

NSYSL



Constitution, Bylaws, and Policies

Nevada South Youth Soccer League

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League

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NEVADA SOUTH YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE
CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

CONSTITUTION

101. NAME

This organization shall be known as Nevada South Youth Soccer League.
The league is Vegas West Youth Soccer League.

102. PURPOSE

The purpose of this League shall be to develop, promote, organize and administer the game of soccer among players less than 19 years of age.

103. COLORS

The colors of this League shall be black, red, and white.

104. AFFILIATION

This League shall be affiliated with Nevada Youth Soccer Association and/or United States Club Soccer and through such, shall be affiliated with United States youth Soccer (USYS) and or United States Soccer Federation (USSF) and shall comply with their authority. Affiliation shall not be a necessity for the existence of the league.

105. AUTHORITY

The League shall be governed by its constitution, by-laws, rules and regulations, except when these are superseded by the NYSA, USYS, US Club Soccer or the United States Soccer Federation (USSF). The bylaws, rules and regulations of Nevada South Youth Soccer League may be governed by stricter by-laws, rules and regulations than the organizations above, however, it may not have by-laws, rules, and regulations that are less stringent.

105.01 The governing authority of this League, whose powers shall be designed in the bylaws shall be vested in the Board of Directors of this League.

105.02 The governing board, hereinafter to be known as the Board of Directors, shall be comprised of the Chairperson, 1st Vice Chairperson, 2nd Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, and League Commissioner.

105.03 Registrar/Office Manager. The Registrar/Office Manager shall be a non-voting paid position with the following duties: To register all players and teams in accordance with the rules and policies of the League. To maintain registration documentation. To verify standings of all players and teams. To supervise the entering and maintenance of the computerized records of all registered players, coaches, and teams. To provide required registration documentation to NYSA and/or US Club Soccer. To answer phones during office hours.

106. MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the League shall consist of youth soccer teams.

107. ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the members shall be held on the third Tuesday in May, of each seasonal year, unless otherwise ordered by the Board of Directors. Any change in the date must be approved by a majority vote of those present at any League meeting held prior to the original date of the AGM. A minimum of one AGM must take place during each seasonal year. Each member's team's Head Coach and Team Official shall be given 30 day notification of NSYSL's AGM by email and will be posted on the web site.

107.01 The order of business shall be as follows:

- Call to order
- Introduction of guests
- Credentials
- Reading of the minutes
- Special presentations
- Reports of officers/standing committees
- Unfinished business
- Changes to the by-laws
- Election of officers
- New business
- Good of Soccer
- Adjournment

108. CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

The constitution and by-laws of the Nevada South Youth Soccer league may be altered or amended by two thirds majority vote at any meeting of the League, provided that each head coach has been sent fourteen (14) days written notice of the proposed changes.

BYLAWS

201. AFFILIATION

Players will be registered with our affiliated league registrar/office manager on a form approved by NYSA and/or US Club Soccer.

202. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Functions and responsibilities of the elected officers shall be as follows in 202.01

202.01 League Chairperson: Will preside at all League meetings, shall cast the deciding vote in a case of a tie, and generally be responsible for conducting the affairs of the League. The Chairperson Shall appoint the standing committees and their chairpersons following the Annual General Meeting.

1st Vice Chairperson: The first Vice Chairperson shall preside at meetings of NSYSL in the absence of the Chairperson. Shall assist the Chairperson in the administration of league activities as delegated. Shall oversee and or assist Rules and Revisions, Discipline, and Protests and Appeals. All decisions must have the final approval from the Board of Directors.

2nd Vice Chairperson: The second Vice Chairperson shall preside at meetings of NSYSL in the absence of the Chairperson and the 1st Vice Chairperson. Shall assist the chairperson in the administration of the league activities as delegated. Shall oversee and or administer fields and scheduling. All decisions must have final approval from the Board of Directors.

Secretary: Record all minutes of all meetings, attend to all League correspondence, keep all League records, and be responsible for preparing the annual report to all teams in the Nevada South Youth Soccer League and send a copy to NYSA and/or US Club soccer by April 30th.

