

Ohio Youth Soccer Association North



OYSAN State League Charter

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Part I

Playing Rules

Section I-10
State League Structure

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I-10.1 - Divisions

The State League will be comprised of a First Division (D-I), a Second Division (D-II). Team placement shall be determined by the State League Administrator.

I-10.2 - Promotion and Relegation

The State League will utilize a promotion and relegation system as determined by the State League Administrator.

I-10.3 - Co-ed Issues

Boys and girls will be accommodated in separate divisions; however, girls will be eligible to play on Boy's teams and exceptional girl's teams may be assigned to boy's divisions.

Boys may not compete on Girl's teams.

Boy's teams must be at least 51% male.

I-10.4 – State Cup Seeding

The State Association may decide to seed teams in its State Cup completion based on the standings of teams in the State League.

I-10.5 – Midwest Regional League Nomination

Spring season league champions in the U-13 divisions and older will be eligible for Midwest Regional League nomination.

Section I-20
Determining Divisional Champions

I-20.1 - Game Points

During seasonal play, game points shall be awarded as follows:

- Wins: Three (3) points
- Ties: One (1) point
- Losses: No (0) points

I-20.2 - Tie-breakers

The following tie-breaking criteria will be used to determine the final standings for each Division:

- a) Total points
- b) Head to head results
- c) Goal differential
- d) Goals scored
- e) Goals allowed

Section I-30
Laws of the Game and Playing Formats

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I-30.1 - Rules of Play

The rules of play shall be the current "Laws of the Game", as published by FIFA. All contests sanctioned by the State League shall abide by the "Laws of the Game." Authorized modifications to the Laws of the Game, as permitted by FIFA, are noted below.

I-30.2 - Modifications to the Laws of the Game

Games in the U-9/10 divisions will:

- a) Be contested between teams of five (5) field players and a goalkeeper (6v6)
- b) Not apply the offside law
- c) Not allow the goalkeeper to punt the ball directly into the opponent's penalty box
- d) Use unlimited substitution

Games in the U-11/12 divisions will:

- a) Be contested between teams of seven (7) field players and a goalkeeper (8v8)
- b) Use unlimited substitution.

Games in the U-13 divisions for D-I and D-II will allow for unlimited substitution.

Games in the U-14 and older divisions will:

- a) Employ restricted substitution.
 - I. Players may not re-enter the game during a half once they have been replaced. Substitutes may enter the field during any stoppage in play, provided they have received a signal from the referee.
 - II. Player passes will be returned to each team at the end of the first half of play.
 - III. For any play-off situation, the entire overtime is regarded as a new half and players cannot re-enter the game once they have been replaced.

I-30.3 - Playing Formats

The Playing Formats shall be as follows:

Age	Halves	Ball	Game Form	Min. Roster	Max. Roster
U-9	2x30-minutes	Size 4	6v6	6	12
U-10	2x30-minutes	Size 4	6v6	6	12
U-11	2x30-minutes	Size 4	8v8	8	14
U-12	2x30-minutes	Size 4	8v8	8	14
U-13	2x35-minutes	Size 5	11v11	9	18
U-14	2x40-minutes	Size 5	11v11	9	18
U-15	2x40-minutes	Size 5	11v11	9	18
U-16	2x45-minutes	Size 5	11v11	9	18
U-17	2x45-minutes	Size 5	11v11	9	22
U-18	2x45-minutes	Size 5	11v11	9	22

I-30.4 - Abandonment of Game

Any game that is abandoned because of inclement weather or darkness after the start of the second half will be considered a completed game. If the second half has not started, the game will be replayed in its entirety prior to the end of the current season.

The State League Administrator shall review any game abandoned for any other reason.

I-30.5 - Reporting of Scores

The winning team (home team in case of tie) is responsible for recording game scores on line within 24 hrs of game. Game reports are to be mailed into the State Office as well.

I-30.6 - Delayed Game Start

Any team delaying the start of a scheduled game by more than fifteen (15) minutes without authorization from the State League Administrator shall forfeit the game to their opponent and shall be responsible for full payment of the game officials' fees.

I-30.7 - Failure to Appear for a Game

In the event that both teams do not appear for a scheduled game and the match official rules the grounds playable, both teams shall be assessed with a fine and half the referee's fees. Forfeits may be awarded to one or both teams as determined by the State League Administrator.

