

RULES & REGULATIONS

DIVISION I RULES OF ORDER

RULE 1

The rules contained herein shall govern members of this Association in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Charter, Constitution and Bylaws of this Association. All competition shall be governed by the rules stated herein unless the rules of a specific competition determine otherwise.

RULE 2

Leagues may deem fit to include rules and regulations more stringent than those included herein but in no case may rules and regulations be less stringent. Leagues must submit their rules and regulations for review and approval by the Board of Directors of this Association. Any changes to league rules should be forwarded to the state association within 30 days.

RULE 3

Should a League Chairperson choose not to hear a case, he or she may, if desired, refer any matter directly to the next higher authority.

RULE 4

All leagues shall be responsible for governing those persons associated with their operation.

RULE 5

Each team shall be responsible for the conduct of its managers, coaches, players, parents, trainers, etc., and it is the responsibility of each team to insure that its actions on or off the field do not bring disrespect upon this Association.

RULE 6

Falsification of records shall be grounds for disbarment from participation and/or membership in this Association.

RULE 7

A plea of ignorance to the Charter, Constitution, Bylaws, Rules & Regulations or the Operating Procedures of this Association (or it's member leagues) is not sufficient and violators may expect appropriate action by the Board of Directors of the Association.

RULE 8

This Association shall not assume nor be liable for the debts nor the financial responsibilities, either implied or incurred, of any of its members, member leagues, member coaches, managers, clubs or teams.

DIVISION II
STANDING RULES
(Rules of registration, competition, etc.)
SECTION I

GENERAL RULES

RULE 1

All players registered with this Association shall be required to have in effect a medical insurance policy. A team official may notify, in writing, the league chairperson and the league registrar that any or all players are "exempt." "Exempt" means that the player or players are covered by some other form of adequate medical insurance." Exempt" noted on the Team Roster Form is sufficient notice, provided one copy is sent to the League Chairperson and one copy is sent to the registrar.

RULE 2

Unregistered players participating in practices or taking part in games will not be recognized by this Association and/or covered by the Association or League's insurance policy.

RULE 3

All claims made against the medical insurance shall be completed on the proper form (obtainable from the Association). All reports of injuries must be submitted to the League within seventy-two (72) hours of the injury. The Association shall check the claim against the player's record and forward all claims.

RULE 4

All bank checks, drafts and money orders submitted to this Association shall be made payable to the Hawaii Youth Soccer Association or to H.Y.S.A.

RULE 5- Registration:

A. Registration of players and team officials

1. All players and team officials (e.g. coaches, assistant coaches, managers) are required to submit properly completed USYSA registration forms to their teams for each seasonal year.

2. A player may register on more than one team at the same time during the seasonal year [USYS Rule 206] provided the teams are different ages or genders (i.e.U6, U7, U8, U9, U10, U11, U12, U13, U14, U15, U16, U17, U18, U19). A team's age is determined by the birth date of its oldest player. A league may group these ages together for purposes of league competition. A player should notify the league, in writing as to which team is primary and secondary at the time of registration.

(Clarification- If a player is rostered to one team, and later adds a second team, the first team is automatically the Primary team. Players should remember they are only eligible for USYNC participation with their Primary Team. If their secondary team is entering USYNC, and the Primary is not, the player needs to transfer their primary eligibility. A team can only have 3 transfers in the seasonal year.)

3. Players are encouraged to sign for teams within their area, district or league. Inter-area, -district or -league registration, where necessary, shall be governed by Rule 8.

4. The submittal of a signed player registration form and fees to HYSA binds the player to that team for the seasonal year and for USYNC tournaments unless that player is granted a transfer. For USYNC tournaments, please note that a player may only play for the team to which he/she were first rostered to during the seasonal year, regardless of primary/secondary designation, unless the player is granted a transfer.
5. Players and team officials must use their legal first and last names on all registration materials.
6. To facilitate communications, it is important that each team provide current phone and fax number and e-mail address and also notify the League of any changes.
7. Every coach, team manager and administrator must submit a completed Volunteer Disclosure form to the State Association. The Association has adopted a policy that excludes or denies membership in this association to, any person who has:
 - (a). Any conviction of a crime of violence, a crime against a person, a crime against property, or a felony.
 - (b). Any report of child abuse appearing on the Child Abuse Index.
 - (c). Any record of sexual offense and/or sexual misconduct.
 - (d). Admitted use of/or conviction for use of illegal drugs.
 - (e). Documented history of alcohol abuse (DUI'S etc.).
 - (f). Intentionally falsifying formation on the Disclosure Form.
 - (g). Refusal to fully complete the HYSA Risk Management Disclosure Form.
 - (h). Any other information that casts serious doubt on the applicant's ability to be entrusted with the supervision, guidance and care of minor children.

