

Timberline Youth Soccer Association Redbook

Websites:

Timberline Youth Soccer Association – www.timberlinesoccer.com

Eastern District Super II Group - www.edsuper2.com

South Texas Youth Soccer Association – www.stxsoccer.org

United States Youth Soccer Association – www.usyouthsoccer.org

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HONOR CODE

COACH'S CODE

Soccer is a game for happiness.

The laws of soccer should be regarded as mutual agreement, the spirit of letter of which no one should try to evade or break.

Visiting teams and spectators are honored guest.

No advantages except those of superior skill should be sought.

Official decisions should be accepted without looking angry, no matter how unfair they may seem.

Winning is desirable, but winning at any cost defeats the purpose of the game.

Losing can be a triumph when the team has given its best.

The ideal is the greatest good to the greatest number.

In soccer, as in life, treat others as you would have them treat you.

PLAYER'S CODE

Play the game for the game's sake.

Be generous when you win.

Be graceful when you lose.

Be fair always, no matter what the cost.

Obey the laws of the game.

Work for the good of you team.

Accept the decisions of the officials with good grace.

Believe in the honesty of your opponents.

Conduct yourself with honor and dignity.

PARENT'S CODE

Parents should remember:

Children have more need of example than criticism.

Make athletic participation for your child and others a positive experience.

Attempt to relieve the pressure of competition, not increase it. A Child is easily affected by outside influences.

Be kind to your child's coach and to officials. They are volunteers giving of personal time and money to provide a recreational activity for you child.

The opponents are necessary friends. Without them, you child could not participate. Applaud good plays by your team and by members of the opposing team.

Between the exuberance of the winner and the disappointment of the loser we find a person called a referee. All of them follow the same creed to watch every move of every player and to call the game to the best of his/her ability. Do not openly question his/her judgment and never the honesty. He/she is a symbol of fair play, integrity and sportsmanship.

Accept the results of each game. Encourage your child to: Be gracious in victory, and Turn defeat to victory by working toward improvements.

TYSA President's Letter

Dear Parents, Players and Volunteers:

Welcome to a new season and another exciting year of Youth Soccer in Houston!

The Timberline Board is dedicated to making the experience a positive one for all of the participants. We try to create an environment that will allow all of the players to develop both personal traits and soccer skills that will help them live life better. We want the players to not only learn the game but also to love the game so they may enjoy this great game well into their adult life

We have enjoyed the first full season of the new website that was used this past season with great success. The TYSA board hopes that you have enjoyed the new look of the website and as always we are striving to make it easier to communicate changes during the soccer season.

We also have enjoyed the coaches section of the website which allows each coach to print off game sheets, submit scores after the games are played, allowing the certifications of games to be quicker and more efficient. We tried to make our website as user friendly as possible and we think we have succeeded.

The TYSA board wishes to thank those that have volunteered for service to the Youth Soccer community in the past. Without your efforts this past year we could never have accomplished what we have. Without your commitment many soccer players would be diminished in their experience with the greatest game in the world. Thank you again from all of us on the TYSA board.

The TYSA Board joins me in wishing you and your players Fun and Fair Play this upcoming season.

Sincerely,

Timberline Youth Soccer Association

TYSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Disputes/Disclaimer

SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

In no event shall any person (s) or organization (s) under the jurisdiction of TYSA resort to the courts until all appeal procedures have been exhausted. For violation of this rule, the offending party shall be immediately prohibited from participating in any capacity in TYSA except as parent/spectator and shall be subject to the sanctions and fines, if any, set forth by TYSA, STYSA and USYSA. Additionally such person (s) or organization (s) shall be liable for all expenses incurred by TYSA and its officers and members in defending each court action, including, but not limited to, court costs, attorney fees, reasonable compensation for time spent by association officers and members in responding to and defending against allegations in the action, including responses to discovery and court appearances, travel expense, and expense for holding special meetings necessitated by the court action. In addition to the above references, TYSA adopts the policy that it is allowed to take full advantage of the rights permitted to it by the laws of the state of Texas for non-profit organizations.

DISCLAIMER

Each person having any responsibility whatsoever for a team (1) participating in Timberline Youth Soccer Association League play or (2) registering their team through a member club of Timberline Youth Soccer Association (Conroe Youth Soccer Club, Cy-Fair Youth Soccer Club, Texas HeatWave Soccer Club, Texas Rush Soccer Club, Aldine Soccer Club, Kingwood Alliance, Klein Soccer Club and Bear Creek Soccer Club), is responsible for reading and understanding the Timberline Policy and Procedures Handbook, as well as any rule book(s) of the member club through which the team is registered. In the event charges of infraction of any of the regulations contained in the above mentioned Handbook(s) are made against a team, coach, team manager, and/or team representative, claims of ignorance of these regulations will not be considered an available defense to said charges. It is each teams responsibility to see ensure that any person having responsibility for the team receives a copy of these rules.

South Texas Youth Soccer Association (STYSA) has a complete set of rules available. The STYSA Administrative Handbook can be purchased for \$5.00 by calling the STYSA office at 512-272-4553.

The TYSA Policy and Procedures booklet is meant to be an overview of the rules and procedures in a convenient format for one's reference. TYSA's official rules are in the TYSA Constitution, Bylaws, Rules of Competition, and Discipline and Protest Procedures. Although every effort has been made to make the "Redbook" accurate, the official rules will take precedence if there is a conflict. The TYSA Constitution is available through each of the member clubs' Presidents and on the Timberline web site..

TYSA RULES OF COMPETITION

RULE 1 - General Provisions

- 1.1 Modified FIFA laws apply. The USSF version of the FIFA Laws of the Game, with exceptions noted in these Rules of Competition, apply to all TYSA sponsored games.
- 1.2 TYSA jurisdiction. All games played by TYSA-registered teams and by any non-TYSA teams playing a TYSA schedule shall be under the jurisdiction of TYSA.
- 1.3 Member Clubs responsible for violation of rules. Each Member Club is responsible for any violation of these rules by all its teams, players, officials and spectator on or off the playing field.

RULE 2 - Team Formation.

- 2.1 Age group. Teams shall normally be formed by a player's age as defined by USYSA and conform to STYSA rules and regulations. Teams shall be comprised of players who are:

Fall 2008-Spring 2009 Seasonal Year

Age	Birth Year Ranges
Pre-K (U5)	8/1/03 - 7/31/04
U6-K	8/1/02 - 7/31/03
U7	8/1/01 - 7/31/02
U8	8/1/00 - 7/31/01
U9	8/1/99 - 7/31/00
U10	8/1/98 - 7/31/99
U11	8/1/97 - 7/31/98
U12	8/1/96 - 7/31/97
U13	8/1/95 - 7/31/96
U14	8/1/94 - 7/31/95
U15	8/1/93 - 7/31/94
U16	8/1/92 - 7/31/93
U17	8/1/91 - 7/31/92
U18	8/1/90 - 7/31/91
U19	8/1/89 - 7/31/90

Age groups may be combined for inter-club or intra-club league play, when deemed appropriate by TYSA or its Member Clubs.

- 2.1.1 Play-up/down requests. Players are to be placed on the youngest team for which they qualify.

2.1.1.1 Play-up exceptions may be permitted by the Member Club, at its discretion, although play-ups are generally discouraged.

2.1.1.2 Play-downs require the approval of the TYSA Board. Each request will be considered on its own merits and shall not be considered a precedent for any future actions. Teams playing a play-down player shall not be eligible for any TYSA post-season or any STYSA competition. Permission to play on a younger age team shall expire at the end of each seasonal year.

2.1.2 Limit on U-10 play-up. U10 players may play up on a Division II, Super II, and Division III team with the approval of the Member Club, but no more than four U10 players shall be allowed on any one team. Otherwise, U5 through U10 players may not play eleven-a-side competition, training, invitational tournaments, or friendly games until May 1 of the year the player is classified as a U10 player.

2.2 Levels of competition. Levels of play in TYSA are defined by STYSA. The overall purpose of each division is to equalize competition.

2.2.1 Division I is the highest level of competition in age brackets U11 through U19. These teams are administered and registered in the Eastern District Division I Association (EDDOA).

2.2.2 Super II is the next level of competition in age brackets U11 through U19. These teams are administered by the Eastern District Super II Group and register the players in this level of competition.

2.2.3 Division II is the third level of competition in age brackets U11 through U19. TYSA and other associations administer and register players in this level of competition.

2.2.4 Division III is the recreational league in age brackets U11 through U19. TYSA and other associations administer and register players in this level of competition.

