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## CONSTITUTION

### 1:01:00 NAME:

1:01:01 This organization shall be known as Silver State Girls Soccer League (SSGSL)

### 1:02:00 PURPOSE:

1:02:01 The purpose of SSGSL shall be to develop, promote, organize, and administer the GAME of soccer among girls under 19 years of age. The SSGSL shall be structured as a non-profit, educational organization.

### 1:03:00 COLORS:

1:03:01 The colors of the SSGSL shall be silver and royal blue.

### 1:04:00 AFFILIATIONS:

1:04:01 The SSGSL shall be affiliated with the United States Youth Soccer of Nevada (USYSNV) and through such shall be affiliated with the US Youth Soccer (USYS) and shall comply with their authority.

### 1:05:00 AUTHORITY:

1:05:01 The SSGSL shall be governed by its Constitution, Bylaws, Policy, Procedures, Rules and Regulations, except when these are superseded by the USYSNV, USYS or USSF.

1:05:02 The governing authority of the SSGSL, whose powers shall be designated in the Bylaws, shall be vested with the Board of Directors.

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1:05:03 The governing board, hereinafter to be known as the "Board of Directors" (BOD), shall be comprised of the Chairman; Vice-Chairman, Fields and Scheduling; Vice-Chairman, Coach & Player Development; Vice-Chairman, Coach and Player Discipline; Secretary/Treasurer; League Commissioner; Even Age Group Commissioners as appointed by the Chairman and ratified by the Board of Directors; and Registrar.

## **1:06:00 MEMBERSHIP:**

1:06:01 Membership in the SSGSL shall consist of Girls Youth Soccer Teams.

## **1:07:00 ANNUAL MEETING:**

1:07:01 The annual meeting of the members shall be held the second Monday in June unless otherwise ordered by the Board of Directors.

1:07:02 The order of business shall be as follows:

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| A. Call to order                  | H. Unfinished Business  |
| B. Introduction of guests         | I. Changes to Bylaws    |
| C. Credentials                    | J. Election of Officers |
| D. Reading of Minutes             | K. New Business         |
| E. Special Presentations          | L. Good of Soccer       |
| F. Reports of Officers            | M. Adjournment          |
| G. Reports of Standing Committees |                         |

## **1:08:00 CHANGES:**

1:08:01 The Constitution and Bylaws of the SSGSL may be altered, or amended, by a two-thirds vote of members present at any meeting of the League, provided that each Coach/Assistant Coach has received thirty (30) days written notice of the proposed changes.

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## BYLAWS

### 2:01:00 AFFILIATION:

2:01:01 Players will be registered with the Silver State Girls Soccer League (SSGSL) Registrar on a USYS form approved by the United States Youth Soccer of Nevada (USYSNV).

### 2:02:00 BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

2:02:01 Functions and responsibilities of the elected/appointed officers shall be generally as follows:

- A. Chairman: The Chairman shall be the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the League and shall preside at all meetings of the members and board members, shall be an ex officio member of all standing committees, shall have general and active management of the business of the League and all authority necessary thereto and shall see that all orders and resolutions of the BOD are carried into effect. The Chairman may execute notes, bonds, mortgages, deeds of trust, and other contracts on behalf of the League, except where required by law to be otherwise signed and executed and except where the signing and execution thereof shall be exclusively delegated by the BOD to some other officer or agent of the League. The Chairman will not be allowed to vote at any meeting except in the case of a tie. The Chairman is the supervisor of all League employees and is the liaison with US Soccer both at the regional and national level. (Revised 6/9/03.

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- B. Vice-Chairman, Fields and Scheduling: Assist the chairman in the administration of League activities as delegated. Shall administer to and be responsible for all match scheduling, acquiring of fields, safety of fields, and the transporting of all goals to their needed destinations. All decisions must have final approval from the Board of Directors. (Revised 6/9/03.
- C. Vice-Chairman, Coach and Player Development: Assist the Chairman in the administration of League activities as delegated. Formulate and implement a coordinated age specific training program for all SSGSL coaches & information distribution (written drills, licensing dates, etc.). Coordinate training for players by scheduling clinics & information distribution (camps, clinics, higher level matches, etc.). Oversee Age Group Commissioners by implementing training and attending all age group and coaches meetings and making sure commissioners are following through in their duties and responsibilities. If not, Vice-Chairman, Coach and Player Development must step in and take appropriate action to insure duties are completed & information distribution (written guidelines, etc.). All decisions must have final approval from the Board of Directors. (Revised 6/9/03)
- D. Vice-Chairman, Coach and Player Discipline: Assist the Chairman in the administration of League activities as delegated. Administer discipline of all registered League team officials, players and anyone else associated with the League; record point totals for teams, coaches and players, and prepare and oversee SSGSL disciplinary hearings. All decisions must have final approval from the Board of Directors. Revised 6/9/03)  
The Vice-Chairman with the most seniority shall succeed to the Powers of the Chairman in the Chairman's absence.

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- E. Secretary/Treasurer: Record all minutes of all meetings and attend to SSGSL correspondence as needed. Oversee the collection of and deposit of dues, fees, etc. as needed. Administrate the monthly and yearly financial reports. All funds shall be disbursed in the manner approved by the Board of Directors.
- F. League Commissioner: Shall act as the representative for the League at all USYSNV meetings and functions as outlined in the USYSNV Bylaws 2:05:00.
- G. Even Age Group Commissioners: Appointed by the Chairman and ratified by the BOD at the July BOD meeting. Shall oversee all paperwork for specified age groups. Duties include, but are not limited to: Attend or have a representative at all league registrations, attend all BOD meetings and league meetings. Put teams together and help find coaches as needed. Be a liaison between the league office and coaches. Keep track of player membership forms, birth certificates, pictures, and cards. There will be an assistant appointed by the Chairman and ratified by the BOD to help handle the same duties for the Odd Age Groups. (Revised 6/9/03)
- H. Registrar: Responsible for assigning team number and player numbers to all those registered in the League. Processing all player cards with player name, birth date, age, team name and player number. Sign all transfers, releases, etc. Follow guidelines for registrars as set by the US Youth Soccer Registrar Manual.
- I. All BOD members and appointed commissioners/committee chairpersons are expected to know their job description and handle the responsibilities of their position to completion. They are also expected to attend all BOD meetings, all League meetings that pertain to their position, all League functions and all State meetings and functions that pertain to their position. (Added 6/9/03)

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J. An individual shall be permitted to hold only one of the above described offices or positions. Each member of the BOD is a voting member.

2:02:02 The officers that are elected by the SSGSL membership during the annual general meeting shall hold office for two (2) years. The Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Coach and Player Development, Vice-Chairman, Coach and Player Discipline, and League Commissioner shall be elected in even-numbered years, and the Vice-Chairman, Fields and Scheduling, and Secretary/Treasurer shall be elected in odd-numbered years. The officers that are appointed by the League Chairman shall be appointed for (1) year at the July Board of Directors meeting. Should any officer resign or otherwise vacate their office; it will be filled for the remainder of the term by appointment by the Chairman with the ratification of the Board of Directors. (Revised 6/9/03)

2:02:03 The Board of Directors shall have general supervision of the affairs of the SSGSL between its Annual meeting, fix the hour of and place of the meetings, make recommendations to the SSGSL and shall perform such other duties as are specified in these Bylaws. Shall, from time to time, with due cause, make temporary rules and regulations for specific cases or occasions not provided for in the Constitution, Bylaws, general procedures and specific rules, but which are deemed necessary, by the BOD, to carry out the objectives of this association. The Board of Directors shall hire an outside licensed/bonded bookkeeping service to do a monthly and year-to-date financial report to be submitted at the league meetings. Also to complete the federal and state tax reports. All League fund raising activities conducted in the name of the League must be approved by the Board of Directors. (Revised 6/9/03)

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2:02:04 It shall have the power to enforce the rules governing the SSGSL name, competitions and tournaments within its own structure. The Board of Directors shall approve all transactions, all business of the League, and shall have the power to enforce the Laws of the Game, the rules of the USYSNV, and the Constitution and Bylaws of the SSGSL. It shall have the power to settle all League disputes. The Board of Directors and such other persons deemed necessary by the BOD shall be bonded by a reputable bonding agency and shall be bonded in the amount as deemed necessary by the SSGSL Board of Directors.

2:02:05 The BOD shall determine the following matters involving the SSGSL office (Added 6/9/03):

- A. Interview, hire and terminate the office manager and decide on the pay rate, pay raises, schedule work days and other benefits.
- B. Office hours and days the office will be open for business.
- C. What work the office manager will be expected to do and will help out with.
- D. If the office manager is expected to work on projects outside the normal business hours, what compensation will they receive.
- E. Approve all major expenditures over \$250.00 relating to the office.

2:02:06 No member of the Board of Directors shall hold office in any other youth soccer association/League in Nevada, with the exception of the League Commissioner on the State Board.

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2:02:07 Removal- In the event of misconduct, failure to perform duties, or three (3) consecutive unexcused absences from a Board and/or meeting/function, a member of the Board of Directors, after due process, may be removed by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. Due process is defined as (revised 6/9/03):

- A. Notice shall be sent by the BOD secretary requesting an explanation concerning the infraction.
- B. Reply must be received within 14 days (excluding Sundays and Holidays) to the League office explaining the duties or misconduct in question.
- C. No reply within 14 days will be considered an automatic resignation.

2:02:08 Removal - The SSGSL Chairman also has the authority to remove the Age group commissioners for cause with BOD ratification. Cause consists of, but is not limited to (Added 6/9/03):

1. Failure to perform the duties of their job.
2. Three missed meetings in a row or five total.
3. If they are put on probation or suspension or for misconduct.

## **2:03:00 STANDING COMMITTEES:**

2:03:01 The SSGSL Chairman will appoint the chairperson for the following

1. Standing committees and the BOD will ratify the appointments.
- A. Publicity - Notify all Media sources on any events pertaining to the League including, but not limited to, Registration, Tournaments, etc.

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B. Volunteer Coordinator - Maintaining a current group of Individuals to perform various tasks including, but not limited to, Fields, Registration, telephone, etc. Shall personally oversee and coordinate these volunteers at the events as needed.

2:03:02 The Chairman also has the authority to remove the chairperson for cause with BOD ratification. Cause consists of, but is not limited to (added 6/9/03):

1. Failure to perform the duties of the committee chair.
2. Three missed meetings in a row or five total.
3. If they are put on probation or suspension or for misconduct.

## **2:04:00 MEMBERSHIP:**

2:04:01 Application for membership shall be made to the Board of Directors of SSGSL and shall consist of:

- A. Submission of completed player registration/team official forms and documentation.
- B. Submission of the required team/player fee. The Board of Directors shall have the right to approve, disapprove, or challenge any team member, or other representative requesting entrance into the League.