Every disclosure will be evaluated on an individual basis.

B. Team registration

1. Each team shall be required to submit to the league registrar, the various membership forms, with proof of birth, or a valid member pass, for each player. Each team shall also be required to submit to the registrar a Membership Form, a Volunteer Disclosure Form and a member pass for each coach/manager.
2. Each team shall pay all dues, fees or outstanding fines that may be levied by the league or the Association no later than the deadline announced by the league or Association.
3. For each playing season, each team shall submit a Team Roster form, player and team official Registration Forms and materials, and supporting documents such as player transfer requests and area exemption forms, no later than the deadline announced by the league or Association.
4. Each player and team official shall be listed on the Team Roster Form. A new Team Roster Form shall be submitted with each change (addition or deletion) to a team.
5. No team shall have more than eighteen (18) players rostered at any time. Under 10 and below divisions may not have more than fourteen (14) players on their roster and shall play with 8 or fewer players on the field.
6. Teams that are members of clubs, and or have the same name, shall have a numerical prefix or suffix or some other name that differentiates them from any other team. (eg. Strikers 81 Gold, Strikers 81 Blue, Strikers 82).

C. League and Association Responsibilities

1. Each league shall be responsible for insuring proper registration of the players and team officials, affiliation of the teams, proper accounting of fiscal transactions, and reporting to the League Chairperson and Directors of this Association.
2. This Association shall have first call on all players registered with the Association.
3. This Association shall honor disciplinary rulings against players and team officials from out of state associations (i.e. USSF affiliated associations) attempting to register with this Association.
4. This Association shall honor disciplinary rulings against players and team officials registered with this Association that are imposed by USSF affiliated associations, whether in Hawaii or out of state. (10/04)

RULE 6 Requirements for Possession of Player's and Officials Passes:

- A. All players and team officials shall present their passes to the referee before the start of the game.
- B. All passes are to be returned to the coach or manager of the team at the conclusion of the game unless a player or team official is ejected for misconduct.
- C. In any case where a player does not have his or her player pass due to an unforeseen emergency, any decision to allow that individual to play will be made solely by the League Registrar. Failure to have a player pass due to late, incorrect or incomplete submittal of registration materials to the League will not be an acceptable reason to allow an individual to play.

RULE 7 Player or Team Official Not In Possession of a Pass:

- A. If a player does not present either a player pass, or notification from the League Registrar that he or she is eligible to play, to the referee prior to the game, that player may not participate in that game.
- B. If a player plays in a game and does not have a player's pass or is otherwise ineligible to play, that player's team shall automatically forfeit that game and may face further disciplinary action by the league, depending upon the nature of the violation. That player's coach shall be suspended for two additional games for every game that the player plays in while he or she is under suspension.
- C. If there are no properly registered team officials present with passes at a game, the team will forfeit the game and the coach of the team may be placed in bad standing.

RULE 8 Rostering:

A. Districts of HYSA. Each county within the State of Hawaii shall be designated a district of HYSA. A district, with the permission of the HYSA Board of Directors, may establish playing leagues within the county to better foster competition.

1. A team shall register in the district in which at least 50% of their players reside, unless the team receives prior written consent from the Board of Directors of HYSA.
2. A team shall be permitted to register a maximum of three players from out of their district. Please submit properly approved forms to league registrar, at time of registration.
3. Exception- For the U19 division, the State of Hawaii shall be considered one district. (Note: Rule 8.A.2 still applies) (4/04)

B. Transfers of players shall be governed by the following:

1. Transfers between competition teams may take place under the following circumstances:
 - a. Moving to another community and/or district;
 - b. A team ceasing to exist;
 - c. Other instances which make it extremely difficult for a player to participate in his/her soccer activity.
 - d. When there is mutual consent from the releasing and receiving coach.
2. A team may accept an unlimited number of transfers, however at the time a team names its roster for the USYS National Championship competitions (i.e. State, Regional or National), a team may not have more than 5 previously rostered players. (Rev. 8/04)
3. All requests for transfer shall be submitted to the Registrar in writing with the appropriate fees on the proper forms. The player pass of the transferring player must be attached to the transfer application. Transfer requests must state the reason for the request and are subject to the following conditions:
 - a. Signature of the player and/or parents.
 - b. Signatures of both coaches of the teams involved.
 - c. Signature of the President.Final approval and the effective date of transfer or release, will be determined by the League Registrar and the date of that signature.
4. A transferred player shall serve a ten (10) day waiting period before being eligible for play. The player becomes eligible on the eleventh (11th) day from date of final transfer approval. The 10 days starts on the day transfer is submitted and approved by the registrar.

