

**JACK LONDON YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE
RULES OF PLAY
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I APPLICABILITY

A. These rules apply to member teams of this League playing in recreational divisions sponsored by this League or subunits of this league. Teams from this League playing in competitive divisions or in recreational divisions sponsored by or in conjunction with other leagues are subject to the rules of those divisions.

B. All contests played in this League will abide by the Laws of the Game as established by F.I.F.A. and those modifications established by the C.Y.S.A. and this League.

II DIVISIONS OF PLAY

A. The Under-8 age group will be sponsored by the individual clubs. Several clubs may join together to sponsor a joint Under-8 division. Clubs may also subdivide the Under-8 age group into multiple divisions. These divisions may be based on age (e.g., Under-7, Under-6). No league championship may be awarded, and team standings will not be kept.

B. All Under-10 and older age groups will be divided into two divisions, Class 3 and Class 4 (or "recreational"). The recommended formation and selection process for these divisions is given in Appendix A "Team Selection/Equalization Process." Class 3 teams may be placed in higher flights within the League divisions, or play at the District level, at the discretion of the Match Secretary.

C. The under 16 and under 19 age groups will play either in League divisions, or divisions sponsored by or in conjunction with other leagues, or in district divisions.

D. The Match Secretary will make the final determination of age group divisions, seeding of individual teams within those divisions and any adjustments deemed necessary during the course of the season. An adjustment of the flights within the age divisions will be made after 2 to 4 weeks of play to encourage equality of competition and in overall season records. Emergency adjustments may be made at any time.

E. Division winners shall be determined on the following basis: Standings will be based on common schedules. Only those games played against teams in the division the team was in at the end of the season will be considered. 3 points will be awarded for a win, 1 point for a tie, and 0 point for a loss. The team with the highest percentage of possible points earned, wins. In the case of ties, the teams will be deemed co-winners.

F. Invitation to any league affiliated invitational tournaments will be extended to the teams that, in the opinion of the Match Secretary, will best represent the JLYSL in such competition. The Match Secretary shall consider the total points accumulated by the teams at the time the Match Secretary must make a decision.



III PLAYER'S EQUIPMENT

- A. Players wearing orthopedic casts, whether covered or not, will not be eligible to play in any match.
- B. When uniform colors are similar, the home team must effect a change to colors that are distinct from those of the opponents.
- C. No player may participate while wearing hard-soled street shoes or without shoes or without shinguards **that offer a reasonable degree of protection**. Shin guards shall be worn properly in order to provide adequate and reasonable protection. Shin guards shall be professionally manufactured, age/size appropriate and unaltered.
- D. Prior to the match the referee will make sure that each player's equipment is in proper order.
- E. With the exception of goalkeepers, all players will wear a standard team uniform only, with a clearly visible number. Goalkeepers will wear jerseys that contrast with jerseys of teammates and opponents.

IV SUBSTITUTIONS

- A. Players may be substituted only during a stoppage of the match. The number of substitutions will be unlimited. Substitutions may be at following times:
 - 1. Prior to a throw-in in your favor.
 - 2. Prior to a goal kick by either team.
 - 3. After a goal by either team.
 - 4. After an injury by either team, when the referee stops play.
 - 5. When the referee stops play to caution a player, only the cautioned player may be substituted, prior to the re-start of the match.
 - 6. At half time.
- B. In any case, a substitute may not enter the field of play until given a signal to do so by the referee.
- C. At the taking of a penalty kick, any player on the playing field may exchange positions with the goalkeeper provided that the referee is informed.
- D. At substitutions, upon recognition by the referee, players will enter and leave the field at the halfway line on their own team's side of the field.



V SIDELINE BEHAVIOR

- A. Coaching from the sidelines, i.e. giving direction to one's team on points of strategy and position, is permitted provided that:
 - 1. No mechanical devices are used.
 - 2. The tone of voice is informative, positive and not critical or negative.
 - 3. No team official or substitute is to be anywhere but at the bench area during the match.
 - 4. No team official or substitute is to make derogatory remarks or gestures to the referees, linesmen, other players, substitutes or spectators.

