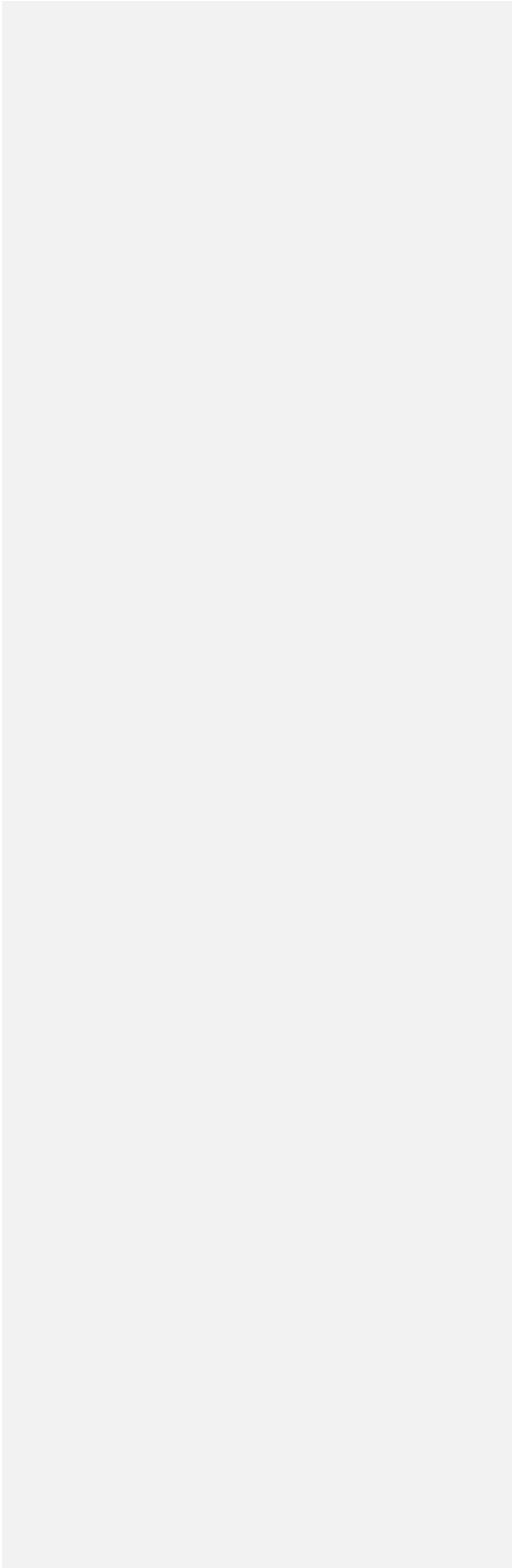


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Membership Requirements

New clubs applying for membership with the TCSL will require approval by to-thirds of existing member clubs. Once approval for membership, a club shall have all the rights and responsibilities of a member club with the TCSL.

A. Club Representation

- This must be a Club Official and a person required to interface between the league and the club, including its coaches, referee assignor, field assignor etc. Once the Club Rep receives preliminary copy of the schedules, they must set home game times, coordinate with field assignor and referee assignor and generally accommodate the needs of their club and coaches. Such areas as coaches with (2) teams, events that take a majority of the team away from a given day or weekend must be learned by the club rep and schedule a new date and time for that game. Copy of e-mailed request and agreement must be forwarded to the league scheduler. This should resolve all game conflicts prior to final schedule. All times must be added to preliminary schedule and returned to scheduler within the (1) week period.
- Club representation is required at each scheduled league meeting. Clubs not having representation at a scheduled meeting will be fined \$50.00 Clubs that have representation but not the person(s) listed by the Club originally must be communicated to the league prior to the meeting date.

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Team Organization

Each member club must post a \$300.00 bond and pay applicable team entry fees.

TCSL requires an additional \$300.00 bond per member club to cover any fines related to score reporting. Bond must be replenished if it reaches \$100.00 or less.

Guest Clubs: The league may approve, by a majority vote, a club from outside the TCSL to participate in competitive league play for the seasonal year. A \$300.00 bond must be posted at the time of acceptance and any applicable team entry fees must be paid. With board approval, the \$300.00 bond will be refunded at the end of league play.

