



# South Los Angeles AYSO

## Spring League Rules



CATEGORY	RULE
<b>1) JURISDICTION</b>	<p>A. Unless otherwise noted, the current AYSO National Rules and Regulations, Section 1 and FIFA Laws of the Game will be used for the Spring League. The following rules are intended specifically for the Spring League ONLY!</p> <p>B. The Spring League Director, Field Director, Referee Director and other designated staff will have jurisdiction over all games played.</p> <p>C. Referee judgment calls are NOT subject to dispute or protest!</p>
<b>2) FEES</b>	<p>A. Entire entry fee and referee deposit must accompany the application and will be returned if application is not accepted. Fee and deposit must be a single check issued from the Region's account (no personal checks, money orders, credit cards, etc.).</p> <p>Fees are: 8U/10U \$850 (\$475 entry fee plus \$375 referee deposit), U-12 \$875 (\$500 entry fee plus \$375 referee deposit) and U14 \$900 (\$525 entry fee plus \$375 referee deposit)</p> <p><b>Note: 8U teams are limited to 2016 birth year players with birth dates from 1/1/2016 to 12/31/2016</b></p>
<b>3) ACCEPTANCE</b>	<p>A. Applications are due NLT <b>February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024</b></p> <p>B. Applications from teams with a complete referee team (3 refs) will be accepted on a first-come basis, based on completed application (see Team Application Form for criteria). Teams with ref teams will be notified by email within 48 hours of the receipt of their completed applications.</p> <p>C. Applications for teams without a complete referee team (3 refs) will be put on a waiting list and accepted on a first come first serve basis depending on space availability in their division. Teams on the waiting list will be notified of their acceptance by email immediately upon acceptance. Teams on the waiting list will have their entry fee returned within 48 hours of either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Their request to be removed from the list OR</li> <li>(ii) The notification from the league that they have not been accepted.</li> </ul> <p>D. Teams must designate a Team Contact on their application who has email and Internet access.</p> <p>The primary form of communication between the League and applying teams will be email and our website, <a href="http://springleague.ayso1031.org/">http://springleague.ayso1031.org/</a></p>
<b>4) REFUNDS</b>	<p>A. Teams withdrawing 30 days or more before the start of the league will be issued a full refund.</p> <p>B. Teams withdrawing less than 30 days before the start of the league will only be issued a refund if a replacement team can be found.</p> <p>C. If the spring league is canceled and cannot be rescheduled a full refund will be issued.</p> <p>D. For teams that are eligible, referee deposit refunds will be mailed no later than 14 days after the end of the spring league. Referee deposit refunds will be on a prorated basis.</p>
<b>5) RAINOUT/ CANCELLATION</b>	<p>A. Rainout games are NOT rescheduled.</p>
<b>6) PLAYERS/TEAMS</b>	<p>A. Players on participating teams must be properly registered to play in AYSO</p> <p>B. The team roster must be verified and approved by each player's Regional Commissioner. Roster changes may be submitted (with the written approval of the Regional Commissioner); however, these changes must be received by prior to the first game.</p> <p>C. 3 Guest Players (players from a different Region from the applying team's Region) will be allowed for each team. However, the Guest Player will be required to have the approval of both the Guest Player's Regional Commissioner and the Host Team Regional Commissioner (see Guest Player Form).</p> <p>D. Coed teams will be accepted; however they must play in the boys' divisions only.</p> <p>E. Division 14U will play 11-v-11, and there will be a roster limit of 20 players per team. Division 12U will play 9-v-9, and there will be a roster limit of 18 players per team. Division 8U/10U will play 7-v-7, and there will be a roster limit of 14 players per team.</p> <p>F. All players must play at least half of each game. Violation of these player rules exposes a team to protest and</p>