2.2.5 Division IV is the level of competition for ages under ten. It is designed to be recreational. TYSA and other associations administer and register players in this level of competition.

2.3 Team roster. Players must be rostered. Any team that knowingly plays a player not on its roster shall forfeit the game(s) in which that player participated or was suited up to participate, and the coach and player will be subject to disciplinary action. No player may be added to a roster after the roster freeze date set in the TYSA calendar.

2.3.1 Roster size.

2.3.1.1 U13 and older, no more than eighteen nor less than seven registered players;

2.3.1.2 U11 and U12, who play 8v8, no more than twelve nor less than seven registered players;

2.3.1.3 U9-U10, who play 6v6, no more than ten nor less than six registered players:

2.3.1.4 U7-U8, For teams playing on a single field, the maximum number of players is eight (8) per team (however 7 is recommended). For teams participating in the Dual Field Method, the maximum number of players is twelve (12) per team;

2.3.1.5 U6, For teams playing on a single field, the maximum number of players is six (6). For teams participating in the Dual Field Method, the maximum number of players is ten (10) per team.

2.3.2 Division II rosters. The Club Administrator/Registrar shall sign and provide official rosters for Division II teams.

EXCEPTION: The TYSA Administrator must sign all official rosters for all TYSA teams participating in State, Presidents or South Texas Cup.

2.4 Recreational teams. Division III and IV teams shall be formed to provide balanced competition in accordance with an equitable selection system established by each Member Club.

2.4.1 No tryouts. The use of any tryouts, invitations, recruiting, or any similar process to roster players to any team on the basis of talent or ability is prohibited.

2.4.2 No team shall be formed with more than six Division I, II, or Super II players from the previous year.

2.4.3 Players of a Division III team that places first in the STYSA Eastern District Fall Playoffs may not play together on a Division III team the following year unless Division II or Super II play is not available for such age bracket or unless less than seven players from the team play together.

2.4.4 A player may only participate on one TYSA team during the current season.

2.4.5 After August 1, a player may be released upon completion of the STYSA release form to a Division I, Division II or Super II team.

2.4.6 A Division III or Division IV player may guest in tournaments pursuant to tournament rules only if the player's primary team is NOT scheduled to play a game on the same date. A player may compete on only one team per day.

2.4.7 Tournament Teams. For U10 and younger teams, no tournament team may be formed or created.

2.5 Division II shall be formed at the discretion of each Member Club.

2.5.1 A player may only play for one TYSA team during the current season.

2.5.2 After August 1, a player may be released during the season upon STYSA approval (STYSA release form is required) to play Division I, Division III or Division IV, but may not transfer between Division II or Super II teams until the end of the Fall Championships.

2.5.3 After September 1, rostered players from other leagues or associations may not participate on a TYSA team without completing a STYSA Transfer/Release Form.

2.5.4 A Division II player may guest in tournaments pursuant to the tournament rules only if the player's primary team does NOT have a game scheduled for the same date. A player may compete on only one team per day.

2.5.5 Guest Players registered to TYSA are not rostered to any specific team. The player ID card will specify "guest" rather than "primary." The player may play on a team which is competing in invitational tournaments, but may not compete in league play or playoffs.

2.5.6 Any TYSA Division II team that places first or second in the STYSA Eastern District Division II Fall playoff tournament, or the Spring President's Cup must apply to play in EDDOA, Division I level or Eastern District Super II, the following fall season, unless the team submits a written request to the TYSA Board identifying reasons why this requirement should be waived. A waiver of this requirement must be received at or before the May TYSA Board Meeting.

2.6 Individual player sponsorships. A TYSA registered player and the player's family may not be offered any inducement to play for a particular club, including free uniforms, travel, and training. Any offer or acceptance of an inducement is subject to action by the TYSA D & P Committee and may result in suspension of the player, the player's team or club from TYSA play. This rule does not prohibit scholarships based on economic hardship as defined by a Member Club or club-wide sponsorships by a corporate sponsor pursuant to a written contract.

2.7 Tryouts. Member Clubs or their affiliated Select Clubs may hold tryouts, but no earlier than May 1 of each year

RULE 3 - Registration Fees and Fines.

3.1 Registration. All teams and participants, including players, coaches, managers, and trainers must be officially registered with STYSA through TYSA. A participant must register before participating in any TYSA-sanctioned activity.

3.1.1 Registration deadlines shall be established by the TYSA Administrator and approved by the TYSA Board, and included in the TYSA Calendar for the seasonal year.

3.1.2 Each Member Club is responsible for the accuracy of information submitted to TYSA.

3.1.3 Each Member Club shall maintain a record of:

3.1.3.1 Age certification for its players. Proof of age shall consist of a certified or verified birth certificate, a Uniformed Services ID and Privilege Card (DD Form 1173), a birth registration issued by an appropriate government agency or board of health records, passport, alien registration card issued by the US Government, a certificate issued by the US Immigration and Naturalization Service or a certification of any US citizen born abroad issued by the appropriate government agency. (Not acceptable are hospital, baptismal or religious certificates.) If none of the approved documents are available, the individual case shall be referred to the TYSA Administrator for resolution. This information will be uploaded to the TYSA website for use by TYSA. Dates for the upload will be set by the TYSA board as necessary to support the fall and spring season.

3.1.3.2 STYSA Adult Membership Form and Kid-Safe Pass for all coaches, assistant coaches, trainers, managers and other registered adults.

3.1.3.3 Coaches must have a coaching certificate from STYSA or a recognized soccer organization. The coach must hold an age appropriate coaching module in at least the age group in which they coach. If the coach holds a certificate from another soccer organization, the coach must submit the coaching license to the STYSA Director of Coaching for approval. A coaching certification must be earned by the end of the coach's first year in coaching. Each member club will be required to have 80% of their coaches certified by the start of each spring season or be subject to a fine which will be set by the TYSA board.

3.2 Fees. Fees will be set by the TYSA Board for each seasonal year. Each Member Club shall provide TYSA with the applicable registration fee for a player by the deadline set in the TYSA Calendar for the current seasonal year.

3.3 Fines.

3.3.1 The Board may establish reasonable fines or penalties for failure to comply with registration deadlines.

3.3.1.2 The TYSA Administrator may impose a \$50 per hour administrator fee to clubs who fail to provide complete registration information by the TYSA deadline. Any imposed fees must be recommended to and approved by the TYSA Board.

3.3.2 STYSA fines levied on TYSA for untimely information will be passed through to the Member Club(s) who caused TYSA to file untimely information as follows:

3.3.2.1 Up to \$500 for the first one to seven days that the information is late.

3.3.2.2 ENTIRE amount of the STYSA fine (or pro-rata portion if more than one club is late).

RULE 4 - U19 Co-Ed Teams.

4.1 Team formation. Member Clubs may form U19 recreational co-ed teams.

4.1.1 Team rosters are limited to eighteen players.

4.1.2 No currently registered Division I or Division II or Super II player may play without first obtaining a release from their primary team.

4.1.3 No guest players are allowed to play in scheduled season games.

4.2 U19 Co-Ed play is designed to be recreational and TYSA will not sponsor inter-club playoffs.

4.3 Rules for U19 Co-Ed Play. FIFA rules with TYSA exceptions shall apply, with the following exceptions to promote the safety and participation of the players.

4.3.1 Law III. Number of Players. The ten field players may consist of more than five females, but not more than five males. The goalkeeper may be a male or a female. A team short of female players must play short. When a team is playing short due to send-offs, they must play short the gender of the one sent off. (i.e. If a male player is sent off, then the team can have no more than 4 field players, which are male.)

Game sheet and player I.D. cards will be presented to the referee prior to the start of each scheduled game. The referee may do a player check-in before each game.

4.3.2 Law VIII. Start of Play. All drop balls must be taken by two female players from opposing teams.

4.3.3 Law X. Method of Scoring. A female player's goal count as two goals, and a female may score an unlimited number of goals in any one game. Male player's goals count as one goal, and a male may score a maximum of two goals in any one game. Any additional score

over a male's two goal limit will result in an automatic goal kick for the other team. In case of a deflection, the last player of the attacking team touching the ball will be credited with the score.

4.3.4 Law XII. Fouls and Misconduct. Slide tackles are prohibited and carry an automatic caution. A male should use his skill and not his physical size to win a ball from a female player. To do otherwise may be considered a cautionable offense. A rostered substitute can replace a player who receives a caution. Any player receiving a Red Card will sit out for the remainder of the game being played and the next regularly scheduled season or playoff game. The STYSA Progressive Discipline System will be enforced.

RULE 5 - Participation of Unaffiliated Club Teams.

