



Rules and Procedures

Brazosport Youth Soccer Association

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1. BYSA Sponsored Competition

1.1. Seasonal Year

The Seasonal Year of this Association shall begin on September 1 and end on August 31, of the next calendar year.

1.2. Seasons of Play

Recognized Seasons of Play shall be Fall, Spring, and Summer.

1.2.1. Fall Season

In an attempt to offer every player a level of competition for which he/she is qualified, BYSA shall sponsor teams for players under 10 years of age in Division IV (Instructional), and for players between 9 and 19 years of age in Division III (Recreational) and where possible, US Soccer Development Academy, Elite Clubs National League, Pre-Academy, Premier, & State Classic Leagues, Division I, Super II and Division II (Competitive Soccer) and Academy.

The Fall Season for BYSA Division III and IV teams shall begin on the first weekend after Labor Day.

1.2.2. Spring Season

Until BYSA can field enough teams in any Age Group or Division to schedule Spring Play, the Association shall make arrangements for inter-association play for teams wishing to participate in the Spring Season. If intra-Association games are played within BYSA, a separate registration fee may be charged to cover field usage, referees and other expenses.

1.3. Post Season Competition

Post Season Competition shall be defined as any games played after the end of the "Regular Season". Invitational Tournament play is not Post-Season Play. The BYSA Championship Tournament is a part of the Regular Season.

1.4. Levels of Competition

1.4.1. Competitive Soccer

There are multiple tier levels of competitive soccer, including, but not limited to the following:

- US Soccer Development Academy (Boys)
- Elite Clubs National League 'ECNL' (Girls)
- Pre-Academy
- Premier & State Classic Leagues- governed and administered by South Texas Youth Soccer Assoc. (STYSA)
- Division 1 – governed and administered by Eastern District Division One Assoc. (EDDOA)

-Super II - governed by Eastern District, South Texas Youth Soccer Association (STYSA) and US Youth Soccer

-Division II – governed by Houston Youth Soccer Association (HYSA)

(Collectively the term “**Competitive Soccer**” shall include all of the above.)

Although US Soccer Development Academy, Elite Clubs National League, Pre-Academy, Premier, State Classic, Division I, Super II and Division II Competition are administered through associations other than BYSA, BYSA recognizes the reasons and need for Competitive Soccer in those areas served by BYSA. These teams play at the highest level of competition to further develop the very best players from all associations. Those teams and the players participating in Competitive Soccer must understand and be willing to dedicate the time and money for extra practice, training fees and the traveling that is required.

1.4.2 Academy

Some players cannot participate in Competitive Soccer because of age restrictions and they are still developing the necessary skills (collectively these players are referred to as “**Academy Players**”). In order to provide a uniformly accessible opportunity to all players interested in competitive programs supported by the member clubs, BYSA recognizes the need to support the continued development of these Academy Players and BYSA will support Academy team play (collectively referred to as “**Academy Program**”).

1.4.3 Division III

Recreational Teams U – 11 and older.

1.4.4 Division IV

Developmental soccer U-10 and younger.

1.5. Age Divisions

The age of a player shall be determined by his/her age as of midnight, July 31, immediately preceding the seasonal year for which he/she is registering.

Recognized Age Groups shall be per STYSA and shall follow STYSA's Age Matrix published every year.

1.5.1. Subdivision of Age Groups

Any Age Group with more than 10 teams may be subdivided into subdivisions bracketed by strength of team to provide better competition. Even number of teams schedules the best. Recommended sizes of brackets are 6 teams and 10 teams.

1.6. Separate Competition for Girls Teams

To promote Girls Soccer, BYSA will schedule a separate Girls Division whenever there are enough Girls Teams to do so. Each club is encouraged to offer all girl teams in age groups where sufficient numbers are registered to form such teams.

1.7. Team Formation Policies

BYSA would prefer recreational and developmental team formation be designed to create parity of play within club and across the association. Larger clubs should consider neighborhood formation of teams with some consideration of distribution of skilled players among all teams to develop beginning players and to increase player pool. Alternate competitive activities may be pursued through supplemental offerings.

2. Registration of Individuals

This Rule shall take precedence over any other registration or procedural information concerning the intent of the player/coach registration process for BYSA. Registration year is Aug. 1 to July. 31.

2.1. Method of Registration with BYSA

All players, coaches, trainers and any other adult having regular contact with players must be registered with BYSA by their BYSA member club Registrar, by sending Individual Registration information required by STYSA to the BYSA Registrar and by successfully being approved for an Adult Participation Pass. (Formerly known as the "KidSafe Badge").

2.1.1. Players

2.1.1.1. Method of Registration with clubs

All players shall register with their member clubs by completing registration form and paying registration fees. Registration year is Aug. 1 to July 31.

2.1.1.2. Requirements

Each player shall furnish proof of age at the time of initial registration with a member club. Proof of age may not be required again as long as the player is continuously registered.

Proof of age must be verified with an official government birth certificate (copy or original).

Players will usually be placed on the youngest team for which they qualify. The individual clubs will handle exceptions as they form their teams.

Players placed on a team older than the youngest team for which they qualify for must have signed parental consent to play up in an older age group.

2.1.2. Coaches

2.1.2.1. Requirements

Registered coaches must be 18 years of age or older and approved by their respective club. Other persons such as assistant coaches, trainers, or other individuals who have interaction with the players shall also be approved by their respective clubs. Minors can act as assistant coaches or trainers, but an Eligible adult shall always be present at all times during team activities (games, practice, etc). Head Coaches have one year from their first time of registration to obtain an appropriate coaching module or license for the age they are coaching or request a waiver from STYSA. Assistant Coaches are encouraged to get their appropriate coaching module or license for the age they are coaching. Older players are encouraged to help coach younger teams, but they may not be the coach of record (they must be 18 years old to be the coach of record). Their player registration will cover them for insurance purposes. BYSA has the right to reject the registration of any coach within BYSA for the good of the game.

2.2. Date of Registration

The date on which the player or his parent (guardian) signs the Individual Membership Form and pays his/her fees shall be the date of registration. Players are registered for a Seasonal Year; September 1 thru August 31.

2.3. Proof of Registration

Each player (U-9 and older), will be furnished with a USYSA Player Pass (ID Card) at the beginning of the Seasonal Year. This card shall be proof of USYSA/STYSA/BYSA Registration and as such is good for the entire seasonal year.

All players (Under 9 and above) will be expected to have and show a STYSA Player Pass for the current seasonal year, properly laminated and signed by the Association Registrar, the player/coach and including the player's picture at all BYSA sanctioned games. During BYSA games, the referee will be in charge to ensure that all players have proper cards and opposite coaches can ask to see them before the match. Failure to produce Eligible adults and/or player's cards will result in games to be considered as forfeit. Players without "player cards" will not be allowed to play and Coaches without their proper laminated cards will not be allowed to be on the technical area.

Younger age groups will be provided upon request.

3. Rostering of Teams

This Rule shall take precedence over any other rostering information concerning player eligibility and/or team formation for teams participating in competitions leading to Post Season Play. Clubs may not have more than one team with the exact same name.

3.1. Primary Teams

A player rostered to a Primary Team (teams playing in STYSA Fall Championships, USYSNC, President's Cup, or South Texas Cup) is bound to the first team to which he/she is rostered for the entire seasonal year, unless the player requests and obtains a Release.

All Teams must have a registered coach. The BYSA Registrar shall notify any club whose Initial Rosters contain teams without coaches and the club shall have a registered coach for each team as of the first weekend of regularly scheduled play. Teams without a registered coach after the deadline shall be disbanded.

The BYSA scheduler will schedule only Primary Teams.

3.2. Secondary Teams

Tournament Teams are formed by clubs to participate in invitational tournaments. These teams' activities cannot interfere with the player's participation on their primary team. Violation of this rule will result in the awarding of nine (9) discipline points to the individual involved in the infraction. No team penalty points will be awarded.

