

MYSA Division I League Rules

Division 1 League: This league is the states first leg of the USYSA National Youth Championship. It is a statewide league providing all MYSA registered teams with the opportunity to play a scheduled home and away game against all other teams in their age/gender group. The purpose to qualify teams to the MYSA Snickers State Cup. The league shall be open to Under 14 through Under 19 Boys and Girls Teams. This league will be under the direction of the MYSA Second Vice President.

Fees and Intent to Play: League fees will be set annually for each age/gender group to cover all applicable referee and administrative expenses. Each team is required to sign a letter of intent to play in the league by September 1st of the playing year All teams will be required to present their league fees before scheduling of league games.

Scheduling: The MYSA Second Vice President shall schedule league games in a format that will ensure fairness in travel and playing dates whenever possible. All league games will be scheduled between October 1st and April 1st of the current playing year. If a team does not complete their league games by April 1st all remaining league games will be scheduled at the discretion of the MYSA Second Vice President. All league games must be completed at least two weeks prior to the MYSA Snickers State Cup. Once league schedules have been presented to all teams by the MYSA Second Vice President they MUST be played as scheduled unless agreed upon by both teams and a request in writing has been presented and approved by the MYSA Second Vice President at least fourteen (14) days prior to the scheduled game.

Withdrawal from League Play: Any team that withdraws from the league or fails to play all league games as scheduled becomes ineligible for the MYSA Snickers State Cup and further participation in the league for the remainder of the playing year, unless they forfeit the game in writing to the MYSA Second Vice President at least fourteen (14) days in advance. If a team withdraws from the league or is deemed ineligible for the Championship Tournament all games played will be void and no points will be awarded to any opponent for league play Any team who fails to show up for a scheduled game must submit a written explanation to the MYSA Second Vice President within 48 hour of the scheduled game time citing the extenuating circumstances beyond their control which prevented them from fulfilling their obligations. The request will be reviewed and considered for rescheduling by the Second Vice President.

Rescheduling for Inclement Weather: Games can only be rescheduled without a fourteen (14) day written notice in the case of inclement weather Unless notified by the MYSA Second Vice President or the assigned representative, each team is required to show up at the field at the scheduled game time. If warranted the referee will judge the playing conditions unsafe and will notify the State Coordinator of Referee Assignors (SCRYA) or DYRA of his decision. Each team will notify the MYSA Second Vice President to arrange rescheduling of the game. In the case of inclement weather prior to a team traveling more than 50 miles team representatives may coordinate with each other on weather conditions and if agreed upon by both teams cancel the scheduled game. Both

teams must contact the MYSA Second Vice President and the SCRA prior to the scheduled game. If the referee crew is not notified of the cancellation prior to arriving at the field they will be compensated for the game by the scheduled teams.

Forfeit Policy: Team not ready to play at the scheduled starting time of the game shall be deemed to have forfeited the match. The match shall be recorded as a forfeit and the team that was present and ready to play, shall be awarded a win. The teams not present or ready to play shall be awarded the loss. The referee shall note the game as a forfeit and forward the report to the MYSA Second Vice President.

Responsibilities of Each Team: Coaches are responsible for controlling the actions of their players and spectators. Both teams will occupy the same sideline and only three (3) team representatives will be allowed on the team sideline all other representatives and spectators must be on the opposite sideline. The first team listed will be the home team and will change jerseys if there is a color conflict. Each team must have a match ball. The referee will decide on match ball. Each team must submit a complete game report to the MYSA Second Vice President within 48 hours.

Playing Format: Points will be awarded as follows: three (3) points win, one (1) point tie, no points for a loss. Age/gender groups with less than three teams will not be required to play in the league, but they must play the other team in their age/gender group at least once before the MYSA Snickers State Cup. If an age/gender group has more than six (6) teams, only the first six teams will advance to the MYSA Snickers State Cup as determined by league play. Age/Gender groups with six (6) teams or less will all advance to the MYSA Snickers State Cup.

Ties at the Conclusion of League Play: If, at the conclusion of league play two or more teams are tied in the points awarded (except for age/gender groups with more than six teams) , the final standings will be decided in the following order:

1. The team with the least number of cautions and ejections in league games.
2. Winner of head to head competition in league play.
3. Highest goal differential-goals for minus goals against Maximum of +3 or -3
(Example 3-0 would be +3 or 7-3 would be +3)
4. Coin Toss

In the case of a tie for sixth place for an age/gender group of more than six (6) teams all teams concerned will play off by a format to be determined by the MYSA Second Vice President. In all other ties for 1st through 5th place for an age/gender group with more than six teams the final standings will be determined by the same order as used by age/gender groups with six teams or less.

Protests: Protests will only be considered on rule interpretations. Both the referee and opposing coach must be notified within one hour of the conclusion of the game and the protest must be submitted in writing to the MYSA Second Vice President within 48 hours with a \$ 100 fee.

Ineligible or Suspended Players: A team will be disqualified for knowingly playing an ineligible or suspended player.

Roster freeze date: Rosters shall be frozen at 12:00 noon 14 days prior to the Snickers State for Division I registered players. Any recreational or previously non-registered player may be added to a Division One roster by 12:00 noon on the Friday prior to the Snickers Cup, and be allowed to participate in the Snickers Cup irrespective of the 14 day rule for Division I players.

For the US Challenge Cup Rules: For those Age/Gender divisions with less than four teams, those teams must compete in a four-team league and complete matches against three different opponents. This can be achieved by playing cross division games with other MYSA Division I teams. These games must be pre-approved with the MYSA Second Vice President before being eligible for Regional Qualification. All applicable Division I League Rules applies.

Stoppage of Play: If the referee determines that the game must be suspended due to weather conditions and the game cannot be restarted within sixty minutes the following will apply:

1. If one half of the match has been completed prior to the stoppage, the results of the match will stand.
2. If less than one half of the match has been completed at the time of the stoppage the match will be replayed in its entirety.
3. A second stoppage of play due to weather conditions will result in termination of the match.

Fouls and Misconduct: A player or coach who is sent off from a game shall not be allowed to participate in the teams next scheduled League game and/or MYSA Snickers State Cup in which that team actually plays. A coach who is sent off shall leave the immediate vicinity of the playing area as determined by the referee and is prohibited from any further contact for the remainder of the game. A player who is sent off shall leave the immediate vicinity of the playing area. Failure to comply will result in termination of the game. A team shall forfeit a game if its misconduct causes a game to be terminated or abandoned and will be subject to review by the MYSA Disciplinary Committee.

USYSA Player Passes: Each player and coach shall have a current season approved USYSA Player Pass. The coach or team manager must surrender all the teams passes to referee prior to the start of the match. No player will be allowed to play who does not have a valid pass.

Referee Assignment: All league game referees will be assigned by the SCRA/DYRA or their representative. Only the Diagonal System of Control (DSC) will be used to officiate league games. Referee assignment is not protestable. As long as one qualified assigned official is present the league game will be considered official. The qualified referee will use the DSC by securing neutral or club linesman. If no assigned official is present the two teams concerned can agree to use an unassigned official and it would be considered an official game if mutually agreed upon. In either case a report should be submitted to the MYSA Second Vice President.

Officials' Expense: The SCRA/DYRA or their representative shall be reimbursed for actual expenses and paid an assigning fee for league games.

Playing Site Requirements: Referee to the MYSA Administrative Manual Section 8.2

Communications: The MYSA Second Vice President shall provide each team with a master schedule and a copy of established league policies and procedures.