- A. The organization shall be composed of teams specifically classified as recreational (co-ed and all-girls).
- B. Team names shall bear no resemblance to a religion or nationality.
- C. Each team may have the following number of players:

Age	Play – Aside	Roster Minimum	Roster Maximum
U6	Club Discretion	Club Discretion	10
U8	Club Discretion	Club Discretion	10
U10	7	9	12
U12	9	11	14
U14	11	12	18
U16	11	12	18

- D. When special circumstances occur, the TCSL can alter the number of players per team in any age group. If this is done, the TCSL Representatives will notify the teams affected by the ruling.

- E. Teams that show with less than the required minimum allowed to start a game will be considered a FORFEIT. The team will in turn, pay the referee fees and the Club will be fined \$50.00 from the TCSL.
- F. The commitment date and entry fees will be determined at the beginning of the season By the TCSL.
- G. All teams registered are expected to play for the duration of the season. Teams failing to do so without prearranged Board approval shall be fined for nonperformance. Said fine will be \$100.00.
- H. All teams registered are expected to confirm to all rules and regulations of FYSA and TCSL.
- I. Recreational teams may not have more than 50% of players returning to the team from the prior seasonal year unless the club only has one team in that age group.
- J. ECSSL fees are \$75 per team for member clubs; \$100 per team for guest clubs, and \$50 per team for tournament entry.

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Team Declarations

- On a date set forth by the TCSL, Clubs may declare teams for play in divisions for Boys, Girls, Co-Ed. Teams must be at least to the minimum required roster size at the time of declaration. If a team withdraws after the start of the season, the Club will be fined \$50 per each game for the duration of the season.
- At the start of the season, all teams must be at the required roster size to play an official game. Teams still at the minimum roster size from the time of declaration at the discretion of the league will be dropped from the division. A team from a Club can be joined to other teams from within the Club to guarantee players play and the schedule / division will be adjusted.

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Registration

- A. Registration fees for players will be set by each club.
- B. All players, coaches, and volunteers on teams within TCSL are required to be registered by FYSA. All registrations shall conform to FYSA rules and regulations. The assignment of registration of a player to a given team is for the duration of the “seasonal year” (September 1st – August 31st) of the FYSA.
- C. Co-ed (boys) and girls teams and divisions will be separately formed when possible. In the event insufficient registrations prevent the formation of a separate girls’ division or a separate girls’ te, the following options apply:
 - a. A girl may travel to and join a girls’ team with another club.
 - b. She may transfer to another team or obtain a refund of registration fees in accordance with the rules of her club.
- D. Registration will be held by each club for each season.
- E. Falsification of player or team documentation shall be subject to disciplinary action. A plea of ignorance of the By-Laws and the Rules and Regulations is not deemed sufficient defense.
- F. **Players are provided additional supplemental Insurance through their Club registration which is mandated by FYSA.** National background checks on all coaches and volunteers 18 years and older are run by FYSA. TCSL will follow FYSA’s Risk Management policies. Any coach or volunteer that has been excluded from coaching or volunteering due to the results of a background check may appeal the decision in accordance with the procedure set up by FYSA.

Rules of Play

The rules and regulations contained herein shall govern general competition among teams and clubs. The intent and purpose of such regulations are to assure that general rules of play, player equipment regulations, disciplinary actions imposed, etc. are applied uniformly and consistently within and among TCSL clubs. Rules of play shall be FIFA "Laws of the Game" except as modified by USYSA, FYSA, and TCSL. Competition sanctioned by this League shall abide by the "Laws of the Games" along with any modification or specifically published Rules and Regulations of the Association. Revisions for player registration, team affiliation, player transfer and roster limitation and age group definition are to be based upon current Administrative Manual of the FYSA. All players, coaches, volunteers, and spectators are bound by the provisions of FYSA's Code of Ethics.

