

YAYSL's Rules and Regulations

Article I: Tryouts/Recruiting of Players

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- 5 **A.)** Definition- Tryouts: A tryout is any act of a coach observing a player in
6 action, formally or informally, or a player participating individually or in the
7 context of a team or group of players which leads to a mutual decision to
8 roster that player on any team.
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- 10 **B.)** Unrestricted Tryouts- Any player or potential player may participate in an
11 unrestricted tryout.
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- 13 1.) Permitted only from June 1st to August 31st of each year.
 - 14 2.) May only be used to form teams for play in the next seasonal year.
 - 15 3.) Players currently rostered or unrostered may participate in
16 unrestricted tryouts.
 - 17 4.) Any currently rostered player who is selected for a new team, which
18 will play in the next seasonal year, may not train nor participate with
19 their new team until all activities of their current team have come to
20 an end for that seasonal year.
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- 22 **C)** Restricted Tryouts- Only non-rostered potential players and players who
23 have already been released from the teams to which they were initially
24 rostered may participate in restricted tryouts:
- 25 1) Permitted at any time during the year.
 - 26 2) Any tryout solicitation, advertisement or invitation must clearly state
27 that only non-rostered players may participate, and/or that the tryouts
28 are for indoor soccer teams only.
 - 29 3) All players at a restricted tryout must be unrostered, must present a
30 completed player release form or carry written permission from their
31 current coach before they may participate.
 - 32 4) Participation as a guest player on a team (for instance, in a
33 tournament) and/or playing and practicing with an indoor team shall be
34 considered to be a tryout with that team should the player
35 subsequently attempt to roster with that team during the same
36 seasonal year.
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- 38 **D)** No coach, player, trainer, manager, sponsor, parent of any other person
39 from a team, Non Community, community or organization may, either
40 directly or indirectly, ask a currently rostered players to be illegal in any
41 and all circumstances. Any person or organization found to be illegally
42 recruiting currently rostered players during the same seasonal year shall
43 be subject to disciplinary actions which include, but are not limited to, the
44 following: suspensions, fines, travel privileges being limited or revoked.
45 These above actions are to be enforced by the disciplinary committee.
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50 **Article II: Fees and Insurance**

51 **A)** League registration fees are due to the YAYSL with the submission of all
 52 forms prior to August 1st for the succeeding season. Registration fees will
 53 be set by the Board on or before the second Wednesday of May. In no
 54 event will the team fees be less than one hundred and ten dollars (\$110)
 55 per team plus sixteen dollars (\$17.00) per rostered player and coach for
 56 fall registration. NOTE: Any and all other expenses incurred by a team
 57 are the sole debt and responsibility of that team.

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59 **B)** Fall Classic Tournament fees will be set by the Board on or before the
 60 second Wednesday of August, but in no event will be less than one-
 61 hundred fifty dollars (\$150) per team due to YAYSL on or before the
 62 second Wednesday of September.

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64 **C)** Insurance covering players, coaches and team officials is required for
 65 participation in the YAYSL and is the responsibility of each team at the
 66 time of registration through OYSAN.

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68 **Article III: Eligibility and Affiliation**

69 **A)** Any community or non-community within the jurisdiction of YAYSL must
 70 meet YAYSL, OYSAN and USYSA standards of play and player
 71 regulations.

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73 **B)** Player eligibility is determined by the player's age as of August 1st for that
 74 seasonal year. A player who has not reached the age of nineteen (19),
 75 sixteen (16), fifteen (15), fourteen (14), twelve (12), eleven (11), or ten
 76 (10), as of August 1st will be eligible to play in the high school-varsity,
 77 junior varsity, U-15, U-14B, U-12, U-11, and U-10 divisions respectively
 78 with the YAYSL Fall and Spring Leagues. All league teams will be
 79 categorized as stated above. The YAYSL's U-15 teams can only roster up
 80 to and including four (4) 14 year olds going into eighth grade with a copy
 81 of their 7th grade report card presented at registration and a copy of their
 82 birth certificate if they are a new player. At the discretion of the
 83 competition committee age groups can be added (ex. U-13, U-16, etc.).

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85 **C)** Any club or team, not from the YAYSL area, that has received permission
 86 from their State governing bodies under OYSAN, USYSA and USSF rules
 87 and regulations may be eligible to participate in the YAYSL. Acceptance
 88 in the YAYSL of any club or team, not from the YAYSL area, must be
 89 approved by majority vote of both the Executive Committee and the Board
 90 of Trustees.