Treasurer: Collect all dues, fees, etc. Have charge of all League money, keep a detailed account of all income and expenditures, submit a monthly report of finances to the League Board, pay all bills, properly passed upon and approved by the Board of Directors. Have full charge of all League property. All checks in the amount of \$500.00 or more, shall be signed by the Treasurer and either the Chairperson or Vice Chairperson.

Checks less than \$500.00 may be signed by the Treasurer alone. The Treasurer shall be bonded to the amount as deemed necessary by the League Board of Directors.

League Commissioner: Act as a representative for the League at the NYSA meetings and function as outlined in the NYSA constitution.

Head Commissioner: Shall be elected for a one year term, by the current age group commissioners. This election shall be held at the first commissioners meeting to take place no sooner than 1 week after the AGM, not later than 2 weeks after the AGM. The Head Commissioner will have a vote on the League BOD as a representative for all age group commissioners. The Head Commissioner shall be responsible for: A). contacting all age group commissioners prior to the seasonal registration and determining if all age group commissioners will be returning. B). scheduling commissioners as to what registration dates that they are able to attend. C). set and chair an initial meeting after registration dates to distribute completed

registration forms and assist new commissioners. D). selecting a deadline for the completed assignments of players. E). staying in contact with each commissioner on a frequent basis for information and guidance. F). set and supervise a date for a working meeting, for the purpose of finalizing player and coach's passes and preparing team packets. G). attend Board meetings for the purpose of being a liaison between the age group commissioners and the Board. Report on the progress of the commissioners.

An individual shall permitted to hold only one of the aforementioned offices or position

202.02 The Board of Directors shall be elected by the League membership during the Annual General Meeting of the Nevada South Youth Soccer League. They shall hold office for two (2) years. The Chairperson, Second Vice Chairperson, and League Commissioner shall be elected in odd numbered years. The First Vice Chairperson, Secretary, and Treasurer shall be elected in even numbered years. Should any officer resign or otherwise vacate, his or her office will be filled for the remainder of the term by appointment by the League Chairperson, and approved by the Board of Directors. Thirty (30) days will be the maximum time allowed to fill the vacant position. Any member of this league, not on suspension, probation or in any way subject to not being able to fully carry out the duties of office, may run for election of any office for which they are nominated.

In the event of suspension, probation, flagrant misconduct, failure to perform duties, or three (3) consecutive or (5) total unexcused absences of board meetings, a member of the Board of Directors or of a Committee may be removed by a majority vote of league members. (With a 14 day written notice to the membership).

For misconduct, failure to perform duties or missed meetings, the office manager will send out a notice requesting an explanation concerning the infraction. A reply must be received in the league office within ten (10) business days of the date of request. The reply should explain the misconduct or failure in question. No replay within ten (10) days will be considered an automatic resignation from the board.

202.03 The Board of Directors shall have general supervision of the affairs of Nevada South Youth Soccer League between League meetings, fix the hour and place of meetings, make recommendations to the League and shall perform such other duties as are specified in these by-laws. The Board of Directors may develop and implement any general operational procedures covering, but not limited to: game cards, stickers, and manner of registration. The Board of Directors shall hire an outside licensed/bonded bookkeeping service to do a monthly financial report to be submitted at the League meetings. Also to complete the federal and state tax reports. All League fund raising activities conducted in the name of the league must be approved by the Board of Directors.

202.04 The Board of Directors shall have the power to enforce rules governing the League name, competitions, tournaments, and special competitions within its own structure. The board of Directors shall approve all transactions, all business of the League, and shall have the power to enforce the laws of the game, the rules of the USYS/NYSA/and or Club Soccer, and the constitution and by-laws of this League. It shall have the power to settle all league disputes.