I-30.8 - Coaching from the Sidelines

Coaching from the sidelines is allowed in accordance with FIFA Laws of the Game. Only persons with a valid pass are permitted to coach or give direction from the sidelines. No mechanical or electrical devices are permitted and coaches, managers, team officials, and substitutes must remain within the technical area (10 yards) in front of the team bench. All team personnel must remain at least one (1) yard from the sideline.

Only those persons in possession of a pass shall be allowed within the technical area.

The home team or, in the case of a neutral venue, the team listed first on the schedule will have their choice of preferred sideline. Spectators must take the opposite sideline to the teams.

I-30.9 - Home Team Responsibilities

In the event that both teams wear uniforms of the same or similar colors, the home team or, in the case of a neutral venue, the team listed first on the schedule must change to colors that are distinct from those of their opponents.

The home team is responsible for the condition of the field and the field markings. Secured goals, goal nets and corner flags are required.

Where neutral venues are involved, neither team will be held responsible for the condition of the field; however, the team listed first on the schedule will be responsible for the anchoring of the goals.

The home team or, in the case of a neutral venue, the team listed first on the schedule shall be responsible for providing a game ball and corner flags.

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The home team or, in the case of a neutral venue, the team listed first on the schedule shall be responsible for securing nets. Nets are not required for play to begin.

Given the legal ramifications of any incident with a fallen goal, it is strongly recommended that both coaches inspect and verify the stability of both goals prior to play at any home or neutral site.

In the event of a referee or field owner declares a home field unplayable due to: dangerous surface conditions, excluding weather-related cancellations; improper markings; or missing corner flags; the game will be rescheduled. The home team will pay the referee fees for the cancelled game. Both teams will share the referee fees for the rescheduled game. The rescheduled game will take place at the home field of the original visiting team, unless mutually agreed to by both parties.

Note: Referees shall not be paid if fields are closed do to inclement weather prior to the scheduled game.

I-30.10 - Pre and Post Game Sportsmanship

Prior to the kick-off, both teams and the match officials should “walk on” to the field together and exchange handshakes.

At the conclusion of the match, opposing players and coaches should shake hands.

Section I-40 Scheduling of Games

I-40.1 - Responsibility

The State League Administrator shall be responsible for establishing the calendar parameters for the State League seasons and for working with the State League Scheduler to prepare fixture lists.

The official dates for league play are currently as follows:

Fall Season: Determined by the State League Administrator

Spring Season: Determined by the State League Administrator

I-40.2 - Declarations

The State League Administrator determines team declarations fees and registration fees.

I-40.3 - Scheduling Meeting

A Mandatory scheduling meeting will be held around late July (fall) / mid March (spring) to complete the scheduling process. Any club not having someone able to schedule games for their club at this meeting will be fined.

I-40.4 - Playing Days

Teams determine playing dates and scheduling by the conclusion of the State League Scheduling Meeting.

I-40.5 - Final Schedule

The State League Administrator will release the final master schedule. Once posted on-line, and distributed via e-mail to the teams the final schedule is final. All games will be played as scheduled.

I-40.6 - Assigning of Match Officials

The final schedule, complete with confirmed dates, locations, and game times will be sent to the designated District Referee Assignor for assignment of officials following the league scheduling meeting.

I-40.7 - Late Schedule Changes

All Game Changes must be requested no later than 2 weeks prior (14 days) to the initially scheduled game. There is a \$50 fee for each Game Change that is approved by the OYSAN State League Administrator. If the OYSAN State League Administrator approves a Game Change, the game reverts to the field of the team not requesting the Game Change. The team requesting the Game Change is responsible for the entire amount of the referees for the rescheduled/changed game.

NOTE: Games not played as scheduled or games were rescheduled without the prior knowledge and consent of the OYSAN State League Administrator will result in forfeit(s).

NOTE: Any team(s) who forfeit games shall have their continued status in the OYSAN State League reviewed prior to being permitted to register/affiliate for future season with the OYSAN State League.

I-40.8 - Rescheduling of Games

1. Games may be rescheduled due to unscheduled ODP activities that can be confirmed by the State Office.
2. Games may be rescheduled due to dangerous or unplayable field conditions as deemed by the Center Referee at the field or the Field Owner.

NO OTHER GAME CHANGES WILL BE ACCEPTED

I-40.9 - Dropping Out

A team that drops out of the State League shall face fines, and forfeit their registration fees.

Player passes are the property of the league. In the event that a team drops out of the league, all player passes should be returned to the league Registrar within seven (7) days.

