

# DADE YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION

South Florida Youth Soccer Association, Inc.

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

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### PREAMBLE

South Florida Youth Soccer (DBA Dade Youth Soccer Association) is an affiliate of the Florida Youth Soccer Association, United States Youth Soccer Association, and The United States Soccer Federation. The rules and regulations that follow are a guide to compliance with National and State rules and are the rules and regulations of the Dade Youth Soccer Association (DYS).

The following rules are intended to be gender neutral though on occasion the male gender may have been used. The use applies to both genders unless specified to apply to a single gender.

The following rules and regulation are binding on all DYS affiliates, their administrators, teams, coaches, players, parents and any other members by other title or function. The affiliate representative(s) on the Board of Directors is responsible to convey these rules and any changes approved by the Board of Directors to the affiliate. It is the responsibility of the affiliate to ensure that each of its organization members follows these rules and regulations.

### INTRODUCTION

Youth soccer in the United States is conducted under the auspices of the United States Olympic Committee (USOC) under Title 36 of the United States Code. The recognized national organization is the United States Soccer Federation (USSF) the federation is the United States national affiliate to the world organization Federation International de Football Association (FIFA), U.S. Soccer has been an affiliate since 1913.

USSF is made up of three divisions, professional, amateur and youth. United States Youth Soccer Association (USYSA) is the USSF division charged with promoting youth soccer. USYSA is divided into four regions, East (Region I), Midwest (Region II), South (Region III) and West (Region IV).

USYSA has 55 member State Associations; one in each state, and two in California, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Texas. Florida Youth Soccer Association (FYSA) is the recognized state association for Florida and affiliated in Region III of USYSA.

FYSA is also divided into four regions "A, B, C and D". Dade Youth Soccer Association (DYS) is affiliated in Region A, the region is made up of five Districts numbered 1 through 5. Typically the DYS league affiliates reside in Districts A1 and A2.

The rules and regulations that follow are either mandated or authorized through the hierarchy described above.

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### FYSA CODE OF ETHICS

#### Players

- I will encourage good sportsmanship from fellow players, coaches, officials and parents at all times.
- I will remember that soccer is an opportunity to learn and have fun.
- I deserve to play in an environment that is free of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol; and expect everyone to refrain from their use at all soccer games.
- I will do the best I can each day, remembering that all players have talents and weaknesses the same as I do.
- I will treat my coaches, other players and coaches, game officials, other administrators, and fans with respect at all times; regardless of race, sex, creed, or abilities, and I will expect to be treated accordingly.
- I will concentrate on playing soccer. Always giving my best effort.
- I will play by the rules at all times.
- I will at all times control my temper, resisting the temptation of retaliate.
- I will always exercise self-control.
- Conduct during competition towards play of the game and all officials shall be in accordance with appropriate behavior and in accordance with FIFA's "Laws of the Game", and in adherence to **FYSA** rules.
- While traveling, shall conduct them selves so, as to being credit to themselves and their team.
- **Alcohol, illegal drugs and unauthorized prescription drugs shall not be possessed, consumed or distributed before, during or after any game or at any other time at the field and/or game complex.**

#### Coaches/Volunteers

- I will never place the value of winning before the safety and welfare of all players
- I will always show respect for players, other coaches, and game officials.
- I will lead by example, demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship at all times.
- I will be demonstrate knowledgeable of the rules of the game, and teach these rules to my players.
- I will never use abusive or insulting language. I will treat everyone with dignity.
- I will not tolerate inappropriate behavior, regardless of the situation.
- I will not allow the use of anabolic agents or stimulants, drugs, tobacco, or alcohol by any of my players.
- I will never knowingly jeopardize the eligibility and participation of a student-athlete.
- Youth have a greater need for example than criticism. I will be the primary soccer role model.
- I will at all times conduct myself in a positive manner.
- Coaching is motivating players to produce their best effort, inspiring players to learn, and encouraging players to be winners.
- Coach's actions on sidelines during games shall be in the spirit of "good sportsmanship" at all times. Profanity, profane gestures, arguing, inciting disruptive behavior by spectators and/or players, or any conduct not in the spirit of good sportsmanship, shall require disciplinary action from the affiliate.
- **Alcohol, illegal drugs and unauthorized prescription drugs shall not be possessed, consumed or distributed before, during or after any game or at any other time at the field and/or game complex.**

#### Parents/Spectators

- I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, game officials, and administrators. at all times.
- I will place the emotional and physical well being of all players ahead of any personal desire to win.
- I will support the coaches, officials, and administrators working with my child, in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all.
- I will remember that the game is for the players, not for the adults.
- I will ask my child to treat other players, coaches, game officials, administrators, and fans with respect.
- I will always be positive.
- I will always allow the coach to be the only coach.
- I will not get into arguments with the opposing team's parents, players, or coaches.
- I will not come onto the field for any reason during the game.
- I will not criticize game officials.
- **Alcohol, illegal drugs and unauthorized prescription drugs shall not be possessed, consumed or distributed before, during or after any game or at any other time at the field and/or game complex.**