RECREATIONAL ACADEMY is a club organized program that uses defined curriculum and qualified staff to teach individual skills to Division IV Under-10 and/or Under-9 youth players in a team training format that is in an age appropriate learning environment as per STYSA rules and registered with STYSA. Teams may be formed in this format for play against other teams. These teams and Academy activities cannot interfere with the player's participation on their primary team. Violation of this rule will result in the awarding of nine (9) discipline points to the individual involved in the infraction. No team penalty points will be awarded.

3.3. Spring Leagues and Tournament Teams

Players and coaches may be rostered to Tournament Teams only after being registered as a STYSA member. All Tournament Teams must be rostered through the BYSA Registrar. Activities of Tournament Teams must not interfere with players' or coaches' responsibilities to their Primary Team.

Spring League Teams will be rostered through the BYSA Registrar. In house spring play does not require rostering. This spring play will be played in a street soccer type format.

3.4. Date of Rostering

The date of a player's rostering shall be no earlier than June 1 of the current seasonal year and shall be determined by the earlier of:

1. Assignment of a properly registered player to a team; OR
2. The player's first participation in any competition (excluding tryouts and scrimmages leading to team formation) sanctioned by STYSA or its Member Associations.

3.5. Roster Limitations

3.5.1. Minimum

Per STYSA's guidelines

3.5.2. Maximum

Per STYSA's guidelines

3.5.3. Competitive players returning to Recreational Play

A player having played for a season or more in a Competitive Division who desires to re-enter Recreational play must submit to whatever form of team rostering that the club involved shall consider appropriate.

A player rostered to a Competitive Division team may not transfer to a Recreational Team during a playing season without review by Division II Committee.

3.5.4. Returning BYSA Championship Teams

Any team which wins its BYSA Boys/Girls Division III age division championship two consecutive years or advances to the semi-finals in District Play (in any of those two years), or wins the District Championship and has a minimum of 50% +1 players returning will be required to compete at the Division II level the following year or must disband into separate Div III teams. Clubs should consider re-distributing strong players among all age group recreational teams.

3.5.5. Age Divisions

Teams may be formed for all recognized USYSA/STYSA Age Divisions. Teams will play in the age division for which they are initially rostered for the entire seasonal year. It is recommended that players be placed on the youngest team for which they qualify.

3.5.6. Playing Levels

3.5.6.1 New Competitive Rules for teams formed after 5/1/15

3.5.6.1.a Competitive Soccer

1. There are multiple tier levels of competitive soccer, including, but not limited to the following:

US Soccer Development Academy (Boys) and Elite Clubs National League 'ECNL' (Girls)

Pre-Academy, Premier & State Classic Leagues- governed and administered by South Texas Youth Soccer Assoc. (STYSA)

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3.5.6.1.b Academy

Some players cannot participate in Competitive Soccer because of age restrictions and they are still developing the necessary skills (collectively these players are referred to as “**Academy Players**”). In order to provide a uniformly accessible opportunity to all players interested in competitive programs supported by the member clubs, BYSA recognizes the need to support the continued development of these Academy Players and BYSA will support Academy team play (collectively referred to herein as “**Academy Program**”) as follows:

- a. **Academy Teams** – Academy Teams are defined as teams formed in the U9 and U10 Age Groups for the purpose of playing in the Player Development Program or other similar league in the greater Houston Area. Academy Teams will be formed by selecting players that have applied to participate on an Academy Team and have been selected from the pool of candidates by the Competitive Selection Committee (defined below) following the evaluation process that will occur during the BYSA Competitive Tryout Process in May/June of each year.
- b. **Competitive Teams** – BYSA acknowledges that the Competitive Teams which were formed under the previous selection process should be entitled to continue under the same selection process. Therefore, the Team Selection Process outlined below, developed and adopted during the 2015 BYSA Tryout period, will only apply to Academy Teams and U11 Competitive Teams for 2015, as they were not formed prior to May of 2015. All new Competitive Teams, formed from May 2015 forward, will follow the Team Selection Process adopted in May 2015.

3.5.6.1.c BYSA Competitive and Academy Administration

1. Competitive Selection Committee:

- i. Competitive play and Academy play will be partially administered through a Competitive Selection Committee (“CSC”). The CSC will be formed by April 30th of each year. The BYSA Vice President of Competitive Play shall have the responsibility for taking the necessary action to form the CSC and establishing the procedures for establishing the CSC. The CSC will be tasked with assessing player ability, assigning players to teams, assessing coaching ability and assigning coaches to teams.
- ii. Notwithstanding any other procedures the BYSA Vice President of Competitive Play establishes as procedures for forming the CSC, the following procedures shall be followed for establishing the CSC:
 - 1) The CSC shall be comprised of the BYSA Vice President of Competitive Play, the Competitive Director of Coaching, and one qualified member of each Club if the Club is willing and able to submit the name of a willing, able and qualified individual to be considered to serve as a Committee member (“**Club Appointed Member**”).
 - 2) Each member submitted for consideration to be a Club Appointed Member (“**Proposed Club Member**”) shall be subject to a selection process, as more fully set out below (“**Selection Process**”). In the event a Club is unwilling and/or unable to timely (1) submit a name for consideration and/or (2) submit the required information about the Proposed Club Member, the BYSA Vice President of Competitive Play, and the Competitive Director of Coaching and the balance of the selected Club Appointed Members shall comprise the CSC.
 - 3) Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, a Club must be in Good Standing with BYSA to be eligible to submit a members name for the Selection Process.
 - 4) In selecting a Club Appointed Member the Membership Selection Committee, as defined below, shall consider the following factors (“**Required Factors**”):
 - a) Experience and skills in assessing player quality;
 - b) Coaching experience (minimum E license);
 - c) Working knowledge and understanding of the USSF 4 Components of Long Term Athletic Developments;
 - d) Ability to recognize and address conflicting relationships in the decision making process related to players and coaches;

- e) Absence of conflicts. It shall not be a conflict to participate as a Committee Member (1) because the Committee Member has one or more children participating in Extra Competitive Soccer, and/or the Division II Soccer and/or Academy Soccer, or (2) because person related to the Committee Member by consanguinity or affinity has requested an assignment as a Coach. However, (1) any Committee Member shall be prohibited in voting on assignment of players to teams in the age and gender groups within which said Committee Member's children (related by consanguinity or affinity) are to be assigned ("**Parent Conflict**"), and (2) any Committee Member shall be prohibited in voting on assignments of Coaches to a team which Coach is related to the Committee Member by consanguinity or affinity ("**Family Conflict**").
 - f) Availability to effectively participate in the evaluation process.
- 5) Each Club submitting a member to participate as a Club Appointed Member ("**Proposed Club Appointed Member**") shall assess and provide a written report ("**Committee Member Assessment Report**") to the BYSA Vice President of Competitive Play. The Committee Member Assessment Report shall clearly and unambiguously address the Required Factors of the Proposed Club Appointed Member. Failure to (1) timely submit the Committee Member Assessment Report, and/or (2) clearly and unambiguously address the Required Factors shall preclude the Club from having its Proposed Club Appointed Member considered for selection as a member of the CSC.
 - 6) The determination of sufficiency of qualifications of a Proposed Club Appointed Member, shall be determined by the a majority vote of the BYSA Board of Directors at the April Meeting.
 - 7) In the event the BYSA Board determines that the initially Proposed Club Appointed Member is not qualified to serve as a member of the CSC, the BYSA Vice President of Competitive Play shall cause the Club to be notified and provide the Club with a reasonable opportunity to present the name of one additional Proposed Club Appointed Member, together with required Committee Member Assessment Report.
 - 8) The selections of the BYSA Board of Directors as to a Proposed Club Appointed Member is final and not appealable.
 - 9) A selected Club Appointed Member of the CSC shall serve until March 1st of the year following the his/her selection.
 - 10) The BYSA Vice President of Competitive Play and the Director of Coaching of Competitive Play shall be permanent members and serve at the discretion of the BYSA board.
- iii. All meetings of the CSC shall be presided over by the BYSA Vice President of Competitive Play ("**Chairperson**"). In the absence of the BYSA Vice President of Competitive Play from a meeting the Director of Coaching of Competitive Play shall preside over the meetings ("**Acting Chairperson**"). The Chairperson or the Acting Chairperson, in the absence of the Chairperson, shall determine the order of business and the procedures to be followed at the meeting.
 - iv. The presence, in person, of the (i) BYSA Vice President of Competitive Play and/or (ii) Competitive Director of Coaching, and (iii) fifty percent of the appointed Committee Members shall constitute a quorum at all meetings of the Committee Members for the transaction of business. If a Committee Member is not entitled to vote because of Conflict on a specific matter, then such Member's vote shall not be considered for

purposes of determining whether a quorum is present or whether approval by vote of the Committee Members has been obtained, with respect to such specific matter.

