

CENTRAL COAST SOCCER LEAGUE

Rules and Regulations

Rule 1- Rules of Play

The rules of play shall be the “Laws Of The Game” as published by FIFA except those rules modified for the benefit of youth soccer by the United States Soccer Federation (USSF) or the California Youth Soccer Association-South (CYSA-S).

Rule 2 – Seasonal Year and League Season

The seasonal year shall begin on September 1st and shall end on August 31st of the following year as established by the United States Soccer Federation. The regular league playing season shall normally begin in September and end in December.

Rule 3 – Games

- A. All games will be played as scheduled. Any change of time and/or place must be authorized by the Executive Vice President. Such authorization will only be granted in case of an unforeseen emergency and must be authorized no later than 5 pm on the Monday prior to the scheduled game. Failure to obtain such authorization shall result in automatic forfeiture to either or both teams.
- B. In the event that playing field conditions will not permit a scheduled game to be played, game cancellation must be authorized by the Executive Vice President (except as provided for in Rule 11 herein)
- C. No game shall be delayed longer than fifteen (15) minutes because of the late arrival of either team. The delaying team will be charged with a forfeit. In the event that both teams are more than fifteen (15) minutes late, both shall be charged with a forfeit.
- D. Games that are terminated after three-fourths (3/4) of the official playing time, during inclement weather, field conditions, or on the referee’s judgment shall be considered a complete game. The score shall stand and be official for the standings. This rule shall not apply to play-off or championship games.
- E. For games requiring a full side of eleven (11) players, no game shall be started if either team is unable to field a minimum of seven (7) players; for eight (8) player teams, six (6) players are required.
- F. League Games will have standings. Standings will be determined based on the 3 point system, as follows:

Win	=	3 points
Tie	=	1 point for each team
Loss	=	0 points
- G. A tie in League Standings to determine first place will be decided as follows;
 1. Head to Head Competition
 2. Goal Differential
 3. Goals Allowed
 4. Goals For

Rule 4 – Registration

Every player on every team shall be required to register on the appropriate form at least seventy-two(72) hours prior to participating in any game. Registration procedures shall be in accordance with the requirements of CYSA-S and the directives set forth by this league.

- Every player must be registered on a team by October 15 to be eligible for the league Cup Tournament. Exception to this deadline may be granted by a majority vote of the Board Of Directors.

Rule 5 – Registration Fees

- A. Teams shall be required to pay an annual entry fee which shall be determined annually by the Board Of Directors. Team fees shall be submitted with the team’s application to play.
- B. Player registration fees shall be paid to the league a minimum of seventy-two (72) hours prior to the player’s participation in any game.
- C. A team performance bond, as determined by the Board Of Directors, shall be submitted prior to league play. This bond may be used by the BOD to pay referee costs for scheduled games that were not paid by the teams scheduled to play. The unused portion of this bond is refundable to each team one month after the completion of League play. A letter requesting this refund should be submitted to the President of the League.
- D. Final Team Rosters and Field Applications are due July 1st. If new players are added to the roster after July 1st, it is the responsibility of the Team Administration to submit an updated roster.

Rule 6 – Age Limits/Divisions

- A. Age divisions shall be comprised of players who are, before the first day of August (August 1) of the current seasonal year in the age classifications as defined by California Youth Soccer Association-South (CYSA-S).
- B. Competition shall be within the age classifications of CYSA-S.
- C. Teams shall be comprised of boys teams, girls teams, or mixed teams (both boys and girls). Mixed teams shall be considered as boys teams for purposes of entering tournaments and cup competitions.

Rule 7 – Proof of Age

- A. Proof of age documentation shall consist of “original” or “certified” birth documentation in the form of a birth certificate, a United States Board of Health record, a passport, a Certificate of Naturalization, or an Alien Registration Card.
- B. Photocopies of the original document shall be kept by the League Registrar for informational purposes only. An original document must be produced upon demand of the Board Of Directors within forty eight (48) hours of request.
- C. No hospital or baptismal certificates may be accepted.
- D. The Board Of Directors of this league may request proof of age documentation be present to the Board for inspection at any time. Such notice must be made in writing. Failure to respond to such request shall result in the immediate suspension of the player involved and forfeiture of all league games in which that player participated. Reasonable time shall be given to produce an acceptable document (as outlined in Paragraph A above).

Rule 8 – Team Roster Limitation and Game Specifications

Teams shall be limited to no more than eighteen (18) registered players at any given time.