Failure to comply may result in the suspension of your privilege to participate in FYSA sanctioned events, for the following periods:

**1<sup>st</sup> offense suspension minimum thirty (30) days to a maximum of five (5) years**

**2<sup>nd</sup> offense suspension for a minimum of one (1) year to a maximum of Ten (10) years**

**3<sup>rd</sup> offense suspension for a minimum of five (5) years to a maximum of fifty (50) years.**

**NOTE: Any individual charged with a violation of this Code of Ethics shall be afforded due process as defined in FYSA's rule section 507 before the implementation of any suspension.**

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### **SPIRIT OF THE RULES**

All Coaches, Players, Club Representatives or other individuals representing a member organization within the DYSA shall refrain at all times from seeking an advantage through the deliberate manipulation, misapplication or misinterpretation of any of these Policies and Procedures.

All those identified above shall at all times adhere to the "Spirit of the Rules" and the intent of the rules stated or implied herein.

Except where modified herein, rules of play shall be according to the FIFA "Laws of the Game". Competition sanctioned by the Association shall abide by the "Laws of the Game" and any modifications specifically published by the FYSA, unless further modified by this Association.

Players under 10 years of age shall play soccer under the auspices of the USYSA, FYSA and this Association in accordance with the rules of the Developmental Player Program modified playing rules for the U- 10, U-9 and U-8, as specified by the USYSA.

All contests sanctioned by the Association shall abide by the official rules, and the modifications as published by this Association, unless otherwise amended by the Board of Directors.

### **POLICY I. GENERAL RULES OF ORDER**

Each member of the USSF, including the USYSA, FYSA, SFYSA and its Clubs and their members must abide by the bylaws and rules of each higher USSF affiliate having jurisdiction over the member. Rules added or amended by the National, State; must be adopted by this league and its affiliates.

(Reference: USYSA by-law 213 and 214)

The rules in this manual apply to all aspects of league operation and competition. Rules governing a unique league operation or competition will specifically identify that to which it applies.

### **POLICY II. SEASONAL YEAR AND LEAGUE SCHEDULES**

The seasonal year shall be defined as the period of time between September 1<sup>st</sup> of each year through the 31<sup>st</sup> of August of the following year.

(Reference: USYSA by-law 106)

The playing schedule of the DYSA shall be established by the Board of Directors.

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### Schedule Changes:

Schedule changes are inevitable as a result of bad weather, unanticipated field closures, etc. However, once the DYS schedule is posted for the season, it is considered primary compared to other events such as tournaments and outings. After the scheduled has been posted, club representatives must follow procedure when requesting game changes:

1. Field only changes – are done by the home team. Make sure the visitor is aware of the change if possible at least 48 hours in advance. Maps on the system are a tool and are not to be used as a guarantee as to field location. If in doubt, it is the responsibility of the visiting coach to determine field location.
2. All other changes – If there is a need to change the date or time of a game, this needs to be a mutual agreement by both Club Directors and done through the on-line system. All modifications of this type must be completed at least 48 hours in advance of the game. **GAME CHANGES NOT APPEARING ON THE ON-LINE WEBISTE ARE NOT APPROVED.**
3. Rescheduled Games –
  - a. Un-played games shall be rescheduled within 10 days of the original date of play. Failure of the two (2) clubs to reach an agreement within 10 days requires a decision by the DYSA Competition Committee to settle the dispute.
  - b. A Home game that is not played due to lack of assigned officials shall be rescheduled at the Away Team's field and the original "Home Team" shall incur all referee fees.

### POLICY III. LEVELS OF COMPETITION

The [Board of Directors](#) will establish levels of competition. Typically there is one division of classic teams and one division of recreational teams.

### POLICY IV. REGISTRATION, ROSTERING AND PLAYER TRANSFER

Registration	<a href="#">FYSA Rules and Regulations, Section 200, 202</a>
Rostering	FYSA Rules and Regulations, Section 209
Player Transfer	FYSA Rules and Regulations, Section 208, 210
Multiple Rostering	<a href="#">FYSA Rules and Regulations, Section 209</a>

DYSA allows for guest play and dual registration.

The Board of Directors will establish the rules of competition prior to the start of each season. The Rules of competition will define the roster to be used for the season, how players will be rostered and how players may or may not guest play, dual roster or transfer between teams. Players from Division One teams may not be rostered on Division two teams. Players **PRIMARY** to SFU or FLUGSA teams may not be rostered or guest played on XDY teams.

