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I. PLAYER AND TEAM REGULATIONS

A. Age Groups:

Where possible these age groups should be operational for both boys and girls. The CDYSL Games Committee will determine annually what age groups will be available for play.

Age divisions shall be comprised of youth players who are of age on or before the last day of December of the current year-

- (1) 19 years of age and under*
- (2) 18 years of age and under*
- (3) 17 years of age and under.
- (4) 16 years of age and under.
- (5) 15 years of age and under.
- (6) 14 years of age and under.
- (7) 13 years of age and under.
- (8) 12 years of age and under.
- (9) 11 years of age and under.
- (10) 10 years of age and under.
- (11) 8 years of age and under.
- (12) 6 years of age and under.

*Risk Management required. See Risk Management Section of the Rules

B. Number of Travel Players:

1. 08U and 10U are permitted to roster up to 14 players, 12U teams are permitted to roster up to 18 players (14 if playing in some leagues such as State Cup), 13U-19U are permitted to roster up to twenty-two (22) players for League play. This does not apply to the National Cup or any other USYSA sanctioned tournaments or games.
2. No team 11U or higher may register fewer than seven (7) players. Special rules for 08U-- 10U roster sizes and team composition are outlined in Appendix D.
3. Any team playing a player who is over age for their team/bracket shall forfeit the game(s) in which that player has taken part.
4. All players registered on a team are permitted to dress and play in CDYSL games. This does not apply to the National Cup or any other USYSA sanctioned tournaments or games.

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C. Participation and Restrictions:

1. In the case of a player being ejected from a CDYSL Spring league game (i.e., Issued a red card), the team shall play the remainder of the game with one less player. The ejected player shall serve one game suspension in the game immediately following the game in which the player was ejected. His/her name should be clearly marked on the roster when serving the suspension. This applies to State Cup tournament games as well.
2. Each team shall be represented at the field of play by a registered coach (19 years old or over), registered assistant coach, registered trainer and/or manager. Only properly registered personnel will be allowed ~~or~~ on the team bench during a game. Coaches need to be licensed and Risk Management completed. A Coach of club representative not on the team's roster can fill in as team coach as long as they are rostered with the club and have gone through the same Risk Management process.
3. CDYSL promotes, for the "good of the game", that every player should play at least half of every game.

D. Team Tryouts and Poaching: (Updated 2/11/2021)

Teams may not conduct tryouts prior to June 20th of that current season. However, no team or club shall seek a player's commitment to a team or club prior to July 25 (or August 1st for those teams competing in Fall State Cup games), whether orally or in writing, through payment of money, or otherwise. No member club or team shall discourage or forbid a player from participation in any tryout during this time. Once a player has registered with, and made a commitment to a club/team, the player should not be poached to change clubs, unless the player seeks it out themselves. It will be at the discretion of the original registered club whether that player will be released to play with another club. A Registered player is one that has registered on a club's registration website and has made an initial payment. Poaching would include but is not limited to contact or invitation to try-out/practice or invitation to join a club via phone, text, email, in person or social media.

No team, whether through its coaching staff, players, parents or guardians, responsible officer or any other representatives, is permitted to induce a presently registered player to leave his or her team to transfer to and play with another CDYSL team during the current season year. Allegations of poaching shall be subject to a hearing by the Arbitration Committee, which will set penalties, if any.

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E. League PDA/State ODP Tryouts:

No Club or coach shall forbid or discourage any player from trying out or participating in the League PDA or in the State Olympic Development Program (ENYYSA ODP). The League PDA shall in return, make reasonable efforts to avoid conflicts.

II. REGISTRATION AND FEES FOR PLAYERS AND COACHES

A. Youth Players:

A youth player is one who has not reached the age of 20 years prior to December 31st of the current seasonal year. A player who reaches his/her nineteenth (19) birthday on or after December 31st of the seasonal year shall compete as a youth player for the entire seasonal year.

B. Date of Registration:

All players shall be designated as registered by a club once registration and initial payment has been made to such club.

C. Player Registration:

1. Players will be registered with CDYSL's Registrar on a form approved by the ENYYSA.
2. A Player registration fee will be charged, and it shall be set annually in the budget that is approved by the Board of Directors.

D. Proof of Age:

Proof of age shall consist of a birth certificate, board of health records, passport, or alien registration card issued by the U.S. Government, or certificate of Naturalization issued by the Immigration and Naturalization Service. Each member should provide such proof of age in the Got Sport registration system in order to be approved on the roster.

E. Coaching Registration/Licensing Requirements:

1. Head coaches and assistant coaches listed on a CDYSL travel, recreation plus, tournament team and State Cup rosters shall hold a soccer coaching license. Once provided, this documentation will be kept on file by the CDYSL office for future verification.
2. New coaches in CDYSL will have until the end of their first seasonal year (ending August 31) to obtain a license. They must complete the online portion before being registered and have one year to complete the in-person portion of the license. If

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that year falls within the CDYSL Spring Season, it needs to be completed prior to registering a coach on the team roster for the Spring CDYSL league.

- a. A coach may request, in writing, a temporary waiver of this requirement. Such requests will be evaluated by a Coaching Committee consisting of the 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents of CDYSL, the games committee chair, and the league operations director. This Coaching Committee shall evaluate the merits of such a waiver, and determine its length. Such approvals may only occur with unanimous approval of the Coaching Committee. The maximum time for such a waiver shall be one year.
- b. Coaches covered by provisions “1” and “2” above, may be placed on a probationary status, the scope of which shall be determined by the coaching committee.
- c. The Games Committee may recommend actions regarding such individuals on probationary status if grievances are filed against them. The Coaching Committee may institute additional requirements on probationary coaches, such as attendance at informational/educational sessions.

3. The Games Committee will also evaluate coaching certifications submitted from Soccer Organizations, other than those listed below in Appendix C, on a case by case basis. Coaches holding such licenses would be approved for CDYSL rostering only when the coaching committee is in majority agreement.

F. Risk Management:

All registered coaches, managers, trainers, players 18 years of age or older, or any adult coming in contact with players who need to be registered should complete the 3-part background check on GotSport, clubs will be billed by the CDYSL office. Timely information on the Risk Management procedures may be found on the league web site.

G. False Registration:

Any team playing an illegally registered player shall forfeit all the games in which the illegal player has participated in and may be sanctioned.

III. RECREATION PLUS LEAGUES, CLUBS, TEAMS AND PLAYERS

A. Recreation Plus League - An intra-club or inter league in which:

In order to promote the sport of soccer within the CDYSL and its outlying areas, it has been deemed advantageous for the League to recognize the United States Youth Soccer Association (USYSA) definition of “Recreation Plus Leagues, Clubs and Teams”:

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1. The use of tryouts, invitations, recruiting or any like process to roster players selectively to any team on the basis of talent or ability is prohibited.
 2. The club or clubs administering the league accept as participants in the league any and all eligible youths (subject to reasonable terms of registration); and the league does not otherwise meet the definition of recreational league.
- B. League Rules for Recreation Plus:

CDYSL will accept recreational plus teams and clubs with the following additional regulations. They will:

1. Pay the recreational plus rate as established by ENYYSA.
2. Pay the additional rate as established by CDYSL.
3. Have player passes and rosters distinctly marked "Recreation Plus". These passes will be surrendered to CDYSL prior to transferring to a Travel team.
4. Pay a total transfer cost that is the additional amount up to the travel player fee, plus the processing fee for reissuing cards and rosters.
5. Be permitted to play in any Recreational or Recreational Plus League or tournament as defined and regulated by the rules of USYSA.
6. Be permitted to play sanctioned travel team tournaments.
7. Not be permitted to play travel tournaments outside the governance of CDYSL.

IV. GAME RULES AND REGULATIONS

A. FIFA Rules:

Except as provided by USYSA or ENYYSA or specified herein, the most recently revised FIFA "Laws of the Game" shall apply to all competitions.

B. Special Playing Rules for 08U, 10U and 12U Players:

CDYSL has generally adopted the rules of USYSA for 08U-10U play. Modifications for both age groups as they affect CDYSL league play is found under Appendix D1. 12U will be found under Appendix D2.

C. The Fall Season:

There may be a fall season consisting of Rec Plus and/or travel teams for 08U-14U.

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D. The Spring Season:

1. The Number of Games and Length of Season
 - a. All teams in 08U through 17U divisions will be scheduled to play a ten (10) game season.
 - b. The number/format of games for 18U-19U divisions will be determined after team commitments have been compiled. Coaches will be called together to determine the number of games to play (no more than 10 games) and how best to set up schedules to accommodate. (i.e.: small formats, fewer games, etc.)
 - c. The season will commence play in April and end not later than July 15.
2. It will be determined prior to the start of the Spring season if games will be scheduled to be played on Mother's Day (Sunday), Father's Day (Sunday) or during the Memorial Day weekend (Friday through Monday).
3. Actual Play Dates will be updated and approved by the Games Committee each year.
4. Team placement will be determined by the Games Committee in accordance with the general criteria based on the team commitment forms.

