

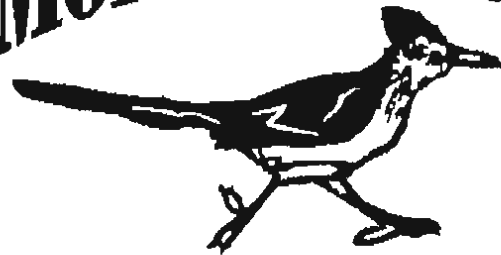
**MORONGO  
BASIN  
YOUTH SOCCER  
ASSOCIATION**

**RULES AND  
REGULATIONS**

**(With FIFA  
Explanation)**

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These Rules and Procedures are established, reviewed and published at intervals by the MBYSA Board of Directors, and are subject to change by the Board of Directors. Unless otherwise specified, changes in these rules shall take effect May 17, 2015.

## RULE 1-REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

A. Age Division Classifications: Age division classifications shall be comprised of players who have not exceeded the age requirement of the division as designated by CYSA-S.

B. Seasonal Year: The Seasonal Year shall begin on September 1<sup>st</sup> and shall end on August 31<sup>st</sup> of the following calendar year as established by the United States Soccer Federation (USSF).

C. Proof of Age: Proof of Age shall consist of a birth certificate; a Uniformed Services Identification and Privilege Card (DD Form 1173); issued by the Uniformed Services of the United States; birth registration issued by an appropriate government agency; board of health records; passport; alien registration card issued by the United States government; a certificate issued by the Immigration and Naturalization Service attesting to age; or a certification of an American citizen born abroad issued by the appropriate government agency. Hospital, baptismal, or religious certificates will not be accepted. (USSF Rule 4033.1)

1. Reproductions or photocopies of documents, that are not certified "true copy" by the issuing governmental agency, will not be accepted.

2. The Board of Directors of any affiliated league or of CYSA-S may request proof of age to be established. Copies of the written request must also be directed to the Board of Directors (CYSA-S) and to the appropriate league or other administrative authority. Proof of age shall be presented within forty-eight hours following the presentation of such request.

3. Failure to respond to such request shall result in the immediate suspension of the player involved and forfeiture of all league games in which that player participated.

D. The Registrar is responsible for assuring the eligibility of players on teams within the region. A player must present a birth certificate, or other certified legal proof of age (see Rule 1 C), to the MBYSA Registrar or league appointed member, upon request.

E. A player becomes officially registered for seasonal play only after complete payment of the required registration fee (on or before the last registration date), verification of age (as per rule 1, section C.), and acceptance of registration form by the Registrar or any member appointed by the league. Players registered by anyone other than the MBYSA Registrar or league appointed member, will not be considered valid and will not be assigned to a team.

F. A player may request to play one (1) birth year division up, providing there is availability in the requested division, but no more than one (1) birth year division. Any player that is required, by age, to play in a division by the registration cutoff date takes priority over a move-up

player. The registration form of any player desiring to do so must state this intention and indicate parental or guardian approval to do so. The appropriate associated CALSOUTH form will also be required to be completed and submitted for approval to the MBYSA Executive board and CALSCOUTH representative before the move will be considered approved and valid.

- G. No refunds shall be awarded unless the player's family unexpectedly receives military orders to move out of the geographical area or due to other special circumstances that forces any other family to relocate. The refund will include the registration fee, less the current Cal-South fee, and the cost of the uniform for the current season. After uniforms are ordered all league-incurred costs will also be deducted from the refund amount.
- H. A player may only be registered to one Cal South team at any given time during the current season. Example: A player cannot play for a club team and a recreation team concurrently.

RULE 2 - TRANSFER OF PLAYER

- A. The Registrar may transfer a player or players from one team to another within the division after all the following conditions have been met, prior to the first league games:
1. Direct player exchange or a vacancy exists.
  2. Approval in writing from both head coaches.
  3. Approval in writing by the MBYSA President
  4. Approval in writing by the parent or guardian of both players.
  5. All transfers are subject to payment in full of all applicable CYSA and MBYSA fees before the transfer is finalized.
  6. All documentation of all transferred players will be become part of the Registrar's permanent draft record.
- B. Conditions regarding Rule 2(A) may be superseded or amended by CYSA-S.

### RULE 3 - TEAM POLICIES

- A. Team names shall bear no resemblance to religion or ethnicity, and all team names shall be subject to review by the MBYSA Board of Directors.
  
- B. Teams shall participate only in games or scrimmages with teams sanctioned by MBYSA that are affiliated with CALSOUTH. All requests will be made in writing to the MBYSA President and Director of Coaches. Together, the President and Director of Coaches will decide if approval is granted. If either the President or the Director of Coaches is unavailable, the decision will be made by an appointed board member. Any violation of this rule by any coach shall subject themselves to a disciplinary board and be deemed a coach NOT in good standing with the League. (See Rule 9-L)
  
- C. Teams in the U-18 Division shall have a maximum of eighteen (18) and a minimum of seven (7) registered players at any one time. Teams in the U-12 through U-14 Divisions shall have a maximum of fifteen (15) and a minimum of nine (9) registered players at any one time. Teams in the U-10 Division shall have a maximum of twelve (12) and a minimum of eight (8) registered players at any one time. Teams in the U-8 Division shall have a maximum of ten (10) and a minimum of six (6) registered players at any one time. Teams in the U-6 Division shall have a maximum of eight (8) and a minimum of four (4) registered players at any one time.
  
- D. Every effort will be made to balance team's talent and experiences in all competitive divisions (U-10 through U-18).
  
- E. Team retention of players shall be limited to a maximum of three (3) players in all divisions, except U-6 and U-8. The head coach's and 'registered' assistant coach's child must be included in the three, or the child will not be allowed on any team. In all competitive division, any retained player must have a signed permission slip from a parent or guardian before or on draft day in order to play on the requesting coach's team. In the U-6 and U-8 divisions, retained players are limited to head coach and parent's / guardian's request if space is available on requested coach's team.
  
- F. For all competitive divisions, a returning head coach may retain players from his/her previous fall season's team. This applies for returning head coaches that move up to the next division. Assistant Coaches may not retain any players from previous season. Rule E in its entirety still applies in regards to retention.
  
- G. Head coaches may have two administrators during practices and they have to be registered and Live-Scanned through MBYSA. MBYSA recognizes a Head Coach and one Assistant Coach during games (maximum two coaches per sideline). All head coaches, assistant coaches, or any volunteer that

will be on the field during any league supported practice time, game, or event MUST have a valid live scan through MBYSA. Any coach (head or assistant) that is coaching in any competitive division (U-10 and above) must at least have an E-license and be in possession of their MBYSA ADMIN card.

- H. The Board of Directors shall determine and organize the field preparation and the distribution of equipment.
- I. For all competitive divisions, ONE trade will only be allowed during team picks for the division of the respective players involved. If a Head Coach or the 'registered' Assistant Coach is not present, trades will be allowed only with the written consent or waiver of the Head Coach authorizing a trade overseen by the coach selected Board Member.
- J. Players shall only play with their assigned team during the course of the MBYSA regular season.
- K. In the event that a player's team participates in a tournament during the regular season, and player elects to compete, he/she must compete with his/her assigned MBYSA team. Regular season extends from first league game to the completion of Commissioner's Cup.
- L. A sponsor has the right to sponsor a player or coach and their team. In the case of more sponsors for that division than there are teams, it will be a first paid - first served basis.



## RULE 4 - FIELD OF PLAY

- A. The field of play, dimensions, arcing, goal area, penalty area, corners and goals will be in accordance with CYSA-S standards for competition.

| Age Group   | Length (yards) | Width (yards) | Goal Box (yards)  | Penalty Box (yards)   | Center Circle (yd) | Goals (feet)        |
|-------------|----------------|---------------|---|---|--------------------|---------------------|
| U6          | 20-30          | 15-20         | No goal box   | No penalty box  | 3 yard radius      | 4' high<br>6' wide  |
| U8          | 40-50          | 20-30         | 3 yards from each goal post<br>3 yards into field of play | No penalty box  | 5 yard radius      | 4' high<br>6' wide  |
| U10         | 70-80          | 40-50         | 6 yards from each goal post<br>6 yards into field of play | 14 yards from each goal post<br>14 yards into field of play | 8 yard radius      | 7' high<br>21' wide |
| U12-<br>U18 | 100-130        | 45-90         | 6 yards from each goal post<br>6 yards into field of play | 18 yards from each goal post<br>18 yards into field of play | 10 yard radius     | 8' high<br>24' wide |

3. Goal area. Two lines are drawn at right angles to the goal line 5.5 meters (six yards) from the inside of each goalpost. These lines extend into the field of play for 5.5 meters (six yards) and joined by a line drawn parallel with the goal line. The area bounded by these lines and the goal line is the goal area.