203. MEMBERS AT LARGE AND STANDING COMMITTEES
The Chairperson may add standing committees when needed. If needed, the Chairperson of this League will appoint the standing committee, subject to ratification of the Board of Directors.
204. MEMBERSHIP
Application for membership shall be by registering with the current database registration program.
Also, may be required:
1). A registration form signed by parent
2). Player fees
3). Birth certificate only to be viewed not kept on file
- 204.01 The Board of Directors shall have the right to approve, disapprove, or challenge any team member or other representative requesting entrance into the League.
- 204.02 Nevada South Youth Soccer League's Constitution and Bylaws will be posted on their web site. A hard copy may be provided, if requested.
205. MONTHLY LEAGUE MEETINGS
The regular meetings of the Nevada South Youth Soccer League shall be held quarterly. There will be four meetings a year. Meetings shall take place in August, November, February and May.
They shall be held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month.
The President may call an additional meeting if needed, at any time during the year with the proper 2 week notification being given to all members.
206. QUORUM
Fifty percent of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum at all meetings.
207. SEASONAL YEAR
The seasonal year of this League shall begin on August 1st and end on July 31st, of the following year. Insurance coverage will be for the same period of time. The Nevada Youth Soccer Association's (State Association) competitive seasonal year will begin July 1st and end June 30th for southern Nevada and begin August 1st and end July 31st for northern Nevada.
208. PLAYER PASSES
No player shall participate in a game without a valid player's pass. Any player not having a valid player's pass shall be considered ineligible. Passes must be presented no later than the start of the second half of the game. Players without passes shall not be permitted to play unless they can present a valid letter from their League Registrar.
209. RULES
The rules of play shall be the "Laws of the Game; as published by FIFA with those modifications stated herein. All contests sanctioned by this league shall abide by the "Laws of the Game" and the modifications as published by this League. Refer to USYS/NYSA/US Club Soccer Rules.

210. PROTESTS AND APPEALS

In the matter of protests and appeals, no player, team official or league shall engage the services of any lawyer or attorney until all avenues of protest and appeal procedures are exhausted through the regular channels or organized soccer. Refer to NYSA Section 7 and USYS Part VII – Grievances, Disputes and Appeals.

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| 1. NEVADA SOUTH YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE PROTEST AND APPEALS COMMITTEE | |
| 2. NEVADA SOUTH YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE BOARD OF DIRECTORS | \$25.00 |
| 3. NYSA PROTEST AND APPEALS COMMITTEE | \$50.00 |
| 4. NYSA STATE BOARD | \$75.00 |
| 5. USSF | \$300.00 |

210.02 Any disciplinary actions shall remain in effect during the protest and/or appeal procedure.

211. RESPONSIBILITIES

211.01 There will be no alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs permitted on or near the vicinity of field of play. (This includes players, coaches, and spectators).

211.02 Falsification of records shall be grounds for disbarment, suspension, forfeiture, and any other Action deemed necessary by the Board of Directors of this League.

211.03 A plea of ignorance of the constitution and by-laws, general procedures and specific rules of Nevada South Youth Soccer League is not sufficient and violators can expect appropriate action by the Board of Directors.

212. FINANCIAL MATTERS

No part of the income of this organization shall inure to, or for the benefit of, or be distributed to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the League shall be empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the exempt purposes for which it was formed.

212.02 A twenty-five dollar (\$25.00) service fee will be charged for NSF checks. The full amount of the check, plus the service fee, must be paid by money order within ten business days of notification of the NSF check. The player(s) involved may not play until the full amount is reimbursed to the league.

213. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order, current edition, shall govern the Nevada South Youth Soccer League in all cases to which they are not inconsistent with these by-laws and any special rules or policy the Nevada South Youth Soccer League may adopt.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURE

301. AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The rules contained herein shall govern members of Nevada South Youth Soccer League in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Constitution and By-Laws of NYSA and/or US Club Soccer

301.01 Each team's head coach shall be responsible for the conduct of their manager, team officials, club members, etc. It is the responsibility of each team to insure that it's actions on and off the field and do not bring discredit upon the League. A coach may be suspended from coaching if found to be guilty of a violation. The extent of the suspension will be at the discretion of the Disciplinary Committee, after a hearing of the violation.

301.02 Proposed changes in Policy and Procedures must be submitted to coaches in writing by email at least 14 days prior to their being voted on. Emergency changes may be submitted to the coaches by phone with prior Board of Director approval. An honest effort must be made to reach all head coaches.

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Match control rests squarely with the referee.

The 1st Vice Chairperson shall oversee disciplinary. If the team or individual wants to appeal the decision they may follow Section 210 Protests and Appeals.

302. INSURANCE

Please see NYSA policies Section 9

303. REGISTRATION

The player registration fee shall be set by the NSYSL Board. Player identification cards shall be Issued to all competitive players and all non-competitive players who wish to play in tournaments and league play by Nevada Youth Soccer Association for a fee set by NYSA.