E. Traditional Days & Time of Play:

BOYS

08U-Fri/6:30 and Sat or Sun PM

- Longer distances to be scheduled on weekend

10U-Tues/6:30 and Sun PM

- Longer distances to be scheduled on weekend

11U&12U Sun/5:45 and Tues/6:30

13U&14U Sun/5:45 and Thurs/6:30

15U&16U Sun/2:45 and Tues/6:30

17U&18U Tues or Fri/6:30 and Sun/1:00
Sun/1:00

19U - To be determined after U19 Coaches meeting

GIRLS

U08-F/6:30 and Sat or Sun PM

10U-Thurs/6:30 and Sun PM

11U&12U Sun/5:45 and Wed/6:30

13U&14U Sun/4:15 and Wed/6:30

15U&16U Sun/2:45 and Wed/6:30

17U&18U Mon or Fri/6:30 and

*To accommodate problems with field availability,
teams may be scheduled to play on alternate days.*

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F. Fields:

Each club should provide one appropriate home field for every two teams playing on the same day and time. Any variations or special circumstances will be addressed by the Games Committee.

G. Schedule of Games:

The schedule will include date, time and location. There will be a two week free grace period prior to the start of the season as designated by the CDYSL office for rescheduling games for free.

H. Requests for No-play Dates:

Requests for “No Play” dates at the time of team commitment will not be honored.

I. Game Forfeitures:

Failure to play on the scheduled date will result in a forfeit for the offending team plus a fine and referee’s fees. Should both teams fail to appear, the game will be recorded as a forfeit for both (no score) and each will be fined and pay half the referee’s fee.

J. Game Cancellations and Related Matters:

1. State Cup Games and Region I League Play:

Any team unable to play due to a State Cup tournament or Regional game play is excused from the two weeks’ time limit and written requirement. If coaches cannot agree on a replay date, time and location, the Games Committee will assign one.

2. Weather:

Games not played due to circumstances beyond control of either team (ex. Weather) will be rescheduled. If the coaches cannot agree on a new date, time, and location, the Games Committee will assign one.

3. No Referee:

Should no referee appear for a scheduled game and the coaches cannot agree on a substitute, the game will be rescheduled with the Games Committee. If the coaches cannot agree on a date, time, and location, the Games Committee will assign one.

4. Attending a Tournament:

If a team chooses to play a tournament, both coaches must agree in writing to the Games Committee including the rescheduled game date. The onus is on the team

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playing in the tournament. If both teams do not agree, the forfeit goes to the team attending the tournament. Fines & Fees still apply

5. Delay of Game:

Any team delaying the start of a scheduled game more than thirty minutes without the sanction of the referee shall forfeit the game. Fines & Fees still apply

6. Withdrawal from the League:

If a team withdraws from play after final divisional placements are determined, their games will be recorded as forfeits. The Games Committee shall make every effort to attempt to restore the ten (10) game season for the remainder of the division. Fines & Fees still apply

7. Game Rescheduling:

Games not played due to weather conditions, referee non appearance or State Cup play, Regional play or ENYPL play shall be rescheduled within two (2) weeks of the original play date as long as referee's are given the appropriate notice. Any game not rescheduled within the two week period will be considered a forfeit by the Games Committee. The rules for Rescheduling Games can be located on the CDYSL website under the Coach Manual for each season.

8. ODP Players:

Any team with three (3) or more State and/or Regional ODP players may reschedule when in conflict.

K. Score Reporting:

1. Both teams are responsible for reporting the final score using the scoring system provided by the League.
2. Dispute of any score or game result will be resolved by the referee. If no referee was present, the Games Committee will rule.

L. Determination of Standings:

1. Teams (11U and above) will be awarded points as follows: Win 3; Tie 1; Loss 0. The team having the greatest number of points in their division at the end of the season will be the champion.
2. Subsequent places will be determined by points in descending order. If two or more teams have the same number of points, placement will be determined based on the following tiebreaker rules:

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- a. Head to head play of the teams involved.
- b. If still tied, Team with fewest goals allowed.
- c. If still tied, Team with the most number of wins (the other team(s) will take second or third).
- d. If still tied, Team with the least number of losses.
- e. If still tied, Teams will share their place of finish.

M. Fees and Fines:

1. Each team must pay the appropriate fees in amounts listed in Appendix C.
2. Clubs must pay the appropriate team fees as set by the game committee at the time they commit a team to play for the season. Failure to do so will make them ineligible to complete for that season.
3. Teams are responsible for one half the referees' fee at each game, to be paid before starting the game. If one team forfeits, the team forfeiting is responsible for the entire fee, payable to CDYSL
4. Any team withdrawing after the withdrawal date will be fined as set by CDYSL (See Appendix C for amount). If the team withdraws after scheduling, they will be carried on the schedule with all games recorded as forfeits. No forfeit fines will be levied unless withdrawal occurs within two weeks of scheduled games. In that case, fines will apply for the two weeks period, and other fees and fines may be imposed (Appendix C).
5. Any Club failing to pay all assessed fees and fines prior to the Annual General meeting will be considered not in good standing until such time as those obligations are met.

N. Officials:

1. The League will use CDRef referees for all its games. In case of a shortage of CDRef referees, the Referee Assignor may draw from other groups organized in the area.
2. If a referee is assisted by club linesmen, their ONLY duty is to signal the referee when the ball is out of play.

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3. Teams wishing to have assistant referees must request them from the Games Referee Assignor from the League. The extra expenses will be borne by the requesting club.
4. Should the referee be more than thirty (30) minutes late or completely absent, the game shall be considered cancelled unless both coaches agree to have another person or persons officiate the game. If such a person or persons is chosen, they will have the full power of a referee and therefore no game protest will be permitted.
5. In addition to players, referees may give yellow or red cards to coaches. If a coach is unruly or is not able to control the bench or sidelines, the coach may receive a yellow or red card. If a coach is given a red card, they must leave the premises. If there is only one coach on the sidelines and not a registered and risk managed coach/manager that can take over, the game is ended. CDYSL may impose fines or penalties for any coach that receives a red card.

O. Game Roster:

1. Each coach must provide the referee with a copy of the League approved Game roster which must include the CDYSL watermark. The referee shall keep one copy. A second copy of the roster shall be given to the opposing coach. Approved Roster shown on a cell phone or tablet will be allowed. Coach is responsible to provide a physical or digital copy of the roster if a yellow/redcard is issued.
2. All players shall be listed on this roster along with their uniform numbers. Player(s) serving a game suspension must be so marked on this roster.

P. Accumulation of Red and Yellow Cards:

1. Each Yellow card is worth one point.
2. Each Red card is worth three points.
3. Any three point accumulation will result in a one-game suspension.
4. Any six point accumulation will result in an additional one game suspension.
5. Any nine point accumulation will result in the player being suspended for the remainder of the season.
6. Suspensions not served will carry over to the following year and will be administered by the League.

It is the responsibility of the coach to see that the player is serving the suspension. Rosters will be compared for games where suspensions are to be served and if the suspension was not served, further action may be taken by the Games Committee.

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V. RULES AFFECTING REFEREES

A. Laws of the Game:

The rules of play, for all contests sanctioned by the League, shall be the last revised FIFA “LAWS OF THE GAME” with those variations recommended or mandated by the USSF, USYSA or as otherwise set forth in these rules (Special Rules for 08U-12U See Appendix D1 and D2).

B. Referee Fees:

1. The referee shall receive the fee as set forth in the current fee schedule established by ENYYSA as posted under Forms & Documents on the CDYSL website.
2. Payment of the fees shall be made in accordance with League policy.
3. A referee is entitled to a full fee, if a game is not played due to the failure of one of the competing teams to make an appearance at the time set for kick-off, or within the extension period set forth by the League. Any team that delays the start of a scheduled game more than 30 minutes shall forfeit the game and shall pay the full referee fee.
4. If a game in progress is called off by the referee for reasons covered by the Laws of the Game, the fee due shall be retained by the referee in accordance with League policies.
5. The referee, upon arrival at the grounds, shall be the sole judge as to the fitness of the field of play. If the referee finds the fields unplayable, the game shall be postponed or forfeited in accordance with the league policy. The referee shall receive one-half of the game fees as stated above.
6. The referee is entitled to a full fee for games cancelled within 48 hours of game time, with the exception of weather-related or field condition cancellations.

