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2026 Area 1F Spring Select League Rules



CATEGORY	RULE
1) JURISDICTION	<p>A. Unless otherwise noted, the current AYSO National Rules and Regulations, Section 1 and IFAB Laws of the Game will be used for this League.</p> <p>B. Area 1F Director will have jurisdiction over all games played. Disputes will be resolved in a timely manner. Referee judgment calls are NOT subject to dispute or protest!</p>
2) FEES	<p>A. Entire entry fee and referee deposit must accompany application and will be returned if application is not accepted. Fee and deposit must be a single check issued from the Region's account (no personal checks, money orders, credit cards, etc.).</p> <p>Fees are \$450 plus \$350 referee deposit for 8U, \$550 plus \$400 for 10U, 12U, and 14U.</p>
3) ACCEPTANCE	<p>A. Applications are due by February 15, 2026.</p> <p>B. Applications will be accepted on a first-come basis, based on completed application (see Team Application Form for criteria). Teams will be notified by email within 48 hours of the receipt of their applications.</p> <p>C. Teams not accepted into the League will be offered the opportunity to be placed on a waiting list. If a team chooses not to be on a waiting list, the application and entry fee will be returned within 48 hours of notification.</p> <p>D. The primary form of communication between the League and applying teams will be emailed and the League website. Teams must designate a Team Contact on their application who has email.</p>
4) REFUNDS	<p>A. Teams withdrawing 30 days or more before the first scheduled game will be issued a full refund.</p> <p>B. Teams withdrawing less than 30 days before the start of the League will only be issued a refund if a replacement team can be found.</p> <p>C. If the League is canceled in its entirety and cannot be rescheduled a full refund will be issued.</p> <p>D. For teams that are eligible, referee deposit refunds will be mailed no later than 14 days after the end of the League. Referee deposit refunds will be on a prorated basis, comparing the number of assignments actually completed versus the number that were assigned.</p>
5) RAINOUT/ CANCELLATION	<p>A. Games canceled or suspended due to rain or other factors beyond the control of the League will be rescheduled if possible.</p>
6) PLAYERS/TEAMS	<p>A. The team roster must be verified and approved by each player's Regional Commissioner. Roster changes may be submitted (with the written approval of the Regional Commissioner); however, these changes must be received prior to the League start. There will be no roster changes allowed once the first scheduled game has been started.</p> <p>B. No Guest Players will be allowed. Players may only be listed on one roster.</p> <p>C. Division 8U will play 7-v-7, and there will be a roster limit of 12 players per team. Division 10U will play 7-v-7, and there will be a roster limit of 13 players per team. Division 12U will play 9-v-9, and there will be a roster limit of 15 players per team. Division 14U will play 11-v-11, and there will be a roster limit of 19 players per team.</p> <p>D. All players must play at least half of each game. Violation of these player rules exposes a team to protest and renders them subject to forfeiture of game and possible disqualification at the discretion of the Area 1F Area Director</p>
7) COACHES	<p>A. Each team is limited to two coaches – one Head Coach and one Assistant Coach. These coaches must be the ones listed on the Official Team Roster.</p> <p>B. Each Coach must provide their AYSO Identification Number, be a currently registered volunteer, SafeSport certified, and AYSO trained at the age-appropriate level. Proof of coach certification and training will be verified by the coach and assistant coach attaching their training record from affinity to the roster.</p>

	C. Coaches are expected to set the example for their team in exhibiting proper AYSO behavior and Kids Zone behavior. Coaches are expected to remain in the technical area during games and only enter the field of play as requested by the referee.