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92 **Article IV: YAYSL League Play**

93 **A) Divisions / Game Length:** Divisions of league teams and match lengths
 94 will be as follows: non-community teams (defined as teams with non-
 95 community affiliation e.g. MVP, SOI, TC Rockers, Phoenix, TCSC,
 96 Internationals etc. will only play in Division I; community teams (defined as
 97 teams with community affiliation exp. Austintown, Canfield, Boardman,
 98 Poland, etc.) can play in division II; community teams may choose to play
 99 in either division.

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| 100 | 1) | U10...2 X 25 minute halves... | #4 ball | (6v6, min 4 players) |
| 101 | 2) | U11/12...2 X 30 minute halves... | #4 ball | (8v8, min 5 players) |
| 102 | 3) | U13...2 X 35 minutes halves... | #5 ball | (11v11, min 7 players) |
| 103 | 4) | U14...2 X 35 minute halves... | #5 ball | (11v11, min 7 players) |
| 104 | 5) | U15...2 X 35 minutes halves... | #5 ball | (11v11, min 7 players) |
| 105 | 6) | U16...2 X 40 minute halves... | #5 ball | (11v11, min 7 players) |
| 106 | 7) | U19...2 X 45 minute halves... | #5 ball | (11v11, min 7 players) |

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108 **B) League Standings:** League standings will be kept on point basis as
 109 follows:

- 110 1) Win. . . 3 points
 111 2) Tie. . . 1 point
 112 3) Loss. . . 0 points

113 NOTE: Points will be awarded only for competition within the league
 114 division or bracket to determine league standing.

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116 **C) Game Play:** All YAYSL games and scrimmages will be played under FIFA
 117 laws and rules of the game of soccer. Any game/Scrimmage played must
 118 be against an OYSAN sanctioned team.

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120 **D) Divisional Ties:** The following tiebreakers, one through nine, will be used
 121 to determined divisional championships at the end of league play.

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123 • Goal differential is limited to four (4) goals per game – if the goal
 124 differential reaches above ten (10) or more goals at any point, the
 125 game is considered a loss for the winning team.

126 • Tiebreak is only for games that count during regular season and
 127 pool games during tournament play.

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129 1) Most points. 3 for a win, 1 for a tie, and 0 for a loss.

130 2) Head to head record for teams tied.

131 3) Goal differential for all teams tied. (goals scored less goals
 132 allowed, with maximum of 4 goals scored per match) in head-to-
 133 head competition. Example: If team A scores 10 goals and team B
 134 scores 4 goals the goal differential is 6 but only up to and including
 135 4 goals will be used towards the standings. (Only games that count
 136 towards league standings will apply) The team with the best goal
 137 differential wins tiebreak. If two or more teams are still tied after

- 138 this tiebreak, eliminate the team or teams below the best goal
 139 differential mark.
 140 4) If two or more teams are still tied. Go back to tiebreak #2 and
 141 break tie.
 142 5) Most goals scored. The team that has scored the most goals
 143 in pool play wins. If there is still a tie go to tiebreaker #6.
 144 6) If two or more teams are still tied. Go back to tiebreak #2 and
 145 break tie.
 146 7) Least goals against. Team that has given up the least goals
 147 through pool play wins. If there is still a tie, go to tiebreaker #8.
 148 8) If two or more teams are still tied, go back to tiebreak #2 and
 149 break tie.
 150 9) Penalty kicks. Follow normal FIFA rules.

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 152 **E) Field Location:** Home teams will supply a field properly marked as
 153 stated in the FIFA laws of the game, and a game ball, which meets FIFA
 154 standards and is approved by the referee. In the event the Board of
 155 Trustee establishes match locations; then the host community or non-
 156 community shall be responsible for supplying fields.
 157 1) A team will play only teams in their age division unless the age bracket
 158 is divided.
 159 2) If home field availability or travel distance is a problem for competing
 160 teams, a field of play location compatible to both teams must be
 161 arranged prior to the start of any new season and prior to the schedule
 162 being written.
 163 3) If a decision on field location cannot be reached, the Executive
 164 Committee will rule and their decision is final.
 165 4) Once a team's field has been accepted and schedules have been
 166 issued; those games cannot be cancelled due to distance.