304. TEAM OFFICIALS

Each team official shall be required to submit to their League office the completed NYSA and/or US Club Soccer administration form and current photo. All fees and/or fines, if any, may be levied by the League and are due before registration is in effect.

304.01 Upon completion of registration, the authorized individual of each member team in good standing, and upon presentation of credentials signed by the Registrar, shall be entitled to one vote per team.

304.02 Team officials are required to complete a background check by the appropriate agency. Please see Section 17 of NYSA's policies.

304.3 ELIGIBILITY TO COACH

Every Head coach must complete the minimum coaching requirement within a year of registering as a head coach. The appropriate coaching module/license as established by the State Director of Coaching is as follows:

U/5 – U8	Minimum U/6 – U/8 Youth Module
U/9 – U/12	Minimum U10 - /U12 Youth Module
U11 and above	Minimum “E” State License
U11 and above – competitive	Minimum State/National “D” License

304.04 It is the responsibility of the Head Coach to locate an assistant who will sign up and serve as an Assistant Coach or Team Official (Manager). All required registration must be completed and submitted to the League Office prior to the first game of the season.

304.05 Confidentiality

In the course of duties, employees, Board Members, Commissioners, and Discipline committee, members may have access to information about players, parents/guardians, coaches, commissioners or Board members that is confidential. This includes personal information such as addresses and phone numbers, as well as birth certificates. It also pertains to the material discussed regarding matters unrelated to the person with which you having the discussion. All employees, Board members, Commissioners and Discipline Committee members must protect the confidentiality of Nevada South Youth Soccer information. The use or disclosure of confidential information must be for official purposes only and not for personal benefits or the benefit of others, to preserve that confidentiality, disclosure and discussion of confidential information should be limited to those who have a need to know. The only information not confidential, is that which is public record, such as our membership list.

305. TEAM REGISTRATION

Rosters

U11 through U15 team’s maximum roster is 18 players.

U16 through U19 team’s maximum roster is 22 players.

Registered players, under indefinite suspension are included in this rule. No team shall be allowed to have less than seven players registered with the league.

U10 and below – see modified rules for these age groups.

305.01 Any team playing a player who is over age or, who has signed a Senior form shall forfeit the game of games in which that player has taken part, unless a player signed a Youth Retention Form. These forms may be obtained through the State Association’s Office manager.

305.02 Age limit definitions and roster limitations are listed. All teams, unless otherwise sanctioned by the NSYSL, shall divide play among teams of equal age groupings as listed:

As of 2017 Nationals is now using Calendar Birthdates to define age groups. The current birth date chart is listed on our website.

305.03 Player commitment: Any U12-U19 player signing a player registration form is bound to that team for the entire seasonal year. August 1st to July 31st. See Nevada State Youth Soccer Association's transfer rules and try-out policies.

305.04 No player shall participate in a game without a valid player's pass. Any player not having a valid player's pass shall be considered ineligible. Should any player lose his/her player's pass, a replacement will be provided by the League upon receipt of payment set by the league.

305.05 RECREATIONAL PLAYER ASSIGNMENT

1. Recreational players are to be assigned by the league.
2. No child may register with a team more than two age groups up.
3. Commissioners will attempt to balance players on all recreational teams, taking into consideration years of playing experience and location in which they reside.
4. Parental request must be in writing, and submitted to the League office.
5. Players may request NOT to return to their previous year's team.

305.06 The U11 through U19 age groups will offer a Competitive division when feasible. If there are not enough teams, teams will be required to play in a higher age group. U11 through U14 teams may play two age groups higher. U15 through U19 teams may play teams in any other age group in that division. The Board of Directors shall direct a recreational team into the competitive division if the team is consistently beating other teams in a manner not deemed to be for the good of soccer. Normally, this determination will be based upon the results of at least three games.

306. PLAYER TRANSFER, RELEASE AND ADDITIONS

306.01 Refer to NYSA for the most updated policies on transfers and releases.

306.02 State Cup

Please refer to Nevada Youth Soccer Association's reference to Section 13 Nevada Championship Series.