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### **POLICY IV. POACHING**

[Poaching FYSA Rules and Regulations, Section 401](#)

Agreement for contact between registered players and affiliates other than the team the player is registered to must be in writing. This refers to contact for guest play, tryout, or transfer.

Contact by league affiliates/members with players to participate in Non-FYSA sanctioned events is considered poaching unless contact procedures are followed.

Parents/guardians of registered players are considered members of the club that their child is registered to; as they have the right to exercise any legal privilege their child is entitled to on their behalf and [therefore subject to Rules in Section 401](#).

### **POLICY V. GAME OPERATIONS THE FIELD SITE DIRECTOR**

Member organizations hosting games at their field locations shall ensure that an individual is assigned the responsibilities and duties of "Site Director". There shall be a Site Director at each field site regardless of the number of games being played. The Site Director Must not be a coach, participant or parent associated with the game being played.

A member organization failing to provide an established "Site Director" as mandated in this section shall necessitate the payment of a fine to the Association in the same amount as required for Game Rescheduling.

The Site Director is responsible for all of the games played at his/her field. Site Directors must coordinate with the Referees to ensure that the Referees can perform their duties without any interference from spectators, the coaches, or players.

The Site Director must be available to assist in any game control requested by any of the officiating team, and also to assist in correcting field conditions as requested by the Referee.

The Site Director shall collect the appropriate fees to pay the Referees from each team reporting in for their scheduled game, two rosters and their player passes. The Field Site Director will give each coach a copy of the opponent's roster prior to the start of play.

1. Each team is responsible for their portion of the Referee fees for their game, regardless of the age level competing. The payment shall be made in cash and in the exact amount.

a. Failure to make payment of the above Referee fees shall result in a forfeit; "The League shall award the game to the opponent". The member organization not making payment shall then be responsible for payment of the entire referee fee payment and shall also be fined an amount as directed by the DYSA Board of Directors not to exceed \$100.00 for a first offense.

2. The Site Director must ensure that the Referee has submitted all required paper work.

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Paper work will consist of the following, but shall not be limited to:

- a. The Referee's Game Report.
- b. Both Teams' Rosters for the game being reported.
- c. Card Reports, (either red or yellow) if issued.
- d. Any confiscated coach's or player's passes. The only reason to confiscate a player or coach's pass is a pass that is fraudulent or improperly completed making a coach or player ineligible to participate.
- e. Other reports generated as a result of the game (assault and severe injury may require USSF game report)
- f. Paperwork received by the Site Director as a result of the games played shall be given to the Club Official designated to receive it. The Site Director shall ensure that all paperwork is completed correctly and properly prepared for mailing.

All reports for each individual game shall be staple together to include:

1. Team rosters for the two teams competing.
2. Referee's game report.
3. Card Report (yellow/red) if applicable.
4. Confiscated cards; *(cards for cautions or send off must be returned to the team after the referee report is completed.)*

The Club shall ensure that all game scores are updated by Tuesday at 9PM for weekend games or within 48 hours of completion for a weekday game.

- a. The Club shall send both copies of all game reports and additional reports regarding ejected players, coaches or spectators to the Chairman of the Discipline Committee.
- b. Card reports shall be e-mailed/faxed within 48 hours of the incidence to the Chairman of the Discipline committee.
- c. The Site Director's Club shall retain of game reports until completion of league play including league post season play.
- d. Each Club must designate by name an individual responsible for retention of game reports.

The Site Director shall have the authority to terminate or postpone any soccer game at the game site due to what may be considered potentially hazardous weather or other unexpected hazardous conditions, or to protect the field from damage when flooded. In all such cases, the Site Director shall complete a full report as required by this Association. The report is then to be included with the other game reports and reported like any normal game. DYSA recommends that the safety of all players be paramount in making such decisions!

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### **POLICY VI. GAME PROCEDURES**

#### **PRE GAME**

All teams are required to report to the designated game site in a timely manner, and be prepared to begin the same at its scheduled time. A team that is not ready to play 15 minutes past the scheduled game time shall forfeit the game. [The Site Director may shorten a game by the amount of time a game is delayed by a team up to 15 minutes.](#)

The DYSA does not recognize the term "Friendly Game". If for whatever reason the scheduled game cannot be played, the referee shall not officiate a substitute or scrimmage game in its place. If a game is played, and officiated, it shall be counted as an official game and may be counted in the competitive standings.

Players and Coaches from both competing teams shall meet at center field prior to the start of the game for the purpose of exchanging "handshakes". The Officials will witness this procedure.

DYSA regular season games may end in a draw (tie). In the event of a draw, the two teams will both be awarded one point toward their divisional standings. There will be no overtime periods played during regular seasonal games. The winning of a regular season game will result in the winning team receiving three (3) points for the win.