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 168 **F. REQUIRED FIELD AND GOAL SIZES:**

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 170 U9/10`s

171	LENGTH: MINIMUM 45 YARDS	MAXIMUM 60 YARDS
172	WIDTH: MINIMUM 35 YARDS	MAXIMUM 45 YARDS
173	GOAL SIZE: MINIMUM 6X12	MAXIMUM 6 X18

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 175 U/11-12`S

176	LENGTH: MINIMUM 60 YARDS	MAXIMUM 80 YARDS
177	WIDTH: MINIMUM 45 YARDS	MAXIMUM 55 YARDS
178	GOAL SIZE: MINIMUM 6 x18	MAXIMUM 7 X 21
179	(STATE RECOMMENDS 6 X 18)	

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 181 U/13-14-15-16 ECT.

182	LENGTH: MINIMUM 100 YARDS	MAXIMUM 110 YARDS
183	WIDTH: MINIMUM 50/55 YARDS	MAXIMUM 65 YARDS

184 GOAL SIZE: 8 X 24

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186 1) Community's goals must meet manufacturers soccer goal safety
 187 standards and said communities Goal Safety Policy must be on record
 188 with the president of YAYSL before match's can be played. Please
 189 refer to the "U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commissions" manual for
 190 further information regarding goal safety. This manual is located on
 191 the YAYSL's website, www.yayssl.org under Rules and Regulations or
 192 at the states website, www.oysan.org.

193 2) YAYSL's Director of Competition will inspect all fields and goals and
 194 determine which are playable and which require some modifications.
 195 If goal or field sizes cannot be met, the community or non-community
 196 team(s) must apply for a waiver to the Executive Board of YAYSL. The
 197 executive board then will look over the community's request and come
 198 to a decision. If the board decides that the fields and/or goals are not
 199 within regulations then no home games will be scheduled.

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201 **G. Start of Match:** A twenty (20) minute grace period, beyond the scheduled
 202 match time, will be given to each team to field a team ready to play the
 203 match. If the twenty (20) minute grace period has expired, the team not
 204 prepared to play the match will forfeit the match. A minimum of seven
 205 players is required to play in U13 and up. U10 a minimum of four players,
 206 U11/U12 a minimum of five players, one of which must be a goalie for
 207 each respective age bracket.

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209 **H. Ineligible Players:** Any team rostering and/or playing a player whose age,
 210 registration, affiliation or any other reason is ineligible to play,
 211 automatically forfeits the current match and all other matches said player
 212 or players had rostered and/or have had participation.

213 1) All players and coaches passes must be verified prior to any game for
 214 it to count toward standings

215 2) Coaches using unrostered coaches or players during a game assume
 216 all legal liability for that player/coach and any injuries or damages
 217 caused by that player or coach. The coach is also subject to
 218 disciplinary action from the Executive Board.

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220 **I. Match Positions for Teams / Spectators:** Both competing teams will be
 221 located and maintain their position, during matches, on the same touchline
 222 and opposite the midfield line five (5) yards from the touchline and within
 223 twenty (20) yards of the midfield line.

224 1) Spectators will stand on the opposite side of the field away from the
 225 teams and a minimum of five (5) yards from the touchline and a
 226 minimum of thirty (30) yards from each goal line. Each community or
 227 club is required to paint lines or boxes to ensure that this action is
 228 followed

229 2) There must be no spectators behind either goal line.

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232 **J. Substitutions:** Substitutions are unlimited and may be made following
233 FIFA laws of game.

234 1) The referee must give permission for any substitution to enter the
235 field of play and the player must enter and exit the field at the
236 midfield line only.

237 2) The referee must be notified of any change in the goalie position by
238 a team during play.

239 3) Upon receiving a yellow card the coach may request to substitute
240 the player. Another player may immediately replace the yellow
241 carded player.

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244 **K. Player Uniform / Equipment:** Home teams are required to change their
245 jersey if the opposing team has the same color, therefore, the home team
246 must have on hand an alternate color jersey or pinnies at games to
247 change into.

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249 1) Numbers at least six (6) inches high must appear on the back of all
250 players' jerseys.

251 2) The goalie must wear a jersey of such distinction that he or she can be
252 distinguished from all other players on the field of play. This is a
253 decision of the referee that cannot be disputed.

254 3) All players must wear shin guards while on the field of play.

255 4) All other attire and equipment will be checked by the referee prior to
256 the start of the match and his or her rulings are final. All attire must
257 confirm to FIFA laws and regulations of the game of soccer.