8) REFEREES	<p>A. All referees must be an AYSO registered and trained volunteer and be Safe-Haven Certified and have completed Concussion Awareness and Sudden Cardiac Arrest training.</p> <p>B. Only the diagonal system of control will be used to referee the games.</p> <p>C. Referees for 14U games must be Intermediate level or above. Referees for 12U and 10U games must be Regional level or above. Referees for 8U games must be Regional level or above.</p> <p>D. Youth referees (center referees) must be at least 2 years older than the age division in which they referee.</p> <p>E. All referees must be in full uniform as defined by AYSO and USSF, including the Referee Badge. Referees not in uniform will not be permitted to referee games, and their team's referee deposit may be subject to forfeiture.</p> <p>F. If all assignments are successfully completed, the Referee Deposit will be refunded. U10,U12, and U14 will be expected to complete 15 assignments for a full refund. U8 will need to complete 5 assignments in the U8 division for a full refund.</p> <p>G. Referees are expected to check in at the field at least 30 minutes prior to their assigned game. Failure to provide at least 24 hours notice that a referee team will not cover a scheduled assignment will result in forfeiture of a portion of the referee deposit. The amount of the forfeiture will be determined by the Area Director</p> <p>H. Referees will be expected to uphold the League rules, AYSO Rules and Regulations and IFAB laws. Any failure of the referee to uphold these rules may be cause for dismissal, and will place a team's referee deposit refund in jeopardy.</p> <p>I. Referees will assign themselves in the area assigning system.</p>
9) FIELDS	<p>A. Teams playing the FIRST GAME and the LAST GAME of the day will be responsible for field set-up and take down.</p> <p>B. Trash cans will be provided at each field. Teams will be expected to clean up all trash in their area before leaving.</p> <p>C. Dogs, smoking, and alcoholic beverages are strictly forbidden.</p>
10) FORMAT	<p>A. Division 8U: No scores or standings will be kept. This League is designed to give Fall AYSO players additional opportunities to play soccer, develop their skills, and bond with their friends and teammates in their Region, thereby further promoting the objectives of the Program. Above all, the 8U Spring League will emphasize good sportsmanship. No playoff games will be held at the end of the League. 8U rules are attached.</p> <p>B. Division 10U, 12U, and 14U: A game schedule may be created for the first few weeks of the League to determine placement in competitive pools (e.g. Gold, Silver, Bronze).</p>
11) CHECK-IN	<p>A. Teams must check in 20 minutes prior to each game with the match referee, and must present properly completed Game Cards with the players listed by first name and last name in jersey number order. The players listed on the game cards must match the approved roster submitted with the team's application. All players listed on the roster must appear on each game card, even if there is an expectation that one (or more) might miss a scheduled game.</p> <p>B. Each coach or team representative must have in their possession at each game AYSO Player Registration Forms for verification by officials.</p>
12) FIELD MONITORS	A. No field monitors will be present. Referees will check in the teams and will complete the back of the game cards and deposit these in the designated location at the field. Winning or home team coach in a tie will email a picture of both game cards to area1fad@outlok.com
13) GAMES	<p>A. Spring League Regular season games will be full length games with a running clock.</p> <p>B. Medal Round games will be played until there is a winner (see Medal Round rules below).</p> <p>C. Game duration shall be as follows: Division 8U: 20 minute half 10U: 25 minute half 12U: 30 minute half 14U: 35 minute half</p> <p>D. The "home" team will be the first team or top team listed on the game schedule and will be responsible for providing the three game balls. The home team will be situated on the North or West side of the field, and the visitor will be situated on the South or East side. Spectators must remain on the side of the field designated for their team. The home team will change jerseys or don pinnies in the event of a color conflict with the visitor team. If there are any questions, the referee will determine whether this is necessary.</p>

	<p>E. There will be no warming up on the field. Teams must warm up prior to taking the field. As soon as the previous game has ended teams must clear the field.</p> <p>F. FORFEITS: There will be a ten-minute grace period at the start of the game for a team to take the field before a forfeit is declared. The score for a forfeit match will be 1-0 for the remaining team (See STANDINGS for the points to be awarded). For 8U and 10U divisions, there is a minimum of 5 players per team on the field to start or continue a game. For the 12U division, there is a minimum of 6 players per team on the field to start or continue a game. For the 14U division, there is a minimum of 7 players per team on the field to start or continue a game. If a team cannot field the minimum number of players, the game will be abandoned and a forfeit will be declared.</p> <p>G. SUSPENDED GAMES: The Area Director may determine to end matches early if the field schedule is behind due to game delays, interference, or if weather conditions provide unsafe conditions. The Area 1F Director will determine the outcome of any single game which is terminated prematurely (due to inclement weather, participant injury, or interference by an outside party, etc.).</p> <p>H. ABANDONED GAMES: if any regular season games cannot be played due to circumstances beyond the control of the League, the final standings of the division will be determined by the The Area Director. Only the Area 1F Director can declare a game to be abandoned or not played.</p>
14) SUBSTITUTIONS	<p>A. Substitutions shall be allowed approximately mid way through each half for ALL divisions, and will be recorded on the game cards by the referee or assistant referee. There will be no "free substitutions".</p> <p>B. All substitutions must be approved and recognized by the referee. Substitutions may be made at any time for injured players; however, the injured player may not return until the beginning of the next quarter and will be considered as having played the current quarter (exception: an injured player not replaced may return to play at any time with the referee's permission).</p> <p>C. Substitutions in overtime periods of medal round matches will be at the beginning of each period only, unless the substitution is for an injury.</p>