I-40.10- Forfeited Games

A club or team that forfeits a State League game shall be fined. The penalty for a forfeited game is \$200 and referee fees for a first offense; \$250 and referee fees for a second offense; three or more forfeits result in the team(s) being dropped from the State League.

Four (4) points will be awarded to the opponent for any forfeited game and the score shall be 4 - 0. Referee fees will also be assessed, if less than seven (7) days notice is not provided.

I-40.11 - Dual Use of Game Results

There shall be no dual use of tournament or other competition results to fulfill the requirements of playing the posted State League schedule.

I-40.12 - Summary of Declaration and Scheduling Process

To be prepared and published by the State League Administrator and the State League Registrar.

Information on Team Declarations and Scheduling can be found on line at www.oysan.org.

**Section I-50
Passes**

I-50.1 - Team Credentials

At the start of each State League match, each team must present valid OYSAN State League approved passes and a completed OYSAN State League Game Roster / Coach's Game Report to the match referee.

The referee shall not allow any individual without a valid pass to accompany the team to the bench area.

I-50.2 - Valid Passes

A valid pass has been

- a) Signed by the pass holder
- b) Has a current photograph of the pass holder attached
- c) Has been stamped or stickered by State League Registrar.
- d) Has been laminated.

All passes are to be returned to the coach after each game, with the exception of passes belonging to players who have been sent off.

I-50.3 - Medical Release Forms

Notarized medical release forms must be available at all State League games.

**Section I-60
Game Reports**

I-60.1 - Game Roster / Coach's Report

Both teams shall be responsible for entering all appropriate information on a legible OYSAN State League Game Roster / Coach's Report prior to the start of the game.

I-60.2 - Referee Abuse and Assault

Reports of Referee Abuse or Referee Assault shall be submitted to the OYSAN Executive Director, SRA and SYRA within 24 hours of the incident.

I-60.3 - Submitting Game Reports

Game reports without incident should be returned to the OYSAN State Office at the following address:

OYSAN
SL Game Reports
PO Box 367
Richfield, OH 44286

**Section I-70
Requirements of Players**

I-70.1 - Shin Guards

All players are required to wear age-appropriate shin guards, worn within two inches of the ankle. Shin guards must be worn at all times while on the field of play. Shin Guards must be completely covered by the socks at all times.

I-70.2 - Uniforms

All teammates must have unique numbers on their uniforms. Once a team is checked in, the players are not allowed to switch numbers without first notifying the referee.

In the event that both teams wear uniforms of like or similar colors, the referee will determine if a change of uniform is necessary for the game to begin. In the event of a color clash, the home team will take responsibility for changing uniforms, unless the coaches agree otherwise.

All uniform shirts must be clearly numbered on the back.

Players may wear numbers on their shorts and socks that correspond to their uniform shirt numbers.

A uniform number may also be displayed on the right front or center of the chest.

I-70.3 - Sponsor Patch

A sponsor patch or logo may be attached to the uniform shirt.

I-70.4 - Other Uniform Markings

Player's and team names may be displayed on the uniform.

Teams may only display US Youth Soccer or OYSAN patches and logos on their uniforms. No competing youth soccer organization markers are permitted.

Section I-80
Requirements of Coaches

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I-80.1 - Valid Pass

Each coach and team administrator must register with OYSAN State League and carry a valid OYSAN State League coaching/bench pass to matches.

I-80.2 - Risk Management Disclosure Forms

All team coaches must have on file with OYSAN a completed OYSAN Risk Management disclosure form. The Risk Management disclosure form can only be completed on-line at www.oysan.org.

I-80.3 - Licenses

Divisions I and II

All State League Head Coaches and Assistant Coaches working with U-9 through U-12 players shall be required to hold a U-9/12 Coaching Module.

All State League Head Coaches working with U-13 through U-18 players must hold a minimum of a USSF "C" License or an NSCAA National Diploma.

It is recommended that all State League club Directors of Coaching hold a National Youth License and at least a USSF "B" License or NSCAA Advanced National Diploma.

All State League Assistant Coaches working with U-13 through U-18 players must hold a minimum of a USSF "D" License.

In all cases, annual progress waivers (one level per year) will be granted to league coaches.

I-80.4 - Coach's Responsibilities

Each coach is responsible for the conduct of his/her players, other team officials and spectators before, during and after the game, and shall instruct all of the above to behave in a proper and respectful manner.