A. No team shall be allowed to have less than seven (7) registered players at any given time.

B. U17 and U18 teams may carry rosters of 22 players per Cal South Rules.

C. Borrowing Players: Recreational Loan/guest Players are not allowed.

D. Players may not be registered to more than one team. CYSA registered players from any league can only play on one team on any designated day.

E. No CYSA administrator/coach/manager shall refuse a player the right to participate in other USSF-affiliated teams as a loan/guest player and shall immediately tender the Medical release form and player pass upon verbal request by the player of the player's parent/guardian. (CYSA Section 1.5.3)

Rule 9 – Length of Games, Overtime, Ball Sizes

<u>Group</u>	<u>Game Length</u>	<u>Overtime (Cup/Tournament)</u>	<u>Ball Size</u>
Under-19	Two 45 minute halves	Two 15 minute halves	5
Under-18	Two 45 minute halves	Two 15 minute halves	5
Under-17	Two 45 minute halves	Two 15 minute halves	5
Under-16	Two 40 minute halves	Two 15 minute halves	5
Under-15	Two 40 minute halves	Two 15 minute halves	5
Under-14	Two 35 minute halves	Two 10 minute halves	5
Under-13	Two 35 minute halves	Two 10 minute halves	5
Under-12	Two 30 minute halves	Two 10 minute halves	4
Under-11	Two 30 minute halves	Two 10 minute halves	4
Under-10	Two 25 minute halves	Two 10 minute halves	4
Under-9	Two 25 minute halves	Two 10 minute halves	4
Under-8	Two 25 minute halves	Two 5 minute halves	3

Game time, ball size and referee fees are determined by oldest team in the match. Referee Fees are set in advance by agreement with Referee association and will be posted by league.

- Referee Fees will be paid in advance of game start by each team.

In Cup or Tournament, play, should the game remain tied after playing in the appropriate overtime period, FIFA kicks from the Penalty Mark rules shall apply in order to determine the winner.

Rule 10 – Substitutions and Game Report Forms

A. Substitutions shall be unlimited except where specified otherwise in these Rules and Regulation. Substitutions may be made, with the consent of the referee, at the time of any stoppage of play and as provided in rule 12A. All substitutions must check in with the Assistant Referee and stand at the half field line until waved on by the Referee.

- B. Game Report forms shall be provided to all teams by the league. The game reports forms shall be filled out COMPLETELY and given to the Referee prior to the start of a game.
- The Referee shall be allowed to verify the information on the game report form prior to the start of the game. The coach or manager of each team must sign the game report form.
 - Upon completion of the game and before signing the game report form, the Referee shall check the accuracy thereof.
 - All players cautioned (Yellow Card) and ejected (Red Card), and persons sent-off shall be so noted on the form.
- C. **Reporting Game Results to League** shall be completed within forty-eight (48) hours.
- The referee shall, within forty-eight (48) hours, report all scores and ejections (e.g. send-offs and/or player Red cards), if applicable, to the Score phone line. The referee shall mail the game report form to the league Vice President along with the player pass or ID card of any player or official ejected from the game.
 - Each team shall, within forty-eight (48) hours, submit the results of the game to the Score Line by phone or email, as applicable.

Rule 11 – Special Rules of Play

- A. Field and Equipment: The home team shall be responsible for the condition of the field of play, the proper field markings and proper equipment. Nets and corner flags are mandatory. It shall be the responsibility of the HOME team to provide three (3) game balls. All venues are required to have access to restroom facilities or port-a-potties and trash cans as part of the minimum requirement.
- B. Game Uniforms- Color Conflict: When the uniforms of two competing teams are similar, the home team shall effect a change to colors which are distinct from those of the opponent.
- C. Player Safety: No player should be allowed to play in any regularly scheduled game with an injury which can be aggravated by playing or which constitutes a danger to others. No player wearing an orthopedic cast shall be permitted to play in any regularly scheduled game.
- D. Spectator Conduct: It shall be the responsibility of each team to maintain proper spectator conduct. Each coach, manager, and team, club or league official shall be held primarily responsible for the conduct of its spectators. All teams are responsible for removing all trash from their sideline at the conclusion of their games.
- E. Condition of the Playing Field: The referee's judgment with regard to the physical condition of the field and its acceptance for play, to actual happening and occurrences related to the conduct of the game and those prerogatives granted to the referee by the Laws of the Game shall not be challenged.

