



THE CHRISTIAN YOUTH SOCCER ORGANIZATION

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TCYSO'S RULES AND REGULATIONS

NOTICE: Even though TCYSO adheres to F.I.F.A.'s youth soccer rules, and have adopted some of AYSO's rules, TCYSO does not implement **ALL** of F.I.F.A., AYSO, or Club Soccer rules. Therefore, it is **EXTREMELY** important that you read TCYSO's rules, in order to try to eliminate any confusion and/or conflict during the games.

1. ALTERCATIONS AND PHYSICAL VIOLENCE

- A. Any adult (s) involved in an altercation, use, or the threat of the use of physical force upon another; either before, during, or after a game, will be automatically suspended from attendance and participation in any of TCYSO's games and activities for the remainder of the season. The adult (s) will be asked to leave TCYSO's playing fields by either the referee (s) in charge of the game, or Commissioner or Staff member in charge at the game site.
- B. The Commissioner or Assistant Commissioner reserves the right to remove anyone from TCYSO's activities and games whom he/she believes to have demonstrated unsportsmanship, or un-Christ-like behavior; and/or has shown to have posed a threat to any of TCYSO's players, parents, coaches and referees, or any staff member. After such incident occurs, the Disciplinary Board will take further action.
- C. TCYSO's Executive Board shall at all times reserve the right to ban, refuse or remove any spectator, player, parent, coach, referee, or staff member from participating in any of TCYSO's games or activities.
- D. The Disciplinary Board will review all cases, and at that time it shall be determined if a suspension of a person will be extended to the following season. Once a ruling has been made **NO APPEALS** of any kind, for any ruling, will be allowed.

2. CONDUCT

- A. The conduct of players, coaches, parents, and spectators will be controlled by the referee with the use of Red and Yellow cards. The authority of the referee begins when he/she arrives on the field of play. This authority will continue until him/her leaves the field of play. Red or Yellow cards may be issued, before, during, or after the game has ended.
- B. Any player, coach, parent, or spectator on the soccer fields using inappropriate or offensive language before, during or after a game, will be given a Red card by the referee and suspended for one game. Any member of TCYSO's Executive Board also has the authority to remove any coach, player, parent, or spectator from the playing field for the use of inappropriate and offensive language and/or behavior. Also, for demonstrating total lack of respect for any referee, coach, staff, or any Board Member, and for total defiance's of TCYSO's rules and requests while out on the playing fields. No Board Member may suspend a coach, player, parent, or spectator indefinitely from participating in TCYSO

WITHOUT the vote of the Disciplinary Board for misconducts. However, anyone using threats or violence against another person while out on the playing fields, **WILL** be given a Red card by the referee or Commissioner and **MUST** leave the soccer field immediately and may be suspended indefinitely from participating in TCYSO **WITHOUT** a meeting with Disciplinary Board.

- C. The coach is responsible for controlling the behavior of his/her players, team's parents and spectators during the game. If the coach cannot control a player or parent, he/she **MUST** then ask the referee to handle the situation. A player, parent or spectator may receive a red card and **MUST** leave the playing field immediately and before the game will resume. The parent (s) will also be asked not to attend the next game. If a parent or spectator does not leave the field immediately, the referee will terminate the game, and the Disciplinary Board will determine the outcome of the game. Un-sportsmanship and un-Christ-like behaviors resulting in disruption of the game from a team's player, parent or spectator may result in that team's game being forfeited.
- D. If a coach appears to be demonstrating un-sportsmanship and/or un-Christ-like behavior before, during, or after a game; a red or yellow card may be issued, and the game may be forfeited. A coach and/or assistant coach receiving a red card **MUST** leave the playing field immediately and before the game will continue. If the coach does not leave the field immediately, the remainder of the game will be cancelled and the Disciplinary Board will determine the outcome of the game. The coach is will also be suspended from coaching and attending the games for the remainder of the season.
- E. A player receiving a red card **MUST** leave the playing field immediately, and the coach is Not allowed to substitute that player. **Example:** If a coach started the game with eleven players and one of his players received a red card; the coach must finish out the remainder of his/her game with only ten players on the field.
- F. A parent, or spectator may not pull a player (s) from a game. Such conduct may result in a red card being issue, and suspension of the parent, spectator, or player from participating in any of TCYSO's games and activities for the remainder of the season.
- G. Any coach who refuses to allow his/her team players to play or to complete any scheduled game may be suspended immediately from TCYSO. The Disciplinary Board will decide the outcome of the game. **NO APPEALS** of any kind for this ruling will be allowed.
- H. Any coach who willfully causes his team to forfeit any regular scheduled or rescheduled game may be suspended from TCYSO indefinitely. **NO APPEALS** of any kind for this ruling will be allowed.
- I. Any team who refuses to play its final game of the season will be placed in last place statistic and will not received any placement award. Also the coach and/or players of that team may be suspended from participating in TCYSO indefinitely. The coach should arrive at the final scheduled game regardless if the player shows up. The players should arrive at the final scheduled game regardless if the coach shows up. Only exception is if the game was canceled by the Administrator.