307. RULES OF THE GAME

Teams under the jurisdiction of the League shall play under the "Laws of the Game" as published by FIFA with those modifications stated herein and as published by the USYS, NYSA and/or US Club Soccer.

307.01 Nevada South Youth Soccer League shall post on the web site, the NSYSL Constitution and By-Laws to the referees and coaches of the League prior to the start of the season.

307.02 The length of game and ball size is as follows:

Under 17-19:	Two 45 minute periods	Size 5 ball
Under 15-16:	Two 40 minute periods	Size 5 ball
Under 13-14:	Two 35 minute periods	Size 5 ball
Under 11-12:	Two 30 minute periods	Size 4 ball
Under 9-10:	Two 25 minute periods	Size 4 ball
Under 7-8	4- 8 minute quarters	Size 3 ball
Under 5-6	4- 8 minute quarters	Size 3 ball

- 307.03 All games under the jurisdiction of the League shall be officiated by properly certified USSF referees. Associate referees may be used for younger age recreational teams.
In Recreational Divisions: If the Official Referee fails to appear, a substitute referee may be appointed by mutual agreement by the two opposing coaches, or managers. Such agreement shall be required in writing on the back of the official game card., Otherwise, all games shall be played as scheduled. Recreational games will not be re-scheduled due to the lack of a referee.
In Competitive Divisions: The game is not valid without a certified referee. If two teams agree to play each other in the absence of a referee, the game will be deemed a scrimmage and not count in the standings.
- 307.04 Referees shall report to the League office on the result of the game, personnel of each team, and goals scored on a NSYSL game card. Any violations of rules and regulations by either team or team officials must be included in the report. The referee shall state all the particulars of the misconduct, and shall submit this report with 48 hours after the game, excluding Sundays and holidays.
- 307.05 The official referee shall be the sole judge on the field of play, and his/her decision shall be final.
- 307.06 Any complaints about game officials shall be directed in writing to the League Office, within 48 hours for review by the Board of Directors, excluding Sundays and holidays. Such findings shall be turned over to the referee's association.
- 307.07 Any player or team personnel reported to the League by a referee for misconduct, shall be informed by the referee, that they are so being reported.
- 307.08 The manager, coach, or captain of each team shall furnish the referee at the start of the game, with a roster of players in the game, together with the player identification card for each player. New cards may be added, but cards may not be changed after the referee has them in his/her possession.
- 307.09 Any team showing up late, 15 minutes or more, for a scheduled league game, shall forfeit the game.
- 307.12 All coaching shall be done within 10 yards of the halfway line.
308. EQUIPMENT
Illegal equipment shall not be worn by any player. This applies to any equipment which, in the opinion of the referee, is dangerous or confusing.
- 308.01 Types of equipment which are illegal include the following:
1. Projecting metal or other hard plates, or projections on clothing or person.
 2. Head, arm, thigh, or hip pads, containing sole leather, fiber, metal or any unyielding materials, even if they are covered with soft padding.

3. Casts, splints, or body braces made of a hard substance in its final form such as leather, rubber, plastic or fiberglass, unless covered on all exterior surfaces with no less than ½ inch thick, high density, closed cell polyurethane, or an alternate material of the same thickness and similar physical properties to protect an injury. A medical release for the injured player signed by a licensed medical physician shall be available at the match site.
4. Shin guards which have exposed sharp edges.
5. Helmets, hats, caps or visors.
Exception 1: The player may wear a head protector made of closed-cell, slow recovery rubber or other similar material that stays soft in its final form. The head protector shall not have a bill, or other protruding design. It shall not cover the face, other than the forehead, and may be secured with a chin strap.
Exception 2: The goalkeeper may wear a soft-billed baseball type hat or soft-billed visor. If worn in conjunction with a head protector, it is to be worn outside and may not be attached to the head protector.
Exception 3: Players may wear soft and yielding caps during inclement weather. Caps must be alike in color.
6. Knee Braces made of hard unyielding material, unless hinges are covered on all sides, and all of its edges are overlapped, any other hard substance shall be covered with at least ½ inch of closed-cell, slow-recovery rubber or other material of the same minimum thickness and having similar physical properties.
7. Ankle braces, unless covered by a stocking or other suitable material.
8. Hair control devices may be worn if made of soft material and not be for adornment. Sweatbands may be worn on the head or wrist if made of soft material.
9. Players shall not wear jewelry with the exception of medical bracelets or medical medals. Medical medals must be taped to the body. Pierced earrings (even newly done) cannot be worn.
10. Artificial limbs, which in the judgment of the NSYSL Board of Directors are no more dangerous to players than the corresponding human limb and do not place an opponent at a disadvantage, may be permitted. Upper limb prostheses and above the knee leg prostheses are discouraged. Hinges shall be covered by suitable material. All permissible artificial limbs shall be covered by at least 1/2 inch foam.
11. Hearing aids worn in or behind the ears are legal provided that the device does not create the threat of injury.
12. Intraoral (within the mouth) and tooth protectors, including those with an occlusal portion are legal.
Note: The wearing of illegal equipment is prohibited even though the coaches of both teams approve it.