5.1 Unaffiliated Teams. Teams not affiliated with a Member Club may, with the approval of the TYSA Board, participate in regular season play with TYSA teams. Teams requesting approval to participate in TYSA's regular season must seek approval of and registrar through their local Association, meet all deadlines which TYSA may set, and pay to TYSA all fees which TYSA may assess. Such teams will be eligible for awards which may be distributed to TYSA or Member Club champions. They may represent TYSA in any post season play. Team representatives may attend, but shall not vote at, any TYSA meeting. Additionally, such teams must be formed in general compliance with TYSA team formation rules.

5.2 Fees and Bond. An unaffiliated team shall be required to post a \$350 refundable cash bond in order to register to play with TYSA for a seasonal year. The bond will be paid prior to the start of the Fall season upon a team registering with TYSA. Bonds will be refunded after completion of the Spring season. If a team elects not to play the Spring season, bond will be refunded prior to the start of the Spring season (upon notification in writing from the team's home association to the TYSA Administrator that they will not compete in Spring play). A \$200 non-refundable league fee will be required to play the TYSA Fall season. There will be a \$125 non-refundable league fee to play the TYSA spring season.

RULE 6 - USYSA Player Pass.

6.1 Player and Coach Passes. Players and coaches shall have an official USYSA Player Pass, which is valid from August 1 to July 31 of the current seasonal year.

6.1.1 The Member Clubs Administrator/Registrar must provide player and coach pass cards for Division II, and Division III teams. Division IV teams will only be required to have player passes for participation in tournaments.

Such identification passes must have:

- a) the registrant's STYSA ID number
- b) STYSA team code
- c) be signed by the Club Administrator/Registrar
- d) be signed by the registrant
- e) include a recent photograph of the registrant

f) must be properly laminated

6.2 Presentation of Passes. All Division II and Division III coaches must carry their team's player ID passes to all TYSA-scheduled games and provide them to the match referee if requested or the game is subject to forfeit. Player passes are to be checked for all D2 and D3 games.

- All games will be played, regardless of passes
- Referee's will note missing or improper passes on the game report
- The team has until the end of the match to produce any missing passes
 - All players must stay at the field and in uniform, if this is the case
- Games played with missing player passes or improper player passes will be declared a forfeit by the offending team (**The referee does NOT have the authority to declare a forfeit. The referee only reports the circumstances on the game reports. All games should be played and the league administrators will determine if a game will be forfeited.**)
- The D & P Process will be the only avenue for appeal

6.3 Distribution of pass. Only the half of the ID pass labeled "member pass" should be printed and the half labeled "membership card" should be discarded. The "member pass" may be kept by the coach as long as the player is a member of the team and must be given to the player if he or she leaves the team.

RULE 7 - Minimum Play.

7.1 Players must play fifty percent or more. Except during Cup play, all players must play fifty percent or more in each game, including all regular season games, scrimmages, tournaments and playoffs, but excluding exceptions granted by STYSA. A game may be forfeited if a player, who is present and ready to play, does not play such time. All players must be invited to every game in which the team participates, including tournaments and post season playoffs. Each team's registered coach will be held responsible for ensuring that each member of his/her team receives at least this minimum amount of playing time.

7.2 Notification. Before the start of a match, the reasons why a player is either not playing or will be playing less than the minimum playing time must be noted on the Official Game Report and brought to the attention of the opposing coach and referee. No player may be denied playing time for disciplinary reasons without the parent of such player being notified in advance of such disciplinary action taking place.

RULE 8 - Practice.

8.1 Maximum number of practices. Practices are limited to three times per week prior to the first regular season game and twice a week thereafter. For teams playing Cup play, the regular season begins with the first Cup game.

8.2 Length of practice. Divisions III and IV practices are limited to an hour and a half per session. Divisions II practices are limited to an hour and a half per session or as approved by the Member Club's board of directors on a case by case basis.

8.3 Scrimmages. Scrimmages with other teams count as practices in Divisions III and IV.

8.4 Off-Season Camps. This Rule does not apply to off-season camps that are held between the end of STYSA Fall Championships and the beginning of the TYSA Spring Season or Cup Play; and the end of TYSA Spring Playoffs, if held, or until the player's team is eliminated from Cup Play to the beginning of the TYSA Fall Season.

8.5 Trainers. Division IV teams are prohibited from paying a soccer professional to train the team between seasons of play or when league is suspended, e.g., Spring Break. Players or teams in a league may be trained in the basic skills of soccer as long as that training is available to all members of the league. Players may participate in training provided by TYSA, a League or Club if such training is available at a minimal, if any, charge to all participants.

RULE 9 - Laws of the Game with TYSA Amendments.

The laws of the game for TYSA shall be the Laws of the Game and Universal Guide for Referees with USSF Supplement printed by the USSF with the permission of FIFA, except as set forth in this Rule. In case of conflict, the official rules of FIFA or STYSA will take precedence.

9.1 Law I - Field of Play.

FIFA: 100 to 130 yards long and 50 to 100 yards wide. Goal size 8 feet in height and 24 feet wide. The field of play must be rectangular with the length of the touch line greater than the length of the goal line.

TYSA Exception:

U11 & U12

- Field Size: 40 to 70 yards wide by 60 to 90 yard long
- Goal Size: 21 feet wide by 7 feet high or 18 feet wide by 6 feet high
- Center Circle: 8 yards in radius
- Penalty Area: 14 yards by 35 yards
- Goal Area: 6 yards by 19 yards

- Penalty Spot: 9 yards and perpendicular from the midpoint of the goal line
- Penalty Arc: 8 yards in radius from the penalty spot
- Length of Games: two thirty (30) minute halves
- Offside: The FIFA Offside Rule shall apply.

U9 - U10

- Field Size: 30 to 50 yards wide by 40 to 60 yards long.
- Goal Size: 18 feet wide by 6 feet high.
- Center Circle: 7 yards in radius
- Penalty area: 12 yards by 25 yards
- Goal area: 4 yards by 16 yards
- Penalty spot: 8 yards and perpendicular from the midpoint of the goal line
- Penalty arc: 7 yards in radius from the penalty spot
- Length of Games: two twenty-five (25) minute halves
- Offside: The FIFA Offside Rule shall apply.

U7 - U8

- Field size: 25 to 40 yards wide by 35 to 60 yards long, with the length longer than the width.
- Goal size: the goals shall be the size of hockey goals up to 6 feet high by 12 feet wide. .
- Center circle: 5 yards in radius.
- Penalty area: None.
- Goal area: 3 yards from each goal post and 3 yards deep.
- Penalty spot: None
- Penalty arc: None
- Length of Games: four ten (10) minute quarters
- Offside: The FIFA Offside Rule shall apply (see rule 9.11).

U5 - U6

- Field size: 20-30 yards long and 15-20 yards wide
- Goal size: 4 feet in height and 6 feet wide; cones 6 feet apart may be used
- Center circle: 3 yards in radius
- Penalty area: None
- Goal area: None
- Length of Games: The game shall be divided into four eight-minute quarters. There shall be a two-minute break between quarters one and two and

another two-minute break between quarters three and four. There shall be a half-time break of five minutes between quarters two and three.

9.2 Law II - The Ball.

FIFA: Official #5 Ball

TYSA Exception:

U9 - U12 Official #4 ball.

U5 - U8 Official #3 ball.

9.3 Law III - Number of Players.

FIFA - Eleven players with a maximum number of substitutes, the number of which is agreed upon by the teams prior to the match, and the referee is informed of such an agreement. If the teams cannot agree on the maximum number of substitutes or the referee is not informed, then the maximum number of substitutes is three.

TYSA Exception:

- U12 - U19 Eleven maximum/seven minimum
- U11 Eight maximum/six minimum
- U9 - U10 Six maximum/ four minimum.
- U7 - U8 Four maximum/two minimum.
- U5 - U6 Three maximum/three minimum

Member Clubs may lower the number of players for all intra-club competition and club-sponsored tournaments.

For all age levels, coaches may not be on the field of play during the game.

There shall be no “designated” goalkeeper in games played by U5, U6, U7 or U8 teams. However, no rule prohibits teams from playing with a “defender”, who plays deep in the defensive end of the field.

Unlimited substitutions may be made at the following times with the prior approval of the referee:

- On a throw-in by either team;

- On a goal kick by either team;
- After a goal by either team;
- After stoppage of play for an injury by either team;
- At half time by either team; and
- After a caution for the player receiving the caution.

The goalkeeper may be substituted as in the case of any other player.

