



ILLINOIS YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION

BEACH SOCCER PLAYING RULES

1. The Team must have all of its players, guest players, and coaches properly registered for the Chicago Beach Soccer Tournament. The Club/Organization is responsible for the conduct, penalties and fines of its teams, players, coaches and supporters. Except as provided herein and in IYSA Rule 023 all matches played within the jurisdiction of this Illinois shall be played under FIFA Laws of the Game as modified by the IYSA.

2. Duration of the Game

AGE GROUP	GAME FORMAT	Maximum Roster	GAME LENGTH	OVERTIME PLAY	BALL SIZE
U10 – U19	5 V 5	12	2 x 13 minutes	NONE	5

3. Substitution

Unlimited substitution is allowed on the fly for either team without stopping the clock.

Sent off players may be replaced after two minutes

4. Offside

No offside rules apply for all age groups.

5. Final Game Tie

There is no overtime play. However, any Beach Soccer semifinal or championship game that is tied at the end of regulation play will go directly to penalty kicks (best of three (3)) to determine the winner.

6. Heading

Heading is not allowed in the U10 age division or for any player 10-years old and younger.

When a player deliberately heads the ball in a game, an indirect free kick (IFK) should be awarded to the opposing team from the spot of the offense. If the deliberate header occurs within the goal area, the indirect free kick should be taken on the goal area line parallel to the goal line at the point nearest to where the infringement occurred. If a player does not deliberately head the ball at the discretion of the referee, then play should continue.

Any player called into question for their eligibility to head the ball will be checked by tournament staff.

7. Uniforms

No shoes allowed. Ankle guards, socks and sand soccer socks are allowed

All teams must wear uniforms that conform to acceptable Illinois Youth Soccer standards. If in the opinion of the referee or IYSA Cup Director the uniforms are not acceptable for this competition, the team shall be given an opportunity to change uniforms. When teams' colors are similar as determined by the Referee, the Home Team must change. The first/top team listed is the home team. A player must not use equipment or wear anything which is dangerous to himself or another player including any kind of jewelry, hard billed hat or street glasses.

Hard cast are not allowed

8. Beach Soccer Specific Rules

NO Offsides

NO Indirect Kicks

Goalkeepers can handle only one back pass before the ball crosses the half way line.

No Defensive Walls

Players must be 5m (16.4 ft) from person talking direct kick.

Put of play balls must be kicked – in

5 second rule on re-starts

No Goal Kicks. Keepers must throw / toss the ball

Games cannot end until in-flight balls stops

Dropped ball may only be from halfway line.

9. Team, Coach, and Player Check-In

All coaches and players must be present along with their roster and passes at check-in. All players will be given a color wristband that must be worn through the duration of the tournament.

10. Late Player

The late player shall present a valid pass to the IYSA registration tent before entering the game.

11. Grace Period

There is NO grace period at the start of the game. **For every 5 minutes a team is late for the start of their match, the opposing team is awarded 1 goal.**

12. Starting the Game

A game shall not be started with fewer than three (3) properly uniformed players on each team. If the team has fewer than three (3) players, the match shall be forfeited to the opponent. If during the match a team is unable to field at least three (3), the opponent shall be declared the winner by forfeit.

13. Coaching During Game

No coaching other than conveying of tactical instruction is permitted during the game. Only the designated head coach is authorized to convey tactical instructions from the Technical Area and has the responsibility of making sure that no person associated with the team violates this coaching restriction. The designated head coach is responsible for the actions of all persons associated with the team, including spectators associated with the team.. Violations by any person including supporters associated with the team will be deemed the actions of the designated head coach.

14. After The Game

Immediately following the match, the Winning Team's coach/team manager must submit to the on-site IYSA Tournament officials the game card. The champion and finalist teams and their head/assistant coaches shall attend the Awards Ceremony immediately following the championship match at the on-site designated headquarters for the Illinois Cup.

15. Unfinished Matches

For matches played short-time due to any cause, it shall be at the discretion of the IYSA Tournament Director as to whether the match is to be replayed or a winner declared.

16. Red Card

A player or coach that receives a Red Card must sit the next Beach Soccer Tournament match. Additional fines or sanctioned may be leveled by Illinois Youth Soccer and the Tournament Director.

There is no appeal of red cards.

17. Unauthorized Vendors – Vendors/Service Providers must obtain written authorization from Illinois Youth Soccer and submit to Illinois Youth Soccer a certificate of insurance naming Illinois Youth Soccer as additional insured before conducting their business at any Illinois Youth Soccer event.

18. Casts

For the protection of the players on the field, no person will be allowed to play on the field with any type of a cast. This includes casts padded with any material (padded foam, bandages, etc...)

19. Concussions, Neck & Back Injuries

In compliance with the new Illinois Concussion law, any athlete who receives a concussion, neck or back injury will not be allowed to return to play or practice until he/she is evaluated and receives and submits to the player's team coach written clearance from a licensed medical doctor specializing in concussions. It is the responsibility of the team coach to submit the clearance to the IYSA prior to the injured player's next State Cup game.

20. Safety & Weather Related/ Lightning Procedures

The team's coaches/officials are responsible for the safety of their players and shall ensure that all persons associated with the team abide by the safety and weather related instructions issued by the IYSA officials, tournament/site officials, and/or referees. The Thunder Storm Warning is one (1) long blast from the siren/air horn. As soon as the Thunder Storm Warning is sounded, the coaches shall remove the players from field and immediately seek shelter in an enclosed vehicle or building. The All-Clear Signal is three (3) shorts blasts from the siren/air horn. The All-Clear Signal indicates that the coaches and players may return to the field of play. A team/ coach/ player/ official and/or a person related to the team

that ignores the safety instructions shall be prohibited from competing further in the Beach Soccer Tournament in the current and subsequent soccer year.

21. Scores and Standings

Scores and Standings for the Chicago Beach Soccer Tournament will be as follows:

Scoring Method

The standings of teams within brackets are based upon the number of points earned in qualifying games. Teams earn points as follows:

- Three (3) points for a win (including forfeits)
- One (1) point for a tie, and
- Zero (0) points for a loss.

Tie Breakers

In the event teams are tied on the basis of points earned, the team's placement will be determined in accordance with the following sequential criteria:

- a. Winner of head to head competition (this criteria not used if more than two teams are tied).
- b. Fewest goals allowed
- c. Goal spread (goals scored minus goals against) with a maximum of four goals per game.
- d. Kicks from the penalty mark.

22. Weapon/Firearms Restrictions

Weapons/firearms are not permitted at Illinois Youth Soccer events including

23. Unmanned Aircraft Systems (DRONES)

Based on US Youth Soccer's Policy on Unmanned Aircraft Systems (Drones), the use of drones is strictly prohibited at all Cup matches. It is the responsibility of the Event/Home Site Host to ensure that this policy is strictly enforced

24. Clean-Up Fee

Any team that has not cleaned up its bench and Technical Area must pay a \$100 Clean-up Fee to the IYSA.

25. Matters Not Provided

In all matters provided or not provided in the IYSA rules and regulations, the decision of the IYSA Tournament Committee shall be final and binding. A plea of ignorance to any of the Rules and Regulations governing this competition and Illinois Youth Soccer Association is insufficient grounds for appeal or protest. The IYSA Tournament Committee shall have the power to deal with all breaches of the rules.