

General League Rules

Sportsmanship

The definition of sportsmanship is “The conduct and attitude of participants in sports, especially when considered commendable as in fair play, courtesy, and grace in losing.” All coaches, players, parents, referees, and league officials will exhibit proper sportsmanship. Coaches are responsible for the proper conduct of their players.

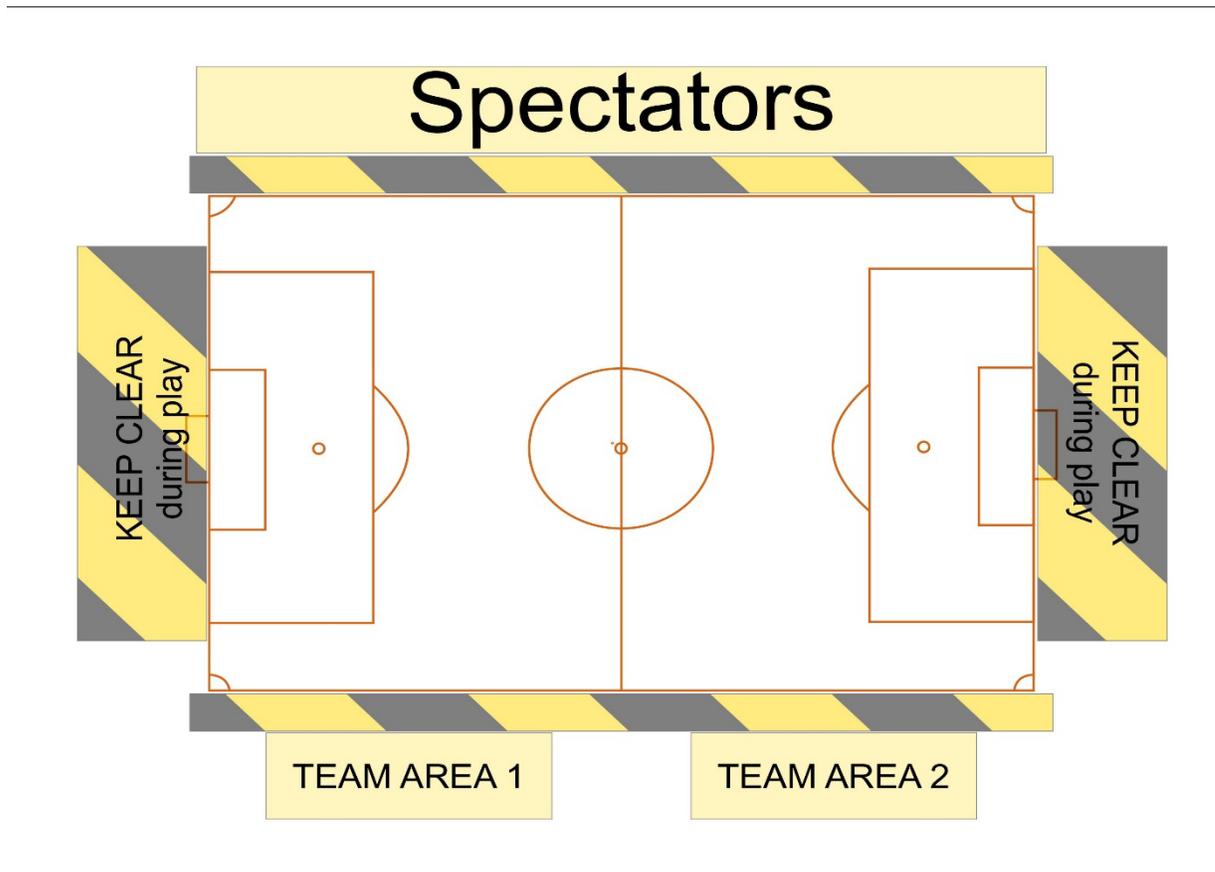
All referee decisions are final and are not challengeable by coaches, players, spectators or parents and guardians.

Questions of rule application should be raised (politely) AFTER the game or brought to the attention of the Head Referee or other Referee Mentor. FIFA Laws of the Game apply except as specifically modified.

Coaches, players, and parents are not permitted in the area behind the goal or past the end line. With the exception that one designated registered volunteer parent/assistant coach may serve as “goalie coach” at the U8 level only. Coaches are expected to enforce this rule with their players and family members.

Spectators are to watch the game from the designated area only, leaving approximately 3 feet space from the field for the line referees to work.

Coaches and players will remain in their designated team area during game play.