Each coach is responsible for correctly submitting a legible Referee Match Report, with the proper information to the Referee prior to the start of the game.

Each coach is responsible for submitting the proper passes and referee fees prior to the start of the game. Referee fees should only be paid to licensed USSF officials who display a uniform patch verifying current year certification.

In the event that a coach wishes to protest a game he/she should inform the referee prior to the start of the match, at half-time, or within five (5) minutes of the final whistle. The referee will note the reasons for the protest on the Referee Match Report.

The coach is responsible for enforcing any suspensions to players or other club agents.

The home team coach is responsible for securing the goals and nets, and for assuring corner flags and proper field markings are provided.

I-80.5 - Coach Misconduct

Coaches in the State Leagues are expected to exhibit the highest level of sportsmanship. In the event the referee determines the conduct of the coach is detrimental to the game, the referee may ask the coach to leave the immediate vicinity. Immediate vicinity shall be defined as sufficient distance from the playing field where the offending party cannot cause additional disruptions to the game. This is considered the “Out of Sight and Out of Sound principle.”

Any coach sent off in a State League game for serious offenses will be required to attend a disciplinary hearing. Penalties for serious offences can include completion of referee certification, probation, and suspension for up to three (3) years.

I-80.6 - Referee Conflict of Interest

Referees may not officiate a game in which a team participant is a member of his/her family; or referee a game in which there is a close relationship with one of the teams, unless both coaches agree and sign the game report stating such an agreement.

**Section I-90
Referee Information**

I-90.1 - Number of Officials

For 6v6 games at the U-9/10 levels, there shall be one (1) official

For 8v8 games at the U-11/12 levels, there shall be three (3) officials

For 11v11 games at the U-13/18 levels, there shall be three (3) officials

I-90.2 - Pass Verification

The referee shall verify the identity of the players, coaches, managers, and team officials with their league passes.

I-90.3 - Equipment Verification

Prior to the start of the game the Referee shall make sure that each player's equipment is in proper order.

I-90.4 - Field Verification

Prior to the start of the game the referee shall make sure that all goal nets and corner flags are properly installed and in proper repair, that the field has the proper markings, and that the ground is fit for play. Both goals must be securely anchored.

I-90.5 - Referee Qualifications

All referees will be currently registered USSF Grade 8, or higher, officials. No person shall officiate as a referee or as a neutral assistant referee in any match under the sanction or jurisdiction (direct or indirect) of the USSF who is not registered with the Federation, unless both coaches agree and sign the game report stating such agreement.

I-90.6 - No Official Referee Available

If a registered referee is unable to officiate a State League game, club or team officials may agree upon another person to act as the official(s).

Referees may not officiate a game in which a team participant is a member of his/her family unless both coaches agree and sign the game report stating such agreement.

In the event both coaches do not agree on an alternate referee, the game will be replayed.

I-90.7 - Referee Match Reports

The State Referee Administrator (SRA) and State Youth Referee Administrator (SYRA) will be apprised of improperly completed Referee Match Reports

I-90.8 - Ejections

If a player, coach, manager, or other team official is ejected for misconduct, the Referee must sign the Referee Match Report at the conclusion of the game.

Games Reports involving Red Cards must be submitted to the appropriate State League Administrator within 24 hours of the completion of the match.

I-90.9 - Referee Fees

Referee and assistant referee fees as of Fall 2006 are noted in the table below. When a full crew of officials is not available, the referee and assistant referee should be paid as noted.

Age	Full Crew	One Official	Two Officials
U-9/10	\$26	\$13 per team	N/A
U-11/12	25-17-17 (\$60) / \$30 per team	\$15 per team	\$21 per team
U-13	28-18-18 (\$64) / \$32 per team	\$18 per team	\$23 per team
U-14	30-20-20 (\$70) / \$35 per team	\$20 per team	\$25 per team
U-15	30-20-20 (\$70) / \$35 per team	\$20 per team	\$25 per team
U-16	40-25-25 (\$90) / \$45 per team	\$25 per team	\$33 per team (41-25)
U-17	40-25-25 (\$90) / \$45 per team	\$25 per team	\$33 per team (41-25)
U-18	40-25-25 (\$90) / \$45 per team	\$25 per team	\$33 per team (41-25)

**Section I-100
Matters Not Provided For**

1-100.1 – Matters Not Provided For

The State League Administrator, OYSAN Executive Director and the OYSAN Board of Directors reserve the authority to make decisions and resolve conflicts for matters not otherwise provided for in this copy of the State League Playing and Administrative Rules.