258 5) Any player participating wearing a cast, braces, or any other type of
259 supports must satisfy the referee and notify the opposing coach. The
260 referee's decision is final and cannot be disputed.

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264 **L. Legal Representative:** During match play, from the start of the match to
265 the end of the match, the only team representative(s) with the team on the
266 team touchline shall be those individuals (managers and coaches) that
267 have been rostered on the Ohio Youth Soccer Association North Roster
268 Form and must have a coaches pass and have completed all necessary
269 league paperwork including the Risk Management Form. All coaches
270 might be requested to be fingerprinted under state law and each league is
271 responsible for notifying their coaches of their communities or non-
272 community. No unrostered parent can take the place of a coach in any
273 circumstance. The team representatives must be at least twenty-one (21)
274 years of age. No team may compete in any YAYSL match, tournament or

275 activity without a team representative present. The team will automatically
276 forfeit any match that this occurs at. One coach must be an "E" licensed
277 coach or possess a 11-12 coaching module license. The "E" license and
278 11-12 coaching module can be waived by the Executive Committee for
279 first year coaches in the league.
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281 **M. Rescheduling Match:** Rescheduling of League matches are only
282 permitted under extreme circumstances with the approval of both teams,
283 referee coordinator and the YAYSL competition secretary. All matches,
284 including those rescheduled, must be played before the end of the current
285 season. If for any reason a match must be cancelled or rescheduled, the
286 team requesting the change must notify the competition secretary, referee
287 coordinator and opposing team at least forty-eight (48) hours before the
288 scheduled starting time of the match. Failure to notify the competition
289 secretary, referee coordinator, and opposing team as required prior to the
290 match results in a forfeit and the forfeiting team is responsible for all
291 referee fees due for said match. All parties must agree to the
292 rescheduling. If not, party requesting the change is to forfeit.
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294 **N. Officiating:** Each team is responsible for ensuring that three (3) FIFA
295 licensed referees are scheduled (U11 and above) for all matches during
296 league play and will follow FIFA laws for refereeing. NOTE: As an
297 alternative the League, with the approval of the Board of Trustee, may
298 establish a system of assigning referees for League play. Only the use of
299 a licensed referee assignor is permitted for the scheduling of YAYSL
300 matches
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302 1) Relatives of players shall not referee at any league-sanctioned match
303 unless both opposing coaches mutually agree in advance of the match.
304 If such a situation occurs where a relative of a player referees a match
305 **without** consent of both teams head coaches or managers, that match
306 shall be forfeited by the team whose relative refereed the match, and
307 that team will be subject to additional discipline action by the Executive
308 Committee. Any prior knowledge by the managers or coaches without
309 granting consent will be subject to disciplinary action by the executive
310 committee.

311 2) Referees fees are paid by both teams for each match; each team's
312 share shall be one-half (1/2) the total fee due. NOTE: As an
313 alternative the league reserves the right to pay referees and require
314 fees to be paid as part of league registration.

315 3) All referees fees are to be paid prior to the start of the match; unless
316 the league schedules the referees, then the fees shall be paid by the
317 league following the match.

318 4) The only referee system recognized by the League for match play is a
319 three-person system, where all referees are FIFA licensed at level 8 or
320 above. If a match cannot be played under the three person system,

- 321 then an exception may be made; wherein the referee will appoint a
 322 club linesman or linesmen (unlicensed) as deemed necessary.
- 323 5) If a match is played which is not in accordance with 4) above, the team
 324 or individual responsible for scheduling the referee (s) will be subject to
 325 disciplinary action by the Executive Committee which will include a
 326 schedule change that could lead to the loss of hosting site rights.
- 327 6) Referees fees with a three person system shall be:
 328 U-10-\$20 referee
 329 U-11/12-\$28 referee, \$16 each neutral assistant referee
 330 U-14-\$28 referee, \$16 each neutral assistant referee
 331 U-15-\$28 referee, \$16 each neutral assistant referee
 332 U-16-\$28 referee, \$16 each neutral assistant referee
 333 U-20-\$28 referee, \$16 each neutral assistant referee
 334 If only a referee is used he or she is paid the same amount as the
 335 referee in a three-person system; with no obligation to pay club
 336 linesmen.
- 337 7) These fees will remain effective unless changed by the FIFA, USSF,
 338 USYSA, or the YAYSL.