2:04:02 Each team, upon being registered as a member of SSGSL, shall be given a copy of the Constitution and Bylaws and acknowledge receipt thereof. This shall be deemed sufficient notice of their responsibilities.

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2:04:03 Any new club wishing affiliation with SSGSL must submit a complete club application form and ten copies of their Constitution, Bylaws, Policies & Procedures. It is the responsibility of the club to ensure that their Constitution, Bylaws, Policies & Procedures do not conflict with SSGSL, USYSNV, USYS, USSF or FIFA. The SSGSL BOD has the right to approve, disapprove, challenge or recommend changes to any Club's affiliation with the SSGSL. Any changes to an affiliated Club's Constitution, Bylaws, Policies & Procedures must be submitted to the SSGSL BOD within 30 days of said changes.  
(Revised 6/9/03)

**PLEASE ALLOW 45 DAYS FOR THE SSGSL BOD TO REVIEW YOUR APPLICATION. (REVISED 4/14/09)**

## **2:05:00 MEETINGS:**

2:05:01 SSGSL coaches meetings, with topics listed, shall be held on the second Monday of the following months at 6:30 PM, unless otherwise ordered by the Board of Directors.

- A. February - (Competitive Coaches) State Cup and transfer information.
- B. March - (Recreational Coaches) Mandatory meetings for spring season. Times and dates to be determined by the Commissioners.
- C. April - (Competitive Coaches) Information on try-out dates, ads, fact sheets, etc.
- D. June - (All Coaches) Annual General Meeting, voting, Constitution & Bylaw changes.
- E. August - (All Coaches) Mandatory meetings for fall season. Times and dates to be determined by the Commissioners.
- E. November - (Competitive Coaches) Extended (winter) season information.

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F. The Order of Business of coaches meetings shall be as follows:

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call/Guests
3. Minutes
4. Special Presentations
5. BOD Reports
6. Standing Committees Reports
7. Special Committees
8. Unfinished Business
9. New Business
10. Good Soccer
11. Adjournment

2:05:02 The Board of Directors shall meet whenever the Chairman deems it necessary, or if he/she is instructed to do so by four (4) or more members of the Board of Directors. A seventy-two (72) hour notice must be given to all Board members.

**2:06:00 QUORUM:**

2:06:01 At all meetings of the Board of Directors, a majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

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## **2:07:00 SOCCER YEAR:**

2:07:01 The seasonal year of SSGSL shall begin on September 1st, and end on August 31st of the following year. For the purpose of age grouping, the August 1st prior to the current seasonal year will be used.

2:07:02 USYSNV/SSGSL competitive seasonal year shall begin on July 1st and end June 30th of the following year. For the purpose of age grouping, the August 1st prior to the current seasonal year will be used (see SSGSL policy 3:10:04).

## **2:08:00 YOUTH SOCCER:**

2:08:01 No player shall participate in a match without a valid player's pass. Any player not having a valid player's pass shall be considered ineligible. Players without passes shall not be permitted to play unless they present a valid letter from their League Registrar or League Commissioner.

2:08:02 The rules of play shall be the "Laws of the Game" as published by FIFA with those modifications stated herein. All contests sanctioned by SSGSL shall abide by the "Laws of the Game" and the modifications as published by SSGSL. (Refer to USYSNV Constitution).

## **2:09:00 PROTESTS AND APPEALS:**

2:09:01 Only violations of the Constitution, Bylaws, Policies, general procedures and specific rules of this League, misapplication of the "Laws of the Game" or violations of USYSNV Constitution, Bylaws, Policies, general procedures and specific rules shall be proper subjects to be considered.

2:09:02 In the matter of protests and appeals, no player, team official, nor League shall engage the services of any attorney until all avenues of approach of protest and appeal procedures are exhausted through the regular channels of organized soccer. (Refer to USYSNV CONSTITUTION).

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2:09:03 Avenues of Protest and Appeal starting with the decisions of this League shall be:

- A. League Protest \$ 25.00
- B. League Board of Directors Appeal 25.00
- C. State Protest and Appeals 50.00
- D. State Board 75.00
- E. USSF 300.00
- F. See USSF Bylaws and policies for more information and USYSNV Constitution.

2:09:04 All disciplinary actions shall remain in effect during the protest and/or appeal procedure (USYSA Rule 4020.6.j).

## **2:10:00 RESPONSIBILITIES:**

2:10:01 There will be no alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs permitted on or near the vicinity of field of play (players or spectators). For the courtesy of the players, use of any tobacco product should be abstained from during match play.

2:10:02 Falsification of records shall be grounds for disbarment, suspension, forfeiture and any other action deemed necessary by the BOD.

2:10:03 A plea of ignorance of the Constitution, Bylaws, Policies, general procedures and specific rules of SSGSL is not sufficient and violators will expect appropriate action by the BOD.

## **2:11:00 FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES:**

2:11:01 The SSGSL shall not assume, nor be liable for the debts or the financial responsibilities, either implied or incurred, of any of its members, member coaches, managers, teams or clubs.

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2:11:02 No part of the net earnings of this corporation shall inure to, or for the benefit of, or be distributed to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the SSGSL shall be empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the exempt purposes for which it was formed.

## **2:12:00 PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY:**

2:12:01 The rules contained in the Scott, Foresman 'Robert's Rules of Order', newly revised, most recent addition, shall govern the SSGSL in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws and any special rules of order the SSGSL may adopt.

## **2:13:00 Notes:**

2:13:01 Keep your notes for changes to the Constitution and Bylaws for the 2009 AGM.

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## POLICY AND PROCEDURES

(New SSGSL policies will become effective once posted on the League website at [ssgslnv.com](http://ssgslnv.com))

### **3:01:00 AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

3:01:01 The rules contained herein shall govern members of SSGSL in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Constitution and Bylaws of the SSGSL and the USYSNV. All competitions shall be governed by the rules stated herein unless the rules of a specific competition or administrative division determine otherwise.

3:01:02 Each teams head coach shall be responsible for the conduct of its team manager, team officials, team members, parents, etc. and it is the responsibility of each team to insure that its actions on and off the field do not bring disrespect to SSGSL.

3:01:03 **Match control** rests squarely with the referee.

#### **A. Points:**

1. (1) point for each yellow card.
2. (3) points for each red card.
3. (5) points for each red card for fighting or spitting.
4. The SSGSL BOD assesses points according to SSGSL

#### **B. Accountability:**

1. (3) points - coach or player - suspended (1) match.
2. (5) points for fighting - coach or player - suspended minimum of 3 to 5 matches. (revised 11/9/04)
3. (6) points for a coach - Board hearing.

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4. (9) points for a coach - suspended for rest of seasonal year.
5. (9) points for a player - Board hearing.
6. (12) points for a player - suspended for rest of seasonal year.
7. (15) points accumulated by a team - Board hearing for coach.
8. (20) points accumulated by a team - coach suspended (3) matches.
9. (23) points accumulated by a team - team put in bad standing.
10. (26) points accumulated by a team - coach suspended for rest of seasonal year.
11. (29) points accumulated by a team - suspended for the rest of the seasonal year and put in bad standing.
12. (4) yellow/(2) red cards in a SSGSL tournament - coach/player Board hearing
13. Forfeit a match without notifying the League within 24 hours - that teams HEAD coach receives (3) Points and is suspended for that teams next scheduled match. If you show up with fewer than 7 players, the match will be forfeited but no points will be given).(revised 11/9/04)
14. Pull team off the field during the match or refusing to restart when the referee determines match should restart receives (3) points and is suspended for that teams next scheduled match.
15. Verbal abuse towards a referee/linesman - (Refer to USYSNV).

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16. Physical assault towards a referee/linesman - (Refer to USYSNV).
  17. Team plays an ineligible player-forfeit the match and (3) points to the coach in charge and is suspended for that teams next scheduled match.
  18. If a suspended coach shows up within visual or hearing range of any match that is pertinent to their suspension, the SSGSL BOD will determine the new penalty. (SSGSL policy 3:14:02).
- C. All points by the player/team official are accumulated for the team and for the full soccer seasonal year.
  - D. All points that a team official receives are accumulated for that seasonal year regardless of the number of teams they are affiliated with.
  - E. Suspension must be served in the next match that is played by the age group in which red card was issued. Forfeited matches do not count for the suspension, unless forfeit is caused by the opposing team. (Refer to USYSNV Constitution).
  - F. **Control** is accomplished by the sticker that is affixed to the back of each coach/player pass that allows the referee to log the date each yellow card is given. When the (3rd) yellow card is given to that coach/player, the coach/player pass is kept by the referee and turned in to the League office. (The coach/player pass is also kept by the referee if (1) red card or (2) yellow cards are given to that coach/player in the same match [with No annotation on the sticker] and turned in to the League office). The coach/player will then have to come into the League office to pick up their coach/player pass, with a new sticker on the back, after the mandatory (1) match suspension.

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3:01:04 A ledger will be kept in the League office that will list each team, coach and player so that when a given number of points has been accumulated, the proper discipline can be served. **THE WORD COACH STANDS FOR ANY CARDED TEAM OFFICIAL.**

## **3:02:00 INJURY/INSURANCE:**

3:02:01 An injury report must be filled out by the coach on ANY injury during a scheduled practice, event, or match and turned into the office. Insurance forms may be picked up at the office if needed to file a claim. There is a \$250.00 deductible and it is secondary insurance.

## **3:03:00 REGISTRATION:**

3:03:01 The player registration fee shall be set by the SSGSL. Player/Coach identification cards or team card shall be issued upon presentation of proof of age, the SSGSL/USYS registration form, birth certificate, one photograph of the player, and the league registration fee. NO child shall play up more than **one** scheduled age division without prior approval of the SSGSL BOD.

3:03:02 USYSNV does not allow players to register simultaneously on more than one youth team with exception of the ODP teams.

3:03:03 Bad checks: The child will be placed in bad standing after fourteen days. The check must be cleared and service charges paid within that fourteen days.

## **3:04:00 COMPETITIVE TRYOUTS:**

3:04:01 Competitive team tryouts can only be held for teams that are Under 11 and above. The competitive seasonal year for SSGSL is July 1st through June 30th of the following year.