B. PLAY

- a. Four teams per division shall constitute the minimum number required for league competition, unless waived by the Board.
- b. League champions shall be determined by a system devised by the Board prior to the start of each season. If league standings are used in any form, a win will count as three points and a tie as one. Tiebreakers will be used in the event of a tie in standings. Tiebreakers are as follows:
 - i. Winner of head to head competition
 - ii. Goal Differential up to 3 per game
 - iii. Goals Against
 - iv. Goals ForForfeited games will be recorded as a loss to the forfeiting team with a -3 goal differential and a 3-0 win for the opposing team.
- c. It shall be mandatory to play a regularly scheduled league game. Games may be rescheduled without penalty until the date decided upon each season by the league. Each club will be notified annually of this date. It is the club's responsibility to notify their coaches of the final date for schedule changes. Any changes made after the date decided upon by the league must be made with the approval of the Vice President of Rules unless postponement of a game is due to weather or park closings. Changes that have not been approved are subject to a \$75.00 per game club fine. This fine will be imposed upon the team who initiates the change. Except for postponements due to park closings and weather, notification of non-appearance must be given to the opposing coach at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled match game. It shall be the responsibility of the home team, in any case, to notify the club or opposing coach of a game cancellation and to reschedule the game. In the case of postponed games, each club has the full power to reschedule internal club games. When two clubs are involved, the rescheduling will occur with the agreement with both sides and with approval of the League Vice President of Rules. A team will be subject to a forfeit due to deliberate attempts to circumvent the rescheduling of postponed game(s).
- d. After the initial scheduling period has expired to make schedule changes, teams have until Wednesday at midnight of each week to ask for a scheduling change. No changes will be honored after Wednesday of each week unless weather impedes the game from played as scheduled.

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- e. Teams not showing to a scheduled game will be considered a “No – Show”. The team/Club will be responsible for the Referee fees, given a FORFEIT and fined \$75.00.
- f. The decision to close playing fields is to be determined by the Parks and Recreation Department staff of each city / county or Club Leadership. Once Parks and Rec staff have declared playing fields unplayable, no team shall play on fields until approved by Parks and Rec staff, regardless of regular league or tournament play. Please note that, in the event that the Parks and Recreation Department staff does not close a field, the final decision regarding the safety of the playing field rests with the center referee. The referee has the right to cancel a game due to unsafe conditions (i.e. weather or damaged playing field). The cancellation or postponement of any game by the Parks and Recreation Department or the center referee will not result in a fine to the teams involved except as following. It is the responsibility of the home team to notify the opposing team of any field closings as soon as their club receives notice from the Parks and Recreation Department. Failure to do so in a timely manner will result in a \$75.00 fine to the home team.
- g. Coaches, spectators, or any other officials, shall not enter the field of play, unless requested by the referee. Anyone entering the field of play without referee request to the coach will be removed from the park at the discretion of the referee.
- h. The Home team / Club must supply a “Field Marshall” for each scheduled game U8 – U12. U14 and H.S. will require (2) Field Marshall’s. Field Marshall’s shall have markings of an Official and separate from the Home team / Club. Clubs failing to supply a Field Marshall shall be fined \$75.00. Field Marshall’s are required to sign the “Game Report” at the games conclusion. A Field Marshall can be a Club Board or Staff Member, the Field Marshall cannot be a parent or member of the Home Team.
- i. If a team show’s with the minimum amount of players needed to start a game, the opposing team will play down +1 player. (Reason – If a team playing 9 a side and shows with 7 players then we shouldn’t penalize the opposing team that brings a full roster, kids lose playing time. As the team playing down has more players arrive, the opposing team plays +1 player for the duration of the game. This will stop Clubs that declare teams with less than the required amount of players.
- j. Inter-club play: use common sense. Teams/clubs should follow all FYSA, TCSSL, and club rules for all inter-club games, whether they are regulation, fun or practice / scrimmage games. Communicate arrangements and changes as soon as possible to all parties involved. Licensed officiating non-regulation games still have the same authority to issue cards as in league games.
- k. Mercy Rule – an eight goal differential at the end of the first half or secured at any time during the second half shall terminate the game even if the coaches want to continue to play. It is encourage that the winning coaches show good sportsmanship by modifying his team’s tactics in order to avoid this situation. All teams should be given the opportunity to play the entire game without embarrassment. Allowing the score to be un up to “mercy” the opposing team does not constitute good sportsmanship as determined by the TCSSL.
- l. All Recreational Division players must play 50% f each game attended excluding overtime. Enforcement of recreational division play is the responsibility of the clubs

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m. All players, coaches, and parents will adhere to FYSA Code of Conduct - <http://falmouthsoccer.com/about/conduct/>

n. TCSL Tobacco Policy

The Treasure Coast Soccer League is a "youth" focused League. We desire to model the behavior and habits that make the best possible impression on our athletes. The combination of tobacco products and the enjoyment of team sports is contrary to our goal of providing a safe, healthy and clean atmosphere for our youth. Chewed, Puffed or Inhaled, Tobacco Kills!

