

Area 10 E Playoff

10U,12U,14U League and All-Star Tournament
Rules



League Playoffs: Conejo Creek Park
(1300 East Janss Rd. Thousand Oaks, CA 91362)

All Star Playoffs: Arroyo Vista Park
(4550 Tierra Rejada Rd. Moorpark, CA 93021)



AMERICAN YOUTH SOCCER
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AYSO Area 10 E

League Playoffs December 6th and 7th, 2025

(Rain Date: 12/13-12/14)

All Star Playoffs January 10-11 and 17-18, 2026

(Rain Date: 1/24-25)

NO PETS, BBQ's, ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, OR ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES ALLOWED!

These Rules have been established to set a standard under which all teams will compete in this tournament. Your knowledge of these rules could be the difference between a happy time, or a disappointing experience for you and your team as these rules will be enforced.

All coaches, players and spectators are urged to read and follow these rules with a positive and sporting spirit, for the benefit of all of the young people who participate and play soccer in our respective programs - teammates and opponents alike. These rules do not supersede AYSO Rules and Regulations but are intended to cover situations not addressed in the Rules and Regulations or the Area 10 Rules, which shall prevail in case of conflict. Should you have any questions after reading these Rules, please do not hesitate to contact your Area Director Debby Tapia at aysoad10e@gmail.com.

Please remember that your invitation to participate in this tournament is secondarily a competition. The first is an opportunity to celebrate your team's success in getting here. Please remember to have fun and to do your best to make sure your team and all the other teams have fun too.

1. Conduct

Each Regional Commissioner and Area Director shall be responsible for the conduct of their coaches, who in turn shall be responsible for the conduct of their players and spectators, all of whom shall display the most positive aspects of good sportsmanship and conduct in keeping with the AYSO philosophy. All our young people deserve the best examples of sportsmanship and goodwill toward all players and participants (including opponents} and respect always for all referees and officials. Please join us in making this an exceptionally good tournament for all our young people competitively, emotionally and in all other ways.

2. Coordination

The Area Director, Area Referee Administrator, Area Coach Administrator, and their designees shall coordinate Area Tournaments All decisions concerning fields, schedules, re-play or rescheduling of games due to emergencies, discipline, eligibility, etc. shall be made by and within the discretion of the Area Director or designee and shall be final.

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3. Eligibility

For teams to be eligible, Regions must be in compliance. Each Regional Commissioner and Area Director is responsible for ensuring the eligibility of each player from his or her respective programs (See National rule 111.F. and Area 10 Article 7). Only eligible and registered players may participate in these tournaments. Teams playing non-eligible players shall be subject to discipline, forfeit of games or elimination from the Tournament at the discretion of the Area Direction or designee. Each Regional Commissioner and Area Director is responsible for ensuring the eligibility of coaches from their respective programs.

All qualifying teams shall have at least one coach for League and two coaches for All Stars. Each coach shall be age specifically trained:

10U = 10U Coach

12U = 12U Coach

14U = Intermediate Coach

16U/18U = Advanced Coach

In addition, all coaches must be Safe Haven certified, Sudden Cardiac Arrest trained and CDC Concussion Awareness Trained. Additionally, all coaches must also be fingerprinted and complete “safe sport” training. By signing off on each roster, the Regional Commissioner or Area Director is certifying that these requirements have been met in addition to the legitimacy of each player listed. **Any Coach/Assistant Coach that is in the coaching area must be age specifically trained and certified on the ROSTER and have a coach wristband.**

Referee Requirements:

All teams invited to Area League Playoffs or All Star Tournament must have at least 1 AYSO certified referee (who is associated with the team) who has completed all of the required California and Federal mandated training. Referees on the Area 10E Referee List shall not be used as Team Referees during Area Playoffs -- neither for League nor All-Star. Exceptions will be made on a Case-By Case basis with the Area 10E Director's Approval. Email the Area Referee Administrator for the most recent list of Area Referees. Referee names and contact information must be presented with the Coach name and contact information for the team.

The purpose of requiring a Team Referee to volunteer at Area Playoffs (League and All-Star) is to emphasize Volunteerism in AYSO and to reward those Teams with Volunteers with the privilege of participating in the Playoffs. Teams are defined as Players, Coaches, and a Referee together working to develop our youth.