5. No team official, substitute or player is to use profanity.
6. No team official, substitute or player is to incite disruptive behavior of any kind.
7. All coaching is done from the technical area.

B. The technical area will be within 10 yards of the halfway line and at least two yards from the touchline. Where possible, the bench areas will be on opposite sides of the field. The home team shall have the choice of sides.

C. At fields where space allows it, a spectator line will be marked to assist the linesmen in their duties. The spectator line will be marked parallel to the touchline along the entire length of the field, two yards back from the touchline. All spectators and substitutes are to remain behind the spectator line while the match is in progress. The line may be marked in a color other than white (e.g., orange).

D. Spectators will not make profane or derogatory remarks or gestures against anyone, including dissent arising from the referees' decisions or incite disruptive behavior. Spectators and non-players may not be behind the goal line.

E. Coaches are responsible for all sideline behaviors on their side of the field. Either the coach or referee may require offending spectators to leave the field.

F. Team officials, substitutes or players who fail to comply with the provisions of this paragraph V may be cautioned or ejected from the match.

G. If a spectator or spectators fail to respond to a team official's request to cease and desist from irresponsible behavior, the referee is empowered to terminate the match. In the above event, the Disciplinary Committee will decide the disposition of the match and the disciplinary actions.



VI SPECIAL RULES

A. For all youth soccer age groups, charging the goalkeeper will not be permitted at any time when in the penalty area, whether the goalkeeper has possession of the ball or not. Charging the goalkeeper consists of intentional or avoidable contact with the goalkeeper by an opposing player.

B. It is required that every player present plays at least 50% of that match.

C. For matches between Under-8 teams, the following modifications to the rules of play will apply:

1. The field of play will be 50-60 yards (160 feet) long and 30-40 yards (106 feet) wide. A halfway line should be marked, as should a center circle with a radius of six yards and four corner arcs, each with a one-yard radius. The goalkeeper may handle the ball only in the goal area, which will extend eight yards (24 feet) from the center of the goal line in each direction along the goal line and eight yards (24 feet) into the field of play. Goals will be five feet high and 15 feet wide inside dimensions.

2. The ball will be a size 3.

3. The maximum number of players for one team on the field at any one time is seven, one of who shall be the goalkeeper. The maximum number of players on a roster is eleven. The league recommends and requests that teams be limited to a roster of 10 players. Every player present must participate a minimum of 50% of that game.

4. Official referees can be used if available. In the absence of a licensed referee, the coaches must agree to a solution. No match can be postponed for lack of a licensed referee.
5. The match is to be divided into two halves of 20 minutes each with a “substitution break-“ midway through each half, and a 5 minute halftime.
6. Serious violations of the offside law shall not be permitted.
7. All free kicks shall be indirect with the opponents at least six yards from the ball. No penalty kicks shall be awarded. Corner kicks and Kick offs are direct Kicks
8. For infractions within the goal area:
 - a. All kicks assessed against the defending team shall be taken from a spot on the edge of the goal area at that point on the line parallel to the goal line that is nearest to the point of infraction, as per FIFA.
 - b. Free kicks assessed against the attacking team may be taken at any point within the goal area in which the infraction occurred, as per FIFA.
9. Throw-ins will conform with the Laws of the Game with re-throws allowed after an explanation of incorrect throw-ins.
10. Sliding tackles are regarded as dangerous play at this age level and are not allowed.
11. No club or league standings shall be kept and no championships shall be awarded.