C. Duration of the Game and Ball Size:

1. Duration and Ball Size:

19U	Two-45-minute halves; Ball size #5
17U&18U	Two-45-minute halves; Ball size #5
15U&16U	Two-40-minute halves; Ball size #5
13U&14U	Two-35-minute halves; Ball size #5
11U&12U	Two-30-minute halves; Ball size #4
10U	Two-25-minute halves; Ball size #4
08U	Four-12-minute quarters; Ball size #3
2. No overtime periods shall be played in League competition.

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D. Coaching-Substitution-Other:

1. Coaching. Giving direction to own team or points on strategy and positioning is permitted provided:
 - a. It occurs from the touch line of the team side of the field only
 - b. No mechanical devices are used
 - c. The tone of the voice is informative and sportsmanlike
 - d. No coach, substitute or player is to use profanity
 - e. No coach or player incites, in any manner, disruptive behavior
2. No one is permitted behind the goal line, unless there is a spectator line.
3. Substitutions
 - a. Prior to either team's throw-in if substitutes are properly occupying the substitution area, and the possession team is also substituting
 - b. Prior to the goal kick by either team
 - c. After a goal, by either team
 - d. After an injury, by either team when the referee stops play (a like number)
 - e. At no time may a substitute enter the field of play until they have been given permission from the referee
4. No game may start with fewer than seven (7) players per team on the field with the exception of 8U, 10U & 12U which must follow the rules contained in Appendix D1 and Appendix D2. Teams shall appear in uniforms with a minimum six (6) inch number on the back of the shirt.
5. No team or club official may enter the field of play, regardless of circumstances, unless that person has been asked to do so by the referee.
6. The home team will be responsible for the condition of the grounds, the proper field markings and proper equipment.
7. The home team shall provide the game ball.

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E. Referee Report(s):

1. The referee shall complete a referee report whenever there is a games problem or ejection and send it to the CDYSL League Office within 24 hours of the game. Yellow, red cards and other problems shall be noted on this report.
2. To report disqualifications or misconducts of players or coaches, the following information shall be included: Date of game, Date of report, Age group, Coach's information, Names of the teams, Reasons, Player's name, Number, Game Number, etc.
3. A game cannot be started without a CDYSL registered person present for each team, as defined in Rule I (C) (2). This person shall present a CDYSL registration pass/roster to the referee.

F. Referee Protection:

1. The home team shall be responsible for the protection of the referee, assistant referees, and visiting team against any action of players and spectators, before, during and after the game.
2. Clubs or teams playing in public parks are equally responsible for the protection of the referee, linesmen, and officials before, during, and after the game.
3. Cases involving physical assault of a referee and/or assigned official, occurring in any and all games played under the jurisdiction of the League shall be immediately placed before the Eastern New York Youth Soccer Association (ENYYSA) for their determination.

G. Referee Assignments:

1. A referee, failing to appear for an assignment, shall be reported to his or her respective association in accordance with League policy.
2. A referee, failing to send in proper report(s) within the required time, shall be reported to his or her respective association.

VI. GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

A. Arbitration:

1. A person, or club or any other member of CDYSL may initiate a grievance against a team, a club, or an individual, including a referee, by submitting a letter to the president of the League via certified mail or hand delivered to the office and stamped as received. E-mail or oral communication will not be accepted.

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2. Copies of this letter shall be sent to the party charged with the grievance by the League.
3. The letter shall explicitly describe the charges and shall be accompanied by a fee of \$50.00.
4. The President will refer the matter to the Arbitration Committee Chair within three (3) business days. The chairman of the Arbitration Board will call for a hearing to be conducted within ten (10) business days after the letter has been received from the President. Notice of the hearing time and place shall be sent via certified mail and to all parties involved.
5. All parties involved in the grievance will be heard. Witnesses, supporting documents and/or any other material, which can be used in the resolution of the grievance may be presented at this hearing.
6. The Arbitration Committee shall not have members who have direct relationships with the grieving parties.
7. Minutes of the hearing shall be recorded by the League Recording Secretary or their designee.
8. The Arbitration Committee will render a written decision of the hearing and notify all parties involved via certified mail within ten (10) business days.
9. Improperly filed grievances will not be considered.
10. Lawyers may not participate in these hearings in their representative capacity except in accordance with any position they may hold within a member club or the League.
11. The decision of the Arbitration Committee may be appealed.

B. Appeal:

1. Any person, team or club wishing to appeal a decision of the Arbitration Committee or Zero Tolerance Enforcement Committee may do so by filing a written appeal with the League President within five (5) days after the notification of the decision has been received. The appeal shall be sent via certified mail or hand delivered to the office and stamped as received. E-mail or oral communication will not be accepted.
2. The appeal shall describe explicitly the reason for the appeal and be accompanied by a fee of \$100.00 which will be returned if the appeal is upheld, and shall be retained by the League if the appeal is disallowed.

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3. The President will refer the appeal to the Appeals Committee within three (3) business days. The chairman of the Appeals Committee will call for a hearing within ten (10) days after the appeal has been received.
4. Improperly filed appeals will not be considered.
5. All parties involved in the appeal will be heard.
6. The Appeals Committee shall not have members who have direct ties with the involved parties.
7. Minutes of the hearing shall be recorded by the League Recording Secretary or their designee.
8. The Appeals Committee will render a written decision of the hearing and notify all parties involved via certified mail within ten (10) business days.
9. The time limits specified in this procedure may be extended or shortened by mutual agreement in writing of all parties involved.
10. Improperly filed appeals will not be considered.
11. Lawyers may not participate in these hearings in their representative capacity except in accordance with any position they may hold within a member club or the League.
12. All copies of the appeals proceedings shall be kept on file at the CDYSL offices.
13. The decision of the Appeals Committee may be appealed to the ENYYSA per their Rules and Regulations.

VII. PROCEDURE FOR NEW CLUBS

Any club residing within the territory of the Capital District Youth Soccer League (CDYSL) is eligible for membership in the League. Clubs outside the normal territory of CDYSL must first receive a written release from the league in which they reside and provide a substantive reason for wanting to become a member of the CDYSL.

A. Clubs seeking membership status:

1. Clubs within CDYSL shall submit to the League a letter of intent which shall be reviewed by the Membership Committee.

*** Application Fee (with letter of intent) = \$50.00**

2. Member clubs shall be notified of receipt of the application and may contact the Membership Chair with any concerns they may have prior to the next CDYSL Board meeting.

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3. The Membership Committee shall present to the League's Board of Directors at the next CDYSL meeting in regards to granting membership to the proposed club.
4. The intent of the League is to foster growth of soccer in our area, the Committee shall look very closely at the desires of the proposed club to promote soccer within its community.

B. Letter of intent:

1. A brief description of the club, the community where they are located and the expectations for the growth of soccer within the club.
2. The officers and/or key leaders of the club including address and phone numbers.
3. The organizational structure of the club, including bylaws and other documents requested by the Membership Committee.
4. The geographical territory from which the club plans to recruit and/or service players.
5. Whether the club intends to support travel and/or intramural teams.
6. The age, gender and proposed division of each team planning to play in League play.
7. Location(s) of the field(s) to be used by the club.
8. The colors of the club.
9. The uniform colors. (Note: The home team is required to change if there is a conflict).
10. Prospective clubs must provide proof that it has at least one field available for every two teams playing on the same day and time.

C. Accepting Membership: If the Membership Committee is recommending the club for membership, the club's representative will be notified and asked to appear at the following meeting of the CDYSL. The new club shall be given a copy of the Bylaws and Rules and Regulations of the CDYSL and any other pertinent information. The following items are expected of any clubs applying for membership.

1. Makes members available to serve on CDYSL committees
2. At least 3 teams fully registered with CDYSL and participating in Spring travel league play
3. Club representative at all Board of Directors meetings

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4. A Club that participates as a member of CDYSL
5. The club will have voting rights as determined by number of registered teams

VII. PROCESS FOR ACCEPTANCE OF GUEST TEAMS

- A. Guest team definition: team that is registered with a USYSA State Association (ENY, New York West, Massachusetts, etc.) but is not registered with a member club of CDYSL.
- B. Application Process - for acceptance of a guest team for CDYSL league play:

Guest teams must apply each year. Applications should be submitted in time for an initial reading at the January meeting. The application packet should include:

1. A completed application that includes
 - a. Indicate Age Group and prospective level of play (Division 1, 2, etc.)
 - b. "Resume" of the team
 - c. Location of the club
 - d. Location of home fields
 2. An approved roster proving registration with a USYSA State Association.
 3. Proof of risk management clearance for all coaches/managers.
 4. A performance bond of \$100.00
 5. Written proof the team(s) have been released to play from their respective State Associations.
- C. Final Steps:
1. After the first meeting of the full board after the application is received, the application shall be presented to the membership. Subsequent to the meeting, e-mails should be sent to all clubs listing the proposed guest teams. At the next full meeting, the full membership shall vote on acceptance of the team for that single season.
 2. Acceptance may be contingent on games where the guest team is the "home" team must be played at a field located within the CDYSL.

