

Section III -- AAYSA RULES

I. GENERAL

A. **Exceptions to FIFA Laws.** Except as otherwise noted in these rules, FIFA Laws shall govern the play of any games between member organizations, provided, however, that teams, players, and coaches competing in STYSA and/or USYS competitions shall be governed by STYSA and/or USYS respectively.

B. **Exceptions to AAYSA Rules.** It is the intent of AAYSA Rules to establish minimal standards to govern the play; however the member organization may establish stricter standards to govern its own members.

C. **Definitions.**

1. "Season" means from the date of registration through the regular season games and any post season games and any post-season tournament games. At present there are two seasons per seasonal year, fall, (approximately September through December) and spring (approximately February through May).
2. "Seasonal Year" means one calendar year as defined by STYSA, including one fall and the following spring seasons.

II. PLAYERS AND COACHES

A. **Age Divisions.**

1. Inter-Member play must be between teams of the same age division to the extent possible.
2. Age divisions for each seasonal year shall be determined by the player's age as of midnight, July 31, of the previous seasonal year.
3. The age divisions are as follows:

Under 19 = under 19 years of age
Under 18 = under 18 years of age
Under 17 = under 17 years of age
Under 16 = under 16 years of age
Under 15 = under 15 years of age
Under 14 = under 14 years of age
Under 13 = under 13 years of age
Under 12 = under 12 years of age
Under 11 = under 11 years of age
Under 10 = under 10 years of age
Under 9 = under 9 years of age
Under 8 = under 8 years of age
Under 7 = under 7 years of age

Under 6 = under 6 years of age
Under 5 = under 5 years of age

4. Teams are normally formed so that players are placed on the youngest team for which they qualify. No player will be allowed to play in a lower or younger age division. Under 6 through Under 10 age level players may, with member organizations approval, play no more than one age level higher.
5. Except as provided herein, no player may play in a younger age group than the age group for which he/she is eligible. If a medical condition exists (substantiated in writing by a licensed physician) that will prohibit or severely hinder a player from playing in his/her own age group, the player may seek special approval from his/her Local Club, Board and/or Member Association to allow the player to play down in a younger age group. All requests must be submitted to the STYSA Executive Committee prior to the player's first game.

B. Registration, Fees and Proof of Age.

1. All players shall be considered registered on the date that their own association, club or league has in its possession proper payment for registration and a properly completed registration form (or acceptable method provided by the association, club or league) of the type normally utilized by such association, club or league. If online registration is acceptable with the association, club or league, the registration fee must also be paid before the player is considered registered. This occurrence happens in the fall season and again in the spring season.
2. New players must be registered and have participated in at least two (2) league games with his/her respective team prior to taking part in any AAYSA/STYSA post season competition, excluding invitational tournaments.
3. All player registration fees must be paid to AAYSA by the date established by the AAYSA Registrar.
4. Proof of age shall consist of a certified or verified birth certificate, a Uniformed Service Identification and Privilege card (or the equivalent Department of Defense form) issued by the uniformed services of the United States, a birth certificate issued by an appropriate government agency or board of health records, a passport, an alien registration card issued by the United States Government, a certificate issued by the Immigration and Naturalization Service attesting to age, a current drivers license, an unexpired federal, state or local government identification card (if documentation of birth is required), and a certification of an American citizen born abroad issued by the appropriate government agency. Hospital, baptismal, or religious birth certificates will not be accepted.

5. Each member organization must submit a complete registration of all players by the deadline set by the AAYSA Registrar. AAYSA requires a \$1.00 fee per new player, in addition to the applicable STYSA registration fee. Failure to complete timely submission of registration data and or all applicable fees shall result in a fine of \$50 per week plus any additional fees incurred by AAYSA due to the delay of the member organization.
6. The club in violation of either all fees paid or submission of the reconciliation form to the AAYSA Treasurer, and who has not paid such fees by the next regularly scheduled meeting after an AAYSA notification shall lose **all** (executive and general) voting privileges and must be reinstated at an AAYSA Board meeting once in compliance. Reinstatement requires a majority vote of all eligible voting board members. The complete process should be documented in the AAYSA minutes upon occurrence and upon reinstatement. Those clubs submitting fees and reconciliation to STYSA instead of to AAYSA will also be in violation of AAYSA policy and subject to the non-compliance process.

