Rules

0.1. The general rules and guidelines of FIFA Laws of the Game, US Youth Soccer, and OSYSA shall be followed except where the rules contained within the mvysa Code of Regulations, Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules and Regulations are more restrictive.

0.2. As a participant in any activity associated with mvysa, all persons, (players, coaches, trainers, referees, spectators, etc.) agree to comply with and to abide by the general rules and guidelines of FIFA, US Youth Soccer, and OSYSA as well as the mvysa Code of Regulations, Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules and Regulations.

1.0. Registration and Scheduling

1.1. All registration materials shall be submitted in the format required by US Youth Soccer OSYSA, and mvysa in the time frame required by mvysa.

1.2. Players and coaches cannot be registered with mvysa unless they are included on the official team roster.

1.3. If the registration materials are not properly completed, they shall be rejected by the Registrar. Registration will be completed only when the material has been corrected and resubmitted to the Registrar, and approved by the Registrar.

1.4. Players must submit proof of age with registration materials. Proof of age shall consist of a birth certificate or birth registration issued by the governing body within the State of birth, board of health records, state drivers license, passport, alien registration card issued by the United States government, a certificate issued by the Immigration and Naturalization Service attesting to age, or a certification of birth abroad issued by the appropriate governmental agency, or a Certificate of Naturalization issued by the Immigration and Naturalization Service. Religious, hospital, or baptismal certificates are NOT acceptable as proof of birth. US Youth Soccer registration cards for the previous seasonal year with the picture attached are acceptable as proof of age. However, US Youth Soccer registration cards stamped “INDOOR” are NOT acceptable as proof of birth.

1.5. Teams, players and coaches will not be permitted to compete in any games sanctioned by mvysa if all registration requirements are not met.

1.6. Any dispute regarding registration of teams or players shall be resolved by the mvysa Registrar.

1.7. There shall be a fall season during which 8 games (unless otherwise approved by the Board of Directors and the League Director) will be scheduled for all teams during the months of August, September, October and November, subject to paragraph 1.15.

1.8. There shall be a spring season during which 8 games (unless otherwise approved by the Board of Directors and the League Director) will be scheduled for all teams during March, April, May and June subject to paragraph 1.15.

1.9. A single season is defined as either the fall season or the spring season.

1.10. A game set is defined as a group of games at a single site with consecutive times.

1.11. Each team or club registering multiple teams will:

> 1.11.1. By the Team Sign-up Deadline for each season submit the required team registration information via the online form.
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> 1.11.2. By the Team Fees Deadline submit the team registration fee to the mvysa office (see League Fees for current fees). Teams playing in the U15-U19 age groups must also submit a $100 bond. The bond may be forfeited to mvysa, in the discretion of the mvysa Board, for failure to appear for any scheduled league game. After the date established by mvysa for the Divisioning Meeting, the team fee and any bond paid are non-refundable if the team, for any reason, chooses not to play in mvysa for that season.

1.11.3. By the Restrictions Deadline for each season complete the on-line restrictions portion of the team registration form.

1.11.3.1. No games will be scheduled during Labor Day, Memorial Day weekends and the weekend following Memorial Day weekend.

1.11.3.2. mvysa retains the right of limiting the number of restrictions per team.

1.11.4. By the Restrictions Deadline for each season submit online field information containing:

1.11.4.1. The name and contact information for the field coordinator of the home field.

1.11.4.2. Field availability information (site, field, dates and times available, field size) with enough flexibility to allow a viable schedule to be built

1.11.4.3. Verification that current map directions are correct or submit the necessary changes

1.11.5. When requesting a Game Change, the team or club requesting the change shall coordinate with the affected Field Coordinator to ensure that weekend games immediately precede or follow other games on that site.

1.12. Each League Director shall moderate the divisioning process, have divisioning completed by the established deadline and have the final say in any disputes.

1.13. Scheduling will be completed by the Scheduler.

1.14. After the final schedule is published:

1.14.1. Upon reasonable request by a coach, mvysa may approve a game schedule change. Said approval is subject to the discretion of mvysa. In-season Game Change Requests made 7 days or less from the old or new date of the game may be assessed a $50.00 processing fee. If a processing fee is assessed then it must be submitted to mvysa prior to final approval of the game change.

1.14.2. The scheduler will not approve changes within 72 hours of the new game time except when mvysa can verify referee availability.

1.14.3. In the case of a scheduled game not being played, the affected teams shall reschedule within 10 days of original date. If they fail to use the proper procedure or reschedule within 10 days then mvysa will impose a solution.

1.14.4. Changes will only be made via the online form and subject to the scheduling guidelines published for that season.

1.14.5. Both coaches of teams requesting a game change MUST confirm that game changes have been made as requested. No response from coaches involved in a change will mean everything was properly changed.

1.14.6. The online game schedule will be the only schedule. The online schedule will immediately change as any change is made by mvysa.

1.14.7. If a team or teams drop from the league after the schedule is posted, the scheduler will attempt to resolve the schedule.