308.02 COLOR CONFLICTS

When two teams have similar colors, the home team shall be required to change to a different color jersey or shirt. All players must have a number at least 4 inches tall on the back of their jersey. Goalkeepers shall wear colors distinctively different from either team. Each player must have a different number on his/her jersey than any other teammate. Any and all equipment not mentioned herein is covered under NYSA and/or USYS.

309.00 MISCONDUCT

The league officers (Board of Directors) or individuals delegated such responsibility (a discipline committee) to review reports of player misconduct shall be the sole judge in each case, and shall have complete authority to suspend such player for periods up to six (6) games.

309.01 Stricter penalties may be levied but first require a Board of Directors hearing. Formal notice of rulings will be sent within 72 hours of the decision and/or hearing. Copies of all rulings will be sent to the Board.

309.02 A team that has a player or team official ejected (red carded) is responsible to see that the ejected person is removed from the vicinity of the field of play (must not be within visual or hearing range) for all games until the suspension is lifted. If compliance cannot be achieved and the game is suspended, the Board of Directors, or individuals delegated such responsibility may hold a hearing to determine if and how many games the offending team shall forfeit.

309.03 Team officials, league officials, or spectators being proven to the satisfaction of the League to have been guilty of a violation of any of the Laws of Game, misconduct on the playing field, or conduct detrimental to the game, shall be subject to discipline by the Board of Directors, except that players shall be disciplined as provided in 309.04.

309.04 A player removed from the field of play by the referee for misconduct shall stand suspended until his/her case has been reviewed and dealt with by the League. His/her suspension must be determined within one week upon receipt of the misconduct report, excluding Sundays and holidays. Should no action be taken, the party involved will automatically be reinstated. Coaches etc. are subject to the same procedure.

309.05 Any youth player, team official, or spectator, who physically assaults a game official, shall automatically be suspended for one year's time from the date of the incident.

309.06 Any youth player, team official, or spectator who physically assaults another youth player, team official or spectator shall be automatically suspended for a minimum of three (3) games.

309.07 Any team which through its responsible officials, officers, or representatives attempts to induce a registered player of any team, under the jurisdiction of this League, to leave his/her team before the end of the current seasonal year, shall be deemed to have poached and shall be dealt with by the Board of Directors of this league.

309.08 Any team that abandons a game in progress, due to actions by its team official/head coach, will forfeit the game and will be subject to discipline by the NSYSL Board of Directors. Punishment will be, but is not limited to: Head Coach suspension and/or the team placed in bad standing. First offense will be a one (1) game suspension for the coach.

310. GAMES AND SCHEDULES

The playing season shall be decided by the Board of Directors each year. All games shall be scheduled by the Chairperson, or by a scheduling and postponements member delegated such responsibility by the Chairperson. Schedules shall be approved by the Board of Directors.

310.01 After the schedule is finalized and distributed, no game will be postponed or cancelled except for the following reasons:

1. No lights
2. No referees (For competitive only)
3. Field availability
4. Schedule error

310.02 Any team refusing or failing to play a game for any reason other than the above shall forfeit the game.

310.03 Schedule requests are due before the completion and distribution of the schedule. Additional requests will only be accepted in extenuating circumstances and with the approval by the NSYSL Board of Directors.

311.00 STANDINGS

Standings of the U9/U10 Gold teams and U11 and above teams in their respective shall be computed by points.