- v. Each Committee Member present at the Committee Meeting shall have one vote, except when prohibited by Conflict. A majority of the voting Committee Members at the meeting and permitted to vote shall be required to approve any action.
- vi. Administrative and procedural issues dealing with Competitive Soccer program, other than (1) assessments and selections of players and (2) assessments and selections of Coaches shall be determined by a majority of the Membership Selection Committee.

3 Team Selection Process – The sessions for evaluation of players (“**Tryouts**”) shall be planned and organized by the BYSA Vice President of Competitive Play and the Competitive Director of Coaching Player. Player evaluations shall be made by the CSC based on the USSF four components – Technical, Physical, Tactical, and Psychosocial. After Tryouts have concluded, the CSC will make a good faith effort to form a hierarchy of teams from the pool of qualified players within each age group and gender, based upon the most qualified players considering the USSF four components. The CSC will cause each player’s designated legal guardian to be notified within 72 hours of forming the preliminary roster for a team with the most qualified players of each age and gender (“**First Team**”) to confirm the player’s team assignment (“**Roster Assignment**”). If the player’s legal guardian requests time to consider the Roster Assignment, a reasonable time period will be allowed, not to exceed 72 hours, to accept the Roster Assignment (“**Acceptance Period**”). If player’s legal guardian fails to accept the Roster Assignment within the Acceptance Period, then that position may be assigned by the CSC to the next most qualified willing and available player as determined by the CSC. Once the team roster is reasonably confirmed for the First Team, then the process continues for additional teams pursuant to the same procedures. The CSC will keep the BYSA Vice President of Competitive Play informed of progress through this assignment process and must confirm when all players have accepted (or declined) their Roster Assignment.

4 Coach/Team Manager Selection Process – All individuals who are interested in coaching an Extra Competitive, Competitive or Academy Team eligible to participate in BYSA Division II as an EDS2, Division II and/or Academy (“**Competitive Teams**”) team are encouraged to complete and forward a coaching application (“**Competitive Coaching Application**”). Competitive Coaching Applications will be reviewed by the CSC with the good faith intention of assigning coaches to Competitive Teams based upon qualifications. Coaches must have a minimum of a USSF E License, previous competitive experience and prior coaching experience. The CSC will give preference to coaches who have completed higher levels of licensing and coaching education and/or who higher levels of playing experience. The selected coach will be notified and offered the opportunity to coach the assigned team (“**Proposed Assignment**”). If the selected coach is unwilling and/or unable to accept the Proposed Assignment, the next most qualified coach will be offered the opportunity. Once a coach accepts the Proposed Assignment, the coach has the sole responsibility to contact each player/legal guardian of a player on the roster to begin sharing information about practice schedules and the upcoming season. IT SHALL NOT BE A CONFLICT FOR A LEGAL GUARDIAN OR PARENT TO BE ASSIGNED TO COACH A TEAM WHICH HAS HIS/HER CHILD ROSTERED AS A PLAYER. IN FACT, A FAMILY RELATIONSHIP OF A COACH SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION TO BE ASSIGNED TO A COMPETITIVE TEAM SHALL BE A DECIDING FACTOR IN THE EVENT ALL OTHER QUALIFICAITONS OF COACHES COMPETING FOR THE TEAM ASSIGNMENT ARE EQUAL.

3.5.6.2. Division 1

Although Division I Competition is administered through Eastern District Division One Association, BYSA recognizes the reasons and need for Division I teams. These teams play at the highest level of competition to further develop the very best players from all Associations. Since BYSA has no designated Division I fields, these players must understand and be willing to dedicate the time and money for extra practice, professional trainers, and the traveling that is required.

Since EDDOA has developed a selection process for Division I teams, any team which announces itself as a Division I team, but is formed in accordance with the BYSA Division II rules (3.5.6.3), which participates in Division I qualification and does not succeed, will be allowed to return to BYSA as an EDS2 team.

3.5.6.3. Division EDS2

Since EDS2 has developed a selection process for EDS2 teams, any team that announces itself as an EDS2 team, but is formed in accordance with the BYSA Division II rules (3.5.6.3), which participates in EDS2 qualification and does not succeed, will be allowed to return to BYSA as a Division II team.

3.5.6.4. Division II – Competitive

BYSA recognizes the need and desires to provide some players with a more competitive environment. In order to provide a uniformly accessible opportunity to all players interested in competitive programs supported by the member clubs, BYSA will support Division II play as follows:

3.5.6.3.1. Administration:

1. Division II Committee:

Division II play will be administered through the Division II Committee. The authority of the committee will extend to, but not be limited to, such activities as scheduling play within or outside of BYSA, coach selection, number of teams per

age division, sponsoring tryouts, team formation, code of ethics, and grievances.

The Division II Committee will consist of one (1) member from each club planning to sponsor Division II teams. Preferably members of this committee will not be Division II coaches. The current BYSA Competitive Vice-President will be the committee chairperson or appoint one. If the BYSA Competitive Vice-President position is unfilled the BYSA President shall appoint a Division II committee chairperson. The chairperson may not be someone seeking to coach a Division II team. The chairperson may or may not represent his or her club on this committee. (If the chairperson does not represent a club, they are a non-voting chair.) The other members of the Division II Committee will have one vote each.

The Division II Committee will be formed no later than March 15 of each year.

2. Age Group Coordinators

The Division II Committee may appoint Age Group (i.e., U-14, U-16, etc.) Coordinator(s) each year that will be responsible for managing the program within the policies both set forth by this Rule and by the Committee. These Coordinators will be mainly responsible for the activities relating to team formation/player selection.

3. Teams subject to rules

All teams, which play Division II within BYSA, will be subject to the rules of Division II play. Division II teams not conforming to this will not be considered to be playing under the auspices of BYSA and will not be eligible for scheduling of games or for post season play.

3.5.6.3.2. Rules and Procedures:

Recreational Division Pool Protection and Assurance of BYSA Competitive Teams ready for Competitive level play.

1. Age Divisions

No Division II teams will be sponsored below the U-11 age.

2. Number of new teams

The Division II committee will determine the maximum number of new U-11 and older Division II teams based on the previous year's enrollment for each age division, both Recreational and Division II using the charts below.

U11/12

The chart is based on allowing 25% of each age division to play Division II with a minimum of 10 players per team.# of Players in Age Division	Max # of New DIV II Teams
0 – 39	0
70 – 79	1
80 – 119	2
120 – 160	4
160 – 200	5
200 – 240	6
240 – 280	7

This chart is to be used to provide criteria for creating new teams. If no recreational player pool remains to protect, then team placement should be made to division most comparable to team playing level. This to be determined by record, tournament play, or other information available on the team.

U13 and above

The chart is based on allowing 25% of each age division to play Division II with a minimum of 15 players per team.

No. of players in Age Division	Max. No. of New Div II Teams
0 -59	0
60 - 119	1
120 - 179	2
180 - 239	3

This chart is to be used to provide criteria for creating new teams. If no recreational player pool remains to protect, then team placement should be made to division most comparable to team playing level. This to be determined by record, tournament play, or other information available on the team.

