

**Rules and Regulations
Hayward Youth Soccer League
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1) Authorities and Responsibilities

- 1) The rules of play for all competitions sanctioned by the Hayward Youth Soccer League hereafter called this "League" shall be the "Laws of the Game" as published by FIFA with modifications made by USYSA, USSF, CYSA-North and this League and as amended each year.
- 2) The rules contained herein shall govern members of this League in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which they are consistent with the Constitution and By-Laws of this League and of CYSA-N.
- 3) Team officials, substitutes or players who fail to comply with the above may be ejected from the game or sidelines.
- 4) If a spectator or spectators fail to respond to a team official's request to desist from improper behavior, the Referee is empowered to caution or eject the spectator/spectators or to terminate the match and any disciplinary action will be decided by the League.
- 5) The Board of Directors shall have the authority to suspend, bar completely or otherwise suspend any player or member of the League in accordance with the By-Laws of the League.

2) Insurance

- 1) All injuries to be claimed against the CYSA medical insurance shall be reported to the League insurance representative within seventy-two (72) hours of the injury if claim is to be valid. The League insurance representative shall be responsible for completion of the proper forms which shall be forwarded promptly to CYSA District Commissioner for processing.

3) Registration Procedures

- 1) All registration sign-ups will be held at locations and times designated by the Board of Directors. A copy of a birth certificate, a current, wallet size photograph, and a check for the registration fees must accompany all applications. Absolutely no incomplete applications will be accepted. All application received after the cut

off date will be used in the order received and placed on teams as space is available.

2) Refund policy: The Board of Directors shall have the authority to establish the refund policy for each seasonal year. Any refunds allowed under such policy will be net of the fee the League pays to CYSA for player registration, rounded up to the next dollar. The Board of Directors reserves the right to modify the refund policy at any time.

4) Team Assignment

1) No team shall be formed until there is a firm commitment by a coach, who is acceptable in accordance with the policies of the League. Should a coach resign and no acceptable replacement be available, that team shall be disbanded and players placed into a pool for reassignment.

2) Developmental teams may not be organized for team meetings or practices until Registrar distributes rosters. Coaches WILL NOT contact players until rosters are distributed at the June general membership meeting.

3) All players shall be geographically assigned within the League according to their school or residential area and age group.

First, the Head Coach's child (on the coach's team)

Second, the Asst. Coach's child (maximum of two Asst. coaches per team)

Third, players returning to the same team from the previous season only

Fourth, Siblings (of the same age group)

Fifth, parent requests (must be made at the time of registration)

Sixth, new players to the League.

Parent requests for their child to play on a specific Developmental team or for a specific team are not guaranteed. All parental requests must be made at the time of registration.

4) No player shall be allowed to play in a higher age group than that which he/she should except for a HEAD coach's son or daughter except by written Parent request and Board of Directors approval

5) No player shall be allowed to move down an age group except for documented medical reasons and approval by the Board of Directors.

6) No U-12 to U-14 Developmental team may have more than fifteen (15) players on its roster without the approval of the Board of Directors. Roster limits for the younger Developmental teams are as follows: U-6, 8 players; U-8, 11 players; U-10, 13 players. The Board of Directors reserves the right to modify team roster limits as needed for the good of the game.

7) The Board of Directors reserves the right to make roster changes as necessary for the good of the game.

5) Uniforms

1) Official HYSL League colors shall be Royal Blue, Scarlet Red and/or Gold, White and Black. This applies to all teams Traveling outside the League boundaries for competitive play. All teams playing within League boundaries or with Sister Leagues may have colors approved by the Board of Directors.

2) All teams shall wear uniforms approved by the Board of Directors.

6) Select Teams and Advanced House Teams

1) Coaches

A) All applicants for the position of Select or Advanced House team coaches shall submit a written application to the Board of Directors.

B) The Board of Directors shall select coaches.

2) Player Selection --

A) All players shall be eligible for try-outs

B) No player shall be assigned to a Select or Advanced House team without the prior approval and consent of the players parents and acknowledgment as to the special commitments and obligations involved.

C) A Select team roster shall contain no more than eighteen (18) players. All Class I and Class III team rosters shall conform to the rules and regulations as established by the District IV Competitive Youth Soccer League or any Playing League so assigned.

D) Select teams must have try-outs completed and rosters turned in by the 3rd Wednesday of April. All players selected must have completed registration within seven (7) days of the roster deadline unless otherwise directed by the Board of Directors.

E) No Select or Advanced House teams shall start practice prior to June 1st.