4. Roster Changes and Additions

- A. No roster changes or additions may be made except in accordance with Area 10E Rules and Regulations. For League teams, no roster changes or additions may be made after October 31. For All-Star teams, no roster changes or additions may be made after December 31, except with the approval of the appropriate Regional Commissioner and the Area Director.
- B. Affinity rosters in jersey number order will be submitted and accepted from your Regional Commissioner ONLY.

5. Parent/Guardian Consent and Player Medical Release Forms

- A. Coaches must have in their possession at all times a valid Parent/Guardian Consent and Player Medical Release Form for each player on the team. Forms without an original signature or an eSignature will not be accepted, and the player or players affected will not be allowed to play, unless a parent is present.
- B. At check-in, and if requested by an Area official at any other time, the coach will present the Parent/Guardian Consent and Player Medical Release Form of all players shown on the lineup card to the Area official in charge of team check-in.
- C. At check-in, the coach will pick up their coach wristband which must be worn while coaching.

NO FORM, NO PLAY, NO EXCEPTIONS!

6. Schedule/Format

- A. **League Playoffs:** The first day of the tournament will be pool play. All teams will play three (3) games. The Schedule will be posted on the Area 10 E website (www.ayso10e.org). The second day of the tournament will be Semi Finals and Final Games. All teams that advance to the second day will play two (2) games.
- B. **All Star Playoffs:** The first weekend and the following Saturday will be pool play games. All teams will be scheduled to play 6 pool play matches. The second Sunday will consist of a single elimination tournament for all divisions with the seeding determined by the standings from the six pool play matches. Note: some teams in large divisions will have their first elimination match on Saturday afternoon. 1st through 4th place medals will be awarded in each division. See Area 10E website for complete schedule (www.ayso10e.org)
- C. All matches will be:
- 50 minutes for 10U, 12U. and 14U
 - Halftime period is 5 minutes.
 - Ties ARE allowed during pool play.
 - Sunday or elimination matches must have a winner. There is no overtime in any matches in Area 10E League and All-Star tournaments.
 - Sunday Games that are tied at the end of regulation play will be determined by the Taking of Kicks from the Penalty Mark in accordance with the IFAB Laws of the Game, with the following modification. **Since there will be NO overtime period, prior to the start of taking the kicks, coaches will be allowed to identify the players eligible for taking kicks (i.e., does not need to be based on who played the fourth quarter).**
- D. All 14U, 16U, 19U teams will play 11 v 11; 12U will play 9 v 9; and 10U will play 7 v. 7.

9U and 10U GOALKEEPER PUNTING

Per the US Soccer PDI's, for 9U to 10U, the goalkeeper shall not punt nor drop kick the ball. If in the opinion of the referee, the goalkeeper is attempting to circumvent this rule (e.g., bounce the ball on the ground and then volley the ball by either the goalkeeper or their teammate), the referee will stop play on the first instance, warn the goalkeeper, and restart with a dropped ball. Any further attempts will result in an indirect free kick to the opposing team at the spot of the offense (or if inside the goal area, the kick is taken from the nearest point on the goal area line which runs parallel to the goal line)

- E. Points for Group Play will be earned as follows:
- 1) One point for attending the scheduled Coach Meeting. (NOTE: coaches are responsible to ensure their presence is noted at the meeting – a roll call of coaches whose presence has not yet been noted will be held at the end of the meeting.)
 - 2) Six (6) points for each WIN
 - 3) Three (3) points for a TIE
 - 4) Zero (0) points for a LOSS
 - 5) One (1) point per goal scored up to a maximum of three per game, win or lose.
 - 6) One (1) point for an earned shutout, including 0-0 tie.

- 7) Seven (7) points for a forfeit, scored as a 1-0 win, with no shutout point as it is not an "earned" shutout.

However, if a match was played to its conclusion and later forfeited due to a rules violation and the forfeiting team lost the match, then:

- The forfeiting team shall lose one point (-1) for the forfeit
- The opponent shall receive the points they are entitled to for their win based on the final score (including a shutout point if appropriate)
- For tiebreaker purposes, this match will be considered as an earned win and an earned shut-out (if appropriate) and not be treated a forfeit for the winning team.