Relegation of previous competitive team to lower competitive level or back into the recreational group play can be made when team has achieved fewer than 9 points in seasonal play for the previous year.

3. Coaches

Coaches or trainers applying to BYSA to either coach or train a Division II team in any age group must hold at least a state “E” license or equivalent. Coaches not holding a state “E” license or equivalent must utilize a trainer with a state “E” license or equivalent.

However, it is strongly suggested they go one step further and obtain a state "D" license to better enhance the level of play for Division II. Clubs must provide BYSA a list of coaches in good standing that they have approved and are sponsoring for Division II teams by March 15 of each year for the upcoming fall season. Club approval/sponsorship does not guarantee any coach that he will have a Division II team. The number of teams will be determined by the players in the pool, not by the number of individuals wishing to coach. The BYSA Division II committee will have final approval of any Division II team Head Coach or Assistant Coach. Any Division II team formed will be considered a club team for the club that sponsored the Head Coach. In the event a team's Head Coach cannot fulfill their commitment to the team the sponsoring club will choose a replacement Head Coach for approval by the BYSA Division II committee.

4. Recruiting

It is the expressed intent of BYSA to allow players and parents to determine which team or how many teams a player will try out for without undue pressure from coaches or their representatives. Harassment of players or parents will not be tolerated. Coaches are not to engage in harassing behavior towards parents or players and are expected to discourage harassing behavior by their representatives. The Division II committee shall have the responsibility of reviewing any complaints received by BYSA or its member clubs related to the recruitment of players. Any coach or team representative deemed to be guilty of player / parent harassment is subject to reprimand and potentially suspension.

3.5.6.3.3. Primary Team Formation

A. Tryouts

A.1 BYSA Tryouts

No recruiting will occur at tryouts. If recruiting is observed or reported, the Division II committee will take action that could lead to suspension of the coach and or disbanding of the team.

All tryout application forms shall be kept and controlled by the Division II committee or their designee(s). These forms once turned in are not allowed to be altered at tryouts.

BYSA tryouts will be held for all players of the appropriate age. **Tryouts should be held after May 1, so U-10 players can tryout without violating STYSA's rules** and must be held no later than STYSA's latest deadline. Additional BYSA tryouts can be held later if determined necessary. Should additional tryouts be required, invitations to attend will be forwarded to all sponsored coaches in the age group for which the tryouts are being conducted.

A.2 Notification to Players of Tryouts

All players in the appropriate age divisions will be contacted and invited to BYSA

tryouts. Included in this notification shall be information concerning the time, money and travel requirements of Division II. Also included will be a Tryout Application Form and a list of the approved coaches who have been invited to the tryout to form Division II teams.

A.3 Tryout Coordinators

The tryout coordinators will be the approved Division II coaches/trainers for the age group. If there are more than two coaches that cannot come to a reasonable method for tryouts, BYSA will assign a tryout coordinator for that age group.

A.4 Try-out Format

Tryouts will be based upon criteria determined by the respective Age Group and Tryout Coordinators. Soccer skills, athletic ability, motivation and attitude will be considered. Match play will occur. Coordinators will make every attempt to make their tryouts safe for the individuals participating.

Every opportunity possible will be given to new or unknown players wishing to play at this level.

A.5 Observation of tryouts

All BYSA approved coaches will be invited to observe BYSA tryouts. Any BYSA approved coach or their representative that will be observing tryouts will be required to provide assistance at tryouts as required by the Division II committee.

A.6 Player attendance at Tryouts

All players desiring to play Division II must attend a BYSA sponsored tryout each year unless given an exemption by a BYSA approved coach. All Division II players will be selected from these tryouts. The intent of this provision is to enable all players to be seen and have an equal opportunity for selection.

This rule has no application to Tournament Teams formed for the purpose of competing in commercial / invitational tournaments.

A.7 Registration of Players

- a. The organization and selected BYSA coach(es) names will be placed on the registration forms.
- b. Each player will be sent a Tryout Application Form. (Blank forms will also be available at the tryouts.) Each player must have submitted a completed Tryout Application Form, including a parent/guardian signature, before being allowed to participate in the mandatory tryouts. Any player given an exemption by an approved coach must still turn in a completed Tryout Application Form.
- c. Any player who has not applied prior to the tryout for the Division II play will not be eligible to be selected during the draft (unless written exception approval is obtained from the Division II

Committee prior to the draft).

- d. Players applying for Division II play will be asked to select their BYSA coach(es) names, in order of preference, starting with 1 being the player's first choice, 2 being the player's second choice, and so on, that they would like to play for. Selecting these choices locks the player to that preference order from 9:00 PM on the last day of Division II Tryouts. These choices are locked beginning at 9:00 PM on the last day of Division II Tryouts through the remainder of the draft.
- e. If the player does not want to play with a BYSA coach(es), they should "X" out that choice.

Note: If the player selects only one choice and is not drafted by that choice then the player will be removed from the Div. II draft. Should the player later change his or her mind and still want to play Div. II soccer, they should contact the Div. II committee as soon as possible and not later than June 15. If a team desires to add that player to its roster, it will be done in accordance with the Team Formation rules.

- f. Players must be registered with STYSA/BYSA to participate in Division II Tryouts. Players who are not registered with STYSA/BYSA at the time of Division II Tryouts may complete a registration form at the tryouts, provide proof of age, provide a parent/guardian signature and pay the current STYSA/BYSA registration fee. This fee will not be refunded for any reason.

A.8 Player Exemptions

Any BYSA approved coach may give any core player an exemption from attending Division II tryouts. Granting this exemption requires the coach to pick up the exempted player on their team for the new seasonal year. All BYSA approved coaches are required to provide the Division II committee with a list of player exemptions prior to May 1st of the current year.

B. Player Draft

B.1 Definitions

BYSA – Brazosport Youth Soccer Association (BYSA). An association under STYSA comprised of local clubs (Angleton Soccer Club, Bay City Youth Soccer Club, West Brazos Soccer Club, , Clute/Richwood Soccer Club, Freeport Soccer Club, Lake Jackson Soccer Club.

BYSA Coach – Coach with any club in BYSA,. Use of a professional trainer will depend on the coach's philosophy.

STYSA – “South Texas Youth Soccer Association.”

Core Player - defined as a player from the coach’s previous fall season primary roster.

Core Team - defined as a minimum number of players according to STYSA rules from the Team’s previous fall season primary roster is required for a core team. Core teams can only consist of players that a coach redrafts from his own previous fall season primary roster.

Draft Coordinator - Individual or individuals designated by the Division II committee whose responsibility it is to supervise the draft process. The draft coordinator for a given age group must not have a vested interest in the results of the draft for the age group they are supervising.

Preferred Match - example: Player A lists on the Tryout Application Form that Coach A is their 1st choice and Coach A has listed on their roster that Player A is one of their 1st choice; this constitutes a Preferred Match.

Preferred Team or 1st Choice Team - refers to a particular BYSA coach that the player has chosen on the application to be their 1st choice to play for.

2nd Choice Team / 3rd Choice Team / so on - refers to a particular BYSA coach that the player has chosen on the application to be their 2nd choice 3 choice / so on, to play for.

B.2 Who can be drafted

Coaches may draft ONLY from the Tryout Application Forms turned in at the Tryouts. Falsification of any of these documents, which includes coaches filling out the documents or changing the documents, will immediately be turned over to the Discipline and Protest Committee with a recommendation of suspension of the coach.

B.3 Division II Team Draft Process

The number of approved Division II teams within a certain age group will be determined by the following rules:

- a. Core teams will be drafted by each respective coach prior to the draft. A core player must have selected that coach as his No. 1 choice to be considered as part of the core team.
- b. BYSA approved coaches attending the draft will be required to have prepared a list of player choices that they want to include on their roster. Alternatively the BYSA approved coach can submit a listing of player

preferences, 1 through 30, of the players who they would roster on their team. Their team roster will be filled from that list.