7) Coaches Selection Procedure

An application must be submitted to the League for all coaching assignments. No coach shall be allowed to be the HEAD coach of more than one team without prior Board approval. After application is submitted the following shall apply:

1) COMPETITION LEVELS I & II (SELECT) COACHES

- A) Prospective Coach must be able to field a team of qualified players for this level of competition.
- B) Prospective Coach must hold or obtain an "E" license prior to the fall season or have commensurate, verifiable experience.
- C) Prospective Coach and/or Team Representative must hold a current Referee license or will hold prior to the start of the fall season a current Referee license.
- D) Prospective Coach and/or Team Representative shall referee a minimum of six (6) non-Tournament, league games at any level.
- E) Prospective Coach and/or Team Representative shall attend the Hayward Youth Soccer League General meetings each month (June through November).
- F) Prospective Coach must appear before the Coaching Committee prior to its presentation to the Hayward Youth Soccer League Board of Directors
- G) Must hold a minimum of two (2) practices per week.

2) Competition LEVEL III (ADVANCED HOUSE) COACHES

- A) Prospective Coach must be able to field a team of qualified players for this level of competition.
- B) Prospective Coach must hold or obtain an "F" license prior to the fall season or have commensurate, verifiable experience.
- C) Prospective Coach and/or Team Representative must hold a current Referee license or will hold prior to the start of the fall season a current Referee license.
- D) Prospective Coach and or Team Representative shall referee a minimum of six (6) non-Tournament, league games at any level.
- E) Prospective Coach and/or Team Representative shall attend the Hayward Youth Soccer League General meetings each month (June through November).
- F) Prospective Coach must appear before the Coaching Committee prior to its presentation to the Hayward Youth Soccer League Board of Directors.
- G) Must hold a minimum of two (2) practices per week.

3) DEVELOPMENTAL COACHES

- A) Prospective Coach must attend Mini Coach's Clinic sponsored by the Hayward Youth Soccer League or hold or obtain an "F" license prior to the fall season or have commensurate, verifiable experience.
- B) Prospective Coach and/or Team Representative must attend a Referee or Line Judge Clinic sponsored by the Hayward Youth Soccer League or hold or will hold prior to the start of the fall season a current Referee license.
- C) Prospective Coach and/or Team Representative shall referee a minimum of five (5) non-Tournament; league games at any level.
- D) Prospective Coach and/or Team Representative shall attend the Hayward

Youth Soccer League General meetings each month (June through November).
E) Must hold a minimum of two (2) practices per week.

F) ASSIGNMENT PRIORITY FOR SELECTING DEVELOPMENTAL LEVEL COACHES

1) After meeting all of the above criteria the placement of coaches shall be as follows:

- 2) Head Coach returning to the same division, same age (i.e. U12G-U12G)
- 3) Head Coach returning to the same division changing age (i.e. U10G-U12G)
- 4) Head Coach returning to same age but changing division (i.e. U12G-U12B)
- 5) Head Coach changing age and division (i.e. U12G-U14B)
- 6) New Coach that refereed for HYSL during the previous season.
- 7) New Coach

Note: 1) The Coaching Committee reserves the right to make exceptions to Competition Levels I & II (Select), Competition Level III (Advanced House) or House qualifications whenever they deem necessary in their recommendations to the Hayward Youth Soccer League Board of Directors.

2) In the event of an inadequate amount of teams to accommodate all equally qualified coaching applicants a coaching applicant desiring to coach his/her child, will be given preference over a coaching applicant not having a child in that age or division.

3) All coaching assignments shall be made basis of need.

4) An Assistant Coach desiring to become the Head Coach of the same team from the previous season shall make his/her intentions known as early as possible to the Coaching Coordinator. The Assistant Coach from the previous season does not automatically receive that same team when the Head Coach departs prior to the season.

5) The Hayward Youth Soccer League Board of Directors shall have final approval of all prospective coaches.

8) Rules of Play

1) The rules of play shall be "The Laws of the Game" as published by FIFA. All competition sanctioned by this League shall abide by the "Laws of the Game" and the modifications as published by CYSA and the League.

2) All games shall be played under the Rules and Regulations of this League, CYSA-N, USYSA, USSF and FIFA as amended each year.

3) Players wearing orthopedic casts or other items deemed dangerous by the Referee shall not be eligible to participate in any game.

4) Charging the goalkeeper shall not be permitted at any time when he/she is within his/her own penalty area. Possession of the ball by the goalkeeper shall be determined by the placement of as little as one finger on the ball. Any player striking the ball after such touch by the goalkeeper shall be verbally warned (positively) and any resultant goal shall be nullified. It shall be at the discretion of the Referee as to this determination.

