

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR RECREATIONAL PLAY

MURRIETA YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE

ARTICLE 1: RULES OF PLAY

- A. The Rules of Play shall be the current edition of the Laws of the Game as published by FIFA, except those modified for the benefit of youth soccer by the USSF, USYSA and CYSA-S.
- B. The games shall be played under the Rules and Regulations of CYSA-S. No league rules may be adopted which are in violation of these CYSA-S rules or in violation of the spirit and intent of the CYSA-S Youth Soccer Program.
- C. Age Divisions are defined by CYSA-S and are as follows:
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| ▪ Under 5: | 3 vs. 3 |
| ▪ Under 6: | 4 vs. 4 |
| ▪ Under 8: | 4 vs. 4 |
| ▪ Under 10: | 7 vs. 7 |
| ▪ Under 12: | 9 vs. 9 |
| ▪ Under 14: | 11 vs. 11 |
| ▪ Under 18: | 11 vs. 11 |
- D. The cutoff comprised of players who are in the following age classifications based on their year of birth:
Under 5, Under 6, Under 8, Under 10, Under 12, Under 14, Under 18
(Subject to registration population. Age groups/team sizes may change as necessary.)
- E. Proof of Age Documentation, pursuant to CYSA-S, shall consist of original registered or certified birth documentation in the form of:
1. Birth certificate or birth registration issued by an appropriate government agency or board of health records;
 2. A uniformed Services Identification and Privilege card issued by the Uniformed Services of the U.S.;
 3. Passport
 4. Certificate issued by the Immigration and Naturalization Service, attesting to age;
 5. Alien Registration Card issued by the United States Government;
 6. Certification of an American Citizen Born Abroad, issued by the appropriate government agency.
 7. Current driver's license.
- No reproductions or photocopies of documents that have not been officially certified by the issuing governmental agency may be accepted. No Hospital, Baptismal, or Religious Certificates may be accepted.
- F. The number of volunteer coaches obtained shall determine number of players accepted.

G. Length of game and ball size by age group. All half-times are to be five (5) minutes in duration.

Group	Game Length	Ball Size
Under 18	two (2) - 35 minute halves	5
Under 14	two (2) - 35 minute halves	5
Under 12	two (2) - 30 minute halves	4
Under 10	two (2) - 25 minute halves	4
Under 8	two (2) - 20 minute halves	3
Under 6	four (4) – 8 minute quarters	3
Under 5	four (4) – 8 minute quarters	3

H. Player Safety/Player Equipment/Proper Dress

1. Safety

- a. No player will be allowed to play in any game or competition or participate in any practice or scrimmage, with the exception of drills or activities that do not involve player contact, with an injury which can be aggravated by playing or which constitutes a danger to others.
- b. No player wearing an orthopedic cast, temporary cast, non-oral brace (such as for knees or other areas of the body) with hard, hinged or rigid supports or splint shall be permitted to play in any CYSA-S or MYSL sanctioned play game or competition or participate in any practice or scrimmage, with the exception of drills or activities that do not involve player contact.
- c. No non-registered CYSA or MYSL player shall be permitted to practice or play with any CYSA or MYSL team.

2. Equipment/Proper dress

- a. Shin guards are mandatory for all players during practice, games and tournaments within the State Association.
- b. Players are to wear official uniforms in a neat manner. Shirts must be tucked in.
- c. The goalkeeper's shirt must be different in color from those of either team.
- d. Players must wear suitable footwear for playing soccer. No center toe cleat/spike allowed.
- e. Players must wear shin guards.
- f. Female players should wear chest protection. Male players should wear groin protection. Protective headgear is optional and must be CYSA approved.
- g. Sliding pants or bicycle pants will be allowed only if they are of a matching color to the official uniform shorts and the length does not exceed the top of the knee. Goalies are allowed to wear special made goalie shorts or goalie pants; they do not have to be a matching color to the official uniform shorts.

I. Uniform Colors

When the uniforms of two competing teams are similar (color conflict) the home team shall effect a change to colors that are distinct from those of the opponent. This will be accomplished by the use of bibs provided by the league.