- c. An initial sort of all players' choices, within a certain age group, will be evaluated to determine whether the BYSA coach(es) have enough players that have chosen them to be one of their choices. If the minimum number of 11 has not been obtained, that team will be dropped from the draft and all players that had chosen that coach/team as their Preferred Team, will use their 2nd Choice Team selection as their 1st Choice Team (Preferred Team) selection.
- d. If it is determined that there are not enough players that have signed up for any particular BYSA approved coach that would allow any one particular team to form (i.e. If there were three choices but none of the choices had the min. number of 11), the BYSA President and the Division II Committee shall determine which one will be selected to draft. Some considerations will be based on the following:
 - Experience and license level as a coach
 - Observed teaching ability
 - Participation in association / club activities
- e. Once the teams have been approved, all players will be sorted according to their Preferred Team and given to the BYSA approved coach(es).
- f. A BYSA approved coach with a combination of 11 or more of Preferred Matches and / or Second Choices and / or Third Choices, will be allowed to form a team.
- g. If a player is not chosen by their Preferred Team, the names of these players will be made available to their 2nd Choice Team. The 2nd Choice Team will now review the players that requested them as the 2nd Choice Team and drafts the number of players that they want from those choices. Once a BYSA approved coach drafts their team and that team roster reaches the number of players that it chooses (maximum of 18 players per team), that team exits the draft and all remaining un-drafted players who have selected that coach will be considered for the players 2nd or 3rd Choice Team. This procedure is repeated until all approved teams have been filled.
- h. After all teams have been filled, all un-drafted players would return to the recreational draft or return back to their recreational league team.

- i. If after the draft, a team has the minimum number of players as defined above, but wants a few additional draft choices to meet their needs, that Coach will be allowed to seek additional players to complete the team, with the approval of the Division II Committee.
- j. Division I teams will be filled before the Division II draft. Competitive teams seeking EDDOA Division I qualification must participate in the Division II draft, the coach must choose only from players specifying on their application that they will play Division I soccer.

B.4 Player Notification

Coaches must supply the draft coordinator the forms of any / all players not drafted. Draft coordinators for the various age groups will check and notify any / all players not drafted to any team by mail within one (1) week after the draft. Once those players have been notified coaches may notify and begin registering their players.

B.5 Team Registration

All Division II teams must submit a final roster to BYSA by the date specified by the Association Registrar. Teams not submitting a final roster will have all team players returned to the Division III pool.

Division II rosters will be frozen on August 15 each year, unless otherwise specified by the Association Registrar

Coaches must register their team with the member club that sponsored that coach. A fine equal to \$100 or the fine imposed by the participating association (whichever is higher) will be paid to BYSA by the team coach if that team is not registered by the date specified by the BYSA registrar or that of the participating association.

B.6 New Players

Newly registering players entering BYSA after the tryouts will be evaluated by the Division II Committee and made eligible to teams according to the Team Formation rules.

3.5.6.4. Division III and IV

The purpose of Division III and IV competition within BYSA is to involve **as many children as possible** and **teach** them the game of soccer by providing approximately evenly matched competition between teams within BYSA whenever possible. BYSA recommends team formation by neighborhood and by parity in player talent to encourage participation by beginning players and friends of current players. Distribution of talented

players and redistribution with each age progression is suggested to encourage most rapid player development in the entire player pool.

Team Formation -- BYSA Inter-Club Leagues

Division III and IV team formation will be according to STYSA Rules. Club team formation rules will be included with the Constitution and By-Laws that are turned in to the BYSA secretary annually and will be public record. **Clubs without rules on file will not be allowed to enter teams in the Inter-Club Leagues.**

3.5.6.5. BYSA Academy Team Program U-9 and U-10

Rule change with STYSA in 2006/7 allow for an academy team program. STYSA can utilize this program to create a mutually supportive recreational and recreational academy program designed to be more inclusive and to moderate the commitments required of U-9 and U-10 players. The expectation is this will allow better growth and retention of area soccer players. Any and all Academy programs must be approved by the BYSA Governing Board and then submitted to and approved by STYSA prior to beginning operation.

1. Organization

The BYSA Vice President of Recreational play will oversee Academy programs within BYSA. An Academy committee will be organized and chaired by the Vice President of Recreational play or the BYSA Director of Coaching as directed by the BYSA President and include representative of each academy program (i.e. age and gender).

2. Academy Coaches

Academies will utilize a team approach on academy coaching. The intent being to develop well trained coaches that manage individual academies as a staff and to utilize "mentor" coaches that work with all the academies and coaches to improve players development and coaching expertise. The Academy committee will approve all coaching staff. Minimum license requirement will be a State E license.

3. Academy Formation

Shall be in accordance with STYSA rules.

4. Competition

The Academy teams must play in accordance with STYSA rules. Participation in a tournament with other academy teams is up to the individual teams within the academy. Each Academy will need to determine the amount of travel that is supported by the players and parents. The exclusion of players based on excessive economics or logistics is not consistent with the academy programs goals.

3.5.6.6. Crazy 8's

Crazy 8's is a sub level of Division III play meant for U-15 and older players to allow them a form of play to fit their needs. Younger players may participate in Crazy 8's with their clubs permission but not at the expense of not forming a traditional Division III team U-14 or below. The rules governing Crazy 8's will be included as Addendum A to the BYSA Rules and Procedures.

3.5.6.7. Street Soccer

Street soccer is a form of training in which players come together and engage in soccer instruction and scrimmages for the purpose of training. No set teams are maintained and no standings are kept for Street Soccer. Anyone holding a street soccer activity is responsible for ensuring these rules are met and followed.

1. Street soccer activities must be sponsored by a BYSA member club or BYSA itself.
2. In order to participate in this program the adults must be registered coaches with an approved Adult Participation Pass.
3. The players must be registered players and have a current and valid USYSA ID card.
4. The member club or BYSA will determine if any fees will be necessary on a case by case basis.

3.5.7. Adds

Players must be added to a team at least two (2) weeks prior to the last regularly-scheduled, regular-season game and must have participated in at least two (2) regularly-scheduled, regular-season games with his/her respective team prior to taking part in any post-season competition.

3.5.8. Previously Rostered Players

All requests to add a previously rostered player shall be submitted to the BYSA Registrar along with a copy of the completed Transfer/Release form. During the fall season, this request must include the reason for the request of a previously rostered player.

The player is not to play a game with the new team until the BYSA Registrar has received said information.

3.5.8.1. Fall, STYSA Championship Season

During the FALL, STYSA Championship Season, previously rostered players may be added to another team only when there is a case of extreme hardship. Hardship refers to hardship on a player - not a team. A team, which has lost players for whatever reasons, does not qualify under this hardship exception. (An example of a hardship would be a player moving to another location.)

Previously rostered players requesting that they be added to another team must play with the new team in at least 4 regularly scheduled games prior to taking part in any post-season competition. It is specifically intended that this Rule prohibit the addition of players for the purpose of strengthening a team for post-season tournament play. The intent of this Rule is that the same team, which played during the regular season, will participate in any STYSA sponsored post-season tournaments.

3.5.9. Releases

A player may request a Release at any time.

A player may be released from a team **involuntarily** only if the player is unable to play for one of the following reasons:

1. The player has violated rules of USSF or the Association or the National State Association Member through whom the player is registered.
2. The player has moved beyond a reasonable travel distance. Determination of what constitutes reasonable travel distance is subject to definition by the National State Association.
3. The player is injured in such a manner that the player will not be able to participate for the remainder of the season.

The Release portion of the Transfer/Release form must be filled out and sent to the BYSA Registrar. Should the Released player decide to return to his original team (or any other team) during the same seasonal year, he would be considered a previously rostered player.

4. BYSA Fall Championship Play

4.1. Under 6, Under 8, and Under 10

U6, U8 and U10 teams are formed to introduce new players to soccer and to develop player's soccer skills. Regular season standings will be kept only for internal use in bracketing. Therefore, coaches will be encouraged to play/develop their weakest players. If budget allows, end-of-season BYSA tournaments will be subsidized by BYSA for these age divisions if budget allows. U-6, U-8, and U10 "fun" tournaments will give awards for participation only.