- B. On open fields where most youth games are played, fields shall be marked with a spectator control line at least three (3) feet from the touchlines. All spectators are required to remain behind the line (when marked) during league games.
- C. Spectators will not be permitted behind the goal lines or the goal. Photographers, with the Referee's authorization, may do so provided they remain quiet and sufficiently back from the goal line. At no time shall any photographer be on the coaches / players sideline.
- D. A coaches' area extending ten yards on each side of the halfway line shall be marked by two lines off the field of play and perpendicular to the touch line. Where possible, the coaches' area shall include two additional lines, with one line parallel to and at least one yard from the touch line, and a second parallel line no more than three yards from the touch line.
- E. This rule applies to U-8 through U-18. Teams and coaches will be on one sideline and spectators will be on the opposite sideline.

1. The division of the two teams shall be the centerline with a ten yard clear zone between the team and the centerline.

2. Coaches must stay within ten yards on either side of the centerline.
3. The respective spectators shall use the opposite side of the field adjacent to the side of the team of interest. Spectators from opposing teams should not have to sit together. Spectators may sit together if desired.
4. There shall be no more than two registered, live scanned coaches, which possess the appropriate license, on thei~~r~~ sideline at any time.
5. There shall not be any family members of the coach or player on the sideline during any game. This includes parents, grandparents, siblings, uncles, aunts or other family representative.

RULE 5 - DURATION OF GAME & BALL SIZE

A. Duration of the games and authorized ball size are as follows:

| Division | Maximum Duration<br>of two equal<br>Halves | Ball<br>Size | Ball Circumference | Ball Weight |
|----------|--|--------------|--------------------|-------------|
| Under 6  | 18 minutes                                 | 3            | 23"- 24"           | 10-12 oz    |
| Under 8  | 20 minutes                                 | 3            | 23"- 24"           | 10-12 oz    |
| Under 10 | 25 minutes                                 | 4            | 25"- 26"           | 12-14 oz    |
| Under 12 | 30 minutes                                 | 4            | 25"- 26"           | 12-14 oz    |
| Under 14 | 35 minutes                                 | 5            | 27"- 28"           | 14-16 oz    |
| Under 18 | 40 minutes                                 | 5            | 27"- 28"           | 14-16 oz    |

B. Halftime for non-competitive divisions (U6 and U8) shall be five (5) minutes in length and for competitive divisions (U-10 through U-18), half-time shall be ten (10) minutes in length.

C. The need of an extended halftime will be at the discretion of the Head Referee when there is a medical situation that requires more time to care for the injured person(s). Head injuries, broken or dislocated bones, and waiting for emergency medical services to arrive are some examples of but not limited to situations that may cause halftime being extended.

## RULE 6 - PROPER ATTIRE

- A. In order to compete in any MBYSA sanctioned game, a player must be dressed in the MBYSA issued uniform (jersey, shorts, socks), and shin guards. All players' jerseys will be tucked into the shorts. In the event a jersey becomes un-tucked during the match the player will make an effort to tuck the jersey back in. It is prohibited to "roll" the waistband of the shorts or to alter the length of the shorts in anyway.
- B. Shin guards are mandatory by CYSA-S and shoes that possess cleats are highly recommended in all competition games and practices.
- C. Sneakers, tennis shoes and shoes that possess cleats that comply with **FIFA LAW IV** (The Player's Equipment) will be permitted.
- D. Players will not be allowed to practice or participate in games wearing any type of cast, splint. Any jewelry to include ear rings, body piercings, rings, bracelets, anklets, Dermal jewelry, nose rings or nose studs are strictly prohibited. Any player refusing to remove all unauthorized jewelry will not be allowed to participate in the match until the jewelry is removed. The use of tape to cover any type of jewelry is prohibited. **(FIFA LAW IV - The Player's Equipment A player must not use equipment or wear anything that is dangerous to himself or another player (including any kind of jewelry; using tape to cover jewelry is not acceptable.**
- E. Kneepads, headbands, and approved headgear are permissible, but no other type of additional equipment may be worn.
- F. During cold weather, long sleeved shirts and pants may be worn underneath the uniform. The extra clothing shall be black or the same color as the players' jersey. A "beanie" shall be authorized if black in color and not possess any logo, unless specifically authorized by the MBYSA President. The Director of Referees or Executive Board members have the authority for final approval of wear for any cold weather clothing. Players may wear gloves.
- G. Any player may wear a protective mouthpiece during game play.
- H. As a player, coach, or referee, you are a representative of MBYSA and are expected to dress appropriately during any Cal-South or league sanctioned event, including all practices, games, and picture day. There shall not be the wearing of any revealing or improper fitting clothing. This would include but not limited to the display of the mid-riff section of any person, the display of the lower back or buttocks of any person, the wearing of shorts, trousers, jeans sweatpants, below the appropriate waistline constitutes improper wear. The display of any undergarments shall also be considered inappropriate attire at all times. If the Board of Directors determines that you are in violation of this rule you will be asked to make any necessary changes to your attire. If any player, coach, or referee refuses to comply with this request, they will be asked to leave and the incident will be reviewed by the disciplinary committee to decide if any further action should be taken.

- I. All head coaches are required to wear the MBYSA issued coaches' jersey during all games sanctioned by MBYSA, District 5, or Cal-South. In the absence of the head coach, the assistant coach must comply with this rule as the primary coach. Non-compliance may result in point reductions in team standings, ineligibility to coach the following season, or other disciplinary actions determined by a disciplinary committee.

## RULE 7 - COMPETITION GUIDELINES

- A. Four (4) teams per division shall constitute the minimum required for league competition, at the discretion of the MBYSA Board of Directors. Two age divisions may be combined if not enough registrations are available in specific divisions.
  - B. Under 18 players must adhere to the following during the regular season:
    - 1. Each player shall have an ID card prior to 1 September of current season. This card must be signed and depict a current photograph, be laminated by the MBYSA Registrar.
    - 2. No card - No play - No exception.
  - C. It will be mandatory for all divisions to play the league scheduled games, unless a valid reason for postponement is submitted no less than two (2) weeks before the regular scheduled game to the respective MBYSA President. There will be discussion with the District coordinator regarding U-18 postponement issues.
  - D. If the President determines that there is a valid reason to reschedule any game the requesting coach must inform the opposing coach immediately and choose a new date which is convenient for both teams and the league (coaches, Director of Referees, and the President must agree). Process:
    - 1. Requesting coach receives approval from the MBYSA President.
    - 2. Upon approval, requesting coach works with opposing coach to determine time and location.
    - 3. Coaches receive final approval from Director of Referees and MBYSA President.
- EXCEPTION:** Inclement weather, as decided by the Head Referee and approved by MBYSA President.
- E. Postponed games may be rescheduled by authority of the MBYSA President.
  - F. Forfeiture of a scheduled game shall result if a team is not able to field the minimum amount of registered players as described in Rule 7(J), by game time, or with fifteen (15) minutes grace time. Offended team shall be awarded the game by the score of 1-0 forfeit and three (3) points awarded to the standings.
  - G. League champions shall be determined using an equal number of games played against each opponent. Any additional games scheduled by MBYSA shall not count toward the determination of league champion and shall be scheduled before games that do count. The World Cup scoring system will be used. This will consist of three (3) points for a win, one (1) point

for a tie, and zero (0) points for a loss. The team with the most points will win the division. This rule pertains to all competitive divisions (U-10 thru U-14). The U-18 division will follow the guidance from the District coordinator.