So, to improve the beauty of Florida's public soccer fields, and to ensure that safe, healthy and clean air environment for everyone, the use of tobacco products, including smokeless products, E cigarettes and vaping, is prohibited on all fields of play that the TCSL schedule games upon. The use of tobacco products is allowed at a distance of 500 feet away from the fields, including parking lots, sidewalks inside parks and sidewalks that form the perimeter of parks. If anyone refuses to stop smoking in a park area where smoking is prohibited, you are encouraged to inform a Club Official, Field Marshal, a Parks Department employee or a Park Enforcement Officer, if one is available. Penalty for non compliance will be eviction from the athletic fields.

o. No heading will be allowed for age group U12 and younger. In cases where an intentional heading occurs will result in an indirect kick for the opposing team. In cases where this happens within the box that kick will take place from the closest location just outside the box.

p. U10 must adhere to the "Build Up Line" and there's no punting. For U10 if the Keeper has possession of the ball and or a "Goal Kick" is being taken, the opposing team must retreat to the "Build Up Line" and can not enter the attacking end of the field until the ball is played by the keeper and leaves the penalty area and touched by the defending team. A restart can be called by the referee at their discretion if an attacking player enters the area prior to the defending player touching and or playing the ball.

q. U8 – 4v4 with no goal keeper. When the Defending team is taking a "Goal Kick", the opposing team must retreat to Mid-Field and not enter the attacking side of the field until the ball is played out of the penalty area and touched by the defending team. A restart can be called by the referee at their discretion if an attacking player enters the area prior to the defending player touching and or playing the ball.

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C. UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT

- a. Where colors of competing teams are identical or similar, the designated home team must effect a change to colors distinct from their opponents (judgement of the referee is final).
- b. The uniform or jersey of the goalkeeper must be distinctly different from both teams.
- c. Player uniform numbers are affixed to the back of the uniform shirt. No two players from the same team may have the same uniform number while both are playing on the field at the same time.
- d. Players wearing an orthopedic cast of any kind shall not be eligible to participate in any game. Soft orthopedic braces worn by players are permitted with a written release from a doctor (copy to be attached to the game report). The center referee's decision on their acceptability is final.
- e. All players are required to wear protective shin guards (to be worn beneath their game socks) at all times while actively participating in a game, practice game, or team practice. Such shin guards shall be of the type and style of protective athletic equipment specifically designed to protect the player's front lower leg.
- f. Shoes utilizing "screw in" cleats may be worn by any player in FYSA or TCSL. Those and all standard soccer shoes should only have molded rubber or plastic cleats. Non-cleated soft soled shoes may also be worn. Shoes with studs that extend over the bottom of the shoe at angle, or have rectangle studs with sharp edges, (i.e. baseball or football cleats) shall not be allowed on the field of play. Referees have the final say, not club officials.
- g. Additional shirts (under the jersey) and long pants (under the shorts and socks) are allowed for younger players during cold or inclement weather at the discretion of the referee. Hoods, if worn and approved by the referee, must be tucked inside the shirt. If they show during the game the referee shall send the player off the field to remedy the problem. "Slider" shorts, if worn, must be the same color as and be worn underneath the uniform shorts, nor can they go below the knee.
- h. No jewelry of any kind shall be worn on the field of play (including jewelry wrapped in tape). Hair ties or hats containing hard parts or brims are also not allowed.
- i. Any team's equipment on the sidelines deemed hazardous to any player or that causes a distraction to the players or the referees shall be removed at the discretion of the referee.
- j. It is the responsibility of each coach to ensure that each of his / her players is wearing proper equipment and uniforms at each game. A referee has the authority to protect the players from potentially dangerous equipment conditions. The referee's decision in regard to acceptability of any player's equipment is final and no protest will be accepted.

D. HOME FIELD RESPONSIBILITIES

- a. The home team is responsible for providing a playable field with two anchored goals, proper markings, and corner flags.
- b. Clubs are responsible in assuring that teams, coaches, fans, and spectators conduct themselves in a proper and respectful manner.
- c. Clubs must provide certified referees to officiate all league games.