1.15. The Registrar will enforce the published deadlines. Any team who does not meet the deadlines for registration or does not pay their fees in full by the payment deadline will not be allowed to participate in the season they are attempting to register for.

2.0. Teams and Coaches

2.1. Teams shall be designated as “boys” teams or “girls” teams. All players on “boys” teams shall be males. All players on “girls” teams shall be females.

2.2. Roster Size

2.2.1. For U-16 and older teams, a maximum of 22 players may be carded but only 18 may dress for at any match.

2.2.2. For U13-U15 divisions, the maximum number of players on a team shall be 18 and the minimum number of players shall be 12.

2.2.3. For U10 8v8, U11, and U12 divisions, the maximum number of players on a team shall be 14 and the minimum number of players shall be 9.

2.2.4. For U8, U9 and U10 6v6 divisions, the maximum number of players on a team shall be 12 and the minimum number of players shall be 7.

2.2.5 The mvysa Executive Director with the advice of the President may authorize waivers to teams that do not meet these requirements on a case by case basis as he deems appropriate.

2.4. The maximum number of carded coaches for a team shall be three (3). The minimum number of carded coaches on a team shall be two (2).

2.4.1. The head coach or assistant coach of any team must be at least 18 years of age or older prior to the first league game for any season for which the coach is carded.

2.5. The head coach for each team playing in the U8 through U14 age groups must hold, at a minimum, a Youth Module II, an F coaching license, an equivalent NSCAA diploma (was State, currently Level 3), or has been a high school or college coach for the 3 years immediately preceding the season that the coach seeks to be carded by mvysa.

2.5.1. The mvysa Executive Director may authorize a waiver of the requirements contained in 2.5 on a case by case basis as he deems appropriate.

2.6. Adding or dropping a player or coach

2.6.1. A player or coach shall be considered to be registered with mvysa when the USYSA membership form is signed by the parent.

2.6.2. A player or coach shall not be considered to be no longer registered with mvysa until the proper forms and the player or coaches card are submitted to mvysa and approved.

2.7. Team Size - Teams playing in the U8 and U9 age groups shall play 6v6. Teams playing in U10 may choose to play either 6v6 or 8v8 (choice must be declared no later than divisioning meeting). Teams playing in the U11 and U12 age groups shall play 8v8. All other age groups shall play 11v11.

3.0. Players and Player Eligibility

3.1. For participation in their respective age groups, (U-19, U-18, U17, U-16, U-15, U-14, U-13, U-12, U-11, U-10, U-09, U-08) all players registered must be born on or after August 1st of the birth year for players of the division as defined by US Youth Soccer. Current Age Chart

3.1.1. Any U-7 or younger player is not eligible to participate in play in mvysa.

3.1.2. U-8 players may not play on teams with U-10 or older players on their roster.

3.1.3. When the USYSA membership form is signed by the parent, the player is bound to that team for the entire seasonal year, unless the player is properly transferred or the player properly quits, pursuant to these rules. Players may only register with one team during a seasonal year, except if the player properly transfers to another team, pursuant to these rules.

3.2. Players who have played for any high school team in the fall season, including in any game, scrimmage or preview, shall be ineligible to register with mvysa or play in any match until such time as his or her high school has completed its season with OHSAA, including any District, Regional or State competition.

3.3. mvysa shall designate a date in the spring season after which no additional players may be registered for that year. However, in its discretion, the mvysa Board of Directors may permit additional players to be added to a team after the registration deadline in order for the team to meet the minimum number of players required to be registered to a team, pursuant to Section 2.3 of these Rules.

3.4. Players may not be removed from a team's roster by the coach once the player is registered to that team. A player may only be removed from a team's roster with the written consent of that player's parent and the proper completion of a Player Voluntary Quit form, which shall not be effective until the same and the player's card is submitted to mvysa and approved by the Registrar.

3.4.1. Pursuant to OSYSA Rule 2.8.1, any player that voluntarily quits a team is considered to be in bad standing and cannot participate in any State Cup, President's Cup, or league play with any other team during that seasonal year.

3.5. All player and coaches cards are the exclusive property of mvysa and must be surrendered immediately to mvysa upon request.

3.6. Any person, including any coach or player, who submits or uses or who permits the submission or use of, including the electronic transmission thereof, a fraudulent, fictitious or altered birth certificate, player registration form, coach registration form, team roster, travel permit, player card, coach card or other US Youth Soccer or OSYSA document shall, upon such a finding by mvysa, be suspended. Any adult violating this rule shall be suspended for a minimum of three years. Any player for whom any such document is submitted shall be suspended for a period determined by the board of mvysa, but said suspension will be for a period of less than three years. The prohibitions contained in this rule shall be applicable whether the document was prepared or submitted either through the use of a manual form or submitted through the league's internet-based registration system.

4.0. Fields

4.1. Fields must be maintained in a playable condition, with affixed goals of proper size, during the entire season. The Referee will determine if the goals are anchored properly and should not allow a game to be played if he determines them to be unsafe.