311.01 Points will be awarded to teams for league play on the following basis:

1. Win – three (3) points
2. Tie – one (1) point
3. Loss – zero (0) points

311.02 League standings will be based on the number of points earned by each team. In the event that two (2) or more teams have the same number of points, the team with the highest goal difference will be placed first. A team's goal difference is calculated by subtracting the total goals that team has conceded in the league games from the total goals that team have scored in league games. Teams are only credited with a maximum number goal differential per game of six (6).

For teams example, if a team wins 10-0 that is six (6) goals and zero against. If a team wins 10-2, that is eight (8) goals for and two (2) against. If two (2) or more teams are still tied, the team that has scored the highest number of goals in league games will placed first, subject to the same rules as goal differential. If two (2) or more teams are still tied, the aggregate score of all league games between the tied teams is to be calculated. The team with the best goal difference is to be placed first. If two (20 or more teams are still tied, the teams are to share the league position. If this results in first place being shared, the tied teams are to be joint champions.

- 311.03 A team that forfeits a league game will lose that game by a score of 1-0. Reasons for a team forfeiting a game are as follows:
1. Failure to show for a game.
 2. Failure to field the minimum number for players for a game causing the game to be cancelled.
 3. Failure to have a registered coach or team official present causing the game to be cancelled.
 4. Failure to present the player (s) passes before the start of the game.
 5. Delay of the game starting by more than fifteen (15) minutes.
 6. The referee discovers that a team has fielded an illegal player.
 7. The team leaves the field of play before completion of the game.
 8. The referee judges that the conduct of one or more of a team's players, coaches, team officials, and/or supporters has become a danger to others.

311.04 A championship medal or league champion t-shirt will be presented to the team placed first in each division after all league games have been played.

312.01 PROTESTS AND APPEALS

Any team protesting a League game shall through its team official indicate such intent to protest in writing on the back of the game card with the opposing coach and referee signing the card under the protest before leaving the field of play.

312.01 A formal protest in writing by the team protesting, stating all the known, facts, shall be sent to League office to be copied and forwarded to the Protests and Appeals Committee within 48 hours following the game, excluding Sundays and holidays, accompanied with a money order for \$25.00, which shall be forfeited should the protest not be sustained. Once filed, the protest cannot be withdrawn. Protest not ruled on with a seven day period from the time of receipt of protest, shall be referred to the Board of Directors.

313.00 GOOD OF SOCCER

When conditions exist within a team under the jurisdiction of the League which reflects poor management, and/or are not in the best interests of soccer, the Board of Directors shall have the power to investigate such conditions and make recommendations to correct them. If the said recommendations are not adhered to, the Board of Directors shall have the authority to suspend said team.

314.00 RECREATIONAL

All recreational players (U/10 and younger) shall play at least fifty (50%) percent of each game. Recreational players in U/11 and older shall play at least 10 minutes per half.

314.01 There will be no protests in recreational divisions.

314.02 Recreational teams may not hold try-outs.

314.03 Team officials violating the rules or spirit of recreational soccer will be required to come before the Board of Directors as deemed necessary.

314.04 The Board of Directors may authorize a handicapped player to participate in a younger age group if such a decision is requested by the player's parent, or guardian and supported by

medical documentation.

316.00 ADDITIONAL RULES: SHORT SIDED GAMES

316.01 U/4 through U/8 shall play four (4) a side. No goalkeeper. No goal tending. Two fields. Maximum roster will be 9 players.

U/9 and U10 shall play seven (7) a side. One of whom shall be a goalkeeper. Maximum roster will be 14 players.

316.05 Substitutions with the referee's permission:

1. Unlimited
2. Injuries
3. Either team's throw in
4. When play is stopped
5. There will be no substitutions on corner kicks

316.06 For U/8 and younger, all fouls shall result in an indirect free kick with the opponents at least ten (10) yards away. The referee is encouraged to explain all infractions. There will be no penalty kicks.

