

**AREA F U19 AND U16
INTRA-AREA PROGRAM
RULES
2009-2010**

1-SCOPE

These rules shall apply to U16 and U19 teams playing in the Area F fall program and to any select U16 and U19 post-season teams comprised of players who played in the Area F fall program. These rules do not supersede AYSO Rules and Regulations, but are intended to cover those situations not addressed by AYSO Rules and Regulations, which shall prevail in case of conflict. The following rules are designed to achieve the highest degree of sportsmanship in keeping with the AYSO philosophy, and to give all players, coaches and spectators the opportunity to participate in a wholesome environment.

2-JURISDICTION

The Area Director (herein referred to as AD) shall have sole jurisdiction over all teams subject to the provisions of these rules, in any disciplinary decision made pursuant to these rules and in the enforcement recommendations made by any Review Board established under the provisions of paragraph 25.7 of these rules.

3-COORDINATION

Intra-Area play shall be coordinated by the AD or his designee who has sole responsibility for running the Division U16 and U19 programs.

4-TEAMS AND PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

4.1 Each Regional Commissioner (herein referred to as RC) is responsible for ensuring the eligibility of the players from his/her Region. The RC's signature on the roster confirms the eligibility of each player. A player may ONLY move up one age/year in eligibility.

4.2 All players must have played in at least one-half of the games with the respective team during the AYSO Fall 2009 season to qualify for the Area Playoffs. The ONLY exception is if an injury or illness prevented them from playing the minimum number of games.

5-CONDUCT

The RC shall be held responsible for the conduct of his/her coaches who in turn shall be responsible for the conduct of their players and spectators. **PERSISTENT INTERFERENCE WITH THE GAME FROM THE SIDELINES MAY BE CAUSE FOR TERMINATION OF THE GAME AND/OR THE SUSPENSION OF PLAYERS, COACHES OR SPECTATORS FROM FUTURE GAMES.**

6-TEAM FORMATION

Each RC is responsible for overseeing a selection method that will achieve the highest degree possible in the formation of **BALANCED TEAMS** from his/her region. When

balancing teams, the player pool should be first divided up by player ages to ensure that each team has a similar number of players from each age group and then the teams should be balanced by using player ratings within each age group. The maximum number of players on a team shall be 18; however, with the approval of the AD that number may be increased to 22 or decreased if small-sided games will be played. All other teams shall have a minimum of 12 players on their rosters for U-16 and a minimum of 16 players for U-19 unless approved by the AD or their designee.

7-TEAM ROSTER

The RC is responsible for providing the AD or his designee with the number of teams by Division which will participate in the Area F upper division fall program by no later than **FOUR WEEKS BEFORE THE BEGINNING OF THE SEASON**. Regions who fail to uphold this date may be omitted from the schedule. Fully completed rosters must include player jersey number and BIRTH DATE, and must be given to the AD no later than 24 hours before the first game for verification. Any wrong information in the roster will result in game forfeiture and further disciplinary action. The AD shall have final authority in approving Intra-Area teams.

8-ROSTER CHANGES

Any changes to the final team roster must have the approval of the AD. Any additional players must be approved prior to his/her participation in a game and must be submitted by the RC to the AD or his/her designee. No player may be added to a team after completion of one-half of the season's scheduled games. Any team that plays a game with an ineligible player may be subjected to a forfeiture of all previous games as decided by the AD.

9-HOME TEAM

The designated home team is the first team listed on the schedule for each game and, **for lower fields, will sit on the ocean side and for upper fields sit on the street side**. The home team is responsible for supplying the game ball and shall change jerseys in the event of a color conflict.