C. Temporary player loan shall be governed by the following:

1. A temporary player loan is defined as:
 - a. Movement of a player to a developmental team, with the understanding that the player will return at the end of that developmental season, or
 - b. Movement of a player to any team for the purpose of playing in any tournament or match other than USYNC competition, State Cup competition, or regular league play, with the understanding that the player will return at the end of that tournament or match.
2. Temporary player loan within a particular league must be reported to the League Chairperson; temporary player loan for inter-league or interstate or international games must be approved by the State President.
3. A temporary player loan shall be approved by representatives of both teams.

D. Recruiting (rev. 8/01)

1. A coach may not, at any time, directly or indirectly, approach a player for recruiting purposes who resides inside or outside the league boundaries in which the team is registered, where the player is registered with another team for the current year, except as listed below. This applies to oral or written communication, or by acting through third parties, such as players, parents or friends of existing team members. Acceptable practices include the following:
 - A. Recruiting by public notification (i.e. posting flyers, newspaper ads, websites) of a team/club tryout.
 - B. Contact with the consent of the player's current coach.

- C. Recruitment for tournament or travel teams as a “loan player” is acceptable when:
 - 1) The loan player’s current team is not playing in the same tournament and the current coach gives his/her consent.
 - 2) The loan player’s current team is playing in the same tournament, but is in a different age bracket and the current coach gives his/her consent. Note that there are tournaments where double-rostering is not allowed and a player may play for only one team.
- D. Anyone may approach any person or player for recruiting purposes during the period **from** June 1 of the current year or the current team’s last scheduled competitive season game, whichever is later **to** August 15 of the same calendar year or up to the day the player submits a registration form and fee to a team/club for the next seasonal year.

2. Any violation of this rule is considered raiding and the following sanctions will be applied to coaches found in violation of the guidelines as set forth above. HYSA related activities include games, practices, and team training assignments.

- A. First offense: the coach will be suspended from HYSA related activities for 90 days.
- B. Second offense: the coach will be suspended from HYSA related activities for 180 days.
- C. Third offense: two year suspension.

E. Player Releases (Involuntary) A player may be released from a team involuntarily only if the player is unable to play for one of the following reasons:

- 1. The player has violated rules of the U.S. Soccer Federation, USYSA, HYSA, or the organization through whom the player registered.
- 2. The player has moved beyond a reasonable travel distance. Determination of what constitutes reasonable travel distance is subject to definition by HYSA.
- 3. The player is injured in such a manner that the player will not be able to participate for the remainder of the season.
- 4. The player has repeatedly been involved in ungentlemanly conduct at practice sessions and/or games.

F. Player Releases (Voluntary) A player may volunteer to drop from the roster at any time. All players dropping from a roster, whether it is voluntary or involuntary, should complete the appropriate form (transfer/drop) and submit to the league.

RULE 9 Playing with Professional Players:

- A. Any player signing a "letter of intent," a professional contract or playing with a professional team without the permission of the Board of Directors of this Association shall be declared a professional player and shall lose all privileges of youth amateur status.
- B. The Board of Directors may grant a youth amateur permission to play in benefit or exhibition games only where professional players are involved. Permission must be requested and granted in writing.
- C. Any player who has signed a "letter of intent," a contract or played in any game where professional players are involved without the prior permission of the Board of Directors of this Association will not be reinstated to youth amateur status.

RULE 10 Youth playing in Adult Games:

- A. A youth player will be permitted to play an unlimited number of adult games without losing his/her youth eligibility. The youth player must notify his/her youth coach or other an authorized team/club official of the player’s intent to play adult games. The youth player shall request in writing, (1) eligibility clearance

from the Youth State Association through which the player is registered, and (2) permission from the appropriate Adult State Association. When the clearance and permission have been granted, the Adult State Association has sole discretion in permitting a youth player to play adult games and will be responsible for establishing the procedures under which the youth player will be allowed to play. In the event of a conflict between an adult game and a youth game, the youth game shall take precedence. A youth player who is required to sign an adult form shall retain youth eligibility. [USYS Rule 208]

B. Any youth playing for a adult club without the above described clearances and permissions can be declared ineligible for youth games. Any youth team using such an ineligible player shall face sanction including, but not limited to forfeit all games in which that player took part.

RULE 11

A. A "youth player" is defined as an individual who has not reached 19 years of age prior to August 1 immediately before the start of any seasonal year. A player who reaches 19 years of age during a seasonal year is allowed to complete that seasonal year. A player who reaches 19 years of age during August of one seasonal year shall be allowed to complete all of the next seasonal year. [USYS Rule 101]

B. All leagues, unless otherwise sanctioned by the Board of Directors of this Association, shall register teams according to the following age classifications:

- Under 19- Player has not reached 19th birthday before August 1.
- Under 18- Player has not reached 18th birthday before August 1.
- Under 17- Player has not reached 17th birthday before August 1.
- Under 16- Player has not reached 16th birthday before August 1.
- Under 15- Player has not reached 15th birthday before August 1.
- Under 14- Player has not reached 14th birthday before August 1.
- Under 13- Player has not reached 13th birthday before August 1.
- Under 12- Player has not reached 12th birthday before August 1.
- Under 11- Player has not reached 11th birthday before August 1.
- Under 10- Player has not reached 10th birthday before August 1.
- Under 9- Player has not reached 9th birthday before August 1.
- Under 8- Player has not reached 8th birthday before August 1.
- Under 7- Player has not reached 7th birthday before August 1.
- Under 6- Player has not reached 6th birthday before August 1.