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- 3:04:02 Fact sheets must be provided by each team/club. Fact sheets must be provided to each potential player at first contact. Included in the fact sheet, but not limited to, shall be information about the team/club, proposed tournaments and expenses, training, training staff, fees, etc. Each competitive team/club shall submit a copy of their fact sheet to the SSGSL prior to placing an ad or posting a flyer with the SSGSL.
- 3:04:03 **June 3rd** is when tryout flyers may be posted at the SSGSL fields. Tryouts for the competitive seasonal year are held 2 WEEKS PRIOR AND 2 WEEKS AFTER REGIONALS. **NO try outs to be held during Regionals** as modified by the SSGSL BOD. No signing until the 1st day of tryouts. You may not approach a player until the first day of tryouts. (Revised 1/9/06)
- 3:04:04 Competitive players are encouraged to attend all tryouts.
- 3:04:05 After tryouts are completed and teams have been selected, any remaining or new-to-town competitive players may request from the SSGSL office a list of all competitive teams in their age group along with coaches names and numbers. It is the responsibility of the players to contact any or all teams on the list to set up a meeting with a coach or team.
- 3:05:00 COMPETITIVE REGISTRATION:**
- 3:05:01 Each player or her parent/guardian (if player is under 18 years of age) is required to sign the disclosure on the SSGSL/USYS registration form. **Once this form is signed, it indicates to the coach and team the intention of the player to play for that team from the date of signing until June 30th of the following year. At this point, the player is considered registered and cannot be approached for recruiting purposes without the verbal permission from that player's current head coach.**

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## 3:06:00 COMPETITIVE PLAYER TAMPERING, RECRUITING OR INDUCEMENT:

3:06:01 No officer, official, coach, player, booster, parent or representative of any such person, club or team shall, within the current season, without the verbal permission from the player's current head coach, do the following:

- A. Interfere or attempt to interfere with the status of any 13 USYSNV player presently registered with another team.
- B. Discuss future registration (beyond the current season) with a USYSNV player presently registered.
- C. Practice any soccer related activity with a registered USYSNV player of another team or club for the purposes of recruiting or evaluation.
- D. Offer any player, USYSNV registered or not, any inducement, including but not limited to, free or discounted travel costs, cash bonuses, high school or college scholarships, equipment, etc. in an attempt to recruit a player to play on any team.
- E. Failure to comply with this section may result in that team being put in bad standing for the remainder of the seasonal year. (SSGSL 3:14:07)**

## 3:07:00 COMPETITIVE PLAYER TRANSFER/RELEASE:

3:07:01 The player has the right to rescind, by written notice to the SSGSL office, membership to a team within 5 calendar days (excluding Sunday and holidays) of signing the SSGSL/USYS registration form with said team. If the player exercises this option, the SSGSL will supply the player a list of all competitive teams in her age group. It is the responsibility of the player to contact any or all teams on the list to set up a meeting with a coach or team.

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- 3:07:02 A written request for the purpose of being transferred to another competitive soccer team must be filed with the SSGSL office. The transfer request must be accompanied by the transfer fee of \$20.00. If the transfer is uncontested, it will go through the normal USYSNV transfer process. If a transfer is contested, it will be turned over to the USYSNV BOD. The player/parent making the request may be required to attend a hearing to consider their request for transfer.
- 3:07:03 A player may leave a competitive team and enter a recreational player pool at any time during the soccer year. A player/member of a club may transfer to another team within that club at any time during the soccer year unless club policies specify otherwise. (This does not exempt the (5) transfer rule for the Snickers State Open Cup). (Revised 2/16/06)
- 3:07:04 A player who has dropped from a team (inactive) and who wishes to be a guest player for a team in a tournament, **MUST** transfer to the SSGSL player pool and pay the \$20.00 transfer fee before playing.
- 3:08:00 COMPETITIVE GUEST PLAYER:**
- 3:08:01 Any official, officer, coach, player, booster, parent or representative of any team/club who wishes to invite a USYSNV registered player to be a guest player on their team for a local or out-of-town tournament, **MUST** contact the player's HEAD coach and receive verbal permission from the HEAD coach before contacting or inviting the registered player. If the player agrees, proper paperwork must be submitted to the SSGSL office.
- 3:08:02 **Failure to comply with this section will result in penalties set forth by SSGSL and/or USYSNV.**

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## 3:09:00 TEAM OFFICIAL:

- 3:09:01 Each team official shall be required to submit to the League Registrar the proper forms and two (2) current photographs. All fees and/or fines, if any, that may have been levied by SSGSL/USYSNV are due before registration is in effect. Upon completion of registration, the authorized individual of each member team in good standing, upon presentation of credentials signed by the Registrar, shall be entitled to one vote per team.
- 3:09:02 All team officials shall be required to sign a release, for permission for a background check by the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police department. Results shall be reviewed and appropriate action taken by SSGSL Officers or individuals delegated such responsibilities.
- 3:09:03 All carded team officials on a team shall be required to wear the authorized SSGSL membership card around their neck during all USYSNV sanctioned matches.
- 3:09:04 Eligibility to coach:
- A. Every head coach must have completed prior to the start of the next seasonal year an age appropriate coaching module/license.
    - 1. U05-U08 Minimum Modular 1
    - 2. U09-U10 Minimum Modular 2
    - 3. U11 and above Minimum USYSNV E
    - 4. U11 and above - competitive Minimum USYSNV D (to travel/enter State Cup)
  - B. Any coach with an alternative license may apply to the USYSNV State Coach or the USYSNV BOD, with a League recommendation, to determine if that license is sufficient. (Refer to USYSNV 4:33:07, and 3:20:01 A. B. & C.).
  - C. Each team entering the Nevada State Open Cup must have a head coach with a State 'D' license and they must be present for every match.

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## 3:10:00 TEAM REGISTRATION:

- 3:10:01 No team shall be allowed more than eighteen (18) registered players at any given time WITH THE EXCEPTION OF U17-U19 TEAMS. They may have a roster of 22. Registered players, under indefinite suspension, are included in this rule. A team shall not be able to register with less than twelve (12) players. (Revised 11/15/05)
- 3:10:02 Any team playing a player who is over-age or who has signed a Senior form shall forfeit the match or matches in which that player has taken part (unless a player signed a Youth Retention Form). These forms may be obtained from the League Office.
- 3:10:03 After the season has been declared open by the SSGSL, all matches played by members of this League shall be under the jurisdiction of this League. USYSNV does not allow youth players to register simultaneously on more than one team with exception of the ODP teams. (Revised 12/14/04)
- 3:10:04 Age limit definitions and roster limitations:
- A. All teams, unless otherwise sanctioned by the SSGSL, shall divide play among teams of equal age groupings as listed below:
1. Under 19 years: Has not reached 19th birthday before August 1st of the current season.
  2. Under 18 years: Has not reached 18th birthday before August 1st of the current season.
  3. Under 17 years: Has not reached 17th birthday before August 1st of the current season.
  4. Under 16 years: Has not reached 16th birthday before August 1st of the current season.
  5. Under 15 years: Has not reached 15th birthday before August 1st of the current season.

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6. Under 14 years: Has not reached 14th birthday before August 1st of the current season.
  7. Under 13 years: Has not reached 13th birthday before August 1st of the current season:
  8. Under 12 years: Has not reached 12th birthday before August 1st of the current season.
  9. Under 11 years: Has not reached 11th birthday before August 1st of the current season
  10. Under 10 years: Has not reached 10th birthday before August 1st of the current year.
  11. Under 9 years: Has not reached 9th birthday before August 1st of the current year.
  12. Under 8 years: Has not reached 8th birthday before August 1st of the current year.
  13. Under 7 years: Has not reached 7th birthday before August 1st of the current year.
  14. Under 6 years: Has not reached 6th birthday before August 1st of the current year.
  15. Under 5 years: Has not reached 5th birthday before August 1st of the current year.
- B. No team shall play in an older division without prior approval of SSGSL BOD.
- C. **Policy for teams playing up:**
1. Team must play in TOP bracket when playing up in older division.
  2. Team must have 90% winning season in TOP bracket in your age group. (Revised 1/14/08)
- D. No player shall play up more than (2) age groups without prior approval of SSGSL BOD. (Revised 8/15/06)

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E. No U13 player will be allowed to play up in the U15-19 division.

3:10:05 Any parent/legal guardian or player 18 years or older signing a SSGSL/USYS player registration form binds that player to that team for the current seasonal year upon submission to and acceptance by SSGSL.

3:10:06 SSGSL will recognize the existing names of the affiliated Clubs in the League. No Team/Club will be allowed to use any of the existing Club names or any derivative, such as 'little', etc. & register in the SSGSL. (Added 2/14/06)

## **3:11:00 PLAYER RELEASE AND TRANSFER:**

3:11:01 RELEASE - When a player is released, their player pass must be brought with the proper forms to the league office by the team releasing the player.

A. A coach shall be permitted to release a player from their own roster only under special circumstances, which are defined as:

1. moving out of State,
2. repeated unladylike conduct at practice sessions and/or matches,
3. player repeatedly missing practice and/or matches,
4. medical reasons that prevent player from participating,
5. dissolution of team,

3:11:02 TRANSFER - Request for transfers shall be submitted on the proper forms to the League office with the appropriate fee and signatures according to USYSNV procedures.

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- A. A transferred player shall be defined as a registered player who has played on a recreational/competitive team in the current seasonal year. Final approval and the effective date for the transfer or release will be official when the form and new player pass is issued.
- B. A competitive team who is entering in the Snickers State Open Cup shall be limited to a total of five (5) transfers per seasonal year. (See SSGSL 3:07:03 - Competitive Transfers for additional information). (Revised 2/16/06)
- E. A recreational team who is entering the KOHL'S Cup cannot have any transfers during the seasonal year.

3:11:03 If occasions arise that are not fully covered by rules, regulations or Bylaws contained herein, SSGSL officers shall refer to the USYSNV Constitution, Bylaws and rules.

## **3:12:00 RULES OF THE MATCH:**

3:12:01 All teams under the jurisdiction of SSGSL shall play under the "Laws of the Game" as published by FIFA with those modifications stated herein and as published by the USYSA and USYSNV. (Refer to USYSNV Constitution 3:13:01).

3:12:02 SSGSL shall provide copies of their current Constitution, Bylaws and Policy and Procedures to referees prior to the start of the season.

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3:12:03 A. The length of match and ball size are as follows:

	<b>GROUP</b>	<b>MATCH LENGTH</b>	<b>BALL SIZE</b>
1.	U/19-18-17	2) 45 min. periods	5
2.	U/16-15	2) 40 min. periods	5
3.	U/14-13	2) 35 min. periods	5
4.	U/12-11	2) 30 min. periods	4
5.	U/10-9	2) 25 min. periods	4
6.	U/8-7	2) 20 min. periods	3
7.	U/6	2) 20 min. periods	3
8.	U/5	2) 20 min. periods	3

3:12:04 All competitive matches under the jurisdiction of this League shall be officiated by properly licensed USSF referees. Associate referees may be used for U/12 or younger age, recreational matches. Referee/Officials includes the following:

- A. All currently registered USSF referees, assistant referees, 4th officials or others duly appointed to assist in officiating in a match.
- B. Any non-licensed, non-registered person serving in an emergency capacity as a referee.
- C. Any club assistant referee.
- D. Officers, employees, or appointees of USYSNV/USYS/USSF or affiliated organizations as well as all volunteers working as dignitaries at a sanctioned event.