- H. In the event of a tie for 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> place, the first tiebreaker will be the head-to-head record between the teams involved. The second tiebreaker will be fewer goals allowed by each team during the season. The third tiebreaker will be based on the aggregate score between the tied teams.
- I. All-star players shall compete only in the division in which they are registered in during the regular season, with exception of those players in combined age divisions.
- J. In all divisions, if any team is unable to field a full team on game day due to league roster error, the opposing team will play an equal number of players in order to maintain a competitive balance. This does NOT include absence due to sickness, vacation, etc.
- K. In the U-12 through U-18 Divisions, there will be a maximum of eleven (11) registered players and a minimum of seven (7) registered players on the field at any one time.
- L. In the U-10 Division, there will be a maximum of eight (8) registered players and a minimum of six (6) registered players on the field at any one time.
- M. In the U-8 Division, there will be a maximum of six (6) and a minimum of four (4) registered players on the field at any one time.
- N. In the U-6 Division, there shall be a maximum of four (4) and a minimum of three (3) registered players on the field at all times.

## RULE 8 - GAME OFFICIALS (REFEREES/ASSISTANT REFEREES)

- A. The Director of Referees shall assign game Officials (Referees/Assistant Referees) for regional (tournament) competition and MBYSA sanctioned regularly scheduled matches. No official shall be assigned for a game when a written conflict of interest has been brought to the attention of the Director of Referees. Conflict of Interest may be decided by a 2/3 in favor of vote among the 5 executive board members (3 of 5 members must vote that a conflict exists).
- B. Game Officials shall be responsible for upholding FIFA "Laws of the Game", CYSA-S and MBYSA Rules and Regulations.
- C. Game Officials shall be at game location no later than fifteen (15) minutes before game time.
- D. Game Officials shall inspect the field and players in accordance with FIFA Laws I & IV (Field of Play & the Player's Equipment. The basic compulsory equipment of a player comprises the following separate items: a jersey or shirt with sleeves - if undergarments are worn, the color of the sleeve must be the same main color as the sleeve of the jersey or shirt shorts - if undershorts or tights are worn, they must be of the same main color as the shorts socks - if tape or similar material is applied externally it must be the same color as that part of the stocking it is applied to shin guards are covered entirely by the stockings and are made of rubber, plastic or a similar suitable material provide a reasonable degree of protection and footwear), as modified by MBYSA Rules and Regulations.
- E. Game Officials shall ensure that game cards are properly completed, to include a coach's signature, report of violations, misconduct, warnings, or coach ejections and red/yellow cards, before the cards are given to the Director of Coaches at the end of each game.
- F. Game Officials and Head coaches shall maintain time, record scoring, handle disciplinary action administered (cautions), and comply with Rule 11 regarding the ejection of players, coaches or spectators.
- G. Game Officials shall enforce substitution requirements outlined in Rule 10. The Referee's authority shall permit entry onto the field only. The Referee shall acknowledge Rule 9(G) (injured player signal). Referee may honor a Coach's request for injury stoppage in the event a Referee/Official is not aware of an injury.
- H. At half time, Game Officials shall have the option to converse with coaches regarding the game.



- I. The minimum age of a referee shall be 12 years old for U-6 through U-8. The minimum age of a referee for U-10 through U-18 shall be 15 years of age with at least a minimum of one (1) year of experience as a referee. The recommended age of a referee for U-18 shall be 18 years of age although the age of 15 may be accepted upon approval of the Director of Referees and Director of Coaches. The referee shall have reached this required minimum age before the first day of scheduled games for each season.

## RULE 9 - COACH GUIDELINES & RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. The head coach shall ensure that his or her team and coaching staff understand and comply with FIFA Laws, CYSA-S and MBYSA Rules and Regulations.
- B. The head coach shall deliver a prepared game card with player's first name, last name, and jersey number, to the Referee prior to the start of play.
- C. Coaches should have their team arrive no more than 30 minutes prior to their scheduled game. Pre-game warm ups may not exceed 30 minutes.
- D. The coach shall maintain sideline coaching to ten (10) yards in either direction of the halfway line one (1) yard back of the touchline. Sideline coaching is limited to the Head Coach and one (1) registered and Live-Scanned assistant coach. This rule also mentioned in rule 4D.
- E. The head coach shall be responsible for the actions of their players, assistant coaches, and team parents. The coach shall restrain himself/herself from negative comments directed at opponents (coaches or players) officials, board members, or between or at own players. Coach may converse with officials per Rule 8.
- F. The head coach shall not consume or allow the consumption of alcoholic beverages by parents or spectators; be under the influence of alcoholic beverages or any illegal controlled substance in the vicinity of practices or games. Any violations of this Rule must be reported to a Game Official or the first available MBYSA Director. (Yucca Valley Town Ordinance Prohibited Activities 11.80.040:J.6).
- G. The use of ALL tobacco products shall not be permitted at any MBYSA activity; any activity to include but not limited to, Grubstakes, Opening Ceremony, registration, practices, team meetings, games, to include all tournaments that any MBYSA team may participate in.
- H. The Coach shall instruct players who are injured, become ill, or who are unable to play to lie, sit or kneel down on the field so that it is clearly visible to the Referee to stop play. The coach shall also notify the referee during check-in of any player who may have been injured or became ill during pre-game warm-ups.
- I. The Coach must comply with Rule 10 regarding player or injured player substitutions.
- J. The Coach shall install or remove MBYSA equipment as designated by the MBYSA Board of Directors. Example of equipment would include but not limited to goals, nets, cones, flags, and other associated equipment.
- K. The Coach shall ensure that a first aid kit is available at all games and practices. No coach shall administer any over the counter or prescription medication to any player or referee. Coaches may be in possession of inhalers as required and give to player(s) as the need arises.

## COACH RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. All coaches will ensure the safety of players and serve as a liaison to the Director of Coaches in regard to MBYSA areas of concern. Coaches must remain in "good standing" as outlined in its entirety as stated in Rule 9L below.
- B. Conduct of Coaches shall be in a manner becoming of a member of the Morongo Basin Youth Soccer Association, Inc. It is the coach's responsibility to conduct themselves and dress in a manner that does not bring discredit to MBYSA, CYSA, or the game in general.
- C. Coaches, to the best of their ability, shall instruct and train their respective teams as follows:
1. Utilize positive coaching that encourages players individually and as a team;
  2. Utilize basic fundamental soccer techniques and skill development; and
  3. Utilize soccer's LAWS and RULES to promote player knowledge, clean competition and good sportsmanship.
- D. Coaches will be responsible for the following:
1. Acquiring an MBYSA approved licensed Assistant Coach and/or a Team Parent with valid MBYSA live scan prior to the deadline decided by the board of directors.
  2. Completely filling out an Administrative form and submitting proof of a valid Cal South risk management assessment (Live Scan).
  3. Cleaning up their sideline area after each game (this is mandatory).
  4. Providing volunteers for MBYSA activities and functions; to include Opening Ceremony, fundraising, closing ceremony, and field maintenance. Non-participation may result in point deductions in standings or ineligibility as a coach for the following season.
  5. Filling out player evaluation/rating sheet and turning it in to Director of Coaches at the conclusion of the last scheduled game of the season.
  6. Any observed major rule violation shall be brought to the attention of MBYSA as soon as possible, and a report should be submitted in writing or by filling out the Formal Complaint form out on the MBYSA website.
  7. ALL yellow and red card violations MUST be reported to the Director of Coaches, within 24 hours of the violation, by the Director of Referees.

8. Maintain proper coaching certification in accordance with Cal South rules and regulations.
  9. ALL injuries shall be reported by filling out and returning the injury report form within 24 hours of injury. This report must be signed by the coach. This form is available at each field on days of scheduled games, in coaching folders, and on the MBYSA website.
- E. Coaches must always have in their possession, copies of player registration forms for each player during all games, practices, and tournaments.
  - F. A Coach may not terminate any registered player without the approval of the MBYSA Registrar, President and Vice President.
  - G. All Coaches are required to attend ALL meetings for which they have received notice. Notification of these meetings may be made in one of but not limited to the following; phone call, email, in person, or some other electronic notification system.
  - H. Except as otherwise noted in this document, practices shall be limited to a maximum of two (2) per week, for U-10 and below not to exceed one (1) hour per practice, for U-12 and above not to exceed one and a half (1.5) hours per practice, 3 hours total per week, provided that field space is available and reserved through MBYSA. Coaches shall ensure players are picked up by their parent(s) or guardian(s). At no time will a player be left unattended.
  - I. Practices for U-18 teams shall be limited to a maximum of three (3) per week with each practice not to exceed one and a half (1.5) hours in length. This item is only applicable if there is sufficient field space available for practices and is only in effect from the time of U-18 team picks until 35 days prior to the beginning of games for the other divisions (i.e. under 6 to under 14). Any request for additional practice time or to relocate practice shall be submitted in writing to the Director of Coaches.
  - J. Director of Coaches will attempt to contact the previous year's Coaches to confirm their coaching intentions for the upcoming league season. Confirmations shall be completed at least sixty (60) days prior to the start of upcoming season in order to determine vacant and filled coaching positions. New and/or returning coaches are not guaranteed a position as a coach. Coaches will be assigned to a team based on the need of the league, determined by the board of directors.
  - K. Returning coaches, who are assigned to a team, may request to advance or drop a division, provided there is vacancies available as well as a valid MBYSA live scan on record with the league. This shall be done on a first come; first serve basis by the Director of Coaches after Rule 9(J) is complied with. Coaches may not be the Head Coach of more than one (1) team without the approval of the MBYSA Board of Directors. Coaches/Assistant Coaches may not coach more than two teams without the approval of the MBYSA Board of Directors
  - L. To be considered a "Coach in Good Standing", a coach shall at a minimum:
    1. Attend all mandatory coach's meetings