D. For matches between Under-10 teams, the following modifications to the rules of play will apply:

1. The field of play will be 60-80 yards (180 to 240 feet) long and 36-50 yards (112 to 150 feet) wide space permitting. A halfway line should be marked, as should a center circle with an eight-yard (24 feet) radius and four corner arcs each with a one-yard radius. The goalkeeper may handle the ball only in the goal area, which shall extend 14 yards (42 feet) from the midpoint of the goal line in each direction along the goal line and 14 yards (42 feet) into the field of play. The goal will be seven feet high and 21 feet wide (inside dimensions).
2. The ball will be size 4.
3. The number of players on the field for a team will be eight, per USYSA rules, one of whom shall be the goalkeeper. The number of players on a roster shall not exceed 12. Every player present must play at least 50% of the match.
4. All free kicks shall be indirect with the opponents at least eight yards from the ball. No penalty kicks shall be awarded.
5. For infractions within the goal area:
 - a. All kicks assessed against the defending team shall be taken from a spot on the edge of the goal area at that point on the line parallel to the goal line that is nearest the point of infraction, as per FIFA.

b. Free kicks assessed against the attacking team may be taken at any point within the goal area in which the infraction occurred, as per FIFA.

6. Throw-ins will conform with the Laws of the Game with one re-throw allowed after an explanation, if the first is illegal.



VII FIELDS AND EQUIPMENT

A. Prior to the beginning of the season, the League Board shall assign responsibility for specific playing fields to a specific club, team or organization. Such assignment shall be based on the proportion of teams entered into league play.

B. Field responsibility includes:

- (1) provide access to the grounds and restrooms (if available);
- (2) supply goal nets and corner flags, their set up prior to commencement of the day's first match and their removal upon completion of the day's last match;
- (3) ensure that all permanent and semi-permanent movable goals are securely bolted together, stable and structurally sound;
- (4) set up any required temporary goals and anchor them securely;
- (5) set up and remove the goals and nets as required;
- (6) arrange for or mark the field as required;
- (7) clean up and secure the grounds and facilities.

C. The organization responsible for the field is also responsible for determining prior to the commencement of the day's first match, whether the field is playable and available and, if not, advising the appropriate league official(s) as soon as possible. Once play is underway, the referee shall be the sole judge of whether play can continue or not.

D. An deficiencies in the condition of the field or the field setup should be reported to any Club Field Coordinator by telephone immediately, or for less urgent matters, by E-mail to fields@jlysl.org

E. It shall be the responsibility of both teams to have a game ball.



VIII GAME TIMES AND BALL SPECIFICATIONS

The length of games, overtime periods, ball sizes and for each age group shall be as follows:

Division	Game Length	Overtime**	Ball Size
U-19	Two 45 minute periods	Two 15-minute periods	Size 5
U-16	Two 40 minute periods	Two 15-minute periods	Size 5
U-14	Two 35 minute periods	Two 10-minute periods	Size 5
U-12	Two 30 minute periods	Two 10-minute periods	Size 4

U-10	Two 25 minute periods	Two 10-minute periods	Size 4
U-8	Two 20 minute periods	None	Size 3

** Overtime is only to be used when necessary in championship games during tournament play.

Game times can be adjusted for tournament play.

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IX GAME CARDS and SERIOUS PROBLEM REPORTS

A. Prior to the match, the home team shall supply the referee with a game report card. The home team shall fill out necessary information on the card including the date, time, field location and team ID numbers to facilitate use by the match secretaries. This is to be done prior to handing the card to the referee.

B. The referee shall enter all appropriate game information on this card. This includes goals scored, names of the officiating crew and any information pertaining to the conduct of the participants during the game.

C. Upon completion of the match, the referee shall check the card for accuracy before signing his/her name and registration number.

D. The winning team is responsible for sending the game card to the Match Secretary, or designated assistant, to be post marked within 72 hours of the match. In the event of a tie, the home team shall be responsible for mailing the game card. If the game card is retained by the referee for mailing to the Disciplinary Chairperson, the winning team, or the home team in a tie, is responsible for contacting the Match Secretary with the results.

E. A game report card must be filed for every match played, even if game is not completed or if game is forfeited.

F. Either coach may review the game card at the conclusion of the match.

G. If the referee cautions or sends off any player or team official, the referee will retain the game card and mail it along with the pass or passes of any ejected players and/or coaches to the Chairperson of the League Disciplinary Committee or designee.

