member passes by the official game start time or the game will be forfeited.

All forfeits will also result in a fine. Fines will range from \$50-\$1500 for each infraction. The amount of each fine will depend on the circumstances and severity of the infraction and in all cases will be determined by the league board of directors or League Disciplinary Committee as described in SOYSC BYLAWS.

Additional club and/or team sanctions may also be imposed for failure to comply with SOYSC rules and Code of Ethics, US CLUB SOCCER rules and bylaws, US Club Soccer policies or procedures, or US Soccer Federation relating to a competition.

Failure to pay fines within 15 days of receipt of the official notice may result in a club or Team being removed from good standing and could affect the clubs eligibility to participate in future SOYSC sponsored or sanctioned activities.

**No Show Forfeits** are when a team fails to appear for a scheduled match by the official game start time. A no show is a serious infraction of the rules and fines will be levied accordingly.

Guidelines of fines are as follows:

- Canceling a match and rescheduling with more than 14 days notice - \$25
- Canceling a match with 2-13 days notice and gaining approval of a new match date, field, and time within 7 days of the original match date - \$50
- Canceling a match with 2-13 days notice and gaining approval of a new date, field and time after 7 days from the original match date - \$150
- Canceling a game with 4-5 days notice - \$200.00
- Failing to show for a scheduled match - \$400 plus games fees. A written report must also be given to the club representative.
- Withdrawing from the league after application has been received and schedule has been completed - \$250 plus any cancellation, referee, and rescheduling fees incurred.

## L. Players Equipment

1. All players on the field must be attired in matching uniforms (except the goalkeeper) to the satisfaction of the referee. All numbers will appear on the back of the jerseys and all team players must have a different number (except the goalkeeper). The goalkeeper will be attired in an outfit that is different from the opposing keeper, all other players on the field and the referee.
2. Each team must have alternate color of numbered jerseys. In cases of color similarity, the designated home team (listed first) will change jerseys.
3. Games are played on artificial and natural turf. All players must be prepared to play on either surface independent of schedule. SOYSC reserves the right to switch the game location due to adverse field conditions or scheduling conflict.
4. **No equipment shall be worn that is dangerous to another player. (Hard and unyielding items [guards, casts, braces, etc.] on the hand, wrist, forearm, elbow, upper arm or shoulder are illegal unless covered, and must be padded with a closed-cell, slow recovery foam padding no less than 1/2-inch thick. The game official has the final say as to whether or not a cast is properly wrapped and safe for play).**
5. Shin guards, covered by socks, are mandatory in all US CLUB SOCCER sanctioned games. Players not wearing shin guards will not be allowed to play.
6. **No jewelry is permitted.** Taping of jewelry is not permitted. Medical alert and religious bracelets/necklaces are allowed, if taped.

## M. Player/Coach Member Passes & Rosters

Each team must submit valid US CLUB SOCCER current seasonal year Competitive passes AND an official US CLUB SOCCER game roster to the referee prior to each game. For a pass to be valid, it must have photo of the player/coach, club registrar's signature and be laminated. Valid passes are also mandatory for coaches, asst. coaches and managers, with a limit of 4 per team.

Maximum Game Day Roster size:

- U10/U11 9v9 - 14 Players
- U12-U14 - 18 Players
- U15-U19 - 18 Players

- High School (U18) 8v8- 18 Players.

Any team that plays an ineligible player will forfeit all games in which he/she participates and will face other possible sanctions from SOYSC. Failure to submit valid member passes and/or official game roster prior to the scheduled game time will result in a forfeit. A maximum of 18 players on a U15-U19 player roster will be allowed to play in a given match or allowed to be in uniform in the teams technical area during a given match. Players that are not rostered for a game may be in the teams technical area as long as they are not dressed in uniform or appear as if they are ready and able to play.

### **Guest Players**

Guest Players from teams within your own club are allowed. Guest players cannot play down in age. The older team competing in that game determines the age group of a game. Each player's name and birth date must be added (handwritten) to the team's official Roster AND his/her member pass presented to the referee.

Guest players from outside clubs are prohibited unless approved by a majority vote of the SOYSC members. If approved, an Exception to Guest Player Rule form, signed by SOCL league Director, must be presented to the referee with valid US Club Player Pass prior to each game. Both the clubs loaning and receiving guest player must have completed, signed, and filed the US Club Soccer Player Loan form with both US Club Soccer and SOCL League Director.

**Guest Coaches** are allowed to participate on any team provided they have a valid and current member pass issued from their club. Each guest coach's name shall be added by hand to the roster and valid member pass presented to the referee. Teams are limited to no more than 4 coaches on the team bench during a game.

## **N. Responsibilities of Coaches**

1. Each coach is responsible for the conduct of his/her team players, staff and spectators. Failure to control the player/staff/spectator conduct will result in the forfeiture of the game.
2. Coaching is permitted from the touchline by ONE coach at a time. All valid coaches/managers must be on the team's roster and present valid member passes to the referee prior to the game.
3. Coaching is understood as giving directions to one's own team on points of strategy and position. No mechanical or electronic devices permitted. The tone of voice must be informative; no coach is to direct derogatory remarks or gestures to the referee, players or spectators.
4. The referee may warn or expel a coach if he/she is in violation of any of the rules of competition, including these responsibilities.

## **O. Scoring Method and Tie-Breakers**

Scoring Method:  
3 Points for a win  
1 Point for a tie  
0 Points for a loss

Tie Breakers:  
Goal Differential  
Least Goals Conceded  
Most Goals Scored

## **P. Safety**

In the interest of everyone's safety, please observe the following: no one may play if they are bleeding or there is blood on their uniform. The player must leave the field and may be substituted at the coach's

discretion. The uniform must be changed. The player may return to the game after bleeding is stopped and the wound is covered.

## **Q. Protest and Appeals**

The League Director will appoint a Protest and Appeals Committee to deal with issues related to the Laws of the Game that may arise from the competition. Referee judgment decisions during the game are final, not appealable.

**To be valid and eligible for consideration, each protest must be:**

1. Verbally lodged to the Protest Director at 541-301-3681 within 24 hours of the end of the game.
2. Contact your Club representative ASAP.
3. Filed in writing, clearly citing the law of soccer or league rule violated.
4. Written report, accompanied by a \$100 protest fee (no personal checks), submitted to the SOYSC office by the end of the second business day following the protested game. The protest fee will be returned if the protest is upheld; if not, the fee will be forfeited to SOYSC.

## **R. Powers of the League Board**

The League Board is responsible for all competition rule interpretations. All decisions of the League Board are final.

## **S. Game Change Protocol**

All Game Changes must be arranged via Club Directors of participating teams.

**NOTE:** All games rescheduled by teams in the Rogue Valley Referee Area, will be subject to rescheduling fees and games must be rescheduled 2 weeks prior.

**Warning:** Consumption of Alcoholic beverages and any use of Tobacco products are strictly prohibited at all League game sites.

Coaches shall not be under the influence of any illicit drugs or alcohol during any game or SOYSC sanctioned activity.

SOYSC Director Kevin Primerano  
SOYSC Administrator Ken Baker

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