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3. Guest teams are obligated to the same referee fees, CDYSL fees, fines and rules of the CDYSL.

IX. CONDUCT AND MISCONDUCT

A. Zero Tolerance Policy:

The Capital District Youth Soccer League (CDYSL) exists to provide opportunities for the youth of the Capital Region to enjoy soccer. CDYSL has implemented a Zero Tolerance Policy to ensure that all games are played in a safe, sporting manner and provide an appropriate environment for our youth soccer players.

B. Behavior Expectations:

1. CDYSL has established Codes of Conduct for players, coaches, parents, and spectators. It is expected that all parties in attendance at CDYSL soccer matches behave in accordance with these Codes at all times.
2. CDYSL has instructed referees and club officers that they should not tolerate any deviations from the Codes of Conduct of players, coaches, or spectators; nor should they tolerate any actions, comments or gestures that are deemed obscene, offensive, threatening, intimidating, insulting, degrading, argumentative or disrespectful. This includes behavior directed at the referee as well as behavior directed at other players, coaches, or spectators.
3. Bullying is a violation of CDYSL's missions, goals, and policies. No player, referee, coach, spectator, or volunteer should be fearful of being bullied or harassed.
 - a. Bullying is defined as harassment, aggressive behavior, or other overt action, whether verbal or physical, which is intended, or could reasonably be expected, to cause distress, harm, ridicule, humiliation, and/or intimidation.
 - b. Bullying can be face-to-face, or carried out by phone, over the internet or other ways directed at another person through the "posting" of sensitive and/or private information.
 - c. The action of any one person or a group of individuals which threaten the health and safety of participants will be considered in direct violation of this policy.
 - d. Any player, referee, coach, spectator, or volunteer who believes that he/she is being subjected to bullying behavior, may report the occurrence to CDYSL through the Zero Tolerance procedures. An investigation of the allegations will promptly be conducted.
 - e. Players being bullied must be supported and assisted to protect their right to play in a safe environment which allows their healthy social and athletic development.

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C. Codes of Conduct:

1. **Coaches' Code of Conduct**

- a. Coaches will always be fair, firm, and consistent.
- b. Coaches will promote a positive attitude and lead by example.
- c. Coaches will not argue with parents or officials and will always demonstrate good sportsmanship.
- d. Coaches will do the best they can to ensure each athlete is both physically and mentally ready for whatever task is asked of them.
- e. Coaches will adhere to the policies and procedures of CDYSL and set proper examples for everyone to follow.
- f. Coaches will stress teamwork and respect for every athlete.
- g. Coaches will allow each athlete the opportunity to compete and excel.
- h. Coaches will display control, respect, dignity, and professionalism to all involved with soccer; this includes but is not limited to officials, opponents, coaches, administrators, parents, spectators and the media.
- i. Coaches will ensure that coaching or training activities take place in a safe environment and are appropriate for the age, maturity, experience, and ability of the players; this should include establishing a system within their team to encourage and invite discussions about bullying.
- j. Coaches must encourage other players to take an active role in stopping bullying behavior on their team.
- k. Coaches will never strike, shove, and threaten to strike, or lay a hand upon an official, player or spectator.
- l. Coaches will never coach or train while under the influence of alcohol or drugs or allow a player to train or play as well.
- m. Coaches will never use trash talk, profane, obscene, or vulgar language under any circumstance.

2. **Players' Code of Conduct**

- a. Players will play by the Laws of the Game.
- b. Players will control their temper; most of all resist the temptation to retaliate when you feel you have been wronged. It is every players' right to an environment which is safe and secure.
- c. Players will be good sports by cheering all good plays, whether it is your team or your opponents.
- d. Players will treat all players as they would like to be treated, respecting every individual's feelings and capabilities.
- e. Players will cooperate with your coaches, teammates, opponents, and referees.
- f. Players will remember that soccer is a team game and encourage teammates as every player makes mistakes and has off days; recognize each players' importance as a teammate or opponent.
- g. Players should demonstrate leadership by treating all players with respect regardless of differences in level of play and ability.

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- h. Players will never use degrading, humiliating and/or profane language on and off the field, directed at another player or person; this is **STRICTLY PROHIBITED**. Players will never use unnecessary rough tactics during the course of the game.
- i. Players will never appear in the contest area under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- j. Players must always abide by the official's decision.

3. Parents' Code of Conduct

- a. Parents serve as a role model for their children. Become aware of this and work to be a positive role model. Applaud good plays by both teams.
- b. Parents should refrain from coaching or refereeing from the sidelines.
- c. Parents will not embarrass their child by yelling at players, coaches, or officials. By showing a positive attitude toward the game and all its participants, your child will benefit.
- d. Parents will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit your athlete; de-emphasize games in the lower age groups.
- e. Parents should support the efforts of the volunteer coaches and the league.
- f. Parents will never use profanity, drugs, alcohol and tobacco during any game or training session.
- g. Parents will always show good sportsmanship and set an example for their child.
- h. Parents will ask their child to treat other players, coaches, fans, and officials with respect regardless of race, sex, creed, or ability.
- i. Parents must encourage their player to take an active role in stopping bullying behavior on their team.
- j. Parents will place the emotional and physical well-being of their child ahead of their personal desire to win.
- k. Parents will never strike, shove, and threaten to strike, or lay a hand upon an official, player or spectator.

4. Code of Conduct for Directors, Volunteers and Spectators

- a. Regardless of the time and sacrifices devoted, no director, officer or volunteer of the CDYSL league will receive any financial benefit or credit for their volunteer services.
- b. Organizational goals will be before personal goals. Put the best interest of the entire program ahead of individual desires. We are here to serve all the children with quality programs.
- c. Minimize complaints and pettiness. Look for ways to improve the organization rather than pointing fingers.
- d. Speak up when you have questions or disagree but support the final decision of the organization.
- e. Look at problems for an organization-wide perspective. Focus on the best interest of all the children and youth sports in general.
- f. Treat your colleagues respectfully. Give your colleagues the benefit of the doubt. Do not jump to conclusions. They are just like you doing their best to help build a quality program for kids.

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- g. Conflicts should focus on issues, not personalities of individuals. Courtesy goes a long way toward building harmony and cooperation.

D. Enforcement

1. Referees are to control player behavior using warnings, Yellow Cards and Red Cards.
2. Referees have been instructed to enforce this policy with coaches and spectators using any of the following procedures as they see appropriate.
 - a. Suspending the game, delaying the restart of the game to issue a verbal a. warning to the coach or instruct the coach(es) to issue warnings to the spectators.
 - b. Telling the offending coach they are ejected and must leave the game and surrounding area (Parking lot or further).
 - c. Instructing the coach that they must take action to have a spectator removed from the game and surrounding area. (Parking lot or further).
 - d. Abandoning the match.

E. Reporting Procedures

1. Referees are required to submit a report to CDYSL if any of the above listed actions were necessary to control the behavior at a match; however, they have the discretion to file a report at any time.
2. Zero Tolerance Reports must be submitted in writing on the official ZTEC report.
3. For the full procedure details, refer to the document "*Procedures for filing a Zero Tolerance Violation Report*" found on the CDYSL website under Forms and Documents.

F. Zero Tolerance Enforcement Committee (ZTEC)

1. The CDYSL Zero Tolerance Enforcement Committee (ZTEC) will review all reports of misconduct that have been issued. The ZTEC will determine if any further action is necessary.
2. The ZTEC penalties could include, but are not limited to:
 - a. Warnings issued to the club.
 - b. Financial penalties to the club.
 - c. Suspension of team personnel (coaches, assistant coaches, or players) for one or more games.
 - d. Individuals prohibited from attending future games.
3. Penalties imposed by the ZTEC can be appealed through the process detailed in Section VI subsection B of the CDYSL Rules.

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X. ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

A. Executive Committee:

1. The Officers and four additional At-Large Representatives elected by the CDYSL Board shall constitute the CDYSL, Executive Committee, to do any and all things in the management of the affairs of the League, with the same force and effect as though a full quorum of the Board were duly convened, present and acting, except that the Executive Committee shall not have authority as to the following matters:
 - a. The submission to them members of any action requiring Members' approval under the New York State Not-For-Profit Corporation Law or other New York State law.
 - b. The filling of vacancies in the Board of Directors or any committee.
 - c. The fixing of compensation of the Directors for serving on the Board or any Committee.
 - d. The amendment or repeal of the Constitution, Bylaws or Rules of CDYSL or the adoption of any new provisions to these documents.
 - e. The admission of new Clubs to the Leagues.
2. The President of the League shall be the chair of the Executive Committee, shall preside at meetings and shall, as long as the Executive Committee exists, have no additional authority to act independently from the Executive Committee or the Board, notwithstanding any executive authority which may be derived from the Constitution of Bylaws.
3. Fifty-one (51%) percent of filled positions of the executive committee shall constitute a quorum and the act of 4 or more members of the members present at the meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the executive committee.
4. The meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held on a date and at a time to be established by the Executive Committee and that notice of such meetings shall be given to the Board, consistent with the manner in which notice is given to the Board for General membership meetings.
5. The General Meetings of the Board shall continue to be held at least six times a year, consistent with Article V of the CDYSL Constitution.
6. The Chairs of the other committee of the League and other persons selected by the Executive Committee shall be special advisors to the Executive Committee and shall report to the Executive Committee as it deems necessary.