5) Coaching from the sidelines, i.e. giving directions to one's own team on points of strategy and position, is permitted provided:

A) No mechanical device is used.

B) The tone of voice is informative and not a harangue.

C) No coach or substitute is to be anywhere except at his/her bench within 20 yards of each side of the halfway line during the game.

D) Coaching must be from the sideline only. Home teams have the choice of side.

E) No coach, player, team representative(s), substitute or spectator is to make any derogatory remarks or gestures to the Referee, Assistant Referee, any coach, other players or spectators. Any coach, player, team representative(s), substitute or spectator who makes such a derogatory remark or gesture shall be immediately removed from the field. Any repeated violation of this rule will result in the termination of that coach's, player's, team representative(s), substitute's or spectator's affiliation with the League.

F) No coach, player, team representative(s), substitute or spectator is to use profanity.

G) No coach, player, team representative(s), substitute or spectator is to incite, in any manner, disruptive behavior of any kind

6) Where color of uniforms is similar, the home team shall effect a change to colors which are distinct from those of the visiting team.

7) It will be the responsibility of both coaches to have a game ball and to see that both they and their spectators, team representative(s) and players behave in a proper and respectful manner.

8) Players may only be substituted during a stoppage of the game. A substitute may not enter the field of play until he/she has been given a signal to do so by the Referee. The number of substitutions shall be unlimited. Substitutions may be made at the following times:

A) Prior to a throw-in, in your favor.

B) Prior to a goal kick, by either team.

C) After a goal, by either team.

D) After an injury, by either team when the Referee stops play.
E) When a player is cautioned, the coach may substitute for the cautioned player only.

9) In Developmental League games, each and every player must play at least one-half (*) of every game, unless injured, or while being disciplined. Coaches must note any disciplinary action on game card prior to game. Failure to attend a minimum of 50% of scheduled team practices without first notifying the Head coach or team representative or without other justification may constitute grounds for disciplinary action. In such instances, the Coach must notify the appropriate Vice-President of the disciplinary action and the disciplined player must still play a minimum of 25% of those games.

10) Players must wear shin guards at all practices and games. Referees, coaches and League officials are charged with assuring compliance with the rule.

11) No alcoholic beverages or tobacco shall be consumed or used by any member or player of the League, nor by any spectator, in the vicinity of any competition sanctioned by the League. Violation shall result in immediate suspension from the League.

9) Game Times and Ball Specifications

<u>Divisions</u>	<u>Game length</u>	<u>Overtime*</u>	<u>Ball Size</u>
Under 19	2 - 45 minute halves	2 - 15 minute halves	#5
Under 16	2 - 40 minute halves	2 - 15 minute halves	#5
Under 14	2 - 35 minute halves	2 - 10 minute halves	#5
Under 12	2 - 30 minute halves	2 - 10 minute halves	#4
Under 10	2 - 25 minute halves	2 - 10 minute halves	#4
Under 8	2 - 20 minute halves	NONE	#3
Under 6	2 - 20 minute halves	NONE	#3

* Tournament or Cup play only.

All game lengths are at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

10) Player Passes and Game Cards

1) The Referee shall verify the identity of all players with his/her player pass. Any players who does not have a valid player pass shall not play in the game except U6, U8 and U10 players and teams that play solely within the boundaries of the League.

2) A valid player pass shall be an approved USYSA player pass with all the information filled in. The player's photo shall be affixed to the card and the card stamped by the League and District Registrar and laminated.

3) If a player participates in a game without a valid player pass or without being on the official roster, or when not properly registered or otherwise ineligible to play, his/her team may forfeit the game and other disciplinary action may be taken by the League.

4) The coach of the home team shall provide the game card with the proper portion filled out to the visiting team prior to the start of the game. The visiting team shall fill out their portion of the card and give it to the Referee prior to the start of play except U6, U8 and U10 players and teams that play solely within the boundaries of the League.

5) There shall be an adult present who shall sign the game card and be responsible for the team during the entire game.

11) Ejection

1) If a player is ejected for misconduct, the Referee shall mail or deliver the game card and player pass, along with a written 24 hour ejection report, within twenty-four (24) hours to the League Referee Coordinator.

2) The Disciplinary committee shall render a decision within forty-eight (48) hours of receipt of the Referee's report and shall convey the decision by telephone to the player involved and to the player's coach. A copy of the decision, along with all pertinent findings, shall be filed with the League Secretary. The Disciplinary Committee shall act in a disciplinary capacity for any red cards, and shall render their decision from the Referee's report.