Part II

Administrative Rules

**Section II-10
League Overview**

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II-10.1 - Name

The Ohio Youth Soccer Association North (OYSAN) State League, hereafter known as the State League, or the league, will be comprised of a First and Second Divisions for both boys and girls. The Second Division may have multiple levels.

II-10.2 - League Office

The official State League office shall be the same as OYSAN. The current location is:

OYSAN
PO Box 367
Richfield, OH 44286
Phone: (330) 659-0989
Fax: (330) 659-0993
sladmin@oysan.org

II-10.3 - Mission

The Mission of the State League is to provide OYSAN clubs and teams with the opportunity to compete in a safe and well-organized competitive soccer environment.

II-10.4 - Goals

The Goals of the State League are to:

- a) Develop a pyramid structure of competitive levels for OYSAN member clubs and teams
- b) Facilitate the development of a statewide club structure
- c) Improve the identification, training and advancement of state, regional, and national caliber players
- d) Create a youth soccer environment based on sound player development principles
- e) Create a statewide approach to coaching and player development
- f) Forge a coaching-administration partnership for the betterment of youth soccer

II-10.5 - Meetings

There shall be four (4) formal league meetings as determined by the State League Administrator.

**Section II-20
Governance**

II-20.1 - Authority

The OYSAN State League is authorized by the OYSAN Board of Directors to operate as the official league of OYSAN. The State League shall be administered by OYSAN through the State League Administrator and OYSAN Executive Director. The State League shall be affiliated with OYSAN, US Youth Soccer, and US Soccer (USSF).

II-20.2 - Board Responsibilities

OYSAN Executive Director and the OYSAN Board of Directors will have oversight authority for the State League.

The State Administrator or OYSAN Executive Director shall be responsible for formulating, proposing and enforcing league rules and policies.

II-20.3 - Due Process

All actions of the State League Administrator and OYSAN Executive Director are appealable. Any challenges to decisions should be made to the OYSAN Board. The OYSAN Board is the final arbiter in all State League matters.

Section II-30
State League Administrator Job Descriptions

11-30.1 - State League Administrator

The State League Administrator of the OYSAN shall be responsible for the following:

- a) Developing a professionally organized, coach-driven league
- b) Expanding league membership
- c) Coordinating all league activities.
- d) Acting as the league arbiter for disciplinary matters
- e) Attending OYSAN Board meetings as circumstances demand
- f) Presenting all Charter changes to the OYSAN Board for formal approval
- g) Creating periodic articles for www.oysan.org and Ohio Soccer News
- h) Working on developing possible sponsorship opportunities
- i) Officiating at State League meetings
- j) Works with the Executive Director to prepare the State League budget
- k) Working within the parameters of the approved State League budget
- l) Coordinating the purchase of trophies and awards for winning teams
- m) Compile initial team declarations
- n) Construct an initial league schedule
- o) Oversee the league scheduling meetings
- p) Complete a final schedule
- q) Post a final schedule at “www.oysan.org” and e-mail the schedule to members
- r) Maintain accurate and updated scores and standings at “www.oysan.org”

11-30.2 - Registrar

This position is under the auspices of the OYSAN Executive Director. The Registrar should be thoroughly familiar with OYSAN and US Youth Soccer registration policies and procedures and the responsibilities of the Registrar shall be as follows:

- a) Assist club administrators with the on-line registration process, as requested
- b) Advise clubs on registration deadlines and monitor club progress
- c) Enforce registration deadlines
- d) Monitor payment of league fees by clubs and teams with assistance of the OYSAN office.

- e) Collect all registration-related fees and fines
- f) Serve as a contact point for registration questions
- g) Compile a league-wide database of registered players and coaches
- h) Validate registrations and issue official league passes and rosters
- i) Monitor travel notifications with regard to insurance coverage
- j) Advise teams entering the OYSAN State Cup for the National Championship Series on transfer limitations, first roster rules, and player release restrictions
- k) Validate team eligibility for OYSAN State Cup
- l) Assure league-wide compliance with Risk Management program

Section II-40 Budget

II-40.1 - Fiscal Responsibility

The OYSAN Executive Director will prepare the annual league budget prior to September 1st in consultation with the OYSAN Board. The proposed budget will be submitted to OYSAN for final OYSAN Board approval.