J. Player/Administration Identification Pass

1. If MYSL deems to use player identification cards during the season, each coach shall ensure that every card is laminated, properly signed by the league Registrar and has a photograph of the player/coach prior to the first scheduled game of the season including any pre-season games.
2. For Under 8 divisions and above, the team administrator (coach, manager or supervising adult) shall verify to the referee the player/coach ID cards prior to the game.
3. The referee must collect all player cards prior to commencing the game. The referee shall not permit a player/coach to enter a game unless he has collected that player's/coach's card. The referee shall not collect the Risk Management Cards; however, coaches must have these cards with them at all games and have them available for the referee to review in order for a game to commence. Any game played without a risk management approved team administrator will be subject to a forfeit and may not commence play.
4. All cards will be returned to the team administrator after the conclusion of the game, except in the case of a red card. Red-carded players/coaches will have their cards turned into the MYSL Director of Referees for review.
5. A team shall forfeit each game in which – (1) an unregistered player was with the team at the game in a (team) uniform; or (2) a player was improperly entered on the team roster (Use of Ineligible players - USYSA rule 209).
6. Falsification of records, documents, player identification passes, or in any other matters or manner, shall be grounds for immediate suspension from further participation and membership in Cal South or any league, team, or club, pending a hearing.

K. Line-up Cards

Each coach will have his/her lineup card filled in completely before game time. First and last names of players and coaches are required for all divisions, Under 10 and above. The team number, date, and field location/number are to be entered on the card. Each coach shall sign the card attesting to the accuracy of all information on the card after the game.

1. Failure by the coach to have properly completed line up card at player check in, will have one-half (.50) point deducted from the standings in division U10 and above.

L. Coaches' Responsibilities

1. Coaches shall carry the white player registration/medical release forms to ALL practices and games and all team activities. Upon request from the referee or any MYSL Board Member, the coach shall submit the forms for certifying the accuracy of the line-up card and medical release signed by a parent/guardian.
2. The coach, assistant coach, and/or team representative shall provide only basic first aid treatment to a player. Any other medical treatment shall be the responsibility of the parent/guardian.
3. If a coach plays an ineligible player, either a suspended player or a player who has been declared ineligible, the matter will be reviewed for disciplinary action and the game in question may be subject to forfeit.
4. Under no circumstances shall a coach step onto or otherwise enter the field without the express permission of the referee.
5. Failure to heed red card(s) by coaches or players shall result in suspension of play and forfeit of that game by the offending team. If a coach or player is red carded, he/she is removed (ejected) from the game and field of play and will not be allowed to coach or play in the following game in that division.
6. The coach is responsible for the entire sideline. If a coach or player receives a red card, the MYSL Board will review the matter to determine what course of action will take place. The matter may or may not be sent to the MYSL Disciplinary Committee for review and possible disciplinary action. If a

coach or player from a team receives more than one red card during a season, further coaching or playing privileges may be affected.

7. All coaches must sign current Code of Conduct, current Coaches Agreement, current administration forms, and have proper coaching license and a valid risk management card.
8. Violation of any published rule will result in disciplinary action.
9. Coaches are required to wear / display their coaching card at all times when coaching his / her team. Failure to do so will result in one-half (.50) point deduction in the standing for divisions U10 and above.

M. Accountability-Conduct-Ejection

1. Coaches, players, and other team officials shall be subject to all the rules pertaining to misconduct contained herein, and in FIFA Laws of the Game, including cautions, ejections and standard suspension.
2. Any other individuals, who may be reasonably construed, as being associated with a team, such as relatives and spectators, shall also be subject to the jurisdiction and authority of MYSL and CYSA-S. The coach shall be responsible for the actions of any individual at any game that, in the opinion of the referee, is a supporter of that team.
3. During any game sanctioned by or regularly scheduled by CYSA-S, or any MYSL sanctioned game, a referee may stop the game and eject ANY coach, player, or spectator from the grounds (the field of play and areas surrounding the field upon which the game is being held) if, in the opinion of the referee, the offender is guilty of violent conduct, serious foul play, or the use of foul or abusive language, or if the conduct is deemed to be interference by the offender as designated in subdivision (d) of Law V, FIFA Laws of the Game. At no time will foul or abusive language be permitted at any field. Drinking alcoholic beverages, smoking/chewing tobacco, and/or using drugs shall not be permitted at any games or practice sanctioned by MYSL.
4. If a spectator is ejected by the referee, the spectator AND related player(s) must leave or game is ended in 0-1 forfeit. Related player(s) will also be subject to league action against offending individual. For example, if spectator is suspended for one game, so is the related player(s).
5. Games played on any school grounds and public parks are subject to school and city ordinances including, but not limited to, no smoking and no animals on premises. Ordinances at the MYSL fields include, but are not limited to, no smoking (tobacco related, or Electronic Cigarettes), no animals on the premises and no alcoholic beverages, as contracted with the City of Murrieta.
6. FALSIFICATION OF RECORDS, DOCUMENTS, OR PLAYER IDENTIFICATION CARDS SHALL BE GROUNDS FOR CENSURE AND SUSPENSION FROM FURTHER PARTICIPATION AND MEMBERSHIP IN CYSA-S OR MYSL.
7. Coaches, players, and spectators are subject to the laws of the game. MYSL will provide any league member a copy of these rules upon request to the Director of Referees.
8. Parents must abide by the 24 hour rule prior to contacting a board member in any capacity except when involving player/parent/spectator safety.