Rule 12 – Cautions and Ejections

- A. Player or Coach “Caution – Yellow Card”: A player receiving a “Caution – Yellow Card” during the game shall be substituted for. No other player on either team may be substituted.
- B. Player or Coach “Ejection/Send-Off”: Players receiving a Red Card, or coaches sent-off, shall be ejected from the game and must leave the field of play. An ejection shall result in a suspension that shall be in effect during the next regularly scheduled game played (regular season, play-off or championship games are included in this definition). In addition, the Board Of Directors shall review each report of “Ejections-Send-Offs” to determine if additional action is required. If an ejection (Red Card or send-off) is received during the **last** game of the league (regular season, play-off or championship games are included in this definition), the game suspension will occur on the first game of the next league season.
- C. Spectator Ejection: During any game sanctioned by or regularly scheduled by this league, a referee may stop the game, Eject any spectator from the grounds, if in the opinion of the referee the offender is guilty of violent conduct, serious foul play, or the use of foul or abusive language, or if the conduct is deemed to be interference by the offender as designated in subdivision (d) of Law V-“Referee” of the FIFA “Laws of the Game”.
- D. Cumulative Point System for Ejections/Send-Offs, Red and Yellow Cards: The Board Of Directors shall continue to review each Ejection and Caution Report and have the ability to take additional steps as they see fit for serious and or continue infractions.

Rule 13 – Coaching from the Sideline

Coaching from the touch-lines (giving direction to one’s own team on points of strategy and position) is permitted provided:

- A. No mechanical devices are used
- B. The tone of the voice is informative and not abusive
- C. Each coach, substitute or player is to remain within the technical area (10 yards on either side of the halfway line or midfield line)
- D. No coach, substitute, or player is to make derogatory remarks or gestures to the referees, other players, substitutes or spectators
- E. No coach, substitute, or player is to use profanity
- F. No coach, substitute or player is to incite in any manner, disruptive behavior of any kind.
- G. All head coaches must have a minimum ‘E’ licensing for ages U10 – U14 and are encouraged to have ‘D’ licensing for U15 – U19, pursuant to Cal South licensing guidelines and courses.
- H. Any coach, substitute, spectator, or player sent-off during a game shall immediately leave the field and shall be suspended from the next scheduled game.

Rule 14 – Censure and Suspension – Falsification of Records

Falsification of records, documents, player identification passes, proof of age documentation, or in any other matter or manner, shall be grounds for censure and suspension from further

participation and membership in this league. The CYSA-S shall be notified immediately of all Board Of Directors actions pursuant to this rule.

Rule 15 – Match Protest Procedures

All protests shall be made known to the President of the League within twenty-four (24) hours of the infraction followed by written notification to the Board Of Directors. All protests shall be reviewed by the Board Of Directors and their decision shall be final.

Rule 16 – Assault

When any person shall assault an official, the Board Of Directors of this league shall immediately notify the CYSA-S State Office by telephone and by telegram, mailgram or facsimile pursuant to the provisions of CYSA-S Rules and Regulations.

Rule 17 – Affiliation and Unaffiliated Play

No team in this league may be serviced by, financed by or organized by a group that operates an unaffiliated organization.

No team shall participate in games or tournaments against unaffiliated teams

No team shall have unregistered players. Every player on every team (in this league) shall be a member of this league. Parents of players are considered members by association.

Rule 18 – Financial Disclaimer

The Central Coast Soccer League specifically disclaims financial responsibility for, and shall not assume nor be held liable for, the debts or financial obligation, either expressed or implied, of any member team, coach, manager, or other team official that has not been authorized by the Board Of Directors.

Rule 19 – Plea of Ignorance

A claim of ignorance to these Rules and Regulations shall not be an excuse to avoid disciplinary action.

Rule 20 – Recruitment of Assigned and Registered Players (added 7/07/05) Repealed September 5, 2007 as in conflict with CYSA Rules & Regulations

Rule 21 – Disqualification to Participate in League (added 7/07/05)

Any Administrator, Coach, Player, or Parent found in violation of the following Cal-South, Rules and Regulations is disqualified to participate in the league.

- **Cal-South, Rules and Regulations 3.5.1.3:** Referee Assault, or
- **Cal-South, Rules and Regulations 1.3.7:** Falsification of Documents.

Record of Revisions to CCSL Rules & Regulations

Revision Date	Ratified at:	Description
9/05/07	Kick-off Mtg: Ludwick Center, SLO	Add; Divisions & clarified responsibilities. Repealed Rule 20, Clarified Ejections/Send-offs and Borrowing of Players