C. **Player or Team Transfer and Release:**

1. **Players.** This section applies solely to transfers in Super II, Division II and Division III, if the teams are involved in inter-association play. A player may play for only one primary team registered with AAYSA during each season, and any player registered to a team is bound to that team for the entire season unless there is a case of extreme hardship. A player will be considered rostered to a team:
 - a. Assignment of a properly registered player to a team; or
 - b. The player's first participation in any competition (excluding tryouts and scrimmages leading to team formation) sanctioned by STYSA or its Member Associations.

If the team is disbanded by its member organization/association prior to the start of the fall seasonal play, the players may be released or reassigned without requesting a transfer.

2. **Teams.** A team wishing to transfer from one member organization to another must complete a Team Transfer Form and submit it to the AAYSA Registrar who will forward it to all members of the Executive Committee. Executive Committee may approve such transfer by a simple majority. A simple majority of the Executive Committee will respond within 5 days to team requests for transfers. A transferring team may not play a game with the receiving club/association until the transfer has been approved by the Executive Committee.
3. **Transfer Approval.** All requests for player transfers shall be submitted to the AAYSA Registrar in writing, stating the reason for the request of

transfer. If the AAYSA Registrar approves the player transfer, the information is to be forwarded to the affected organization(s) and person(s). The player is not to play a game with the transferred-to-team until after the transfer has been approved and the player has registered with the transferred-to-team.

D. **Progressive Discipline System.** The penalty point system is an effort to discourage violent play and misconduct during each playing season which shall continue into AAYSA and STYSA sanctioned tournament play.

1. **Penalty Points Awarded.** Penalty points shall be awarded to individual players, coaches, assistant coaches and team managers as stated in the STYSA playing rules; it is the team representative's and the players responsibility to maintain penalty points.
2. **Disciplinary Action for Penalty Point Accumulation.** An accumulation of cautions, sendoffs and penalty points shall result in disciplinary actions as published in the STYSA playing rules.
3. **Procedure.** Member organizations may not revoke cautions, sendoffs or penalty points.
4. **Discipline and Protest Committee.**
 - a. Prior to each season, the AAYSA Appeals Committee members shall be appointed by the AAYSA Executive Vice-President. The AAYSA Executive Vice-President shall act as chairperson of the committee or shall appoint someone to act as Chairperson. Any three (3) members of the committee with the permission of the Chairperson may decide any issue before the committee by a simple majority vote.
 - b. No member including the Chairperson may vote on a matter involving any organization with which the member is affiliated or a matter in which the member or his/her child is personally involved.
5. **Procedure.**
 - a. No protests will be allowed unless they are made known to the referee and opposing coach immediately after the game.
 - b. The referee and opposing coach must be advised at this time as to the alleged basis for the protest.
 - c. Protests must be noted on the referee's game card, and a referee's report containing a complete description of the situation protested shall be submitted to the Appeals Committee upon request of the committee.

- d. Protests shall be in writing, accompanied by a \$50 money order/protest fee payable to AAYSA and at a minimum shall contain the following information:
 - 1. the date of the occurrence protested;
 - 2. a list of all parties involved, their addresses and telephone numbers and organizational affiliation;
 - 3. a short, plain statement of the matter protested, setting forth the rule which is alleged to have been violated;
 - 4. a list of names, addresses and telephone numbers of witnesses to the incident forming the basis of the protest;
 - 5. what action the protesting party requests of the Appeals Committee; and
 - 6. the protest shall be signed by the party preparing the protest, with his/her address and telephone numbers
- e. Copies of the protest must be simultaneously sent to the Chairperson of the Appeals Committee (the \$50 money order must be included with the protest to the Chairperson) and the person, team (coach) or organization (AAYSA representative) against whom the protest is lodged within seventy-two (72) hours of the end of the game protested. Notice to these shall be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested.
- f. STYSA's procedures will be followed with regards to a hearing.

6. **Appeals.** All decisions by the AAYSA Appeals Committee may be appealed to the STYSA Appeals Committee.

7. **Decisions Binding.** All decisions at all levels of appeal are binding and shall be given full force and effect unless overruled by a higher authority. Failure to abide by the decisions of the appellate bodies shall subject violator to disciplinary action by the AAYSA Appeals Committee.