N. Coaching from the Sideline

1. No mechanical devices are allowed.
2. The tone of the voice shall be informative, encouraging and supportive.
3. Each coach, substitute, or player is to remain within the coaching area (10 yards on either side of the center line).
4. Opposing teams of all divisions may not occupy the same touchline during the game. The home team has first choice of which touchline the team and its spectators will occupy.
5. No parent or spectator is allowed to stand or otherwise occupy any space at either goal line.

6. No coach, substitute, player, or spectator is to make derogatory remarks or gestures to the referees, other players, substitutes or spectators.
7. No coach, substitute, player, or spectator is to use profanity.
8. No coach, substitute, player, or spectator shall incite disruptive behavior of any kind.
9. Coaches will be held responsible for the conduct of their sidelines. All coaches and players are to remain within the coaches' box and all parents and spectators must remain 3 yards back of the touchline. Coaches are expected to remain in control of their sidelines and to demonstrate sound sportsmanship. If any head coach is ejected during a game and the team has no assistant coach with a coaching license or current risk management listed on the team's official roster, the team must forfeit both the game in question and the next game as well.

O. Fifty-Percent (50%) Playing/Substitutions

1. All players must be played at least two (2) full quarters or 50% of each game, unless a player is being disciplined for extreme unruly behavior or repeated absence from practice, or if other circumstances exist to warrant less participation by the player with parent consent. If a player's participation in any game will be less than 50%, the Registrar/Player Representative must be notified twenty-four (24) hours in advance of the game to issue approval. The coach must also notify the referee prior to the start of the game. These notifications are the responsibility of the coach and should not be consider this notification complete until confirmation has been received from the Registrar.
2. The U-18 division will have free substitutions. Substitutions for U-10s, U-12s & U-14s shall be made on the quarter. The referee shall maintain a running clock during quarter. It is not a rest period. Play will resume when a reasonable amount of time for substitutions has passed.
3. The MYSL Board of Directors shall decide whether to use unlimited substitutions or limited substitutions at quarters.

P. Duties of the Referees

1. The duties of the referees will be dependent upon rules made by the MYSL Board of Directors; however, the referees are subject to all FIFA Laws and Procedures.
2. The referee must
3. collect all Player/Coach Identification Cards, if used by MYSL, prior to start of the game and must return the cards afterward to the Coach. Red-carded players/coaches will not have their cards returned. These cards will be given to the MYSL Director of Referees to be forwarded to the MYSL Vice President for review.
4. The referee shall control the behavior regarding players, coaches, and spectators with the use of yellow and red cards as necessary and complete all necessary paperwork and must confirm receipt by the Director of Referees.
5. Failure to heed red card(s) by coaches, players, and/or spectators shall result in suspension of play and forfeit of that game by the offending team. If a player/coach/spectator is red carded, he/she is removed (ejected) from the game and will not be allowed to play/coach/watch in the following game in that division.
6. In all cases of misconduct resulting in a red card or ejection, all referees will provide a report to the President and Vice President within 48 hours.
7. Assistant referees/linesman will monitor the fifty percent (50%) playing rule to ensure adherence and shall keep accurate records on the game line-up card of those players who are being substituted by quarter substitution and/or injury.
8. The authority of the referee is absolute.
9. Referees will handle injuries as instructed in FIFA Laws of the Games.

Q. Game Protests

There are no protests for any reason.