In the interest of fairness, the Area Director may elect to forfeit all matches played by the forfeiting team. In this case, all matches (whether or not they were played to completion) shall be scored as 1-0 (7 points) forfeit wins for the opponent with no shutout point.

- 8) Points will be deducted in the standings for misconducts (yellow and red cards):
- a. A send-off or red card = one point deducted
 - b. A send-off or red card for "Serious Foul Play" or "Violent Conduct"= one additional point deducted (total of two)
 - c. a caution or yellow card = One point deducted for every three yellow cards accumulated during pool play

These point deductions apply to misconducts given to all players, coaches, and spectators during the pool play phase of the tournament.

- F. Standings for the elimination play will be determined by most points with ties broken as follows *in order of importance*:

- 1) Fewest Forfeit Losses
- 2) Head-to Head result
- 3) Fewest goals allowed (not used if either team involved in a forfeit)
- 4) Most earned wins (not used if either team involved in a forfeit)
- 5) Least red cards
- 6) Least yellow cards
- 7) Most earned shutouts
- 8) Goal differential, maximum of 5 per game.
- 9) For the League Tournament: If a tie still exists after application of the first eight factors, and the tie determines which team advances to play on Sunday, the Taking of Kicks from the Penalty Mark (a shootout) in accordance with IFAB Laws of the Game will be held at the conclusion of Saturday's play. If neither of the tied teams will advance to the Sunday elimination rounds, then the tie will stand.

For the All-Star Tournament: If a tie still exists after application of the first eight factors, a shootout will be held to determine seeding for the elimination rounds.

If a shootout is not feasible for any reason, then at the discretion of the Area Director or designee, a coin-flip will be used to break the tie. If more than two teams are tied, then a coin-flip will determine the seeding to a three-way shootout.

- 10) Coin flip (at the discretion of the Area Director if a shootout is not feasible).

- G. Due to time constraints, match duration and tiebreak rules may be adjusted at the discretion of the Area Director or designee.
- H. Unfortunately, due to logistical constraints, it will not be possible to inform any teams of the specific identities of their opponents until check-in on Saturday. Schedules posted in advance on the Area web site are subject to change. NOTE: All boys teams will play their first match at 8:00AM on Saturday, and all girls teams will play their first match at 9:15AM. The opponents and field assignments are subject to change, but the time will not change.
- I. All teams playing on Sunday will receive medals (First through Fourth Place) which are presented at the check-in area after the final match, unless otherwise instructed by the field monitor.

6. Check-In

Teams are required to check-in at the appropriate time. Check-in for ALL Tournaments will begin promptly on Saturday and Sunday at the following times: **One hour before game time.**

- A. PLEASE Coaches be ready to check in at the appropriate time. Coaches must have in their possession a Parent/Guardian Consent and Player Medical Release Form for each player, containing an original signature or eSignature of the parent or guardian. The player's uniform number, printed by the coach, should appear in the upper right-hand corner of each form. Photocopies of forms are acceptable only if the parent/guardian re-signs the copy in colored ink. NO PLAYERS ARE NEEDED AT CHECK IN.
- B. No information regarding specific opponents will be made available until check-in on Saturday. Opponents shown on the web site are subject to change.

7. Game (Lineup) Cards

- A. It is the responsibility of each coach to present properly completed official AYSO regional lineup cards to the check-in official during check-in on Saturday. **USE THE TEMPLATE ON the AREA WEBSITE.** To determine the correct number of cards to present- count the total number of games you are playing in the tournament INCLUDING elimination games on Sunday. For league playoffs this is 5 cards. For all stars it is generally 9 cards, but could vary depending on your schedule (more than 8 teams in a division: 10 cards are required).
- B. Game cards must include all players on the official team roster **IN JERSEY NUMBER ORDER** with BOTH first and last names. For players not present, the reason for their absence must be noted on the line-up card for each game missed. Additionally, **Game cards must include the team ID as assigned for the tournament** (typically the Region number and a letter - ex: 4A or 9B).
- C. It is required that the roster be entered (in jersey number order) into the game cards using Adobe Acrobat Reader or Microsoft Excel and then printed. If they must be handwritten, they must be legible.
ALL GAME CARDS MUST BE PRINTED USING THE EXCEL OR ADOBE