15) STANDINGS	<p>A. Standings for regular season games will be determined on a point system as follows:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">WIN = 3 points TIE = 1 point LOSS = 0 points FORFEIT WIN = 3 points (scored as a 1-0 win) FORFEIT LOSS = 1 point deduction RED CARD/ EJECTION = 1 point deduction for team (1 point deduction for each player, substitute, coach, or spectator that was sent off or ejected)</p> <p>B. Winners of ties in standings will be determined in the following order:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Winning Percentage Head to head results Most number of wins Least number of losses Least goals allowed Sportsmanship Points Coin Toss will be used if still tied</p> <p>C. Standings will be updated and posted on the Area 1 F website</p>
16) ADVANCEMENTS	<p>A. Playoffs will be held the last two weeks of the league.</p>
17) PLAYOFFS	<p>A. All playoff matches ending in a tie will have two full overtime periods (10U & 12U: 5 minutes each, 14U 7 minutes each) with teams changing field direction after the first period. In these matches, if still tied after the 2 overtime periods, the game shall be decided by Kicks from the Penalty Mark.</p>
18) AWARDS	<p>A. Medals will be presented to coaches and players from the first through the third-place teams in each division.</p>
19) CONDUCT	<p>A. Coaches will be expected to set a positive example for the team, and will be held responsible for the actions of their team including spectators. All spectators must remain behind the control line and between the 18-yard lines (penalty areas in small fields). Two coaches maximum per team, and they must remain in the marked coaching area (within ten yards either way from the halfway line).</p> <p>B. At the conclusion of each match, the referees will indicate on the reverse of the game cards any point deductions for poor sportsmanship. Point deductions for red cards and ejections are used in the Standings calculations (see Standings above). Referees will be required to complete a game misconduct report for <u>all</u> violent conduct send offs during the game, as well as any incidents of referee abuse, any send offs, and/or any spectator ejection.</p> <p>C. Any coach or spectator ejected must immediately leave the vicinity of the playing field (out of sight and sound) and will be prohibited from attending the next scheduled game. Any player sent off (red carded) must immediately leave the vicinity of the game (under supervision of his/her parent or Safe Haven-certified adult), and may not return to the field of play during the current game, including for the post-game handshake, and may not be substituted for, and is</p>

	<p>suspended from participation in the next game. In the absence of his/her parent or Safe Haven-certified adult, the sent-off player may stay on the sideline under the supervision of the coach. There will be penalty point deductions for all send-offs (see Standings).</p> <p>D. Any violent conduct, red card or ejection will result in that player/coach/spectator being barred from the remainder of the League.</p> <p>E. If it is determined that an ineligible player has participated in a game, the team will forfeit all games in which that player participated illegally. Furthermore, if it is determined that the coach knowingly played a player illegally, that coach will be barred from further participation in the League.</p> <p>F. It is mandatory to play a scheduled game. If it is determined that a coach willfully fails to have his team participate in a scheduled game, the coach will be dismissed from the League and the incident will be reported to the respective Regional Commissioner.</p> <p>G. All conduct problems will be reported to the respective Regional Commissioner.</p> <p>H. All Serious Incidents will be reported to the respective Regional Commissioner as well as Area, Section and AYSO National Office parties.</p>
20) UNIFORMS/SAFETY	<p>A. All players must wear an approved AYSO uniform according to the National Rules & Regulations, and all players on the same team must wear matching uniforms (goalkeeper excepted – may have a different jersey, AYSO logo is recommended but not required).</p> <p>B. Each player's uniform must be marked with a permanently-affixed unique number that matches the uniform number on the Game Card, and may not exchange numbered jerseys with any other player during the game including the goalkeeper (goalkeeper jersey switches with a field player are allowed as long as the referee is informed of the switch and it occurs during a stoppage in play).</p> <p>C. Garments may be worn under the uniform (i.e. long sleeves, etc.) during inclement weather, however the match referee will be the judge of what should be allowed or not.</p> <p>D. Not allowed: jewelry, hard metal or plastic clips on clothing or hair, and hard hair beads. No player will be allowed to participate with any type of cast or splint. Removal of any type of cast or splint at the field or surrounding area in order to participate shall disqualify that team member from participation in that game.</p> <p>E. AYSO will not prohibit the use of knee braces by players in AYSO events and programs; providing that the brace is adequately covered and padded in the judgment of the referee, so as to eliminate the possibility of its causing injury to the other players on the field.</p>
21) PROTESTS	<p>A. Protests will be considered only for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An ineligible player has played. • One or more registered player(s), present and in uniform, have not played the required one half of the game (except for illness or injury as recorded by the game referee). <p>B. All protests must be presented in writing to the Area Director within one day of the completion of the game.</p> <p>C. All protests will be heard by a Protest Committee of at least three persons selected by the Area 1F Area Director. In all cases, the members of the Protest Committee will be unrelated to either team involved in the protest. ALL PROTEST DECISIONS ARE FINAL!</p> <p>D. Referee judgment calls are FINAL and are not grounds for nor subject to protest or dispute!</p>
22) RULES INTERPRETATION	<p>The Area 1F Director retains the right to interpret and apply the League rules to the optimum benefit of all League participants.</p>