4.2. In addition to all other factors, in order to be deemed "playable," fields must comply with the following standards in terms of size and age group:

Age Group	Field Size	Goal Size	US Youth Soccer (recommendations)
6v6	35-45 x 45-60 yards	6'x18'	6v6 field markings
8v8	45-55 x 70-80 yards	6'x18' or 7'x21'	8v8 field markings
11v11	50-75 x 100-130 yards	8'x24'	11v11 field markings

It is within the discretion of the Board of Directors of mvysa to determine whether to approve play on fields that deviate from the above specifications.

4.3. If the Board of the mvysa determines, in its discretion, that any field is not playable, or in a playable condition, the Board, in its discretion, may require teams playing on that field to designate a different field for play until such time as the Board is satisfied that the condition of the field is appropriate for play. All decisions regarding field conditions shall be solely in the discretion of the mvysa Board of Directors.

4.4. If at the time of a scheduled match, any field is determined by the referee assigned to the match to be unplayable due to unsafe conditions other than weather for that scheduled match, the home team associated with that match shall be assessed and shall pay mvysa.

5.0. Financial Policy

5.1. Each member team shall be responsible for all fees incurred with mvysa and shall pay all fees assessed for each season on or before the established deadline.

5.2. A team is "properly registered," as described in these by-laws, only when all fees assessed by mvysa have been timely paid.

5.3. Any Team that fails to appear for a scheduled match or fails to properly reschedule a match shall be required to pay the entire fee assessed by DASOA for the match. The member team must pay any such assessment within ten (10) days of the date the member team was notified by mvysa of said assessment.

5.4. Any member team that pays any fee assessed by mvysa with a check or other instrument that is dishonored shall pay any fee charged by the financial institution for mvysa within ten days of the date the member team was notified by mvysa of said assessment.

5.5. Failure of any member to timely pay any fee assessed by mvysa may result in sanctions, as determined by the Board of Directors of the mvysa, including, but not limited to suspension of play for that season or placing the team in bad standing. If a team is placed in bad standing with the mvysa, that team is not permitted to compete in any match, tournament or organization sponsored by any US Youth Soccer member organization.

5.6. Only teams that notify the mvysa Registrar in writing prior to the mandatory divisioning meeting that that team will not be participating in mvysa play for that season will be refunded any team fees paid to mvysa for that season. Any team notifying the mvysa Registrar after the mandatory divisioning meeting that that team will not be participating in mvysa play for that season will not be refunded any team fees paid to mvysa for that season.

6.0. Conduct /Conduct Reports

6.1. Any head coach registered with mvysa shall be responsible for his or her own conduct and that of any assistant coach, trainer, director of coaching, player, parent, family member or supporter of his or her team. Coaches may be subject to discipline, including suspension or expulsion, resulting from his or her own conduct and that of any assistant coach, trainer, director of coaching, player, parent, family member or supporter of his or her team.

6.2. In recognition of the fact that rules are not always followed and that to have effective rules, a method of imposing sanctions must be established. **A Conduct Report must be submitted to the Vice-President of Conduct within 48 hours of the infraction by the head coach or assistant coach following a red card infraction or following a request of a coach to leave the field. If the head coach or assistant coach fails to submit a Conduct Report in a timely manner, the player or coaches card will not be returned.**

6.2.1. The following two levels of infractions/sanctions are established:

6.2.1.1. Minor infractions are offenses or occasions of objectionable conduct for which minor sanctions ranging from a letter of reprimand to a suspension of up to 3 games. Minor infractions are acts such as, but not limited to the following:

(a) A player or a coach receives a red card during a single season,

(b) Use of profane, vulgar, threatening or abusive language.

6.2.2. Serious infractions are grievous offenses or acts of gross misconduct that threaten the integrity of the sport of soccer for which serious sanctions ranging from a multi-game suspension to a multi-year removal from some or all activities associated with mvysa can be made. Serious infractions are those acts such as, but not limited to:

(a) Physical assault of a referee, assistant referee, player, coach or spectator,

(b) Submission of or the use of a fraudulent birth certificate, player registration form, coach registration form, team roster, travel permit, player pass, coach pass or other US Youth Soccer, OSYSA, or mvysa document, as outlined in Rule 3.6 above,

(c) A player or coach receives a second red card within a single season,

(d) Verbal abuse of a referee or Assistant Referee,

(e) Intentional spitting at a player, coach or referee, assistant referee or spectator is considered an assault

(f) Threats of violence, whether directed against a player, coach, referee, Assistant Referee or spectator,

(g) Recruiting or attempting to recruit a player,

(h) Verbal abuse of a coach, player, referee, assistant referee or spectator,

(i) Having an improperly registered player participate in a game,

(j) Improper removal of a player from a team roster during the seasonal year, (i.e. cutting a player from the team

roster),

(k) The use of any tobacco product, including but not limited to cigars, cigarettes, pipes, snuff and chewing tobacco, by coaches, trainers, players and referees while engaged in any mvysa function that involves youth soccer players is prohibited. Under this rule, a mvysa function is defined as any of the following activities: team or individual practices, league games, tournament games, and tryouts,

(l) The use of, the possession of, or being under the influence of, alcohol or illegal drugs by coaches, trainers, players or referees while engaged in a mvysa function that involves youth soccer players is prohibited. Under this rule, a mvysa function is defined as any of the following activities: team or individual practices, league games, tournament games, and tryouts.