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 341 **O. Weather Conditions:** In inclement weather, the coach of the home team
 342 must contact the opposing team to discuss conditions of the playing field.
 343 If the league has match locations the community or club representative
 344 must contact the competition secretary to discuss field conditions. This
 345 should take place in a timely manner to assess the field and notify the
 346 referees. The referee is the judge at match time and his or her decision
 347 cannot be changed or challenged. If during the match the referee
 348 determines the weather may be threat to safety or other reasonable
 349 concern, he or she may postpone or cancel the match. The games will be
 350 stopped immediately following the first sighting of lightning or thunder is
 351 heard.
- 352 1) Any match cancelled in the first half prior to the beginning of the
 353 start of the second half must be replayed in its entirety.
- 354 2) Any match cancelled in the second half will stand (Playoff
 355 games are the exception to this rule when a division champion
 356 is being determined).

357 **Article V: Forfeitures**

358 Any team forfeiting a match means a loss for that team by a score of 0-3.

359 Forfeitures result:

- 360 1) When a team fails to show for a scheduled match within league
 361 guidelines.
- 362 2) When a team fails to field the required minimum number of players
 363 (Article IV A), one of which must be a goalie, for a scheduled match.
- 364 3) When a coach plays an ineligible player either by age, registration or
 365 other reason.
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- 367 4) When a coach removes a team from the field of play during a match
 368 without the referee's permission.
 369 5) When a team fails to have a designated and rostered team
 370 representative of at least twenty-one (21) years of age at a scheduled
 371 match or when it is determined that unrostered parent or other
 372 unauthorized person coached a game or was permitted on the
 373 coaching side of the field.
 374 6) Under other conditions outlined in these By-Laws. All forfeitures will be
 375 reviewed by the Executive Committee and additional sanctions may be
 376 levied against the forfeiting team when, in judgment of the Executive
 377 Committee, the forfeiture results in an incident that is not in the spirit of
 378 the game of soccer or the safety of the players. The decisions of the
 379 Executive Committee in this case are final and cannot be appealed.
 380 7) When a team wins by 10 or more goals, the game will be recorded as
 381 a loss for said team. Said teams score will be recorded as zero (0)
 382 goals for and opposing teams goals will count as against. Opposing
 383 teams score will be counted as goals for opposing teams. Forfeiting
 384 teams scores will be recorded as zero (0). Any coach found coaching
 385 in an unethical manner will face disciplinary action. Remember,
 386 coaching in the YAYSL is not a right but a privilege and at anytime that
 387 privilege can be revoked.
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389 **Article VI: Protests**

390 A protest may be filed with the League if there is reasonable and substantial
 391 evidence that a team, manager, coach, player or affiliated organization has
 392 violated rules and regulations of the YAYSL, OYSAN or USYSA.

- 393 A) Protest must be filed in writing; copies sent to: YAYSL Secretary and
 394 the team's representative to whom the protest is lodged against.
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 396 B) Protesting team shall remit a seventy-five dollar (75.00) cash filing fee
 397 concurrent with filing protest with League Secretary.
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 399 C) Protest must be postmarked within three (3) calendar days of the event
 400 being protested.
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 402 D) Upon receipt, the secretary will notify the President of the YAYSL. The
 403 President will chair and appoint a Protest Committee to hear the
 404 protest. The team filing the protest must have a representative at the
 405 protest hearing. The team whose actions are being protested will be
 406 invited to have a representative at the hearing. Only one
 407 representative from each team will be allowed to speak.
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 409 E) The Protest Committee will consist of four (4) league representative's
 410 in good standing with the YAYSL and the President. The Protest
 411 Committee will be selected from communities or organizations other

- 412 than those involved in the protest. The decision of the Protest
 413 Committee is final.
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- 415 F) The Protest Committee will convene a hearing within ten (10) Business
 416 days of receipt of the protest. Results of the hearing will be reported
 417 by the President at the next meeting of the YAYSL Trustees
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- 419 G) The protesting team must bring to the Protest Committee a written
 420 report of the match in question from the referees for that match (if
 421 applicable).
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- 423 H) The filing fee will be refunded in full if the protest is up held by the
 424 Protest Committee.
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- 426 I) Any team, manager, coach, player or affiliated organization found in
 427 violation of YAYS, OYSAN and/or USYSA rules and /or regulations is
 428 subject to additional sanctions by the YAYSL Executive Committee up
 429 to and Including:
 430 1) Forfeiture of matches
 431 2) Suspension from play
 432 3) Fines
 433 4) Suspension of affiliation
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436 **Article VII: Discipline and Punishments**