**ACROBAT TEMPLATE ON THE AREA WEB SITE AND MUST BE PRINTED
ON CARD STOCK (NOT PLAIN PAPER),**

NO CARDS, NO PLAY

8. Number of players - Grace period and Rescheduling

- A. A minimum number of players shall constitute a team: seven (11v11), six (9 v 9), and five (7 v 7). The maximum number of players per team: 18U eighteen, 16U eighteen, 14U fifteen, 12U twelve, and 10U ten. For league (core team) tournaments larger rosters may be permitted with the approval of the Area Director.
- B. A scheduled match shall not begin, nor be continued if one or both teams cannot field a team. A scheduled match shall not be continued in the event a player must leave the field under Paragraph 13 F. below, thus leaving his or her team with fewer than the required players. If a player must be taken from the field as a result of an injury, thus leaving his team with fewer than the minimum number of players the game may continue until the injured player can return, unless the players of the affected team decide to terminate the match. If the game is continued, and at the next substitution opportunity the injured player is unable to return, the match shall be terminated.
- C. All matches shall start on time, except in the case of field unavailability due to prior game delay or field conditions. There will be no grace period. All matches must end prior to the scheduled start of the next match. Referees will be instructed to shorten games or end games early, if necessary, to keep the tournament on schedule.
- D. Matches canceled due to weather or other natural causes may be rescheduled, if possible, at the discretion of the Area Director or designee. make-up dates are found on Page 2.
- E. All other questions regarding rescheduling, including all decisions regarding forfeits will be at the discretion of the Area Director or designee, whose decision will be final.

9. Players Under Doctor's Care

Upon a return to active play after treatment for any injury, all players under a doctor's care must present a participation release form, signed by a parent or legal guardian to return to active play. Such releases shall be presented to the Region Commissioner and Region Safety Director, who has the responsibility of informing and certifying to the Area Director or designee that the child may return to active play.

10. Uniforms

- A. Every player shall wear a team uniform consisting of matching jersey, shorts and socks as provided by the regions in accordance with AYSO Rules and Regulations. In accordance with IFAB Laws of the Game, studs, earrings (taped or not), hair ornaments and any other hard ornamental jewelry or other objects are not allowed. No hard-brimmed caps, stocking caps, or bandannas are allowed. No casts or splints of any kind. Knee braces are specifically permitted provided, in the judgment of the referee, that they are adequately padded. Commercially manufactured shin guards of the appropriate size are MANDATORY and must, in the judgment of the referee, afford a player a reasonable amount of protection. Socks must fully cover the shin guards. Uniform shorts must be worn with the waistband at waist level. Uniform jersey must always be tucked in at the waist beginning at team check-in.
- B. No face painting is allowed. Hair ornaments such as ribbons, rubber bands, or "scrunchies" for hair grooming must be of soft materials. Glitter and colored hair spray will be allowed if done so in good taste and in the right spirit. Excessively long fingernails of any kind are not allowed unless the player wears knit gloves during the match. Players will be responsible to furnish acceptable gloves.
- C. In case of inclement weather, knit gloves, mittens, sweatpants and sweatshirts (including turtlenecks) may be worn at the discretion of the referee. Pants shall be worn over the shorts and shirts shall be worn under the jersey. If sweatshirts include hoods, they MUST be tucked into the back of the jersey at all times so they cannot be accidentally grabbed during play.
- D. Goalkeeper jerseys shall not have advertisements for alcohol, cigarettes, etc. nor have obscene, suggestive, or insulting or profane language or artwork or promotions on them.

11. Home Team/Uniform Conflicts

- A. The Home team is the first team listed on the schedule.
- B. All coaches, substitutes, parents and spectators for each team shall occupy the opposite side of the field from the other team. The Home team shall occupy the **north or west side** of the field.
- C. The Home team also is responsible for supplying the game balls and changing jerseys or wearing overlays in the event of a color conflict. The referee shall make all decisions regarding color conflicts. Overlays will be available at the check-in or administration area with the deposit of a driver's license.