6.3. These rules of conduct are applicable during the entire seasonal year, including league play, mvysa tournament play, other tournament play, State Cup play, Olympic Development Training, and at all functions in which the persons are participating based on their registrations as player or coaches within mvysa.

6.3.1. Coaches may NOT be at the field in any capacity during the game(s) they are required to sit out. Players may attend game(s) they are required to sit out but cannot be in uniform.

6.3.2. Teams, players or coaches may be suspended by mvysa for violations of any rules and regulations of mvysa and/or OSYSA or for any action which is detrimental to the benefits or goals of mvysa, OSYSA and/or US Youth Soccer.

6.3.2.1. A player or coach suspended by mvysa must serve that suspension in league games. The suspension will be effective until such time as the player or coach has served the entire suspension in league games. If the player or coach is suspended for three or more games, that mvysa will request the OSYSA Board to place the player or coach in bad standing until the suspension has been served completely. If OSYSA places a player or coach in Bad Standing that person may not participate in any OSYSA, mvysa or USSF activity.

6.3.2.2. If a suspension is ordered for a coach or player for violation of mvysa, OSYSA or US Youth Soccer rules and regulations, that coach or player will remain suspended until the period of the suspension has expired.

6.3.2.3. Any suspended team, player or coach is not permitted to participate in any mvysa sponsored event or match during the period the team, player or coach is suspended.

6.4. A coach or player receiving a suspension may be suspended until further notice, depending on the seriousness of the incident.

6.5. In those matters referred directly to OSYSA, mvysa reserves the right to impose sanctions in addition to any sanctions that may be imposed by OSYSA.

6.6. In all cases, the sanctions that may be imposed by mvysa are in addition to any sanctions that may have been imposed by a referee on the field.

6.7. All complaints except game conduct reports, whether made by a coach, player, referee, assistant referee, parent, spectator or any person, must be submitted in writing to the attention of the Vice-President of Conduct within two weeks of the incident. The complaint must provide the date, time, and location of the occurrence, the name(s) of the person(s) involved and sufficient details as to the nature of the occurrence in order that an informed decision can be made in the matter. The failure to timely file the complaint will result in the dismissal of the matter.

6.8. Any player or coach who is issued a red card during any game, whether a league game, tournament game, or State Cup play, shall not be permitted to play or coach in the next scheduled game for that team during the current season or, if necessary, during the subsequent season.

6.9. If a person is registered as a coach (assistant coach) for more than one (1) team, the sanctions imposed, depending upon the nature of the occurrence, may impact on her/his association with one or more of the teams.

6.10. If during the course of a league game, a dispute arises as to whether the game should continue and the question of the dispute involves the Laws of the Game, conduct of the participants or the spectators, or any other issue under the general authority of the referee, the referee may order the game terminated, suspended or continued as the referee deems appropriate. If a team refuses to resume playing a game when so instructed by the referee, the Vice-President of

Conduct shall be empowered to declare that game as a forfeit. In addition, Vice-President of Conduct, shall be empowered to suspend the head coach or other person who refused to continue the game for up to 3 games. A Conduct Report must be submitted by each coach and referee when a team refuses to resume playing a game when so instructed by the referee within 24 hours of the occurrence.

6.11. Conduct Committee **-** The mvysa has control, authority and responsibility to handle misconduct of players, coaches and parents in all mvysa events.

6.11.1. It is the policy of mvysa to provide due process to all members of mvysa. All parties in any process are entitled to have copies of all materials involving the incident, to have the process conducted within time lines established, to provide comment and/or evidence concerning the incident, and have the right to appear before the Board. Failure to comply with any procedural requirements of the Conduct Committee may result in suspension from mvysa/OSYSA functions and/or other disciplinary actions.

6.11.1.1. If the coach of the team of the responding parties does not respond to the Vice-President of Conduct within the time limit the hearing will be conducted and the involved parties will have forfeited their right to provide information on the incident. During the time, that the Vice-President of Conduct is conducting the investigation, all penalties shall be served by the offending parties.

6.11.1.2. The Vice-President of Conduct must submit a decision within 72 hours of the date that the material was due from the responding parties.

6.11.1.3. Only evidence submitted to the Vice-President of Conduct pursuant to rules and regulations may be taken into consideration in deciding the matter.

6.11.1.4. The decision of the Vice-President of Conduct may be appealed to the mvysa Board of Trustees as provided in Section 6.13..

6.12. Appeals Procedure

6.12.1. The appealing party(ies) shall file his/her appeal in writing with the Vice-President of Conduct within one week of the date of written notification of adverse action. Receipt within the authorized time period to the Vice-President of Conduct Constitutes notice of appeal. **A $100 money order or certified check is to accompany the appeal**. The fee will be returned if the appeal is upheld.