9.4 Law IV - Players' Equipment.

FIFA: The basic compulsory equipment of a player shall consist of a jersey or shirt, shorts, stockings, shinguards, and footwear. Shinguards must be ENTIRELY covered by the stockings, shall be made of a suitable material (rubber, plastic, polyurethane or similar substance) and shall afford a reasonable degree of protection. Players are permitted to wear visible undergarments such as thermopants; however, they must be the same color as the shorts of the team of the player wearing them and may not extend beyond the top of the knee. If a team wears multicolored shorts, the undergarment must be the same color as the predominant color.

TYSA Exception: Cold weather clothing may be worn under the uniform.

Bandanas are not allowed except with medical exemption (note from physician or other, qualified medical person required). Shinguards must be commercially manufactured and specifically designed to provide protection to the shins. **NO HARD CASTS ARE ALLOWED REGARDLESS OF THE DEGREE OF PADDING!** Orthopedic braces must be covered by the manufacturer's cover or by 1/2-inch high density, slow yielding padding at all times. Uniforms for players are mandatory and shall consist of a uniquely numbered jersey, shorts and socks (both of the same color). All players must wear shoes. Knee and elbow pads are permissible. Each team shall have alternate jerseys (T-shirts are sufficient) available for use at each match in case of color conflicts, as determined by the referee. The home team is responsible for resolving all color conflicts; failure to do so shall result in a 3-0 forfeit by the home team.

9.5 Law V - Referees.

FIFA: A referee shall be appointed to officiate in each game. His authority and the exercise of the powers granted to him by the Laws of the Game commence as soon as he enters the field of

play. A referee must ensure that any player actively bleeding or with blood on his equipment leaves the field immediately for treatment and/or removal of the blood from his equipment. A referee must examine such player and the player's equipment and approve the player for further play.

TYSA Exception: None, except that a referee is encouraged to explain an infraction to players in U12 and younger age groups.

9.6 Law VI - Referee Assistants.

FIFA: Two to assist the referee.

TYSA Exception: The use of club linesmen instead of official linesman is acceptable at the option of the referee.

9.7 Law VII - Duration of the Game.

FIFA: Two equal 45 minute halves. The half time interval must not exceed 15 minutes.

TYSA Exception:

- U15 - U16 shall play 40 minute halves
- U13 - U14 shall play 35 minute halves
- U11 - U12 shall play 30 minute halves
- U9 - U10 shall play 25 minute halves.
- U7 - U8 shall be four ten (10) minute quarters.
- U5 - U6 shall play four eight-minute quarters with two minute breaks between the first and second quarters, and the third and fourth quarters.

The half-time interval for all ages shall be five minutes.

9.8 Law VIII - Start of Play.

FIFA: At the beginning of the game, choice of ends shall be decided by the toss of a coin. The team winning the toss shall decide which goal it will attack in the first half of the match; the other team shall take the kick-off. Every player shall be in his own half of the field and every player of the team opposing that of the kicker shall remain not less than ten yards from the ball until the kick-off; the ball is in play when it is kicked and moves forward. In the second half of the match, the teams change ends and attack the opposite goals. The team that won the toss takes the kick-off to start the second half. A goal may be scored directly from a kick-off.

TYSA Exception: In U12 and younger games, at the taking of a kick-off, all players must remain in their half of the field, and all opponents of the kicker shall remain outside of the center circle, until the kick-off.

9.9 Law IX - Ball In and Out of Play.

FIFA: The ball is out of play when (a) it has wholly crossed the goal line or touch line, whether on the ground or in the air, or (b) when the game has been stopped by the referee.

TYSA Exception: None

9.10 Law X - Method of Scoring.

FIFA: A goal is scored when the whole of the ball has passed over the goal line between the goal posts and under the cross bar.

TYSA Exception: None

9.11 Law XI - Offside.

FIFA: A player is in an offside position if he is nearer to his opponents' goal line than both the ball and the second to the last opponent, unless (a) he is in his own half of the field of play, or (b) he is level with the second to the last opponent or (c) level with the last two opponents. A player shall only be declared offside and penalized for being in an offside position, if, at the moment the ball touches, is touched or is played by, one of his teammates, he is, in the opinion of the referee: (a) interfering with play or (b) interfering with an opponent, or (c) gaining an advantage by being in that position. A player shall not be declared offside by the referee: (a) merely because of his being in an offside position, or (b) if he receives the ball direct from a goal-kick, a corner kick, or a throw-in. If a player is declared offside, the referee shall award an indirect free kick to the opposing team to be taken where the infringement occurred.

TYSA Exception:

In U7 and U8 games, the offside rule SHALL be enforced, but shall be interpreted liberally; however, no player may play in an obvious offside position in front of or near the goal, such as a "designated scorer."

In U5 and U6 games there shall be no offside.

9.12 Law XII - Fouls and Misconduct.

FIFA:

FOULS: A direct free kick is awarded to the opposing team if a player commits any of the following six offences in a manner considered by the referee to be careless, reckless or involving disproportionate force: (a) kicks or attempts to kick an opponent; (b) trips or attempts to trip an opponent; (c) jumps at an opponent; (d) charges an opponent; (e) strikes or attempts to strike an opponent; (f) pushes an opponent; or who commits any of the following four offenses, (g) when tackling an opponent makes contact with the opponent before contact is made with the ball; (h) holds an opponent; (i) spits at an opponent; or (j) handles the ball deliberately, i.e., carries, strikes or propels the ball with his hand or arm (this does not apply to the goalkeeper within his own penalty area). Any one of these offences committed in the penalty area by a defender will result in the awarding of a penalty kick to the offensive team. A player committing technical violations such as offside, dangerous play, impeding the progress of an opponent, or two touches on a ball during a restart, etc., will be penalized, and the restart will be an indirect free kick.

MISCONDUCTS: A player shall be shown a yellow card and cautioned for (a) unsporting behavior; (b) dissent by word or action, from any decision given by the referee; (c) persistent infringement of the Laws of the game; (d) delaying the restart of play (e) failing to respect the required distance when play is restarted with a corner kick or free kick; (f) entering or re-entering the field of play without the referee's permission; or (g) deliberately leaves the field of play without the referee's permission.

A player shall be shown a red card and sent off the field of play for (a) serious foul play; (b) violent conduct; (c) spitting at an opponent or any other person; (d) denying the opposing team a goal or an obvious goal-scoring opportunity by deliberately handling the ball (this does not apply to a goalkeeper within his own penalty area); (e) denying an obvious goal-scoring opportunity to an opponent moving towards the player's goal by an offence punishable by a free kick or a penalty kick; (f) using offensive or insulting or abusive language and/or gestures; or (g) receiving a second caution in the same match.

TYSA Exceptions:

(a) Charging or unduly molesting the goalkeeper in the penalty area. "Charging" shall be defined as intentional, nonviolent, shoulder to shoulder contact while the ball is within playing distance. In all age divisions there shall be no charging or intentional or reckless contact with the goalkeeper. Any such act will be considered at least as "dangerous play" and punished accordingly.

(b) Misconduct penalties charged to the parents and spectators of a team will be given to the coach of the team.

i) Misconduct penalties charged to a professional trainer employed by a team, club, or parent of a child on the team, shall be charged directly to the Professional Trainer. It shall be the

responsibility of the Coach of the team to identify a Professional Trainer as such, failure to do so will result in an additional suspension for the Coach through the D&P process.

ii) An ejection from a game by a Professional Trainer shall carry with it the standard penalty of suspension from the next game for the team he or she was participating with. Additionally, any ejection from a game will result in the suspension of the Professional Trainer from ALL games for the remainder of the weekend of play, and ALL of the games for the next weekend of play.

iii) Professional Trainers who have been ejected from any other Associations matches shall serve their suspensions as if the suspension were given in a TYSA match, prior to participating in TYSA sponsored play.

(c) An indirect free kick must be awarded if the goalkeeper:

- takes more than six seconds while controlling the ball with his hands before releasing it from his possession,
- touches the ball again with his hands after it has been released from his possession and has not touched any other player,
- touches the ball with his hands after it has been deliberately kicked to him by a team-mate
- touches the ball with his hands after he has received it directly from a throw-in taken by a team-mate

(d) An indirect free kick is also awarded to the opposing team if a player, in the opinion of the referee:

- plays in a dangerous manner
- impedes the progress of an opponent
- prevents the goalkeeper from releasing the ball from his hands
- commits any other offense, not previously mentioned in Law 12, for which play is stopped to caution or dismiss a player

9.13 Law XIII - Free Kick.

FIFA: Free kicks are classified into two categories: "Direct," from which a goal can be scored directly against the offending side; and "Indirect," from which a goal cannot be scored unless the ball has been touched by a player other than the kicker before entering the goal. For all free kicks, the offending team must be at least ten yards from the ball until it is kicked.