10-TEAM FIELD DUTIES AND ETIQUETTE

Both first-game teams listed on the schedule are responsible for pickup and set-up of the equipment (goals, nets, flags, trash cans) from the designated locations. Both last-game teams listed on the schedule are responsible for the takedown of the fields, **cleanup and pickup of the entire playing area**, and returning the field equipment to the designated locations. Each team is responsible for bringing their own trash bags, picking up their own trash and depositing their trash bags in dumpsters located at the site or taking it home. Failure to leave the fields and grounds clean may result in the loss of the use of the fields to the Area and cancellation of the remainder of the season. Each parent and visitor is responsible for the activities of their children in the playing area. Any **vandalism to the playing area or to residential areas immediately around the playing area** could result in the loss of the fields to the Area and cancellation of the remainder of the season. **No artificial noisemakers are allowed in the playing area.**

11-GAMES

All games shall be played as scheduled with two 40 minute halves. Failure to play a game as scheduled or refusing to continue to play a game that has already begun when so directed by the referee, shall be subject to disciplinary action including exclusion of participation in postseason or tournament play. Purposely starting a game with less than 11 players in the presence of substitutions in order to allow a particular late player entrance into the game upon their arrival is not in keeping with AYSO soccer philosophy **AND WILL NOT BE ALLOWED. THE GAME WILL START WHEN THE MINIMUM NUMBER OF PLAYERS ARE PRESENT.** After the game schedule is handed out at the coaches meeting, it becomes final. **NO CHANGES WILL BE MADE** except in case of field availability or conditions.

12-GRACE PERIOD

The referee shall allow a grace period of fifteen (15) minutes. This grace period will start at the scheduled kickoff time for the game. If one or both teams are not ready to play after the grace period has ended, the referee may cancel the game.

13-ALL COMPLETED GAMES ARE FINAL

14-CANCELLED GAMES

Only the referee or the AD or his/her designee may cancel a scheduled game. Games cancelled due to dangerous field conditions or weather will be replayed in their entirety if the outcome would affect the final standings. The outcome of games terminated by the referee due to control problems or refusal of a team to continue to play when so directed by the referee will be determined by a hearing of a Review Board convened by the AD as set forth in paragraph 25.7 of these rules.

15-GAME CARDS

Coaches are responsible for submitting fully completed game line-up cards to the referee at least 10 minutes prior to kick off. The players shall be listed **NUMERICALLY**. The referee is responsible for completing the front and back of the card (evaluation of the game, players and spectators) and returning the completed game cards to the site field coordinator or an area staff member.

16-MEDICAL RELEASES

Coaches shall not allow players to practice or play without medical Release Forms in their possession at all practices and games.

17-EQUIPMENT

Player's equipment shall conform to AYSO Rules and Regulations, Regional Rules and the following:

1. Shin guards are required to be worn at all practices and games. They shall be covered entirely by the stockings, shall be commercially manufactured, and shall be of such a size to afford adequate protection to the player.
2. Bicycle shorts are allowed as an addition to the uniform if they are the same color as the uniform shorts.

3. Uniform jerseys shall have sleeves (no tank tops allowed).
4. A player may wear headgear only as a reflection of their religious practices and of a type approved by AYSO NSTC.
5. A player may wear no jewelry of any kind.
6. Players with casts or splints are not allowed to practice or participate in any games.
7. Players must continue to wear their uniforms, including jerseys, until they leave the parking area. A player who removes his jersey when celebrating a goal will be cautioned for unsporting behavior.
8. All player uniforms must have a traditional AYSO logo.
9. It is highly recommended that the goal keeper's jersey have the traditional AYSO logo too. In addition no other writing shall be found on the goal keeper jersey except the manufacturer's logo.

Players may wear hard knee braces if they meet the following requirements:

1. Provide a signed letter from their doctor to the AD, which states that the player is required to wear a knee brace while playing soccer.
2. Provide a signed letter from their parents to the AD, which states that they are aware of their child's injury, that their child's doctor has orders their child to wear a brace while playing soccer, and under these circumstances, give their permission for their child to play soccer.
3. Prior to the start of the game, players wearing braces must receive an approval from the AD or his designee that the brace and it's fasteners are adequately covered and padded. Approval will be noted on the game card.
4. The referee shall be responsible for ensuring that the brace continued to be safe during the game. If the brace should become unsafe by accident or due to the player's action, the player shall be removed from the game, can be substituted for and will not be allowed to reenter the game.