6.12.2. All supporting material to the appeal must be received by the Vice-President of Conduct within two weeks after the receipt of the notice of appeal.

6.12.3. Failure of the appealing party(ies) to provide copies of all material to the Vice-President of Conduct within the time period specified will result in dismissal of the appeal.

6.12.4. Any outstanding appeal will be heard prior to mvysa's next scheduled Board of Directors meeting by the full Board of Directors, not to exceed 30 days from the date the material was received from the appealing parties unless the parties agree otherwise.

6.12.5. Parties to any appeal cannot be represented by an attorney. Players under 18 years of age may be represented by their parent(s) or coach.

6.12.6. All parties to this appeal shall be notified of the actions of the Board of Trustees within two weeks after the appeal is heard.

6.13. Article XX of the Ohio South Constitution shall apply concerning member disputes and litigation.

6.14. Further Appeal Rights. The decision of the mvysa Board of Trustees may be appealed to the OSYSA in accordance with their appeal procedures.

7.0. Games

7.1. Foul Weather Procedure

7.1.1. Teams must report to the playing field ready to play, unless they are notified of postponement of the game by mvysa. The penalty for failure to appear is forfeiture of the game. Coaches may never assume that a game has been postponed.

7.1.2. A field coordinator can close a site or field using the online system when field conditions are unplayable. Such closures should be made more than 2 hours prior to game time whenever possible. Postponing a game for other reasons such as weather prior to game time can only be made by mvysa.

7.1.3. mvysa will notify both teams involved and referees when a game is postponed or canceled.

7.1.4. The Referee Association will notify mvysa of all games that have been postponed or suspended by referees.

7.1.5. If a game is suspended because of foul weather prior to the end of the first half, the game shall be re-played. After the first half, the game shall be considered complete.

7.1.6. If either thunder is heard or lightning is seen or dangerously high winds occur or is seen or other unsafe weather conditions occur prior to or during a game, the game shall be suspended and the fields shall be cleared. All players shall immediately go to safe shelter.

7.1.7. No player may retake the field until a minimum of 30 minutes has elapsed since the last occasion of lightning was seen or thunder was heard, or after any dangerously high winds or other unsafe weather condition has passed.

7.1.8. mvysa shall have the authority, in their discretion, to postpone games for any and all age groups or sites based upon weather conditions that make it unsuitable or inappropriate to conduct a match. In furtherance of this policy, mvysa may also cancel games for the U8, U9, and U10 age groups when the wind chill at game time is forecast to be under 36 degrees.

7.2. Determination of League Standings

7.2.1. The following point system will be used to determine league standings: Win - 3 points, Tie - 1 point, Loss - 0 points.

7.2.2. Within 24 hours of a game being played the coach of the winning team (home team in case of a tie) shall report the score using the on-line score report system. More than 24 hours after the game either team may post the scores. If the score posted is wrong, the coach of record shall send an email to the mvysa office. League Standings will be maintained automatically on the website. Disputes regarding League standings shall be resolved by the President

7.2.3. In the event of a tie for First Place by one or more teams for the division championship, all teams tied for First shall receive first place awards. No second place awards will be given if multiple teams receive first place.

7.2.4. If only one team is in First place and a tie occurs for second place, all Second place teams receive awards.

7.3. Forfeits

7.3.1. A game shall be considered as a forfeit for a team when:

(a) The team plays with an ineligible player

(b) The team fails to report to the designated field with at least 7 players for teams playing 11v11, 6 players for a teams playing 8v8, or 5 players for teams playing 6v6, within 15 minutes (after) the scheduled kickoff time.

(c) A team does not have a least one carded coach present during the game

(d) If a team notifies the office they will not play a game less than 72 hours prior to game time and the opponent does not agree to reschedule. In either case the office may assess the entire referee fee for the original game.

(e) For any other reason providing for forfeiture of a game in the rules promulgated by USSF, US Youth Soccer or OSYSA.

7.3.2. When a game is forfeited:

(a) The total game fee will be paid by the forfeiting team if notice is less than 72 hours prior to game time. This team may not play a game until all fees are paid at the discretion of mvysa pursuant to Rule 5.5.

(b) The score will be recorded as a 1-0 loss for the forfeiting team.

7.3.3. The President shall make the final determination as to whether any game shall be declared a forfeit.

7.3.4. If a team forfeits two or more games in any one season (Fall or Spring), that team may be suspended at the discretion of the mvysa Board of Directors. Any suspended team may not play in any mvysa sanctioned match until that suspension has been withdrawn.

7.4. Field and Game Procedures for Teams, Coaches, and Spectators

7.4.1. Each team must have present at each game at least one properly carded coach.

7.4.2. Both teams, including a maximum of three carded coaches as well as a carded Director of Coaching per team, shall be stationed on one side of the field and all spectators shall remain on the opposite side of the field. During the match each coach shall remain on the side of the field assigned to that coach's team, and shall remain between a line (either marked or unmarked) from 10 yards from the center line to the top of the penalty area and 2 yards from the touch line.