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SYSA Game Guidelines - Summary by age group

	Under 6 Kindergarten	Under 8 1st & 2nd Grade	Under 10 3rd & 4th Grade	Under 12 5th & 6th Grade	Under 14 7th & 8th Grade
Ball size	3	3	4	4	5
Field size	~ 20 x 30 y	~ 25 x 35 y	~ 35 x 50 y	~ 50 x 80 y	~ 65 x 110
Players/side	3 v 3 (no goalie)	4 v 4 (goalie last 2 games)	6 v 6	9 v 9	11 v 11
<p>Teams will always play at equal strength -with the exception of sending off (red card). If a team has fewer than the recommended number of players available for a game: a) that team may recruit extra players to field the recommended number (must be registered with SYSA and of the appropriate age group and of average skill level for that age group) b) the opposing team will play with an equivalently reduced number of players</p>					
Rosters will be checked by referee before every game, number of replacement players must be equal to number of absent players.					
Game duration	32 min	40 min	48 min	60 min	70 min
Quarters/halves	8 min quarters	10 min quarters	12 min Quarters (Alternate Kickoffs at each quarter)	30 min halves	35 min halves
Quarter breaks	1 min quarter break			no quarter break	
Halftime	5 min halftime – all ages				
Ties	No overtime/penalty kick shootout in regular season play				
Playing time	<p>All players must play at least 1/2 of game time Expectation – players will receive approximately equivalent playing time</p>				
Substitutions	Any stoppage in play		Stoppages in play as allowed by referee -this may depend on whether your team has the ball.		
Referees	1 on-field coach for each team	Selected coach (switch at half as appropriate)	SYSA provided Head Referees and Assistant Referees.		
Coaches	On field	Sideline(s)	Sideline in their team area– opposite spectators		

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Rules of play					
Restarts					
Out of bounds Sideline	Throw in	Throw in (overhead, but no technical requirements)	Throw in (rules enforced by referee)		
Endline	Goal kick / corner kick – see below				
Goal kick Offense kicks ball out endline	Defense gets to kick ball away from their goal – opposing team must return behind the build out line prior to kick. Kick taken in front of goal -not endline. A goal kick will be returned if an opposing player crosses the buildout line.		Defensive players must be behind the build out line when the opposing team takes the kick. Goalie has option to kick it before this happens (coaching discretion)	Regular Enforcement by Head Referees and Assistant Referees	
Corner kick Defense kicks ball out endline	Offense takes a kick from the corner of the field closest to where the ball went out. Defense must allow kicker space to kick		Kick from corner of field closest to where ball out. Defensive players must give 10 yards to allow kicker space to take the kick		
After foul	Indirect free kick – cannot go directly into the goal. (no direct free kicks or penalty kicks)		Direct or indirect free kick as indicated by referee		
Slide Tackling	NOT Allowed at ANY LEVEL				
Offsides	No offsides		Clear violations corrected by HR/AR	Regular enforcement by Head Referees and Assistant Referees	
Headers	No heading allowed Intentional heading will yield indirect free kick for opposing team.				Allowed

U10 special considerations: Goalie makes a save, the opposing team must retreat to build out line, goalie has option to kick it before other team retreats.

Safety

SYSA Coaches, Referees and Board Members may remove a child from play if they suspect the child is injured. Any player who receives medical attention will need a medical release signed by a health care professional before returning to play.

A player who is bleeding or has blood on their uniform must leave the field and may be substituted at the coach's discretion. A uniform with blood on it must be changed. After the bleeding is stopped and the wound is covered, the player may return to the game when beckoned onto the field by the referee.

A player who demonstrates signs of concussion as a result of an observed or suspected blow to the head or body must leave the field and may not return to play in that match. Referees will include in their match report information about any player required to leave the field because of a suspected concussion. A player who has been removed from a game because of a suspected concussion is ineligible to play until SYSA has received a copy of a medical release signed by a health care professional that authorizes an unrestricted return to play.

Coaches should be aware that SB 721, enrolled as 2013 Oregon Laws Chapter 489, and codified as ORS 417.875, became effective January 1, 2014 and applies to all competitions sanctioned by OYSA. If a player exhibits signs of concussion following an observed or suspected blow to the head or body, a coach is prohibited from allowing that player to participate in any competition, including practice, until the player has been cleared to return to play by a health care professional.

Player Equipment

All players on the field must wear matching uniforms (except goalkeeper) to the satisfaction of the referee. The goalkeeper's uniform must be different from all other players on the field and the referee. If a player forgets his uniform a similar color jersey to his team may be allowed if permitted by the referee. A player may not wear or use any equipment that is dangerous to himself or another player. The referee's (or coach) decision is conclusive. Hard casts will be permitted with written parental and medical consent, issued to the coach and a board member. Hard casts must be covered by foam to cushion them. The referee may withdraw approval for a player to participate while wearing protective equipment if the referee finds the protective equipment is being used in a way that endangers the safety of any players. No jewelry is permitted, even if taped; however, exceptions can be made for religious and allergy medals and can be taped to the body. Shin guards covered by socks are mandatory in all games and practices.

Cleanliness

Pick up all trash around field area. Coaches are responsible for making sure fields are picked up of trash, portable goals are taken down, and all equipment is removed at the end of each game. Coaches may appoint a parent or volunteer to assist with these tasks.

Start times

Teams are expected to arrive early enough to start the game at the scheduled time. Games will be delayed no more than 5 minutes for delinquent players or coaches. If players arrive late, they can enter the game once given permission from the referee.

Conduct

Respect and always follow the conduct codes. Remember that foul or degrading language and unsportsmanlike behavior is unacceptable. Respect the Referees decisions'/calls. A copy of the conduct codes, league rules and polices can be found at www.siuslawsoccer.com or can be requested by contacting SYSA.

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