E. SPECIFICATIONS

The length of games, ball sizes and dimensions and overtime periods for each age group shall follow fysa / usys guidelines:

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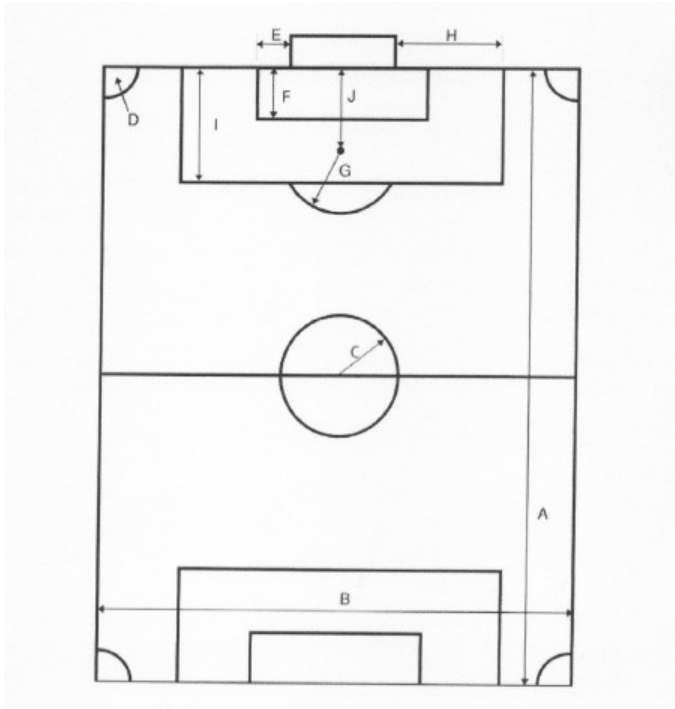
Rule 303. LENGTH OF GAMES, OVERTIME PERIODS, AND BALL SPECIFICATIONS

Section 1. (a) Except as provided by USYSA and its State Associations, the length of games, overtime periods, ball size, ball circumference, and ball weight for each age group is as follows:

Age Group	Game Length	Overtime Periods	Size	Circumference	Weight	Number of Players
19 years of age and under	Two 45' halves	Two 15' halves	#5	27-28 in.	14-16 ozs.	
18 years of age and under	Two 45' halves	Two 15' halves	#5	27-28 in.	14-16 ozs.	
17 years of age and under	Two 45' halves	Two 15' halves	#5	27-28 in.	14-16 ozs.	
16 years of age and under	Two 40' halves	Two 15' halves	#5	27-28 in.	14-16 ozs.	
15 years of age and under	Two 40' halves	Two 15' halves	#5	27-28 in.	14-16 ozs.	
14 years of age and under	Two 35' halves	Two 10' halves	#5	27-28 in.	14-16 ozs.	
13 years of age and under	Two 35' halves	Two 10' halves	#5	27-28 in.	14-16 ozs.	
12 years of age and under	Two 30' halves	Two 10' halves	#4	25-26 in.	11-13 ozs.	No more than 11, 8 strongly recommended
11 years of age and under	Two 30' halves	Two 10' halves	#4	25-26 in.	11-13 ozs.	No more than 11, 8 strongly recommended
10 years of age and under	Two 25' halves	NONE	#4	25-26 in.	11-13 ozs.	No more than 7, 6 strongly recommended
8 years of age and under	4 -12' quarters	NONE	#3	23-24 in.	11-12 ozs.	No more than 5, 4 strongly recommended
6 years of age and under	4 – 6' quarters	NONE	#3	23-24 in.	11-12 ozs.	No more than 4, 3 strongly recommended

Field Layout

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U9/U10	U11/U12	U13/U14
45 yds < A < 60 yds	70 yds < A < 80 yds	100 yds < A < 130 yds
35 yds < B < 40 yds	40 yds < B < 50 yds	50 yds < B < 75 yds
C=5 yds D= 2ft R	C=8 yds D= 1 yd R	C=10 yds D= 1 yd R
E= 4 yds F=4 yds	E=6 yds F=6 yds	E=6 yds F= 6 yds
G=5 yds H=I=12 yds	G=8 yds H=I=14 yds	G=10 yds H=I=18 yds