2. Comply with all MBYSA rules and regulations
3. Possess a positive attitude
4. Support decisions made by MBYSA Board Members
5. Be licensed at the appropriate level before the beginning of the season
6. Maintain appropriate sideline behavior and attire
7. Maintain a valid MBYSA live scan
8. Provide proof of yearly concussion training.
9. Comply with Rule 3 (B)

M. Age limits for coaches:

1. All coaches for the under 18 division must be at least 21 years of age by the beginning of the season.
2. In divisions other than U18 and U16, all head coaches must be at least eighteen (18) years of age. Coaches must use their best judgment when choosing an eligible assistant.
3. In divisions other than the under 18 and under 16 divisions, assistant coaches must be at least 16 years of age by the beginning of the season.

N. All of the above rules and regulations pertain to any administrator affiliated with MBYSA.

## RULE 10 - PLAYER/SUBSTITUTION REQUIREMENTS

- A. All registered players in attendance at a game must play at least 50% of each game, except for reasons noted in Rules 6(D), 10(B), and 11(I). Overtime periods are excluded for the reason that during overtime free substitutions are allowed at any normal stoppage of play in those periods. The Referee prior to entry onto the playing field must recognize players. A Head Coach may apply for an exclusion to the minimum play rule provided they have a documented good cause as determined by the Board, and Board approval of the exclusion. Once approved, the coach must also notify the lead official and the opponent team's head coach and the parent or guardian. The complaint must be submitted 48 hours in advance of the requested action and the expiration of the exclusion stated in writing by the concurring board member to the coach.
- B. Substitution for injury: If a player is injured to the extent that the Referee must stop the game, the injured player will be removed from the playing field regardless of injury. At the discretion of the Referee, the Coach may provide a substitute for the injured player. (FIFA LAW 3 - The Referee stops the match if in his opinion, a player is seriously injured and ensures that he is removed from the field of play. An injured player may only return to the field of play after the match has restarted)
- C. Late arriving players shall be substituted as follows:
1. After the match begins, but before halftime; the coach shall play the late arriving player for one-quarter of the remaining half if more than 50% of the time remains. If the match time has elapsed more than 50% of the length of the first half, the coach may allow the late arriving player to participate until the second half.
  2. After the first half of the match ends, but before the start of the second half, the coach may choose to have the late arriving player observe one quarter of the second half before entering the match. The duration of participation of the late arriving player is at the discretion of the coach.
  3. After the second half starts, and more than 50% of the time has elapsed, the coach is not obligated to afford the player to participate in the match. If the match time has elapsed less than 50% of the length of the second half, the coach shall afford the late arriving player to participate in at a minimum of one quarter of the match's second half.

## RULE 11 - SPECIAL RULES OF PLAY

- A. Termination of game: If the Referee terminates the game before its legal end, the Referee must submit a detailed report containing the teams competing, score, time of termination and the specific reason or reasons for terminating the game to the Director of Referees and Director of Coaches. The Board of Directors alone determines the following options to be administered:
1. Reconvene the game as it stood at the termination time, as if the game had not been terminated;
  2. Uphold termination with the game ruled as complete and the score final;
  3. Replay the entire game; or
  4. Rule a forfeit with a score of 1-0 after determining that one team was in violation of a serious foul or misconduct.
- B. Inclement weather termination: Games that are terminated after completing three-fourths (3/4) of the official playing time, due to inclement weather conditions, shall be considered a complete game. The score at the termination of the game shall be used for official standings. This rule shall not apply to play-off or championship games.
- C. Expulsions (Red Cards): During a sanctioned or regularly scheduled game by this league, a referee may stop the match and eject any coach, player or spectator from the grounds if, in the opinion of the Referee; the offender is guilty of violent conduct, serious foul play, use of foul or abusive language, or if the conduct is deemed to be in interference with the spirit of the game. The following shall be enforced:
1. A Coach who is expelled from a game, or an affiliated game or tournament in which that Coach is representing MBYSA, shall be restricted from participating in all team activities for a minimum of one week (seven days) to include practice. In the event that the coach is coaching more than one team, the suspension includes participation with all teams that he coaches, specifically as a head coach or an assistant coach or team parent for any team in any division within MBYSA. The incident shall be subject to review by the MBYSA Disciplinary Committee and/or the MBYSA Board of Directors. If the committee or board feels that further action is warranted, then the following discipline, protest, and appeal hearing procedures will be followed:
    - a. The coach will receive in writing notice of specific charges or alleged violations and possible consequences if the charges are found to be true.
    - b. The right to have the hearing conducted at a time and place so as to make it practical for the person charged to attend. The coach will be suspended pending the outcome of this hearing.

- c. Reasonable time between receipt of the notice of charges and the hearing in which to prepare a defense.
  - d. A hearing before a disinterested and impartial body of fact finders.
  - e. The right to call witnesses and present oral and written evidence and argument.
  - f. The right to confront witnesses including the right to be provided the identity of the witnesses in advance of the hearing.
  - g. The right to make a recording of the hearing if desired.
  - h. A written decision with reasons for the decision based solely on the evidence of record issued in a timely fashion.
- 2. A player receiving a red card in any game sanctioned by CYSA or MBYSA shall be restricted for a minimum of one game (next regularly scheduled game). The incident shall be reviewed by the MBYSA Vice President to determine if additional action should be taken.
  - 3. Any coach that is ejected more than once or player who receives a second or subsequent red card in the same season will be subject to a disciplinary hearing.
  - 4. Any player who receives a third red card within the same calendar season shall be suspended for the remainder of regular scheduled games and ALL tournament games that may be scheduled after the regular season has ended. This includes Commissioner's Cup, President's Cup, Tournament of Champions, and any other tournament. The player or coach will be required to appear in front of the Disciplinary Board. If the player is a minor under the age of 18, he or she shall be accompanied by their legal guardian. The Disciplinary Board shall determine the conditions for reinstatement and/or probation, if any. Failure of the player, club or team official to appear at the hearing will cause that player to be suspended for half of the scheduled games of the following seasonal year.
  - 5. Any spectator expelled from a game shall be restricted from the next scheduled game of the team for which he or she was a spectator.
- D. Any injury requiring medical attention must be reported immediately to the MBYSA President or first available league representative.
  - E. No player shall participate with food, gum, tobacco or any other foreign object or substance in the mouth, except for Rule 6.
  - F. In the event play is stopped with the ball in the goal area, and FIFA Laws of the game call for play to be resumed with a drop ball, the game



shall be restarted with the drop ball being at the closest point outside of the goal area.

G. Division play-off competition, if applied, shall be in the following format:

1. Referee's coin toss (heads one team - tails the other team). The coin toss winner gets choice of goals to defend.
2. Duration of Game - same as for age (Rule 5).
3. If the game ends in a tie, then two (2) overtime periods shall be used and the length of each period shall be:

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| Under 10 | 8 Minutes  |
| Under 12 | 9 Minutes  |
| Under 14 | 10 Minutes |
| Under 18 | 10 Minutes |

Repeat overtime as in 1, above, to determine choices (Penalty shots or end of game).

4. If overtime ends in a tie, Referee administers Shootout as follows:
  - (a) Only players on the field after overtime shall participate;
  - (b) Goalkeeper may be substituted but not reinstated; and
  - (c) Alternating attempts are taken until each team has had five (5) attempts or a team cannot possibly win. The team with the highest score wins. Winner of the coin toss shoots first.