H. Any coach, team official, player, parent, referee or spectator may electronically file a Serious Problem Report via the JLYSL web site. These reports will be addressed to the Chairman of the Disciplinary Committee and to the President of the League. The Chairman of the Disciplinary Committee will decide the appropriate action.



X PLAYER PASSES

A. The referee shall verify the identity of all the players with their player passes.

B. The referee shall collect the passes of all players and coaches. The referee must not allow any player to participate without a valid player pass. The referee will not allow a game to continue without an adult present with a valid coaches pass for that team. A roster is not sufficient verification of identity.

- C. A valid player pass shall consist of:
1. All information filled in on the card, including date of birth.
 2. Player photo glued to the card and stamped with the appropriate authority's stamp.
 3. Passes are to be laminated to preserve the authenticity of the information on them.
- D. If a player is found to have participated without a valid player pass, that team shall forfeit the match.
- E. These requirements may not be dispensed with under any conditions other than League Board approval.
- F. The referee must keep the player passes during the entire match, returning them to the two coaches at the conclusion of the match.
- G. If the whole team fails to present player passes at the start of the match, the match can be played as a practice match, if the coach can produce proof of registration and insurance coverage (individual player goldenrod forms). However, if the player passes are presented before the end of the match and the referee has verified the players' registrations, the Disciplinary Committee may be petitioned for a ruling to count the match as an official match and void the forfeiture. Repeated failure to have player passes at the start of the matches shall subject the coach/manager to disciplinary action or the team to forfeiture of their matches.



XI MEDICAL RELEASES and TEAM ROSTERS

A. The coach must have a SIGNED MEDICAL RELEASE, conforming to the requirements of the State organization (CYSA-N), for all players at all games and practices. Otherwise, no game, practice or other, can take place.

B. Teams must have available a valid team roster stamped by the League Registrar, completed with all required add and drop forms attached. In case of protests, this roster must be made available to the requesting official. For tournaments, the team roster must be available at the tournament site in case a dispute arises. Team rosters will be limited to the following sizes:

For Under 10 teams – 12 Players
Under 12 teams -- 15 players
Under 14 teams – 16 players
Under 16 and 19 teams – 18 players

XII FORFEITS

A. If any team delays the start of a scheduled match by more than 5 minutes after the scheduled starting time (or if the field is not available, within 5 minutes after the field becomes available) without the sanction of the proper authority, the referee shall terminate the match. The delaying team shall automatically forfeit the match.

B. Unless the match has been canceled as herein provided, in the event that both teams fail to show up for a scheduled match, and the referee rules the field playable, then both teams shall be assessed with a loss.

C. In the event that one team does not show up for a match, the other team (having at least seven players ready to play) wins by forfeit. The team coach present shall send the completed game card within the stipulated time.

D. In the case of forfeiture, the score shall stand 0-1 against the forfeiting team. Double forfeitures will show 0-1 against each team.



XIII ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE PROHIBITION

A. The consumption of alcoholic beverages, immediately before, during, or immediately after the playing of any youth soccer match sanctioned by this League or any of its affiliated leagues is expressly prohibited.

B. Any player, team official, League official, or any other member of this League who violates this prohibition shall be subject to disciplinary action and/ or suspension.

C. Spectators shall not possess or consume alcoholic beverages at any match. If a spectator or spectators fail to respond to a request to cease and desist from the above, the referee must not proceed with the match.

XIV INELIGIBLE PLAYERS

If a player plays in a match when not properly registered or when otherwise ineligible to play, that team shall automatically forfeit that match and may face further disciplinary action.

XV PLAYER TRANSFERS

Once a player is registered with a team, the player can only be released from that team during the season with the coach's permission, unless the player or his/ her parent wishes to appeal to the Disciplinary Committee for a transfer. No more than three players may be transferred from a team without Board approval. The proper transfer forms must be approved and stamped by the Registrar, and attached to the team roster.