R. Injuries and Insurance

1. The MYSL league does provide medical insurance, less deductible for all registered players through CYSA-S, and liability insurance for league officials. Coaches are required to carry the white copy of the player registration/medical release form to ALL practices, games and all team activities.
2. Any injury requiring emergency care must be reported to the President of MYSL within twenty-four (24) hours. All necessary medical insurance information is located in the CYSA-S coach's handbook.

S. Disciplinary Committee

1. A Disciplinary Committee shall be established by MYSL to comply with CYSA-S and MYSL standards. The Board of Directors shall establish Disciplinary Hearing Procedures, which will be published in the MYSL Manual of Operations.
2. No CYSA-S affiliated league, club, coach, administrator, team, referee, player, or member or their representative may invoke the aid of the Courts of California or of the United States without first exhausting all available remedies as established in the CYSA-S Manual of Operations, in accordance with Rule 121, and the USSF, Rule 2.6.4 704 and Rule 2.6.6 706.

T. Game Schedules/Cancellation

1. Game schedules, and any subsequent changes to schedules, are subject to approval by the MYSL Board of Directors.
2. The Board of Directors shall have the authority to cancel any game at any time, for any reason, which is determined, by the Board and at the Board's discretion, to be detrimental to the health and/or welfare of the players.
3. Games will be played in case of rain only; however, all games will be immediately cancelled when there is lightning.
4. When the temperature reaches 100 degrees in the shade, games are cancelled on a game-by-game basis. When the temperature reaches 95 degrees in the shade, a water break will be added at the midpoint of each quarter. Substitutions will be allowed at this time. The clock would remain running during these breaks. It is the responsibility of the field marshal on duty to monitor the temperature and notify the coaches and the referees.
5. Other weather conditions that are determined by an MYSL Board Member, subject to concurrence by the MYSL President/acting President, to be detrimental to the health and/or welfare of the players are cause for cancellation. Each MYSL field will be looked at on a case-by-case basis and games will be cancelled on a game-by-game basis.
6. Games not officially cancelled by an MYSL Board Member, subject to concurrence by the MYSL President/acting President, must be played or will be counted as a forfeit.
7. Games that are cancelled (not forfeited) due to safety concerns will be rescheduled as permitted. Every attempt will be made to reschedule at the end of the season or during the week if possible. Games cancelled that impact division champions will be rescheduled.
8. If, after the scheduled games for the day have started, the MYSL Board of Directors determines, for any reason, that ALL remaining games are cancelled, a league wide email will be sent to all member emails as contained in the CYSA league database. We will endeavor to update MYSL social media outlooks as well.

ARTICLE II: REGISTRATION

- A. Players may register for teams anywhere within their district. MYSL reserves the right to limit registration to Murrieta residents, only, as recognized by Murrieta CSD.
- B. The Board of Directors shall be responsible for insuring the proper registration of players on individual registration forms as designated by CYSA-S, the affiliation of teams, proper accounting of all transactions, and accurate reporting to the CYSA-S State Office.
- C. MYSL is required to submit individual registration forms and the appropriate player/administrator forms for all players and/or administrators. Players must use their full first name and last name on all registration materials.
- D. Registration forms should be submitted by the MYSL Registrar(s) to the CYSA-S State Office one week prior to the first regularly scheduled league game, which is official and counts for points and standings.
- E. Player Registration Fees
1. Player registration fees should be submitted to the CYSA-S State Office at least one week prior to the first regularly scheduled game. CYSA-S will set the fees annually. No non-registered player may practice or play with a MYSL team. After the close of registration, the Registrar(s) will keep a waiting list for players not assigned to a team.
 2. There are no refunds after the Refund Date Deadline indicated, and this date is approved by the MYSL Board of Directors.
- F. Team Formation
1. All registered players that plan to play in age divisions U-10 and above, will be required to attend the mandatory player skill assessment. Players will be evaluated in several categories and then given a final assessment score. There will be at least one (1) assessment session scheduled and one (1) make up session scheduled between the first and last days of registration. MYSL reserves the right to choose the time and date of the assessment sessions and additional sessions may not be available. Players that are not able to attend either assessment session will be placed on the waitlist and may not be placed on a team until the assessment can be completed.
 2. Teams will be chosen by a blind draft, based on assessment score, on an equal basis for each team. The purpose is to form teams of equal strength within each age division. The players with the highest assessment scores will be distributed, as evenly as possible, amongst all the teams first. Then the players with the next highest assessment scores and so on. Every effort will be made to give each team the same number of players with similar assessment scores. In the event that there are not enough players with similar assessment scores for be given to each team, the next highest ranked player will go to the teams that didn't receive a player from the previous ranks. The process will continue until all players have been assigned to a team. Trades will not and cannot be made at any time during or after the draft.
 3. In order to establish a fair and even playing field for all teams, the head coach of each team shall be allowed to freeze (hold as a member of their team and thereby eliminating from the draft) up to three (3) players with approved written request prior to each draft/season. Parent permission is required in order for a coach to freeze a player to his/her team. Player freezes will be applied to the appropriate coach prior to the draft and the assessment scores of the frozen players will be taken into consideration as other players are drafted to the team. Freezes may come from any source, however, will not exceed,

