



ILLINOIS YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION SPRING SOCCER FESTIVAL PLAYING RULES

1. The Team must have all of its players, guest players, and coaches registered with Illinois Youth Soccer Association (IYSA) through a current IYSA Member Affiliated League during the current soccer year and fulfill all IYSA requirements for participation as stated in IYSA Rule 023 and abide by all IYSA Policies and Procedures. Please contact IYSA for registration information. 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
8U	4v4	14	4 x 10 minutes	NONE	4
8U, 9U	7 V 7	14	2 x 25 minutes	NONE	4
10U	7 V 7	16	2 x 25 minutes	NONE	4

3. Substitution

Unlimited substitution is allowed on the fly for either team without stopping the clock. Substitutions shall be limited to a maximum of three (3) players per substitution. The player being substituted must have left the field of play at the touchline directly in front of his/her team's Technical Area before the substituting player can enter the field of play. The substituting player must identify by high five or hand shake the person the he/she is replacing.

If the goalkeeper is dismissed by the referee, the referee may allow the team to replace the goalkeeper with a player from the bench. The team, however, must still play short with another player leaving the field of play.

4. Offside

Offside rules apply for all age groups.

5. Heading

HEADING THE BALL IS NOT ALLOWED. A purposeful header by a player shall result in an indirect free kick awarded to the opponent.

6. Final Game Tie

There is no overtime play. However, a Championship game that is tied at the end of regulation play will go directly to penalty kicks to determine the winner.

7. Uniforms

All teams must wear uniforms that conform to acceptable US Youth Soccer standards and each player on a team must wear shin guards. An official uniform has a six-inch minimum size number on the back of the shirt and each number must be unique. The players must wear the same color shirts, shorts and socks. Jerseys must be of an accepted soccer style jersey, must have finished sleeve openings and enclosed sides, and must be tucked into the shorts. 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 hats, or street glasses.

8. Passes

Each player and coach must be registered on an IYSA Member Affiliated League team, be listed on an IYSA-approved form and show proof thereof upon request by the tournament or match officials.

9. Guest Players

Guest Players from **WITHIN** the Team's club are allowed up to the maximum roster size. Players must be age appropriate and currently registered with an IYSA Member Affiliated League and Team.

10. Team, Coach, and Player Check-In

All coaches and players must be present along with their IYSA Member Affiliated League roster and passes at check-in. All coaches and players will be given a color wristband that must be worn through the duration of the tournament. A player without a wristband will not be permitted to play.

11. Late Player

The late player shall present a valid pass to the IYSA Soccer Festival registration tent and receive a wristband before entering the game.

12. Grace Period

A fifteen (15) minute grace period will be allowed. The Referee or IYSA Cup Director may extend the Grace Period for a reasonable amount of time, at his/her discretion, if circumstances dictate. The IYSA expects decisions in this regard to be made in the spirit of providing an opportunity for the match to be decided on the field. A team not ready to play after expiration of the allowed Grace Period will forfeit the match.

13. Starting the Game

A game shall not be started with fewer than four (4) properly uniformed players on each team. If the team has fewer than four (4) players, the match shall be forfeited to the opponent. If, during the match a team is unable to field at least four (4), the opponent shall be declared the winner by forfeit.

14. Field of Play

FIFA designates the preferred dimensions for the field of play and the goals. Goals must be properly anchored and have nets. The fields must be safe and properly marked with lines and corner flags or cones sufficient for the match officials to perform their essential duties. The game referee shall determine the safety and acceptability of the field.