XVI REFEREES

A. At least one referee at each match shall be currently qualified and in uniform.

B. The referee's judgment with regard to the physical conditions of the field and its acceptability for play, with regard to the actual happenings and occurrences related to the conduct of the match, and with regard to those prerogatives granted to him/her by the Laws of the Game as published by FIFA, will not be challenged.

C. In the absence of a qualified referee, the coaches must agree on a solution. No match may be postponed or delayed for lack of a licensed referee.



XVII WARNINGS, CAUTIONS, SEND-OFFS, AND DISMISSALS

A. A warning to a player or team official shows that the referee is aware of questionable conduct on the part of the warned person. The player or team official is thereby placed on notice that further conduct of this nature will result in further action. A warning may be given informally while the match is in progress.

B. A caution is a formal statement to the player or team official that further misconduct will result in the cautioned person being sent off the field of play. If a player is cautioned, the player should be substituted for and not return to the field of play for at least 10 minutes of playing time. A caution is administered during a stoppage in play.

C. Team officials and players may be cautioned for any of the following offenses:

1. Entering or leaving the field of play without the referee's permission.
2. Persistent infringement of the rules.
3. Unsporting behavior (players), irresponsible behavior (coaches)
4. Dissent by word or action
5. Delaying the restart of play
6. Failing to respect the required distance when play is restarted with a corner kick or free kick

D. When play is stopped, the referee shall

1. Inform the player or team official:

- a. That he/she is being cautioned
- b. The reason for the caution
- c. The consequences of further misconduct

2. Record the team official's name or player's name and number on the game report card, together with the nature of the offense.

E. The use of the yellow card is the preferred method of informing team officials and players that a caution is being issued to a player. Yellow cards should not be shown to team officials who are being cautioned.

F. The referee must prepare a Serious Problem Report describing the details of the incident whenever a caution is issued to a coach. A copy of this report should also be sent to the League Referee Coordinator (jlyslrefs@jlysl.org) and to the President of the coach's club. Referees should note cautions for players on the game report card and also report them by E-mail to the Match Secretary (matchsecretary@jlysl.org).

G. A send-off is an order to a player to leave the field of play. A dismissal is an order to a team official to leave the vicinity of the playing area. They are administered during a stoppage in the match.

H. Team officials may be dismissed or players may be sent off for the following offenses:

1. Violent conduct or serious foul play
2. Foul or abusive language
3. Persistent misconduct after having received a caution
4. Spitting at an opponent or any other person
5. Denying an obvious goal scoring opportunity by deliberating handling the ball

or by committing an offense punishable by a free kick or penalty kick.
6. Irresponsible behavior (coaches)

When play is stopped, the referee shall:

1. Inform the player that he is being sent off or team official that he or she is being dismissed.
2. Inform the player or team official of the nature of the offense
3. Record the team official's name or the player's name and number on the game report card, together with the nature of the offense
4. Send the player off the field of play, or the team official away from the playing area.

I. The use of the red card is the preferred method of informing the players and team officials that the referee is sending off a player. Red cards should not be shown to team officials who are being dismissed.

J. The referee must file a Serious Problem Report when a player is sent-off or a coach is dismissed. The format of the report can be downloaded from the District 4 Referee web site. A copy of this report must be sent to the League Referee Co-ordinator (jlyslrefs@jlysl.org) within 24 hours. The referee must also retain the player's or coach's pass and send it along with the game report card to the League Disciplinary Committee Chairperson or designee within 48 hours.

K. Players who have been sent off are ineligible for league play until cleared for play by the League Disciplinary Committee or Chairperson acting at his or her discretion.



XVIII DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

A. The League Disciplinary Committee may initiate disciplinary proceedings against any player, team official, referee or spectator from any member club or team. The proceedings may be initiated based on information brought to the attention of the Board of Directors or the Disciplinary Committee through complaints, serious problem or other reports, and otherwise. The disciplinary proceedings shall be initiated by notice to the appropriate party containing a brief statement of the reasons for the initiation of the proceedings. Parties against who such proceedings have been brought may, with a proper investigation, be put on probation, be suspended, barred completely, or otherwise disciplined.