- 437 A) Each team is responsible for the conduct of its coaches, players,
 438 officials, and spectators. Any of these persons who engage in
 439 unbecoming conduct before, during or after any match will warrant
 440 disciplinary action by the Executive Committee. NOTE: The referee
 441 may suspend match play if in the opinion of the referee the conduct of
 442 coaches, players, officials, and spectators warrants such suspension.
 443 A written and signed code of conduct may be required to be signed by
 444 both parents and guardians of all league players.
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- 446 B) **RED CARDS – PLAYERS:** If a player receives a RED CARD from a
 447 referee and is consequently sent off (disqualified) from a League or
 448 Tournament match, he or she will be suspended from further play as
 449 follows:
 450 a. First RED CARD – Suspension from the team’s next scheduled
 451 match
 452 b. Second RED CARD (Same Fall or Spring Season) –
 453 Suspension from the team’s next three (3) matches.
 454 c. Third RED CARD (Same Fall or Spring Season) – Suspension
 455 for the remainder of that calendar year ending August 31st.
 456 **RED CARDS – TEAM REPRESENTATIVES:** The YAYSL reserves
 457 the right to discipline team representatives (rostered managers and

458 coaches) during the match play through the use of RED CARDING. If a
459 team representative receives a RED CARD from referee during a
460 match, that individual must leave the team area and the area of the
461 field of play. Further, the team representative receiving the RED CARD
462 may not attend another league or tournament match until the YAYSL
463 Executive Committee has reviewed the circumstances surrounding the
464 issuance of the RED CARD and taken the appropriate action; in no
465 event shall the individual receiving a RED CARD be allowed to attend
466 another match for a minimum of one calendar week.

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468 The Executive Committee may impose further disciplinary action after
469 any one or all of the above offenses.

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Procedure:

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1) The referee shall mail the player's / coach's pass to the
472 league President immediately following the match.

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2) The referee shall also submit a written report on why the
474 RED CARD was issued; the report shall be mailed to the
475 league President within five (5) days following the match.

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478 C) The referee and all other officials must be treated with respect before,
479 during, and after every match by all those who attend. Each team and its
480 officials, players and spectators are bound to uphold this ruling and as
481 such, all coaches, officials and players are subject to severe disciplinary
482 actions by the Executive Committee of the YAYSL for failure to ensure the
483 safety and courteous conduct towards referees and all other officials
484 conducting league business.

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D) Falsification of records regarding players, coaches, scores, etc, is
487 grounds for disbarment from the YAYSL for a time designated by the
488 Executive Committee.

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E) Any breach of misconduct not covered by the stated rules will be dealt
491 with by the YAYSL Grievance Committee and/or the Executive
492 Committee on an individual basis.

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F) All referees have full power and jurisdiction granted them by FIFA and
495 will be treated as such and their decisions are not to be disputed other
496 than through the YAYSL and proper channels of the governing bodies
497 of OYSAN and USYSA.

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G) Any situation, incident, or matter not specifically covered in the
500 Constitution or By-Laws of the YAYSL will be dealt with by the
501 Executive Committee of the YAYSL under OYSAN and USYSA rules
502 regulations and philosophy. The decision of the Executive Committee
503 is final in these instances.

504 H) Any team participating in any competition not sanctioned by the
 505 YAYSL, OYSAN and/or USYSA becomes ineligible for any
 506 participation in competition sanctioned by said organizations during the
 507 remaining seasonal year and longer if deemed appropriate by the
 508 Executive Committee. In addition, the coach assumes all legal
 509 responsibilities for the players and any damages resulting from their
 510 participation in the non-sanctioned event (s).

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514 **Article VIII: YAYSL “Fall Classic” Tournament Rules**

515 The Fall Classic is the end-of-the-season tournament for teams who
 516 competed fully in the YAYSL during the fall season.

517 A) Duration of Matches

518 1) Preliminary rounds . . . 2 X 25 minute halves

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520 2) Championship rounds

521 a) U-10 ... 2 X 25 minute halves

522 b) U-11/12 ... 2 X 30 minute halves

523 c) U-13's, U-14's & U-15's ... 2 X 35 minute halves

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525 3) Start of match: A five (5) minute grace period, beyond the
 526 scheduled match time, will be given to each team to begin the
 527 match. If the five (5) minute grace period has expired the team not
 528 prepared to play the match will forfeit the match.