E. **AAYSA Zero Tolerance Policy.** AAYSA is a soccer association committed to good sportsmanship and quality of play for our children. AAYSA will enforce a code of conduct for all players, coaches, parents and referees. AAYSA has a policy of **zero tolerance** for behaviors, comments, and actions that endanger or threaten the environment of good sportsmanship and safe play for all soccer participants. This includes but is not limited to the following:

1. The use of foul language, abusive or derogatory comments towards referees, coaches, players or parents by any individual while at the soccer fields or in the parking areas.
2. Any issue involving physical altercations, assault or battery of any players, referees, coaches or parents.

Such offenses can lead to removal from the premises and a ban from the soccer facilities for the remainder of the season and/or permanently.

III. TEAMS

A. **Playing Ineligible Player.** Any team playing a player who is ineligible shall forfeit the game (s) in which that player has played in addition to any other appropriate penalty as issued by the Appeals Committee.

B. **Team Rostering.** This rule shall apply to teams participating in AAYSA sanctioned inter-member organizational/club competitions. Team rostering shall be done according to the rules of the member organization/association, however, for teams participating in AAYSA sanctioned inter-organization/association competitions, those rules must comply with the STYSA Rules and Procedures.

1. Multiple rostering is prohibited in AAYSA. i.e. a player registered to 2 or more different teams within a seasonal year.

C. **Division I Teams.** Division I teams registered with Western District Division One Association (WDDOA) shall be bound by their rules.

D. **Academy Teams.** Member clubs within AAYSA may form Academy programs using a defined curriculum and qualified staff to teach individual skills to Division IV Under 10 and/or Under 9 youth players in a team training format that is accomplished in an age appropriate learning environment.

1. The U9 and U10 age divisions shall be designated Academy TEAM.
2. The Academy Teams will play only other Academy Teams during regular season play. Academy teams participating in an Invitational tournament must play other Academy teams. Exceptions may occur if the Recreational team is aware and accepts that they may play an Academy team.
3. The Academy Teams Player Cards will be marked to indicate they are Academy teams.
4. The Academy Teams will be made available for all players, however, at the time the players register it is up to the parents to decide if their child will play Academy or not.
5. Academy teams will play 6v6 for both age levels for 2007-2008.

6. Academy players cannot be rostered or play on a recreational team during ordinary league play.
7. If an Academy team disbands, all players will be divided up among the recreational teams.
8. Players who should be registered in Under 8 may play up to Under 9 if their league allows moving up. They may not play up 2 levels to Under 10.
9. All of AAYSA Academy teams will be formed by using a random draw every season. Players will be registered for the Academy team and placed on a space available basis. All players will be accepted based upon the number of teams that has been set for Academy training and may not be excluded from participating in an Academy program for any other reason.
10. **Referees for Academy teams.** There will be a center referee only.
11. **Field size.** 6v6 30 to 50 wide by 40 to 60.
12. **Recruiting.** There will be no recruiting of players. Direct solicitation of individuals to play for a club's Academy league team(s) shall be prohibited. For purposes of this rule, "direct solicitation" shall be defined as communication, whether spoken or in writing, between a club representative and a player; "direct solicitation" does not include websites maintained by a club, banners or other written communications (including letters, flyers and emails) that are prepared by or on behalf of a club and that are not specifically addressed (by mail, email or other form of delivery) to a player, whether individually or as part of a group. "Club representative" shall be defined as a club's board member, coach, assistant coach, manager or trainer, or any individual acting at the request of such board member, coach, assistant coach, manager or trainer. "Club" shall be defined as any organization that registers individuals to play soccer through AAYSA and/or STYSA and includes any sub-club, group or other organization associated with such club. "Player" shall be defined as an individual who was not previously registered to play with the club initiating the communication and shall include such player's parents or guardian. Direct solicitation is permitted after the last published AAYSA Academy game has been completed.

E. AAYSA Recreational Teams are to be formed per the STYSA recreational team formation policies.

IV. **GAMES**

A. **Small Sided Games.**

1. AAYSA shall generally follow USYS small-sided game rules which are incorporated into the AAYSA Rules of Play by reference. These rules may be located on the internet at www.usysa.org/coaches/index.html.
2. All ages – No coaches allowed on the field during game play with the exception of a coach/referee should the member association utilize them for U5-U8.
3. U11 to U19 Division 3 teams may play using any size of team appropriate to the home club as needed to provide the appropriate playing venue to encourage continuation of play at the recreational level for all age groups. If playing 8v8, 6v6, 4v4 or 3v3, the appropriate rules will apply.
 - a. No goalkeepers from U5-U8 per Small-Sided game rules.
 - b. AAYSA will comply with STYSA Rules of Play for U7/8 playing times (4 10 minute quarters), which deviate from USYS Small-Sided games (four 12 min quarters for U7/8).