under any circumstances, the number as specified above. A coach's own child, if desired for his/her team, will count as one (1) of the freezes.

4. Players that have been placed on the waitlist for missing the player assessment or were late registrations, will be drafted in the same manner as above once they have gone through the assessment process.
5. Team Administrators that do not abide by these draft procedures will be held responsible and disciplinary action/sanctions will be taken by Cal South & the MYSL Board of Directors.
6. Teams in the Under 5 and Under 6 divisions shall have teams formed by the registrar.
7. Any head coach, assistant coach, and team representative must have completed CYSA-S Risk Management requirements. Absolutely no roster modifications are to be made upon completion and acceptance of division draft other than drops or non-drafted players.
8. A player must play on the team he or she is assigned to or is dropped from the league. A loss of a player must be reported to the MYSL Registrar immediately by the parent and the Head Coach.
9. No non-registered MYSL player shall be permitted to practice or play with any MYSL team.
10. Player Uniforms ideally will be distributed at the preseason coaches meeting; and "late added players will receive their uniform prior to the first game of the season; under most circumstances. The league will do their best to provide the late added players their uniforms in time for the first game of season.

G. Drops, Adds, Transfers and Loans

1. Upon submission of the League Registration to CYSA-S, all roster amendments must be properly documented and paid for. Coaches are to advise the Registrar immediately of a player's intent to drop and the parents of the player must confirm the drop of their child to the Registrar immediately.
2. NO transfers within the recreation league fall season will be allowed after submission to CYSA-S or as specified by season guidelines. All players wishing to transfer from the recreation league to the FC program must do so before the recreation draft.
3. All team vacancies will be filled up to the week prior to the first game from the waiting list. Any vacancies occurring after the first game may be filled at the discretion of the MYSL Registrar.
4. A player rostered to a team is bound to that team for the entire seasonal year unless the player requests a transfer following the guidelines stated in G2 above or is released with the exception noted in G5 below.
5. Recreational leagues with a spring season separate from the previous fall season may roster players to the spring season without the need for a player release and transfer from a fall season league. Said players shall remain with the spring league team for the duration of the spring league season unless the player requests a transfer or is released.
6. A player requesting a release from a team or a team requesting to release a player shall complete and submit to the registrar a Cal South release form.
7. All transfers require a twenty-five dollar (\$25) fee plus appropriate paperwork.
8. All players performing temporarily with a different team from their original registration must be processed on loan documentation. This includes spring, tournament and club loans.
9. Team rosters shall be frozen at midnight August 1st to all but new players and those granted a waiver. Transfers can resume beginning 12:01 am the first Monday after Thanksgiving of the current seasonal year for those players leaving a competitive or recreational team.

ARTICLE III: COACH SELECTION

- A. The Directors will select coaches for review by Board of Directors. The Coaches Application will act as the criteria upon which a coach is selected. A majority vote must take place for approval.
- B. If an applicant is not approved by the Board of Directors, they will make another selection and then bring that name forward to the Board for approval.
- C. Once selected, the Directors will make the notification to the applicant. In the event a coach is not selected or approved for coaching, he/she will be notified.
- D. All coaches, assistant coaches, and additional administrators of a team or league must undergo a background check administered by CYSA-S. This will include paperwork, fingerprinting and photo identification taken. Failure to comply renders a coach ineligible. Team parents, without valid risk management, may not be alone with any player that is not their own.
- E. All coaches must have the appropriate Level license at a minimum. Failure to comply renders a coach ineligible. Coaches are also required to have the appropriate concussion training as mandated by CYSA-S.

