

State League Spring 2010 Information

Academy Play- There will be no Academy play for the spring and until further notice. Traditional division and game scheduling will be in place for all U9 & U10 divisions.

Team Declaration- The team declaration process begins on January 4th and continues thru March 1st. Teams will be declared on the current SL web site: <http://skit.site.infoquest.com/oysan/HomePageOYSAN.aspx> On the front page go to the far right on the index to “Admin Tools” and select “Team Declare” which will take you to a page that asks for your club code (two letter code that has been assigned to each club and shows up on your schedules) and a password-which currently is your club code. You can change your password but be sure to remember what it is as I will not have access to it. Once these have been entered the actual team declaration page will open and the following steps will be taken:

- The first area is to only be used once you have declared at least one team
- The first step in actually declaring a team is the selection of a division. Until team declaration closes you will only see a first and second division per age group/gender from U9 thru U18. Depending on the numbers for the spring some of the second divisions may be split if the numbers are too large (more than 10 for those playing eight games and more than 8 for those divisions playing six games-more on this below). I have prepared a spread sheet showing the divisions for the spring using the fall results for ages thru U14. The divisions for U15 and above are based on spring 2009 results. In both cases promotion/relegation was based on a team’s performance. This document has been vetted by the competition committee. Should you select a division other than the one that is shown you may be asked to support the change before the team is placed into the actual division.
- Step two is the team selection based on the team number used for the fall. This information will be pre-loaded and show in a drop down menu. If this is a new team-did not participate in the fall-then you will enter the team name and a number will be assigned to the team. The team number is the one that shows on the game schedule and not the one used for registration purposes. Team colors are also entered at this point
- Step three is the entering of coach information. If it is a returning coach that information will already be available on the left side. If it is a new coach that information will be entered here in the spaces provided on the right side. For returning coaches the full name appears under “Last Name”.
- Step four you add the team. You go thru this process for each team.

If you have any questions on the process do not hesitate to contact me.

Scheduling- The same process as in past seasons will be used with some minor changes to the timeline. Specific information regarding dates on scheduling can be found in the league calendar supplied to each club and posted to the web site (address given above as well as at www.oysan.org).

- Once team declarations have closed (March 1st) every club will be provided with the spring divisions that have been reviewed and approved by the competition committee and myself in advance of the scheduling system opening.
- Beginning this season there will be a ten day window for teams/clubs to handle their scheduling starting on March 14th and closing on March 24th. There will be a \$50 fee for any games not scheduled after this date.
- For the spring season there will be two mandatory play dates. They are- April 25th and May 2nd. All clubs must make their teams available for play these days.
- From the 24th-28th teams will be able to make adjustments to their schedules (two game maximum on changes) without any financial penalty.

- On March 28th there will be a mandatory league/scheduling meeting. All members are required to be represented by someone with the authority to make schedule adjustments for their clubs and to sign off on the final schedule.
- Any club that does not have a complete schedule for the spring season for all of their teams will be subject to a \$350 fine (their club bond) and all teams in the club will be ineligible for division championships and the associated benefits (State Cup seeding, MRL selection, etc.). This fee must be paid before any team plays a game.
- Any club not represented at the March 28th meeting will be assessed a \$100 fee.

Games & Playoffs- Starting with the spring season all ages from U9 thru U14 will play an **eight** game schedule. U15 and up will play a six game schedule.

For the first time this season and continuing in subsequent seasons the league will now have playoffs at the end of the season for the U9 to U14 age groups. The playoffs will be June 12th/Saturday and be held at the Copley Road fields. This means all regular season games must be completed by June 6th so that final standings can be determined. The top four teams will be eligible with 1st v. 4th and 2nd v. 3rd and the winners meeting in the championship. In the event of a split division (i.e. U12A & U12B) the top two teams from each would qualify with 1A v. 2B and 2A v. 1B). There will be a \$65 per team fee to cover expenses (awards/field fees/referee fees).

Referees- **U14 and up** will use a three man system.

U13 and down will have a center only assigned and each club should be prepared to offer a responsible individual to run a line if so requested by the center referee.

Referee fees for the spring will be as follows:

- U9/10/11/12- \$26 center (\$13 per team)
- U13- \$30 center (\$15 per team)
- U14/15- \$30/22/22 (center/AR/AR) (\$37 per team)
- U16/17/18- \$40/25/25 (center/AR/AR) (\$45 per team)

Coach License- By fall 2010 all SL coaches (head and assistant coaches) must have a minimum “D” license. This applies to all coaches who have been registered with a club from the fall 2009 season forward. New coaches will be granted a grace period of one year from the first season they are registered with the league.

Substitutions- The issue here has to do with limited vs. unlimited substitutions. There is a push from the National body, specifically the USYSA coaching committee and state Directors of Coaching, to see the implementation of limited substitutions as mandatory in all elite/premier leagues at the state/regional/national level. Current State Cup rules enforce limited subs starting at U14 and the MRL also supports this policy. The dilemma that the SL faces is that while this standard can be supported in the U15 and older age groups at U14 it is bit more difficult because second division is often comprised of teams who are never going to participate in either the State Cup or the MRL.

So having said all that here is what the policy will be for the SL:

- U15 and above all divisions: limited substitutions per current National Cup rules.
- U13 and down all divisions: unlimited substitutions
- U14-
 - First division is limited substitutions as in the older age groups
 - Second division is unlimited substitutions as in the younger age groups