3. OFFICIATING

- A. The referees shall adhere to all of TCYSO's and F.I.F.A.'s rules, respectively, that has been

implemented by TCYSO's Executive Board at all times. A referee does not have the authority to add, excludes, or change any part of TCYSO's rules at anytime.

- B. The referee shall at all times put great emphasis upon the welfare of each player, and shall officiate the game in a manner inducing clean competition and sportsmanship, as well as Christ-like behavior while out on the fields.
- C. Harassment of a referee by anyone will not be allowed. Such behavior is subject to yellow or red card penalties, and shall be reviewed by the Disciplinary Board.
- D. If a player receives a red card during the game, the player must leave the playing field and is also suspended for one game. If a player receives a red card for two consecutive games, (Ex. the player gets a red card is suspended, then returns gets another red card and is suspended again) the player **MAY** be suspended for the remainder of the season. Any player receiving (2) yellow cards during a game will count as (1) red card and must leave the playing field. The player will also be suspended for one game. If a player consistently receives yellow cards for 3 consecutive games during the season, the player will be suspended one game, and if it is consistent for 5 games (Ex. the player gets 3 yellow cards and is suspended, then returns gets 2 more back to back) he/she **MAY** be suspended for the remainder of the season. TCYSO's Board will make the final decision regarding the suspension of the player in both cases.
- E. A coach is not allowed to coach his/her team while performing refereeing duties. Before a coach can referee his own team game; he/she **MUST** have the approval from the other team coach. The Commissioner, Assistant Commissioner, or Chief Coach **MUST** be informed before the start of the game. Once approved, each coach **MUST** accept the outcome of the game. (**Divisions A & B are excluded from this rule.**)
- F. The Commissioner and/or Head Coach before a game **MUST** approve all referees. The Executive Board reserves the right to refuse and/or remove any referee from participating in any of TCYSO's games and activities.
- G. The Commissioner is responsible for making sure that all of TCYSO's rules are enforced. The Commissioner has the final say at the game site, while the referees have the final say during the games. However, the Commissioner reserve the right to remove a referee, who is officiating a game if he/she believes that the referee is demonstrating un-sportsmanship and/or a un-Christ like behavior on the fields. (**Example:** The use of inappropriate language, threats, or violence.) The outcome of the game will be determined by the Executive Board.

4. UNIFORMS

- A. Each player will be issued a uniform consisting of a team jersey, shorts, and socks. All players present at a schedule game **MUST** be in full uniform to play. The team jersey is to be tucked into shorts. Boxer underwear or any other type of shorts extending beyond player's issued shorts is prohibited during the games. No player's shorts, while wearing TCYSO's uniform are to hang down beneath his/her buttocks while out on the soccer fields at any time. Only one (1) warning will be given. If a player does not comply with this rule, the player will be told to leave the playing field. Issued socks **MUST** be worn and be pulled up completely covering the shin guards. Regulation soccer shoes and shin guards are mandatory at all games and practices. The goalkeeper **MUST** wear a goalie jersey during the game. The goalie jersey cannot be the same color as his/her team. The goalkeeper may also wear gloves and goalie pants.