18-REFEREE/REFEREE REPORTS

Referees will be assigned by the Area Referee Administrator with the help of the Regional Referee Administrators or Regional Referee Coordinators. Referees shall submit a detailed report within 24 hours to the respective Regional Commissioner and AD or his/her designee on all red cards (send offs) and any abusive conduct on the part of the players, coaches or spectators. See paragraph 25.7 for additional information. For the purpose of information for spectators and coaches, in addition to their use for players, appropriate yellow (cautions) and red cards (send offs) shall be shown to coaches when an associate disciplinary action is taken.

19-SUBSTITUTION

Quarterly substitutions shall be invoked in all games except in leagues playing short-sided games where free substitutions shall be permitted in accordance with rules established by the AD. **Every player must play at least one half of every game unless injured or ill.**

20-INJURIES/BLEEDING

Any injury that occurs during a game involving any AYSO participant shall be reported to the respective Region RC and his/her Safety Director. Any player who is bleeding must be immediately removed from the game and is not allowed to reenter the game until the bleeding has stopped and the wound is completely covered. Any part of the uniform that contains blood must be replaced before the player will be allowed to reenter the game. Substitutions for the bleeding player shall be handled in the same manner as any other injury.

21-SPORTSMANSHIP

Each upper division team will be evaluated and given points after each game by the referees for good sportsmanship and conduct by the players, coaches and spectators in the following categories:

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| 1. Conduct of Players | 0-5 Points |
| 2. Conduct of Coaches | 0-5 Points |
| 3. Conduct of Spectators | 0-5 Points |
| 4. Uniform Appearance | 0-5 Points |
| 5. Courtesy Towards Referee | 0-5 Points |

(See the Sportsmanship Evaluation Criteria at the end of the rules for additional guidance in assigning sportsmanship points.)

An average score in each of these categories is 3. There will be a one (1)-point deduction for a caution (yellow card) in the appropriate category. If a team receives a send off (red card) or two or more cautions in a game, that team will receive ZERO TOTAL POINTS for that game. Points will be entered on the back of each game card by the referee. At the end of the season, the Area will award a sportsmanship award to the team for each girls and boys division that receives the most sportsmanship points.

22-SEASON

The season is defined by the period beginning August 1st and ending July 31st, and includes playoffs games, post-season games and tournament games.

23-NO SMOKING

NO SMOKING is allowed anywhere on the site.

24-NO DOGS ALLOWED

NO DOGS are allowed anywhere on the site.

25-DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

All participants (players, coaches and spectators) are subject to FIFA rules as modified by AYSO Rules, Regulations and Policies, Section One Rules and these Area F Rules regarding disciplinary actions as set forth below.

25.1 Should a player, coach or spectator be sent from the field (verbally or by a red card) BEFORE OR DURING a game, they will be suspended from the remainder of that game and the next subsequent game actually played. Should a player, coach or spectator be sent from the field for a second time during the season, they will be suspended from the remainder of that game and two subsequent games actually played. Should a player, coach or spectator be sent from the field for a third time during the season, they will be suspended from the remainder of that game and three subsequent games actually played.

25.2 Should a player, coach or spectator be sent from the field (verbally or by a red card) FOLLOWING a game, they will be suspended from the next two subsequent games actually played. Should a player, coach or spectator be sent from the field following a game for a second time during the season, they will be suspended from their next three subsequent games actually played. Should a player, coach or spectator be sent from the field following a game for a third time during the season, they will be suspended from their next four subsequent games actually played.

25.3 If a player, coach or spectator has a game suspension remaining at the end of the season, that player, coach or spectator must sit out any actually played playoff games, post-season games and/or tournament games until the game suspension has been completed.