B. COMPOSITION

1. The League Disciplinary Committee shall be composed of:

- a. The Chairperson, appointed by the President
- b. The League President
- c. The League Referee Coordinator
- d. Up to four persons appointed by the Chairperson.

2. The League Disciplinary Committee shall serve at the pleasure of the League President. Appointments to the Disciplinary Committee are subject to the approval of the League President.

3. The Disciplinary Committee is at all times subject to Board rulings.

4. No one other than the regular committee members may attend a committee meeting unless invited by the Chairperson

C. SERIOUS PROBLEM REPORTS

The Chairman of the League Disciplinary Committee shall review all serious problem reports and reply to the person who submitted the report. The Chairman shall determine the appropriate course of action to address the problem consistent with the guidelines in Section XIX below.

If the Chairman of the League Disciplinary Committee delegates the investigation of a serious problem report to the Disciplinary Committee(s) of one or more clubs, the Chairman shall then review the actions taken by the Club to make sure that they are consistent with the Guidelines below. If necessary, the Chairman may convene the League Disciplinary Committee to further investigate the incident and take additional disciplinary actions. The Chairman should report to the Board of Directors the results of all investigations and disciplinary actions taken by the clubs or by the League Disciplinary Committee.

Each Club must have a Disciplinary Committee to address serious problem reports that are delegated to them by the Chair of the League Disciplinary Committee. Each Club must prepare a written procedure for investigating serious problem reports and taking disciplinary actions. The Chair of the Club Disciplinary Committee must report the results of all investigations and disciplinary actions to the Chair of the League Disciplinary Committee.

D. MEETINGS

The committee shall be subject to meeting on a monthly basis. Meetings, however, need not occur if not required. The Chairperson shall try to provide a minimum of two weeks notice before any meeting. The Chairperson shall determine the time and place of the meetings. If prompt action is necessary, the League President and the Disciplinary Committee Chairperson shall conduct a vote by phone. Further, the League President and Disciplinary Committee Chairperson may agree to call a special meeting in case of an emergency.

E. CONFIDENTIALITY

No names shall be disclosed outside of the Disciplinary Committee meetings except in case of appeal and as minimally necessary to effect the discipline. This does not apply to notice of the result of disciplinary action. Proceedings and discussions are not to be disclosed outside the committee meeting. Exceptions occur in the case of appeals.

XIX GUIDELINES FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION

The Disciplinary Committee Chairperson shall have discretionary power in applying the following guidelines for player discipline:

- A. For player offenses involving a suspension of no more than two matches, the Chairperson shall implement the sanction and report such sanctions to the Board at the next league meeting.
- B. For offenses involving a team, or team official, the Chairperson shall consult the League President. If the President and the Chairperson agree that discipline involving suspension of no more than two matches is sufficient, then the sanction shall be implemented.
- C. For offenses involving a suspension of more than two matches, the Disciplinary Committee shall be consulted.
- D. The procedure above is for first offenses during the current CYSA season. Repeat offenses

will be referred to the Disciplinary Committee. The Committee shall decide upon the gravity of the offense with the degree of punishment corresponding to the gravity of the offense. In all cases, notice of disciplinary action or other decisions shall be by mail within seven days after the decision. Telephone notification to the coach of the affected player(s) shall be within 48 hours following the decision. All other concerned parties, to include but not be limited to Club Presidents and Match Secretaries, will be notified through league and club channels.

E. Decisions of the Committee may be appealed to the Board.



XX OFFENSES AND PUNISHMENTS

The following lists the minimum discipline associated with first time offenses and will be used by the Chairperson in following the guidelines listed in XIX above.

A. If a player is cautioned three times in any season, he/she will be automatically suspended for the team's next match. No appeal will be heard. Suspensions will result for each accumulation of three cautions during the season. Should a second caution in the same game result in a send-off, the first caution of that game will not be counted as one of the accumulated cautions.

B. Players sent off for repeated misconduct during a match will be suspended for one league match. Players sent off for foul or abusive language or gestures will be suspended for at least one league match. Players sent off for threatening gestures will be suspended for at least one league match.