12. Field Responsibility

- A. It is the responsibility of all teams, coaches, players and spectators to clean up their trash at the end of each match, and to leave the sideline promptly at the conclusion of each game so the next game can start on time. It may be necessary to put on or take off nets for a game.
- B. Noisemakers and loud music are not allowed. NO PETS on or near the fields.

13. Coaching Limitations

- A. Coaches always are expected to set examples of good sportsmanship and shall be responsible for the conduct of their players, parents, and spectators.
- B. Coaching shall be limited to positive instruction and encouragement only. Negative comments about referees or opponents, abusive language, or behavior directed at the referees or players, as judged by the referee or tournament officials, will not be tolerated, and may subject the coach to discipline or expulsion at the discretion of the Referee, Area Director, or designee. There is ZERO Tolerance for any dissent toward a youth referee. Coaches will be ejected and suspended from at least the next match.
- C. Sideline participation shall be limited to two coaches (age specifically trained and certified) from each team who at all times shall visibly display their coach's badge and remain in the designated coach's area which extends ten yards on either side of the half-line and is one yard behind the touchline.

- D. Coaches and spectators shall not enter the field of play at any time unless requested by the referee. If called on the field, coaches shall absolutely refrain from providing coaching instruction to the team, except for player replacement for the injury, and shall not engage in comment to or in criticism of the referee.

14. Substitution Opportunities

These are NOT time outs, coaching opportunities, or mini half times. Players coming out will leave the field BEFORE the new players enter the field.

If a player is injured or is unable to play due to a physical limitation, they should be listed on the game card as injured. Any questions or special situations should be brought to the attention of the Tournament Director, Area Director, or designee.

For 10U, 12U, & 14U teams:

- A. Teams will follow the "Equitable Play" policy adopted by the Area Board:

During an individual match, no player shall participate in a fourth quarter of play unless or until all other players from that team have already participated or are participating in their third quarter of play. Roster sizes may require that some players be substitutes for two (2) quarters. No player may be a substitute for two (2) quarters more than once during the tournament, except as noted below.

- ✓ IMPORTANT: In the spirit of "*Everyone Plays*", no player may play four (4) quarters of a game unless all players play at least three (3) quarters of that game. Roster sizes may require that some players be out two (2) quarters in a game, however no player may be out two (2) quarters in more than one game during the tournament until all other players have been out two (2) quarters in a game during the tournament. No player may play the WHOLE game if ANY player sits ONE HALF (unless it is noted for injury purposes).

- i. Example: A 10U team that has 10 players will have 2 different players play "only 2 quarters" each game, it is not until the 6th game that the first two players are allowed to play "only 2 quarters again".

For ALL teams:

- B. A player is considered to have played a quarter if he or she begins the quarter, notwithstanding the fact that he or she may have left the field due to injury or illness before the completion of the quarter. (Such a player should not be marked "out" for any quarter he or she begins.) A player who is substituted for a player who has left the field due to injury or illness before the end of the quarter is not considered to have played that quarter. (Such a player should be Marked "out" for any quarter he or she does not begin.

- C. Any violation of this rule will result in the match being scored as a forfeit and the coach found to have violated this rule will be immediately suspended for a minimum of one game. This suspension will carry over to any additional postseason participation by the coach should the suspension occur during the last game of the tournament. Additional penalties may also apply such as multiple game suspension and/or expulsion from the tournament.
- D. Penalties During Pool Play:
- If your team wins a match where the players have been improperly scheduled in violation of "Equitable Play" that match will be recorded as a forfeit loss for your team and a forfeit win for your opponent.
 - If your team ties a match where the players have been improperly scheduled in violation of "Equitable Play" that match will be recorded as a forfeit loss for your team and a forfeit win for your opponent.
 - If your team loses a match where the players have been improperly scheduled in violation of "Equitable Play" you will lose one point toward the final standings in pool play.
 - If the coaches of both teams in a match have improperly scheduled their players in violation of "Equitable Play" both teams will receive a forfeit loss. Both will lose one point toward the final standings in pool play.
 - If a player is injured or is unable to play due to a physical limitation, they should be listed on the game card as injured. Any questions or special situations should be brought to the attention of the Tournament Director, Area Director, or designee.