#### **GAME AND CROWD CONTROL**

Spectators shall remain behind the established "Rope barrier or lines" designated as a means of separating the spectators from the field of play. Spectators are not permitted to watch the game alongside the field from any other location. This is to include, corner areas, goal areas and especially the team's "Technical Areas (bench).

Team members (both players and coaches) must remain in their designated "Technical Area" (bench) of the field. Both teams are to be on the same side of the field but opposite that of the spectators.

Each team shall be permitted only (3) coaches in their "Technical Area" (bench). Each must possess a valid FYSA coach's pass for the team playing.

No coaching shall be permitted from any other portion of the field other than the designated "Technical Area" (bench).

#### **INCLEMENT/HAZARDOUS WEATHER**

In the case of a game cancellation due to serious, inclement and/or hazardous weather prior to the start of the game, the game shall be played at a future date to be scheduled by the Association. The Referee may terminate or postpone a game for what the Referee interprets as inclement and potentially hazardous weather. If a game is stopped anytime during the first half or at the half, the game shall be re-scheduled at a future date. If the game is stopped anytime during play in the second half, the score at that moment will stand as the final score. The Referee's game report shall reflect all such circumstances.

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### POST GAME CEREMONIES

The DYSA prohibits any formal or otherwise organized post-game ceremonies. At the conclusion of the games, the Officiating Team shall merely observe the teams leave the field and they themselves shall leave the field and go directly to the Site Director. If any player wishes to exchange handshakes or best wishes, it shall be done on an individual basis.

### POLICY VII LAWS OF THE GAME

The restatement of any of the law is for convenience, included are additional of items for youth games as specified by DYSA.

### THE FIELD OF PLAY - LAW 1

The DYSA requires that all fields, regardless of designated age level of competition be uniform in several specific areas:

#### GENERAL

Listed below are the basic standards for all soccer fields. Following this section are the specific dimensions for the individual age division fields.

1. All fields of play shall be rectangular. The length in all cases shall exceed the width.
2. All fields of play shall be lined in a contrasting color not more than five (5) inches wide.
3. All fields of play shall have a center-line marked across the field.
4. All fields of play shall have a circle marked at center-field.
5. All fields of play shall have the comers marked with comer arcs.
6. All fields of play shall have areas designated as team "Technical areas" and shall be marked.
7. All fields of play regardless of the age level of competition, shall have on the side of the field opposite that of the team's technical areas, a rope barrier or line set up in such a manner so as to separate the spectators from the field of play. The rope barrier or line shall be set back from the "touch line" a distance of a minimum of three (3) yards and shall run the length of the field from 18 yard line to 18 yard line (top of each penalty area).
8. All fields of play must be equipped with a set of goals meeting the required specifications and should be equipped with nets that are firmly secured in a proper manner. Goals must be anchored per FIFA Law 1.
9. All fields of play shall be equipped with comer flags meeting the required specifications.

The DYSA recognizes the recommendations of the USYSA in regards to field and equipment sizes and mandates those as required by this organization. The following subsections detail those specific designations to the individual age levels of competition.

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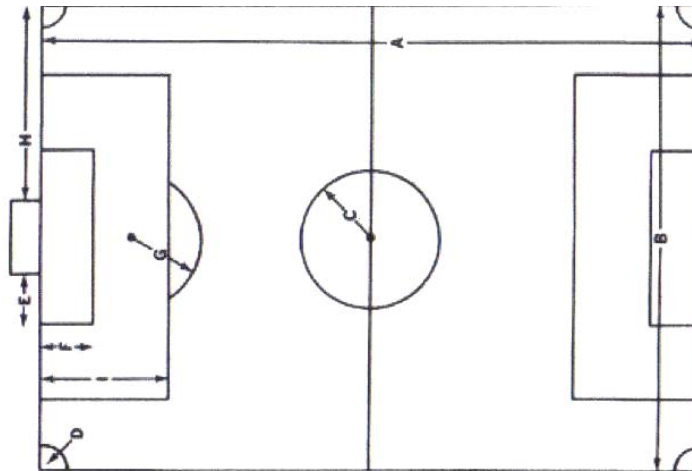
### THE BALL - LAW 2

The required FIFA approved ball sizes to be used are as follows:

AGE GROUP	BALL SIZE	AGE GROUP	BALL SIZE
U-19/18/17	#5	U-12/11	#4
U-16/15	#5	U-10/09	#4
U-14/13	#5	U-8/6	#4

Both teams shall be responsible for providing a game ball, for the referees to select from.