	renders them subject to forfeiture of game and possible disqualification.
<b>7) COACHES</b>	<p>A. All coaches must register at <a href="http://ref.ayso1031.org">http://ref.ayso1031.org</a>. During the registration process, coaches will select their team from the team list as their assigned team. This allows our staff to send group emails to coaches when information needs to be communicated to teams.</p> <p>B. Each team is limited to two coaches but must have two – one Head Coach and one Assistant Coach. These coaches must be the ones listed on the Official Team Roster.</p> <p>C. Each Coach must provide their AYSO Identification Number, be a currently registered volunteer, Safe-Haven certified, AYSO trained at the age-appropriate level and must. Proof of coach certification and training will be verified.</p> <p>D. Coaches are expected to set the example for their team in exhibiting proper AYSO behavior and Kids Zone behavior. Coaches are expected to remain in the technical area during games and only enter the field of play as requested by the referee.</p> <p>E. There will be a mandatory coaches meeting on Saturday, Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>. Assistant coaches or team managers may represent their team, but one representative per team must be at the meeting. Specific times will be posted on the Spring League website and emailed to coaches.</p>
<b>8) REFEREES</b>	<p>A. Each member of the referee team will register in our self-scheduler at <a href="http://ref.ayso1031.org">http://ref.ayso1031.org</a> and select their team during the registration process. The games he or she referees will be credited to the selected team.</p> <p>B. Referees may include more than one team to in their profile (e.g. a referee has two children on separate teams). The referee will select a team to credit their point for each referee assignment</p> <p>C. For each game a team plays in the league, they are required to referee an equivalent number of game. Your referee team (3 referees) must referee 1 game for each game your team plays. 1 CR, 2 AR (3 points earned per game)</p> <p>D. A referee crew does not need to referee the same game and can self –schedule any game from the referee scheduler</p> <p>E. All referees must be an AYSO registered and trained volunteer and be Safe-Haven Certified.</p> <p>F. Only the diagonal system of control will be used to referee the games.</p> <p>G. Referees for 14U games must be Advanced level or above. Referees for 12U games must be Intermediate level or above. Referees for 8U/10U games must be Regional or above.</p> <p>H. Youth referees (center referees) must be at least 2 years older than the age group they are refereeing.</p> <p>I. All referees must be in full uniform as defined by AYSO and USSF, including the Referee Badge. Referees not in uniform will not be permitted to referee games, and their team’s referee deposit may be subject to forfeiture.</p> <p>J. If all assignments are successfully completed, the Referee Deposit will be refunded (see REFEREE PLAN for more details).</p> <p>K. Referees are expected to arrive at the field at least 30 minutes prior to their assigned game.</p> <p>L. Referees will be expected to uphold the tournament rules, AYSO Rules and Regulations and FIFA laws. Any failure of the referee to uphold these rules may be cause for dismissal from the league, and will place a team’s referee deposit refund in jeopardy.</p>
<b>9) FIELDS</b>	<p>A. First teams that play on the field will set up goals, Last teams that play on a field will break down goals and neatly store in the equipment room.</p> <p>B. Trash can will be provided at each field. Teams will be expected to clean up all trash in their area before leaving.</p> <p><b>C. NO DOGS ARE ALLOWED AT THE FIELDS</b></p>
<b>10) FORMAT</b>	<p>A. Each age division will be bracketed into playing pools when possible.</p> <p>B. There are no playoffs</p> <p>C. There are no medals.</p>
<b>11) CHECK-IN</b>	<p>A. Team check-in is not required. However, coaches are expected to have with them a signed team roster (by RC), player registration form for each player on the roster.</p> <p>B. Only players listed on the team lineup cards provided by the league are eligible to play. Changes to lineup cards issued at the beginning of the season are allowed, but must be approved by Spring League staff in advance.</p>
<b>12) FIELD MONITORS</b>	<p>A. There will be a Field Monitor assigned to each field, and will report to the Spring League Director.</p> <p>B. At the conclusion of the game, the match referees must return the completed game cards to the Field Monitor at the referee check-in table.</p> <p>C. Field Monitors will be the first to respond to any incidents or injuries, and will be in contact with the rest of the spring league staff. Spring League participants are encouraged to report any concerns immediately to the Field Monitor,</p>