15. Technical Area

The Technical Area shall be designated for each team and include one (1) yard on either side of the designated seating (bench) and up to a distance of one (1) yard from the touchline. The Technical Area is the seating area only for the team's eligible players that are listed on the team's Game Roster and the team's Technical Staff. The Technical Staff is the team's head coach and two (2) assistant coaches (one coach may be replaced by a certified medical person) of the team. All persons seated in the Technical Area must be listed on the team's Team Roster, Game Roster, and have a valid IYSA pass to be eligible to participate. Only the players listed on the team's Game Roster (maximum 14 for U8 & U9 and 16 for U10) are permitted in the Technical Area and on the players' side of the field. The team may forfeit the game in which a person/player/coach that is not listed on the team's Game Roster is in the team's Technical Area, on the players' side of the field and/or dressed for the game. The team's Technical Staff must remain within the confines of the Technical Area except in special circumstances as permitted by the referee such as entering the field of play to treat an injured player.

16. 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.

17. 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 Rosters for both teams (unless the match referee chooses to submit the cards to the IYSA). 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 Soccer Festival.

18. Game Officials & Fees

Illinois Youth Soccer shall assign USSF registered referees for all matches.

19. 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.

20. Red Card Fines

A coach, manager, team official or supporter who is ejected from a match must leave the viewing area of the field and is prohibited from participating in that game and the next immediately following Cup game. **A coach who received a red card will also be subject to a \$250 fine.** The IYSA may impose additional sanctions against coaches and teams for unsportsmanlike conduct and rule violations. These may include fines, suspension from future Soccer Festivals, league, tournament play and other activities of the IYSA/US Youth Soccer.

Any player issued a red card will be reviewed by the IYSA Tournament Director and IYSA may impose sanctions including suspension from future Soccer Festivals, league, tournament play and other activities of the IYSA/US Youth Soccer

21. Protest Procedures

Referee decisions are final as they pertain to the FIFA Laws of the Game including, but not limited to, Red Cards, Yellow Cards and Coach Send Offs, and may NOT be protested.

A. All questions pertaining to any dispute or protest shall be referred to the IYSA Tournament Director, who in turn, shall forward the issue to the IYSA Tournament Committee for a final and binding decision. To be valid and eligible for consideration, each protest must include at least the following items at the time of its filing with the IYSA Tournament Director:

- a. \$300 Protest Fee (\$100 of which is a non-refundable administrative fee).
- b. Two written copies of the protest that includes the reason for the protest and the facts.

B. Protests must be received in writing by the IYSA Tournament Director within twenty-four (24) hours after the start of the protested match. Once filed, protests may be withdrawn only with the IYSA Tournament Committee's consent.

C. Protests relating to the field of play, ie: improper uniforms, equipment, field size, markings, dangerous field conditions, etc. shall be considered only if the objection was lodged with the Referee prior to match.

22. 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.

23. Smoking & Alcohol Restriction

Smoking of any tobacco related product is not permitted at the facility. Drinking and/or dispensing of alcoholic beverages is not permitted at the facility.

24. Pets

All pets must be leashed and kept off the playing fields. Pets are not allowed in the coaches and players sideline and Technical Area. Persons with the pet(s) must pick-up after the pet(s).

25. 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...).

26. Distribution of Flyers/Materials Strictly Prohibited - Minimum \$1000 Fine

Distribution of flyers/materials at Soccer Festival events, facilities and parking lots is not permitted. No organization or individual on behalf of the organization is allowed to distribute or display flyers/materials including but not restricted to tryout and recruitment information, club promotions, solicitations, camps and tournaments at an Illinois Youth Soccer event without prior written consent from Illinois Youth Soccer Association. Violators will be charged, at minimum, One-Thousand Dollars (\$1000) for clean-up.

27. Scores and Standings

Scores and Standings for the Soccer Festival 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 criterion not used if more than two teams are tied).
- b. Winner of most games.
- c. Goal spread (goals scored minus goals against) with a maximum of four goals per game.
- d. Fewest goals allowed.
- e. Kicks from the penalty mark.

28. Weapon/Firearms Restrictions

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

29. 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 Soccer Festival matches. It is the responsibility of the Event/Home Site Host to ensure that this policy is strictly enforced.

30. 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.