7.4.3. Each player must present his or her valid US Youth Soccer player card to the referee prior to the commencement of each match.

7.4.4. The referee has the discretion to determine if the field is playable.

7.4.5. The coach of each team at each game shall pay one-half of the referee's fees, as set forth in the mvysa Referee Fee Schedule, prior to the start of the game. If either team fails to appear for a match, that team will be assessed the entire referee game fee.

7.4.6. No team or coach shall refuse to accept any referee assigned to a match by mvysa or DASOA.

7.4.7. League guest players will be allowed under the following conditions:

7.4.7.1. Teams may use a maximum of two (2) guest players per game for any mvysa league game. The players must be rostered to a mvysa team and may guest play for a team within their own club or another mvysa team.

7.4.7.2. A player can only guest play for a team in the same age group that competes in same or higher division as the division of the team for which the player is rostered or on a team in an older age group with the following restrictions:

7.4.7.2. 1. A player rostered to a Premier team may only guest play on a team in the same division, or on a 1 year older team that plays in Premier or Division 1, or on any team more than 1 year older.

7.4.7.2.2. U8 players may only guest on a U8 or U9 team only.

7.4.7.2.3. U9 players may guest on a U9, U10 or U11 team only

7.4.7.2.4. A player on a spring u15-U19 team may guest play on any U15-U19 for which they are age and gender appropriate.

7.4.7.2.5 Players on U8 teams may guest play on any U8 team regardless of division.

7.4.7.3. The guest player's regular coach has an option to grant permission for his/her player to be a guest player. Permission will be considered granted when the player card is given to the player, their parents, or coach of the team for which the player will be a guest.

7.4.7.4. A guest player cannot play in more than two games a day, and must have at least the time equivalent of a one game break between games in which he/she plays.

7.4.7.5. A guest player must honor the commitment to the team to which he/she is rostered, and is not permitted to miss any part of the game of their rostered team in order to guest play.

7.4.7.6. A team cannot dress more than the maximum number or players including guest players that can be rostered in the team's age.

7.4.7.7. A team cannot ask or encourage a rostered player to miss a game in order to use or make room for a guest player.

7.4.7.8. The coach who is using the guest player must submit the online mvysa Guest Player Information Sheet, print it out prior to the game and before the game begins, must notify the Referee and the opposing coach they are using guest player(s) and give the opposing coach the mvysa Guest Player Information Sheet. A player may not guest play without the form being filled out and presented to the opposing coach before game time.

7.4.7.9. No guest player is permitted to play in any league game without their player card.

7.4.7.10. The uniform of the guest player must be the same as the team for which they are guesting.

7.4.7.11. A guest player receiving a red card in a game in which they are guesting will serve the suspension in the next matche(s) of the team to which they are rostered and cannot guest play for another team during the suspension period.

7.4.7.12. A player may only serve as a mvysa league Guest Player 2 times per season.

7.4.7.13. Violation of these rules shall be referred to the Conduct Chairman.

7.5. Equipment

7.5.1. All players must wear uniforms, as approved by US Youth Soccer, in every game.

7.5.2. If, in the opinion of the center referee, the jerseys of the two teams are too similar, the home team shall be responsible for changing to an alternate color.

7.5.3. A player who is either bleeding or has blood on her/his uniform shall be required to be removed from the field and allowed to return only when in the opinion of the referee the bleeding has stopped and blood removed from the uniform.

7.5.4. Players must remove any piercings, from any location on their body, prior to any match. Any player who does not remove all piercings prior to any match may be subject to sanctions by mvysa, including suspension for dangerous play.

7.6. Protests

7.6.1. Coaches wishing to file game protests must notify the referee of this intention in a courteous manner, at the field, either during, or just after the conclusion of the game. All protests shall be made in writing to the Executive Director. Each protest must be accompanied by a certified check or money order for one hundred ($100) dollars payable to mvysa, Inc. If the protest is upheld, the fee will be returned. Protest must be postmarked not later than 48 hours after completion of the game being protested. Only carded coaches may file a protest.

7.6.2 Calls involving referee's judgment may not be protested. Misapplication of the Laws of the Game may be a valid basis for a protest.

7.6.3. The Executive Director will appoint a Protest Committee to rule on the protest within 7 days.

7.6.4. All Protest Committee decisions may be appealed to the Board of Directors. Appeals to the Board are to be submitted to the Executive Director by the coach of record involved in the protest and accompanied by a one hundred ($100) dollar check made payable to mvysa postmarked within 48 hours of the notification of the Protest Committee decision.