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7. That the terms of office for the four (4) At-Large members of the Executive Committee shall be for two years, with the terms staggered, allowing terms for two members to end each year. Initially, two members shall serve one-year terms.
8. The Executive Committee shall make, keep and maintain minutes of its meetings in the same manner as at Board meetings.

B. Good Standing:

1. Full Membership Clubs in good standing receive full benefits and access to participation in the league.
2. Any Clubs may be deemed not in good standing for the following reasons:
 - a. Violations of the league's bylaws or rules
 - b. Failure to pay fees, fines or dues by the advertised deadlines
 - c. Results of Grievance/Arbitration proceedings where club member(s) have been determined to have violated governing rules
 - d. Absence of representation at meetings of the Board, as described herein
 - e. Other actions or failures to act as prescribed in the bylaws or the League rules
3. Any Clubs deemed to be not in good standing will not receive the full benefit and access to participation in the league. In such a case, the league office will not process registration or other work for the club. The league will not approve travel permissions, tournament hosting applications, or rosters for cup competition. The league will also notify ENYYSA that the club is not in good standing.
4. Determination that the club is not in good standing is made by the Board, according to the specification in the bylaws, or by the Executive Committee via the powers assigned to it in the bylaws and the Rules and Regulations, Article IX.
5. When the Board or Executive Committee places a club in the "not in good standing" status, it shall also set forth the procedures by which the club can achieve a return to good standing, unless those procedures are otherwise specified in the bylaws or rules.

C. Attendance at General Meetings of the Board

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1. Club representatives are expected to attend all board meetings, except for those clubs with zero travel teams, which only need to attend the AGM meeting in August. Clubs must ensure that the club representative or an alternate is present.
2. If a club is not represented at two Board meetings within the seasonal year (August through July), that club will automatically lose its good standing status at the time of the next Executive Committee meeting unless an appeal is successfully argued, in person, to the Executive Committee at that meeting.
3. Reversal of the status to good standing requires payment of an initial \$50 fine following the second missed meeting. Additional missed meetings result in successive doublings of the fine.

D. Finance:

1. Anticipated extraordinary operating expenses of \$1,000 or more should be signed-off by the League Operations Director and the Treasurer, then brought to the attention of the Executive Committee at its next monthly meeting for action. These types of extraordinary expenses should not impact the normal operating requirements of the CDYSL.
2. When a budgeted line item exceeds 10%, per the printed monthly financials, a budget revision request will be submitted by the League Operations Director to the Executive Committee for approval. Said adjustment will be presented to the CDYSL Board at their next meeting.

XI. PROGRAMS

A. Coaching Education:

To set up and teach coaching courses that meet the qualifications by the CDYSL in order to have a “Coach Pass”. Coaching courses may be the coaching course set by the National programming or the mini version for CDYSL Only.

B. Exceptional Seniors Games:

To work with Section 2 individuals for both boys and girls, to set up competition for the seniors via an “all-star game”.

C. LODP/PDA:

Work with the committee in setting times, dates and other needs for the purpose of promoting camp style instructing for both boys and girls. Write an RFP and the committees shall determine either the outcome or hire in house the coaching staff and facility to host.

D. TOP Soccer:

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To promote soccer to the disabled members of the community that want to play. Help with the committee to set up a “festival style” event for all TOP Soccer players to participate.

E. Mini Workshop:

A workshop that takes the place of the prior coaching meetings for Spring Play. The event is held in a location where clinics, instructions, and additional information can be offered to every member of the club represented by CDYSL.

XIII. FORMS

A. Confidentiality Agreement/Conflict of Interest:

1. As a volunteer Board Member, employee or subcontractor of the Capital District Youth Soccer League (CDYSL), the Undersigned agrees to complete a Confidentiality Agreement and a Conflict-of-interest document. (there is a 15-day time limit from elections or nominations to get the form signed and sent into the CDYSL office)
2. Elected officers, committee member chairpeople, ODP coaches and employees of the CDYSL, owe a fiduciary duty of care and loyalty to CDYSL. To fulfill those duties conflicts of interest must be avoided so that outside interests do not impair the exercise of judgment in matters relating to CDYSL. This policy covers CDYSL elected officers, committee member chairs, ODP coaches and employees. (there is a 15-day time limit from elections or nominations to get the form signed and sent into the CDYSL office)

***These forms are found under Forms & Documents on the CDYSL website for review.**

3. You have a “conflict of interest” when you, either directly or indirectly, have a professional or financial interest outside CDYSL that might unduly influence how you act on behalf of CDYSL.
 - a. Each year, you must disclose on the attached disclosure statement any known potential or actual conflict of interest (i.e., list your team, club, league, business or family Associations, involved with the Capital District Youth Soccer League and any other soccer-related affiliations with-in the CDYSL) that you can think of. You must submit this form to the CDYSL President.
 - b. In addition, you must fully disclose any other conflicts of interest that arise during the year.

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- c. Each year, copies of each said personnel, known potential and actual conflicts shall be distributed to the Executive Board Officers, but shall otherwise be treated as confidential.
4. If you have a conflict of interest, you must disclose it and all material facts to the President with copies to the Executive Board Members. At that time the matter that gives rise to an actual or potential conflict of interest shall be reviewed by the Executive Board.
 - a. After disclosing your conflict of interest and all material facts, you may be required to provide the Board additional information. If the disclosure is made in advance, the agenda should reflect that the Board will discuss the conflict of interest.
 - b. The person with the conflict shall leave the board or committee meeting while the Board determines, by majority vote present, how to handle the matter.
 - c. The Board or committee shall record in the minutes and show the disclosure and handling of the conflict.
 - d. The person with an actual conflict of interest is prohibited from voting on the matter that gives rise to an actual conflict of interest.
 - e. The presiding member of the board shall, if appropriate, appoint a disinterested person or committee to investigate alternatives in order to avoid any actual or perceived conflict of interest.
5. Violations of the Conflict-of-Interest Policy
 - a. If the Board or a committee has reasonable cause to believe that a member has failed to disclose actual or known conflicts of interest, it shall inform the member of the basis for such belief and afford the member an opportunity to respond and/or amend the Disclosure Statement.
 - b. Following the response, the Board may take appropriate disciplinary and corrective action up to and including removal, if in fact, there has been substantial and/or repeated failure to disclose actual conflicts of interest to the detriment of the Association.
6. The minutes of the Board and all committees with board-delegated powers shall contain:

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- a. The names of the persons who disclosed or otherwise were found to have a conflict of interest, the nature of the conflict, and the Board's decision as to how to handle the conflict of interest.
 - b. The names of the persons who were present for discussions and votes relating to the transaction, the content of the discussion, and a record of any votes taken in connection therewith.
7. Apparent Conflict of Interest is not an actual conflict of interest. It is merely the appearance of the conflict. Members are encouraged – but not required – to disclose any apparent conflict and either forego participation in the voting, or if a quorum is needed “abstain” from voting on the issue.

C. Whistleblower Policy:

1. General Policy:

All employees, directors and officers of Capital District Youth Soccer League (CDYSL) will be protected from any disadvantage caused by raising legitimate concerns and shall report suspected illegal activities within the organization.

2. Purpose:

CDYSL encourages its employees, directors and officers to maintain high ethical standards. This whistleblower policy is meant to provide a confidential and effective means for reporting suspected violations of the law. It further serves to protect individuals who report suspected violations from retaliation in any form.

3. Safeguards:

a. Confidentiality:

An individual may report a suspected violation anonymously or on a confidential basis, keeping in mind that in the course of the investigation it may become necessary that the source of the complaint to be identified.

b. Retaliation:

No individual who reports a suspected violation in good faith, whether or not the allegation turns out to be correct, shall be subject to any form of retaliation, including harassment, demotion, or firing, by CDYSL or its employees. C. Anyone who retaliates against the complainant shall be subject to disciplinary action.

CDYSL will not retaliate against employees who disclose or threaten to disclose to a supervisor or public body, any activity, policy, or practice of CDYSL that the employee reasonably believes is in violation of a law, or a rule or regulation mandated pursuant to law, or is in violation of a clear mandate or public policy concerning the health, safety, welfare, or protection of the environment.