F. PLAYERS REGISTRATION (PLAYER PASS) REQUIREMENTS

- a. ALL head coaches shall individually present their Player and Coaches Passes to the referee prior to the start of each game. The referee SHALL NOT ALLOW any player to participate if:
 - i. The player pass does not meet FYSA approved pass standards and
 - ii. The player pass, if a player, is not verified by designated date set by the TCSL to verify rosters, or
 - iii. The player is not wearing shin guards with proper socks, common colored shirt, without jewelry, and no unapproved casts or brace(s).
- b. All players will have a current validated and laminated FYSA pass with a current picture. Coaches need to be on the roster and have Coaches Pass. All teams will present a FYSA team roster prior to the start of each game. All coaches must have a valid and laminated coach's pass with a current picture. Recreation division teams will play using a valid FYSA roster. U10 and older players will be required to have player passes. U8 teams will only require a team roster. Passes and roster may be produced electronically. A recreation player must be rostered to a team for 80% of the regular season games in order to be eligible to play in the end of season recreation division tournament.
- c. No Pass / No Play. If a player or coach does not present a Player Pass to the referee prior to participation, then he / she shall not participate in or coach that game.
- d. Should a player who is not properly registered participate in a game, then his / her team shall automatically forfeit the contest 3-0 to the opposing team, and may be subject to disciplinary action by the league.
- e. Coaches will be held responsible for all rostered or unrostered people (i.e. parents, spectators) associated with their team.

G. REFEREE REQUIREMENTS

- a. The referee shall verify the identity of each player and coach by his / her Player Pass and signed team roster and shall collect the passes of all players and coaches participating in the game. For a Recreation game, the referee shall identify the players and coaches from a FYSA roster. The referee will allow participation in a game of only those players and coaches whose name appear on the roster. Passes and roster are to be returned to the team's manager or coach at the conclusion of the game. The Referee will return the home team roster to the visiting team coach and vice versa except, in the case of a red card, the referee will attach both rosters to the referee report.
- b. The referee shall check and make certain that each player's equipment is in proper order and is not considered in his / her opinion to be dangerous to other players.
- c. The referee will verify the suitability of the field for play
- d. The referee will check that parents and coaches are on opposite sides of the field. There should also be a 3-yard parents' and coaches' line on their respective sides of the field.
- e. If a player or coach has been ejected, the referee shall complete the referee report form and fax, email, deliver or mail it to the president of the home club or the home club's referee assignor, within 24 hours. The referee shall include USSF supplementary game report detailing the circumstances leading to the player's or coach's ejection from the game.

- f. Per FYSA red card guidelines the club will notify the TCSL VP of Rules and club president/s of any red cards issued within 5 days of issuing; else the club is responsible for any FYSA fines levied. It is the responsibility of the offending player's club to enforce the red card suspension. If a Coach is ejected from a game, the Coach must leave the field / park and the Assistant Coach assumes Coaching responsibilities. The Coach cannot remain on the sidelines either coaching or parents and cannot continue coaching from any part of the field / park. If the ejected Coach does not have an Assistant Coach then the game is deemed a FORFEIT and terminated resulting in a 3-0 score to the opposing team and The removal of a coach is at the referees discretion and the event must be reported to the League / Club and Assignor through the Game Report.
- g. Coaches are responsible for their parents and spectators. If a parent or spectator from the Coaches team is ejected from the game by the Referee and or Field Marshall, the Coach will be ejected also. If the Coach does not have an Assistant Coach to assume coaching responsibilities then the game is deemed a FORFEIT and abandoned resulting in a 3-0 score to the opposing team. Coaches will be asked by the referees and or field marshall to handle any situation that becomes detrimental to the game, the safety of the players, other spectators / parents and officials.
- h. The team coach is responsible for documenting any games sat out due to serving red card suspensions. The referee, coach, and opposing team coach will be required to sign off on the seated player. If the player plays in a game prior to the completion of the suspension, the coach will be suspended pending investigation.
- i. Each club must have a certified referee assignor. A staff of three USSF certified referees must be assigned to each game In U8 Festivals where (1) referee can be used.
- j. Referees must be in proper uniform to officiate a game.
- k. Referee fees for games will be paid in case to the center referee prior to the start of the game. The center referee will pay the asisstants. Home team pays the referee fees.
- l. If, for any reason, there are less than three referees for a game, it is the responsiibity of the center referee to find a club linesman except as outlined in (g) above. Club linesman may not call offsides. If a referee does not show up to officiate a game, the center referee and linesman that are present are paid their normal fee for the game. They must return the extra Assistant Referee fee for the referee who was not at the game to the coach or coaches who paid them.
- m. Referees will enforce the bench rule: No unrostered players, coaches or spectators on the bench side of the field.
- n. Referees who are responsible for the late start of a game without proper cause will be subject to disciplinary action, and may be called upon to explain their actions.
- o. In the event of a forfeited game, then the referee must complete and sign the game report, citing the reason for the forfeit, and forward the game report to the properly designated club or league representative within 24 hours of the game.