B. Modifications to F.I.F.A., U.S.Y.S., and STYSA rules concerning play, coaching and fouls.

1. These rules shall apply unless superseded by playing rules at a higher level of competition.
2. Under 5,6,7,8,
 - a. **Fouls and Penalties.**
 - (1) There shall be no penalty shots for fouls within the penalty area.
 - (2) All fouls shall be penalized with indirect kicks.
 - (3) From the point of taking of an indirect kick or corner kick, opponents shall not be any closer than six (6) yards.
 - b. **Offside.** The Offside rule shall be interpreted liberally; however, no player may play in an obvious offside position, in front of the goal, such as a “designated scorer.”
 - c. **Throw-Ins.** If there is an infraction of the FIFA throw-in Rules, the player throwing the ball in shall receive one additional throw-in after a correcting instruction from the Referee. If the player violates the FIFA throw-in rule on his/her second throw-in, then the opposing team shall be awarded the ball.
3. **At the U9 and U10 Level.**
 - a. Offside: Offside will be called in U10.

1. There will be no offside for U9.
- b. **Penalties for Fouls.** FIFA Law 14-Penalty Kick- will be awarded on any penalty foul committed by the defending team inside the penalty area.
- c. Opponents will not be any closer than six (6) yards from the point of an indirect kick or corner kick.
- d. Yellow and red cards will not be issued to coaches or fans. However, the referee may "send off" the coach for his actions and the actions of the fans on his sidelines.
- e. Coaches shall be directed to the coach's box and are to give all instruction during the course of the game from this area. (If no box is apparent, a line may be placed in the dirt directly from the outside edge of the center circle to the sidelines.)
- f. No coach, parent, spectator may cause interference with the game, players, or referee during the course of the game by positioning themselves at a location with the sole purpose of instructing a player. Examples: behind the goal, constantly moving along the sidelines with the players.

C. **Forfeit.** The referee shall declare a forfeit if a team has less than the requisite number of players on the field ready to play within 15 minutes after the game was scheduled to start. The requisite numbers of players are the minimum number set forth in the STYSA rules. If neither team has the requisite number of players within 15 minutes after the game was scheduled to start, then the referee shall declare a double forfeit and shall score the game as a loss for both teams.

D. **Playing Time.** In Super II, Divisions II, III, and IV play, each coach must make every effort to play each registered player that is present at least one-half and in each half of the game unless unable to do so because of discipline, illness or injury. In the event that a player is present but will not be playing, the coach must inform the referee and the opposing coach as to the reason that a player will not participate.

E. **Charging the Goalkeeper.** The FIFA rules with respect to charging of the goalkeeper shall not apply. "Charging" shall be defined as intentional, non-violent, shoulder to shoulder contact while the ball is within playing distance. In all age divisions there shall be no charging or intentional or reckless contact with the goalkeeper in any manner whatsoever. Any such act will be considered at least as "dangerous play" and punished accordingly.

F. **Substitutions.** Substitutions shall be unlimited. The prior permission of the referee is required in order to make any substitution at any time, except at the resumption of play after the half time break. Any goal keeper change must be called to the attention of the referee.

Substitutions may be made as follows:

1. On a throw-in (by the team in possession)
2. On a goal kick (by either team)
3. After any goal (by either team)
4. After a stoppage of play for an injury (by either team)
5. At half time (by either team)
6. After a caution (the player receiving the caution)