H. Any disciplinary action shall be brought to the attention of the league Vice President, or his/her designee. All complaints shall be in writing and on a league approved form. **ABSOLUTELY** no disciplinary action shall be initiated by any coach, league administrator, or league official without written notification of league Vice President or his/her designee (any board member can take the necessary action required at a practice or game when someone's safety is at risk).

I. Only a player, substitute or substituted player may be shown the red or yellow card. A player, substitute or substituted player is sent off (red card) if he commits any of the following seven offences:

- Serious foul play
- Violent conduct

- Spitting at an opponent or any other person
- Denying the opposing team a goal or an obvious goal scoring opportunity by deliberately handling the ball (this does not apply to a goalkeeper within his own penalty area)
- Denying an obvious goal scoring opportunity to an opponent moving towards the player's goal by an offence punishable by a free kick or a penalty kick
- Using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures
- Receiving a second caution in the same match

J. The rule of play shall be the laws of the game as published by FIFA, excepting those modified for the benefit of youth soccer by the USSF, CYSA-S or the MBYSA.

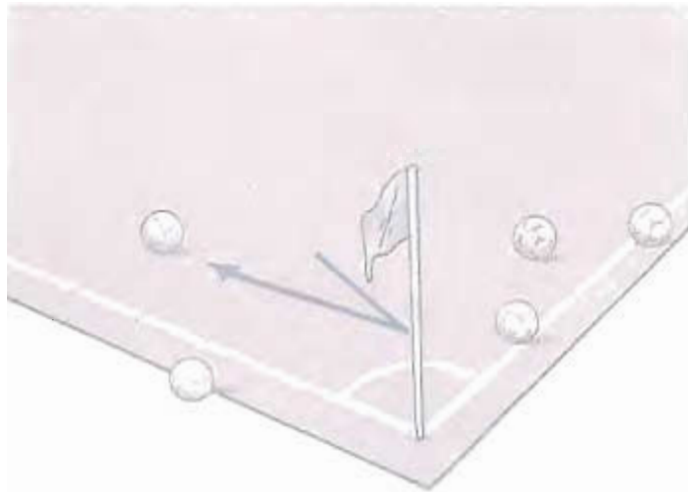
RULE 12 - MBYSA'S UNDER 6 "LAWS OF THE GAME"

- A. MBYSA field of play (dimensions):
1. Field shall be 100' x 50' where possible.
  2. Corner arcs - two (2) foot radius.
  3. Penalty Area - reduced to appropriate size.
- B. Ball: FIFA approved No. 3
- C. Number of Players:
1. Maximum of four, including goalkeeper, on field.
  2. Eight (8) players maximum per registered team.
  3. Substitution of players:
    - (a) Substitution of players shall be done every three (3) minutes. This will be done when the referee announces substitution. The referee will watch the time as to announce the substitution.
    - (b) Substitution for player behavior problems. Referee shall stop play until substitution is completed.
- D. Equipment - same as FIFA. The basic compulsory equipment of a player comprises the following separate items: a jersey or shirt with sleeves - if undergarments are worn, the color of the sleeve must be the same main color as the sleeve of the jersey or shirt shorts - if undershorts or tights are worn, they must be of the same main color as the shorts socks - if tape or similar material is applied externally it must be the same color as that part of the stocking it is applied to shin guards are covered entirely by the stockings and are made of rubber, plastic or a similar suitable material provide a reasonable degree of protection and footwear)
- E. Referee: a coach or registered member of MBYSA shall be the referee.
- F. Assistant Referee - none required.
- G. Duration of game:
1. Two (2) equal halves of eighteen (18) minutes (Rule 5A); and
  2. Half time shall not exceed five (5) minutes (Rule 5B).

H. Start of Play:

1. Coaches and Assistant Coaches shall be allowed on the field to position players, but must leave field before play begins;.
2. Spectators will not be permitted to enter field without Referee's approval.

- I. Ball in or out of play - same as FIFA. (Law 9 The ball is out of play when: it has wholly crossed the goal line or touch line whether on the ground or in the air, play has been stopped by the referee. The ball is in play at all other times, including when: it rebounds off a goalpost, crossbar or corner flagpost and remains in the field of play it rebounds off either the referee or an assistant referee when they are on the field of play.)



- J. Offside - No offside in Under 6 competition.

K. Fouls and Misconduct:

1. Referee shall explain offenses to violators.
2. Goalkeeper handling ball outside penalty area is a penalty. The attacking team is awarded ball with an indirect free kick.

- L. Free kick - all penalties shall be awarded indirect free kicks only.

- M. Penalty kicks - suspended in Under 6 competition.

- N. Throw-ins: Two (2) attempts per throw-in with verbal help of coaches. After two (2) unsuccessful throw-ins, possession goes to the opposing team.

- O. Goal kicks - FIFA rules enforced. (Law 16 a goal kick is a method of restarting play. A goal kick is awarded when the whole of the ball passes over the goal line, either on the ground or in the air, having last touched a player of the attacking team, and a goal is not scored in accordance with Law 10. A goal may be scored directly from a goal kick, but only against the opposing team.
  
- P. Corner kicks - FIFA rules enforced. (Law 17 a corner kick is a method of re-starting play. A corner kick is awarded when the whole of the ball passes over the goal line, either on the ground or in the air, having last touched a player of the defending team, and a goal is not scored in accordance with Law 10. A goal may be scored directly from a corner kick, but only against the opposing team. The ball must be placed inside the corner arc nearest to the point where the ball crossed the goal line. The corner flag post must not be moved. Opponents must remain at least 9.15 m (10 yards) from the corner arc until the ball is in play. The ball must be kicked by a player of the attacking team. The ball is in play when it is kicked and moves. The kicker must not play the ball again until it has touched another player.

RULE 13 - MBYSA'S U-8 "LAWS OF THE GAME"

- A. MBYSA Field of Play (dimensions):
1. Field shall be 100' x 50' where possible.
  2. Corner Arcs - two (2) foot radius
  3. Penalty Area - reduced to appropriate size.
- B. Ball: FIFA approved No. 3
- C. Number of Players:
1. Maximum of six (6), including goalkeeper on the field.
  2. Ten (10) players maximum per team.
  3. Substitution of Players:
    - a. There will be free substitution at kickoffs, team possession throw - ins and goal kicks.
    - b. Substitution for player behavior problems. Referee shall stop play until substitution is completed.
- D. Equipment - same as FIFA. The basic compulsory equipment of a player comprises the following separate items: a jersey or shirt with sleeves - if undergarments are worn, the color of the sleeve must be the same main color as the sleeve of the jersey or shirt shorts - if undershorts or tights are worn, they must be of the same main color as the shorts socks - if tape or similar material is applied externally it must be the same color as that part of the stocking it is applied to shin guards are covered entirely by the stockings and are made of rubber, plastic or a similar suitable material provide a reasonable degree of protection and footwear)
- E. Referee - one (1) Referee. A coach or registered member of MBYSA may be the referee instead of a certified referee.
- F. Assistant Referee - none required.
- G. Duration of game:
1. Two (2) equal halves of twenty (20) minutes (Rule 5A).
  2. Half time shall not exceed five (5) minutes (Rule 5B).
- H. Start of Play:
1. Coaches and Assistant Coaches shall be allowed on the field to position players, but must be off of the field before play begins.

2. Spectators will not be permitted to enter field without Referee's approval.

- I. Ball in or out of play - same as FIFA. (Law 9 The ball is out of play when: it has wholly crossed the goal line or touch line whether on the ground or in the air, play has been stopped by the referee. The ball is in play at all other times, including when: it rebounds off a goalpost, crossbar or corner flag post and remains in the field of play it rebounds off either the referee or an assistant referee when they are on the field of play.)



J. Offside - No offside in Under 8 Competition.

K. Fouls and Misconduct:

1. Referee shall explain offenses to violators.

2. Goalkeeper handling ball outside penalty area is a penalty. The attacking team is awarded ball with an indirect kick.

L. Free Kick - all penalties shall be awarded indirect free kicks only.

M. Penalty Kicks - suspended in U8 competition.

N. Throw - in: Two (2) attempts per throw-in with verbal help of coaches. After two (2) unsuccessful throw-ins, possession goes to opposing team.

