

THOMPSON OKANAGAN YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE

COMPETITION RULES AND REGULATIONS

REVISED 2009

The Thompson Okanagan Youth Soccer League (TOYSL) operates under the constitution of the BC Soccer Association.

The TOYSL encompasses the Thompson Okanagan BCSA Districts of Central (Kelowna), North (Vernon), South (Penticton) Okanagan, Shuswap and Kamloops.

The TOYSL goal is to provide a development program and a select Provincial B level league for youth players in the Thompson Okanagan.

TOYSL District Representatives are responsible to ensure that their District Boards and District Teams are informed of rules, regulations, schedules and meeting information.

SECTION 1 GENERAL

- a. Each District will appoint one representative to vote on issues at meetings and by email.
- b. Each District will be entitled to one vote.
- c. **The District Representatives will be responsible to hire an Administrator. Marina will continue if districts approve.**
- d. The TOYSL Administrator will be responsible to facilitate meetings, take meeting notes and provide districts with financial updates as requested.
- e. Teams requesting admittance into TOYSL shall do so through their respective districts.
- f. Each team registering for the TOYSL will pay a league fee set by the board. Each district shall pay one cheque for team fees by January 15th in a calendar year to the TOYSL administration office. The team applications shall be made by the districts to the TOYSL Administrator.
- g. Any team which withdraws after its application is submitted but prior to TOYSL scheduling will have their league fee returned. Any team which withdraws after TOYSL scheduling will forfeit their league fee. Any team withdrawing from TOYSL after the first scheduled game and before the completion of the scheduled games shall forfeit all fees submitted and be subject to a review before acceptance for next season.
- h. Each District is responsible to distribute a copy of the TOYSL rules and regulations to all coaches in their district.
- i. **Each District must put forth a risk management TOYSL rep for the season. We had this in the rules but did not follow through last year (didn't need to but who knows what this year will bring). Can we add a deadline of March 1, 2009 for the name of the District Risk Management rep?**

All discipline correspondence related to cup and league games should be first directed to the District whose team is in question. The District should then direct the correspondence to the TOYSL administration to be forwarded and then reviewed by the TOYSL District Risk Management reps whose teams are not associated with the protest. For BCSA Provincial Cup Playdown games the discipline correspondence should be sent to the BCSA.

SECTION 2 UNIFORMS

- a. In January, districts will declare the colors of their home and away jersey. In the event of a color clash the home team must change jerseys.

SECTION 3 FIELDS

- a. The home district shall be responsible for the condition of the field of play, the proper field marking, and proper equipment i.e., goal posts.
- b. It shall be the responsibility of each U13 to U18 team to have a net and corner flags available and installed prior to game time.

- c. It is the responsibility of the home team to supply a game ball.
- d. It shall be the responsibility of the host district for the U11 and U12 development games to set fields up. This includes nets on the goalposts and corner flags.

SECTION 4 TEAM RULES

- a. Teams must be declared to the TOYSL Administrator by December 15th.
- b. Teams that declare 'A' by the BCSA deadline of May 1st will continue to play games as scheduled in the TOYSL schedule with the game points to count toward seeding in the TOYSL Cup. The playoff seeding of the team that declares 'A' will be forfeited to the team next in line as determined by points. The teams that declare 'A' on May 1st must continue to abide by the TOYSL Rules and Regulations.

Now that teams are being determined as A Cup level from the tryout phase do we need this rule? Last season teams that did declare A at the May deadline did not all continue to play games as scheduled as per the ruling. Do we rewrite the rule – or do we need a consequence for forfeiting....any suggestions.

- c. Team rosters must be submitted to the TOYSL Administration by the BCSA roster deadline of May 1st.
- d. All players and coaches must be registered with their district as per BCSA rules and regulations.
- e. U13 – U16 teams shall be allowed eighteen (18) players on their roster as per BCSA rules and regulations.
- f. U17 & U18 teams shall be allowed twenty (20) players on their roster as per BCSA rules and regulations.
- g. All player transfers and releases are subject to BCSA rules and regulations.
- h. A carded team official must be on the sideline at all times during the game, or the game will be forfeited. It is recommended each team have at least one carded official at each game to avoid forfeiture should a coach be ejected.
- i. Players can be picked up according to BCSA rules for games that do not determine contenders to Provincial Cup.