Field and Goal Specifications

Age Group	Length [yards]	Width [yards]	Goals [feet]	Penalty Spot [yards]	Goal Area [yards]	Penalty Area [yards]	Center Circle [yards]
U15 – U19	110-120	70-75	8x24	12	6x20	18x44	10
U13 – U14	100-110	65-70	8x24	12	6x20	18x44	10
U11 – U12	100 -110	50-60	8x24	12	6x20	18x44	10
U11-U14 (8v8 or 6v6)	70-80	45-55	6x18 or 7x21	10	6x18	14x35	8
U10 (8v8)	60-80	40-60	7x21	9	6x19	14x35	8
U10 (6v6)	40-60	30-50	6x18	9	4x16	12x25	7
U9	40-60	30-50	6x18	9	4x16	12x25	7
U8	35-60	25-40	4X6 or 6x12	8	4x16	None	5
U7	35-60	25-40	4x6 or 6x12	8	4x16	None	5
U6	20-30	15-20	4x6	None	None	None	3
U5	20-30	15-20	4x6	None	None	None	3

Roster Sizes and Number of Players on the Field

LEVEL	Maximum Roster Size	Number Players on Field	Minimum to Avoid Forfeit
U11 to U19 (11v11)	18	11	7
U11 to U19 (8v8)	12	8	6
U11 to U19 (6v6)	10	6	4
U10 (6v6)	10	6	4
U9 (6v6)	10	6	4
U8 (4v4)	8	4	2
U7 (4v4)	8	4	2
U6 (3v3)	6	3	3
U5 (3v3)	6	3	3

Length of Games and Ball Sizes

Age Group	Game Length [minutes]	Overtime Periods [minutes]	Ball Size
U17 – U19	Two 45 minute halves	None – except as defined by tournament rules.	5
U15 – U16	Two 40 minute halves		5
U13 – U14	Two 35 minute halves		5
U11 – U12	Two 30 minute halves		4
U10	Two 25 minute halves		4
U9	Two 25 minute halves		4
U8	Four 10 minute quarters		League games tied at the end of regulation time are scored as ties.
U7	Four 10 minute quarters	3	
U6	Four 8 minute quarters	3	
U5	Four 8 minute quarters	3	

G. Requirements for Participation in Inter-Organization Play.

1. Any member organization may participate in Inter-Organization play with any other team as long as that team is within the same age division, and provided further that the AAYSA rules regarding Inter-Organization play are strictly followed.
2. Procedures regarding teams to participate in Inter-Organization play, issues to be covered should include:
 - a. advanced scheduling information – to include the number of teams within each age group that are expected to play inter-organization play;
 - b. an inter-organization scheduling meeting: Each member organization will have a representative attend this mandatory scheduling meeting. Failure to attend will result in sanctions. Each organization will provide the following:
 - (i) field availability time for every two (2) teams or portion thereof in each age division;
 - (ii) Map with clear directions to home field(s);
 - (iii) Team name, Team color, Age group
 - (iv) Desired level of play (Division II, III, or IV)
 - (v) Names, addresses and telephone numbers, and email address of the coach and one other person responsible for the team

3. **USYS Identification Cards.** The team representative shall provide to the referee prior to the beginning of each game properly completed and laminated USYS identification cards for each player on the team. The cards must be typed or computer generated and contain the following information:

Player's Name
Players Date of Birth
Players ID number
Team Name
Age Group
Seasonal Year
Player's Photo
Player's Signature
Registrar's Signature

Players without proper USYS identification cards are ineligible to play in any inter-organization game. Each coach will have a STYSA issued Adult Participation Pass that will be his/her identification card. It must also be presented prior to each game.

****Exception.** As provided by AAYSA Governing Board directive in 2006 an official signed roster shall be provided at the first game and the properly laminated identification cards must be provided by the third weekend of league play.

4. **Kidsafe/Adult Participation Pass.** STYSA has established a policy of background checks for all adults, volunteers and employees who will be in contact with the youth players. It is imperative that every adult over the age of 17 years of age-whether a coach, assistant coach, manager, trainer, team mom, officer or board member – submit their information online for the required background check via the STYSA website at www.stxsoccer.org. Any individual refusing to submit information for a background check will not be allowed to participate. Each club or league within an association should have in place a procedure for verifying that all adults fulfill the requirements.
5. **Shin Guards.** All players will wear shin guards, which are commercially produced and specifically designed to provide protection to the shins. The coach has the full responsibility for insuring that all his/her players wear shin guards of the appropriate size at all games and at all practices.

H. **Home Team.**

1. **Ball.** The home team shall furnish an appropriate size game ball that is acceptable to the referee.
2. **Referee.** The home team is responsible for furnishing the appropriate number of referees.