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c. Malicious Allegations:

An individual is not required to prove the truth of an allegation but is required to act in good faith. Any individual who does not act in good faith in reporting a suspected violation may be subject to disciplinary action.

XIII. GUEST PLAYER POLICY

In order to help clubs reduce the potential for games forfeitures due to a lack of players, CDYSL allows guest players for CDYSL spring league play.

CDYSL will allow “USYSA” Players Ages 08U through 19U Travel players to also play as “CDYSL Guest Players”, for CDYSL games only, within their own club under the limitation outlined below. This policy only applies to the Spring CDYSL Games. A guest players’ first obligation is to his/her primary team at all times.

Players wishing to apply for a League Guest Player Pass must submit a Guest Player Pass Request to register as a League Guest Player.

A. Limitations

1. All Guest players must be registered/passed as travel players for the same member club.
2. All Guest players must be identified/passed as League Guest Players on a certified League Guest Player roster for the same club.
3. Guest play between clubs is not authorized.
4. There is a limit to the number of guest players permitted per game.
5. There is a limit to the total number of players playing in a particular game when guest players are used.
6. For safety reasons, we will limit how many age groups up, a guest player can compete (i.e., we do not want a 12-year-old playing on a 17U team).
7. To avoid “stacking” a team, we want to prevent players registered with a higher Division team, either upper age group (U16 eligible player playing on U17 can’t guest play on 16U) or higher Division team (Division A team player can’t guest play on a Division B team).

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B. Player Eligibility

(The following conditions must be met before a player can apply for CDYSL Guest Player status)

1. League Guest Player status is restricted to USYSA PLAYERS ages 08U and older regardless of the TEAM AGE for which the player is registered.
2. Guest players must be officially registered as a primary player on a member club team roster.
3. Guest players may only be added to a secondary team registered with the same member club as the primary team. Guest play between clubs is not authorized.
4. Registered players that are listed on the guest player roster shall be age appropriate and from an equal or lower (division) team.
 - a.) Guest players may not play below age or division for which their primary team is officially registered:

(A 10U age eligible player on a Division 3 team may guest play on another Division 3 team)

(A 13U age eligible player registered on a 13U team may guest play on 13U-16U team)

(A 16U age eligible player registered on a 18U team may not guest play on 16U or 17U team)

5. 08U through 12U USYSA age players may NOT request guest player status on a team whose TEAM age is more than 2 years older than their PLAYER age regardless of whether or not their individual club policies allow it.

(An 08U age player registered on a 10U team may not apply to guest play on a 11U team)

(A 10U age player registered on a 12U team may not apply to guest play on a 13U team)

6. 13U through 19U USYSA age players may NOT request guest player status on a team whose TEAM age is more than 3 years older than their PLAYER age regardless of whether or not their individual club policies allow it.

(14U age player registered on a 16U team may not apply to guest play on a 18U team)

(15U age player registered on a 16U team may not apply to guest play on a 19U team)

7. Boys are NOT allowed to guest play on a team registered as a “girls” team.

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C. Registration Procedures for CDYSL Guest Players

1. Download and complete a GUEST PLAYER ROSTER TEMPLATE (available on the CDYSL website under forms-www.cdysl.org). (This is the Roster Spreadsheet)
2. Indicate any teams you wish this player to be eligible for as a guest player.
3. Print a pass and turn into CDYSL office along with the Guest player roster template and an approved roster of the player's Primary team.
4. The League office will determine eligibility, may approve the request, may laminate the pass, and provide a certified League Guest Player roster. The CDYSL Guest Player pass will be laminated in a different color. These passes are valid for CDYSL Spring season play.

D. Game Situations under which League Guest Players may be used

Once a player is certified by the league as the League Guest Player, he/she may only play for the secondary team if the following conditions are met:

1. The team requiring guest players for a particular game may not dress more than 14 players (on 08U through 12U teams) and 18 players participating in the game (on 13U through 19U teams) including the added guest player(s). This rule is imposed to avoid giving the team with the guest player (s) an unfair advantage over its opponent and to avoid unfair treatment of the players of the primaryteam roster.
2. 08U through 12U game day rosters shall not exceed seven (7) guest players.
3. 13U through 19U game day roster shall not exceed eleven (11) guest players.
4. There are no scheduling conflicts with the primary team. The eligible guest player's first obligation is to his/her primary team. In the event of a conflict, the eligible guest player must participate in the game played by their primary team.
5. League Guest Play passes and rosters identifying guest players for the game must be presented to the referee along with the Primary team passes and rosters before the game begins. (Primary players not playing should be crossed off).

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Summary of Guest Player and Game Day Roster Limits

USYSA Player Ages Note: this age is listed in ()'s on the Official Primary Roster.	Maximum # of Guests per Game Day Roster	Maximum # of Players on Game Day Team Roster (including Guests)
08U	7 (not limited except by player and primary team age)	14 See Small Game Guidelines
09U & 10U	7	14
11U & 12U	7	18
13U - 18U	11	22
19U	No limit	22

Appendix A:

Club Abbreviations

Club Name Abbreviations used for team schedules/scores/standings are found on the league website under Forms and Documents.

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Appendix B:

Schedule of Fees and Fines

Current Fees and Fines are to be publicized on the league's website and by notification to the clubs via their league representative.

I. Schedule of Fines and Fees

A. Player Registration Fees:

	ENYYSA	CDYSL	Total
Travel Players	\$19.00	\$16.00	\$35.00
Non-Travel Players:			
Recreational Only*	\$ 7.00	\$ 3.00	\$10.00
Recreational Plus	\$ 7.00	\$ 8.00	\$15.00

Note: Risk Management for Coaches/All adults listed on rosters ENYYSA handles all background checks Filing for Risk

Management is now handled on-line. See the Coaches section on the CDYSL website (www.cdysl.org) for access to the link. RM checks must be filed every two years for each coach and manager listed on a team roster.

Transfer Fees

Recreational to Travel	\$12.00	\$13.00	\$25.00
Rec Plus to Travel	\$12.00	\$10.00	\$22.00
Rec to Rec Plus		\$5.00	\$5.00
Lost Player/Pass replacements		\$ 25.00	\$25.00
League Guest Player fee/Transfer Team Fee		\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00
CSV Upload Fee		\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00

II. Team Commitment Fees:

- \$125 per team

Note: This fee is refundable if a team withdraws before Feb 28th when final placements are posted.

III. Team Withdrawal Fines

- The team commitment fee as determined by the CDYSL league will NOT be refunded if team withdrawal occurs after March 1, of the current Spring season.

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- Active and/or Reactivated Waitlisted Teams withdrawn after March 1st will forfeit their team commitment fee and be assessed an additional \$250
- Teams withdrawn after April 1st will forfeit their team commitment fee and be assessed an additional \$500

IV. Referee Fees for League Games:

Each coach is responsible for payment of half of the referee fee(s) before the start of the game. Games for 14U, 16U, 17U & 18/19U Boys/Girls in Div. 1 & 2 will be assigned 3 referees where possible

Age Group	Referee Fees 2020-2022	Ref Fees 22/23	Asst. Referee Fees 2020-2022	Asst. Referee Fees 2022/2023
U17/18/19*	\$84	\$85	\$43	\$49
U15/16	\$74	\$75	\$38	\$39
U13/14	\$59	\$60	\$31	\$32
U11/12	\$49	\$50	\$26	\$27
U9/10	\$46	\$47	\$24	\$25
U7/8**	\$34 x 2 (see note)	\$35 x 2 (see note)	N/A	

* 3 man referee assignments for Div. 1 and 2 14U through 19U when possible.

**Note: CDYSL U8 games use the dual field method. CDYSL recommends each of the 4 vs. 4 games be refereed by referees with a minimum of Grade 9 classification will be scheduled.