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H. SUBSTITUTIONS

- a. Players may be substituted ONLY during a stoppage in the game. Subs enter from the halfway-line. One player must leave before another may enter the field. The number of substitutions shall be unlimited and occur only at the following times:
 - i. Prior to a throw-in in your favor
 - ii. Prior to a goal kick by either team
 - iii. After a goal by either team
 - iv. After an injury, by either team, when the referee has stopped play at the discretion of the referee.
 - v. At halftime, or end of the game prior to overtime
 - vi. Note: No subs are allowed at corner kick stoppages.

I. COACHES

- a. Coaching from the sidelines the purpose of which is to provide direction one's own team on position or points of strategy only, is conditionally permitted only for the bench area.
- b. Coaches must always remain within the Coach Box. The bench area is 10 yards on either side of the center line. Coaches / Players are to remain within this area during the game. No players other than those registered to the teams participating in the game are allowed in the bench area.
- c. All coaches, non-participating players, parents and spectators must remain outside the 3-yard line on their respective sides of the field.
- d. No more than 1 head coach and 2 assistant coaches shall be permitted on the coaches' side of the field at any one time. Coaches may not coach from the spectator side of the playing field.
- e. Player substitutes must remain on the bench or in the equipment area while the game is in progress.
- f. Coaches, players, or spectators may not utilize mechanical devices at any time, such as voice amplifiers.
- g. No Coaches or Staff, Parents / Spectators are permitted behind the Goals or the Corner Flags.
- h. Spectators, Parents, Coaches are not permitted to use Noise Makers, Horns or bring Pets to the field as to the discretion of local City Ordinances and or Parks and Recreation Rules. Any "Support Pet" must be clearly marked by the person bringing the Pet to the Field. Field Marshalls and or Home Team Staff have the authority to determine if the Pet meets the proper requirements.
- i. Unsporting behavior by coaches, players and spectators will not be allowed. Coaches, players, or spectators, shall NOT use profanity or make insulting or otherwise derogatory remarks or gestures directed to their own team, the opposing team, the referee, or the spectators.
- j. Coaches, players, or player substitutes, shall not, by their remarks or gestures in any manner incite disruptive behavior.
- k. Coaches, players, or spectators violating the above rules, will be subject to ejection from the game, as well as further disciplinary action deemed appropriate by the individual club and / or Board of the League.

- l. No player is to approach a referee off the field of play without a coach present.
- m. Home team coaches are responsible for the submittal of a completed game report to the referee prior to the start of the game.
- n. The coach must notify the referee prior to the game of any player not participating in the game due to disciplinary reasons or an injury or illness. If a recreational game is in progress, and the coach is not going to let a player play a full half of the game for disciplinary reasons, then the referee must also be notified.
- o. In the case of a player receiving a red card, the coach will retain the player's pass. It is the coach's responsibility not to play the ejected player until the League informs the team of the suspension requirements. The coach must inform the referee when a player is suspended from play. The referee will note on the game report that the player did not play.
- p. Coaches will be held responsible for the behavior of his / her players and spectators and will maintain order at the field before, during and after the game.