TYSA Exception:

In U9 though U12 games, opponents shall be no closer than eight yards at the taking of a free kick or corner kick.

In U7 and U8 games, all fouls shall be penalized with an indirect kick with the opponents no closer than five yards.

In U5 and U6 games, all fouls shall be penalized with an indirect kick with the opponents no closer than three yards.

9.14 Law XIV - Penalty Kick.

FIFA: A penalty kick shall be taken from the penalty mark. When the kick is taken, all players with the exception of the player taking the kick and the opposing goalkeeper, shall be within the field of play but outside the penalty area, at least ten yards from the penalty mark, and no closer to the goal line than twelve yards. The goalkeeper must remain on his own goal line, between the goal posts, facing the kicker, until the ball has been kicked.

TYSA Exception:

In U9 through U12 games, players other than the kicker and goalkeeper, must be within the field of play but outside the penalty area and penalty arc, and no closer to the goal line than nine yards.

In U8 and younger age games, there shall be no penalty kicks for fouls within the penalty area. An indirect kick shall be awarded from the spot of the foul, in accordance with Law XIII.

9.15 Law XV - Throw-In.

FIFA: When the ball has wholly crossed the touch line, it is put back into play via a Throw-In.

TYSA Exception: In U8 and younger age games, if there is an infraction of the FIFA throw-in Law, the player throwing the ball in shall receive one additional throw-in after correctional instructions from the referee. If the player violates the FIFA throw-in Law on his/her second throw-in, the opposing team shall be awarded the throw-in.

9.16 Law XVI - Goal Kick.

FIFA: When the whole of the ball passes over the goal line excluding that portion between the goal posts and underneath the crossbar, either in the air or on the ground, having last been played by one of the attacking team, it shall be put back into play from any point within the goal area by a player of the defending team. The ball is in play when it is kicked directly beyond the penalty area with the initial kick, having not been touched by another player. If the goal kick does not leave the penalty area on the initial kick, or is touched by another player before leaving the penalty area, it shall be retaken. A goal may be scored directly from a goal kick.

TYSA Exception: None.

9.17 Law XVII - Corner Kick.

FIFA: When the ball has wholly crossed the goal line excluding that portion between the goal posts and underneath the crossbar, after being last touched by a player from the defending team, it is put back into play by a kick from the corner arc by the attacking team.

TYSA Exception: In U8 and younger age games, all corner kicks shall be indirect kicks..

RULE 10 - Scheduling.

10.1 Official schedule. The official schedule will be posted on the TYSA Website: <<http://www.timberlinesoccer.com>>. Schedules will be updated by noon on Tuesday, and will not change for the upcoming weekend. All participants, including coaches and referee coordinators, must verify their schedules each week. If any schedule changes are made, the scheduler will send out a notice to all coaches.

10.1.1 Every team must play every game scheduled. Failure to comply will result in a TYSA fine. In the event a registered team withdraws after registration has closed, the member club will be fined.

10.2 Participating Teams: Each club must provide the TYSA Administrator and TYSA Scheduler with a list of teams wanting to participate in the TYSA Fall or Spring season by the specified deadlines. Team data must also be entered onto the TYSA website by the specified deadlines. Team information must include official team number, team name, coach's name, age group and division. Failure to meet the deadlines or changes after the deadlines will subject the club or team to D&P action.

10.3 Format. Scheduling formats are designed to provide the best level of competition for all players and to minimize travel when appropriate.

10.3.1 Division III U11-U14 and Division IV will play on Saturday only. Division II and Division III U15-U19 will play on Saturday and Sunday as needed. If it becomes necessary to reschedule games because of weather reasons to finish a season, the scheduler will make every effort to abide by this schedule but will do what is necessary to complete the season.

10.3.2 Scheduling formats will take into consideration a team's Invitational Tournaments if its coach notifies the TYSA Scheduler in writing of the team's intention to play an invitational tournament before the TYSA Calendar deadline.

10.4 Playing Season. The TYSA playing year will consist of two seasons, Fall and Spring.

10.4.1 The Fall Season will begin in September and conclude in November with STYSA playoffs in December. For those divisions requiring qualifying games, the season may start in August.

10.4.2 The Spring Season will begin in February/March and conclude by April/May. No regular season games will be scheduled on Easter weekend.

10.5 Scheduled play. Teams may be scheduled to play as follows:

10.5.1 Intra-club play between teams wholly within a single Member Club. Any club having five or more teams in any age level of recreational play may elect to schedule those teams on an intra-club basis. If a club decides to mix the age group of children on the teams, those teams entering post-season playoffs will be required to play in the older category. Fewer than five teams must be placed in a TYSA inter-club league. In the U11 age groups and older, if there are fewer than five teams in the TYSA inter-club league, the clubs' intra-club league teams may be required to pool with the inter-club teams to provide competition in a league.

10.5.2 Inter-club play between teams from different member clubs and/or leagues. All Division II league play shall be inter-club.

10.5.3 League play between teams of one or more Member Clubs for final placement within only that group of teams.

10.5.4 Bracket play between all leagues and teams within a group that are the same age, sex, and skill level.

10.6 Playoffs. Age Group TYSA Championship Playoffs will be held after each season. Teams must be certified by the Member Club as eligible to participate in the playoff.

10.6.1 TYSA Fall playoffs will be held the week preceding Thanksgiving for Divisions II and III and the week following Thanksgiving for Division IV. Playoffs for age groups with two or more brackets will be held before the date indicated by STYSA for notice of teams attending the District Playoffs to determine which teams will advance to STYSA Eastern District playoffs. This area should have an insert for playoff rules for Klein/TYSA teams.

10.6.2 TYSA Spring playoffs will be held the weekend following the end of the regular season.

10.6.3 Depending on the allocations that are allotted for Eastern District in the spring and fall seasons the following should be used for determining who represents TYSA in the Eastern District Playoffs for each age group. Klein must provide the TYSA Administrator 3 weeks prior to the end of the season a list of teams in each age group, both boys and girls along with the coaches names, contact numbers and where possible email addresses. Failure to do so may cause the Klein teams to be ineligible for the end of season playoffs.

1 Allocation

When there is only one allocation given, the season age group winner from TYSA and the season age group winner from Klein will hold a one game playoff one week prior to Eastern District play if possible. The winner of the playoff game will be sent to Eastern District to fill the one allocation. If for some reason the winning team can't fulfill the obligation, the losing team from the playoff will fill the allocation.

2 Allocations

When there are two allocations given, the season age group winner from TYSA and the season age group winner from Klein will fill the allocations. There will be no playoff. The TYSA team will be considered the first seed and the Klein team will be considered the second seed into the tournament.

3 Allocations

When there are 3 allocations given, the season age group winner from TYSA and the season age group winner from Klein will fill the first two allocations. The TYSA team will be considered the first seed and the Klein team will be considered the second seed into the tournament. A one game playoff will be held one week prior to Eastern District play if possible between the TYSA season age group runner-up and the Klein season age group runner-up. The winning team of this playoff game will fill the 3rd allocation for Eastern District play and will be considered the third seed. If for some reason the winning team from the playoff game can't fulfill the obligation, the losing team will fill the allocation.

10.7 Fields. Unlisted fields may not be used for TYSA scheduling purposes. By July 1, each club must provide TYSA with a listing of the fields intended for use during the playing season, together with maps, field size and whether the fields have lights, for inclusion in the "Redbook" and on the TYSA website. Each club must provide the TYSA Scheduler and TYSA Webmaster a listing of fields intended for use during the playing season by the specified deadlines prior to the start of each season, only after being properly registered with the TYSA Administrator for liability coverage. Field information provided to the TYSA Scheduler must include age groups for each field listed for intended use, availability (days and times), dates not available, and whether the field is lighted or not. Failure to comply with these rules may result in a TYSA fine.

10.8 Reschedule. Regularly scheduled inter-club games may only be rescheduled by the TYSA Scheduler. Games played without the TYSA Scheduler's approval will not be counted in league standings. A game may be rescheduled ONLY if a team would not have the minimum number of players designated in the TYSA exception to Law III. Reschedules will not be considered unless both coaches have agreed to the new game time. The team requesting the change shall make all arrangements for the rescheduled game, which shall be played on the opponent's home park.

10.8.1 Requests must be made using a TYSA game reschedule request form and delivered to the TYSA Scheduler at least fourteen days in advance of the regularly scheduled game.