Age classifications may be grouped together for competitions.

RULE 12

A. Any player may be called upon to prove his/her legal age or residency by the Board of Directors of the Association, by a Registrar or by a League Chairperson.

B. Proof of age shall consist of a Birth Certificate, a Uniformed Services Identification and Privilege Card (DD Form 1173) issued by the uniformed services of the United States, a birth registration issued by an appropriate government agency or board of health records, a passport, an alien registration card issued by the United State Government a certificate issued by the Immigration and Naturalization Service attesting to age, a current driver's license, an valid federal, state or local government identification card, or a certification of a United States citizen born abroad issued by the appropriate government agency. Hospital, baptismal, or religious certificates will not be accepted. [USYS Rule 204]

RULE 13

The Rules of Play shall be the "Laws of the Game" as published by the F.I.F.A. with those modifications stated herein. All contests sanctioned by this Association shall abide by the "Laws of the Game" and the modifications published by this Association.

A. All games shall be played under the Rules and Regulations of the Hawaii Youth Soccer Association, as amended each year.

B. Coaching of players on the field from the sidelines should be minimal.

C. The first team listed on the schedule is the "home team" regardless of the game's location. The home team coach must provide a game ball. Both teams should provide a properly completed game sheet.

D. Where colors of uniforms are similar, the home team should be prepared to change jerseys. The coach/manager of the team required to change colors should be prepared for color contrasts before arriving at the field and should have alternate jerseys available. The jerseys must be clearly numbered on the back.

E. Players' appearance

1. All players shall wear a jersey, shorts, shin guards under their socks, and shoes (with non-marking soles for indoor play). Jerseys shall be tucked in, and socks shall be pulled up over the shin guards. "Bike pants" are allowed, as long as they are the same color as the dominant color of the shorts.

2. All players shall be uniformly attired, except for the goalkeeper, whose jersey color or pattern must be different from all game officials and other players on the field.

3. Hard casts or splints are allowed, if they are deemed safe by the referee. Casts and splints must be padded with ½ inch of "closed cell foam" and a written medical release from the player's physician. (rev. 07/02)

F. Each team is responsible to have a game ball and to see that their fans behave in a proper and respectful manner.

G. Players may be substituted only during a stoppage of the game (FIFA Law III and Law IX). The number of substitutions shall be unlimited unless a competition superseding the jurisdiction of this Association specifically determines otherwise.

Substitutions may be made at the following times: [USYS Rule 302]

1. Prior to a throw-in in by the team in possession.
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 play.
5. At half-time.

A substitute may not enter the field of play until the referee has given a signal to do so. All substitutions must be made at the halfway mark, and only after the player being substituted has left the field.

H. The referee shall require that both teams enter all the appropriate information on a HYSA Game Report Form prior to the start of the game.

1. The referee shall verify each player's identity with his or her player's pass. The referee shall collect the passes of all players who are to participate in the game. Players without passes will not be allowed to play. Their name/names shall not appear on the game sheet. (Exception-Recreational leagues as defined by USYS & HYSA may, but are not required to use player passes.)
2. All referees will file a report for every scheduled game of the season. The report must be signed by the referee and mailed to the proper authorities within 12 hours (holidays excluded). If a player has been ejected from the game, the player's pass must be included with

the report. In such a case, the referee will provide as good a description as possible of the infraction.

3. In the event of a forfeited game, the game report must be properly filled by the team/teams present, must be signed by the referee and mailed to the proper authorities within 24 hours (holidays excluded).

I. The two-man system for officiating games will not be used under any circumstances. At no time shall there be more than one referee on the field of play. Coaches may provide a club linesperson or referee to assist with the game upon approval by the officials present.

J. If a team cannot play a scheduled game and fails to notify the scheduler within 60 hours of the game, or if a team refuses to play a scheduled game, such action shall be considered misconduct of coaches or team officials, and applicable sanctions shall be determined by the appropriate disciplinary authority.

K. Teams forfeiting shall receive a score of 0-4. Teams winning by forfeit shall receive a score of 3-0.

L. Any team delaying the start of a scheduled game more than fifteen (15) minutes without the approval of the proper authority shall forfeit the game to the opponent.