### Field Sizes



### USYSA SMALL SIDED GAMES

<b>U-6</b>	<b>3 v 3</b>	<b>U-8</b>	<b>4 v 4</b>	<b>U-10 and U-9</b>	<b>6 v 6</b>
A. Max: 30 yds. - Min: 20 yds.		A. Max: 35 yds. - Min: 25 yds.		A. Max: 60 yds. - Min: 45 yds.	
B. Max: 15 yds. - Min: 15 yds.		B. Max: 30 yds. - Min: 20 yds.		B. Max: 45 yds. - Min: 35 yds.	
C. 4 yds.		C. 4 yds.		C. 8 yds.	
D. 2 ft. R		D. 2 ft. R		D. 1 yd. R	
E, F, G, H, I - not used		E. 3 yds.		E. 6 yds.	
Goals size: hockey goals or 4' x 6' soccer goals		F. 3 yds.		F. 6 yds.	
		G, H, I - not used		G. 8 yds.	
		Goal size: hockey goals up to 6' x 18' soccer goals.		H. 14 yds.	
				I. 14 yds.	
				Goal Size : 6' x 18'	

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### Under 11/12

- a. The field's length (A) shall not be more than 80 yards in length nor less than 70 yards and its width (B) not more than 55 yards nor less than 45 yards. The Association recommends a field of 65 x 50.
- b. The goal size shall be 7 feet x 21 feet, anchored and shall be equipped with a firmly secure set of nets.
- c. The field's center circle (C) shall have a ten (10) yard radius.
- d. The field's goal area shall be marked six (6) yards from each goal post (E) and six (6) yards into the field of play (F), joined by a line drawn parallel with the goal-line.
- e. The field's penalty area shall be marked eighteen (18) yards from each goal post (H) and eighteen (18) yards into the field of play (I), joined by a line drawn parallel with the goal line.
- f. The field shall have its comers (D) marked with a one (1) yard radius arc.

### U13 THROUGH U19 GAMES

### Under 13/19

- a. The field's length (A) shall not be more than 130 yards in length nor less than 100 yards and its width (B) not more than 100 yards nor less than 50 yards. The Association recommends a field of 110 x 65.
- b. The field's center circle (C) shall have a ten (10) yard radius.
- c. The field's goal area shall be marked six (6) yards from each goal post (E) and six (6) yards into the field of play (F), joined by a line drawn parallel with the goal-line.
- d. The field's penalty area shall be marked eighteen (18) yards from each goal post (H) and eighteen (18) yards into the field of play (I), joined by a line drawn parallel with the goal line.
- e. The field shall have its comers (D) marked with a one (1) yard radius arc.
- f. The field shall be equipped with goals eight (8) feet high and 24 feet wide, anchored and shall be equipped with a firmly secured set of nets.

### NUMBER OF PLAYERS - LAW 3

AGE GROUP MATCH	NUMBER OF PLAYERS	MINIMUM TO PLAY
U-19/18/17	11 V 11 PER FIFA*	7
U-16/15	11 V 11 PER FIFA*	7
U-14/13	11 V 11 PER FIFA*	7
U-12/11	8 V 8 PER FIFA	6
U-10/09	6 V 6 PER USYSA*	4
U-08	4 V 4 PER USYSA	3 EQUAL SIDES
U-06	3 V 3 PER USYSA	3

\*One player must be a Goal-Keeper

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### USYSA Rule 301 RULES OF PLAY

#### Section 1.

Except as provided by USYSA or its State Associations, the FIFA "Laws of the Game" apply to all competitions sponsored by USYSA. Players under 10 years may play soccer in accordance with the rules of USYSA's Development Player program-Modified playing rules for Under 10, Under 8, and Under 6.

#### Section 2.

State Associations may not approve games involving teams Under 10 or younger, unless those games are conducted with not more than 8 players on each side.

### **SUBSTITUTIONS**

Players may be substituted only when the Referee has stopped play. The number of substitutions is unlimited unless competition superseding DYSA jurisdiction specifically determines otherwise. Substitutions may be made at the following times:

- a. By the offensive team prior to a throw-in the team's favor.
- b. Prior to a goal kick, by either team.
- c. After an injury, by either team, when the Referee has stopped play.
- d. Between periods and after a goal is scored by either team.

NOTE: Whenever the Goalkeeper is changed, it is required that the Coach notify the Referee.

The Referee's permission is necessary, in any situation. A substitute may not enter the field of play until he or she has been so instructed by, the Referee, and shall enter and leave from the half-way line.

The substitute player must be up and standing at the Half-way line prior to requesting the substitution.

### **THE PLAYERS EQUIPMENT - LAW 4**

1. All players of the same team must wear the same style uniform shirts, shorts and socks. Shirts shall be numbered on the back and no two players on the same team may wear the same number.
2. No items of clothing or equipment which are not a part of the uniform are allowed. In the event of colder weather, additional clothing may be worn but only if worn underneath the uniform.
3. The Goalkeeper must wear a distinctive colored uniform, but shall not wear a black jersey which could conflict with the Referee's or Assistant Referees' Uniforms.
4. Uniform shirts must be tucked into the uniform shorts when on the field of play.
5. No jewelry (wristwatches, earrings, or other items) may be worn.