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530 B) Ties in preliminary rounds will stand. Winners will determined in all
 531 championship rounds; 2 X 5 minute overtime periods will be played
 532 with teams exchanged ends of the field after the first overtime
 533 period; penalty kick elimination will be conducted with 5 kicks per
 534 team using players on the field at the end of the match. If the
 535 match is still a tie, a sudden death penalty kick round will be
 536 initiated with players who were on the field at the end of the match
 537 but did not kick in the first round of penalty kicks. If the match
 538 remains a tie after the sudden death penalty kick period, the period
 539 shall continue with all players eligible to take one turn at kicking
 540 until a winner is determined.

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542 C) Ball size:

543 1) U-10 . . . #4

544 2) U-11/12 . . . #4

545 3) U-13 and older. . . #5

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547 D) Home Team is the first team listed in the tournament schedule.
 548 The home team will supply the game balls (2 quality balls for the
 549 match).

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551 E) Substitutions are unlimited with the consent of the referee in the
552 following situations:
553 1) before a throw-in by the team in possession
554 2) before a goal kick by either team
555 3) after a goal by either team
556 4) at halftime
557 5) one-for-one for an injured player with both teams permitted to
558 substitute one-for one
559 6) for a player who has just received a yellow card, but only if
560 the game has not yet been re-started.
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- 562 F) Conduct: Any player sent off (disqualified) from a match will be
563 ineligible to participate in the next scheduled match. The
564 exception to this is a player who had been sent off previously
565 during the YAYSL season, in which case the player will not
566 permitted to participate in the remainder of the tournament.
567 1) Any player receiving a RED CARD in the final match
568 preceding the tournament is not eligible to play in the first
569 tournament match. [All disciplinary action for additional RED
570 CARDS applies to the YAYSL Fall Classic.]
571 2) Any player receiving two yellow cards during the tournament
572 will not be permitted to compete in the next match during the
573 tournament.
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- 575 G) Incomplete Matches: In the event play is stopped due to lighting
576 or other severe weather in the preliminary rounds of the
577 tournament, a decision will be made according to the following
578 policies
579 1) If the first half was completed. The match will be called
580 complete and the score at the end of play will be final.
581 2) If the first half cannot be completed, the match will be called
582 a scoreless tie and each team will be awarded one point
583 (regardless of the score at the time play was stopped).
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- 585 H) Incomplete Matches, Championship Rounds: If play is
586 suspended by the referee due to darkness or inclement weather
587 during the championship rounds, the match will be replayed
588 according to the following policies:
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590 1) If the first half was not completed, regardless of score, the
591 match will be replayed in its entirety at a site and date to be
592 determined by the Executive Committee.
593 2) If the first half was completed, the match will be restarted at
594 the point it was suspended at a site and date determined by
595 the Executive Committee.