10.8.2 Only one reschedule will be allowed per season. If the coach of the rescheduling team is certified, then consideration will be given for a second reschedule during the season. The TYSA scheduler will have the final say whether the reschedule will be allowed.

10.8.3 A team(s) that fails to play a rescheduled game forfeits that game and subjects the team to TYSA D & P Committee action.

10.9 Intra-club games. Scheduling of intra-club games is the responsibility of each Member Club. Any postponed intra-club game not played by the end of the regular season will be recorded as a double forfeit. Two forfeits by a team may result in disciplinary action.

10.10 Canceled or postponed games. Member Clubs must notify the TYSA scheduler by fax of any cancellations or postponements to the TYSA schedule at its field(s). Canceled or postponed games must be rescheduled as provided in this Rule. Games played without the TYSA Scheduler's approval will not be counted in league standings.

10.10.1 Cancellation prior to game time. Teams must show for all scheduled games unless the field is closed prior to game time as posted in the recorded message on the rainout number for the field.

10.10.2 Cancellation after the game begins. The center referee or a club official, who is not affiliated with either team participating in the match, can determine if the game will be suspended due to possible severe damage to the field or dangerous playing conditions. If the game is terminated prior to the end of the first half, the game must be replayed in its entirety. The TYSA Scheduler will determine when the game will be replayed. If the game is terminated after the end of the first half, the game shall be considered as complete, and the score will stand as it was at the termination of the game.

10.10.3 Other. If a game is not played the full length for any reason other than damage to the field or dangerous playing conditions, the TYSA D&P Committee may order the game rescheduled by the TYSA Scheduler, or if at least one half has been completed, order the game to stand as played.

RULE 11 - Official Game Report

11.1 Official Game Report

11.1.1 An Official Game Report is required for each TYSA-scheduled game.

11.1.2 An Official Game Report shall be submitted on the form prescribed by the TYSA Board of Directors and is available on the TYSA Website at www.timberlinesoccer.com.

11.2 Coaches' Responsibilities

All Coaches. Each coach is required to get a password and log on to the coaches screen on the website. The TYSA webmaster will try and provide each coach with an id and password during or before the fall coaches meeting. For new teams during the spring, coaches will be given passwords via US mail or email if available. The coach must click on the roster button and fill in each player's numbers. Once the coach submits the information, the remainder of the coach's page becomes available.

Coaches are required to attend a website training meeting as scheduled by the TYSA board. Coaches who do not attend will be subject to D&P action.

Each coach is responsible for insuring that the submitted Official Game Report correctly reflects players' names and jersey numbers. If a coach's roster differs for any reason from the official roster provided for use on the Official Game Report, that coach shall promptly notify the Club Administrator/Registrar, provide any documentation required by the Club Administrator/Registrar, and request a correction.

No written or altered roster on a game report will be allowed. If hand entered changes to the roster on the Official Game Report, the coach will be subject to D&P action.

11.2.1 Home Team Coach

11.2.1.1 The home team coach shall supply the Official Game Report to the Referee before the game begins

11.2.1.2 The WINNING team coach will have primary responsibility for mailing the Official Game Report to the TYSA Scorekeeper and shall ensure the Official Game Report correctly reflects the TYSA game number, location of the field, field number, final score of the game, division (i.e. U13RB, U15D2G etc), winning team coach's signature, opposing teams coach's signature, referee signature, and any other pertinent information requested on the Official Game Report. In the event of a tie game, it will then be the responsibility of both coach's to ensure that the Official Game Report is submitted to the TYSA Scorekeeper with all of the above described information. Failure to follow the procedures outlined in the TYSA Redbook will result in disciplinary action and possible forfeiture of the game.

11.2.1.3 BOTH coach's shall enter the results from each Official Game Report, including penalty information, on the submittal form provided on the TYSA Website. Results shall be entered no later than 6:00 p.m. on the Monday following the date each game was played.

11.2.1.4 After submitting the results online, the WINNING team coach, or in the event of a tie game, BOTH Coaches shall have 48 hours to mail to the address listed on the TYSA website, the Official Game Report to the TYSA Scorekeeper. The official Game Report is required to be in the TYSA Scorekeepers possession no later than Friday of the following week of the played game or that game will be declared a forfeit. TYSA will not be responsible for lost, late, damaged, or misdirected mail.

11.2.1.5 Failure to deliver the Official Game Report as required shall subject the WINNING team coach (or in the event of a TIE game BOTH coaches) to Appeals action. Each coach can see if the Scorekeeper has received the game report and the game is certified via the coaches page on the website. The website will show “certify” or “certified” on the line of the games submitted.

11.2.1.6 Each coach shall certify the game results upon conclusion of the match by signing the Official Game Report. Discrepancies on the game sheet must be brought to the Referee’s attention prior to leaving the field. Appeals action may be taken against a coach who refuses to sign a complete and accurate Official Game Report.

11.2.2 Visiting Team Coach

11.2.2.1 The visiting team coach shall have the same responsibility as the home team coach but will not send in the Official Game Report unless the home team fails to appear.

11.3 Forfeit for failure to submit the Official Game Report. The TYSA Scorekeeper may record an official forfeit against the home team for any game for which an Official Game Report is not properly submitted. Such a forfeit may be corrected by (1) receipt of the original, completed Official Game Report, or (2) official Appeals action.

11.4 "Suspension Verification Form." The suspension of any player or coach due to penalty point accumulation as provided in the TYSA Discipline and Protest Procedures of these Rules shall be documented by the completion of the "Suspension Verification Form" provided on the TYSA Website. The form must be submitted with the Official Game Report for the game in which the suspension was served. Failure to complete and submit the Suspension Verification Form as required shall subject the player and his or her coach to Appeals action.

RULE 12 - Standings

12.1 Responsibility for Standings. The TYSA Scorekeeper is responsible for team standings within each bracket of play.

12.2 Basis for standings. All TYSA-sponsored competitions (excluding tournaments) shall be scored using the following system:

12.2.1 Three points for a win,

12.2.2 One point for a tie, and

12.2.3 Zero points for a loss.

Standings shall be determined on the most points earned. When an unequal number of games have been played due to weather or other unforeseen events, the TYSA Board will determine the method to equalize the points per game for each team.

12.3 Ties. In the event of a tie between two or more teams the following hierarchy shall be used. When one of the teams is eliminated, ties between the other remaining teams will be broken by beginning with the first tie-breaking procedure in the hierarchy. The decisions of the TYSA Board are final and not subject to appeal.

12.3.1 Results of head-to-head competition between/among tied teams;

12.3.2 Highest goal difference (goals for minus goals against) with a maximum of three (3) goals difference per game counted both for and against in games between/among tied teams. EXAMPLE: if the score is 8-3, the calculation would be +3 goals for the winning team, -3 goals for the losing team. If the score is 6-4, the calculation would be +2 goals for the winning team and -2 goals for the losing team.

12.3.3 Total goals allowed. Least number of goals allowed in games between/among tied teams. Team with fewest total goals allowed among/between tied teams.

12.3.4 A play-off game, if sufficient time is available (time and site to be determined by the TYSA Scheduler), and

12.3.5 Coin flip, only if it is not possible to schedule a play-off game.

RULE 13 - Forfeits.

13.1 Forfeit. A game may be forfeited for the following reasons:

13.1.1 Number of Players. A game shall not start if a team has less than the minimum number of players on the field ready to play within fifteen minutes after the game was scheduled to start. The game will be declared a forfeit unless the TYSA D&P Committee determines that good cause exists for the game to be scheduled to be played at a later date.

13.1.2 Willful or purposeful action by a team as follows:

- Fielding an ineligible suspended or unregistered player. "Fielding" is defined as a player dressed and ready to play.
- A suspended coach appearing at a game and engaging in any interaction with the team prior to, during, or after the game.
- Falsifying a game report.

- A coach or other registered adult failing to be present within fifteen minutes of scheduled game starting time.
- Failing to play an eligible player at least fifty percent of playing time in any one game.
- Abandoning the game.
- Failing to provide a valid or properly prepared USYSA Player Pass upon the request of a game official.

13.1.3 Time to bring a forfeit request. A forfeit may be requested and decided at any time prior to the end of the regular season.

13.1.4 Who may request a forfeit. Any interested party may bring the reason for forfeiture to the attention of the Appeals Committee.

13.2 Penalty. A forfeited game shall be scored as a 3-0 loss.

13.3 Appeals Committee shall determine forfeits. The TYSA Appeals Committee shall determine whether a team should forfeit a game for the reasons stated in this rule. In addition to a forfeit, disciplinary action may result.