No STYSA Eastern District playoffs are currently sanctioned for U-10 and younger teams, BYSA post season are for primary rostered teams (teams on which players played regular season games) only. No guest players are allowed for end of season fun tournaments.

4.2. Under 11 and Older (BYSA Championship format and ED Seeding)

Tournaments including every team in the age-division will be held to determine BYSA champions and STYSA Eastern District Championship seeding. In the event that the BYSA championship cannot be held (i.e. weather) then current regular season standings will be used. (Every attempt will be made by BYSA to hold the championship.) BYSA scorekeeper or tournament director will confirm participating teams 2 weeks prior to the end of regular season. This should encourage coaches to develop every player during the regular season. Format of this tournament should be determined at the Bracketing Meeting for the championship and must be turned in to the BYSA Secretary, and furnished to each coach in the division, in writing, before the first scheduled game of the championship. If no format is received by this date, the following default format will be used.

4.2.1. Default Championship Format for U-11 and older

Tournament format:

2-5 teams -round robin. (Regulation games)

Tournaments with more than one bracket shall consist of mini-games on Saturday with the regulation-length semi-final and final rounds on Sunday. The length of these mini-games shall be as follows:

Under- 11/12	25 minute halves, unless otherwise specified by BYSA or designee
Under- 13~16	30 minute halves,, unless otherwise specified by BYSA, or designee
Under- 17~19	35 minute halves,, unless otherwise specified by BYSA or designee

Tournaments with only one bracket of more than five (5) teams shall consist entirely of mini-games of the length specified above.

6-8 teams:

1st round: (round robin in each bracket - mini games)

Bracket A	Bracket B
#1 seed	#2 seed
#4 seed	#3 seed
#5 seed	#6 seed
#8 seed	#7 seed

- 2nd round: (regulation games)

Winner of Bracket A vs. runner-up of Bracket B and
 Runner-up of Bracket A vs. winner of Bracket B

- Final round: (regulation games)

Winners of 2nd round for 1st and 2nd place

* Losers of 2nd round for 3rd and 4th place

(* this game is only played if needed for seeding the STYSA Eastern District Slots)

9-12 teams

1st round: (round robin in each bracket - mini games)

Bracket A	Bracket B	Bracket C
#1 seed	#2 seed	#3 seed
#6 seed	#5 seed	#4 seed
#7 seed	#8 seed	#9 seed
#12 seed	#11 seed	#10 seed

- 2nd round: (regulation games)

Winner of Bracket B vs. winner of Bracket C

Winner of Bracket A vs. best of the remaining teams

- Final round: (regulation games)

Winners of 2nd round for 1st and 2nd place

* Losers of 2nd round for 3rd and 4th place

(* this game is **only** played if needed for seeding the STYSA Eastern District Slots)

Scoring System for Round-robin play:

Win	6 points
Tie	3 points
Loss	0 points
Goals scored	1 point each (max. 3/game)
Shutout	1 point
Forfeit	9 points

- Tiebreakers:

1. Head to head
2. Most wins
3. Goal differential
4. Fewest goals allowed
5. F.I.F.A. Penalty Kicks

Tie-breaking for championship games:

If a championship game ends in a tie, two overtime halves must be played with teams changing ends of the field between the halves. Length of each overtime half shall be as follows:

U-19 thru U-15	15 minutes
U-14 thru U-10	10 minutes

If the game is still tied after two overtime halves, F.I.F.A. penalty kick rules will be used to determine a winner.

STYSA Eastern District playoff slots in sub-divided Age-divisions will be awarded as available in the final order of standing within BYSA as determined above.

4.2.2. Division Standings (Used for seeding only)

Division standings are the responsibility of the official scorekeeper. League Points to determine division standings will be awarded as follows:

Win	2 points
Tie	1 point
Loss	0 points (zero)

- Tiebreakers:
 1. Head to head
 2. Most wins
 3. Goal differential
 4. Fewest goals allowed
 5. F.I.F.A. Penalty Kicks

In any division/subdivision where the number of teams does not equal the number of games + 1 (or an even multiple thereof), standings shall be determined by only "the number of teams - 1" games. Only the scores of the final game against each team will be used.

i.e. if there are 7 teams playing 10 games -- only (7 teams - 1 = 6) 6 games count, and only the LAST game against any opponent played twice counts.

5. Awards

BYSA shall establish a maximum cost per player for Fall Championship awards each year and the amount required to cover those awards shall be included as a line item in the budget.

5.1. Under 6, Under 8, and Under 10

- Every attempt will be made for Clubs to organize end of the season “Fun Tournaments”.
- Participation awards to all players may be given at Fun Tournaments if Clubs have funds available.
- No championship awards will be given in the Under 10, Under 8 and Under 6 Divisions.

5.2. Under 11 and Older

At the end of each Fall season BYSA will give individual awards to the BYSA Champion and Runner-up in each age division.

6. Rules of Competition

6.1. Cancellation and/or Postponement of Scheduled Games

1. Game changes must be made at least one week prior to scheduled game.
2. Procedure for game changes:
 - a. Coach requesting game change shall contact opposing coach to agree upon a schedule change.
 - b. Coaches will notify the appropriate age group coordinator of requested change.
 - c. Once all is agreed upon, the age group coordinator will contact the scheduler and the change will be made to the schedule.
 - d. The scheduler will notify referee coordinator to find available ref.
3. Once change is made, the scheduler will notify the coaches and age group coordinators of the change.
4. Once the season schedule is posted, there will be a one week review period. (Initial rescheduling requests must be made in this review period). After the review period, there will be a \$5.00 fine/game from the requesting coach.

6.2. Inclement Weather Procedure

Teams shall be at the field on time and ready to play for all scheduled games. If a game is suspended, the coaches shall notify the Scheduling Committee within 48 hours of the regularly scheduled game time. Coaches shall not reschedule a game without adherence to this procedure. The BYSA Executive Board has final authority.

Rain: Unless a field has been closed, only the referee can suspend a game because of foul weather, which could create dangerous playing conditions.

If a game is suspended prior to the start of the second half, the game must be rescheduled and played in its entirety. If the game has reached or gone beyond the start of the second half, the game will stand with the existing score at the time of termination.

Remember -the referee has final authority to suspend/terminate a game due to weather and/or playing field conditions.

6.3. Forfeits

Any of the following constitutes a game forfeiture (score 1-0).

1. Fielding an ineligible player, suspended or over age player.
2. A suspended coach appearing at the game to coach his team.
3. Failure to field a team with the minimum number of players within 15 minutes of the scheduled starting time of a game according to the referee's watch.
4. A coach or other properly STYSA and BYSA registered adult not present with the team during competition or failure to show up within 15 minutes of the scheduled game starting time, regardless if a properly rostered minor assistant coach is present. If a game is to be replayed, the rescheduled game must take place within 14 days of the originally scheduled date.
5. Any team, which receives three ejections during ONE game, shall forfeit said game. Furthermore, at the time of the third ejection, the referee shall terminate the game and note it on the scoring form.
6. A coach or other properly STYSA and BYSA registered adult without a visible Adult Participation Pass around his/her chest.
7. A team without proper laminated player cards.
8. The referee has the authority to abandon a match if he believes that team members and its spectators are abusive and/or if they have not complied with his/her instructions. Referee decision and circumstances shall be noted on the game card.
9. If a score is not entered by the following Wednesday by 5 PM CST after the game by the winning team. The BYSA Scorekeeper shall record a 1-0 score to be awarded to the opposite team.
10. The BYSA Scorekeeper shall record a 1-0 forfeit unless the score for the "winning" team was more favorable at the time the game was terminated, in which case the existing score shall be the final score.

The BYSA Scorekeeper shall notify the BYSA President and Recreational Soccer Vice-President of all forfeitures. The BYSA Executive Board will make a final ruling on all forfeits.

All forfeits must be written on the scoring forms.

