

SYSA LEAGUE GUIDELINES

Match Procedures:

- **Running up Score** - In the recreational league, we do not run up the score in any way on an opposing team. (4 to 6 score differential should be the maximum). If you see that the strengths of the team are not matched well and the game is getting out of hand then the coach of the stronger team should take action. Switch players around in positions (put stronger players on defense, in goal or sitting out). Set limits on your players that they only score after 3 or 5 consecutive passes. Players can only score with their weak foot, from a distance, etc.
- **Equal Playing Time** - It is the coach's responsibility to ensure that throughout the season all players receive playing time regardless of skill level or attendance at practices.
- **Rotating of Players** - It is a requirement in SYSA that players be rotated amongst all positions. In no way should one player be seen playing elusively in goal, as a defender or as an offensive player. Players must be rotated even in and out as goalies.
- **Scorekeeping** - WE DO NOT KEEP SCORE OR RECORDS!! We know that some will keep score in their heads but we do not foster this and encourage all coaches to share with their players the idea that we are here to have fun, develop our soccer skills and play games as good sports.
- **Sportsmanship** - Coaches and the parents are responsible for good sportsmanship of themselves and their players. Have players shake hands (and the hands of the referees) at the end of the match.
- **Coaching and Spectator Area** - No coach is allowed to be on the field of play during the game. We have had many reports over the season of coaches (particularly U6 and U7) being on the field while the game is in progress. This is not permitted. Coaches are to remain off the field unless the referee signals to the coach that they may enter the field of play. All parents and coaches shall remain between the 18 yard lines and 5 feet from the touchline. NO ONE IS ALLOWED TO WATCH FROM BEHIND THE GOAL LINE OR NEAR THE GOAL.
- **Sideline Behavior** - SYSA monitors sideline negative behavior when it is reported by parents, coaches or referees. Remind your parents that it is everyone's responsibility to set a good example. Cheer whenever any child makes a good play from either team. Remind the spectators that they need to let the coaches coach and that they are there to POSITIVELY support the team and the players, as well as, the referees.
- **Canceling and Rescheduling of Matches** - Coaches are NOT permitted to cancel or reschedule game on their own. Coaches will occasionally have conflicts and miss a game, get an assistant coach or parent to take over for you. (Each match may have 24 children, 48 parents and 3 referees involved - we can't reschedule events to accommodate one coach.) If you don't expect to field a team - 1.) Share players, the team with more players provide a different player each quarter to the other team. 2.) Each team play down a player 7v7 goes to 6v6
- **Addressing Referees** - No coach or parent shall address a referee during the match to challenge call or "inform the referee of the rules."