7.6.5. All fees will be returned to a successful appellant at any level (includes prior $100).

7.7. Length of Games, Ball Size, # of Referees, and Special Rules

Age	Time period	Size	# Referees	Special Rule
Under 19	Two 45 minute halves	#5	3	none
Under 18	Two 45 minute halves	#5	3	none
Under 17	Two 45 minute halves	#5	3	none
Under 16	Two 40 minute halves	#5	3	none
Under 15 (spring)	Two 40 minute halves	#5	3	none
Under 15 (fall)	Two 35 minute halves	#5	3	none
Under 14	Two 35 minute halves	#5	3	none
Under 13	Two 35 minute halves	#5	3	none
Under 12	Two 30 minute halves	#4	3	see 7.7.1
Under 11	Two 30 minute halves	#4	3	see 7.7.1
Under 10 8v8	Two 25 minute halves	#4	3	see 7.7.1
Under 10 6v6	Two 25 minute halves	#4	1	see 7.7.1
Under 9	Two 25 minute halves	#4	1	see 7.7.1
Under 8	Two 25 minute halves	#4	1	see 7.7.1

7.7.1. Special rules

7.7.1.1 For divisions playing 6v6 no offsides will be called.

7.7.1.2.For divisions playing 6v6 FIFA & USSF Law 12 is modified to this: Fouls and Misconduct: Conform to FIFA with the exception that an indirect kick is awarded to the opposing team at the center spot on the halfway line if a goalkeeper punts or drop-kicks the ball in the air from his/her penalty area into the opponents penalty area.

7.7.1.3 For U8 to U12 for all free kicks: The opposing team must be at least eight (8) yards from the ball until it is in play.

7.7.2 For all U10 8v8 and older games, when an official is not assigned or fails to appear for the match as assigned, the referee must get a Club Linesman or a current registered official(s) to fill the vacant position. If the person is a certified USSF official, he will be paid the fees and perform his duties as an AR. If the person is not a certified official, his duties shall be delegated by the referee and not get paid.

7.8. Substitutions

7.8.1. Players must be at the half way line.
7.8.2. Players must be given permission from the referee to enter the field.
7.8.3. Substitution is allowed by:
7.8.3.1. The team in possession of the ball prior to a throw-in
7.8.3.2. The team not in possession of the ball prior to a throw-in if the team in possession is substituting
7.8.3.3. Both teams, prior to a goal kick.
7.8.3.4. Both teams, after a goal.
7.8.3.5. Both teams, after an injury when the referee stops play.
7.8.3.6. Both teams, at half time.
7.8.3.7. Both teams, after a caution, if the caution player is substituted.

7.9. Cards

7.9.1. When a player is cautioned or sent off, the referee must show the yellow or red card.
7.9.2. When a coach is cautioned or sent off, the referee may or may not show the card.

7.10. Uniforms

7.10.1. Each player must wear an official uniform with a number on the back of the player's jersey.
7.10.2. The number is to be affixed to the back of the jersey and shall be clearly visible.
7.10.3. Goalkeeper's are not required to have a number on his/her uniform.
7.10.4. Each number must be different.
7.10.5. In the event of a color conflict, the home team will change to an alternate set of jerseys.
7.10.6. All players must wear shin guards, socks covering the shin guards, appropriate footwear, shorts, and a jersey.

8.0. Tryouts

8.1. Tryouts for any player not registered for the following seasonal year may be conducted during the summer tryout period commencing the day after Memorial Day through June, July and August.

8.2. From September 1 to April 30 tryouts of un-carded players and players on the permission to Tryout/Talk list may be held to fill vacancies on rosters. The guidelines prohibiting recruiting of carded players must be adhered to when advertising tryouts.

8.3. In order to allow players and their families the ability to choose the best competitive team for them, the following fair play guidelines must be observed:

(a) Coaches may not deter, discourage or prohibit players from attending any tryout the player desires to attend, provided the tryout does not conflict with any scheduled league or tournament game in which the player's team is scheduled to play.

(b) Players and parents may not be charged a fee of any nature associated with any tryout.

(c) Coaches may not place demands on any player to join a team after tryouts. To that end, coaches may not, within 48 hours following the tryout, require a player to commit to a team, require a fee to hold a roster position, or require a player or parent to sign any registration forms.

8.4. When conducting or advertising tryouts:

(a) Clubs or teams, including parents, coaches, administrators, directors of coaching and trainers, may NOT attempt to use their position in a school or community, particularly as school coach, to influence or attempt to influence a player's choice, including, but not limited to, making any statement or inference that a player will not be selected for a high school team if he or she does not play for a particular team or club.

(b) If a tryout is to be held during the seasonal year (August 31 through April 30), clubs or teams who advertise for tryouts must include in any advertisement, whether in print or any other type of media, that tryouts may only be attended by uncarded players or players on the Permission to Talk/Tryout list.

(c) Prior to conducting any tryout that occurs during the seasonal year (August 31 through April 30), any coach, administrator, assessor or other team or club official participating in the tryout must inquire of each player in attendance at the tryout whether he or she is currently carded on any team. If that player is carded on any team, he or she may not participate in that tryout unless they are on the Permission to Talk/Tryout List.

(d) Any coach, administrator, director of coaching, trainer, assessor or other team or club official, or anyone participating in or attending any tryout where a violation occurs, by any person, of any of the provisions contained in Rule 8.4 shall be subject to the mvysa recruiting regulations, and possible sanctions, as contained in Rules 9.1 through 9.6 of these rules.