J. GAME DELAYS AND FORFEITS

- a. Any team delaying the start of a scheduled game more than 15 minutes without required notification to and permission from the Vice President, shall forfeit the game to the opponent by a score of 3-0, shall be subject to a \$75.00 fine and will be responsible for payment of referee fees. The visiting team will be notified prior to the scheduled game time of any permissions granted by the League Vice President.
- b. In the event both teams fail to appear for a scheduled game (within the 15 minute grace period) without required notification to and permission from the proper authority as specified in Paragraph IV A.c above, and the referee rules the ground playable, then both teams will be assessed with a loss, referee fees are due and both teams will be fined \$75.00.
- c. Referees who are responsible for the elate start of a game without proper cause will be subject to disciplinary action and may be called upon to explain their actions.
- d. Notification of a game time must be given to the appropriate referee assignor.
- e. In the event of a forfeited game, then the referee must complete and sign the game report, citing the reason for the forfeit, and forward the game report to the properly designated club or league representative within 24 hours of the game.
- f. Clubs MUST provide a licensed referee for ALL games. If the club assigned referee (club or licensed) fails to show-up for the game, then the club's team providing the referee (usually the home team) will forfeit that game 3-0. They may still proceed to play a friendly match. At the Clubs and teams discretion.

K. REFEREES JUDGEMENT

- a. The referee's judgement with regards to the physical condition of the field and its acceptability to be played on, and to the actual happenings and occurrences relating to the conduct of the game, and to those prerogatives or judgements inherently granted to the referee by the "Laws of the Games" as published by FIFA and these League rules and Regulations, shall not be challenged.

L. GAME TERMINATIONS

- a. In the event a game is terminated the TCSL Board has the discretionary power to require the game be replayed in its entirety. The Board reserves the right to set the time and place of the continued or replayed game and to assign officials thereto. Games terminated by the referee for inclement weather conditions will be deemed official and complete if half the game has been completed.
- b. In the event of a game canceled by County or Referee, Coaches must contact their Club Rep who will negotiate a make up game date with the opponent. Within (1) week, home team rep must offer times and dates that allow for a make up. Club reps only will negotiate the reschedule date.

M. PROTESTS AND APPEALS

Protests and appeals, as defined by FYSA, are to be in writing, accompanied by a \$100.00 fee, and are to be sent to the League Vice President of rules within the time limits set forth by FYSA.

In the case of a game related protest, the referee should be notified at the end of the game and the protest should be noted on the game report. Protest must be filed with the VP of Rules as delineated above.

The procedure for filing a protest or appeal can be found in FYSA Rules and Regulations. Should a hearing be deemed necessary, the Hearing Committee will be convened. The Hearing Committee:

- a. Shall consist of representatives selected from a disciplinary hearing pool, consisting of one member from each TCSL club. Each separate hearing will require a hearing group of 3 minimum, 5 maximum, drawn from this pool of members by the Vice President of Rules. His or Her discretion will be final on choosing an unprejudiced hearing committee for each dispute. If the Vice President of Rule is involved in the matter being heard by the board, the President will choose an unprejudiced hearing board in the manner set forth above.
- b. Members should have above-average knowledge of TCSL or FYSA Rules and Regulations, By-Laws, and findings of previously convened boards having heard similar cases (Laws of the Game, etc.)
- c. Shall designate the Vice President of Rules as chairperson unless the Vice President of Rules is involved in the incident being investigated. If the Vice President of Rules cannot serve as chairperson of the hearing committee, a chairperson will be elected by the committee.

The Hearing Committee will render a decision based on the facts presented to the Board of the TCSL. The principals will be notified of the Hearing Committee's decision in writing by the TCSL and will not be advised of the decision on the date of the hearing.

N. SCORE REPORTING

- a. League scores must be reported by 7:00 pm the Tuesday following the game to the webmaster or persons designated by the league.

- b. Reports will be made by the designated club representative (or designated alternate). The club will identify those persons to the League.
- c. While reports from the “visiting” club are encouraged, the responsibility for meeting the deadline and providing game scores falls on the home club.
- d. Challenges to reported scores can be made by the club representative up to 14 days after the game was played. No challenges can be made after this time period. Challenges must be written and accompanied by proper documentation. Decisions on the validity of the challenge will rest with the Vice President of Rules. In the event of a conflict of interest, the President will designate a neutral party to determine the correct score.
- e. Unreported scores will result in the home club being fined \$50.00 for each instance.

O. TROPHIES

TCSL will provide 1st and 2nd place trophies for all age groups, each season. If age groups are combined and there are enough teams, each age group gets trophies as determined by the TCSL Board.