

Jr. Spring League Rules

FIFA *Laws of the Game*, including any changes apply and supplemented by the following rules of the competition:

Credentials.

At least 1 hour before a team's first game of the competition, the team representative must present the credentials of the team to the league registrar for approval. The league registrar may require each player and coach to present himself/herself at the credentials check.

The credentials of the team consists of:

USYSA teams:

- A roster listing the full name, birthdate, and uniform number(s) of each player and the full name of each coach and the manager signed by the club registrar.
- Laminated player cards from the governing body (USYSA)

Uniforms.

Each team must have two sets of jerseys. The team listed first is designated as the home team and must change in the event of color conflict.

No player may play while bleeding or while having excessive amounts of blood on the uniform.

Duration and Game Balls.

- All teams will use size 4 NIKE balls which will be provided by the league.
- Game duration will consist of 2x20 minute halves, no stoppage time allowed.
- The half-time interval is 5 minutes.

Results & Standings

No results or standings will be kept.

Technical Area

Only coaches, managers, players, game officials, and league staff are allowed in a team's technical or "bench" area. **All spectators must position themselves on the opposite side of the field**, at least two yards behind the touchline. The league director may require spectators to relocate to avoid interference with play or with game officials.

Substitutions.

Players entering and exiting are allowed at any stoppage with the consent of the referee. No limitation on the number of substitutions in a half.

Responsibility of Coaches.

Coaching is permitted from the technical area by one of the persons who have been identified on the roster as a coach.

Coaching means giving directions to his/her players on points of strategy and position in an informative tone of voice. No mechanical or electronic devices may be used.

Dissent (by word or action), offensive, insulting or abusive language, or other threatening or insulting words or gestures by a coach, player, or spectator directed toward another player, opponent, game official, or spectator will not be tolerated under any circumstances.

The coach is responsible for the misconduct of the team's coaches, managers, players, and spectators whether or not the coach has participated in or encouraged the misconduct.

Misconduct. Fair Play Please!

Warning. The minimum punishment for a player who is sent off and for a coach who is ejected is suspension for one game following the game in which the misconduct occurs. A player who is sent off because of serious foul play may be disqualified from all further play during the league. Any player, coach, or manager who is sent off or ejected because of violent conduct will be disqualified from all further play in the league. A player, coach, or spectator who assaults or threatens a game official is subject to more severe penalties.

A coach who is ejected from a game must leave the premises immediately and without dissent. The failure to do so may result in additional punishment for the coach and/or the team. Another coach, the manager, or another responsible adult may then coach the team for the remainder of the game, but if no such person is available the game will be terminated.

Protests and Appeals.

The *Laws* state that the decision of the referee on points of fact is final as far as the outcome of the game is concerned.

NO PROTESTS OR APPEALS WILL BE HEARD

Miscellaneous.

All decisions of the league director are final and may not be appealed. The league director may delegate his rights and duties to designated representatives. In such event, the actions of a designated representative are appealable to the league director.

The league director reserves the right to suspend and reschedule games and to alter the duration of games because of the failure of pre-supposed conditions such as weather, fields, etc.

Once a team has been accepted, there will be no refund. An accepted team will be notified via email to the address listed on the Jr. Spring League Registration Form.

Note: These rules are subject to change prior to the start of the league. The only exceptions is that of credentials, all must have valid member passes and provide the passes.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES and TOBACCO PRODUCTS ARE PROHIBITED. NO DOGS, EVEN ON LEASH, WILL BE PERMITTED ON SCHOOL GROUNDS.