3. **Uniforms.** The home team shall change uniforms if the colors of both teams are so close as to create confusion in the opinion of the referee. Failure to change uniforms upon the referees' request shall be a forfeit by the home team.
4. **Corner Flags.** In all Super II, Division II and Division III games, it is the home association's responsibility to furnish corner flags which meet FIFA standards for the fields.
5. **Goals.** Each set of goals will be properly anchored without fail.
 - I. **Game card for Inter-Organization Play.** Should be forwarded by the winning coach or else by home team in case of a tie to the person designated by AAYSA or Western District.
 - J. **Forfeits, Cancellations, and Games Replayed.** Any game cancelled as a result of the playability of the field, the FIFA rule shall apply. Each respective Vice President shall be responsible for declaring whether or not a game is a forfeit, or whether a game shall be replayed or omitted from a schedule for any reason except abandonment and playability of the field. All games must be re-scheduled through the respective VP. Any team playing AAYSA inter-associational play will be allowed to participate in tournament play when it conflicts with regularly scheduled games provided the "offended" or opposing coach is properly notified seven (7) days in advance of game date. The "offended" coach can then reschedule the game. If there is a conflict in re-scheduling the game, the appropriate Vice-President will be responsible for re-scheduling the game.
 - K. **Inter-Organization League Standings Determination.** All AAYSA Inter-Organization league standings shall be determined per Western District Rules.
 1. **Post Season Competition.** Post Season fall tournaments for the various age divisions shall be approved by the Governing Board.
 2. **AAYSA Fees.** All member organizations must be registered with and all fees paid to AAYSA by the deadline set by the AAYSA treasurer prior to any of their teams being eligible to compete in AAYSA or STYSA tournament competition.
 3. **Procedure.**
 - a. If there is only one AAYSA league in an age group, then the final standings as a result of league play shall determine which teams shall advance to the STYSA tournaments.
 - b. If there is more than one AAYSA league participating in an age group, an AAYSA tournament will be held. The AAYSA tournament format (round robin, single or double elimination) will be determined each season by the AAYSA Executive Board. If a Round Robin format is approved, the final tournament standings will be determined by the point system described below:

- c. All AAYSA Tournament standings shall be determined by points: 6 points for a win, 3 points for a tie, and 0 points for a loss. A point will be awarded for each goal up to 3 goals. A point will also be awarded for a shut out. A win for forfeit results in 10 points for the winning team. (Scored 3-0) If the rankings are tied at the end of the season play, the following hierarchy will be used to determine final tournament standings:
- (i) Winner in head to head competition; then
 - (ii) the team with the least penalty points advances; then
 - (iii) the difference between goals scored minus goals allowed with the maximum difference of three goals per game. Any loss would be scored as 0 for the losing team. (A score of 7-3 would be scored as +3 points for the winning team and 0 points for the losing team. The team with the greatest number advances; then
 - (iv) total goals allowed (team with fewest goals allowed shall advance); then,
 - (v) the FIFA method of taking penalty kicks for determining the winner in Knock-Out competition.
- d. **Tie Breakers for Other than Round Robin Play.** The game will be extended by two (2) overtime periods as described below. If no goals are scored, the match is decided by Kicks from the Penalty Mark.

<u>Age Level</u>	<u>Duration of each Overtime Period</u>
U11 & U12	10 minutes
U13 & U14	10 minutes
U15 & U16	15 minutes
U17, U18& U19	15 minutes

- e. **Awards.** First and second place awards shall be awarded by AAYSA in AAYSA Tournaments.
- f. **Penalties.** A team which accepts an assignment to participate in a post season competition must complete all eligible games in that competition. If the team abandons any or all of the games the teams will be subject to a fine of \$50 per game (3 games maximum). The team's home

association will be responsible for paying the fine. Executive Board shall be empowered to waive such fines at their discretion in case of extenuating circumstances.

V. **REFEREES**

A. **Number of Referees.** One certified referee and two qualified Assistant Referees are required for all Inter-Organizational play. This requirement may be relaxed for Inter-Organization Recreational Division play to only one qualified referee. Select Division Inter-Organization play requires a certified center referee and two qualified Assistant Referee; this may be relaxed with the mutual consent of both coaches prior to the start of the game.