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6. Proper shin guards must be worn under the uniform socks by every player regardless of age level.
7. The home team is required to wear its primary colors to home games, unless it is known that the visiting opponent's alternate colors conflict. If the home team prepares for a team with conflicting colors they are still required to bring their primary colors in case of a conflict. The opponent is required to wear its alternate colors when visiting. Any time there is a conflict, the home team is required to change.
8. Item #7 does not apply to recreation/developmental teams in the same way. The home team's club may resolve the issue by supplying it's team with an alternate jersey, pennies that allow the jersey number to be seen, or numbered pennies.

### THE REFEREE - LAW 5

The DYSA recognizes the Referee's many and sometimes difficult responsibilities. It further recognizes that the Referees are mandated to conduct themselves in a particular manner and enforce the "Laws of the Game" according to the USSF. This policy is written so as to communicate the rules and regulations of the DYSA relating to the areas of concern of the Referees assigned to officiate games within the organization. Understanding these policies, which may be unique to this Association, will assist in reaching the level of professionalism desired.

All clubs associated with the DYSA are required to use a USSF certified Referee Assignor and shall be responsible for scheduling/providing a uniformed referee and two (2) uniformed assistant referees for all scheduled games.

### REPORTING TO THE FIELD

1. Referees are to report to the assigned game site at least 15 minutes prior to the scheduled kickoff time, and shall be totally prepared to begin.
2. Referees are to report to the "Site Director" for special instructions and assignment confirmation. The referee will receive rosters and players cards for the game assignment.
3. Referees should introduce themselves to their assigned Assistant Referees and immediately coordinate the details for performing the pre-game inspections and working together as a team during the game.
  - a. Check all field conditions, markings and all equipment:
  - b. All fields are to be equipped with regulation corner flags.
  - c. All goals are to be of regulation size, in a safe condition and should be equipped with nets that are firmly secured.
  - d. Field dimensions must conform to those that are mandated by the DYSA and the FYSA.
  - e. The team's side of the field (opposite that of the spectators), shall have a line marked on the ground one (1) yard (minimum) away from the touch line and 10 yards on either side of the center-line.

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NOTE: In the event that a marked technical area is not provided (in violation of these rules) the referee will instruct the coaches that they must remain 1 yard off the touch line and may not travel down the touch line any farther than the center circle extends away from the halfway line.

NOTE: In the event that a marked spectator line/barrier is not provided (in violation of these rules), the referee will notify the spectators they are to remain 3 yards off the touch line and between the top of each penalty area (between the 18's). If spectators refuse to cooperate, it is the responsibility of the Field Director to remain and enforce this rule.

NOTE: Both teams and their coaches are required to be on the same side of the field and opposite that of the spectators. **NO SPECTATORS** are permitted to be in any other location around the game site other than where designated. If photographs/ movies are to be taken from any fixed location other than the spectator's side the Field Director should notify and identify the photographer to the referee.

f. The Referee and Assistant Referee should introduce themselves as the Officiating Team for the match to the Coaches from both teams. The Coaches should then be told to prepare their players for equipment inspection and check-in.

g. The Officiating Team should then introduce themselves to the players and perform the team's inspection. The inspection should be one of comparing jersey numbers to the roster and comparing the player passes to the roster and the picture to the player. All players equipment should be examined at this time as well.

h. A team that is not ready to play the game 15 minutes after the scheduled game time shall forfeit. The League shall award the game. In such an event, the Referee must report the incident to the Site Director who in turn shall notify the proper Association representative.

### TERMINATION OF A GAME

1. Referees may terminate the game at any time if the Referee feels that his authority in the game has been undermined and that the game is not under his control due to the behavior of players, coaches or spectators. If such an incident occurs, the Referee shall be required to write the following information in the game report.

- a. Time the game began.
- b. Time the game was terminated.
- c. Reason for the termination.
- d. Game score at the time of termination.
- e. The identity of the player or players who were cautioned, or ejected during the game or the identity of the ejected coach and the reason for taking such action against either.

2. If a Referee terminates a game for any reason prior to the expiration of the scheduled length of the game, the Referee shall report this action to the Site Director immediately. The Referee Assignor shall also be notified.

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### REMOVAL OF A COACH OR SPECTATOR

1. If a coach is ejected from the game, they shall leave the field at the Referee's discretion. The coach shall be ordered completely off the premises and be out of sight and out of voice. Sanctions shall be applied as directed by the DYSA Board of Directors.
2. If a player is ejected, they should leave the field at the referee's discretion. The Referee should consider any and all special circumstances such as a player being dependent on a car pooling situation. If such is the case, the Referee may instruct the player to sit with the spectators. The coach will assign an adult to be responsible for the player's conduct while on the sideline.
3. The Referee may eject a spectator. If a spectator is causing a problem of a magnitude that is undermining "the good of the game", the Referee should do the following:
  - a. Instruct the Coach of the team to control that spectator that is supporting the team.
  - b. The Coach responsible for the spectator may himself be ejected for failure to control His or Her spectators.
  - c. Advise the Site Director to control the spectator who is causing problems, or remove him from the premises.
  - d. If after all of the above have been exhausted, and the spectator has not left or ceased his behavior, the Referee shall terminate the game.