6.4. Sideline Procedures

6.4.1. Coaching

6.4.1.1. U8 and younger

A coach/manager or trainer may briefly leave the team technical area as defined in 6.4.3.2 (but not beyond the top of the penalty area) to convey appropriate tactical advice to players from the touchline and must return to the technical area, behind the spectator line, as soon as they have done so. Spectators must remain inside the technical area at all times and coaching by spectators is prohibited.

6.4.1.2. U9 and older

A coach/manager or trainer may briefly leave the team technical area as defined in 6.4.3.2 (but not beyond the halfway line or the top of the penalty area) to convey appropriate tactical advice to players from the touchline and must return to the technical area, behind the spectator line, as soon as they have done so. Coaching from the spectator side of the field is prohibited.

6.4.2. Location of Players, Coaches, and Spectators

6.4.2.1. Under 8 and younger

Coaches/managers, trainers, substitutes and spectators for a team shall occupy the opposite side of the field from the opposing team. Except as provided in 6.4.1.1, all coaches/managers, trainers, substitute players and spectators for a team will remain in their team's technical area on their respective side of the field and shall come no closer to any portion of the playing field unless expressly directed to do so by the referee. All persons approved by the clubs that interact with U-8 and under players shall have a visible (around the chest area) Adult Participation Pass (except for minors) during game days. At practices, an eligible BYSA and STYSA adult shall be present at all times. Under 18 years of age assistant coaches shall have their name on the team's official roster and they have to produce a picture ID (School ID or State ID) when requested by referees or BYSA officials.

6.4.2.2. U9 and Older

Coaches/managers, trainers and substitutes shall be on the opposite side of the field directly across from their spectators. A maximum of four coaches/managers and/or trainers per team, each with a current Adult Participation Pass visible (around the chest area) Adult Participation Pass are allowed in the team's technical area. Under 18 years of age assistant coaches shall have their name on the team's official roster and they have to produce a picture ID (School ID or State ID) when requested by referees or BYSA officials. Except as provided in 6.4.1.2, all coaches/managers, trainers, substitute players will remain in their team's technical area. Team spectators will remain behind the spectator line on

their respective side of the field and shall come no closer to any portion of the playing field unless expressly directed to do so by the referee.

6.4.3. Marking of Spectator Line and Technical Area

The following items will be added to the Field of Play stated in Law I of the FIFA Rules of Play.

6.4.3.1. Spectator Line

A spectator line shall be established on both sides of all BYSA playing fields; the distance from each spectator line to the touch line shall be between four (4) and six (6) feet. The Executive Committee shall decide exceptions to distances.

6.4.3.2. Technical Area

The area marked on the side of the field in which all coaches/managers, trainers, substitute players and spectators for a team will remain during a competition.

U8 and younger - the team technical area is the same as the spectator line

U9 and older - the team technical area begins behind the spectator line and extends from a point even with top of the penalty area (the 18 yard line) to a point 5 yards shorter than the half way line.

6.5. Referee Abuse

No verbal (abuse) or physical (assault), before, during, or after play; or any other form of game interference from a coach, player or parent shall be tolerated by the referee. Discipline for such game interference shall be progressive, depending upon severity of the offense, up to and including expulsion from game underway and additional discipline rendered through the BYSA Disciplinary System.

6.6. Required Referees

All BYSA Teams, U-9 and above, shall provide the name of at least one individual, whose name will appear on that team's roster as their designated referee who is a certified referee, or who agrees to become certified (minimum grade 9) during the current fall season, and who will be required to be available to referee youth games. The intent of this rule is for clubs to encourage at least one parent (not the coach) from each team to become a certified referee. The name of the designated referee must be provided to the BYSA Registrar.

A referee candidate's name may only be turned in by one team.

Referee candidates' personal information must be forwarded to the Referee Administrator by phone, email, or by other means.

Referee names for traveling teams must be submitted to the BYSA Registrar prior to scheduling. Teams without a designated referee will not be eligible for inter-association play.

Referee certification and recertification clinics will be scheduled throughout the calendar year, including August and September, to allow parents from new team's access to training to become referees.

6.7. Game Scoring Forms

6.7.1. Under 6, Under 8, and Under 10

In keeping with the USYSA guidelines, no standings will be kept for Division IV, Under 6, Under 8 and Under 10 teams.

A written game report may be required for various reasons, such as record of injuries, payment of referees, balancing of teams in brackets, etc.

6.7.2. Under 11 and Older – Local competition

A game scoring form will be completed by the referee for all STYSA sanctioned play. These game scoring forms are to be retained through the end of the District or STYSA Tournaments. This card will, at a minimum, contain the following:

1. Association
2. Age group
3. Playing Level Division
4. Game Date, Time, and Location
5. Team Names
6. Final Scores
7. Cautions (yellow cards) or ejections (red cards) issued by team with player/coach's name
8. Any protest noted and a brief description of the basis.

6.7.3. Turning in Scores

The home club will designate a responsible person for getting the game report from the referee and will mail or e-mail the official scoring form, which includes the proper score for each team, the coach's signature and the referee's signature to the BYSA Scorekeeper so that those cards can be received by the BYSA Scorekeeper by the following Friday via conventional mail or e-mail, except for the final game(s) of the season. Specific clubs may have a "drop box" for use by coaches and referees. The name of the designated person will be provided to the BYSA Scorekeeper during the August meeting.

Game scores (except forfeits) will be called-in by the winning coach. On tied games, the home coach will call in the score.

All scores must reach the scorekeeper (by mail or email) by 5:00 PM on the following Friday after the previous the regular game.

The last game card must reach the scorekeeper (by mail or e-mail, fax or phone) by 5:00 PM on the Monday preceding the BYSA Championship Tournament. Teams whose cards are not received by the Scorekeeper every Friday by 5:00 PM after each game during the regular season or if the last game card is received after 5:00 PM on Monday (After the last regular game) may be eliminated from post-season play at the discretion of the BYSA Executive Board. **Decision of the BYSA Executive Board will be final. There is no appeal.**

6.7.4. Traveling Teams

Traveling teams must use whatever scoring forms are used by the association with which they play.

6.8. Rules of Play

Per STYSA

7. Tournament and Travel Policy

7.1. Eastern District and State Championship Tournaments

7.1.1. Location of Eastern District Tournaments

The location of the various Eastern District Tournaments shall be provided to the affiliated clubs Presidents when available for dissemination to their club coaches.

7.1.2. Date of Eastern District Tournaments

Dates for Eastern District and State Championship Tournaments are on the STYSA Perpetual Calendar.

7.1.3. Requirements

The coach(es) of each team attending these tournaments must carry with him and present to the Tournament officials:

1. Official Roster signed by the BYSA Registrar
2. Penalty point report signed by the BYSA Registrar or Scorekeeper

3. Player Pass (ID) Cards for each player and coach. The respective player or coach shall sign their card and a photo will be affixed in the designated location; each card shall be signed by the Association Registrar. All cards shall be laminated so that card contents cannot be tampered with.
4. Registration forms with signed medical releases.
5. Adult Participation Pass (to be worn at all times during team game)
6. Under18 year old assistant coaches shall present a valid picture ID (School ID or State ID)

7.1.4. Expenses for State Tournaments

Any BYSA team participating in a STYSA sponsored State tournament that is over 150 miles away, may request up to \$25.00 per participating player to help offset expenses. All requests for this fund shall be in writing and submitted to the DIRECTORS of BYSA FOR APPROVAL (Eastern District Tournament is not considered a STYSA sponsored State tournament).

7.2. Invitational or Commercial Tournaments

7.2.1. Information

Information concerning Invitational Tournaments may be obtained at BYSA meetings, through the Coaches Newsletter, or from STYSA State Office.

7.2.2. Requirements of Tournament

Most Tournaments require a Roster signed by the Club or Association Registrar and laminated ID Cards. If you need a Secondary Team Roster, contact the BYSA Registrar and have the ID #'s of all players and coaches available.