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- 3:12:05 In case the official referee fails to appear, a substitute referee may be appointed by mutual agreement by the two opposing coaches or managers. Such agreement shall be required in writing on the back of the official match card. All matches played as scheduled shall be deemed to be an official match.
- 3:12:06 Referee's shall report to the League delegated member such responsibility on the match card, result of the match, personnel of each team and goals scored. Any violations of rules and regulations by either team or team officials must be included in the report. The referee shall state all the particulars of the misconduct and shall submit this report within 48 hours after the match, excluding Sundays and Holidays.
- 3:12:07 The official referee shall be the sole judge on the field of play and their decision shall be final.
- 3:12:08 Any complaints about match officials shall be directed in writing to the League officers or individuals delegated such responsibility by the Chairman, within 48 hours of the match for review by SSGSL officers, excluding Sundays and Holidays. Such findings shall be turned over to the USYSNV BOD.
- 3:12:09 The manager, coach, or captains of each team shall furnish the referee, at the start of the match, a line-up of players in the match, together with the player identification pass of each player listed on game card. No more than 18 players may be listed on any roster. No team is permitted to dress more than 18 players at a time. This limit shall also apply to any U17 or older teams that may have a roster of up to 22 players. No more than 18 different players may play for a team in any one game. If more than 18 different players take part in the game, the game is to be suspended and reported to the SSGSL office. (revised 10/9/07)

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3:12:10 Any player or team personnel reported to the League by a referee for misconduct shall be informed by the referee that they are so being reported. Misconduct toward Match Officials/Referees shall consist of the following:

A. Match Official/Referee assault:

1. An intentional act of physical violence at or upon a match Official/or Referee.
2. Assault includes, but is not limited to, the following is committed upon a match Official/Referee: hitting, kicking, punching, choking, spitting at or on, grabbing or bodily running into a referee; the act of kicking or throwing any object at a referee that could inflict injury; damaging the Referee's uniform or personal property, i.e. car, equipment, etc.

B. Match Official/Referee abuse:

1. A verbal statement or physical act which implies or threatens physical harm to match Official/Referee or match Official/Referee's property or equipment.
2. Abuse includes, but is not limited to, the following acts committed upon a match Official/Referee; using foul or abusive language toward a match official/Referee; spewing any beverage on a match official/Referee's personal property; or verbally threatening a Referee.
3. Verbal threats are remarks that carry the implied or direct threat of physical harm. Such remarks as "I'll get you after the match" or "You won't get out of here in one piece" shall be deemed referee abuse.

**C. DISCIPLINARY ACTION WILL BE TAKEN BY USYSNV FOR ANY MATCH OFFICIAL/REFEREE ABUSE/ASSUALT ACCORDING TO USYSNV CONSTITUTION (DISCIPLINARY ACTION) .**

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- 3:12:11 The first two (2) teams at a field will line up on the opposite end lines and walk the field for safety inspection picking up all glass or debris and will meet in the middle of the field to agree on field safety. Each team will supply a garbage bag and check the safety of the goals.
- 3:12:12 No match shall start without a carded team official. Any team not prepared to play 15 minutes after the scheduled start of a match shall forfeit the match.
- 3:12:13 Every player listed on the official line-up shall be considered a competing player, whether she plays or not. Any team playing an ineligible player shall forfeit the match to the opposing team. Any coach or manager who knowingly uses an ineligible player shall be dealt with by the officers of the SSGSL.
- 3:12:14 Substitutions shall be unlimited. Substitutions may be made with the consent of the referee, at the following times:
- A. Prior to your throw-in.
  - B. Prior to a goal kick, either team.
  - C. After a goal, either team.
  - D. After an injury, either team, when the referee stops the play.
  - E. At half time.
  - F. Coach must substitute a cautioned (yellow carded) player.
- 3:12:15 All coaching shall be done within 10 yards of the halfway line.

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## 3:13:00 EQUIPMENT:

3:13:01 A. Section 2:

1. Illegal equipment shall not be worn by any player. This applies to any equipment which, in the opinion of the referee, is dangerous or confusing. Types of equipment which are illegal include the following:
  - A. Projecting metal or other hard plates, or projections on clothing or person.
  - B. Head, arm, thigh or hip pads containing sole leather, fiber, metal or any unyielding materials, even if they are covered with soft padding.
  - C. Casts, splints or body braces made of a hard substance in its final form such as leather, rubber, plastic or fiberglass, unless covered on all exterior surfaces with no less than  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch thick, high-density, closed-cell Polyurethane, or an alternate material of the same minimum thickness and similar physical properties, to protect an injury. A medical release for the injured player signed by a licensed medical physician shall be available at the match site.
  - D. Shin guards which have exposed sharp edges.
  - E. Face or spectacle guard.
  - F. Helmets, hats, caps or visors.
    1. **Exception (1):** The player may wear a head protector made of closed-cell, slow-recovery rubber or other similar material that stays soft in its final form. The head protector shall not have a bill or other protruding design. It shall not cover the face, other than the forehead, and may be secured by a chin strap.

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2. **Exception (2):** The goalkeeper may wear a soft-billed baseball type hat or soft-billed visor. If worn in conjunction with a head protector, it is to be worn outside and may not be attached to the head protector.

3. **Exception (3):** By State Association adoption, players may wear soft and yielding caps during inclement weather. Caps must be alike in color.

G. Knee braces made of hard unyielding material, unless hinges are covered on all sides, and all of its edges are overlapped, any other hard substance shall be covered with at least  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch of closed-cell slow-recovery rubber or other material of the same minimum thickness and having similar physical properties.

H. Ankle braces, unless covered by a stocking or other suitable material.

I. NOTE: The wearing of illegal uniforms or equipment is prohibited even though the coaches of both teams approve it.

1. **Hair control devices** may be worn if made of soft material and not for adornment.
2. **Sweatbands** may be worn on the head or wrist if made of soft material.
3. **Players shall not wear jewelry** with the exception of medical bracelets or medical medals. Medical medals must be taped to the body. Pierced earrings (even newly done) cannot be worn.

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4. **Artificial limbs**, which in the judgment of the SSGSL Board of Directors are no more dangerous to players than the corresponding human limb and do not place an opponent at a disadvantage, may be permitted. Upper limb prostheses and above the knee leg prostheses are discouraged. Hinges shall be covered by suitable material. All permissible artificial limbs shall be covered by at least  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch (0.0127 m) foam rubber padding.
5. **Hearing aids** worn in or behind the ears are legal provided that the device does not create the threat of injury.
6. **Intraoral** (within the mouth) and tooth protectors, including those with an occlusal (protecting and separating the biting surfaces) and/or labial (protecting the lips) portion are legal.

**B.** Section 3:

1. Each coach shall be responsible for insuring that each of his/her players is properly equipped. Prior to and during the match, shirts shall be tucked in the pants, unless manufactured to be worn outside.
2. **PENALTY:** A player improperly equipped shall be instructed to leave the field of play when the ball next ceases to be in play. Play shall not be stopped immediately for an infringement of this rule. There shall be no replacement until the next opportunity to substitute. However, the removed player may re-enter during a dead ball after reporting to an official who shall be satisfied the player's equipment and uniform is in order.

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- 3:13:02 A. If two teams have similar colors, the home team shall be required to change to a different color.  
B. All players must have a number at least 4 inches tall on the back of their jersey.

- A. Goalkeepers shall wear colors distinctively different from either team.  
B. Any and all equipment not mentioned herein is **covered under USYSNV and USYS.**

## **3:14:00 MISCONDUCT:**

3:14:01 SSGSL Officers or committee delegated such responsibility to review reports of player misconduct, shall be the sole judge in each case, and shall have complete authority to suspend such player for period of up to six (6) matches. Stricter penalties may be levied, but require a BOD hearing before imposition of penalties. Written notice of ruling will be sent by certified letter within 72 hours of the decision and/or hearing. Copies of all ruling will be sent to the BOD.

3:14:02 A team that has a team official ejected (red card) is responsible to see that the ejected person is removed from the vicinity of the field of play (must not be within visual or hearing range) for all matches until the suspension is lifted. If compliance cannot be achieved and the match is suspended, the League may hold a hearing to determine if and how many matches the offending team shall forfeit.

3:14:03 Team officials, League officials or spectators being proven to the satisfaction of the League to have been guilty of violating any "Laws of the Game", misconduct on the playing field, or conduct detrimental to the match, shall be subject to discipline by the Board of Directors, except that players shall be dealt with as provided in SSGSL policy 3:14:04.

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- 3:14:04 A player removed from the field of play by the referee for misconduct shall stand suspended until their case has been reviewed and dealt with by the League. Their suspension must be determined within 72 hours upon receipt of the misconduct report, excluding Sundays and Holidays. Should no action be taken, the party involved will automatically be reinstated. Coaches, team officials, etc. are subject to the same procedure.
- 3:14:05 Any team, which through its responsible officials, officers, or representatives, attempts to induce a registered player of any team under the jurisdiction of this League to leave her team before the end of the current season, shall be deemed to have poached and shall be dealt with by the SSGSL Board of Directors. (Refer to SSGSL policy 3:06:00)
- 3:14:06 **Bad Checks:** The player will be placed in bad standing after fourteen days. The check must be cleared and service charges paid within that fourteen days.
- 3:14:07 **Bad Standing:** If a team club/coach/player/or any member of this Association is put in bad standing, they will not be allowed to travel or play in any tournament either local or out of state, nor attend any official USYSNV soccer functions.
- 3:15:00 SCHEDULING AND POSTPONEMENTS:**
- 3:15:01 The playing season shall be decided by the SSGSL Board of Directors each year. The scheduling of all matches shall be administered by the Vice Chairman, Fields and Scheduling.

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- 3:15:02 Exceptions for scheduling purposes that will be looked at are: tournaments, SAT'S/ACT'S, religious holidays etc. that the team will attend. These exceptions must be in writing on the league exception form and given to the office manager prior to the start of scheduling. (revised 10/9/07)
- 3:15:03 There will be **NO** rescheduling or canceling of matches except under extenuating circumstances that will be discussed by the BOD.
- A. If a coach wants to switch a match time, it is their responsibility to notify each of the other (3) teams to make sure everyone agrees and then call the League office and verify with the office manager in a timely manner.
- 3:15:04 If the extenuating circumstances are deemed worthy by the BOD, rescheduling of a match is the responsibility of the coach requesting such and they shall be fully responsible for notifying the opposing coach and referee fees of the rescheduled match. The rescheduled match must be finalized by the League Office. Any matches found impossible to reschedule shall be forfeited by original team making the request.
- 3:15:05 Any team refusing, canceling or failing to play a match without complying with the foregoing rules shall forfeit the match **and receive (3) points (Refer to SSGSL policy 3:01:03)**.
- 3:16:00 STANDINGS:**
- 3:16:01 Three (3) points for each match won (including forfeits), one (1) point for each match tied, zero (0) points for each match lost. Goals scored for and against a team will in no instance be an influence on the standings.