O. Goal Kicks - same as FIFA. (Law 16 a goal kick is a method of restarting play. A goal kick is awarded when the whole of the ball passes over the goal line, either on the ground or in the air, having last touched a player of the attacking team, and a goal is not scored in accordance with Law 10. A goal may be scored directly from a goal kick, but only against the opposing team.)

- P. **Corner Kicks** - same as FIFA. (Law 17 a corner kick is a method of re-starting play. A corner kick is awarded when the whole of the ball passes over the goal line, either on the ground or in the air, having last touched a player of the defending team, and a goal is not scored in accordance with Law 10. A goal may be scored directly from a corner kick, but only against the opposing team. The ball must be placed inside the corner arc nearest to the point where the ball crossed the goal line. The corner flag post must not be moved. Opponents must remain at least 9.15 m (10 yards) from the corner arc until the ball is in play. The ball must be kicked by a player of the attacking team. The ball is in play when it is kicked and moves. The kicker must not play the ball again until it has touched another player.



#### RULE 14 - MBYSA'S PROTEST AND APPEAL PROCEDURE

- A. The Board of Directors of MBYSA shall establish protest and appeals procedures.
- B. The President shall appoint a Protest and Appeal Committee, with the recommendation of the Vice President.
- C. The Vice President or his or her representative shall be the Chairperson of the Protest and Appeal Committee.
- D. Protests and/or appeals must be submitted in writing.
- E. Only the coach or the team assistant coach may file protest.
- F. Game-related protest:
  - 1. Protest must be lodged prior to start of the game except for those protests that arise from situations occurring during the game.
  - 2. Protest must appear on the Game Report Form.
  - 3. Both Coaches must sign the Game Report Form or the Referee must indicate that a Coach refused to sign the form.
  - 4. Any game related protest that does not meet the above listed three (3) requirements shall be deemed invalid by the Protest and Appeal Committee Chairman and shall be rejected. There shall be no exceptions to this rule.
  - 5. Protests or appeals must be delivered to the Committee Chairman within 48 hours from the conclusion of the match of the action that is being protested or appealed. Delivery of the protest or appeal shall be accepted in person, via suggestion/complaint box, via the MBYSA website at [www.mbyssa.org](http://www.mbyssa.org)
  - 6. The Protest and Appeals Committee pursuant to the official guidelines promulgated by CYSA-S shall hear protests.
  - 7. The Protest or Appeal will be heard only after the proper fee (set by the Board of Directors) has been paid.
  - 8. There shall be no protests on Referee judgment calls. Only verifiable violations of FIFA laws may be protested.

RULE 15- CYSA'S PROTESTS & APPEALS (SECTION 1)

- A. The line of appeal and jurisdiction, in ascending order, shall be levels 1 through 5, below:
1. Leagues, the State Cup Committees and other tournament authorities shall hear original protests arising from games played under their jurisdiction. They may also hear appeals of decisions made by the Directors or Officers of their organizations. They shall establish their own protest and appeal procedures. Such procedures must be in writing and must include the notification of the right to appeal to higher authorities and the procedure for doing so. The established fee by the appropriate Level 1 Authority: MBYSA - \$25.00
  2. District Commissioners or District Committees shall hear original protests or appeals filed by those persons, clubs, leagues or tournaments under their jurisdiction. District Commissioners shall have the option of adjudicating protests and appeals alone or appointing a District Committee for that purpose. There shall be only one (1) District level of appeal or protest. FEES: \$100.00
  3. The CYSA-A Protest and Appeals Committee shall hear appeals of District level decisions, State Cup Committee (including Association Cup) decisions and other tournament committee decisions. FEES: \$150.00
  4. The CYSA-S Board of Directors shall adjudicate all appeals arising from decisions of the CYSA-S Protests and Appeals Committee. No retrial is possible, only an appeal hearing. Review of written evidence, testimony and lower level decisions will be conducted at this level. FEES: \$200.00
  5. The appeal of Level 4 decisions shall be made in accordance with the provisions of USYSA Rules. FEES: As established by Region IV.

RULE 16 - MBYSA'S ALL STAR PICK PROCEDURES

- A. The all-star head coach will be the coach of the team with the best record in each competitive division. All-star coaches (Head and Assistant) must have an E-license for U-10 and above, and be in good standing with MBYSA and CYSA-S's rules and regulations. In the event it has been determined that a Head Coach has the best record for more than one division, the coach must receive Board approval to participate with both teams. If approval is granted, an E-licensed, rostered coach must be selected from the current season and be a coach in good standing to serve as Assistant Coach.
- B. If first place coach does not meet required conditions, then the second place coach will take the All-star team, providing he or she meet the required conditions.
- C. If the second place head coach does not meet the required conditions, then the third place head coach will take the All-star team providing requirements are met. This process will continue for the remainder of the number of head coaches in that particular division. If it is deemed that no Head Coach in a division is willing or qualified to be the All-Star coach then the selection will begin with the first place assistant and continue in order of the standings until it is determined who will be the All-Star coach.
- D. Head coaches shall choose all-star nominees from their teams with assistant coach input. Rating sheet with all-star nominees shall be turned in to MBYSA Director of Coaches on the last day of regularly schedule games unless otherwise coordinated with the Director of Coaches.
- E. All-star nominees shall be presented at an all-star team pick meeting for each competitive division (U-10, U-12, U-14 & U-18) with all head coaches from their respective divisions present. Assistant coaches may also be present.
1. MBYSA Director of Coaches and Registrar shall administer All-star team picks. Nominations occur only once a player's name has been submitted to the administrator(s) in charge of team picks and added in writing to the nomination list. Coach nominations to the board will be added first by highest rating (followed by the Head Coach's additional recommendations. The Administrator(s) may request additional clarification or enforce the addition of players on the rating sheets and not selected for nomination. The MBYSA Registrar will contact the All-Star players after Commissioner's Cup has concluded.

2. In the event that a rating sheet (w/all-star picks marked) is not turned in at the conclusion of the season no team representative is present at All-Star picks, the remaining head coaches from their respective division will select all-star nominees from that team with guidance provided by members of the Executive Board. The coach that failed to submit a rating sheet will be considered a NOT in good standing with the league.
  3. Head coaches will have the opportunity to express their reasoning for their nominations for the All-Star team.
  4. Head coach from each individual team has the final say on whether or not a player is nominated. If head coach is unavailable for all-star meeting, then the assistant coach has the final say. If neither coach is available, then the picks marked on the rating sheet will be the final choices (providing a rating sheet was turned in).
  5. Head coaches (assistant coaches if head coach not present) will vote for the starting lineups, not to include any nominees from their own team.
    - a. The thirteen (13) players who receive the most votes are automatically on the team in the competitive divisions to include; U12, U14 and u18. Input from all division coaches in the final section process is encouraged. Fifteen (15) all-star players will be selected for each team in these divisions. An MBYSA voting board member, with no age division involvement, will be present at the all-star picks for each division. Alternate players will be contacted by the MBYSA Registrar if the need arises to add them to the all-star team.
    - b. The ten (10) players who receive the most votes are automatically on the team in the U10 division. Twelve players will be selected for each team in the division. An MBYSA voting board member, with no age division involvement, will be present at the all-star picks for this division. Alternate players will be contacted by the MBYSA Registrar if the need arises to add them to the all-star team.
- F. Head coach of each individual all-star team will pick the final two (2) players for their team.
- G. Head coach of each individual all-star team will pick alternates as outlined under Rule 16(E, subsection 5a&b) and Rule 16(F).
- H. Head coach of each individual all-star team has the choice of an assistant coach, providing his/her choice has an "E" license, is in good standing with MBYSA, and coached during the current season.
- I. Head coach has authority to dismiss any all-star player, with the concurrence of the Director of Coaches, which has two unexcused absences from practice. After each unexcused absence, and before the next scheduled practice, the Head Coach must notify in writing the Director

of Coaches (Player and parent will be required to sign a form acknowledging this policy at the first all-star practice). The All-Star Drop request form must be filled out, signed and returned to the Director of Coaches.

- J. All-Star practices will be conducted at a league designated facility in Yucca Valley. There will be no exceptions.
- K. Practices for All-star teams shall be limited to a maximum of three (3) per week, with each practice not to exceed two (2) hours in length, provided that field space is available. Players shall be picked up by their parents or guardians in a timely manner. At no time will a player be left unattended! All changes to scheduled practices shall be approved by the Director of Coaches. All requests to change previously scheduled practices shall be made at least 48 hours in advance. All requests to conduct a scrimmage during regularly scheduled practices must be approved by the Director of Coaches or the President.
- L. Uniform fees for All-Stars, will be collected by an MBYSA Executive Board member at the team's first practice. Failure to pay in full may jeopardize the player from remaining on the team and may be replaced by an alternate All-Star player.