The State League Administrator shall determine league fees and fines, subject to OYSAN Executive Director and/or OYSAN Board of Directors for approval.

II-40.2 - Collection of Fees

The State League Registrar shall be responsible for the notification and collection of all league fees and fines.

League fees will be paid on-line at the beginning of the declaration/registration process.

All funds collected off-line must be made payable to OYSAN and presented to the OYSAN state office for deposit in OYSAN State League accounts.

Section II-50 Application and Membership

II-50.1 - Application to the State League

Any club or team may apply for entry to the State League. There will be no limit to the number of clubs or teams considered for application to the league.

All applications must be made to OYSAN in accordance with the established deadlines.

A per-team league fee will be due at the time of initial team declarations.

All remaining players and coaches fees must be paid on or before their first registered League game.

II-50.2 - Club-building

In order to retain league status, a “club” must field a minimum of four teams in the league from season to season. Clubs that fall below the four-team minimum will be placed on probation and their membership shall be subject to seasonal review by the State League Administrator.

II-50.3 - Team Standing

Once a team or club has established a divisional standing within the league, that divisional standing will remain with the club or team and not with the rostered players.

Teams that re-apply to the league after an absence will be placed in the Second Division, except when returning from the Midwest Regional League (MRL).

New Teams will be placed in the lowest possible division.

II-50.4 - Midwest Regional League Participants

Any team(s) that elects to play in the Midwest Regional League (MRL) will not lose their standing in the State League. Any team returning from the MRL will assume their previous divisional standing.

Teams may elect to participate in the OYSAN State League and the Midwest Regional League (MRL).

**Section II-60
Player Registration**

II-60.1 - Individual Registration

Registration Policies are provided by the State League Registrar in the Registration Guidelines. Information can be found on line at www.oysan.org.

II-60.2 - Legal Proof of Age

A birth certificate, driver’s license, passport, board of health records, certificate of naturalization, or alien registration card shall be sufficient for proof of age.

A copy of one of these documents must be placed on file with the OYSAN State League Registrar at the time of initial registration. Annual re-documentation is required.

II-60.3 - Team Tryouts

Team tryouts will be held after June 1st.

Registration forms shall not be required as a prerequisite for a tryout.

All tryouts for State League teams shall be advertised on oysan.org and distributed statewide through the OYSAN coaches network or the OYSAN newspaper.

II-60.4 - Minimum Number of Registrations to Compete

Teams must register a minimum number of players at the time the initial registration closes for that season. The player registration process will be open until the day before the season commences

Minimum Number of Players for a U-9/10 Team: 6

Minimum Number of players for a U-11/12 Team: 8

Minimum Number of Players for a U-13/18 Team: 9

II-60.5 - Lost Passes

Lost passes shall be replaced. The replacement fee for a lost pass is \$10.00.

**Section II-70
Team Registration**

II-70.1 – Team Registration Fees

See State League Registration Guidelines. Information can be found on line at www.oysan.org.

II-70.2 – Individual Registration Fees

See State League Registration Guidelines. Information can be found on line at www.oysan.org.

II-70.3 – Cost of Player Passes

Contact the State League Registrar for fees. Information can be found on line at www.oysan.org.

**Section II-80
Individual Eligibility**

II-80.1 - Birth Date

Eligibility for age groups shall be determined by a player's age on August 1st of the seasonal year. Contact the State League Registrar on questions of Eligibility.

II-80.2 - Authority to Contest

The State League Administrator or the State League Registrar can call upon any player to prove his/her legal age. A birth certificate, driver's license, passport, board of health records, certificate of naturalization, or alien registration card shall be sufficient for proof of age.

**Section II-90
Rostering**

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II-90.1 - Fall Season

In order to comply with US Youth Soccer National Championship Series (NCS) rules, U-13 and U-14 teams expecting to compete in the OYSAN State Cup should roster a minimum number of nine (9) core players during the fall season.

In accordance with US Youth Soccer NCS rules, teams attending any tournament during the fall season will have established their initial NCS roster. For the NCS state cup, this initial roster must reflect nine (9) common players and cannot include more than five (5) players previously rostered to another team.

II-90.2 - Spring Season

All teams must establish their initial team rosters by the posted registration deadlines. This roster should be filed with the league Registrar. Spring season rosters must be finalized by the posted registration deadlines.

II-90.3 - Club Pass

Players registered to teams in the same club may use their league player pass to play on teams in their club provided the player is playing in the same age group or older.