V. Game Rescheduling Fees:

The following chart summarizes the fees and fines structure based upon the time requests are submitted and whether or not games are actually played:

Time Frame	Reason	Fee
3 days or less prior to the scheduled game	Any	\$100 plus referee fees
4-10 days prior to scheduled game	Any	\$50 no referee fees
11 days or more prior to scheduled games	Any	\$20 no referee fee
	Weather cancellation	No charge
On field weather cancellation by referee	Any game that is cancelled on the field by the referee	No charge (teams will be responsible for 1/2 of the referee fee)
Schedule a game that is TBR'd for any reason other than a weather delay	Any	\$20 no referee fee
All Forfeits/No Shows	Any	\$100 plus referee fees if 3 days or less to the scheduled game

***A MINIMUM OF 7 BUSINESS DAYS MUST BE GIVEN FROM THE DATE OF THE RESCHEDULING REQUEST AND THE PROPOSED DATE OF THE NEW GAME.**

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Exceptions:

Cancelled due to Weather/Field Closure ** If CDYS is notified – see below	None	\$0	Yes	\$0	\$0	No Contest
Cancelled due to Weather/Field Closure **When CDYS is NOT notified	Half Fees by Home Team	\$0	Yes	\$0	\$0	No Contest
No Show to Game	Full	\$100	No	N/A	N/A	Forfeit

** Note: Referee fees are only waived for Weather and Field Closures IF CDYSL is contacted prior to game time according to the field closure guidelines posted on the website and in the coach's guide under Referee Compensation. Failure to contact CDYSL will result in HOME team being charged half the referee fees for the game

Guidelines for Submitting a Request to Reschedule:

- All requests to reschedule games must be submitted via the on-line rescheduling form.
- With the exception of requests submitted for weather related postponements. The new date/time location should be agreed to by the opposing coach BEFORE submitting the request (times must follow CDYSL time slot guidelines, reasons for rescheduling must follow current acceptable guidelines – see website and Coaches Guide for more information)

VI. Failure to file a Game Report Fines

- Both teams have an obligation to make sure game reports are filed and confirmed on-line within 4 days after a game is scheduled to be played. After 4 days, scores will be locked and teams must contact the league office to report scores and/or verify game status.
NOTE: Even though 08U, 10U and 19U games are non-result oriented, teams are expected to file game reports to verify that the game was played and to report problems
- If neither team reports the game score and/or verify game status to CDYSL (including games played in NRO divisions) within 10 days of the scheduled game date BOTH teams will be fined \$5 for failure to file a game report
- Final determination of scores for standings (forfeit vs. no play) will be decided after a Game Committee review.

VII. Failure of Club to Contact CDYSL regarding Field Closings:

- \$50 plus ½ Referee fees for 1st game(s) - May also result in game forfeiture fines
 1. Failure to comply with League/State/National rules:
 - a. Forfeit(s) will be charged to offending team for each game where rules have not been abided
 - b. \$50 fine per offense.

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Appendix C:

Coaching and Refereeing License Program

The League, upon request, will provide for Coaching Clinics and Referee Clinics, and will assist member clubs in sponsoring activities aimed at promoting or improving soccer in our communities.

The CDYSL in cooperation with ENYYSA and the Eastern New York State referee Association (ENYSRA) will offer courses for people wishing to gain a Coaching License and/or a Referee License. The fee for the License course will be paid by the candidates.

Coaching Licenses:

ENYYSA offers licenses, which can be earned by attending courses offered by the State Coaching Staff.

Levels of licenses offered at the State level are as follows:

TYPE OF LICENSE	DURATION	
4v4 Grassroots in person	4 hours	2 hours classroom and 2 hours field
7v7 Grassroots in person	4 hours	2 hours classroom and 2 hours field
9v9 Grassroots in person	4 hours	2 hours classroom and 2 hours field
11v11 Grassroots in person	4 hours	2 hours classroom and 2 hours field

(Before you can register for any of the following Grassroot Courses listed below, you must take the free 20 minute introductory on-line course.)

(There are 2 hour on-line versions of all the above courses)

D License 2 course meetings separated by a month long developmental period.

National C 2 course meetings separated by a 4-6 week developmental period

The Grassroot Courses can be taken in any order. However, in order to take the D license course you need to take 2 Grassroot courses, one of which must be the 11v11 Grassroots course and one of the 2 hour on-line Grassroot courses.

For more information on coaching education go on the CDYSL website and click on the [Coaches Tab](#), click on [Coaching Education](#), click on [License Information](#).

To receive a license, a candidate must attend all of the course sessions and must meet the course requirements.

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A club or group wishing to sponsor a Coaching Course, or needing more details, should contact the CDYSL Office.

B. CDYSL Coach Licenses:

The director of coaching education for the CDYSL, with the approval of the Executive Board has developed a CDYSL curriculum for the CDYSL Level I and Level II coaching licenses that are similar to the other nationally recognized certifications. The Level I will be a nine (9) hour course and the Level II will be an eighteen (18) hour course. The curriculum is similar in content to the ENYYSA certification courses but will be customized to fit the needs of the CDYSL coaches. In addition, the courses will be significantly less costly than those presently given by Eastern New York and will fulfill the coaching requirement that CDYSL has for all head coaches.

Coaches should be aware that CDYSL Level I and Level II licenses will not be accepted by Eastern New York or any other USYSA State Associations as a prerequisite for taking a higher level coaching course. Therefore, if it is the intention of a coach to progress through the ENY certification, it is not recommended that these courses be taken.

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Appendix D1:

08U and 10U Rules;

USYSA Modified Playing Rules for CDYSL League Play

Special League Rules for 08U/10U

U08 Playing Rules and Related League Rules

U08 Playing Rules employ the dual sided games format

Summary:

- 4 vs. 4 play
- No goalkeepers
- Small fields, small goals, as per USYSA
- “Dual-Field” method
- Maximum Roster size: 14
- Minimum Roster Size: 10
- Games scheduled between pairs of clubs
- Four (4) 12 minute quarters of play
- Roster split into two squads on game day
- Referees should be certified referees, at least for the 05 season

Fields:

- 40-50 yards x 20-30 yards, as specified by USYSA
- **CDYSL recommends that clubs use fields smaller than the maximum**
- The best approach is to lay these out inside full sized fields in a manner similar to that outlined in the accompanying sketch
- Markings:
 - Distinctive lines not more than five (5) inches wide
 - A halfway line shall be marked out across the field
 - A center circle with five (5) yards radius – this lining is not essential

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- o Four corner arcs each with a two (2) foot radius – this lining is not essential
- o Goal area: Three (3) yards from each goal post and three (3) yards into the field of play joined by a line drawn parallel with the goal line; or a semi-circle of four (4) yards radius from the goal line centered in the goal

Goals:

CDYSL strongly recommends the six (6) foot wide popup style goals (hockey sized, or the Pugg Goals provided by the league via its August 2004 purchase program). The USYSA limit in goal size is 6'x18' for U08 play, but USYSA recommends using the smaller sized goals. CDYSL clubs wishing to use goals larger than the recommended 6' popup style should request this on the fields commitment form submitted in January. Goals also need not be commercially available goals. Flags or cones could also be used.

Ball:

Size 3

Rules of Play:

- 4 vs. 4 play, no goalkeeper
- Dual Field method.
 - o Each team's roster is split in half on game day, into two groups/squads balanced for skill; different splits are used on different game days.
 - o Two quarters play for squads 1 vs. 1, and 2 vs. 2 and the second half would be two more quarters of play for squads 1 vs. 2 and 2 vs. 1
- If, on game day, fewer than 10 players on one team are available for a match, then coaches, at their discretion, may switch play to 3 vs. 3, or limit play to one 4 vs. 4 game, and/or reassign players from one club's team to the other so that playing time can be balanced. Coaches are encouraged to be extremely flexible on player assignment and style of play when one or both teams are short on players. Coaches should favor positive participation experiences over competitive advantages.
- Substitutions: Anytime ball is out of play with the permission of the Referee or Game Official.
- Playing time: Each player SHALL play a minimum of 50% of the total playing time.
- Team and games may be coed

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- Four (4) Twelve (12) minute quarters – Two (2) minute breaks for quarters, Five (5) minutes for halftime.
- No overtime periods.
- Standard game rules, with the following emphases:
 - There is no offside in small-sided games
 - Fouls and Misconduct: Conform to FIFA with the following exception:
 - A. All fouls shall result in an indirect free kick with opponent five (5) yards away
 - B. The referee or game manager must explain ALL infractions to offending player
 - Free Kicks: Conform to FIFA with the following exception:
 - A. All free kicks will be indirect
 - B. Opponents must be five (5) yards away
 - Penalty Kicks: There are no Penalty Kicks in small-sided games.
 - Throw-In: An improperly executed throw-in can be redone, once. Referee and/or coach should provide guidance on the redo of the throw-in.
 - Goal Kick: Conform to FIFA with the following exceptions:
 - A. Goal kick may be taken anywhere within the goal area
 - B. Opponents must be five (5) yards away from the ball
 - Corner Kick: Conform to FIFA with the following exceptions:
 - A. Opponents must be five (5) yards away from the ball
 - B. Corner Kicks are Indirect Free Kicks
 - Goaltending is not permitted. Defensive players may not occupy the goal box area without actively marking an offensive player.

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Players Equipment: Conform to FIFA, in addition:

- Footwear: Tennis shoes or soft-cleated soccer shoes are permitted
- Shin guards are mandatory

Referee:

- With the dual field method, two game officials will be required
- CDYSL may employ certified referees for 08U play (recommended for the initial 2005 season). CDYSL will strive to use Grade 9 certified referees for U08 games. However, a game manager style of refereeing may be used when necessary, or in future years, as recommended by USYSA.