25.4 After a player, coach or spectator is sent from the field (receives a red card), the referee MAY SUSPEND the game until that person has COMPLETELY left the area (out of sight and sound). The suspended player, coach or spectator is NOT ALLOWED to return to the field after the game is finished, nor is that person allowed to be present at the team's next played game or games depending on the length of their suspension (don't come to the field - stay home!).

Suspended players not accompanied by a parent or guardian or who are unable to drive themselves away from the field will be sent to a "designated area" assigned by the AD. The designated area is for safety purposes, as these young people should not be sent out unsupervised. The suspended player is to remain in the designated area until the game is over and must not return to the field after the game.

25.5 Players, coaches and spectators who are suspended pursuant to the automatic penalties set forth in paragraphs 25.1, 25.2 or 25.10 are not permitted to attend any AYSO upper division game during the period of the suspension. Players, coaches and spectators who are suspended by the AD pursuant to the provisions of paragraphs 25.7, 25.8 or 25.9 below are not permitted to attend any AYSO game or other AYSO event during the term of such suspension. Should a suspended player, coach or spectator violate the "out of sight and sound" requirement during or after the game for which they were suspended, or during any part of the time they were suspended, a minimum of **one additional played game of "out of sight and sound" shall be added to the discipline requirement.** In addition, at the discretion of the referee or AD, should the player, coach or spectator continue to violate the "out of sight and sound" requirement, the game may be suspended and after a reasonable time, terminated.

25.6 AYSO and Area F disapprove of any form of abusive language which is intended or designed to embarrass, ridicule or demean others under any circumstances including on the bases of race, religion, gender or national origin. Players, coaches or spectators who resort to this behavior will be sent from the field (receive a red card). This applies from the time the person arrives until the person leaves the playing campus, which includes the parking lot.

25.7 In addition to the automatic penalties imposed in paragraphs 25.1, 25.2, 25.5 and 25.10, persons sent from the field (receive a red card) for conduct contrary to AYSO philosophy occurring before, during or after a game may be suspended or expelled from further AYSO participation for an additional period of time pursuant to the provisions of this paragraph 25.7. In such circumstances, the game referees shall prepare an incident report and shall submit such report to the AD and to the RC of the region in which the person is registered.

The AD shall review the report and determine in his\her sole discretion whether sanctions in addition to those provided in paragraphs 25.1, 25.2 and\or 25.5 shall be imposed on such person. Prior to imposing such sanctions, the AD may, at his\her option, determine to convene a Review Board as described herein. In such cases where the AD determines to impose additional sanctions on the affected person without convening a Review Board, the affected person may also request that a Review Board is convened.

If a Review Board is convened, the Review Board shall be made up of three or more neutral area volunteers appointed by the AD. The date of the hearing will be set by the AD after considering the availability of the hearing board members, the game referee(s) and other witnesses. The Review Board will review all evidence related to the incident, although the referee(s) report and event information will be the primary evidence used by the Review Board. Based on its review of the information submitted, the Review Board shall recommend to the AD any additional discipline that they feel is appropriate as a result of the incident. The AD, however, has the sole discretion to make the final decision regarding any such additional disciplinary action. In all cases, persons subject to the provisions of this paragraph 25.7 shall be suspended from further AYSO participation until such time as the AD has rendered a final decision (with or without a Review Board) AND the person has satisfied all obligations imposed by the AD.

25.8 ANY PERSON WHO ASSAULTS OR THREATENS (EITHER DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, PHYSICALLY OR VERBALLY) ANY OFFICIAL (REFEREE OR ADMINISTRATOR) WILL BE IMMEDIATELY EXPELLED FROM FURTHER AYSO PARTICIPATION FOR A MINIMUM OF THE REST OF THE SEASON AND MAY BE SUBJECT TO PERMANENT EXPULSION FROM FURTHER AYSO PARTICIPATION PURSUANT TO THE PROCEDURES SET FORTH IN PARAGRAPH 25.7 ABOVE.