Players from Division I cannot play down in Division II. Division II players can play up in Division I.

II-90.4 - Guest Players

No Guest Players are permitted to participate in any SL game as this impacts State Cup eligibility.

II-90.5 - Roster Additions

All roster additions must take place prior to the team's First State League game.

II-90.6 - Playing Up

Players are not restricted from playing on older teams.

Teams may play up in age divisions as their performances dictate. Keep in mind this impacts State Cup eligibility.

**Section II-100
Transfers**

II-100.1 - Commitment

A registered player who has signed the State League Registration Form shall be committed to one State League club for the entire seasonal year. Once registered, a player should remain with his/her club until July 30th of that seasonal year.

The State League discourages transfers between league teams except under the following circumstances:

- a) The player has moved his/her residence more than 60 miles
- b) The player's current team has disbanded

II-100.2 - Application

Under the conditions listed above, a player who has secured a release from his/her original team may be granted a transfer to a new State League team upon completion of the transfer form and submission of the appropriate fee to the Registrar.

In the event that a player requests a transfer, the player cannot compete in any State League games until the Registrar has authorized the request.

II-100.3 – National Championship Series Roster Change Limitations

Teams competing in the OYSAN State Cup for the US Youth Soccer National Championship Series (NCS) are restricted from acquiring more than five (5) previously rostered players to their original State Cup roster.

**SECTION II-110
Recruiting**

II-110.1 - Club Agent

A club agent is defined as any player, coach, team official, player’s parent or guardian, or other entity that officially or unofficially represents a club or team.

II-110.2 - Tampering

Any club agent who attempts to induce a duly registered player to change State League teams between September 1st and May 31st of the seasonal year, or to change teams for the following seasonal year, shall be guilty of tampering.

II-110.3 - Open Recruiting Window

The period between June 1st and August 31st shall be the designated as an open recruiting window. During this window, any club agent may freely discuss new affiliation with players who have not registered with another State League team for the following seasonal year.

II-110.4 - Due Process

The State League Administrator or the OYSAN Executive Director shall address all allegations of illegal recruitment.

**Section II-120
Insurance and Insurance Claims**

II-120.1 - Provider

State league Insurance shall be obtained through OYSAN.

II-120.2 - Coverage

OYSAN insurance provides liability insurance for players, coaches, club officers, and league officials; and medical insurance for players and coaches.

Section II-130
Hearings and Appeals

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II-130.1 - Club Responsibility

All teams, players, coaches, managers, team officials, clubs, and/or leagues will follow the rules of the State League, OYSAN, US Youth Soccer and USSF. It is the responsibility of each player, coach, manager, trainer, team official, and league official to know and understand the rules of the State League.

Ignorance of these rules will not be considered an excuse for failing to follow them and will not be considered a defense in any State League decision.

II-130.2 - Hearings

Referee abuse and assault cases are referred to the OYSAN Disciplinary Committee.

Other infractions are referred to the State League Administrator or the OYSAN Executive Director.

If an imposed penalty is limited to State League games, the outcome is not appealable.

If an imposed penalty affects all games, including league and tournament play, the outcome is appealable to the OYSAN Appeals Committee.

If an imposed penalty is limited to all OYSAN activities, the outcome is not appealable to the USSF.

If an imposed penalty extends to all soccer activities inside and beyond OYSAN, the outcome is appealable to the USSF.

II-130.3 - Use of the Court System

US Youth Soccer Bylaw 704, Section 1 states that, "No member of US Youth Soccer, official, league, club, team, player, coach, administrator, or referee may invoke the aid of the courts of the United States or of a state without first exhausting all available remedies within the appropriate soccer organizations, and as provided within US Youth Soccer."

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Part III

Disciplinary Issues

III-10.1 Fines and Penalties Surrounding Player Behavior

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Violation by Player	Action by League Administrator
Red Card: General	1 st Offense: One (1) Game Suspension 2 nd Offense: Two (2) Game Suspension 3 rd Offense: Three (3) Game Suspension
Red Card: Violent Conduct / Serious Foul Play	1 st Offense: Two (2) Game Suspension / Administrator Review 2 nd Offense: Four (4) Game Suspension / Administrator Review 3 rd Offense: One (1) Year Suspension / Administrator Review
Red Card: Pushing Or Striking A Match Official	Referred To OYSAN Disciplinary Committee
Cautions	Three (3) Cautions: One (1) Game Suspension Maintained By Team Honor System
Providing Inaccurate Pass Information	Hearing Forfeit Games Involving Ineligible Player
Playing Without Proper Registration	Hearing Forfeit Games Involving Ineligible Player
Falsifying Documents	Hearing