ARTICLE IV: POST SEASON TOURNAMENT PLAY

- A. The Under 10 and above teams that finish the regular season of play in first place for their division will represent MYSL in the CYSA-S Commissioner's Cup Tournament. The second place team in each division may also participate in Commissioner's Cup, subject to that tournaments need for teams.
- B. At the conclusion of each regular season of play, All Star teams will be formed from the following age groups: U-10, U-12, and U-14. The intent is to assign the best suited coach for player and team development that will represent MYSL in a positive and professional manner. Subject to Board of Directors approval and in consideration of any disciplinary record, generally the coach that finishes the regular season with the best point record shall be given the first opportunity consideration to coach an All Star team in that division. If more than one All Star team is formed in a division, the next best coaching candidate will also be given consideration to coach that team.
- C. Coaches who have a disciplinary record may or may not be afforded the opportunity to coach an All Star team or Commissioners Cup team.
- D. All coaches and assistants must possess the required Licensing Certificate as dictated by Cal South. In the event that the coach doesn't have the required Licensing, the Board of Directors will select a replacement coach who possess the required licensing. The displaced coach will only be able to participate as a spectator.
- E. An All Star committee monitored by the MYSL Board of Directors will coordinate the All Star tryouts.
- F. Each coach will nominate no more than the previously set forth number of players from each team to participate in an All Star tryout. At the discretion of the Board of Directors, however, a coach may ask permission for additional players to try out.

G. Generally, no player will be rostered to an All Star team unless he/she participates in the tryout. A list of nominees will be given to the MYSL Board member in attendance, and a check in procedure will be conducted to ensure compliance with this regulation.

H. To ensure a properly selected team for competition with other leagues in the CYSA-S post-season tournaments, the All Star coaches will select their teams and submit to the Board of Directors to review and approve the selections for each team.

I. Upon approval of the All Star team roster, the All Star coach is responsible for contacting all players that participated in tryouts.

ARTICLE V: SPONSORSHIPS

A. The league shall not promote any business or service outside the sponsorship program.

Murrieta Youth Soccer League

Disciplinary Manual

PLEASE READ THIS FIRST

Any hearing of an allegation of misconduct must be as the result of a written cause of action. No hearing or other administrative action shall result from circumstances of charges, which are only communicated verbally.

Proper documentation of all Disciplinary Hearing matters must be maintained.

All actions taken must be in accordance with the following procedures and time frames.

Please read this manual thoroughly. Any questions should be directed to the MYSL Vice President.

The Rules and Regulations of the California Youth Soccer Association – South (CYSA-S) can be found in the CYSA-S Coaches Handbook, the CYSA-S website (www.calsouth.com) or by calling the CYSA-S State office at (714) 778-2972.

The general membership, including players, coaches, and spectators shall be familiar with the policies and procedures defined herein and in the Murrieta Youth Soccer League (MYSL) Manual of Operations. A claim of ignorance of these policies and procedures shall not be satisfactory grounds for failure to comply with such policies or procedures.

Section I - MYSL Definitions

1. GENERAL GRIEVANCES are complaints of a general nature, which are not based upon specific rule violations and/or specific administrative decisions (or lack of decisions). Such grievances are handled differently from misconduct. Grievances must be filed with the MYSL Board of Directors and may be heard on an informal basis. There is only one adjudication level for a grievance, and the decision produced is final with no further appeal allowed.
2. MISCONDUCT results from actions that are prohibited by a published rule, regulation, or procedure. A disciplinary committee shall only hear allegations of misconduct against individuals or entities when referred by the MYSL Vice President. Allegations of misconduct determined to be valid, with no conflicts of interest, will be forwarded to the MYSL Executive Board of Directors. Any allegations of misconduct that have a conflict of interest will be sent directly to the MYSL Disciplinary Committee. Allegations of misconduct must be in writing and may only be brought by the parties directly involved, the MYSL Board of Directors, or referees.
3. DISCIPLINARY HEARINGS are actions that result from written allegations of misconduct. The original disciplinary hearing on any matter shall be an Open Hearing. A member who is charged may not send a representative or proxy to attend in his/her place. A parent or legal guardian must accompany minors.

4. An OPEN HEARING is a type of hearing in which the principle parties and witnesses for both sides are directed to appear, and all necessary evidence shall be presented before the members of the hearing committee. Testimony shall consist of witness statements and their answers to questions from the committee. Verified written or pictorial evidence may be submitted. The original hearing of any disciplinary matter must be an open hearing. Subsequent appeal(s) may be heard in open or closed hearings.