RULE 17 - PLEA OF IGNORANCE

A CLAIM OF IGNORANCE TO THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS SHALL NOT BE SATISFACTORY GROUNDS FOR PROTESTS OR APPEAL.

## RULE 18- COMPETITIVE SOCCER "CLUB TEAMS"

- A. Club Teams: The club teams play in a gaming league under the Morongo Basin Youth Soccer Association Charter and By-Laws, Club teams will travel all over the Southern California area playing teams of the same skill and age level. Club teams are chosen by open tryouts and are made up of skilled players who must be willing to travel and play on Saturday and Sunday.
- B. Each Club Team may have a maximum of eighteen (18) players and shall have a minimum of eleven (11)-registered players at any one time. Tryouts and registration will be open to all participants. A coach must notify the MBYSA Registrar within three (3) days if a player leaves the team for any reason.
- C. MBYSA will administrate all Club Teams. Club Players who are registered in the present CYSA season will pay an additional fee to play Club Soccer. Club Players who are not registered in the present CYSA season will pay the competition registration fee. The MBYSA Executive Board, prior to each season, will set these additional fees.
- D. Club teams will have representative present at ALL regular board meetings.
- E. All MBYSA affiliated Club monies will be administered through the MBYSA general fund.
- F. Each Club Team will be solely responsible for the raising of the funds needed for those individual teams' needs, and will advise the board of individual fundraising events.
1. The moneys raised will be used for such items as: fees for referees, fields, tournaments, coach camps, etc. and will include expenditures for equipment and uniforms.
  2. Club Teams will be coached by an all-volunteer staff and the Head Coach should possess a USYSA "E" license or above. A Head Coach must have coached within our league for at least two (2) years, and must be in good standings with the league. The Board shall determine the Coaches qualifications and will have the final approval of all coaches. Head Coach and Assistant Head Coach shall possess an "E" license in the U-10 thru U-18 divisions.
  3. All Club Teams needs and activities will be paid out of from a different line of accounting. No moneys from the Recreational League will be used for the Club Teams' needs without the permission of the Board.
- G. All Club Team uniforms will conform to MBYSA standards and must display the MBYSA logo. Team names may be decided individually by the teams, but must conform to MBYSA standards.

- H. All equipment such as uniforms and balls, shall be used and conform to a level of quality expected of club teams and in the Spirit of the Game.
- I. All fees and monies raised by Club Teams will be controlled by the MBYSA Registrar, Treasurer and Director of Club Teams.
- J. All Club Teams must be familiar with and conform to the rules of competition in the gaming league and tournaments that they are participating in. In the event that the gaming league places a member of the coaching staff, a registered player, or any parent on Suspension or Probation, MBYSA will recognize that Suspension or Probation and honor it.
- K. Club Teams will coordinate solicitations with the MBYSA sponsorship director and MBYSA President.
- L. Initial Start-up Fees for a Club team (See Rule 18C). These fees are used for any additional insurance requirements, potential additional uniform cost, tournament fees, referee fees, CYSA registration fees, additional administrative processing costs incurred by MBYSA.



## RULE 19- SIDELINE BEHAVIOR

A. This policy pertains to actions taken by players, referees, coaches, parents, and any spectators before during and after any MBYSA game, practice, team event, or MBYSA sponsored event. This policy covers all MBYSA teams no matter the location of the match played. This policy specifically does NOT address misconduct by players on the field of play during a game, as those actions and consequences are addressed by FIFA. In all cases, the punishments recommended here are to be considered minimums, which the Disciplinary Committee may or may not increase. If the Disciplinary Committee implements a termination or suspension of a coach, or parent, referee, invokes a period of probation; those so penalized shall not be considered "members in good standing." Therefore, they will lose the privileges of "membership" which includes participating in the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and serving MBYSA in any official capacity during their period of termination, suspension, or probation.

B. Any player, coach, parent, referee, or other spectator may bring a complaint against another party. The complaint shall be in writing and shall be directed to the Vice President of MBYSA ([vicepresident@mbysa.org](mailto:vicepresident@mbysa.org)) who shall convene a Disciplinary Committee in accordance with the MBYSA By-Laws, Article III Section 15.

### SPECIFIC INFRACTIONS

#### 1. Coach:

a. Aggressively challenging a referee's decision, by using repeated foul or offensive language, or by stepping on the field of play.

- i. First offense: 1 game suspension
- ii. Second offense: 4 game suspension
- iii. Third offense: Termination as coach, 1 year suspension

b. Aggressively challenging a referee's decision by initiating physical contact with the referee to include bumping, pushing, shoving, or striking in any way, or by directing foul language toward the referee.

**\*\*NOTE: ANY PHYSICAL CONTACT WITH A REFEREE IS A SPECIFIC MISDEAMNOR UNDER THE CALIFORNIA PENAL CODE; (SECTION 240-248) AND CAN RESULT IN PROSECUTION. NO PHYSICAL CONTACT WITH A REFEREE WILL BE TOLERATED.**

**\*\*THERE IS A ZERO TOLERANCE FOR ACTIONS AGAINST OUR YOUTH REFEREES!**

- i. First offense: Immediate suspension for a minimum of 1 year, minimum of two (2) additional years of probation for a total of three (3) years.

- c. Confronting adults in a physical manner by initiating physical contact to include bumping, pushing, shoving, or striking in any way, or by directing foul language to other adults, be they from the opposing team, his or her own team or non-affiliated with either team.

NOTE: ANY UNWANTED PHYSICAL TOUCHING, SUCH AS BUMPING OR PUSHING, IS CONSIDERED BATTERY, WHICH MAY RESULT IN A SIX-MONTH PRISON TERM AND OR \$1,000.00 FINE. CALIFORNIA PENAL CODE (SECTION 240-248)

- i. First offense: Immediate suspension for a minimum of 1 year, minimum of two (2) additional years of probation for a total of three (3) years.
  - ii. Second offense: Permanent suspension of player and parent from MBYSA.
- d. Striking or attempting to strike any player; either on his or her team, another team.
    - i. First offense: Permanent termination as coach.

2. Parents & other Spectators:

- a. Aggressively challenging a referee's decision, by using repeated foul or offensive language, or by stepping on the field of play.
  - i. First offense: Counseling and written documentation by a Board Member (Coach will be required to provide name of adult to referee; refusal will result in coach serving a one (1) game suspension)
  - ii. Second Offense: Parent suspended from attending child's game for remainder of season and will be placed on probation for a one (1) year period from date of second offense
  - iii. Third Offense: Parent suspended permanently from attending child's games.
- b. Aggressively challenging a referee's decision by initiating physical contact with the referee, to include bumping, pushing, shoving or striking in any way, or by directing foul language toward the referee.

**\*\*NOTE: ANY PHYSICAL CONTACT WITH A REFEREE IS A SPECIFIC MISDEMANOR UNDER THE CALIFORNIA PENAL CODE (SECTION 240-248) AND CAN RESULT IN PROSECUTION. NO PHYSICAL CONTACT WITH A REFEREE WILL BE TOLERATED**

- i. First offense: Counseling and written documentation by a Board Member (Coach will be required to provide name of

adult to referee; refusal will result in coach serving a one (1) game suspension)

- c. Confronting adults in a physical manner by initiating physical contact to include bumping, pushing, shoving, or striking in any way, or by directing foul language to other adults, be they from the opposing team, his or her own team or non-affiliated with either team.

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- i. First offense: Parent suspended from attending child's games for one (1) year, suspended from attending any MBYSA event for one (1) year, probation for two (2) additional years.
- ii. Second Offense: Permanent suspension of player and parent from MBYSA.

- d. Striking or attempting to strike a player, on any team.

- i. First offense: Permanent expulsion of parent from MBYSA

**\*\*NOTE: IF PARENT FAILS TO HONOR THEIR SUSPENSION FROM ATTENDING GAMES, THEIR CHILDREN WILL LOSE THEIR PLAYING PRIVILEGES.**

### 3. Referees

- a. Confronting adults or players in a physical manner by initiating physical contact to include bumping, pushing, shoving, or striking in any way, or by directing foul language to adults or players.