SECTION 5 SUPER Y LEAGUE

Suggested rewrite:

- a. **It is the discretion of the district in which the player resides as to whether the player must play in the TOYSL in order to play for a Super Y League team.**
- b. **Players can choose to play in both the Thompson Okanagan Youth Soccer League and the Super Y League**
- c. Any player who plays more than two (2) Super Y League "league" games is ineligible to play for a team in the Thompson Okanagan Youth Soccer League. **REMOVE**
- d. A registered TOYSL player that is picked up to play in a Super Y League "league" game must have a TOYSL player permit signed by his/her TOYSL coach and the Super Y League coach. The signed form must be on file at the TOYSL office prior to the Super Y League game. **REMOVE**
- e. A Thompson Okanagan Youth Soccer league game supercedes a Super Y League exhibition game.
- f. **A Super Y League scheduled league game supercedes a TOYSL league game?**
- g. **A Super Y League practice supercedes a TOYSL practice?**
- h. **A scheduled TOYSL league game supercedes a Super Y League practice.**

SECTION 6 LEAGUE COMPETITION U13 to U18

- a. The league ends after the TOYSL Cup Playoffs being held the third weekend in June.
- b. The standings of teams in their respective divisions who are the same age and gender shall be calculated by points, with three points awarded to the winning team and one point awarded to each team in the event of a tie.
- c. League stats will determine seeding for the TOYSL Playdowns the third weekend in June. Winners of the TOYSL Playdowns will represent TOYSL at the Provincial Cup.
- d. If teams are tied on points in the league seeding will be determined by the following criteria.

If (2) or more teams have an equal number of points the following criteria will be used to determine advancement to semi final games:

1. Previous Match Results.
The winner of the match between the two teams tied in points shall be awarded the higher position.
 2. Aggregate scores of the two teams tied in points in head to head to a differential maximum of five goals.
 3. Goal Difference.
Goal difference shall be calculated by subtracting goals conceded from goals scored. A maximum of 5 goals shall be awarded in each game.
 4. Goals Scored.
 5. One off game at a neutral venue.
- e. TOYSL Playdowns will be hosted by one or more of the Districts and location shall be determined by February 15th.

Is anyone interested /able to host the boys or girls on June 19 & 20, 2010?

- f. All TOYSL games determining Provincial Cup representative are governed by the *BCSA Rules and Polices Governing Regional Play Downs and Provincial Championships*.

SECTION 7 GAME FORMAT

- a. All official Thompson Okanagan Youth Soccer League (TOYSL) games shall be played under the current "Laws of the Game" published by FIFA and subject to specific league and playoff rules originated by BCSA.
- b. The grace period shall be fifteen (15) minutes after the scheduled game time.
- c. A team must start a game with a minimum of seven (7) officially registered players in good standing of that team. The players must be on the field ready to play at the end of the grace period or forfeit the game. **There were many games rescheduled that had 7 players – teams do not want to travel with only 7 to play a game...should we rewrite this...change the minimum?**
- d. Late arrivals shall be allowed to play, provided that the referee is aware of the late arrival prior to the start of the game and the player checks in with the referee before entering the game.
- e. If the game is suspended prior to the second half, the game will be replayed in its entirety. If the game is suspended during the second half, the game will be considered a full game, unless there was a purposeful misconduct or misuse of this regulation.
- f. Districts are responsible for the actions of their teams, players, managers, officials and spectators. They are required to take all precautions to prevent and discourage unruly behavior, threats, and /or assaults on players and officials, before, during and after the conclusion of the game.
- g. Spectators will be on the opposite side of the field to the teams. Coaches shall have the right to request the referee to enforce this rule during the game. Failure to comply with this rule shall, at the referee's discretion, result in game suspension.

SECTION 8 REFEREES

All referees and assistant referees must have a current BCSA referee license.

For all Provincial Cup games it is required that the referee on the field be a minimum of sixteen (16) years of age and at least two (2) years older than the age group that he/she will be officiating.

- a. Assistant referees must be a minimum of thirteen (13) years of age and at least the same age as the group that he/she will be officiating.
- b. No protest based on referee's judgment shall be allowed.
- c. Any TOYSL game refereed or assist refereed by any coach, manager, parent or relative of a player in the same division shall be forfeited by the offending team unless such referee is approved by both teams and noted /initialed on the game sheet prior to the game.

SECTION 9 GAME REPORTS and ID CARDS

- a. The Game Report used for all league games will be the one issued by TOYSL.
- b. It is the responsibility of the home team to provide the official Game Report.

- c. Each team manager/coach must accurately and legibly completely fill out the official Game Report prior to the start of the game.
- d. The names of all players, ID numbers and jersey numbers must be recorded on the game report. The names of all players who are not present or are not eligible to play must be listed and then scratched from the match report.
- e. After the game, the coach or manager shall sign the game report verifying the scores and the accuracy of the game report.
- f. Both teams are responsible for submitting online game report at www.vernonsoccer.ca/report within 24 hours of the match.
- g. The referee is required to put a check mark on the game report for player card and uniform number. Players lined out on the roster must be initialed by the referee, (this includes any player and his uniform number that is on suspension for this game).
- h. All players ID cards are to be presented to the referee prior to the game.
- i. All carded team officials shall present their player's ID cards to the referee prior to the game. If there is no team official with the valid ID cards, the referee shall note that on the match report and the game shall be played and the offending team shall forfeit the points.
- j. All players named on the match report must have a valid player ID number.
- k. All player ID cards are to be returned to their respective coaches after the game, even if an ejection has occurred.
- l. The referee is required to make appropriate notation of all instances of ID irregularity on the match report. The referee's report shall constitute proof of violation.
- m. The referee is required to sign the official game report to verify that the player ID cards of both teams have been checked.
- n. The referee is required in cases of player or coach's ejection to make proper notation on the official TOYSL game report and submit it to TOYSL on the website report.