An open hearing does not necessarily mean it is open to anyone who wants to attend or watch. The Disciplinary Committee may exclude spectators or limit them as deemed prudent. They may also reasonably limit the number of advisors assisting the member facing charges.

5. A CLOSED HEARING is a type of hearing that requires all testimony and evidence to be submitted in writing by a specified time and date. Parties may be given the opportunity to file written rebuttals to the arguments of the other party. Testimony and evidence may be considered by the Disciplinary Committee meeting together or by its members on an individual basis with a decision reached by mail or by phone.

The original hearing of any matter may not use the closed format and must be an open hearing. Subsequent appeal(s) may be heard in open or closed hearings.

6. APPEALS arise as a result of an adverse decision from a disciplinary hearing. Only those principal parties to the original action, who are adversely impacted by such decisions, shall have standing to appeal. No appeal shall be considered if filed by any other party. (Exception: Parents or guardians may file on behalf of their minor children)

An appeal shall not have the effect of "staying" a previous ruling. That ruling remains in force, pending the result of the appeal. An appeal hearing is not a retrial and is limited to a review of written evidence, testimony, and procedures. All appeals will be heard by CYSA-S.

7. SUSPENSION shall be generally defined as the complete cessation of any and all affiliated activities. All benefits of membership are removed. Suspension from one (League, State, Regional, or National) is suspension from all. All affiliated members and organizations are required to observe the suspension of any member, or disciplinary action may result. Additional conditions or suspension may be imposed during the suspension period. When suspended, a member may not play for or practice with any team; may not coach or in any way assist in the instruction, training or management of a team or any of its players; may not hold any official position of responsibility within any affiliated organization (team, club, league, or state association).

The MYSL Board or Disciplinary Committee shall determine the duration, exceptions and/or restrictions of the suspension.

Section II – MYSL Disciplinary Procedures

1. MYSL Line of Jurisdiction:

A. MYSL Vice President - All allegations of misconduct will be forwarded to the MYSL Vice President for review.

B. All valid matters will be forwarded to the MYSL Board. When appropriate resolution cannot be achieved, the matter will be forwarded to the MYSL Disciplinary Committee, which will be a "three member" group, formed out of any present board member, selected by the Vice President, and

approved by the Board. If the MYSL Board achieves resolution, the action is final and there is no right of appeal.

C. MYSL Disciplinary Committee - If matters are referred to the MYSL Disciplinary Committee, then CYSA-S rules and procedures apply.

2. MYSL Filing Procedures and Fees:

A. An allegation of misconduct shall be filed in writing and include;

- (1) The appropriate filing fee (if required).
- (2) The nature and specific of the complaint.
- (3) A listing of rules or procedures that have been violated.
- (4) A statement of the desired result.
- (5) All supporting documentation (For appeals, the evidence packet if available).

Note: Referee's game reports shall be accepted as an official allegation of misconduct regardless of their format and without regard to the requirements of this section.

B. All original document(s) of an appeal or an allegation of misconduct, along with all supporting documents, shall be forwarded by fax, email, or Registered or Certified U.S. Mail - return receipt requested.

C. In the case of an appeal, the appeal must be placed in the mail and postmarked within five (5) days of the receipt by the appellant of the decision being appealed (Sundays and Holidays excluded).

3. MYSL Disciplinary Hearing Procedures:

The MYSL Disciplinary Committee will conduct pre-hearings, hearings, evidence and testimony procedures and decisions pursuant to the CYSA-S Procedures, Appeals and Disciplinary Manual.

All appeals to the MYSL Disciplinary Committee decisions will be remanded to CYSA-S. All CYSA-S procedures and rules will apply.

Section III - MYSL Mandatory Conditions

1. The MYSL Board may not hear a matter when any conflict of interest exists. If the MYSL Board has an institutional conflict of interest with the issue being adjudicated, then the matter shall be forwarded to the MYSL Disciplinary Committee.

Note: The MYSL Board of Directors or Disciplinary Committee shall not hear or adjudicate an allegation of referee or non-referee assault, severe referee abuse, overage player violations, or falsification of document cases unless CYSA-S assigns the matter to the MYSL Board of Directors or Disciplinary Committee.

2. All original copies of evidence submitted shall be retained by the hearing committee, at which the evidence was first submitted.