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3:16:02 In case a team disbands before the first half of their League play is completed; the matches played shall not count for or against the opposing teams.

3:16:03 The champions for age groups shall be computed by points received for the extended (winter) season only. If two (2) or more teams are tied in points they shall be declared co-champions. Standings for recreational teams will be kept only for purposes of placement.

## **3:17:00 PROTESTS AND APPEALS:**

3:17:01 Any team protesting a League match, shall through its team official, indicate such intent to protest in writing on the back of the match card, with the opposing coach and referee signing the card under protest before leaving the field of play. A formal protest in writing by the team protesting, stating all the facts of the protest, shall be sent to the League Protest and Appeals Committee within 48 hours following the match, excluding Sunday and Holidays. Such protest will be accompanied by a money order for \$25.00 which shall be forfeited should the protest not be sustained. Once filed, the protest cannot be withdrawn. Protests not ruled on within a seven day period from time of receipt of the protest, shall be referred to the SSGSL Board of Directors.

3:17:02 A protest based on ineligible players shall be filed with the Protest and Appeals Committee no later than 48 hours after the match in which the player(s) participated.

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## 3:18:00 TRAVELING OUT OF THE STATE OR HOSTING A TEAM FROM ANOTHER STATE:

3:18:01 When traveling out of the jurisdiction of USYSNV with a team for any reason (tournament, friendly match, fun, etc.) you must fill out an application for travel and a roster, which can be obtained at the league office. The application, roster and fee of \$25.00 must be turned in to the league office at least **30 DAYS IN ADVANCE** (less than 30 days there is a \$5.00 per day penalty).

3:18:02 If you are hosting a team from another state (tournament, friendly matches, fun, etc.) you must pick up an application and check on the time requirements with the State Association (Refer to USYSNV 4:35:00).

3:18:03 Head coach of the traveling or hosting team must hold at least a USYSNV "D" license (Refer to SSGSL policy 3:09:04).

3:18:04 Travel or hosting team must be in good standings.

## 3:18:05 TRAVELING OUT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

When traveling for a tournament, to a foreign country, or just to play some friendly matches with another team out of state, you must file an application to travel and an USYSNV roster form. These 2 forms can be obtained at the League or State office and must be returned, completed, with appropriate fee, to the League or State office.

3:18:06 **APPLICATION FOR TRAVEL** is a multiple use - 2 part form. Team information must be filled out in the first section. Team manager/coach should be the contact person in case there is a problem. For tournaments, you would fill out the second section. For friendly matches in another State, third section should be filled out. The bottom section is for the State to fill out. **PLEASE PRINT AND PRESS FIRMLY.**

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- 3:18:07 **USYSNV ROSTER FORM** is a 3 part form. Team information must be filled out at the top of the form (the State association is United States Youth Soccer Nevada and the Region is IV, list players alphabetically, with their registration numbers and birth dates (located on your player cards). **PLEASE PRINT AND PRESS FIRMLY**. You are making 3 copies. Your roster must not exceed 18 at any time.
- 3:18:08 **FORMS MUST BE TURNED INTO THE OFFICE 30 DAYS PRIOR** to traveling to a tournament, 10 days prior to traveling for friendly matches and 90 days prior to traveling out of the country [2] sets of paperwork. (Refer to USYSNV Constitution 4:42:00). The traveling fee is \$25.00 (USYSNV) for tournament or friendly matches and \$50.00 (\$25.00 to US Soccer + \$25.00 to USYSNV) for foreign travel. Late fees are assessed at the rate of \$5.00 per day for in country and \$50.00 late fee for foreign travel.
- 3:18:09 A copy of the forms will be sent to the tournament and a copy to the team manager/coach on the application form. A copy is kept at the State office and your League should have a copy also. If you do not receive your copy by the Monday before you are to leave, contact the travel and tournament person through the State office at 870-3024.
- 3:18:10 **GUEST PLAYERS** to your team. Incoming: you may have up to 5 guest players (players registered with another team). Outgoing: you may take as many guest players that the tournament allows. You must first call the coach of the team (before asking the player) to get permission to take them with you. When the coach and players parents agree, you must fill out a Player Action Form (available at the League/State office) and an amended roster form. The player, parents and lending coach's signature is required on the Player Action Form. Remember, your roster must not exceed 18 at any time.

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- 3:18:11     **AMENDED ROSTER FORM** is to be filled out for players added after the original roster is turned in. Use the USYSNV Roster Form and refer to the instructions above if you added anyone to your roster. If you use guest players, the Player Action Form must accompany the roster. (Only those different from the original roster need to be on the amended roster). If someone on the original roster is not going with you, fill out their information and on the signature line print "NOT TRAVELING". Remember - Your travel roster must not exceed 18 at any time.
- 3:18:12     The last day an amended roster can be turned in is noon on Wednesday before you leave. You must make arrangements to pick up this form up on Thursday (either at the State or League office). It will have to be hand carried to check-in at the tournament/friendly matches.
- 3:18:13     **CHECK-IN** for a tournament is usually held on Friday evening. Most tournaments will want to see your signed consent for medical treatment (membership form) and a player pass for every player (including guest players). Take a copy of each player's birth certificate in case you need it and make sure you have a copy of the travel papers and all your travel rosters in case the set that was mailed to the tournament gets lost.
- 3:19:00     GOOD OF SOCCER:**
- 3:19:01     When conditions exist within a team under the jurisdiction of this League, which reflects poor management, and/or are not in the best interest of soccer, then the Board of Directors shall have the power to investigate such conditions and make recommendations to correct them. If the said recommendations are not adhered to, then the Board of Directors shall have the authority to suspend said team or team official.

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3:19:02 The SSGSL name or emblem shall not be used in advertising or solicitation of funds without the written consent of the League.

## **3:20:00 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

- 3:20:01
- A. Coaches and players should shake hands after the match.
  - B. All teams must supply their own nets or flags.
  - C. No alcoholic beverages, glass or illegal drugs are allowed at the park. No smoking on the sidelines.
  - D. Coaches are responsible for the players, parents, and spectators on their team. There will be no yelling at the Referees or opposing team.
  - E. All parents and spectators should be located no closer than 5 feet from the touchline; nor should they be farther than 20 yards from each side of the centerline. NO ONE is allowed to run the length of the field yelling and coaching, nor stand by/behind the goal.
  - F. Teams must be ready to play at match time. Referees may shorten the match to keep them on schedule but must inform both coaches.
  - G. Each team is responsible for the cleanup of their area of the field before and after the match.
  - H. Home team must fill out the blue match card and give to the visiting team before match time so it may be ready to give to referee BEFORE match time. Home team MUST change jersey if there is a color conflict.
  - I. Home team sidelines: North/East
  - J. Visitor sidelines: South/West.
  - K. Home team furnishes the match ball.
  - L. Referee/team evaluation forms should be filled out and mailed to the office after every match.
  - M. For questions, comments, complaints or up to date news, always call the League phone number 593-8508.

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- N. SSGSL plays in all types of weather; wind, rain, heat and cold. Call 593-8508 push 1 for changes or updates for weather.
- O. Practice fields may be held for no more than 15 minutes unless there are a minimum of 7 players and a carded official present.
- P. If you want to run for a SSGSL BOD position at the AGM you must submit your intentions and the position you are running for in writing to the SSGSL office at least (7) days before the AGM.

## **3:21:00 BRACKETING GUIDELINES**

### **3:21:01 RECREATONAL DIVISION:**

- A. This is the entry-level division. There shall be only one recreational division level. New teams in the recreational division shall be formed by the age-group commissioner from the open pool. The use of tryouts, invitations, recruiting or any like process to roster players selectively to any team on the basis of talent or ability is prohibited. Transfers to recreational division teams will only be permitted with Board of Director approval. All players in the recreational division shall play 50% of every match (except for discipline/illness reasons). Standings shall be kept solely for the purpose of monitoring the ability of the team.

### **3:21:02 CLASSIC DIVISION:**

- A. Bronze - is comprised of returning teams, teams advancing from the recreational division, or new teams formed from experienced players. Players must play 50% of every match (except for discipline/illness reasons) and pool players may be assigned. These teams may retain all players from one season to the next, tryouts are not permitted. Standings shall be kept and will be utilized for league cup placement and monitoring for advancement and relegation. Teams who choose to participate in the Tide American Cup could be ineligible for SSGSL League Cup.

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- B. Silver- is comprised of returning teams, teams advancing from recreational or bronze divisions, or new teams formed from experienced players. These teams may retain all players from one season to the next, tryouts are permitted. Standings shall be kept and will be utilized for league cup placement and monitoring for advancement and relegation. Teams who choose to participate in the Tide American Cup could be ineligible for SSGSL League Cup.
- C. Gold - The use of tryouts, invitations, recruiting or any like process to roster players selectively to a team on the basis of talent or ability is permitted (see SSGSL 3:04:00). These teams may retain all players from one season to the next. Standings shall be kept and will be utilized for league cup placement and monitoring for advancement and relegation. Teams who choose to participate in the SSGSL League Cup shall be ineligible for Nevada State Open Cup.

## 3:21:03 **PREMIER DIVISION:**

- A. This is the top level of competition. There shall be only one premier division level. Premier division teams shall be comprised of returning premier teams and advancing classic teams. New teams must first advance throughout the classic division. The use of tryouts, invitations, recruiting or any like process to roster players selectively to any team on the basis of talent or ability is permitted (see SSGSL 304:00). There shall be a maximum of eight (8) premier teams in any one age group. Premier division teams who participate in the Nevada State Open Cup shall be ineligible for SSGSL League Cup.

- 3:21:04 The top team in the classic, silver and bronze division will automatically be moved up and the bottom team in the Premier division and Classic gold will be moved down.