M. Teams unable to field a minimum of seven players on the field within 15 minutes after the official scheduled start time will forfeit the match.

N. In the event both teams do not show up for a scheduled game and the referee rules the ground playable, both teams shall be assessed with a forfeit.

O. In addition to other appropriate sanctions, the league or Association, as appropriate, may also require a team or teams violating subsections J, L, M, or N, to reimburse payments that had to be made to game officials, even though the game was not played, and may place in bad standing any team failing to make such reimbursement. (10/04)

P. Referees responsible for the late start of a game may be disciplined by the proper authority. Referees may, at any time, be called upon by the proper authority to explain their reports.

Q. The referees' judgment with regard to the physical condition of the field and its acceptance for play, to the actual happenings and occurrences related to the conduct of the game and to those prerogatives granted by the "Laws of the Game" as published by FIFA, shall not be challenged.

RULE 14 Protest and Appeals Procedure:

A. Violations of the Charter, Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules and Regulations of this Association, misapplication of the "Laws of the Game", violations of league rules and regulations, or violations of National rules shall be proper subjects for the protest and appeals procedure, provided these misapplications fall within the framework of the Charter, Constitution, By-Laws and Rules and Regulations of this Association.

In matters involving disputes between members of the association (i.e. Players, coaches, teams, clubs, leagues), the association encourages the involved parties to meet, discuss and settle disputes among themselves. If the matter is pursued, both parties may be called into mandatory mediation sessions. (10/04)

B. Steps in the process

1. In all League matters, protests must be sent to the League President and Secretary with a postmark date within seventy-two (72) hours of the event triggering the protest. The League Protest and Appeals Committee will render a decision within twenty (20) days of the postmark date of the protest letter. For purposes of this rule, "League matters" shall include disciplinary actions taken against Association

members registered with the League in connection with games conducted by another USSF affiliated association, whether in Hawaii or out of state, unless the League Chairperson, pursuant to Rule 3, Division I, Rules of Order, has referred the matter in the first instance to the State Protest and Appeals Committee. (Rev 10/04)

2. The League Protest and Appeals Committee's decision may then be appealed to the State Protest and Appeals Committee. The appeal must be sent to HYSA with a postmark date within seventy-two (72) hours of the receipt of the league Committee's decision. The State Protest and Appeals Committee will render a decision within twenty (20) days of the postmark date of the appeal letter.

3. Any decision of the State Protest and Appeals Committee may be appealed to the full Board of Directors of the State. The appeal must be sent to HYSA with a postmark date within seventy-two (72) hours of the receipt of the Committee's written decision, and must be accompanied by a filing fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00). The fee shall be returned if the protest or appeal is upheld. If the protest or appeal is not upheld, the fee shall be retained by the State Association. The Secretary and President of the State shall set a date for a meeting of the Board of Directors for such a hearing. The hearing must take place within thirty (30) days of the date of the appeal of the State Protest and Appeals Committee's decision.

4. The decision of the State Board of Directors of the Association may be appealed to the United States Soccer Federation in accordance with USSF Rules. (Rev 10/04)

5. When computing a period of time prescribed by this rule, the day of the event from which the period begins to run shall be excluded. The last day of the period shall be included, unless it is a Saturday, Sunday, or federal or State holiday, in which case the period extends to the end of the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday or federal or State holiday. Whenever any period of time specified by this rule is less than seven days, intervening Saturdays, Sundays, or federal or State holidays shall not be included in the computation. (10/04)

C. At each step in the process, the Protest and Appeals Committee or Board involved shall consider all pertinent information pertaining to the case. The parties involved shall have the opportunity to present their cases. In cases of appeals, the appealing party shall provide all pertinent documentation in writing, and the Chairperson of the Protest and Appeals Committee or the Disciplinary Authority which rendered the previous decision shall present the findings of that body.

D. After all testimony has been presented, the involved parties will be excused from the meeting and the Protest and Appeals Committee or Board shall then render a written decision, which shall forward to all involved parties within seventy-two (72) hours. All written correspondence shall be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, or hand-delivered with a statement acknowledging receipt. A copy of the decision shall be filed with the State Association and with the involved League(s).

E. Exhaustion of Remedies (USYSA Bylaw 704)

Section 1. No member of HYSA, official, league, club, team, player, coach, administrator or referee may invoke the aid of the courts of the United States or the State of Hawaii without first exhausting all available remedies within the appropriate soccer organizations, and as provided within USYSA.