III-10.2 Fines and Penalties Surrounding Coaching Behavior

Violation by League Coach	Action by League Administrator
Not Completing Risk Management Form Prior To Season	Suspension from Coaching in State League Pending Completion
Red Card: General	\$50 Fine and one (1) Game Suspension
Red Card: Offensive, Insulting Or Abusive Language	1 st Offense: \$50 and one (1) Game Suspension 2 nd Offense: \$100 and two (2) Game Suspension 3 rd Offense: \$200 and Suspension from State League Coaching
Removing Team From The Field Without Permission	\$100 and 2 Game Suspension, Pending Administrator Review
Physical Or Verbal Assault Or Abuse Towards A Match, League, Or Club Official; Or Towards A Player Or Spectator	Referred to OYSAN Disciplinary Committee
Inaccurate Pass Information, Such As DOB, Name, Picture, Etc.	\$100 Fine and Hearing Forfeiture Of Any Games Involving Ineligible Player
Coaching With A Disqualifying Felony	Suspension from Coaching in the State League
Registering A Player Without An Official Release	\$100 Fine
Playing Unregistered/Ineligible Player	\$100 Fine, Mandatory Suspension and Hearing Forfeiture Of Any Games Involving Ineligible Player
Using A Suspended Player	\$100 Fine and Hearing Two (2) Game Suspension Forfeiture Of Any Games Involving Ineligible Player
Using Falsified Documents	\$100 Fine and Hearing Forfeiture Of Any Games Involving Ineligible Player
Providing False Information	\$100 Fine and Hearing
Game Abandoned For Not Controlling Parents Or Spectators On Sideline	\$100 fine Forfeit game
Red Card For Using Profanity Towards Players, Coaches, Parents Before, During Or After A Match	See "Red Card"
Not Obtaining Appropriate License / Upgrade Within Twelve (12) Months Of Initial League Registration	Suspension from Coaching in State League

III-10.3 Fines and Penalties Surrounding Team Behavior

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Violation by League Coach	Action by League Administrator
Game Forfeit A forfeit is a game not played as originally scheduled. A game changed for any reason specified in I-40.7 is not considered a forfeit.	Three (3) Points To Opponent Goal Differential TBD* 1 st Club Offense: \$200 And 100% Referees Fees 2 nd Club Offense: \$250 And 100% Referee Fees 3 rd Club Offense: Result in teams being dropped from State League
No Club Representative At (3) Mandatory League Meetings	\$100 Per Occurrence
No Suitable Home Facility / Inappropriate Fields	Play Matches Away From Home. Rental Fee \$25 per game.
Declaration After League Deadline	\$50 Surcharge
Using An Unregistered Player / Ineligible Payer	Forfeiture Of All Games Involving Ineligible/Suspended Player \$100 Coach Fine And mandatory Suspension, Pending Review
Both Teams Failing To Show For A Scheduled Match	Forfeit. No points Awarded.
Participation By A Suspended Team Official Assistant Coach, Manager, Official, Etc.,	\$100 Fine And Two (2) Game Suspensions For Team Coach. Forfeit Game
Withdrawing A Team Prior To The 1 st Schedule Draft	\$250 fine and Forfeiture of League Fees
Withdrawing A Team After The Release Of The 1 st Schedule	\$250 fine, Forfeiture of League and Registration Fees
Withdrawing A Team After The Release Of The Final Schedule	\$500 fine and Forfeiture of League And Registration Fees

* Goal Differential for a forfeit is based on the highest goal differential recorded within the division.

III-10.4 Fines and Penalties Surrounding Parent and Spectator Behavior

Violation by League Coach	Action by League Administrator
Removal From Sideline	Coach Held Accountable See "Coach Red Card"
Physical/Verbal Abuse Of A Match, League, Club Official, Player Or Spectator	Referred To OYSAN Disciplinary Committee
Cited In A Match Report For..... NOT Honoring The Game NOT Respecting The League NOT Respecting Opponents NOT Respecting The Officials NOT Respecting The Coaches NOT Respecting Other Supporters / Parents Arguing And Causing A Scene	Person(s) Suspended From Attending League Games. Additional Individual / Team Sanctions Possible, Upon Review.