- i. First offense: Two (2) year suspension, and three (3) years of probation.
- ii. Second offense: Permanent Expulsion

- b. Striking or attempting to strike a player:

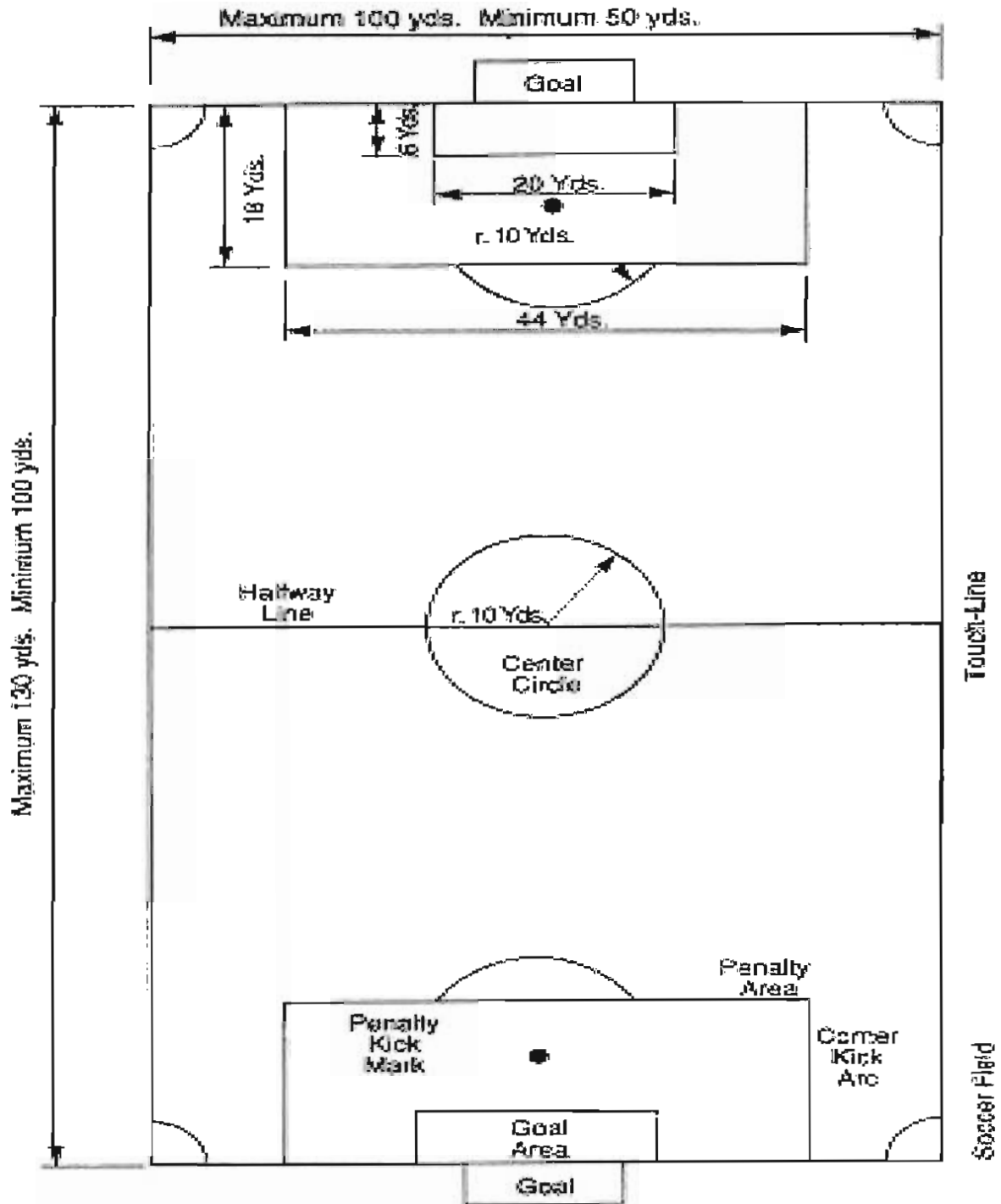
- i. First offense: Permanent expulsion as a MBYSA referee

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**Soccer Referee Hand Signals**

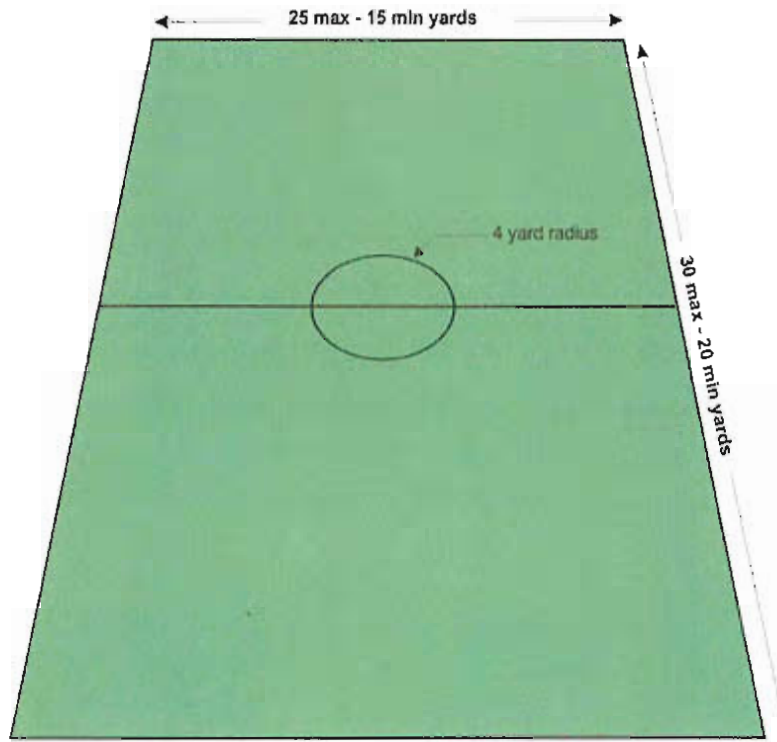
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|  <p><b>Caution or Expulsion</b><br/>Referee holds Yellow card Or Red card above head'</p>     |  <p><b>Play On / Advantage</b><br/>Referee indicates with his hands That the Advantage Rule Applies and play should continue</p> |  <p><b>Direct Free Kick</b><br/>Referee points in The direction of kick</p>  |  <p><b>Indirect Free Kick</b><br/>Referee raises his hand Until ball is kicked And Touched by another player</p> |  <p><b>Goal Kick</b><br/>Referee points to a corner Of goal area from Which kick is to be taken</p>                                |  <p><b>Corner Kick</b><br/>Referee points towards corner Of the field from which Kick is to be taken</p> |  <p><b>Goal Kick</b><br/>Assistant Referee Points his flag at goal area From which Kick Is to be taken</p>   |
|  <p><b>Penalty Kick</b><br/>Referee points To penalty mark From which kick Is to be taken</p> |  <p><b>Substitution</b><br/>Assistant Referee Signals to the referee By holding his flag Overhead with both hands</p>            |  <p><b>Throw-In</b><br/>Assistant Referee Holds The flag out To his side, Pointing in the direction The throw Is To be taken</p> |  <p><b>Corner Kick</b><br/>Assistant Referee Points his flag At corner area From which kick Is to be taken</p>   |  <p><b>Offside</b><br/>Assistant Referee Points his flag straight up Above his head To signal offside Violation to the referee</p> |  <p><b>Offside Location</b></p>  | <p>After Assistant Referee Signals offside, He then shows location of infraction By holding his flag out In front of him -- flag held high Indicates infraction occurred At far side of the field, Middle = center of field, Low = side of field nearest to him</p> |

ANNEX-2



RECOMMENDED FIELD DIMENSIONS FOR U-12 THROUGH U-18

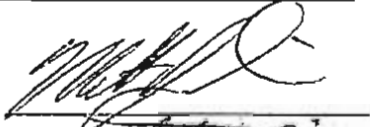
## Suggested Set-up for 3v3 Fields



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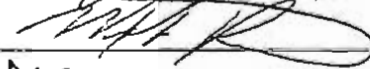
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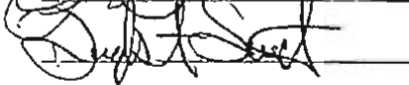
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