3) The player involved shall not participate in League activities until so notified by the Disciplinary Committee and the player pass has been returned.

4) Any adverse decision may be appealed as per Article 13.

12) Disciplinary Authority

1) A Disciplinary Committee shall be established by the Board of Directors of this League and shall consist of at least one Board member or Officer and at least two (2) other persons.

2) The Disciplinary Committee shall receive reports of ejections and cautions and any complaints from coaches or referees. They shall investigate matters as necessary, including requiring members of this League to submit written statements or to appear at hearings.

3) The Disciplinary Committee shall decide on any sanctions or penalties to be assessed against members of this League, member teams, players or coaches or other team officials. These sanctions and penalties may be, but are not limited to:

A) Suspension of any player, coach, team assistant or any team official from participating in this League's activities or games for a specified period of time.

B) Forfeiture of any game games already played.

C) Declaring a team not to be in good standing and requesting they be ineligible to play in tournaments, State Cup or any other play.

13) Protest and Appeals Procedure

1) All protest and appeals shall be heard by the Protest and Appeals Committee (PAC), composed of three (3) members appointed by the Board of Directors with the League President as an ex-officio member. The committee chairperson will be designated by the Board of Directors.

2) All protests shall be in writing, addressed to the chairperson, accompanied by a fee of \$25.00, which is refundable if the protest is upheld. Protests shall be delivered to the PAC no later than forty-eight (48) hours following the issue/occurrence in question.

3) Only violations of the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations, and misapplications of the "Laws of the Game" shall be proper subject to consider for protest. The physical condition of the field and it's acceptance for play, the actual happenings and occurrences related to the conduct of the game and those prerogatives granted the Referee by the "Laws of the Game", as published by FIFA and modified by CYSA and this League, shall not be challenged.

4) The decision of the PAC shall be conveyed in writing to the party initiating the protest/appeal and a copy of the decision, along with all pertinent information and findings, shall be filed with the League Secretary.

5) Any decision rendered by the PAC may be appealed to the Board of Directors. Such appeal shall be postmarked within forty-eight (48) hours of receipt of the committee's decision. No additional fee will be required at this time. The League Secretary, with concurrence of the President, shall set a date for the hearing within thirty (30) days of the date of the decision of in question.

6) At the hearing by the Board of Directors, the Match Secretary and/or Referee Coordinator shall present the findings of the committee (PAC) to the Board. The parties involved shall have the opportunity to present their case. The decision of the Board of Directors shall be conveyed orally and in writing within seven (7) days.

7) All decisions may be appealed as per By-laws and Rules and Regulations of CYSA-N.

14) Scheduling Authority

1) The League Match Secretary shall schedule all League games with the possible exception of inter-league play.

2) All games must be played according to the official schedule issued by the match secretary/secretaries.

3) Games will not be postponed, except for the following reasons:

A) Rain-out

1) The League shall have the authority when playability is in question.

2) If field conditions change after the start of the day's play, the Referee, in the absence of the designated League representative, shall be sole judge as to the playability of the field. In the event of cancellation or postponement the home team will notify the match secretary.

B) If the Referee determines that the field is unsafe to play upon at game time.

C) If a team is playing away in a sanctioned CYSA tournament. It will be the responsibility of such team to notify' the opposing team, as well as the statistician and match secretary, seven (7) days prior to the originally scheduled date.

4) Postponed games may be rescheduled by mutual agreement of both coaches within fourteen (14) days of the original date, with the approval of the League Match Secretary and Referee Coordinator and Field Coordinator.

5) It is the responsibility of the winning team to forward the game card to the corresponding statistician within seven (7) days from the date the game was played.

6) In the case where a game ends in a tie, it will be the responsibility of the home coach to forward the game card to the corresponding statistician within seven (7) days from the date the game was played.

7) If the statistician DOES NOT receive the game card, postmarked within the allocated period of time, he/she will record the game as a tie

15) Poaching

1) Any team representative who attempts to induce a registered player of any team under the jurisdiction of the current season to leave his/her assigned team shall be guilty of poaching.

2) Any Select or Advanced House teams that wish to pick up any players already assigned to teams must notify the League Registrar prior to contacting the player or the player's parents.

3) The League Registrar shall inform the assigned coach before any transfers take place. Transfers will be approved by the Board of Directors.

4) No team's roster should be reduced to less than thirteen (13) players by this process.

16) Tournaments

1) All tournament fees must be paid for with a HYSL check.

2) Any team applying to a tournament out of a CYSA-North or out of state MUST have PRIOR Board of Directors approval.