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## 4:01:00 Rules for Under 5 (3v3) Recreational Soccer:

- 4:01:01 A. Fields - no more than 35 yards long and no more than 25 yards wide.
- B. Standard corner flags will be used as goals.
- C. Ball size three (3).
- D. Maximum number of players on each field at any one time is three (3).
1. Maximum number of players on roster is 12 players (Unless BOD approved).
  2. No Goalkeepers or goal tending.
  3. Substitutions will be on the fly; no permission is needed from the referee.
- E. Each player shall play a minimum of 50% of the total playing time.
- F. Shin guards are mandatory for all players.
- G. Referees shall be an associate referee; if not available, parent, coach or assistant coach shall referee. All rule infractions shall be briefly explained to the player.
- H. The match shall be divided into two (2) equal, twenty-minute halves with a five (5) minute half time. Coaches will form two squads for matches and they will be played at the same time on fields side-by-side. Three (3) players are allowed on the field at any one time. If the matches are running behind schedule, the referee has the option to shorten the halves to catch back up.
- I. Opponent must be three (3) yards from the center mark while kick-off is in progress and three (3) yards away before free kick or goal kick is allowed.
- J. Ball going out of play, whether over the end or side line, is played "In" by the opposing team with an indirect kick or throw-in.
- K. Goals can only be scored from the attacking half of the field and must pass completely over the line.
- L. No offsides.
- M. Coaches must remain in coaches box in center of fields. Parents are not allowed in center of fields. No coaches, parent or spectators behind goals.

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- N. All fouls shall be an indirect free kick with no direct kicks and no penalty kicks. A goal may not be scored unless it has been touched by another player on the field. An indirect kick restarts play by a pass to one's own teammate. It is not a strong kick directly at the goal with the hope that it will bounce off an opponent into the goal.
- O. A kick-in is considered as an indirect free kick with the opponent three (3) yards away from the ball.
- P. A second throw-in must be allowed if player throws the ball improperly on initial attempt. The referee shall explain the proper method before allowing player to re-throw.
- Q. No corner kicks. Throw-in/kick-in will be taken in place of corner kicks.
- R. Do not keep score, records or standings. This is for purely Recreational fun for all. The referee will keep score only for the purpose of placement.

4:01:02 **COACHES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONDUCT OF THEIR PARENTS AND FOR CLEANING UP THE SIDELINES AFTER THE GAME.**

4:01:03 **NO EARRINGS ALLOWED DURING PLAY.**

4:01:04 **NO SLIDE TACKLING ALLOWED.**

**4:02:00 Rules for Under 6 (4v4) Recreational Soccer:**

- 4:02:01
- A. Fields - no more than 35 yards long and no more than 25 yards wide.
  - B. Standard corner flags will be used as goals.
  - C. Ball size three (3).
  - D. Maximum number of players on each field at any one time is four (4).
    - 1. Maximum number of players on roster is 12 players (Unless BOD approved).
    - 2. No Goalkeepers or goal tending.
    - 3. Substitutions will be on the fly; no permission is needed from the referee.

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- E. Each player shall play a minimum of 50% of the total playing time.
- F. Shin guards are mandatory for all players.
- G. Referees shall be an associate referee; if not available, parent, coach or assistant coach shall referee. All rule infractions shall be briefly explained to the player.
- H. The match shall be divided into two (2) equal, twenty-minute halves with a five (5) minute half time. Coaches will form two squads for matches and they will be played at the same time on fields side-by-side. Four (4) players are allowed on the field at any one time. If the matches are running behind schedule, the referee has the option to shorten the halves to catch back up.
- I. Opponent must be three (3) yards from the center mark while kick-off is in progress and three (3) yards away before free kick or goal kick is allowed.
- J. Ball going out of play, whether over the end or side line, is played "In" by the opposing team with an indirect kick or throw-in.
- K. Goals can only be scored from the attacking half of the field and must pass completely over the line.
- L. No offsides.
- M. Coaches must remain in coaches box in center of fields. Parents are not allowed in center of fields. No coaches, parent or spectators behind goals.
- N. All fouls shall be an indirect free kick with no direct kicks and no penalty kicks. A goal may not be scored unless it has been touched by another player on the field. An indirect kick restarts play by a pass to ones own teammate. It is not a strong kick directly at the goal with the hope that it will bounce off an opponent into the goal.
- O. A kick-in is considered as an indirect free kick with the opponent three (3) yards away from the ball.

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- P. A second throw-in must be allowed if player throws the ball improperly on initial attempt. The referee shall explain the proper method before allowing player to re-throw.
- Q. No corner kicks. Throw-in/kick-in will be taken in place of corner kicks.
- R. Do not keep score, records or standings. This is for purely recreational for all. The referee will keep score only for the purpose of placement.

4:02:02 **COACHES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONDUCT OF THEIR PARENTS AND FOR CLEANING UP THE SIDELINES AFTER THE GAME.**

4:02:03 **NO EARRINGS ALLOWED DURING PLAY.**

4:02:04 **NO SLIDE TACKLING.**

4:03:00 **RULES FOR UNDER 7 & UNDER 8 (7v7) RECREATIONAL SOCCER:**

4:03:01 **CONFORM TO FIFA RULES WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTION:**

A. (See SSGSL Current Constitution and Bylaws for a summary of FIFA rules).

4:03:02 **LAW I - THE FIELD:**

A. DIMENSIONS:

1. The field of play shall be rectangular, its length being not more than 70 yards nor less than 50 yards and its width not more than 50 yards or less than 30 yards. The length in all cases shall exceed the width.

B. GOALS:

1. Maximum - 6 feet high and 12 feet wide.

4:03:03 **LAW II - THE BALL:**

A. Size 3 ball.

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4:03:04 **LAW III - NUMBER OF PLAYERS:**

- A. Maximum number of players on the field at any one time is (7) seven, one of whom is a goalkeeper. It is recommended that all team members take turns playing goalkeeper.
- B. Maximum number of players on roster should not exceed 12 (unless BOD approved).
- C. Substitutions:
  - 1. Unlimited.
  - 2. Injuries.
  - 3. Either teams throw in.
  - 4. When play is stopped.
  - 5. There will be no substitutions on corner kicks.
- D. Each player shall play a minimum of 50% of each match.

4:03:05 **LAW VII - DURATION OF MATCH:**

- A. 20 minute halves

4:03:06 **LAW XI - OFF-SIDE:**

- A. The off-side rule will not be enforced.

4:03:07 **LAW XIII - FREE KICKS:**

- A. Shall be classified under one heading - indirect.
- B. A goal may not be scored from an indirect kick until the ball has been played or touched by a second player of either team.
- C. No free kicks shall be taken by the attacking team within the defending team's goal box.

4:03:08 **LAW XIV - PENALTY KICK:**

- A. No penalty kicks are to be taken during these matches.

4:03:09 **LAW XV - THROWN-IN:**

- A. A second throw-in must be allowed if player throws the ball improperly on initial attempt. The referee shall explain the proper method before allowing player to re-throw.

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- 4:03:10 **LAW XVI - GOAL KICK:**  
A. Opponents must be 6 yards away from the ball.
- 4:03:11 **LAW XVII -CORNER KICK:**  
A. Opponents must be six (6) yards away from the ball.  
B. **One** try only.
- 4:03:12 **COACHES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONDUCT OF THEIR PARENTS.**  
A. PLEASE TAKE CONTROL OF YOUR SIDELINES!  
B. COACHES MUST REMAIN IN COACHES BOX (NO RUNNING UP AND DOWN THE SIDELINES).  
C. NO STANDING BY/BEHIND THE GOALS BY COACHES OR PARENTS.
- 4:03:13 **Each team is responsible for cleaning their area for the next match so we may continue to have use of the parks.**
- 4:03:14 **NO SLIDE TACKLING ALLOWED.**
- 4:03:15 **NO EARRINGS ALLOWED DURING PLAY.**
- 4:04:00 **RULES FOR UNDER 9 & UNDER 10 (8V8) RECREATIONAL SOCCER:**
- 4:04:01 **CONFORM TO FIFA RULES WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS:**  
A. (See SSGSL Current Constitution and Bylaws for a summary of FIFA rules)
- 4:04:02 **LAW I - THE FIELD:**  
A. DIMENSIONS:  
1. THE FIELD OF PLAY SHALL BE RECTANGULAR, ITS LENGTH BEINGNOT MORE THAN 80 YARDS NOR LESS THAN 70 YARDS AND ITS WIDTH NOT MORE THAN 50 YARDS NOR LESS THAN 40 YARDS. THE LENGTH IN ALL CASES SHALL EXCEED THE WIDTH.  
B. GOALS:  
1. MAXIMUM - SEVEN (7) FEET HIGH AND TWENTY-ONE (21) FEET WIDE.

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- 4:04:03 **LAW II - THE BALL:**  
A. SIZE FOUR (4) BALL.
- 4:04:04 **LAW III - NUMBER OF PLAYERS:**  
A. MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PLAYERS ON THE FIELD AT ANY ONE TIME IS EIGHT (8). ONE OF WHOM MAY BE A GOALKEEPER.  
B. MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PLAYERS ON THE ROSTER SHOULD NOT EXCEED FOURTEEN (14).  
C. EACH PLAYER SHALL PLAY A MINIMUM OF 50% OF EACH MATCH.
- 4:04:05 **LAW VII - DURATION OF MATCH:**  
A. TWO - 25 MINUTE HALVES WITH A 5 MINUTE HALF TIME.
- 4:04:06 **LAW XI - OFF-SIDE:**  
A. OBVIOUS OFF-SIDES ONLY!
- 4:04:07 **Each team is responsible for cleaning their area for the next match so we may continue to have use of the parks.**
- 4:04:08 **NO SLIDE TACKLING ALLOWED.**
- 4:04:09 **NO EARRINGS ALLOWED DURING PLAY.**
- 4:05:00 **RULES FOR UNDER 11 THROUGH UNDER 19 (11v11) SUMMARY OF FIFA RULES:**
- 4:05:01 **LAW I - THE FIELD OF PLAY:**  
A. DIMENSIONS:  
1. The field of play must be rectangular. The length of the touchline must be greater than the length of the goal line.  
a. Length: minimum 100 yd. maximum 130 yd.  
b. Width: minimum 50 yd. maximum 100 yd.

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## B. FIELD MARKINGS:

1. Distinctive lines not more than five (5) inches wide.
2. A halfway line shall be marked out across the field.
3. A center circle with a ten (10) yard radius.
4. Four corner arcs with a one (1) yard radius.
5. Goal area - six (6) yards from each goal post and six (6) yards into the field of play joined by a line drawn parallel with the goal-line.
6. Penalty area - eighteen (18) yards from each goal post and eighteen (18) yards into the field of play joined by a line drawn parallel with the goal-line.

## C. GOALS:

1. Maximum - eight (8) feet high and eight (8) yards wide.
2. Minimum - 7 x 21 feet.

### 4:05:02 **LAW II - THE BALL:**

- A. Size 5 (U11-12 SIZE 4).
- B. See SSGSL 3:12:03.