<p><b>13) GAMES</b></p>	<p>and also to respectfully follow any instructions given by the Field Monitor.</p> <p>A. All games must start and end on time.</p> <p>B. All games will end as scheduled regardless of start time. Please ensure your team is ready to play at their scheduled time.</p> <p>C. Game duration shall be as follows:            Division            Duration            8U/10U:            20 minute half            12U:                25 minute half            14U:                30 minute half</p> <p>D. The "home" team will be the first team or top team listed on the game schedule and will be responsible for providing the game ball. The home team will be situated on the North or West side of the field, and the visitor will be situated on the South or East side. Spectators must remain on the side of the field designated for their team. The home team will change jerseys or don pinnies in the event of a color conflict with the visitor team. If any questions, the referee will determine whether this is necessary.</p> <p>E. There will be no warming up on the field. Teams must warm up prior to taking the field. As soon as the previous game has ended, teams must clear the field and the teams for the next game must take their places.</p> <p>F. FORFEITS: Teams must arrive at the field at least 30 minutes prior to the start of the game. There will be a five-minute grace period at the start of the game for a team to take the field before a forfeit is declared. The score for a forfeit match will be 1-0 for the remaining team. For 8U/10U division teams, there is a minimum of 5 players on the field to continue a game. For 12U and 14U, the minimum number is 7 players. If a team cannot field the minimum number of players, the game will be abandoned and a forfeit will be declared.</p> <p>G. SUSPENDED GAMES: The Spring League Director may determine to end matches early if field schedule is behind due to game delays, interference, or if weather conditions provide unsafe conditions; and may distribute awards according to games played and points. The Spring League Director will determine the outcome of any single game which is terminated prematurely (due to inclement weather, participant injury, or interference by outside party, etc.).</p>
<p><b>14) SUBSTITUTIONS</b></p>	<p>A. Substitutions shall be allowed approximately mid way through each half for ALL divisions 8U through 14U, and will be recorded on the game cards by the referee.</p> <p>B. All substitutions must be approved and recognized by the referee. Substitutions may be made for injured players; however, they may not return until the beginning of the next quarter and will be considered as having played the current quarter (exception: an injured player not replaced may return to play at any time with the referee's permission).</p> <p>C. Substitutions in overtime periods of medal round matches will be at the beginning of each period only.</p>
<p><b>15) STANDINGS</b></p>	<p>A. No standings are maintained though playoffs may be scheduled at the discretion of the league. If held, playoffs participation and seeding is expected to be based on volunteer and referee points.</p>
<p><b>16) CONDUCT</b></p>	<p>A. Coaches will be expected to set a positive example for the team, and will be held responsible for the actions of their team including spectators. All spectators must remain 1 yard (3 feet) from the touch line and between the 18-yard lines (penalty areas in small fields). Two coaches maximum per team, and they must remain within the technical area (10 yards on either side of the half way line)</p> <p>B. Only coaches and assistant coaches are permitted to give instructions to players.</p> <p>C. At the conclusion of each match, the referee will be required to complete a game misconduct report for <u>all</u> misconducts during the game, as well as any incidents of interference by spectators.</p> <p>D. Any coach or spectator ejected must immediately leave the vicinity of the playing field (out of sight and sound) and will be prohibited from attending the next scheduled game. Any player sent off (red carded) must immediately leave the vicinity of the game (under supervision of his/her parent or Safe Haven-certified adult), and may not return to the field of play during the current game, including for the post-game handshake, and may not be substituted for, and is suspended from participation in the next game. In the alternative, the player may stay on the sideline under the supervision of the coach. There will be penalty point deductions for all send-offs (see Standings rules).</p> <p>E. Any violent conduct red card will result in that player/coach/spectator being barred from the remainder of the Spring League.</p> <p>F. If it is determined that an ineligible player has participated in a game, the team will forfeit all games in which that player participated illegally. Furthermore, if it is determined that the coach knowingly played a player illegally, the coach will be barred from further participation in the league.</p> <p>G. It is mandatory to play a scheduled game. If it is determined that a coach willfully fails to have his team participate in a scheduled game, the team will be dismissed from the Spring League.</p> <p>H. All conduct problems will be reported to the respective Regional Commissioner.</p> <p>I. All Serious Incidents will be reported to the respective Regional Commissioner as well as Area, Section and AYSO National Office parties.</p>

<p><b>17) UNIFORMS/SAFETY</b></p>	<p>A. All players must wear the approved AYSO uniform only according to the National Rules &amp; Regulations, and all players on the same team must wear matching uniforms (goalkeeper excepted – may have a different jersey, AYSO logo is recommended but not required.)</p> <p>B. Each player's uniform must be marked with a permanently-affixed unique number that matches the uniform number on the Game Card, and may not exchange numbered jerseys with any other player during the game including the goalkeeper.</p> <p>C. Garments may be worn under the uniform (i.e. long sleeves, etc.) during inclement weather, however the match referee will be the judge of what should be allowed or not.</p> <p>D. Not allowed: jewelry, hard metal or plastic clips on clothing or hair. No player will be allowed to participate with any type of cast or splint.</p> <p>E. AYSO will not prohibit the use of knee braces by players in AYSO events and programs; providing that the brace is adequately covered and padded in the judgment of the referee, so as to eliminate the possibility of its causing injury to the other players on the field.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Example cover include neoprene padding or similar protective cover material. If in doubt, contact our Spring League Director for a review of your knee brace cover. The Referee will make the final decision when there is no prior approval from the League Director.</li> </ul>
<p><b>18) PROTESTS</b></p>	<p>A. Protests will be considered only for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An ineligible player has played.</li> <li>• One or more registered player(s), present and in uniform, have not played the required one half of the game (except for illness or injury as recorded by the game referee).</li> </ul> <p>B. All protests must be presented in writing to the Spring League Director within 1/2 hour of the completion of the game.</p> <p>C. All protests will be heard by a Protest Committee of at least three persons selected by the Spring League Director. In all cases, the members of the Protest Committee will be unrelated to either team involved in the protest. ALL PROTEST DECISIONS ARE FINAL!</p> <p>D. Referee judgment calls are FINAL and are not grounds for nor subject to protest or dispute!</p>
<p><b>19) RULES INTERPRETATION</b></p>	<p>The Spring League Director retains the right to interpret and apply the rules to the optimum benefit of all participants.</p>