Awards:

- 4 vs. 4 08U league play is Non-Result-Oriented
- Season participation awards for all
- Standings are not posted
- Game score records may be kept by CDYSL to help evaluate the placement process and team rostering practices employed by clubs

Roster size:

- Maximum roster size is fourteen (14), so that seven (7) players each can be assigned to the two squads
- Minimum roster size is ten (10)

Dual Field Method, additional procedures:

- Two (2) games will take place between the pairs of squads, on adjacent fields, if possible (see sketch)
- Players cannot shuttle back and forth between adjacent games, but some flexibility in player assignment to squads is afforded by the option to switch to 3 vs. 3 or one 4 vs. 4 field as described above when game attendance is low for one or both teams.
- Coaches/players are located in between the two fields, parents on the sides, but not behind end lines.

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CDYSL Scheduling:

- Each game night, teams from two clubs would be scheduled to play either home or away against only one opponent club.
- Clubs must have enough pairs of fields (dual fields) to cover games for half the number of 08U teams the club registers. This is not a change from pre-existing procedures where, for example, a club that registers four (4) U08 teams would be expected to provide fields for two (2) teams on a given game night (the other two would be scheduled away).

Team Composition:

- U08 teams are not permitted to play up into older age divisions
- Clubs from teams according to age/experience criteria
 - a. An “experienced” team would be composed of at least 70% players with 08U club soccer playing experience in the prior year(s) or 80% players who are true 08U (not 07U or 06U). Such teams could ask to be placed in “Experienced” divisions. On a 14-player roster, 70% is ten (10) players and 80% is eleven (11) players.
 - b. An “inexperienced” team would be all those not covered above in “A”, and would play in geographically arranged divisions.
- Clubs that have enough players for multiple U08 teams should not compose “A”, “B”, etc. level teams based on skill level. Assignment to one of multiple teams within a club should not be based on tryouts. Instead, age/experience criteria are to be employed. Multiple “experienced” teams within a club should be created randomly, without regard to skill.
- Clubs may still need to employ tryouts to determine acceptance to the age group when the roster limits result in an excess of players. However, following the above language, these tryouts are to be used for team assignments, once it is determined that a player will be assigned to travel teams within the club. Clubs are strongly encouraged to recruit adequate numbers of players so that none need to be turned away.

CDYSL Divisional Placements:

- Two types of divisions will be created, Experienced and Geographic.

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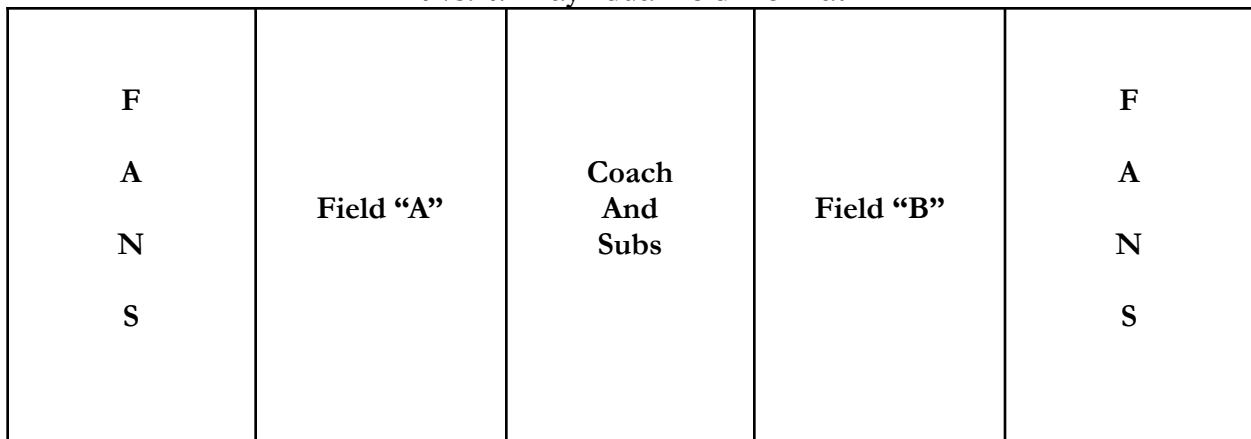
- Experienced divisions will be comprised of “Experienced” teams as defined above.
- Within Experienced divisions, CDYSL will also attempt placement of teams into geographical alignments.
- Inexperienced teams will be placed into geographical divisions with other inexperienced teams.
- Team placement forms will be required. A special form will be used for U08 divisions. Rosters should be attached to placement forms since the definition of experienced/inexperienced teams is based on roster makeup.

Changing USYSA Rules/Recommendations for small-sided games:

- USYSA has produced a series of recent changes in its rules/recommendations for small-sided game play. CDYSL shall flexibly accommodate any new rules changes from USYSA/ENY. The Games committee and the Rules committee are permitted to adopt any new USYSA rules/recommendations without full league review/approval, unless:
 1. The core 4 vs. 4, dual field method is changed, or
 2. Team composition procedures or roster limits are proposed to change

The following diagrams outline the recommended method of laying out fields for the “dual field method”

HOW TO DO IT 4 vs. 4: Play “dual field” format



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10U Modified Playing Rules and Related League Rules

10U Rules are FIFA Game Rules with the following exceptions, modifications, and additional specifications:

1. Field Dimensions are as follows:
 - a. 70-80 yards long and 40-50 yards wide
 - b. Penalty Mark Distance is 12 yards
 - c. Center Circle is 8 yards
 - d. Penalty Area is scaled to be appropriate for the field size used, maximum of 18 yards deep
 - e. Goal Box is scaled to be appropriate for the field size used, maximum of 6 yards deep.
- 2.. Goals are a maximum of 6 1/2 feet high by 18 feet wide.
 - a. CDYSL may allow exceptions to specified field and goal size if the exceptions are stated on the Field Commitment Form. Exceptions shall be determined by the Games Committee.
 - b. A size number 4 ball shall be used for U10's.
 - c. The maximum number of players on the field at any one time is seven, one of whom may be a goalie. A minimum of four players is needed to play a game.
 - d. The maximum number of players on the roster should not exceed 14. Minimum roster size is seven.
 - e. For U10's, direct and indirect kicks are awarded and opponents must be eight yards away before the kick will be allowed.
 - f. The office rule will be enforced.
 - g. For corner kicks, opponents must be ten (10) yards away from the ball.
 - h. Some seeded 10U divisions may be created as long as a 10U State Cup competition is sponsored by Eastern New York Youth Soccer Association. Clubs may also form teams with tryouts and examination of skill level as long as 10U State Cup play is sponsored by ENYYSA.
 - i. No heading of the ball, result is an indirect kick.

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- j. No drop kicks or punts from the goalie
- k. Use of the build out line for all goal kicks and goalie possessions.
- l. A goalie may throw the ball, drop, and dribble or kick the ball
- m. Goal kicks cannot be played by the defense until it has been touched twice.
- n. Awards:
 - 1. 10U league play is Non-Result-Oriented
 - 2. Season participation awards for all
 - 3. Standings are not posted
 - 4. Game score records may be kept by CDYSL to help evaluate the placement process and team rostering practices employed by clubs.

Appendix D2:

*12U Rules;
USYSA Modified Playing Rules for CDYSL League Play
Special League Rules for 12U*

Number of Field Players:

9 vs. 9 including goalkeeper

Field Size:

Fields are recommended to be 70-80 yards long x 45-55 yards wide according to USYSA and Region I rules. For 2009 CDYSL will continue to allow clubs to use the same fields that U10 teams use or modify full-size fields in a manner that makes lining simple (this latter option is preferred – perhaps play between the 18U's).

Goal Size:

In 2009, CDYSL will permit clubs to use whatever goal sizes work best for their fields, USYSA mandates 7' x 21'. Note that teams that host the State Cup may be bound to an explicit size, once ENY rules for 8 vs. 8 U12 State Cup play come out.

Rules of Play:

Standard CDYSL/FIFA rules apply. U11 no heading.

Length of Game:

Play will consist of two (2) thirty (30) minute halves.

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Roster Size:

- a. CDYSL will permit roster sizes of sixteen (16) for league play. Minimum size of seven (7) players.
- b. Roster sizes for teams entering 8 vs. 8 State Cup competitions are limited to the Region I limit of fourteen (14) players.

Team Placement:

Based on seeded divisions (including some geographic).

Tryouts:

Permit clubs to form teams based on tryouts in the same manner as in the recent past.

Awards/Standings:

Trophies will be awarded to 1st and 2nd place teams in each division. Guidelines for the determination of final team standings are recommended by the Games Committee and will be posted on the CDYSL website prior to the start of the league season.

Ball Size:

Size four (4) ball.