RULE 14 - Age Group Champions/Eastern District Tournament Participants

14.1 Prerequisite. To participate in championship playoffs, a team must be certified by its Member Club as having been approved to play. Member Clubs shall provide such certification to the TYSA Scorekeeper by midnight Tuesday preceding the last regularly scheduled game of the season.

14.2 ~~Awards. Awards will be given by TYSA to the Champion and Runner Up for each division age group or mixed age bracket.~~ (deleted)

14.3 Determination of TYSA Champion and Runner-Up teams who, at the end of the fall season, will represent TYSA in the STYSA Eastern District Tournament.

14.3.1 In a single bracket age group, the first and second place teams as determined by the point system and tie-breaking procedures in these Rules will be declared the Champion and runner-up, respectively.

14.3.2 In a multiple bracket age group, the first and second place teams in each bracket, as determined by the point system and tie-breaking procedures in these Rules, will playoff for the age group championship.

14.4 Playoffs

14.4.1 Format. The format of the playoff shall be single elimination. The first place team of one bracket shall play the second place team of another bracket in the first round.

14.4.2 Tie-Breaking Procedure.

14.4.2.1 Overtime. If a championship or play-off game should end its regulation time in a tie, the game shall be extended by two full overtime periods as required. Duration of the overtime periods shall be as follows:

- U15 - U19 fifteen minutes
- U9 - U14 ten minutes
- U7 - U8 five minutes

14.4.2.2 Kicks From the Mark. If a championship or playoff game is still tied after two full overtime periods have been played; kicks from the penalty spot shall be taken in accordance with FIFA Laws of the Game to determine a winner.

RULE 15 - STYSA Fall Tournaments.

15.1 District and State Tournaments. STYSA sponsors District and State Tournaments for Division II and Super-2 in single age groups from U11 through U19.

15.2 District Tournaments. STYSA sponsors District Tournaments for Division III in single age groups from U11 through U14.

15.3 TYSA Board Determines Participation. The TYSA Board shall determine the number of teams, up to the STYSA allotment, to send to any STYSA-sponsored tournament. Teams playing in TYSA combined age groups during regular season play shall advance to the playoffs in their proper age group based on season standings and any post-season playoffs deemed necessary.

15.4 Format. Playoff sizing and seeding is determined at the Eastern District Allocation meeting prior to October 15 each year. The results of this meeting will be placed on the TYSA Website at: <<http://www.timberlinesoccer.com>>.

RULE 16 - Discipline, Protest, and Grievance Procedures

16.1 Purpose. The purpose of the TYSA Discipline, Protest and Grievance Procedures is to promote and ensure uniformity and consistency in the application of the rules and procedures of TYSA, including its Member Associations, STYSA, USYSA, USSF and FIFA. In addition, it is

the purpose of these procedures to promote sportsmanlike and fair behavior on the part of players, coaches, managers, administrators, fans and supporters, in youth soccer.

16.2 STYSA procedures apply. The current STYSA Discipline, Protest and Grievance Procedures and the Progressive Discipline System, as posted on the TYSA Website <www.timberlinesoccer.com>, will apply with the following exceptions:

16.2.1 TYSA Appeals Committee. The TYSA Appeals Committee shall be comprised of persons designated by the TYSA Bylaws and shall perform the duties and functions authorized by the TYSA Bylaws. Members of the Committee shall not have a conflict of interest in any matter being heard.

16.2.2 The TYSA grievance/protest fee shall be \$150.00. All fees will be submitted at the time of filing in the form of cash, personal, certified or cashier's checks made payable to TYSA.

16.2.3 Limitation of action.

16.2.3.1 Grievance. No grievance shall be allowed when based upon an action which occurred more than six months prior to the filing of the grievance.

16.2.3.2 Protest. Notice of a protest must be filed in writing within 72 hours after the game being protested. In addition, before the game a protest must be lodged with the referee before the game begins with regard to

- (a) fields or grounds,
- (b) goals or goal posts,
- (c) referees or assistant referees, or
- (d) timing of the game (e.g., late start).

At the game site. A protest must be lodged with the referee before leaving the game site with regard to

- (a) An obvious error in the application of the Laws of the Game that directly affects the outcome of the game, other than a judgment or opinion call of a referee, or
- (b) A violation by a team or its coach of a published STYSA or TYSA rule.

No later than six months if, for reasons beyond his or her control, the Protestor is not aware of the status of a player at the time the game was played, and the protest is based on such status.

16.2.4 Hearing procedures.

16.2.4.1 Pre-hearing Review. The Appeals Chairperson shall review any Appeals filing, together with the relevant rule(s), for form. A filing may be denied without a hearing for non-compliance with this Rule. The requesting party must be notified in writing of the denial, the reason for the denial, and the fact that no further action will be taken.

16.2.4.2 Preliminary Decision. When a matter has been properly filed, the Appeals Committee may render a preliminary decision. The requesting party must be notified in writing of the decision and informed that it may request a hearing within ten days of its receipt of the committee's decision. An open hearing shall be promptly scheduled upon request. If no request for a hearing is received within ten days of receipt, the preliminary decision shall become final and is not appealable.

16.2.4.3 Hearing. If no preliminary decision is reached, an open hearing shall be promptly scheduled. At the hearing, the principal parties must be present for the presentation of witnesses and evidence. Deliberations of the committee shall be closed.

Hearing Date. A filing must be heard promptly and no later than 180 days after the alleged misconduct occurred except in the case of referee abuse or assault, which must be heard in accordance with USSF Rule 3041.

Notice. All parties to an Appeals filing must be notified in writing no later than three days prior to the hearing. Before the start of any hearing, an individual may waive such notice in writing.

Hearing Decision. Committee decisions shall only address the specific issues raised in the filing. Any other issue or rule violation, which becomes known during a hearing, shall be referred to the applicable authority and separately filed. A decision must be rendered within twenty days of the hearing, unless good cause is shown.

Notification of a Hearing Decision. The parties may request an oral decision within 72 hours of the hearing by contacting the Appeals Committee Chairperson. The parties shall also be notified in writing within ten business days of the hearing by one of the approved STYSA forms of notification.

16.2.5 Appeal. Only a final decision of the TYSA Appeals Committee after an open hearing shall be appealable.

16.2.6 Post Season Play. The following special rules shall govern protests in TYSA tournament and post-season play.

16.2.6.1 Protest Judge. At least seven days before the start of a tournament or playoff, the TYSA Appeals Chairperson shall designate one or more persons to hear any game protests at each location of play. More than one Protest Judge may be assigned to a location, but any decision shall be made by a majority decision of all judges appointed. The decision of the Protest Judge(s) shall be final and no appeal shall be allowed. However, misconduct by a Protest Judge shall subject that person/persons to separate disciplinary action.

16.2.6.2 Protest Filing. A written protest, containing the information required in this Rule, together with a \$150.00 fee, must be personally delivered to the Protest Judge, within 24 hours after the game being protested. A protest may not be filed after the start of the next scheduled game for either of the teams involved when involvement in such game is dependent upon the results of the game protested. Once a protest has been filed, the result of the game shall be

suspended until the matter has been decided by the Protest Judge. If the protest/grievance can be settled in a preliminary manner, the D & P fee shall be refunded. If the protest/grievance goes to a hearing, the D & P fee is nonrefundable. The Protest Judge shall decide the matter promptly and before the next scheduled game for either of the teams. The Protest Judge may decide the matter based upon the documentation or other information provided and may interview separately or collectively any witnesses before reaching a decision. The decision may be communicated orally to interested parties at any time, and it shall also be prepared in writing within ten days after it has been decided and shall be forwarded to the team coaches involved and to the TYSA Appeals Chairperson.

16.2.6.3 Remedy. A Protest Judge(s) can only order that: (1) the game stands as played, or (2) the game be replayed in its entirety.

RULE 17 - PROGRESSIVE DISCIPLINE SYSTEM

TYSA adopts the STYSA Appeals System, which shall be posted on the TYSA Website at www.timberlinesoccer.com, as modified below:

17.1 Forfeits. Any team that forfeits two games in a season shall be brought before the TYSA Appeals Committee for possible disciplinary action.

17.2 Responsibilities of Coaches Professional Trainers, and Players

17.2.1 Coach Responsibilities.

17.2.1.1 Coaches are required to maintain control of their players and the team's fans. A coach or an assistant coach may be cautioned and/or ejected by a referee for the misconduct of a fan of the coach's team.

17.2.1.2 Coaches are responsible for maintaining their individual penalty points and the individual penalty points of their players.