### 4:05:03 **LAW III - THE NUMBER OF PLAYERS:**

- A. The match is played by two teams, each consisting of not more than eleven players, one of whom is the goalkeeper. A match may not start if either team consists of fewer than seven players.

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- B. Substitution - To replace a player by a substitute, the following conditions must be observed (The referee must be informed before any proposed substitution is made):
1. Prior to a throw-in, in your favor.
  2. Prior to a goal-kick, by either team.
  3. After a goal, by either team.
  4. After an injury, by either team, when the referee stops the play.
  5. At half-time.
  6. NO substitutions on corner kicks.
  7. Any of the other players may change places with the goalkeeper, provided that the referee is informed before the change is made.

4:05:04 **LAW IV - THE PLAYERS' S EQUIPMENT:**

- A. The basic compulsory equipment of a player is: a jersey, socks, footwear, shinguards (must be covered by socks), shorts (if thermal undershorts are worn, they are of the same main color as the shorts).
- B. Home team must change jerseys when colors are similar. Goalkeepers must wear colors which distinguish her from the other players and referees.
- C. See SSGSL 3:13:00.

4:05:05 **LAW V - THE REFEREE:**

- A. Each match is controlled by a referee who has full authority to enforce the Laws of the Game in connection with the match to which he/she has been appointed.
1. Enforces the Law of the Game.
  2. Acts as timekeeper and keeps a record of the match.

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3. Ensures that the player's equipment meets the requirement of Law IV.
4. Stops the match if, in their opinion, a player is seriously injured and ensures that she is removed from the field of play and/or allows play to continue until the ball is out of play if a player is, in their opinion, only slightly injured.
5. Ensures that any player bleeding leaves the field of play until treated.
6. Allows no persons other than players and referees to enter the field without permission.
7. Restarts the match after it has been stopped.
8. Takes action against team officials who fail to conduct themselves in a responsible manner and may at her/his discretion, expel them from the field of play and its immediate surroundings.
9. Takes disciplinary action against players guilty of cautionable and sending-off offenses. He/she is not obliged to take this action immediately but must do so when the ball next goes out of play.
10. Acts on the advice of assistant referees regarding incidents which he/she has not seen.
11. Provides the appropriate authorities with a match report which includes information on any disciplinary action taken against players, and/or team officials and any other incidents which occurred before, during or after the match.
12. The decisions of the referee regarding facts connected with play are final.

## 4:05:06 **LAW VI – THE ASSISTANT REFEREES (LINESMAN) :**

- A. The assistant referees assist the referee to control the match in accordance with the Laws of the Game. Two assistant referees are appointed whose duties, subject to the decision of the referee, are to indicate.

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1. When the whole of the ball has passed out of the field of play.
2. Which side is entitled to a corner kick, goal kick or throw-in.
3. When a player may be penalized for being in an offside position.
4. When a substitution is requested.
5. When misconduct or any other incident has occurred out of the view of the referee.

4:05:07 **LAW VII - THE DURATION OF THE MATCH:**

- A. The match shall be divided into two equal periods of 45 minutes.
- B. Half-time break shall be 5 minutes.
- C. See SSGSL 3:12:03, for duration's according to age groups.

4:05:08 **LAW VIII - THE START AND RESTART OF PLAY:**

- A. A coin is tossed and the team which wins the toss decides which goal it will attack in the first half of the match. The other team takes the kick-off to start the match. The team which wins the toss takes the kick-off to start the second half of the match. In the second half of the match the teams change ends and attack the opposite goals.
- B. A kick-off is a way of starting or restarting play: at the start of the match, after a goal has been scored, at the start of the second half of the match. A goal may be scored directly from the kick-off. All players are in their own half of the field, the opponents of

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the team taking the kick-off are at least (10 yd.) from the ball until it is in play, the ball is stationary on the center mark. The ball is in play when it is kicked and moves forward and the kicker does not touch the ball a second time until it has touched another player. If the kicker touches the ball a second time before it has touched another player: an indirect free kick is awarded to the opposing team to be taken from the place where the infringement occurred. For any other infringement of the kick-off procedure, the kick-off is retaken.

- C. A dropped ball is a way of restarting the match after a temporary stoppage becomes necessary, while the ball is in play, for any reason not mentioned elsewhere in the Laws of the Game. A dropped ball to restart the match after play has been temporarily stopped inside the goal area takes place on the goal area line parallel to the goal line at the point nearest to where the ball was located when play was stopped. The referee drops the ball at the place where it was located when play was stopped. Play restarts when the ball touches the ground. For any infringement for a dropped ball, the ball is dropped again.

## 4:05:09 **LAW IX - THE BALL IN AND OUT OF PLAY:**

- A. The ball is out of play when it has wholly crossed the goal line or touch line whether on the ground or in the air or when play has been stopped by the referee.
- B. The ball is in play at all other times, including when it rebounds from a goalpost, crossbar, or corner flag post and remains in the field of play.

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4:05:10 **LAW X - THE METHOD OF SCORING:**

- A. A goal is scored when the whole of the ball passes over the goal line, between the goalposts and under the crossbar, provided that no infringement of the Laws of the Game has been committed previously by the team scoring the goal.

4:05:11 **LAW XI - OFFSIDE:**

- A. Offside Position - It is not an offense in itself to be in an offside position. A player is in an offside position if she is nearer to her opponents' goal line than both the ball and the second last opponent. A player is not in an offside position if she is in her own half of the field of play, she is level with the second last opponent, she is level with the last two opponents, or behind the ball.
- B. Offense - A player in an offside position is only penalized if, at the moment the ball is touched or is played by one of her teammates, she is, in the opinion of the referee, involved in active play by interfering with play or interfering with an opponent or gaining an advantage by being in that position.
- C. No Offense - There is no offside offense if a player receives the ball directly from a goal kick, a throw-in, or a corner kick.
- D. Infringements/Sanctions - For any offside offense, the referee awards an indirect free kick to the opposing team to be taken from the place where the infringement occurred.

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## 4:05:12 LAW XII - FOULS AND MISCONDUCT:

A. Fouls and misconduct are penalized as follows:

1. Direct Free Kick is awarded to the opposing team if a player commits any of the following ten offenses in a manner considered by the referee to be careless, reckless or using excessive force:
  - a. Kicks or attempts to kick an opponent.
  - b. Trips or attempts to trip an opponent.
  - c. Jumps at an opponent.
  - d. Charges an opponent.
  - e. Strikes or attempts to strike an opponent.
  - f. Pushes an opponent.
  - g. Tackles an opponent to gain possession of the ball, making contact with the opponent before touching the ball.
  - h. Holds an opponent.
  - i. Spits at an opponent.
  - j. Handles the ball deliberately (except for the goalkeeper within her own penalty area).
  - k. A direct free kick is taken from where the offense occurred.

B. A Penalty Kick is awarded if any of the above ten offenses are committed by a player inside her own penalty area, irrespective of the position of the ball, provided it is in play.

- C. Indirect Free Kick is awarded to the opposing team if a player, in the opinion of the referee, commits any of the following three offenses:
1. Plays in a dangerous manner.
  2. Impedes the progress of an opponent.
  3. Prevents the goalkeeper from releasing the ball from her hands.

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D. An indirect free kick is also awarded to the opposing team if a goalkeeper, inside her own penalty area, commits any of the following five offense:

1. Touches the ball again with her hands after it has been released from her possession and has not touched any other player.
2. Touches the ball with her hands after it has been deliberately kicked to her by a team-mate.
3. Touches the ball with her hands after she has received it directly from a throw-in taken by a team-mate.
4. Wastes time (The referee will consider that the goalkeeper is wasting time if she holds the ball longer than 6 seconds).
5. The indirect free kick is taken from where the offense occurred.

E. Disciplinary Sanctions:

1. Cautionable Offense - A player is cautioned and shown the yellow card if she commits any of the following seven offenses:
  - a. Is guilty of unsportsmanlike behavior.
  - b. Shows dissent by word or action.
  - c. Persistently infringes the Laws of the Game.
  - d. Delays the restart of play.
  - e. Fails to respect the required distance when play is restarted with a corner kick or free kick.
  - f. Enters or re-enters the field of play without the referee's permission.
  - g. Deliberately leaves the field of play without the referee's permission.

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2. Sending-Off Offense - A player is sent off and shown the red card if she commits any of the following seven offenses:
  - a. Is guilty of serious foul play.
  - b. Is guilty of violent conduct.
  - c. Spits at an opponent or any other person.
  - d. Denies an opponent a goal or an obvious goal-scoring opportunity by deliberately handling the ball (this does not apply to a goalkeeper within her own penalty area).
  - e. Denies an obvious goal-scoring opportunity to an opponent moving towards the player's goal by an offense punishable by a free kick or a penalty kick.
  - f. Uses offensive, insulting or abusive language.
  - g. Receives a second caution in the same match.

## 4:05:13 **LAW XIII - FREE KICKS:**

- A. Free kicks are either direct or indirect. For both direct and indirect free kicks, the ball must be stationary when the kick is taken and the kicker does not touch the ball a second time until it has touched another player.
  1. The Direct Free Kick:
    - a. If a direct free kick is kicked directly into the opponents' goal, a goal is awarded.
    - b. If a direct free kick is kicked directly into the team's own goal, a corner kick is awarded to the opposing team.
    - c. A free kick awarded to the defending team inside its own goal area is taken from any point within the goal area.

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2. The Indirect Free Kick:
  - a. The referee indicates an indirect free kick by raising their arm above his head. He/she maintains their arm in that position until the kick has been taken and the ball has touched another player or goes out of play.
  - b. A goal can be scored only if the ball subsequently touches another player before it enters the goal.
  - c. If an indirect free kick is kicked directly into the opponents' goal, a goal kick is awarded.
  - d. If an indirect free kick is kicked directly into the team's own goal, a corner kick is awarded to the opposing team.
  
3. Positioning a Free Kick:
  - a. All opponents are at least 10 yd. from the ball.
  - b. A free kick awarded in the goal area is taken from any point inside that area.
  - c. The ball is in play when it is kicked and moves.
  - d. An indirect free kick awarded inside the opposing goal area is taken from that part of the goal area line which runs parallel to the goal line, at the point nearest to where the infringement occurred.
  - e. If, after the ball is in play, the kicker touches the ball a second time (except with his hands) before it has touched another player an indirect free kick is awarded to the opposing team. The kick to be taken from the place where the infringement occurred.

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## 4:05:14 **LAW XIV - THE PENALTY KICK:**

A. A penalty kick is awarded against a team which commits one of the ten offenses for which a direct free kick is awarded, inside its own penalty area and while the ball is in play. A goal may be scored directly from a penalty kick.