316.07 All players shall wear shin guards.

316.08 There will be no off-sides in U/8 and younger. There will be obvious off-sides in U/9 and U/10.

316.09 Other rules shall conform to the "Laws of the Game"
<http://www.ussoccer.com/referees/laws-of-the-game.aspx>

317.00 RED CARD VIOLATIONS

Red cards may be given for the following violations:

317.01 Any player ejected from a match for foul and abusive language, illegally preventing a goal, continued infraction of the rules shall be suspended as follows:

- 1st red card: one (1) additional game suspension.
- 2nd red card: two (2) additional games suspension.
- 3rd red card: three (3) additional games suspension and a possible hearing.

317.02 Any player ejected from a match for serious foul play or violent conduct shall be suspended as follows:

- 1st red card: two (2) game suspension.
- 2nd red card: three (3) game suspension.
- 3rd red card: four (4) game suspension and a possible hearing.

317.03 Illegally preventing a goal will not be normally considered an ejectionable offense in U/10 and younger.

317.04 A hearing may be held for any red card, but is required for the third.

318.00 FOULS AND MISCONDUCT

318.01 Fouls for which direct kicks are awarded:

Judgment must be that the foul is intentional

1. Charging from behind, unless the opponent is obstructing
2. Charging opponent in a violent or dangerous manner
3. Jumping at an opponent
4. Tripping an opponent
5. Kicking or attempting to kick an opponent
6. Striking or attempting to strike an opponent
7. Pushing an opponent
8. Holding an opponent
9. Handling the ball (Except by the goalkeeper in own penalty area)

318.02 Fouls for which indirect free kicks are awarded:

1. Dangerous play
2. Fair charge when ball is not within playing distance
3. When not playing the ball, intentionally obstructing an opponent
4. Charging a goalkeeper unless he is holding the ball, or is obstructing an opponent, or has left His/her goal area

318.03 Misconduct resulting in cautions: (yellow cards)

1. Dissent with a referee's decision
2. Ungentlemanly conduct
3. Persistent infringement of the Laws of the Game
4. Entering or re-entering the field of play without receiving a signal from the referee.

318.04 Misconduct resulting in ejections: (red cards)

1. Serious foul play or violent conduct
2. Abusive or foul language
3. Persisting in misconduct after receiving a caution. (Committing a second caution able (offense)
4. Hand ball in goal area preventing a scoring opportunity
5. Intentionally committing a violation to prevent a goal scoring opportunity

NOTE: A player may not be given two cautions (yellow cards) in a game. The second offense results in ejection (red card). However, a player may be ejected without first having been cautioned.

318.05 MATCH OFFICIAL/REFEREE ASSAULT:

1. Grabbing or bodily running into a referee:
Suspended for one (1) year. Probation for (1) year.
2. Hitting, kicking, punching, choking, or spitting at or on a Match/Official Referee.
Suspended for (1) year. Probation for one (1) year.
3. The act of kicking or throwing any object at a Match Official/Referee.
Suspended for the remainder of the season, minimum ten (10) games. Probation for one (1) year.

4. Per national regulation: If an assault is committed against a minor Match Official/Referee, regardless of the severity, the minimum suspension period will be at least three (3) years.

318.06 MATCH OFFICIAL/REFEREE ABUSE:

1. Using foul or abusive language toward a Match Official/Referee.
Suspended for three (3) games. Probation for ten (10) games.
2. Spewing any beverage on Match Official/Referee's property.
Suspended for three (3) games. Probation for ten (10) games.
3. Verbally threatening a Match Official/Referee.
Suspended for five (5) games. Probation for the remainder of the season.
(minimum ten (10) games).

Disciplinary action will be taken by NYSA for any Match Official/Referee abuse/assault
According to NYSA (Disciplinary Action)

318.07 Any team which accumulates 5 red cards in the current playing season will be placed on probation, subject to disciplinary action from the Board of Directors.

318.08 Any team which accumulated 2 forfeits during the current playing season will be placed on probation, subject to disciplinary action from the Board of Directors.

319.00 ORDER OF PROTEST WHEN PLAYING AS AN INDEPENDENT LEAGUE

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| 1. Nevada South Youth Soccer League Protest and Appeals Committee | \$25.00 |
| 2. Nevada South Youth Soccer League Board of Directors | \$25.00 |
| 3. NYSA Protest and Appeals Committee | \$50.00 |
| 4. NYSA State Board | \$75.00 |
| 5. USSF | \$300.00 |