25.9 ANY PERSON WHO ENGAGES IN OR ATTEMPTS TO ENGAGE IN VIOLENT CONDUCT WILL BE IMMEDIATELY EXPELLED FROM FURTHER AYSO PARTICIPATION FOR A MINIMUM OF THE REST OF THE SEASON AND MAY BE SUBJECT TO PERMANENT EXPULSION FROM FURTHER AYSO PARTICIPATION PURSUANT TO THE PROCEDURES SET FORTH IN PARAGRAPH 25.7 ABOVE.

25.10 Any participant accumulating a third caution during the year (yellow card) shall be suspended from participating in the next game actually played, including playoff games, post season games and tournament games. After the suspension is over, the participant will start clean with no yellow cards.

26-RULES/RULINGS

Rulings shall be the responsibility of the AD or his/her designee and shall be final. These rules do not supersede AYSO Rules and Regulations, but are intended to cover those situations not addressed by AYSO Rule and Regulations, which shall prevail in case of conflict.

27-POST SEASON TEAM FORMATION

In addition to these rules, Area 1F Select\Tournament Team Guidelines also apply to any post-season upper division team formed from an Area 1F region (or regions) to participate in AYSO secondary programs. The RC shall provide the AD with a copy of each tournament roster submitted by a team formed in their region for each tournament that such team enters. In cases where a U16 player has participated in the fall U19 program, that player may participate on either a U16 post-season team or a U19 post-season team, but not both. A U16 player who chooses to play on a U19 post season team shall not be permitted to play on a U16 post season team, even as a guest player.

SPORTSMANSHIP EVALUATION CRITERIA

CRITERIA Points	0 or 1	2	3	4	5
Description	Very Poor	Below Normal	Normal	Good	Excellent
Most Important	<p>Exercise lack of sportsmanship, poor attitude and no discipline</p> <p>Frequent negative comments, displays poor attitude</p> <p>No graciousness at all in winning or losing</p>	<p>Some lack of sportsmanship, some negative attitude</p> <p>Occasional negative comments and display of poor attitude.</p> <p>Little graciousness in winning or losing. Flaunts win or blames loss on referee.</p>	<p>Shows good attitude, teamwork and fair play throughout most of the game</p> <p>Some positive and negative comments/</p> <p>Accepts winning and losing.</p>	<p>Mostly positive attitude, teamwork and fair play throughout game.</p> <p>Mostly positive comments and encouragement.</p> <p>Applauds good play.</p> <p>Mostly accepts winning or losing graciously.</p>	<p>Shows exemplary attitude, teamwork and fair play throughout entire game.</p> <p>All comments expressed are positive, instructive and encouraging.</p> <p>Always accepts winning or losing graciously.</p>
Important	<p>Frequent dissent</p> <p>Persistent fouling</p> <p>Extreme lopsided scoring.</p>	<p>Some dissent towards refs.</p> <p>Frequent fouls and displays of poor sportsmanship.</p> <p>No attempt to prevent lopsided score.</p>	<p>Little dissent towards refs. Knows and abides by rules.</p> <p>Some fouling during normal play.</p> <p>Some attempt to prevent lopsided score.</p>	<p>Very little dissent with mostly gracious acceptance of ref's decision.</p> <p>Encourages fair play.</p> <p>Tries to avoid running up score.</p>	<p>No dissent, gracious acceptance of ref's decision.</p> <p>Actively encourages safe, fun and fair soccer of teammates.</p> <p>Actively and successfully avoids running up score or embarrassing opponents.</p>
Added Consideration	Ejections for violent or extreme dangerous play, coupled with other factors in this category that reflects a pattern of team balance.	Ejection for offenses such as persistent infringement or handball to prevent a goal and are coupled with other factors in this category.	Caution only resulting from offenses such as delay of game or other non-violent infractions.	No ejections. No more than a single caution and then for a non-violent foul.	No cautions or ejections.

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