

SYSA Policies

Team Formation

The SYSA Registrar will head a committee to form teams. This committee will establish a minimum and maximum number of players per team depending on the number of coaches, the number of registered players, and the amount of field space for practice and games.

Divisions are formed by current school grade, U6 - Kindergarten, U8 - 1st & 2nd Grade, U10 - 3rd & 4th Grade U12 - 5th & 6th Grade, U14 - 7th & 8th Grade. Teams are then formed within those divisions. In some circumstances a player may "Play-up" to the next division, this is not recommended and would require a special request and approval from the board.

Our goal is to form balanced teams to promote equal play between all teams and growth of the players at all skill levels. We use feedback from past performance, Coaches, Parents/Guardians and Volunteers to place players on teams, we strive for balance, however if it is clear one team is dominant over the others adjustments will be made the following season or in extreme cases may be made in the current season if deemed necessary. We use and value input from Coaches and Parents/Guardians; however, final team formations will be completed and approved by impartial persons who are not coaching or do not have children playing on that team or in that division if possible. Coaches may not select their own team.

No player will be placed on a team without being registered first and having registration fees paid in full.

A parent or guardian may request a Coach or request certain children and siblings be placed on the same team for any reason. Every effort will be made to accommodate these and any other requests, but requests may not always be fulfilled. We must consider the number of players per team as well as the skill level of each team to be sure games are balanced and fair.

Teams must use only officially rostered players.

If additional players are required to field a complete team, the coach must receive explicit approval from the opposing coach or league official prior to the start of the game. All players must be registered with SYSA. Borrowed players must be the same age or younger than the team's age. Additional or borrowed players can only be used in a 1 to 1 ratio to replace absent players, for instance, 3 players cannot be borrowed to replace 1 absent or injured player. If there are no available registered players to borrow, games can be played short sided to avoid forfeit.

Coach and Referee Selection

SYSA is a non-profit organization and relies on volunteers to operate. Any person over 18 and interested in coaching is welcome to volunteer.

All coaches must first complete a criminal background check, concussion training, Safe Sport mandatory reporting course and register as a volunteer with SYSA.

Administrators have the final say on who does or does not coach.

Referees for U10 – U14 will be contracted and assigned by the SYSA referee coordinator.

Teams for ages U6 and U8 will rely on their Coaches to act as referees for the game.

Referee Pay Scale	U10	U12	U14
Game duration	4x12 min qtrs., 5 min half 1 min qtr. breaks	2x30 min half, 5 min break	2x35 min half 5 min break
Head Referee Per Game pay	\$15	\$20	\$25
Assistant Referee Per game pay	\$10	\$14	\$18

Concussion

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.

Safe Sport Authorization Act of 2017

Any adult interacting with amateur athletes in the program has a duty to report abuse and or suspected abuse within a 24-hour period. **EVERY** adult is a mandatory reporter.

The statute of limitations is extended for up to 10 years after a victim realizes he or she was abused.

Athletes under the age of 18 cannot be alone with an adult who is not their parent/guardian.

There can and will be no retaliation from the Siuslaw Youth Soccer Association toward those who report suspected abuse.

Mechanism for Reporting

Everyone listed below **MUST** be contacted when physical or sexual abuse is suspected

1. Florence Police Department: (541) 997-3515
2. Local DHS Office: (541) 997-8251
3. Oregon Department of Human Services: 855-503-SAFE (7323)
4. Club Risk Manager: (541) 600-4409; siuslawyouthsoccer@gmail.com
5. Oregon Youth Soccer Association: 503-626-4625; roberta@oregonyouthsoccer.org
6. National Governing Body (NGB)
 - US Soccer Integrity Hotline Number: (312) 528 - 7004
 - US Soccer: <https://www.ussoccer.com/integrity-hotline>
 - US Center for SafeSport: <https://www.safesport.org/report-a-concern>

Refund policy

If a player cancels before the registration deadline all but \$25 will be refunded.

The \$3.00 is non-refundable under any circumstances.

No refunds will be granted after the registration deadline unless an exception is made by administrators.

If we are unable to place a player on a team the registration fee will be 100% refunded.

If a player is injured before the start of the season they are registered for, the registration fee will be 100% refunded.

If a player's family is relocated before the start of the season, the registration fee will be 100% refunded.

All refund requests must be made in writing to:

SYSA
% refund request
PO Box 1340
Florence, OR 97439

Or by email to:
siuslawyouthsoccer@gmail.com