Section 2. For a violation of this bylaw, the offending party shall be subject to suspension and fines, and shall be liable to HYSA, for all expenses incurred by HYSA and its officers and members of the Board of Directors in defending each court action, including the following:

- 1) court costs;
- 2) attorney's fees;
- 3) reasonable compensation for time spend by HYSA officials and employees in responding to and defending against allegations in the action, including responses to discover and court appearances;
- 4) travel expenses; expenses for holding special Board Meetings necessitated by court action

RULE 15 Disciplinary Rulings and Punishments:

A. Misconduct of players

1. Any ejection (red)
2. Profanity on the field of play, not directed at league or game officials or coaches but clearly audible
3. Intentional and/or repeated action either un-sportsmanlike and/or creating uncalled for delays to the game
4. Extreme roughness, brutal play
5. Intentionally impeding an obvious goal scoring opportunity by an opponent, but without body contact

APPLICABLE SANCTION: Suspension for game in play plus one additional game

6. Any form of audible or visual dissent or profanity directed towards league and game officials or coaches, on or off the field, before, during or after the game
7. Verbal threatening or physical threatening gestures without body contact (excluding officials and coaches)
8. Intentionally impeding an obvious goal scoring opportunity by an opponent, with body contact

APPLICABLE SANCTION: Suspension for game in play plus two additional games

9. Single strike, shove, push or violent gesture with body contact towards anyone (excluding league and game officials and coaches)

APPLICABLE SANCTION: Suspension for game in play plus three additional games

10. Repeated pushing, shoving or violent gestures with body contact towards anyone (excluding league and game officials and coaches)

APPLICABLE SANCTION: Suspension for game in play plus four additional games

11. Fighting, striking of "repeated body contact" type with anyone (excluding league and game officials and coaches) on or off the field, before, during or after a game

APPLICABLE SANCTION: Suspension for game in play plus six additional games

12. Verbal threatening or physical threatening gestures without body contact directed at league and game officials or coaches, on or off the field, before, during or after a game

APPLICABLE SANCTION: Suspension for 12 games but not less than 3 calendar months

13. Body contact with league and game officials and coaches in a pushing, striking or fighting manner, on or off the field, before, during or after the game

APPLICABLE SANCTION: Suspension for a minimum of one calendar year, unless serious injuries are inflicted, in which case the suspension shall be for a minimum of five calendar years

B. Accumulation of Cautions and Expulsions

1. After accumulating three (3) yellow cards within a seasonal year, the player will be entitled to finish the game underway but will be automatically suspended from play for the following game within the playing year. The game suspension shall clear the player's record.
2. Any player that accumulates three (3) red cards in a seasonal year will be suspended and required to appear before the Disciplinary Authority in a hearing. The Disciplinary Authority shall determine the conditions for reinstatement and/or probation, if any. Failure of the player to appear at the hearing will cause that player to be suspended for the remainder of the seasonal year.
3. The coach of a team that has four (4) different players who received red cards during any season will be required to appear before the Disciplinary Authority in a hearing within ten calendar days from the receipt of written notice from the Authority. The Disciplinary Authority will then set the terms of probation, if any, for that coach. Failure of the coach to appear at the hearing will cause the coach to be suspended and the coach shall be required to petition for reinstatement of his/her eligibility to coach the team in question or any other team.

C. Misconduct of Coaches or Team Officials

1. Any ejection
2. Abusive, derogatory or profane language, on or off the field of play, not directed at league or game officials or coaches but clearly audible
3. Intentional and/or repeated action either un-sportsmanlike and/or creating uncalled for delays to the game

APPLICABLE SANCTION: Suspension for game in play plus two additional games

4. Any form of audible or visual dissent or profanity directed towards league or game officials or coaches, on or off the field, before, during or after the game
5. Verbal threatening or physical threatening gestures without body contact (excluding officials and coaches)

APPLICABLE SANCTION: Suspension for game in play plus four additional games

6. Verbal threatening or physical threatening gestures without body contact directed at league and game officials or coaches, on or off the field, before, during or after a game

APPLICABLE SANCTION: Suspension for 12 games but not less than 3 calendar months

7. Any violent gesture with body contact on or off the field, before, during or after the game

APPLICABLE SANCTION: Suspension for a minimum of one calendar year, unless serious injuries are inflicted, in which case the suspension shall be for a minimum of five calendar years

Repeat of any misconduct in Section C within a year from the termination of the sanction shall result in a review by the appropriate authority.

D. Spectator Misconduct. Team coaches, team assistant coaches, and team managers whose teams are on the field, as well as league officials present at the game, must do their utmost to help maintain an orderly and gentlemanlike behavior by the field of play. They may, if necessary, obtain the attention of the referee who has the sole authority to stop the game if in his/her judgment he/she finds it necessary. Coaches will be held responsible for the behavior of their spectators. (See HYSA Rules and Regulations, Division I, Rules of Order, Rules 5 and 13.F). Any instance of spectator misconduct may be reported to the league. The appropriate league authority may take action including, but not limited to, placing the team in bad standing.