C. Players sent off for violent conduct before, during or after a match, will be suspended for at least two league matches.

D. Players sent off for threatening a referee, team official or a spectator will be suspended for at least three league matches.

E. Players sent off for physically attacking a referee, team official or a spectator will be suspended for at least one year from the date of the incident.

F. In addition to the suspension, players will be placed on probation for a period of time equal to the suspension. The probationary period is to begin immediately following the suspension. Should an individual on probation be sent-off during the probationary period, the original suspension and probation shall be re-applied.

G. If a team official is cautioned, he/she will be on probation for at least five weeks. Team officials under probation who subsequently receive a caution will be suspended for at least one week and will remain on probation for the remainder of the season or ten weeks, whichever is longer. The club to which he/she is affiliated will be notified. Suspension of a team official bars that person from match attendance, even as a spectator. As such, referees and opposing coaches will also be notified of the suspension.

H. Team officials who have received three cautions in a season or who have been dismissed will be suspended for at least one match and will be placed on probation for one year from the date of the offense.

I. Reoccurrence of misconduct while under probation, or a send-off for violent conduct will be subject to consideration by the Disciplinary Committee. The guidelines above concerning the gravity of the offense will apply. Clubs are responsible for implementing disciplinary sanctions placed upon team officials by the League Disciplinary Committee.

J. Disciplinary actions taken by the League Disciplinary Committee may be appealed to the League Board. Such appeals must be submitted in writing to the League President and must be postmarked no later than seven (7) days following the postmark date of the letter notifying the party to be disciplined of the decision of the Disciplinary Committee. Any sanction applied by the League Disciplinary Committee will remain in effect until the League Board considers the appeal. Appeals shall be decided upon at the earliest League Board meeting scheduled.

K. If action by the Disciplinary Committee affects the eligibility of a player or coach for the following season(s), the League Registrar will be notified of the action and the date on which the player or coach becomes eligible for participation in league matches.

XXI PROTESTS AND APPEALS

The Disciplinary Committee decides protests of the results of matches. Decisions concerning protests and disciplinary action by the Disciplinary Committee may be appealed to the League Board for consideration and resolution at the earliest meeting following official receipt of the notice of appeal

A. PROTESTS

I. A coach wishing to protest the results of match or forfeiture shall

a. Send a complete and detailed letter to the Disciplinary Chairperson, the League President, the match referee and the opposing coach. The letters must be postmarked within three days after the match.

b. Send a check for \$25, made out to JLYSL, to the Disciplinary Chairperson. The check shall be returned if the Committee decides in favor of the protest.

2. The referee and the opposing coach shall be asked by the Disciplinary Chairperson to send a letter to the Disciplinary Chairperson explaining the events and occurrences surrounding and leading up to the original decision. Where necessary, the Chairperson may elect to elicit more information through telephone interviews.

3. Decisions of the Committee do not take place in an adversarial atmosphere. All parties will be informed by mail of the decision.

4. Protests will be automatically denied if:

a. They do not directly affect the final result (win, tie, loss) of the match in question.

b. They are based on a judgment call of the referee as per FIFA Law V, Paragraph 2.

c. They are based on the lack of a referee, field markings, etc.

B APPEALS

1. Decisions of the League Disciplinary Committee are subject to appeal to the League Board. Such appeals must be submitted in writing to the League President and must be postmarked no later than seven (7) days following the postmark date of the letter notifying the party to be disciplined of the decision of the Disciplinary Committee. Any sanction applied by the League Disciplinary Committee will remain in effect until the

League Board considers the appeal. Appeals shall be decided upon at the earliest League Board meeting scheduled.

2. A check for \$25, payable to JLYSL, must accompany the letter to the League President when appealing the decision of the Disciplinary Committee. The check will be returned if the appeal is upheld.

3. Adverse decisions -of the League Board may be appealed to the CYSA-N Board of Directors. Appeals must be directed to the District Commissioner and be received within 48 hours of notice of the decision. Appeals must be accompanied by a \$25 check made out to CYSA-N.