### 1. Position of the Ball and the Players:

- a. The ball is placed on the penalty mark.
- b. The player taking the penalty kick is properly identified.
- c. The player taking the penalty kicks the ball forward.
- d. She does not play the ball a second time until it has touched another player.
- e. The ball is in play when it is kicked and moves forward.
- f. The defending goalkeeper remains on her goal line, facing the kicker, between the goalposts until the ball has been kicked.
- g. The players, other than the kicker are located inside the field of play and outside the penalty area behind the penalty mark at least 10 yd. from the penalty mark.

### 2. Infringements/Sanctions:

- a. If the kicker touches the ball a second time (except with her hands) before it has touched another player, an indirect free kick is awarded to the opposing team, the kick to be taken from the place where the infringement occurred.
- b. If the kicker deliberately handles the ball before it has touched another player, a direct free kick is awarded to the opposing team: the kick to be taken from the place where the infringement occurred.

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## 4:05:15 **LAW XV - THE THROW-IN:**

- A. A throw-in is a method of restarting play. A goal cannot be scored directly from a throw-in.
  - 1. A throw-in is awarded:
    - a. When the whole of the ball passes over the touchline, either on the ground or in the air from the point where it crossed the touchline.
    - b. To the opponents of the player who last touched the ball.
  - 2. At the moment of delivering the ball, the thrower:
    - a. Faces the field of play.
    - b. Has part of each foot either on the touch line or on the ground outside the touch line.
    - c. Uses both hands.
    - d. Delivers the ball from behind and over their head.
- B. The ball is in play immediately as it enters the field of play. The thrower may not touch the ball again until it has touched another player.
- C. The penalty for an illegal throw-in is a throw-in for the opposing team.

## 4:05:16 **LAW XVI - THE GOAL KICK:**

- A. A goal kick is a method of restarting play. A goal may be scored directly from a goal kick, but only against the opposing team.
  - 1. A goal kick is awarded when the whole of the ball, having last touched a player of the attacking team, passes over the goal line, either on the ground or in the air, and a goal is not scored in accordance with Law X.

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2. Procedure:
  - a. The ball is kicked from any point within the goal area by a player of the defending team.
  - b. Opponents remain outside the penalty area until the ball is in play.
  - c. The kicker does not play the ball a second time until it has touched another player.
  - d. The ball is in play when it is kicked directly beyond the penalty area.
  - e. If the ball is not kicked directly into play beyond the penalty area, the kick is retaken.

## 4:05:17 **LAW XVII - THE CORNER KICK:**

- A. A corner kick is a method of restarting play. A goal may be scored directly from a corner kick, but only against the opposing team.
  1. A corner kick is awarded when the whole of the ball, having last touched a player of the defending team, passes over the goal line, either on the ground or in the air, and a goal is not scored in accordance with Law X.
  2. Procedure:
    - a. The ball is placed inside the corner arc at the nearest corner flag post.
    - b. The corner flag post is not moved.
    - c. Opponents remain at least 10 yd. from the ball until it is in play.
    - d. The ball is kicked by a player of the attacking team.
    - e. The ball is in play when it is kicked and moves.
    - f. The kicker does not play the ball a second time until it has touched another player.

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## 4:06:00 SSGSL'S PARENT'S CODE OF CONDUCT

4:06:01 Your child is playing soccer for fun. Please realize that everyone wants you to enjoy the match. Also, this page is being provided as an effort to assist you and your child in gaining the maximum benefit possible from the soccer match. Below are some simple rules you MUST observe. Please consider them carefully.

- A. **Do not shout instructions to your child.** This will cause confusion and may result in erroneous play on your child's part. The coach has instructed your child on how to play. If you shout instructions, your child will probably try to please you and the coach at the same time. In trying to do two things at once, the child may fail at both.
- B. **Cheer for her when your child successfully plays the ball.** However, remember your child is a member of a TEAM. Let the other Players you know you support them. Refrain from disparaging or degrading remarks.
- C. **Suffer in silence whenever something occurs that goes against your child's team.** A display of anger may influence a delicate situation resulting in embarrassment for you or your child. Some parents embarrass their own children by making a spectacle of themselves.
- D. **Remember that the parents from the other team are equally enthusiastic about their team's success.** Be a gracious competitor.
- E. **Do not run up and down the sidelines OR stand behind the goal lines OR behind/alongside the goal area.** Find a comfortable place to sit down or stand and enjoy the match.

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- F. **Do not shout insults at the referee, especially our Associate/Jr Referees as they are in the process of learning and development, the same as the players.** The referee has the power to stop the match if the crowd becomes discourteous. To have been the cause of such drastic action would be a humiliation to you and your child and team. The SSGSL will not tolerate this and you and your daughter may not be asked back to participate.
- G. **If your team loses, adopt a positive attitude.** Compliment the child upon her good plays. Ignore the mistakes. The child will be happy you noticed her good qualities.
- H. **Remember - your child will forget about today's match.** Next week she will probably have forgotten the score. However, both of you will remember that you had a good time playing the most popular sport in the world.
- I. Absolutely no alcoholic beverages are permitted at any soccer match home or away. Out of courtesy to others please refrain from smoking on or near the fields.
- J. All non-playing children must be supervised at all times.

4:06:02 Coaches **must ensure** that the parents of the players are thoroughly familiar with the code of conduct that is expressed in these rules. Remember: the referee has the **authority** and **responsibility** to eject a coach from a match if they do not keep proper spectator control. Thank you.

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## 4:07:00 CODE OF CONDUCT:

4:07:01 This code of conduct clarifies and distinguishes approved and accepted professional and ethical behavior from what which is detrimental to the development of soccer within the United States Youth Soccer of Nevada (USYSNV).

## 4:07:02 RESPONSIBILITIES TO PLAYERS:

- A. The coach shall never place the value of winning over the safety and welfare of players.
- B. Coaches shall instruct players to play within the written Laws of the Game and within the spirit of the Game at all times.
- C. Coaches shall not teach deliberate unsportsmanlike behavior to players.
- D. Coaches shall not tolerate inappropriate behavior from players regardless of the situation.
- E. Demands on players' time should never be so extensive as to interfere with academic goals or progress.
- F. Coaches must never encourage players to violate USYSNV recruitment, eligibility or player rules and policies.
- G. Coaches should direct players to seek proper medical attention for injuries and to follow medical personnel's instructions regarding treatment and recovery.

## 4:07:03 RESPONSIBILITIES TO USYSNV AND MEMBER ASSOCIATES:

- A. Adherence to all USYSNV and Member Association rules and policies, especially those regarding eligibility, team formation, and recruiting are mandatory and should never be violated. It is the responsibility of each coach to know and understand these rules.
- B. Any problems that cannot be resolved between coaches should be referred to the appropriate USYSNV or Member Association officer or committee.

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- 4:07:04    **RESPONSIBILITIES TO THE LAWS OF THE GAMES:**
- A. Coaches MUST be thoroughly acquainted with and demonstrate a working knowledge of the Laws of the Game, SSGSL.
  - B. Coaches are responsible to assure their players understand the intent as well as the application of the Laws.
  - C. Coaches must adhere to the letter and spirit of the Laws of the Game.
  - D. The coach must constantly strive to teach good sporting behavior.
- 4:07:05    **RESPONSIBILITIES OF OFFICIALS:**
- A. Officials must have the support of the coaches, players and spectators. Coaches must always refrain from criticizing officials in the presence of players and spectators.
  - B. Professional respect before, during and after the match should be mutual. There should be no demeaning dialogue or gestures between official, coach or player.
  - C. Coaches must not incite players or spectators or attempt to disrupt the flow of the match.
  - D. Comments regarding an official should be made in writing to the appropriate organization assigning the official.
- 4:07:06    **RESPONSIBILITIES REGARDING SCOUTING AND RECRUITING:**
- A. All USYSNV rules pertaining to recruiting shall be observed by coach, manager or any team representative. (SSGSL 3:06:00)
  - B. It is inappropriate to recruit player(s) actively playing for another team.
  - C. It is unethical for a player to be recruited or enticed from the Olympic Development Program (ODP) either by the ODP coach or any other coach, manager, player, parent or organization.
  - D. When discussing the advantages of his/her organization, the coach has an obligation to be forthright and refrain from making derogatory remarks regarding other coaches, teams or organizations.

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- E. It is unethical for a coach to make a statement to a prospective athlete which cannot be fulfilled. It is illegal to promise any kind of compensation or inducement for play and to deliver same.
- F. Coaches shall not scout any team, by any means whatsoever, except in regularly scheduled matches.

## 4:07:07 **RESPONSIBILITIES OF PUBLIC RELATIONS:**

- A. Coaches have a responsibility to promote the Game of Soccer to the public. Comments and critiques of governing bodies, teams, coaches, players, parents or media should be positive and constructive.
- B. Coaches have the responsibility to assist their players in conducting themselves properly when in public, representing their team, Member Associations and USYSNV.
- C. Coaches must not attempt to influence Member Associations or USYSNV in political or financial dealings outside the framework of their own rules and Bylaws.

## 4:07:08 **OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- A. Coach's behavior must be such as to bring credit to him/herself, the organization and the Game of Soccer.
- B. While the concept of rivalry is embraced, it cannot take precedence over exemplary professional conduct.
- C. The attitude and conduct of the coach toward officials players, spectators and other coaches should be controlled and undemonstrative.
- D. It is unacceptable for a coach to have any verbal altercation with an opposing coach or bench before, during or after the match.
- E. Coaches must use their influence on their spectators that demonstrate intimidating and/or unacceptable behavior towards officials, player(s), or opposing team members is unacceptable.

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## 4:08:00 Notes:

4:08:01 Keep your notes for changes to the SSGSL Policies & Procedures and Rules for corrections to the 2006/2007 Constitution.

## 4:09:00 INSURANCE CLAIMS

4:09:01 USYSNV provides a secondary insurance coverage to all of its registered players. Any player making a claim, must have been officially registered with USYSNV at the time of injury. The insurance pays after your primary coverage is exhausted or if no primary coverage exists. The deductible for each claim, each seasonal year is \$250.00.

4:09:02 The process for filing injury claims is as follows:

- A. Get a "Report of Injury" form and an "Accident Insurance Claim Form" from your League commissioner or office manager.
- B. A "Report of Injury" form must be filed in the case of all injuries, regardless of insurance claim. This report is to be filled out and signed by a USYSNV registered official.
- C. The "Accident Insurance Claim Form" with the instruction sheet must be filled out completely. All invoices and bills connected with the claim should be included, however, do not hold the claim for completion of medical processes. The claim form should be submitted within 30 days of the injury.
- D. Mail these completed documents and bills to USYSNV, **NOT THE INSURANCE COMPANY.**
- E. The paperwork will be processed by USYSNV and submitted to the insurance company.

4:09:03 Any deviation from this procedure will delay your claim payment.