### REFEREE'S DUTIES AT END OF GAME

1. Complete the game report as accurately and neatly as possible. List all pertinent information as follows:
  - a. Record the final score.
  - b. Record all cautions and red cards indicating the name of player/player's pass number, team code, and the reason for the card given. The DYSA provides a report for such situations and requires its use.
  - c. Indicate other information deemed necessary for the good of the Association such as poor field conditions, or lack of crowd control, and incidents of unsporting conduct.
  - d. Indicate missing required field markings including Technical Areas and Spectator Control markings.
  - e. Report all serious injuries on the game report, also requires USSR report
  - f. The Referee signs and dates the report.

NOTE: Red Card send-off on reports must have sufficient description of the rule violation to enable a discipline or hearing committee to assess the appropriate sanction and or additional disciplinary action.
2. Return all other players' passes and coaches' passes to the appropriate coach or team manager at the end of the game. In the event of send-off the referee may elect to return the passes to the Site Director for return to the team.
3. Upon completing everything required, turn everything in to the Site Director. Once submitted, it shall be the responsibility of the Site Director to pay the Referee and Assistant Referees.

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### REFEREE'S JUDGEMENT

The Referee's judgment with regards to the physical condition of the field and its acceptability for play and to the actual happening and occurrences relating to the conduct of the game, and to those prerogatives or judgments inherently granted to the Referee by the "Laws of the Game" as published by FIFA shall not be challenged.

### LAW 6 THE ASSISTANT REFEREE

1. It shall be the responsibility of the home team to schedule two (2) Uniformed Assistant Referees for every game scheduled.
2. If Assistant Referees are not provided, the following should be done:
  - a. Report the situation to the Site Director and make note on the Game Report.
  - b. The Association prohibits the playing of any game other than small sided games 5v5 and smaller, regardless of age level, with less than two (2) Assistant Referees.
3. If Assistant Referees are not provided, the DYSA recommends the following:
  - a. Should the game be a U-12 or younger, the Referee may appoint non-certified Assistant Referee and permit the game to proceed. The Referee may do so after seeking certified referees from among the spectators. USSF referees to be given preference to referees trained and certified by other organizations.
  - b. If the game is a U-13 or higher, the game should not be played unless certified Assistant Referee(s) can be located.
4. Once the game has begun and substitute(s) Assistant Referee(s) are being used, the Referee is not permitted to stop the game because he discovers the appointment Assistant Referee are not performing satisfactorily.
5. Once the game has begun with substitute, non-certified Assistant Referee, the Referee may change a Assistant Referee if he discovers that the appointed non-certified Assistant Referee is not performing satisfactorily. However, the game may not be terminated due to poor appointments being made by the Referee.

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### LAW 7 -THE DURATION OF THE MATCH

AGE GROUP	LENGTH OF THE GAME	LENGTH OF HALF TIME
U-19/18/17	2-45 minute halves	5 MIN. NOT TO EXCEED 15 MIN
U-16/15	2-40 minute halves	5 MIN. NOT TO EXCEED 15 MIN
U-14/13	2-35 minute halves	5 MIN. NOT TO EXCEED 15 MIN
U-12/11	2-30 minute halves	5 MIN. NOT TO EXCEED 15 MIN
U-10/09	2-25 minute halves	5 MIN. NOT TO EXCEED 15 MIN
U-08	4-12 minute quarters	2 MIN BETWEEN QTR'S, 5 MIN. AT HALF
U-6	4-8 minute quarters	2 MIN BETWEEN QTR'S, 5 MIN. AT HALF

- DEVELOPMENTAL/RECREATIONAL PLAYERS MUST PLAY HALF OF THE GAME MINIMUM.
- THE REFEREE WILL ENFORCE T A 2min. WATER BREAK DURING EACH HALF. PLAYERS ON THE FIELD MUST REMAIN ON THE FIELD AND COACHES ARE NOT TO USE THE TIME FOR TEAM COACHING. THE WATER BREAK SHOULD BE TAKEN AT APPROXIMATELY MIDWAY BETWEEN HALVES AT A STOPAGE OF PLAY SELECTED BY THE REFEREE.
- COACHES CONVERSING WITH PLAYERS BEYOND THE REFEREE'S REQUEST FOR PLAYERS TO RESUME PLAYING AFTER A WATER BREAK MAY BE REPORTED BY THE REFEREE FOR VIOLATION OF THE SPIRIT OF THE RULES ON THE GAME REPORT.

