

TPCJSA RULES OF COMPETITION

8/24/06 meeting, Rules of Competition temporarily suspended pending complete rewrite.
Effect - These are the standing rules of competition

I. INTRODUCTION

Coaches are responsible for compliance with TPCJSA Rules and Regulations. In addition, coaches must know the FIFA Laws and the WSYSA Rules of Competition.

RULE I Game Rules - In General

- 1.1 The WSYSA Rules of Competition-Outdoor/Field and Small Rules are in effect except where noted within TPCJSA rules of competition.
- 1.2 Comments about a player's race, sex, ethnic, or religious background are in all instances considered foul or abusive language and as such are cause for a send off under FIFA Law.
- 1.3 Post-game formalities between teams (e.g. handshake lines) are not required but are encouraged. Coaches should emphasize pre-game and post-game courtesy. A player may be disciplined for inappropriate conduct at any time.
- 1.4 Game Durations;
 - U-6, 8 minutes quarters
 - U-7, 20 minutes halves
 - U-8, 25 minutes halves
 - U-9, 25 minutes halves
 - U-10, 25 minutes halves
 - U-11, 30 minutes halves
 - U-12, 30 minutes halves
 - U-13, 35 minutes halves
 - U-14, 35 minutes halves

RULE II Uniforms

- 2.1 All players of the same team on the field, other than Goalkeepers, must be attired in jerseys that match to the satisfaction of the referee. In the event of a color clash, the designated home team will change jerseys.
- 2.2 Shin guards are mandatory and must be covered by socks.
- 2.3 Goalkeepers may wear long pants at any time.

2.4 When playing in inclement weather, players shall be allowed to wear sweat pants or tights under the uniform shorts, as well as hats, gloves. The determination as to whether a player is properly attired shall be made in the sole discretion of the referee.

2.5 All players, U-11 and above shall wear numbered jerseys, provided that:

2.5.1 All players on the same team must wear different numbers.

2.5.2 Number color must contrast with jersey color.

2.5.3 Numbers must be six (6) inch minimum height.

2.5.4 Numbers must be securely attached so as not to create a hazard to anyone.

2.5.5 Numbers must be on the back of the jersey.

2.6 Under no circumstances may jewelry of any sort be worn in TPCJSA competitions. Jewelry includes, but is not limited to, watches, rings, bracelets, chains, necklaces, earrings (including posts), hair barrettes, and other similar objects.

RULE III Coaching

4.1 It is the responsibility of the home coach to:

4.1.1 Provide a legal game ball properly inflated.

4.1.2 Make sure the field is set up, safe and ready for play on.

4.1.3 Contact the visiting coach 48 hours prior to game time to verify the location and time of game.

4.2 Contact the scorekeeper for the team's division that day by 7 pm and report the game score and which team(s) received yellow or red cards and how many. Both teams, win, lose or tie are required to report a score. Failure to report a score will result in a loss applied your record. Teams wishing to have a late score recorded in the standing must pay a late fee of \$25 (deposited into the Leanne Ehnats Scholarship Fund).

4.3 Any coach, manager or official found guilty by a WSYSA, district or member association board of directors or a WSYSA disciplinary or ethics committee of knowingly using an ineligible player(s) (over-age, improperly registered, or under

disciplinary suspension) will be suspended from participation in all WSYSA activities not to exceed the current and subsequent seasonal year.

Rule IV Officiating

- 5.1 For TPCJSA league play at age levels U-8 through U-14, it shall be the responsibility of the home team's club to provide a qualified referee to officiate the match.
- 5.2 The failure of an assigned referee to appear shall not be the cause for canceling the match. Upon the agreement of both coaches, a substitute official may be chosen whose decisions shall be final. If the coaches cannot agree on an official, each coach will referee a half with the home coach referring the first half and the away teams coach referring the second half. Failure to play a game because of lack of Ref will result in a forfeit by both teams.
- 5.3 Any referee appointed to officiate at a game shall do so with the authority specified under FIFA Law V, subject to such local amendments as specified by USSF, WSYSA, and TPCJSA.
- 5.4 Referees who are also coaches, team managers and members of the immediate family or directly connected with players of record shall not be assigned to games of that team.

RULE V Protests

- 8.1 Protests of any referee's actions or other game related incidents must be given verbally by the protesting coach to the referee and the opposing coach after the game, and before leaving the field. Failure to give notice is grounds for your protest not to be heard.
 - 8.1.1 A written protest must be mailed to the Disciplinary Chair, or any disciplinary committee member, and postmarked within forty eight (48) hours of the incident. The protest must be signed by the coach, and specify the date of the game, the field, the names of the teams involved, and their clubs, sex, and age group, the name of the referee (if known), and a description of the protest able incident. The protest must be endorsed by the Club disciplinary representative or Club President. Mail the letter and funds to:

Tacoma Pierce County Junior Soccer Association
2918 Crystal Springs Rd. West
University Place, WA 98466
 - 8.1.2 Protests shall be accompanied by a \$50 filing fee and (deposited into the Leanne Ehnats Scholarship Fund) will be refunded if the appeal is upheld.

- 8.1.2 All protests and appeals will be held in accordance with WSYSA Rule 602.
- 8.1.3 Protests involving matters within a referee's discretion will not be heard or reviewed by the Disciplinary Committee.
- 8.2 The Disciplinary Committee may issue orders of discipline, as it in its discretion deems appropriate. Discipline imposed may include warnings, suspension, or permanent expulsion from the activities of the corporation.
- 8.2.1 Any person sent off (red carded) by a referee before, during or following a match shall be subject to an automatic suspension from the next league game. The matter is subject to additional action by the Disciplinary Committee. Said person must leave the field of play to the satisfaction of the referee immediately.
- 8.2.2 The disciplinary committee may in its discretion use a point system assigning 3 points for a red card, and one point for a yellow card as an advisory system in establishing disciplinary action for players and/or teams. Players accumulating more than six points during a season can be subject to special sanctions including special reporting requirements, and/or expulsion.
- 8.3 The Disciplinary Committee shall keep a formal record of all actions taken by it, and of all discipline imposed on any coach or player.
- 8.4 Decisions of the Disciplinary Committee may be appealed only to the Board of TPCJSA. Such appeal must be filed with the President of the TPCJSA within seven days of the receipt of the decision from the Disciplinary Committee. It shall be discretionary with the Board as to whether review will be accepted.
- 8.4.1 Review by the Board, if granted, will be only on the record presented to the Disciplinary Committee. No new evidence will be presented to the Board. The Board will only consider whether the Disciplinary Committee abused its discretion in making its decision.