B. **Game Cards.** A game card shall be completed by the referee for all Inter-Organization play.

1. At the completion of the match, the referee shall have each team representative sign the game report and submit the game report to the field representative or the coach of the winning team or home team in case of a tie.
2. This card will, at a minimum contain the following:
 - league, age group, division game;
 - location, date and game time;
 - team names and final score;
 - cautions (yellow cards) or sendoffs (red cards) issued, by team with player/coaches name and reason for punishment.
 - Protest noted and brief basis- any injuries if notated, plus player ID card number in case of need to substantiate insurance claims; and
 - names of the referees

Also if the referee rules that the field is not playable or that the uniforms are inappropriate, this should be noted on the game report and each team representative should sign it.

3. The game reports are to be retained through the end of the seasonal year, including post season play (including AAYSA, STYSA, or USYS).
4. For play within a member organization these cards are to be retained by the member organization. For AAYSA Inter-Organization play, the game cards are to be forwarded to the league's scorer within 72 hours of the game.
5. All cards must be available to the AAYSA Appeals Committee or other valid AAYSA Committee or Governing Board or Executive Committee when requested.

AAYSA

September 20, 2001

RE: Multiple Rostering

There has been much discussion regarding the issue of multiple rostering. In the guidelines of the STYSA handbook, it clearly states that a player cannot be rostered to more than one primary team. For all practical purposes, this eliminates players being rostered to more than one team in the U-11 to U-19 age groups...Division I, II, and III. These teams participate in Western District Championships and are considered primary teams. Until we did away with the U10 in Western District play, they, too were primary teams. Because we no longer have U10 playoffs in Western District, these teams are now considered secondary or league teams. We have created a "loop-hole" for U10's to be multiple rostered between primary and secondary teams.

In accordance with the STYSA handbook, the Association Registrar has the ability to decide whether multiple rostering should be allowed. Because of the intent of the new rules that STYSA has passed regarding U10, I believe that we are trying to keep U10 as recreation and not allow the claws of competitive soccer to handle them.

Therefore, it is my decision NOT to allow a U10 player to roster to both a U11 and a U10 team. (Fall or Spring)

Remember, STYSA does not limit a player to the number of secondary or league teams they are rostered, but also, STYSA does not allow a player to play with both teams on the same day.

You, as clubs of this association, have the ability to be more restrictive with this issue. AAYSA and STYSA will acknowledge your rules.

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AAYSA Registrar

AAYSA BOARD MEETING

November 15, 2007

Constitution/By Law Change

AAYSA Reporting and Paying Registration Non-Compliance Process

The club in violation of either all fees paid or submission of the reconciliation form to the AAYSA Treasurer, shall lose **all** (executive and general) voting privileges and must be reinstated at an AAYSA Board meeting once in compliance. Reinstatement requires a majority vote of all eligible voting board members. The complete process should be documented in the AAYSA minutes upon occurrence and upon reinstatement. Those clubs submitting fees and reconciliation to STYSA instead of to AAYSA will also be in violation of AAYSA policy and subject to the non-compliance process.

AAYSA Policies for Reporting and Paying Registrations (AAYSA must report and pay to STYSA)

Each season AAYSA is required to report registration numbers and remit the appropriate fees to STYSA, for its Sub-clubs. There are possible sanctions (members not in good standing) and potential penalties for failure to do this. The current STYSA fees can be found on the STYSA website, <http://www.stxsoccer.org/publications> . AAYSA registration fees (from the Sub-clubs) are \$1 per player per year.

AAYSA can report to STYSA only the information and fees that it receives from the AAYSA sub-clubs. AAYSA sub-clubs do not report or pay directly to STYSA. Although AAYSA may have access to the information in the Sub-club databases AAYSA administration will not accept the responsibility for reporting registration information and funding of STYSA registration fees. Therefore, AAYSA has adopted the following policies.

Reporting registrations: STYSA has adopted an excel spreadsheet that categorizes participants by the appropriate playing division and age group. This spreadsheet is titled “STYSA Reconciliation Report” and can be found on the STYSA Website <http://www.stxsoccer.org/publications>. This spreadsheet also contains the appropriate fees for each division/age.

Deadlines for submitting reconciliation forms and applicable registration fees: Submit 2 checks payable to AAYSA, 1 check for STYSA fees and 1 check for AAYSA fees.

Fall Season:	Initial Registration:	September 25 th
	Final Registration:	October 25 th

Spring Season:	April 10 th
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