- B. No gloves, long-sleeve shirts, jackets, sweatshirts or sweatpants may be worn during the game without the Commissioner's approval, except during extremely cold weather. However, sweat pants may not be worn while out on the field of play at anytime. Only the goalkeeper may wear a visor, cap, gloves, or sweat/goalie pants during the games. **(Only groups A, B & C may wear a black, white, or the color of the uniform long-sleeve shirt during cold weather; which MUST be worn underneath the jersey. Sweat pants are allowed only during extremely cold weather and must be approved by a staff member.)** ALL jewelry and body piercing **MUST** be removed before entering the field of play. Any player who refuse to remove all of his/her jewelry when asked, **WILL NOT** play.

5. GAMES

- A. Soccer is an all-weather sport and will be played under most conditions. Games will be played in the rain. All teams should always arrive for game unless the coach or/and team parent is contacted by the Division Coordinator or Secretary. Once a game starts, only the referee may terminate it. If a game is suspended before half-time, it shall be re-scheduled. If the game is suspended during or after half-time, the score of the game at the time play is stopped will stand as the official score.
- B. Each team **MUST** have a minimum of 7 players present and dressed in their uniform no longer than 15 minutes from the scheduled game starting time to begin a game. After such time, if a team fails to meet the required number of players, the game will be recorded as a 1-0 forfeit, being in favor of the team having the minimum number of 7 players present. If neither team has the minimum number of players within 15 minutes then both teams will receive a forfeit for that game. **(Divisions A & B are excluded from the forfeit and the minimum players rule. The C division MUST have 5 players present with-in 15 minutes after the game start time, or it is a forfeit.)** If a team arrives on time and have waited 15 minutes pass their game start time, and the other team still has not arrived, then the players and the coach may leave without being reprimanded from The Disciplinary Board.
- C. The A & B divisions play with only 7 players on the field and **NO** goalie. This will allow for each player to be able to touch the ball. The C division may only play with 8 players on the field **INCLUDING** the goalie.
- D. All teams in divisions D through F **MUST** have at least two goalies. The same goalkeeper may not play goalie for more then half of the game. The coach may substitute **ONLY** his/her goalkeeper anytime during the game provided that the referee is informed of the change.
- E. A game may be delay by the league due to soccer goals not set up, picture day or rain. However, a team's minimum number of 7 players **MUST** still be present at the game site at their schedule game time or the team may be penalized by a forfeit.
- F. Each team plays two halves. The duration of the games is as follows: Divisions A & B play 20 minutes halves. Division C plays 25 minutes halves. Divisions D & E play 30 minutes halves, and divisions F & G play 35 minutes halves. **Half-time period is a minimum of 5 and maximum of 10 minutes only.**
- G. Game line-up cards listing the names of each player **MUST** be submitted to the referee by each coach before a game will start. The coach is to note on the line-up card to the referee any player absent for a game. **(Divisions A & B are excluded from this rule)**

- H. Divisions C thru G**, who teams are full (At least eleven players or more registered on the team roster) are allowed to play up to two players over its opponent team, if less than eleven players showed up for the game. However, this rule is **VOID** for teams that did not fill up its team roster (reached at least eleven players during registration). Any team playing against a team with less than eleven player registered on it must play with the same number of its players during the game.
- I.** All substitutions occur at the end of the first and third quarters and half time. **(Except for Injuries and the goalkeeper)** Any player changing or substituting for the goalkeeper, which may be done anytime during the game, **MUST** report to the Referee. The game time will not be stopped for substitutions. Substitutions must be made as quickly as possible. However, if a referee believes a coach to be deliberately trying to run the time down during substitutions, at his discretion may stop the game time.
- J.** All players in attendance dressed in their uniform at any games **MUST** play half of the game. A coach will be penalized for not allowing a player to play at least half of the game, and the Disciplinary Board will decide the outcome of the game. **(An injured, or player who arrives late to a game is excluded from this rule.)**
- K.** Coaches, parents or spectators shall not enter the field of play unless authorized by the referee. A coach **MUST** ask the referee if a player can be removed from the field of play to be substituted, that he/she believes to be seriously injured. The injured player **WILL NOT** be allowed to play for the remainder of the game. The game or the game clock will **ONLY** be stopped for injuries at the discretion of the referee. Therefore, the players are to continue playing the game until a whistle is blown by the referee to stop the game due to an injury that he/she believes to be serious.
- L.** No one is allowed near the penalty areas, or behind the goal lines at either end of the field during the game. Coaches are to limit their coaching to a ten-yard distance from either side of midfield. **(The A & B divisions are excluded from this rule)**
- M.** Coaches **MUST** report all injuries from a game or practice requiring medical attention, to the Safety Director within 48 hours (2 days). A player wearing any type of cast or splint, or that appears to be injured to the referee, shall not be allowed to play in any games. Nor shall a player be allowed to participate during practices. Coaches **MUST** have a small first-aid kit at all practices incase of injury.

