

TCYSA Recreational League Rule Changes Spring-Summer 2015

The following changes/clarifications were adopted for all TCYSA leagues. **Rule #2 is new commencing Spring 2015.**

- (1) All coaches are **required** to attend a pre-season meeting. If a club does not offer a meeting, coaches may attend the meeting of another club.
- (2) Select players will no longer be allowed to participate in the spring or fall recreation leagues. A select player is one who played in the current playing year in a league other than recreational (e.g. State, RCL, US Club Soccer, College or similar). If a player was rostered to and played on a select team in the fall, left the team and was released from the roster, they are not considered select. The Association's decision on the application of this rule is final. The coach is required to satisfy himself/herself that all players are eligible and notify his/her club if any player may not be recreation-eligible.
- (3) Player pass has been amended to enable players to play up one age group (into a Green, Blue or Orange Division) for development experience, in addition to the existing arrangement. The pass currently may be used by a player in a lower division (Orange, Blue) to play in a more competitive division (Green). This rule applies to all seasons. Additional player pass rules apply to summer season only.
- (4) TCYSA leagues will continue to use assistant referees at all u12 and older games in all seasons.
- (5) TCYSA will repeat the 2014 policy of using referees as mentors for new referees in spring season.
- (6) To control the use of un-rostered players, referees will call rosters prior to all games (including mod games). See note (13) below for additional safeguards in the summer league.
- (7) Clubs are required to roster two (2) RMA cleared coaches to all teams (to limit requests for reschedules and minimize potential for "parent" coaching in the absence of the registered coach).
- (8) Roster sizes for mod u8-u10 leagues will be revised upwards to "double the player numbers plus 1". It's recognized that this places us outside the WYS guidelines, but it more closely reflects local practice and need (waivers are currently granted when sought) and the fact that these teams typically have no involvement in competition outside the local area. Coaches should be aware of max roster sizes if their team is entered into tournament play. The club will have final decision on all rosters.
This translates to roster sizes as follows ("WYS recommended roster in brackets):
 - U8 = 9 (8)
 - U9 = 11 (9)
 - U10 = 13 (10)
- (9) TCYSA will strive for six teams per division for an eight game season. Team numbers and relative competitiveness will influence division sizes.

(10) Coaches in TCYSA Leagues are expected to provide fair and reasonable playing time to all players. A definition of “fair and reasonable” should reflect (a) the District 7 guidelines and (b) the TCYSA Handbook for Recreational Soccer Coaches.

District 7 Standing Rules and Regulations: “16.14 Each player on a team participating in District 7 recreational leagues and competition who is in attendance, in uniform, physically fit and in good standing, is expected to play at least 50% of the match. Clubs and coaches are expected to reinforce the concept of fairness and inclusion which is an essential part of the recreational game.”

TCYSA Playing Time Expectations: “Each child should see a minimum of 50% playing time per game. It is expected that coaches should make a reasonable effort to ensure that every player plays at least 50% of the game over the course of the season.”

Note: some roster sizes may not facilitate a full 50% playing time minimum. Encouraging and ensuring coach respect for fair playing time is the responsibility of individual clubs.

(11) Weather/safety Issues resulting in game abandonment: TCYSA will adopt the District 7 Policy for all standings based league games (see below) and will adopt a policy of “no reschedules” for all non-standings based games which are abandoned (i.e. currently all spring/summer league games and u8-u10 fall games).

District 7 Standing Rules and Regulations: “13.4 All abandoned matches will be replayed in their entirety, forfeited, or score at abandonment let stand as determined by the Director of Competition unless specified otherwise in these rules and regulations. All replays must be approved in advance by the Director of Competition.”

(12) The Director of Competition is responsible for cancelling games for weather/safety issues prior to the commencement of the game. The referee is responsible for abandonment after the game has started. Coaches may decide not to play a game if they feel that the field/conditions make for an unsafe environment. The Director of Competition will decide whether the game should be rescheduled or awarded to the other team.

(13) For summer league the high school age players may play in one of five divisions (Boys u15/16, 17/18, Girls u15/16, u17/18 and co-ed u15/18).

(14) Summer season players in divisions referenced at note (12) must provide acceptable picture ID (e.g. driving license, student card) which satisfies the referee that they are on the roster. No ID, no game, no exceptions.

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