FOOTNOTES:

1. "Game officials" include assistant referees, even though they might be trainees, field marshals and tournament officials. (Rev. 10/04)
2. Teams that are verbally abusive toward game or league officials may be called before a disciplinary authority.
3. All suspensions given will count towards scheduled league, cup or tournament matches and, if necessary to complete a suspension for a specified number of games (as opposed to a suspension for a specified period of time), will carry over into the following seasonal year. "Visitors" and "friendlies" cannot be used to work down the count. In specific instances the sanctioning authority may specify which kinds of games may be used to work off a sanction. (Rev 10/04)
4. Suspensions of coaches or team officials, in the discretion of the league or Association, may apply not just to game-related activities but to any league or Association related activities including, but not limited to, practices, team training, clinics, etc. (10/04)
5. Wherever league officials are mentioned, it is understood that present State officials are included into the ruling.
6. Striking includes spitting at or on another player or game official. (10/04)

RULE 16 Administration of Discipline:

A. Reporting of Misconduct

1. Any misconduct occurring within Hawaii at a HYSA game shall be reported to the League as soon as possible after the incident.
2. If a player or coach is ejected for misconduct, then the referee shall mail the pass to the League, along with the game report. That player or coach will be ineligible until the pass is returned.
3. It is the obligation of the sanctioned player's coach or the sanctioned coach to confirm the applicable sanction and to obtain the pass from the Disciplinary Authority at the termination of the period of suspension.

B. Organization of the Disciplinary Committee. The Disciplinary Authority may be an individual or a committee. The individual or the chair of the committee must be a member of the League Board of Directors. All individuals serving as, or on the Disciplinary Committee shall be approved by the League Board of Directors (or State Board if applicable).

C. The Disciplinary Authority as a committee

1. The name of the committee shall be the Disciplinary Committee.
2. The Committee need only be called to deal with sanctions which involve suspensions of more than one game beyond the game during which there was misconduct, or in cases where there may be some question as to the proper sanction. In the other cases, the chairperson or co-chairpersons may deal with the suspension.
3. At least three members of the Committee (including the chair) must be present for decisions to be made.
4. The Committee may come to a decision regarding a punishment in any manner they deem appropriate and their deliberations on these matters need not be revealed.

5. Any member of the Disciplinary Committee with a conflict of interest on a particular matter may not vote on that matter. A member has a conflict of interest if any of the following apply:
 - a. He or she is a team official of the player's team.
 - b. He or she is a relative or an acknowledged friend.
 - c. He or she is involved in the matter.

D. Responsibilities of the Disciplinary Authority

1. It shall have the authority to act upon violations of the Charter, Constitution, By-Laws, or Rules & Regulations of this Association. Violations of the "Laws of the Game", violations of league rules & regulations, or violations of National rules, provided these violations or misapplications fall within the framework of the Charter, Constitution, By-Laws and Rules & Regulations of this Association.
2. It shall have the authority to consider all available information in any form regarding a disciplinary matter.
3. It is empowered to conduct hearings in order to investigate alleged misconduct.
4. It shall strive for fairness and consistency in setting punishments applied to HYSA members. Every effort shall be made to contact all parties directly involved in the incident to assure that all viewpoints are heard.
5. It shall handle any misconduct not specifically covered in Rule 15 by applying a punishment in accordance with a similar violation.
6. Multiple sanctions may be applied where appropriate.
7. It shall give due consideration to the offender's age.
8. Among the sanctions that can be imposed, the Disciplinary Authority may place any individual, team or club in bad standing. This sanction may include restrictions, suspensions, and/or fines. An individual, team or club will be notified in writing that they are in bad standing along with a statement detailing what must be done to remove the bad standing.
9. It shall keep records of all reported misconduct and all sanctions given.

RULE 17

For outdoor matches, the length of games, ball size and overtime periods for each age group shall be as follows:

Division	Game Length	OT Periods	Ball Size
U 19, 18, 17	Two 45-min. halves	Two 15-min. halves	#5
U 16, 15	Two 40-min. halves	Two 15-min. halves	#5
U 14, 13	Two 35-min. halves	Two 10-min. halves	#5
U 12, 11	Two 30-min. halves	Two 10-min. halves	#4
U 10, 9	Two 25-min. halves	Two 10-min. halves	#4
U 8, 7, 6	Two 20-min. halves	Two 5-min. halves	#3

RULE 18

Any team desiring to travel outside the jurisdiction of this Association must submit a properly completed "Application for Travel" form to the State Association. No travel shall be allowed until approval of the

application is made by the Association. Should a team travel, outside of the state without the permission of HYSA, they will not be covered by HYSA insurance and may face sanctions.

