

Snake River League

Local Rules of Competition

(Adopted February 4, 2021)

LAWS OF THE GAME

1. FIFA Laws of the Game shall apply to any and all competition in the Snake River League (SRL), with the following exceptions and clarifications.

SUBSTITUTIONS

1. Substitutions shall be unlimited.
2. Substitutions may be made with the consent of the referee at the following times, provided that the substitutes are ready to enter and are standing at the halfway line:
 - a. Prior to a THROW-IN by the team in possession. If the team in possession chooses to substitute, then both teams may substitute.
 - b. Prior to a GOAL KICK by either team.
 - c. Substitutions from the bench may be made with the consent of the referee at the following times:
 - i. After an INJURY by either team.
 - ii. After a GOAL is scored by either team.
 - iii. A player receiving a CAUTION may be substituted for from the bench before play is continued (coach's option). If the cautioned player is substituted, additional substitutions may be made by either team.
 - iv. When a player is SENT OFF, by either team.
3. The referee does not need to be consulted for substitutions by either team occurring at HALF TIME.

PLAYER AND MATCH EQUIPMENT

1. Teams will be checked in by the referees prior each match except in conditions determined by the referee.
2. Teams will be required to show a team roster (electronic or printed) with name, picture, and uniform number (if applicable) of each player, coach, and manager.
3. Only those persons listed on the team roster will be allowed to be in the team area during the match.
4. Absolutely no play-downs shall be allowed.
5. In the case of an apparent violation of a team playing with an illegal player (including but not limited to a boy playing on a girls team, a non-rostered player playing, an older player playing down in a younger age group) play will be allowed to continue. If such a violation is proven to have occurred, consequences may be enforced as noted in the following section.
6. The home team shall wear its darker color jersey and the visiting team shall wear its lighter color jersey. If there is a conflict in jersey color, the home team will change to an alternate color or wear pinnies to differentiate the teams.
7. All uniforms must have a visible number on the back unique to each player.
8. Ball sizes are as follows:
 - a. U6-U8 matches will be played with a size 3 ball.
 - b. U9-U12 matches will be played with a size 4 ball.
 - c. U13-U19 matches will be played with a size 5 ball.
9. The home team will provide 3 game balls to the referee for inspection prior to the start of the match. The referee will use those balls upon their approval. If the home team cannot provide 3 match-worthy balls, the visiting team may be asked to provide additional game balls.

10. Unless otherwise communicated by the home team, both the home team and the visiting team will be responsible for providing and setting up one net and two corner flags for each match.

CONSEQUENCES FOR PLAYER VIOLATIONS

1. First offense: Warning issued from SRL Commissioner to Club Director (or presiding official). E-mail notification of warning will include both clubs with teams involved in the match.
2. Second offense: Team within the offending club is removed from all remaining SRL games for that season. E-mail notification of team removal to Club Director (or presiding official).
3. Third offense: Club is suspended from all remaining SRL games for that season and must formally reapply for participation in any future seasons. E-mail notification of club suspension to Club Director (or presiding official).

HEADERS

1. The SRL follows Idaho Youth Soccer Association (IYSA) rules on headers.
2. No headers are allowed during U12 matches. Further, under no circumstances is a U11 or younger player allowed to head the ball during training or matches, regardless of the ages of the other players in the training session or match (e.g. if a U11 player is playing in a U13 match). Headers may result in an indirect free kick for the opposing team according to the FIFA Laws of the Game.
3. Any relevant IYSA rules which are more restrictive than item 2, above, in this section will take precedence.

LENGTH OF MATCHES

1. The length of matches shall be:
 - a. U9/U10: two (2) 25-minute halves
 - b. U11/U12: two (2) 30-minute halves
 - c. U13/U14: two (2) 35-minute halves
 - d. U15/U16: two (2) 40-minute halves
 - e. U17-U19: two (2) 45 minutes halves
2. There will be no extra time periods. If a match is an elimination or championship match and the score is tied at the end of regulation play, kicks from the penalty spot will be used to determine a winner. In all other situations, ties will stand.
3. There will be at least a five (5) minute break between halves.
4. When teams from two (2) different age groups play, the length of play will be determined in consultation with coaches from both teams. If an agreement cannot be reached, the length of the match shall be according to the length typically played by the younger team.

CLUBS IN THE SNAKE RIVER LEAGUE

1. Only clubs registered with IYSA will be allowed to participate in the SRL.
2. The Snake River League is comprised of the following IYSA affiliated clubs: Blackfoot Youth Soccer Association (BYSA), Bonneville Youth Soccer League (BYSL), CGA Academy SC, Jefferson Youth Soccer Association (JYSA), PFC Academy, PVSC United, Rapids SC, Rebels, Snake River Soccer Association (SRSA), South Fremont YSA, Sugar City Soccer League, Sun Valley Soccer Club, Teton FC, Upper Valley Soccer Foundation (UVSF) and West Jefferson Youth Soccer.
3. Any new club desiring admittance to the SRL shall request admittance from BYSL, owners of the SRL who will then consult with the other current affiliate members to approve their request and will wait a minimum of one full soccer year before full membership.