17.2.2 Professional Trainers responsibilities. Professional trainers are responsible for maintaining their individual penalty points.

17.2.3 Players responsibilities. Players are responsible for maintaining their individual penalty points.

17.3 Penalty points awarded. Penalty points shall be awarded to coaches, professional trainers and players as follows:

17.3.1 Three points per caution

17.3.2 Nine points per ejection

17.3.3 Maximum accumulation of penalty points in one game by a coach, professional trainer, or player shall be nine.

17.3.4 Coaches and professional trainers will acquire individual penalty points, regardless of the number of teams coached or trained, e.g., a coach who coaches three teams and accumulates three points in a game with each team has a total of nine points.

17.4. Disciplinary Action for penalty point accumulation

17.4.1 For an individual player:

- (1) Nine penalty points - Suspension for the next game actually played by the team.
- (2) Eighteen penalty points - Suspension for the next two games actually played by the team.
- (3) Twenty-one points - Suspension pending a review and reinstatement hearing by the STYSA Appeals Committee.

17.4.2 For an individual coach:

- (1) Nine penalty reports - Suspension for the next game actually played by any of the coach's teams.
- (2) Eighteen penalty points - Suspension for the next two games actually played by any of the coach's teams.
- (3) Twenty-one penalty points - Suspension pending a review and reinstatement hearing by the STYSA Appeals Committee.

17.4.3 For an individual professional trainer:

- (1) Nine penalty points - Suspension for the remainder of the weekend of play, and all games for the next weekend of play.
- (2) Eighteen penalty points - Suspension for the remainder of the weekend of play and all games for the next two weekends of play.
- (3) Twenty-one penalty points - Suspension pending a review and reinstatement hearing by the STYSA Appeals Committee. A professional trainer who has been ejected from any other Associations' matches shall serve his or her suspension as if the suspension were given in a TYSA match.

17.5 Penalty Point Carryover

17.5.1 Post-season games play. Individual penalty point accumulations received shall be continued into the respective post-season tournament play except not into USYSNC Regional and National Tournament play.

17.5.1 Next season.

17.5.1.1 Penalty points accumulated during each playing season shall not be carried over to the next playing season.

17.5.1.2 A suspension shall carry over into the next season if not served in the season or post-season play.

RULE 18 - Amendments

18.1 Procedure.

18.1.1 Proposed amendments to these Rules of Competition must be made in writing to the TYSA Administrator twenty-one days before any Board meeting

18.1.2 The TYSA Administrator shall distribute a copy of the proposed amendment to the Board not less than ten days prior to the meeting, along with the agenda for the Board meeting, and notice of the date, time, and place of the meeting.

18.1.3 Vote. Amendments will be considered at the noticed Board meeting and a vote shall be taken at the next Board meeting that is held at least 28 days later. Amendments may be approved by a simple majority of the eligible Board members in attendance. "Eligible" Board member means a Board member who has no personal conflict of interest in the proposed amendment being considered.

18.2 Publication. Amendments effective August 1 shall be reflected in the "Red Book" of the current year. Amendments effective January 1 shall be reflected in a supplement to the "Red Book" distributed two weeks before the start of the TYSA spring season. The Website publication of these Rules shall be updated on the effective dates.

Referee Clinic Information

TSRA (Timberline Soccer Referee Association) has regularly scheduled referee clinics throughout the Fall and Spring. These clinics include basic (entry), recertification and intermediate classes, and are conducted by South Texas Soccer Referees, Inc. (STSR)

For current updated referee class info, check on the Internet at: www.stsr.org
Click on "referee" and check our training schedule. Please check the information often, as things may change, such as location and times. Remember to check back from time to time, to keep updated on referee events.

REFEREE CLINICS AND INFORMATION GENERAL INFORMATION

You must register with the host club contact listed. Seating is limited.

All classes require you to register for the class online and pay for the class prior to the class. For 2009, the total fee is \$80.00. (\$30 class fee and \$50 USSF registration fee). **NO CASH WILL BE ACCEPTED!**

COACHING CLINICS

Clinics are held periodically in the TYSA area. A minimum of 15 participants will be required (with the exception of the modules, which will be formed only when requested by the member clubs). The cost depends on length and level of clinic. Clinics will be scheduled throughout the year. For information, contact your Club's Director of Coaches, or the TYSA Director of Coaches.

COACHING LICENSES

LICENSE	REQUIREMENTS	TAUGHT BY
A (National)	Holder of a "B" license 70 hours of training & instruction. 70 additional hours of instruction and examinations.	National Staff
B (National)	Holder of a "C" license. 70 hours of training & instruction. 70 additional hours of instruction and examinations.	National Staff
C (National)	Holder of a "D" state license. 70 hours of training & instruction. 70 additional hours of instruction and examinations.	National Staff
D (State)	Holder of an "E" State license. 36 hours of instruction and examination.	"A" License
E (State)	Holder of a U12 Module State license, "B" License or approval by STYSA Staff Coach. or above 18 hours of instruction and field work.	

Youth Modules will be scheduled for U6, U8 ,U10, and U12 Coaches.

TIMBERLINE has a scholarship program for those coaches seeking a National level license. Contact your club coaching director or the Timberline Coaching Director for details (see TYSA Board list).

TRAVEL INFORMATION

TOURNAMENTS - TRAVEL PERMITS - EXHIBITION GAMES

Tournament information should be available to you from your Club President or the STYSA SHOOTOUT. Please note that proper forms must be filed for all teams that register in tournaments. Your STYSA accident insurance is valid only at STYSA-sanctioned events.

TOURNAMENTS WITHIN SOUTH TEXAS YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION

STYSA requires any team, recreational or select, attending a tournament outside of their association to have USYSA player cards. Select teams are normally required to have USYSA player cards for all tournament play. This includes Timberline tournaments! If your team is entering a tournament and needs player cards, contact your member Club Administrator/Registrar. These player cards must be laminated by the coach or team manager after photos have been attached and players have signed. Allow one week's notice to obtain and properly prepare the cards.

OUT OF SOUTH TEXAS TRAVEL

If you are planning to go to a tournament that is OUTSIDE of the South Texas boundaries, (and this includes Dallas, Plano, or other North Texas destinations--but not Austin or San Antonio), you need to file the following forms:

1. APPLICATION for travel permit.
2. ROSTER FORM.
3. Approved APPLICATION TO HOST tournaments or games.
(This should be supplied by the host tournament)
4. LATE FEE, if applicable. (Less than 30 days notice.)

These forms can be obtained from the Timberline Administrator. Leave a message with your name, address, phone number and date of tournament. You must complete and send this paperwork to the TYSA administrator for approval and verification of players on your roster. The form will then be forwarded by TYSA to the state office for their approval. STYSA will notify the tournament director of your approval. Any team found traveling to a tournament outside of South Texas without the proper travel forms will be fined \$250, and travel requests from the team will be denied for no less than one year.

The address of the TYSA Administrator can be found on the page listing TYSA Board Members. All forms should be sent to the TYSA Administrator at least 30 days prior to the tournament date, to avoid fines.

If your trip is outside of North America (which includes the U.S., Mexico and Canada), your administrator will need to receive your application for travel, signed roster and a \$25 processing fee, made payable to the USSF, at least 90 days in advance of the trip. You must carry a copy of all approved forms with you when traveling to any tournament, as well as the laminated USYSA player cards.

EXHIBITION GAMES

Scrimmages or games with foreign teams visiting our area or any games played by TYSA teams against any team from outside of STYSA require the filing of an APPLICATION TO HOST EXHIBITION GAMES. This form must be filed 30 days in advance.

INSURANCE

The South Texas Youth Soccer Association insurance program will include a medical policy which is supplemental and covers all registered players, coaches, referees, and volunteer workers while they are involved in sanctioned soccer activities.

IF YOU NEED TO FILE A CLAIM:

- 1) Print the STYSA insurance claim form from the TYSA website (www.timberlinesoccer.com) or STYSA website (www.stxsoccer.org).
- 2) You must ask the medical providers to file first with your primary family insurance. Keep copies of all bills, descriptions of procedures, and payments by your primary insurance company.
- 3) Complete the STYSA insurance claim form, attach the copies of bills as detailed above, and mail to the TYSA Administrator (listed in TYSA Board directory in this book).
(Any late-arriving bills can be sent directly to the STYSA State Office, following their directions.) If there is no primary insurance, indicate such on the TYSA claim form, collect the bills and send to the TYSA Administrator. **DO NOT** advise the medical provider to directly bill the TYSA address! This will only delay your claim.

There is a \$100 deductible on all claims.