RULE 19 Suspension Because of Litigation:

Any person participating in a HYSA program who becomes involved as a defendant in litigation detrimental to the welfare of youth players or litigation based on activities detrimental to the welfare of youth players, or litigation based on activities detrimental to the welfare of youth players, shall be suspended from all soccer-related activities. Suspensions under this rule, shall be determined by the appropriate state authorities. The individual may apply for reinstatement at the completion of litigation. Matters detrimental to the welfare of youth players shall include crimes of moral turpitude and felonies. The person has a right to appeal whether the matter which is the substance of the accusation, if true, is detrimental to the welfare of youth players. [USYS Bylaw 252]

STANDING RULES
SECTION 2
SPECIFIC RULES

In addition to the preceding General Rules of Play, the following Specific Rules shall apply to National Youth Challenge Cup Games, State Cup Games, Tournament Games, inter-league Competition, All-Star Games and international Games.

RULE 1

The authority of approval/operational control, including dates and times of games which are to be played for these competitions, when played or sponsored by affiliated teams or leagues, shall be vested in the Board of Directors of this Association. Approved games of this type shall take precedence over all league games.

RULE 2

The formation of League/State All-Star teams shall be vested with the Board of Directors of this Association; the Board of Directors may delegate this authority at its discretion.

RULE 3

The entrance fees and procedures for these competitions shall be established/approved by the Board of Directors of this Association. All fees and forms must be submitted to the Secretary of the Association on or before the date due and in the manner so specified.

RULE 4

These competitions will be open to all youth teams affiliated with this Association, but only in their own age group. A team entering these competitions shall have played in the current seasonal year as a team and be a member of a recognized league of the Association. These requirements may be modified by the Board of Directors when in the interests of the Association or for the good of the game.

RULE 5

Any player participating in these competitions shall have been registered a minimum of ten (10) days prior to participation in any game. Thus, the player becomes eligible on the eleventh (11th) day after registration, unless the rules of a competition designate otherwise.

RULE 6

If not otherwise specified, should the score be tied at the end of regulation play in Cup and Tournament games, two (2) overtime periods shall be played as specified under the General Rules and Regulations (Standing Rules, Section 1, Rule 17). In the event no winner is determined after overtime play, then both teams will take penalty kicks (as specified under FIFA Rules, International Board Meeting, June 27, 1970) until a winner is determined.

RULE 7

In the event both teams do not show up for a scheduled game and the referee rules the ground playable, both teams shall be assessed with a loss and both teams shall be declared out of further play in that competition.

RULE 8

In Cup Competition, pairings shall be determined by a draw conducted by the Board of Directors or its delegate. If applicable, the Board of Directors will schedule "home" and "away" games on an "as-equal-as-possible" basis. A coin toss shall be used when necessary.

RULE 9

The referee in all State Cup games shall be appointed by the Board of Directors or its delegate. The Board of Directors shall set the fee. In the event of non-appearance of the appointed referees, the opposing team managers or coaches must agree to a solution. The game is to be played and will be deemed official. If agreement is impossible, then the matter will be referred to the Board of Directors for action.

RULE 10

In the case of National Youth Challenge Cup, State Cup, Tournament, Inter-league, All-Star and International Games, if a player is ejected for misconduct, then the referee shall mail or hand deliver the player pass, along with the game report, to the League Chairperson or Board of Directors of this Association. The player/ players in question shall be ineligible until the pass is returned.

RULE 11

Protests or appeals arising out of any National Youth Challenge Cup, State Cup, Tournament, Inter-league, All-Star or International Games shall be handled by the appropriate Protest and Appeals Committee so designated for that competition. All applications to host tournaments that are approved by this Association shall contain procedures to handle protests and appeals.

RULE 12 Trophies and Cups

A. When the winners of Cups or Trophies have been decided, the Association shall deliver the Cups or Trophies to the responsible officer of said team. The responsible officer shall guarantee the return thereof to the Secretary of the Association on or before the first day of the month in which the next Cup or Tournament is to be played. Teams winning Cups or Trophies, in accepting custody of same, shall guarantee return of such in good condition, as a condition of acceptance.

B. Upon delivery of Cups or Trophies, the responsible officer of the team to whom said Cups or Trophies are delivered shall sign a receipt for such, and shall retain a copy of the receipt for the team records. The original receipt shall be retained by the Association and kept on file for future reference.

C. Should the Cups or Trophies for any competition be destroyed or damaged while in the custody of the retaining team, said team shall refund to the Association the amount of the original cost of such plus the cost of modifications (engraving, etc.) or the amount necessary to effect repair. Any team accepting custody of any Cup or Trophy shall be deemed to have assented to this clause.

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Please note: The rules as presented in this manual are accurate and up to date, to the best of our knowledge, at the time the manual was sent to print. Please check the HYSA website at www.hawaiisoccer.com for the most up to date version. Thanks for your patience and understanding.

Mahalo!