SECTION 10 SCHEDULING

- a. The TOYSL District Representatives will decide annually which age groups will be combined to constitute a division.
- b. The ages of teams combined in a division are subject to BCSA rules and regulations.
- c. The League will start play on or as close to April 1 as possible.
- d. Schedules will be balanced to get in two rounds prior to playoff tournament by playing Saturday and Sunday league games where and when possible.
- e. League play shall consist of a balanced schedule of games against teams of the same age, gender.
- f. The first draft of the TOYSL Schedule is submitted to districts to fill in the time and place of each game. The districts must return proofed schedules to the TOYSL administrator no later than February 15th. After this date the schedule is fixed and games will only be rescheduled for reason of field conditions or availability, inclement weather conditions or school commitments.
- g. Any team missing a scheduled game for whatever reason shall forfeit the points for that game. If a team fails to show and the other team and referees/fields are in place the team that fails to show will be responsible for all field and referee costs. The game points shall be recorded as 5-0.
- h. Schedules will include a contact list of coaches and managers.

SECTION 11 GAME CANCELLATIONS AND RESCHEDULING

- a. Teams must assume all games shall be played as scheduled unless they are advised by their District League Representative that the fields are unplayable or the venue has changed.
- b. Games will only be rescheduled for inclement weather/field conditions; or where school curricular activities or injuries leaves a team with less than 7 players; or Section 10c.

As every district scheduler will tell you – reschedules are being allowed for teams with 7 or more players. Usually though the team has enough injuries and / or player absences to justify not traveling to play . Maybe we need to change the number of players to 11 but also add a consequence if they have 11 and forfeit?

- c. Teams will be allowed to reschedule games to attend the May Kootenay/Nelson or the June Washington State Coeur d'Alene tournaments only. Both coaches must agree to reschedule the game

midweek and rescheduling is subject to district administrator approval of referee and field availability. A proof of tournament registration must be provided to the TOYSL administration office.

- d. The Home District Scheduler shall reschedule games cancelled due to inclement weather and field closure as soon as possible.
- e. Coaches requesting rescheduling of games due to school activity or injury must do so to their Home District Scheduler 72 hours prior to originally scheduled game time and the rescheduling information must be sent to both districts for approval. The district asking for the reschedule must inform the TOYSL Administrator.
- f. The original home team is responsible for payment of the referee and assistant referees.
- g. District League representatives for both teams must notify the League Administrator and Referee Assignor of the field change.

SECTION 12 GAME FORFEITURES / BONDS

A returnable district bond of \$1,000 dated to June 15 shall be paid to TOYSL by February 15th. Bonds will be cashed by TOYSL and teams shall be subject to forfeiture of games and the score will be recorded as 5-0 if:

- a. League fees are not paid in full.
- b. Team fails to show for a scheduled game.
- c. Team leaves the field in total without the referee's permission and with the intent to not continue the game.
- d. Team fails or refuses to continue the game.
- e. Team is found using loan players during TOYSL competition.

In the event of a game forfeiture, the team determined responsible for the forfeit shall pay the total referee fee.

Teams shall be subject to forfeiture of games and the score will be recorded as 5-0 if:

- a. Team is in violation of red/yellow card regulations.
- b. Team fails to present proper identification of players.
- c. Team is unable to field seven (7) registered players subject to exceptions noted in Section 11.b.
- d. Team commits a misconduct that causes the termination of the game.
- e. Team fails to be on the field of play and ready to play at game time, following any grace period.

SECTION 13 PROTESTS AND APPEALS PROCEDURE

- a. All team protests must be made in writing to their District office and be accompanied by a \$100 protest fee. This fee will be refunded only if the protest is successful.
- b. **The District office will forward the protest to the Administrator and the other member District offices.**
B. The District office will forward the protest to the TOYSL Administrator who will then forward it to Risk Management Committee.
- c. Protest must be received in writing within seventy-two (72) hours following the completion of the game.
- d. The referee's match report shall be the basis for assessing all offenses where predetermined penalties are applicable. Other offenses shall be reviewed and administered by the TOYSL District Representatives whose districts are not tied to the protest.

e. Appeals to BCSA as per BCSA Rule 13.