6. DIVISIONS

- A.** Any player registered and established on a team, shall not play on any other team. Any team playing an ineligible player, i.e. not registered with TCYSO, or has been establish as a player on another team, shall forfeit all games in which that player participated in.
- B.** All teams **MUST** have their team rosters checked and approved by TCYSO's Division Coordinator or Secretary prior to the season's first official game.
- C.** Throughout the season, **ONLY** division G may replace an injured player on the team with a new player by the player transferring his/her uniform to the new player. An application for the new player **MUST** be turned in to the secretary before the player is added to the team or is allowed to play in any games. Once the new player has been added to the team roster, the injured player may **NOT** return to the team for the remainder of the season.

- D. A player who is within one (1) year of the required age *and* has a sibling on the team may move up to the next division group to be placed on a team with his/her sibling. However, this **MUST** be requested before team rosters are finalized. No player will be moved without the parent's written permission given to the Division Coordinator or Secretary. No player may move down a division group. **Exception:** *A Special need (SN) child if necessary.* As the league continues to grow this rule may change.
- D. Any member of the Executive Board may request at any time from a player participating in TCYSO to present his/her proof of age that might be questionable. Proof of age may be in the form of a birth certificate, baptismal, or school record/Id that is acceptable to the league. If proof of age is not provided or is not in the form that is satisfactory to the league, then the player may be removed from participating in TCYSO and no refund will be given.

7. APPEALS

- A. No Appeals of any kind for any ruling by the Executive Board will be allowed once a Decision or vote has been made.

TCYSO'S PURPOSE

The purpose of The Christian Youth Soccer Organization (TCYSO) is to promote youth soccer by encouraging clean friendly competition and good sportsmanship. TCYSO will strive to teach youth soccer in order to provide the opportunity for children to profit by developing mentally, physically, and morally. TCYSO shall instruct and encourage positive parent support before, during, and after the games and practices. However, TCYSO's main goal is **NOT** winning a game, but for the youths to enjoy playing soccer as they demonstrate a Christ-like behavior by keeping 'God First', while participating in a sport.

Since TCYSO is a Christian league, and was founded by Seventh-day Adventists (SDA), TCYSO reserves the right to request that all persons who are interested in being a coach, staff, or board member be of the same faith; and that they are actively attending a SDA church. They **MUST** also demonstrate a Christ-like behavior during practices and games.

Any coach, or a parent who has a child participating in The Christian Youth Soccer Organization (TCYSO) may request to have his/her concerns or case heard by the Executive Board. All concerns and cases will be discussed with total fairness and honesty before a decision is made. A ruling will be made no later than two (10) days after a case has been heard. ***No appeals will be allowed after a decision is made.***

TCYSO does not discriminate against any players and allows *Special Need (SN)* children to participate in its organization at the discretion of the administrator, coach and child's parent. (The Administrator reserves the right to make the final decision) However, once a child reaches, or is at a certain age, it may become necessary to no longer allow the (*SN*) player to participate in TCYSO. This may become necessary for the protection of the (*SN*) child and other players on the playing field in the league.

Coaches and referees are to keep abreast to TCYSO's rules, and it is the coaches' responsibility to explain the rules to his/her players and parents before the start of the season. However, if a parent would like to obtain a copy of TCYSO's rules, they may be downloaded from the website. F.I.F.A. rules are also available via the Internet and/or bookstore.

F.I.F.A. - Federation Internationale de Football Association (Soccer Laws)

AYSO - American Youth Soccer Organization

CLUB - Very competitive soccer teams. Teams trying to become fully developed top-level players. Teams encourage mental and physical toughness.

TCYSO's rules and game times are subject to change at anytime. However, in most cases prior notice of at least one (1) week in advance will be given to the referees and coaches and place on the website.

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