7.2.3. BYSA Requirements

No player or coach goes to an Invitational Tournament if doing so means missing a Regular Season Game. Violation of this rule shall result in awarding the individual(s) involved nine (9) discipline points. No Team Points will be awarded.

7.2.4. Out-of-State Tournaments

Requires Travel Permit from STYSA Office
See STYSA Tournament and Travel Policy
Allow 30 days for STYSA processing

8. Discipline, Protest, and Grievance Procedures

Per STYSA with the following additions.

8.1. Committee Formation

Any committee needed for any reason under the Discipline, Protest and Grievance Procedures will be formed by the BYSA President. The BYSA President will assign a chairperson and at least two other non-partisan members. The committee members will come from a pool of members provided to BYSA by the member clubs. Each club must provide a list of 5 potential committee members to the BYSA President upon request for the purpose of forming a committee.

9. Fees and Fines

9.1. Registration

9.1.1. Materials and Fines for Non Compliance

- A. **August 15:** Preliminary Fall Registration and Documentation for each Member Club must be in possession of the BYSA Registrar no later than August 15.

FINE FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY: \$0.15 per player per week or any fraction thereof based on the Clubs total registration from the previous seasonal year based on the percentage of players registered on time versus those turned in late. (i.e. A club that **properly** registers 450 of 500 total players on or before the deadline would only be subject to a fine of 10% for the 50 kids turned in after the deadline. The fine would be 10% of the previous seasonal registration.)

- B. **September 15:** Information required on registered coaches and assistant coaches must be in the possession of the BYSA registrar by September 15.

FINE FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY: \$1.50 per coach/assistant coach per week or any fraction thereof based on the Member Clubs total registration of coaches and assistant coaches for the previous seasonal year based on the percentage of coaches/assistant coaches registered on time versus those turned in late. (i.e. A Club that **properly** registers 30 of 50 coaches and assistant coaches on or before the deadline would only be subject to a fine of 40% for the 20 coaches and assistant coaches turned in after the deadline. The fine would be 40% of the previous seasonal year coaches and assistant coaches registration.)

- C. **September 15:** Initial Fall Registration and Documentation for each Member Club must be in the possession of the BYSA Registrar no later than September 15.

FINE FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY: \$0.15 per player per week or any fraction thereof based on the Clubs total registration from the previous seasonal year based on the percentage of players registered on time versus those turned in late. (i.e. A club that **properly** registers 450 of 500 total players on or before the deadline would only be subject to a fine of 10% for the 50 kids turned in after the deadline. The fine would be 10% of the previous seasonal registration.)

- D. October 15:** Final Fall Registration and Documentation for each Member Club must be in the possession of the BYSA Registrar no later than October 15.

FINE FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY: \$0.15 per player per week or any fraction thereof based on the Clubs total registration from the previous seasonal year based on the percentage of players registered on time versus those turned in late. (i.e. A club that **properly** registers 450 of 500 total players on or before the deadline would only be subject to a fine of 10% for the 50 kids turned in after the deadline. The fine would be 10% of the previous seasonal registration.)

- E. March/April:** The BYSA Registrar will conduct a registration workshop in March/April of each year. This is a mandatory meeting that must be attended by the registrar or their representative from each club.

FINE FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY: \$75.00 will be assessed against a club that does not have their registrar or their representative at this mandatory meeting.

- F. April 1:** Final Spring Registration and Documentation for each Association Club must be in the possession of the BYSA Registrar no later than April 1.

FINE FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY: \$150.00 first week or any fraction thereof and \$0.05 per player per week or any fraction thereof thereafter.

9.1.2. Fees

- A. September 15:** BYSA FEES for 100% of the Member Clubs total (Divisions I, II, III, and IV) preliminary Fall registration must be mailed to the BYSA Treasurer no later than September 15. Items mailed must have a postmark no later than September 15. 'Postmark' shall mean the date of the postmark placed by the U.S. Postal service or other delivery company and not the date listed in a private, postal machine postmark. Fees will be based on the registration numbers in the possession of the BYSA Registrar on September 1. Invoices for fees due to BYSA will be distributed to the Association Club Treasurers no later than September 7.

FINES FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY: Five percent (5%) of total fees due per week or fraction thereof past the due date (September 15). A minimum fine of

\$50.00 will be assessed for all past due accounts. Fines collected will be accrued in the 'BYSA Fines Account'.

B. October 15: BYSA FEES for 100% of the Member Clubs total (Division I, II, III, and IV) remaining Initial Fall registration must be mailed to the BYSA Treasurer no later than October 15. Items mailed must have a postmark no later than October 15. 'Postmark' shall mean the date of the postmark placed by the U.S. Postal service or other delivery company and not the date listed in a private, postal machine postmark. Fees will be based on the registration numbers in the possession of the BYSA Registrar on October 1. Invoices for fees due to BYSA will be distributed to the Association Club Treasurers no later than October 7.

FINE FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY: Five percent (5%) of total fees due per week or fraction thereof past the due date (October 15). A minimum fine of \$50.00 will be assessed for all past due accounts. Fines collected will be accrued in the 'BYSA Fines Account'.

C. November 15: BYSA FEES for 100% of the Member Clubs total (Division I, II, III, and IV) remaining Final Fall registration must be mailed to the BYSA Treasurer no later than November 15. Items mailed must have a postmark no later than November 15. 'Postmark' shall mean the date of the postmark placed by the U.S. Postal service or other delivery company and not the date listed in a private, postal machine postmark. Fees will be based on the registration numbers in the possession of the BYSA Registrar on November 1. Invoices will be distributed to the Association Club Treasurers no later than November 7.

FINE FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY: Five percent (5%) of total fees due per week or fraction thereof past the due date (November 15). A minimum fine of \$50.00 will be assessed for all past due accounts. Fines collected will be accrued in the 'BYSA Fines Account'.

D. April 15: BYSA FEES for 100% of the Member Clubs total (Divisions I, II, III, and IV) remaining Final Spring registration must be mailed to the BYSA Treasurer no later than April 15. Items mailed must have a postmark no later than April 15. 'Postmark' shall mean the date of the postmark placed by the U.S. Postal service or other delivery company and not the date listed in a private, postal machine postmark. Fees will be based on the registration numbers in the possession of the BYSA Registrar on November 1. Invoices for fees due to BYSA will be distributed to the Association Club Treasurers no later than April 7.

FINE FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY: Five percent (5%) of total fees due per week or fraction thereof past the due date (April 15). A minimum fine of \$50.00 will be assessed for all past due accounts. Fines collected will be accrued in the 'BYSA Fines Account'.

10. Amendments to these rules

These Rules and Procedures may be regularly amended, altered, or repealed only during the months of January thru April, by a two-thirds majority of the members present at a General Board Meeting provided each club has received written notice of the proposed changes fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting. Further should any substantive change be proposed in the amendment change at this meeting, the matter must be deferred until the next regular meeting of BYSA, if any club representative present so requests, for the purpose of determining the will of their member club.

In an emergency, these Rules may be amended at any time in the following manner:

1. Every club president and/or vice-president must receive a "request for emergency amendment" and the text of the amendment at least 48 hours in advance.
2. A one-half (1/2) vote of the Governing Board (not 1/2 quorum) will be required to CONSIDER an emergency amendment.
3. A two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Governing Board (not 2/3 quorum) will be required for passing the amendment.

Addendums to the Rules and Procedures may be amended at any BYSA Governing Board Meeting.

11. Revision History

The following are a summary of the changes made to the BYSA Rules and Procedures during the past 12 months.

Date	Revised By	Changes
4/27/15	Comp Rules Committee	1.2.1 age modification
4/27/15	Comp Rules Committee	1.2.3 clarification of levels of competition
4/27/15	Comp Rules Committee	3.5.6.3.3.b.3 (c,f,g) clarification in wording for understanding
4/27/15	Comp Rules Committee	3.5.6.1-3 (New Competitive Rules for newly formed teams)