- 596 I) First and second place trophies will be awarded in each division.
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- 599 J) Tournament Standings (Methods of Scoring)
600 1) Advancement to the championship rounds, where
601 applicable, will be determined on the basis of points awarded
602 as follows:
603 a) Win = 3 points
604 b) Tie = 1 point
605 c) Loss = 0 points
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- 607 **Ties:** In the event of a tie in the point standings for tournament
608 play, the following sequence will be used to break the tie (in the
609 order provided below):
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- 611 1) Most points. 3 for a win, 1 for a tie, and 0 for a loss.
 - 612 2) Head to head record for teams tied.
 - 613 3) Goal differential for all teams tied. (goals scored less goals
614 allowed, with maximum of 4- goals scored per match) in
615 head-to-head competition. Example: If team A scores 10
616 goals and team B scores 4 goals, the goal differential is 6
617 but only up to and including 4 goals will be used towards the
618 standings. The team with the best goal differential wins
619 tiebreak. If 2 or more teams are still tied after this tiebreak,
620 eliminate the team or teams below the best goals differential
621 mark.
 - 622 4) If 2 or more teams are still tied. Go back to tiebreak #2 and
623 break tie.
 - 624 5) Most goals scored. The team that has scored the most
625 goals in pool play wins. If there is still a tie go to tiebreaker
626 #6.
 - 627 6) If two or more teams are still tied. Go back to tiebreak #2
628 and break tie.
 - 629 7) Least goals against. Team that has given up the least goals
630 through pool play wins. If there is a tie go to tiebreak #8.
 - 631 8) If two or more teams are still tied, go back to tiebreak #2 and
632 break the tie.
 - 633 9) The team with the least amount of yellow cards wins. Red
634 cards count as 3 yellow cards.
 - 635 10) Score 1 point for the first goal scored in game/games
636 between teams tied. The team with the most points (1st
637 goals) wins.
 - 638 11) Penalty kicks. Follow normal FIFA rules.
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- L) Protests
A protest may be filed with the Tournament Director if there is reasonable and substantial evidence that a team, manager, coach, player or affiliated organization has violated rules and regulations of the YAYSL, OYSAN or USYSA.
- Procedures:
- 1) Protest must be filed in writing; copies sent to: YAYSL Competition Secretary and the team's representative to whom the protest is lodged against.
 - 2) Protesting team shall remit a seventy-five dollar (\$75.00) cash-filing fee concurrent with filing protest with Tournament Director.
 - 3) Protest must be filed within thirty (30) minutes or sooner of the event being protested.
 - 4) Upon receipt of protest, the tournament Director will notify the President and Competition Secretary of the YAYSL. The Tournament Director will chair and appoint a Protest Committee to hear the protest. Only (1) one team representative filing the protest and (1) one opposing team representative will be allowed to speak.
 - 5) The Protest Committee will consist of four (4) league representatives in good standing with the YAYSL, one of which will be the League Competition Secretary. The Protest Committee will be selected from communities or organizations other than those involved in the protest. The decision of the Protest Committee is final.
 - 6) The Protest Committee will convene a hearing within one (1) hour of receipt of the protest. Results of the hearing will be reported immediately following the hearing; and filed with the League Secretary to be presented at the next meeting of the YAYSL Trustees.
 - 7) The protesting team must bring to the Protest Committee a written report of the match in question from the referees for that match (if applicable).
 - 8) The filing fee will be refunded in full if the protest is upheld by the Protest Committee.

- 687 9) Any team, manager, coach, player or affiliated organization
 688 found in violation of YAYSL, OYSAN and/or USYSA rules
 689 and/or Regulations is subject to additional sanctions by the
 690 YAYSL Executive Committee up to and including:
 691 a) Forfeiture of matches
 692 b) Suspension from play
 693 c) Fines
 694 d) Suspension of affiliation
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- 696 M) The YAYSL Tournament Committee, appointed annually by the
 697 Executive Committee, reserves the right to reorganize any age
 698 group prior to the start of competition due to withdrawn teams or
 699 other unforeseen circumstances or cancellations.
 700 1) All decisions made by the Tournament Director (s) and/or
 701 Tournament Committee are final and cannot be appealed.
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- 703 N) All fees required for registration for the Fall Classic are due at the
 704 September monthly Trustee meeting. Failure to meet this deadline
 705 could result in that team being excluded from the competition. The
 706 Tournament Committee will address these issues as they arise. If
 707 a team forfeits a match in tournament play, the community or club
 708 that they represent will be assessed a one hundred dollar (\$100.00)
 709 forfeit bond per community or club. The bond must be paid before
 710 the community or club is allowed to register a team (s) for the next
 711 seasonal year (beginning September 1st).
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- 713 O) When there are an uneven number of teams in a bracket, the bye
 714 will go to the **strongest** team as determined by game cards
 715 submitted at the time. Score will be recorded 1-0 and the bye team
 716 will be rewarded 3 points for the win.
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723 Article IX: Amendments

724 These Rules and Regulations can be changed and amended by the Executive
 725 Board of YAYSL and communicated immediately to the full membership. Further
 726 input and discussion can be considered at the next regular scheduled meeting.
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 730 **Adopted By: Y.A.Y.S.L. Board of Trustees**

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 732 **President**

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734 **Date:** March 2006**Witnessed By:**735 **Revised:** Article VIII, section N, November, 2006736 **Revised:** Article II, sec. A., Article IV sec. F., Article V add #7, and Article IX.
737 November 14, 2007.738 **Revised:** Article IV, section D, March 2, 2008739 **Revised:** Article VIII, section K #2, March 2, 2008740 **Revised Article IV, section D, #2 & 3, September 10th, 2008**741 **Revised Article III, section K, #2, October 8th, 2008**742 **Revised Article's II section A and B, Article IV sections, A, D, F2, K and N6,**743 **Article V #7, and Article VIII A2-c, J-1, and O, February 8th, 2009**744 **Article II, A, revised player/coach fees, May 13, 2009**745 **Article IV, N #6, revised referee fees, May 13, 2009**