AT THE END OF THE MATCH, THE COACH MUST SIGN THEIR LINEUP CARD VERIFYING THE FINAL SCORE AND SUBSTITUTIONS LISTED ON THE CARD ARE CORRECT.

15. Regular Substitutions

- A. Regular substitution opportunities will be provided approximately halfway through each half. At a natural stoppage of play, the referee will halt the game, and allow either team to substitute, if they so choose, in accordance with the procedure outline in Law 3. (i.e. the referee must be informed before any substitution is allowed; **substitutes must wait until there is a stoppage in play and their player comes off the field**; they must enter the field only at the halfline; etc.) Substitution may also be done at halftime. The assistant referee will make note of the substitution on the line-up cards.
- B. Each team may substitute as many players or none during such interruptions, provided that all players meet the minimum play requirements.

- C. A stoppage of play shall be when the ball is out of play, such as just after an injury or a goal, prior to a throw-in or at a goal kick. The matches are on a running clock with no allowance made for time lost to substitutions.
- D. A goalkeeper may change with another player on the field at any stoppage of play as long as the referee is informed prior to the change. The referee should add time lost as a result of this change.
- E. If a player is injured, the team may provide a substitute for the player, in which case the injured player may not return until the next substitution opportunity. The referee must recognize the substitute player prior to entering the field. Only the player who is injured is credited with play for that period, regardless of the actual time played. The team also may elect not to substitute for the injured player, in which case the injured player may reenter the field of play at any time with the permission of the referee.
- F. Any player that is injured and attended to by the Medical Response Team and is deemed unfit (due to a medical emergency) must leave the field of play and cannot return to the match or the remaining tournament matches until released by the player's medical physician (and providing a release statement indicating it is okay for the player to return).
- G. During overtime play, if applicable, substitution is at the sole discretion of the coach and may only take place at the break between the two overtime periods.
- H. Clarifications:
 - 1. If the referee allows a coach, parent, or another responsible adult to enter the field to assess an injured player, that player must leave the field, unless the player is the goal keeper.
 - 2. Law 5 requires the referee to stop the match if, in his or her opinion, a player is seriously injured. Law 5 also requires the referee to ensure that the player leaves the field of play.
 - 3. The determination of what constitutes a 'serious injury' should consider the player's age. The younger the player, the quicker the referee's whistle may be blown to stop the game. The referee should then beckon the coach to come assess the injured player.
 - 4. If the referee believes the player is only slightly injured, play should be allowed to continue until the ball is out of play. In this case the injured player is not required to leave the field of play unless someone has entered to assess the injury.
 - 5. As soon as it is safe to do so, the person responsible for checking the injured player's condition must escort the player off the field of play. This allows time for determination of the player's ability to safely continue playing.
 - 6. If a goalkeeper is injured but not being substituted, he or she may be treated on the field of play and is not required to leave. Injuries involving a goalkeeper and another player and any severe injury to a player may also be treated on the field of play.

7. Before an injured player may return to the field of play, the match must have restarted, and the referee signaled permission for the player to return. If the ball is in play, entry must be from a touch line; if the ball is not in play entry may be from a goal line or a touch line.
8. It is important that the referee remains alert as to when the player is ready to return and give permission at the earliest opportunity so that the player's team is returned to full strength.