C COMPLAINTS

There are times when protest is not in order but when a complaint or **Serious Problem Report** should be filed using the link on the JLYSL web site. Quality of officiating, problems in the scheduling or notification, extreme rudeness of spectators and the like could be subjects of a Serious Problem Report. **These reports will be addressed to the Chairman of the Disciplinary Committee and to the President of the League. The Chairman of the Disciplinary Committee will decide the appropriate action to address the problem.**

Complaints about fields should be addressed to the Club Field Coordinators at fields@jlysl.com. If the complaints are not dealt with adequately, they should be brought to the attention of the League President.



XXII POSTPONEMENTS

A. If the league has canceled play because of bad weather or other factors, or if play has been canceled in accordance with Rule VII.C, then the Match Secretary will reschedule or cancel the match(es).

B. Requests for postponements to permit play in tournaments sanctioned by the League should be given in writing to the Match Secretary at least 14 days prior to the conflicting league match. Such requests must be approved by the Match Secretary and cannot be approved until the conflicting match is rescheduled or canceled. When continued play in a tournament depends upon the results of earlier matches, such teams shall notify the Match Secretary of their status by telephone within 36 hours of such matches.

XXIII SPORTSMANSHIP RULE

A. Before resuming play after one team attains a four-goal advantage, the referee will advise both coaches of the invocation of this rule and require the winning team to remove one player from play.

B. If the winning team scores more goals, an additional player will be removed for each additional goal before resuming play. At no time will an Under-12 team, or older, be required to play with less than seven players. Under-10 teams will not be required to play with less than five players. This rule will not be applied to Under-8 matches, although the League expects that coaches will make adjustments in accordance with the spirit and intent of this rule.

C. If goals are scored by the losing team after the invocation of this rule, the winning team may increase the number of players on the field at the same rate as they were removed: one player for each goal.

D. The selection of the player to be removed from the field under this rule will be made by the coach of the winning team.

E. In the spirit of this rule, a winning coach should also consider making other adjustments, such as sitting stronger players or changing tactics, if the game continues to remain one sided.

F. If one team plays with at least the minimum required players, but less than allowed, (playing short), than the other team will not be required to play short, but should, in the spirit of Good sportsmanship, adjust player strength, or tactics, if it is evident that the game is one sided.

G. The failure or refusal of any coach to abide by this rule will be grounds for possible disciplinary action including, for example, the loss of points that would otherwise be awarded for a win or the suspension of the offending coach.

APPENDIX A

TEAM SELECTION/EQUALIZATION PROCESS

1. Prior to any other selections, the Bay Oaks will hold tryouts; and teams will be selected by the Bay Oaks, based on the tryouts, or any other information available to them. Selection must be made quickly (time to be determined, but the intended time frame is a week or two at the most).
2. Clubs will then select players for their Class 3 teams. Tryouts may be required. If after having a tryout, a club decides it cannot field a Class 3 team in a particular age group, it need not.
3. Each club will decide how many Class 3 teams it can fill, and what skill level is needed for District play. Teams that are formed based on the skills of the players may, at the discretion of the Match Secretary, be defined as "House Select" and assigned to play in the highest house flights.
4. Players are free to decide whether they wish to play Bay Oaks or at a level in the other clubs. They may not be coerced to play at these levels regardless of their personal skills. On the other hand, they may not be held back from trying out for these levels.
5. Class 4 teams will be formed and matched using the following process:
 - a. The Match Secretary will poll the clubs to find how many teams will be playing in each age group. He/she will then determine the number of flights appropriate to each age group.
 - b. Each club will form teams by whatever method is consistent with their club's team formation philosophy, and then give each team a relative ranking and an estimate of which flight each team should play in.
 - c. The Match Secretary may use a questionnaire to fit rankings or use other methods which accomplish the same purpose and then manipulate team ranking as needed to get even competition/flights.
 - d. Flights will be organized so that one flight has the strongest teams and the next has the next strongest teams, etc.