RECRUITING

1. In order to remain in good standing with the SRL, IYSA recruiting and poaching rules shall apply to each affiliate club in the SRL.
2. Any club found guilty of recruiting shall forfeit the right to all SRL games for the guilty team for the period of one full seasonal year (August 1-July 31).
3. Any club found guilty of recruiting violations a second time will be banned from SRL play for two full seasonal years.
4. Any club found guilty of recruiting violations a third time will be banned permanently from further play in the SRL.
5. A committee will be formed from representatives from at least 3 affiliate members to hear and rule on all disputes from within the SRL.

SCHEDULE

1. SRL teams must play all scheduled SRL matches, including exchanges/friendlies.
2. SRL teams may request dates on which they are not available for matches up to the blackout period deadline, which shall be at least 2 weeks prior to the start of the season, if published to each SRL affiliate club.
3. Teams are not encouraged to forfeit SRL matches but if they choose to do so it will be reflected on the schedule as a 1-0 loss in the standings. The following rules apply if a team does not notify the scheduler and the opposing club and/or coach with sufficient lead time.
 - a. A team canceling or forfeiting a match will be fined fifty dollars (\$50) plus all costs paid for referees scheduled for the match.
 - b. If a team does not pay the fine, the parent affiliate club will be responsible for the fine.
 - c. Fines will be paid to BYSL and the money will be given back to the parent affiliate of the affected team.
4. Home teams will be listed first on the schedule and will play at their affiliate club location unless otherwise indicated on the schedule.
5. A team will not be scheduled to play any other team they do not wish to play, provided they notify the SRL scheduler before the blackout period deadline.
6. In the case of severe weather, matches may be delayed or cancelled due to lightning, hail, standing water on the fields, snow accumulation on the fields or other conditions making play dangerous or impractical. In the case of lightning, play shall not resume until 30 minutes have passed since the last instance of lightning.
7. Both the SRL scheduler and the center referee shall have the independent authority to cancel or suspend matches due to severe weather and/or field conditions.

TEAM AND SPECTATOR PLACEMENT

1. Each team will occupy the same sideline as their spectators. This shall be determined either by the hosting club, clearly marked with signs, or by the team arriving first at the field.
2. Teams shall be placed to the right of midfield beginning 10 yards from the halfway line and continuing not further than the top of the 6-yard area.
3. Spectators shall be placed to the left of midfield on the same side as their team beginning approximately 10 yards from the halfway line and continuing to the top of the 6-yard area.
4. Small-sided matches may scale the measurements above as needed.

REFEREES

1. Each SRL affiliate club hosting matches will schedule, provide, and compensate referees unless other arrangements are made.

CAUTIONS AND SEND-OFFS

1. **SEND-OFFS:** When a player or coach is sent off (or in the case of a coach dismissed for any other grounds), the referee shall complete the US Soccer Referee Report and US Soccer Supplemental Referee Report and submit them to the referee assignor or designated referee contact. The report will then be forwarded to the SRL Commissioner, SRL Director, the District Referee Administrator (where appointed), and IYSA.
2. The player/coach who is sent off or dismissed shall not participate further in the match in which they were sent off nor in their next scheduled SRL match whether in that same season or the following.
3. If the coach fails to enforce the requirements of a sanction, additional disciplinary actions may be taken against the coach and/or player.
4. **CAUTIONS:** When a player or coach is cautioned, the referee shall report the relevant information (including at a minimum the type of misconduct and the player's name and jersey number in the match report that is sent to the assignor or designated referee contact). At the option of either the referee a US Soccer Referee Report may be submitted instead. A copy of the report will be submitted to the District Commissioner/SRL Director and the District Referee Administrator (where appointed).
5. **MULTIPLE CAUTIONS OR SEND-OFFS:** A players/coaches receiving multiple cautions and/or send-offs are subject to additional sanctions.
6. **AUTOMATIC SANCTIONS:**
 - a. Any player/coach receiving a second send-off during the season shall not participate further in the match in which sent off, nor in his/her next two (2) regularly scheduled SRL matches.
 - b. Any player/coach receiving a fourth caution during the season, and for every second caution thereafter during the season, shall not participate in his/her next regularly scheduled SRL match.
7. **JUDICIAL COMMITTEE REVIEW:** In addition to automatic sanctions previously listed, a player/coach may be reviewed by a SRL Judicial Committee, with or without complaint. This review for determination of sanctions (which may result in multiple match suspensions) may occur for any of the following:
 - a. Receiving two or more send-offs for violent conduct or serious foul play during the season.
 - b. Receiving multiple cautions or send-offs within one or more consecutive seasons.
 - c. Persistent misconduct or violations of the rules, policies, or by-laws of this association, IYSA and/or USYS.
 - d. Exceptional incidents, whether or not occurring at a SRL match, which, in the opinion of the SRL Director, District Commissioner, and/or IYSA's Executive Director or Referee Program Director, require Judicial Committee review.
8. **TRACKING MULTIPLE SANCTIONS:** To ensure proper tracking of multiple sanctions, the SRL Director or his/her designee will retain such reports for a period of at least two years for possibly referral to the Judicial Committee.

EFFECTIVE DATE

These rules shall apply from the date of adoption.