16. Disciplinary Action

- A. Violent, abusive, negative, and/or disruptive conduct toward opponents, referees or officials will not be tolerated. It is the responsibility of each coach to counsel his or her players and spectators regarding positive and sportsman conduct at all times. It is not the referee's responsibility to control unruly players and spectators. **IT IS THE JOB OF THE COACH TO DO SO!** We expect coaches to do so by setting the best possible example with their own behavior. Any violation of these conduct Rules may result in discipline, including expulsion from the tournament, at the discretion of the Area Director or designee.
- B. Players and substitutes who are sent off from a match for violent conduct or serious foul play, and coaches who engage in violent behavior will be suspended automatically from all participation from ALL SUBSEQUENT MATCHES FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE TOURNAMENT INCLUDING LEAGUE AND ALL-STARS. There will be no appeals.
- C. Players and substitutes who are sent off from a match for any other reason, and coaches who are asked by any official to leave a game, will be suspended from the remainder of the match and from the entire NEXT match in which they are eligible to play. Additional sanctions may be deemed appropriate at the discretion of the Area Director or designee.
- D. Players, substitutes, and coaches seeking another player, spectator, referee or official for the purpose of fighting or harassing another player, spectator, referee or official after a match either on or in the vicinity of the playing fields, will be suspended from all further play during the remainder of the tournament, including League and All Stars. Additional sanctions may be deemed appropriate at the discretion of the Area Director or designee.
- E. Players and substitutes accumulating a total of two Send Offs (red cards) during the tournament, and coaches accumulating a total of two match suspensions will be ineligible for any further participation for the remainder of the tournament.
- F. Any player sent off for any reason must immediately leave the vicinity of the playing fields accompanied by a parent or Safe Haven certified adult, and that player's team must play short-handed for the remainder of the match.
- G. Any player or substitute committing a second cautionable offense (yellow card) in the same match will be sent off for the remainder of the match, and the participant will be ineligible for the next match in which the player otherwise would be eligible to play. If the

individual committing a second caution-able offense (yellow card) is a player at the time, the team of that player must play short-handed. A player who is sent off for receiving a second caution in a match shall be punished the same as if he had received a straight red card with no cautions: i.e. a one point deduction from the standings for the team and a one match suspension for the player. The yellow cards will not factor into scoring (i.e. one additional yellow card will not create another suspension for the player, and one additional team yellow card will not cause an additional point deduction from the standings)

- H. Any player receiving a total of three (3) yellow cards during this tournament will then be ineligible to play in their next scheduled match. Stronger penalties may be imposed depending upon the circumstance of the caution-able offenses as determined by the Tournament Disciplinary Committee (consisting of the Area Director or designee, the Area Tournament Director, Area Coach Administrator, and the Area Referee Administrator). The Area Tournament Director (or designee) will keep a tally of all cautions and send-offs.
- I. Any player or coach, suspended under these Rules, who is found to have participated in a match from which he or she was suspended, shall be suspended for the next match in which he or she is eligible to play, and the game in which he or she illegally participated in may be forfeited at the discretion of the Area Director or designee. Any offending coach may also be suspended for the balance of the tournament play at the discretion of the Area Director or designee.
- J. Any team causing the termination of a match by any demonstration or disruption shall forfeit that match. Any team causing the termination of two matches for disciplinary reasons will be suspended for the remainder of the tournament.

17. Referee Reports

- A. Referees shall submit an official Area Game Misconduct Form (a written report) in the event of:
 - 1. All Cautions (yellow cards) and Send-offs (red cards);
 - 2. Violent conduct of the players, and any conduct of coaches or spectators interfering with the control of the match;
 - 3. Abuse of AYSO minimum play rules which may come to the attention of the referee; and,
 - 4. Any other action, which the referee may determine, merits a report.

Misconduct reports must be submitted with the game cards for the match (or as soon as possible if the referee is scheduled to referee in the next match of the tournament).

18. The Taking of Kicks from the Penalty Mark (Shootouts)

The following procedures shall apply if the taking of kicks from the penalty mark is necessary to decide the winner of a tied match as indicated by the Section 10 tournament tiebreaker rules:

- A. If the tournament rules do not provide for overtime periods, each coach may specify the players to be eligible for the shootout (7 players for 10U, 9 players for 12U, and 11 players for 14U) without regard to who was on the field at the end of regulation time. If the tournament rules provide for overtime periods and the match is still tied at the end of two full overtimes, only those players on the field of play at the conclusion of the final overtime may participate in the shootout. If, due to injury or send-offs one team has fewer players than the other eligible to participate, the opposing team must reduce its numbers, so it has the same number of players. The coach shall inform the referee of the name and number of each player excluded from participation in the shootout. The goalkeeper shall be one of the participating kickers.
- B. Except for Part A, the taking of kicks from the penalty mark will be conducted according to the IFAB Laws of the game.

19. Protests

While constructive input is always welcome, no protest will be heard regardless of the reason! Thank you for your compliance with the letter and spirit of these Rules.

Have a great tournament!!!