9.0. Recruiting

9.1. The rules relating to recruiting players applies to players who are registered as players with mvysa at the time the alleged recruiting violation occurred.

9.2. From the date a player is registered through Memorial Day each soccer year, it shall be deemed recruiting if any coach, manager, trainer, administrator, or director of coaching, entices, encourages, contacts, cajoles and/or facilitates, in any manner, or attempts to do any of the aforementioned, a player to transfer from another team to his or her team or club. The coaches of the team that entices, encourages, contacts, cajoles or facilitates a player to transfer from any other team to his or her team or club, or attempts to do any of the foregoing, is responsible for the conduct of any coach, manager, trainer, administrator, or director of coaching associated with his or her team or club for any recruiting violation. A player is considered registered when the USYSA membership form is signed by the parent and continues until such time as the player's card expires.

9.3. Recruiting of players, as defined above, is absolutely forbidden and will result in disciplinary action against the coaches of the team recruiting the player, pursuant to the disciplinary rules of mvysa, OSYSA, US Youth Soccer and USSF.

9.4. The following prohibitions are examples of recruiting violations, but are not a complete or exhaustive list of what is considered recruiting violations under mvysa policies. Coaches, managers, trainers, administrators, or directors of coaching may not:

(a) Contact another team's registered player and attempt, in any manner, to entice, encourage, cajole that player to attend a team practice, game or tryout, except during the summer tryout period commencing on the day after Memorial Day through June, July and August.
(b) Make a verbal or written contact with a registered player about transferring or changing teams, except during the summer tryout period commencing on the day after Memorial Day through June, July and August.
(c) Use Olympic Development information, tournament applications or other such information to contact players for recruitment purposes.

9.4.1 Exceptions - It is not considered recruiting if a team's Coaches, managers, trainers, administrators, or directors of coaching advertise tryouts in the mail, or by flyers or brochures. This includes but not limited to presenting advertising at schools, parks or tournament brochures, public facilities, internet, social media to name a few.

9.5. If a coach is contacted by a carded player or his or her family member or representative about transferring and the player is not on the mvysa Permission to Tryout/Talk List, the coach shall immediately discontinue all discussion with the player or his or her family member or representative. Any violation of this rule shall be considered a violation of the mvysa recruiting rules and subject the coach to sanctions accordingly.

9.6. OSYSA has enacted a Player's Rights to Choose. Coaches, administrators, players and parents should consult the rule. However, the OSYSA Players Right to Choose Rule is applicable only until such time as the player is registered (see 9.2). Once registered, the player is obligated to that team for the entire seasonal year, subject to any applicable transfer rules and voluntary quit rules.

10.0. Transfers and Changing Teams; Quitting

10.1. By properly registering a player with his or her team, a coach has made a commitment to that player for the entire seasonal year, except as indicated herein. No player may have his or her registration with a team rescinded by a coach.

10.2. By executing the registration form and player card, a player has made a commitment to the team with whom he or she registered for the entire seasonal year, except as indicated herein.

10.3. Any player registered to a team (see 9.2) is bound to that team for the entire seasonal year (September 1st - August 31st). Transfer requests, when submitted on the appropriate US Youth Soccer form, may be approved at the discretion of the Board of Directors of Miami Valley Youth Soccer Association (mvysa).

10.3.1. Transfers are permitted only after the conclusion of all mvysa fall season games. All requests for transfer must be submitted using the published transfer procedure to the mvysa Office prior to the deadline set by for the current year by the Executive Director.

10.3.2. Transfers may be completed between the date of registration and the date of the first scheduled mvysa league game for the fall season only in the discretion of the League Registrar for good cause.

10.3.3. A head coach may challenge any player transfer request with a detailed written reason. Any challenge by a coach will be reviewed by a transfer committee composed of the President, League Registrar and League Director. The transfer committee may choose to uphold the denial or to grant the transfer request. Either the coach or player may appeal to the mvysa Board the decision of the transfer committee. If appealed the decision of the mvysa board will be final.

10.3.4. If documents submitted in support of a player transfer are false or fraudulent, or contain misleading information, the submission of such documents may result in the suspension of the player requesting the transfer or the coach submitting the documentation. If the Vice-President of Conduct determines that a suspension is warranted for a player and/or coach under this rule, that player and/or coach may be placed in bad standing and may be subject to a suspension of no less than one year.

10.3.5. No more than 3 transfers to a single team will be permitted during the transfer period each year.

10.3.5.1. The mvysa Registrar may authorize a waiver of the requirement contained in 10.3.5 on a case by case basis as he deems appropriate.

11.0. Privacy Policy

11.1. mvysa will not release contact information for players, coaches or teams to anyone except as required by OSYSA and US Youth Soccer. However, mvysa will make available team and coaches information only to other mvysa teams and coaches to be utilized only for purposes of play in mvysa and OSYSA, including for tournaments sanctioned by mvysa and OSYSA.

11.2. mvysa board members may, in their discretion, contact coaches of mvysa and team administrators, including by telephone and e-mail, as part of their duties as a member of the board of directors of mvysa.

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