### DURATION LEAGUE PLAYOFF'S AND TOURNAMENTS

The policies governing draws and overtime periods during competition in league playoff games and championship games are listed below and shall be adhered to.

1. DYSA play off games and championship games cannot end in a draw (tie).
2. In the event a draw occurs after regulation play, the procedures indicated in the FIFA "Laws of the Game" shall apply. A break down of those periods is listed below:

AGE GROUP	LENGTH OF OVERTIME PERIOD
U- 19/17	2-15 minute periods
U- 16/15	2-15 minute periods
U-14/13	2-10 minute periods
U-12	2-10 minute periods
U- 11/10/09	Per Region "A" Cup Tournament Rules
U-08	Per Region "A" Cup Tournament Rules

3. If after the two periods of overtime, the tie is broken, the game shall be over and awarded to the highest scoring team.
4. If after the two periods of overtime, the score remains tied, then the two teams shall proceed to "Kicks from the Penalty Mark", as prescribed by FIFA.

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5. The competition within the Under 8 level of play and matters concerning ties during playoff and/or championship games, shall coincide with the rules of the USYSA
6. A team leaving the field, displaying unsportsmanlike conduct shall relinquish rights to team trophies. Sanctions shall be imposed as directed by the DYSA BOD.

### REFEREE FEES

DIVISION	REFEREE	REFEREE SPLIT
U17 THRU U19	\$46.00	46/23/23
U15 / U16	\$46.00	46/23/23
U13 / U14	\$35.00	34/18/18
U11 / U12	\$26.00	26/13/13
U9 / U10	\$24.00	24/12/12
U8	\$10.00	10

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### FEE'S AND FINES

The league shall have the authority to levy fines and fees as published below: All DYSA fees and fines shall be determined by the Association's Board of Directors on an annual basis and approved by a majority vote, if no action is taken, the fees shall remain in effect until changed.

#### FEES and/or FINES

AMOUNT	PAYMENT	SCHEDULE
1. CLUB AFFILIATIONS	\$85.00	First Meeting of Seasonal Year
2. TEAM FEES (FULL SEASON)	\$75.00	Due upon declaration
3. TEAM (DEVELOPMENTAL)	\$75.00	Due upon declaration
4. TEAM FEES (EARLY SEASON)	\$75.00	Due upon declaration
5. TEAM FEES (SPRING SEASON) (includes cost of site dir/Assignor fee)	\$75.00	Due upon declaration
6. ASSURANCE BOND	\$200.00	Upon Requirement
7. MANDATORY MEETING ABSENCE	\$200.00	Meeting After Absence
8. DELINQUENT PAYMENT	\$25.00	Meeting after Violation
9. NON-MEMBER SPEAKING	\$100.00	Due prior to "presentation"
10. DROPPED TEAM / ADD TEAM (After final declaration is made)	\$50.00	30 DAYS
11. DROPPED TEAM /ADD TEAM (After published schedule)	\$150.00	30 DAYS
12. FORFEIT GAME (NO SHOW) Plus full cost of Referee's Fees for both teams ( ½ to go to HOME team after pymt of ref fees)	\$250.00+	30 DAYS
13.* POLICY VIOLATION	\$25.00	30 Days
14.**MANDATORY COACHES MEETING ABSENCE	\$100.00	30 DAYS
15. PLAYING WITHOUT PASSES	\$50.00	30 DAYS
16. PLAYING WITH INCORRECT ROSTER	\$25.00	30 DAYS
17. SPECTATOR /COACH NOT LEAVING FLD WHEN EJECTED	\$100.00	30 DAYS
18. UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT BY COACH	\$50.00	30 DAYS
19. NON-FYSA APPROVED PLAYER PLAYING UP	\$50.00	30 DAYS

\*A Policy Violation Fee covers all violations not specifically listed above.

\*\* A Maximum of 2 teams can be represented by one person.

"The Board of Directors has the authority to waive any of the requirements for the Non-member speaking requirements, if deem in the league's best interest.

#### REPORTING VIOLATIONS:

In the event a club needs to seek assessment of a fine on another club, the club director will submit a written report of the violation to the Board of Directors within no more than two scheduled board meetings. The report shall contain the Who, What, When, Where and How much of the violation. If the violation is not brought before the board within the two meetings any fines assessed will be placed in the league general fund to cover league expenses.

All fees due to DYS shall be considered delinquent if not paid, in cleared funds, after 30 days of occurrence. Affiliates may be placed Not in Good Standing when fees are not timely paid. The DYS Treasurer will recommend to the BOD for approval to place a club in NGS. Governmental run programs which require an invoice, will be granted 30 days from the date of receipt of invoice if necessary.