

CAMP PENDLETON YOUTH SPORTS

SOCCER BY-LAWS

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GOVERNING BODY:

- a. The Rules of Play will follow the current FIFA laws of the game. Rules stated herein may restate official rules for added emphasis or clarity, may make local exceptions to the official rules, or may add rules that are otherwise not embodied in the official rules. In case of a conflict, the rules stated herein shall apply.
- b. Camp Pendleton Youth Sports has authority in interpreting the foregoing rules and regulations.

DIVISIONS AND TEAMS:

DIVISION	AGES	HALVES	BALL SIZE
U6	5	15 MIN	3
U8	6 - 7	20 MIN	3
U10	8 - 9	25 MIN	4
U14	10 - 13	30 MIN	4
U19	13 - 18	35 MIN	5

- a. Team rosters will be composed of not more than (10) players for U6 teams, twelve (12) for U8 and U10, fifteen (15) for U14 and U19.
- b. CPYS may make exceptions to these rules in special cases.
- c. Team names must be submitted to Youth Sports within one (1) week of the coaches meeting. All names are subject to approval. If a name is considered in any way offensive, derogatory, insulting, obscene, or crude, the coach will be informed to select a more appropriate name. If a team cannot choose a name up to the standards of CPYS, that teams name will be associated with its housing area. Example: (Front Gate Team 1).

EQUIPMENT:

- a. Youth Sports will provide one official game ball. Both teams will need to have two balls next to their goal so the game doesn't get delayed. The additional game balls do not have to be a Youth Sports issued soccer balls, as long as it is the official size and weight for the division in which it is being used.
- b. Only jerseys and socks issued by CPYS are to be worn in games. Players are responsible for providing their own pocketless shorts that match with the rest of the team. Molded cleats are required and may not be steel cleats, detachable or not, or top center toe cleats.

- c. Shin guards are mandatory for all players and must cover the player's ENTIRE shin. 1" above the tongue of the cleat and 2" below the knee cap is regulation.
- d. Players in U6 and U8 may wear black or gray pocket less sweatpants with their official uniform. U10, U14, and U19 may wear an additional shirt under their official jersey, but if any portion of the shirt is visible, it must be solid black, white, or matching their jersey.
- e. Soft knee or elbow pads are permitted. Players may wear headbands, wrist sweatbands, as long as the material is soft and black, or same color as their official jersey.
- f. Jewelry of any kind, including watches and metal barettes/ribbons are forbidden during games and practices. ADA medical alert bracelets are allowed, but must be taped to prevent injuries.
- g. Casts are allowed but must be wrapped in bubble wrap or have a soft cover and be approved by the referee of that game. At any time during the game if the referee deems the cast unsafe he may ask the player to step off the field for the remainder of the game.
- h. Players in violation of any equipment rules will not be permitted to play. The referee's decision is final.

PLAYING FIELD:

- a. The Home team will set up on the headquarters side of the field (white building with flag pole). The Visitor team will set up on the Vandegrift side of the field. Coaches will ensure that their spectators set up on the proper side of the field, and respect the rights of the team using the sideline directly before them.
- b. Banners may be displayed within coaches' boxes only.
- c. Coaches, Team Parents, Parents and Spectators will not use any mechanical noise devices that would interfere with the game (bullhorns, megaphone, boom box, etc.).
- d. No spectators are allowed behind the goal, the goal line, or the sideline past the 18-meter line (furthest point of the penalty area), except in transit. This is to prevent interference with referee assistants and goalkeepers.
- e. Note: Spectator area begins at the outer perimeter of the coaches' box and not farther than where the goal box begins.

FIELD AND GOAL DIMENSIONS:

AGE DIVISION	FIELD DIMENSIONS (Width x Length)	GOAL DIMENSIONS (Height x Width x Depth)
U6	60' X 120'	6'6" x 12' x 7'
U8	120' X 220'	6'6" x 18'6" x 7'
U10	120' X 220'	6'6" x 18'6" x 7'
U14	140' X 260'	7' x 21' x 7'6"
U19	210' x 348'	8' x 24' x 8'4"

STARTING AND ENDING A GAME:

- a. The assigned referee will be the official time and scorekeeper.
- b. Teams are allowed a ten (10) minute grace period to arrive with the minimum number of players to play before a forfeit is declared. The game clock will begin at the scheduled game time regardless. If after 10 minutes the team cannot field enough players, the win will go to the non-offending team, 3-0.
- c. **Under 6 Division:** Each team in U6 plays with (6) players on the field. If less than (5) players report, divide players of both teams and play a scrimmage game. U6 teams do not adjust rosters to play up or down. There is only one Ref in the center, the U6 coaches will be assisting on the sideline ensure safe and fair play if needed.
- d. **Under 8 Division and up:** Each team in U8 plays with (8) players on the field, but must have a minimum of (6) to start a game. Each team in U10 plays with (9) players, but must have a minimum of (6) to start a game. For U14 and U19 each team plays with (11) on the field and must have a minimum of (7) to start a game.
- e. Exceptions:
 - i. If a team is short a player due to a previous player ejection, the opposing coach does not have to adjust for the ejected player.
 - ii. In U10 and up if a coach has less than nine players officially assigned to the team; the opposing coach must play the same number of players.
- f. Coaches must submit the Official Team Line-Up Card (digital copies are given to all coaches) with all players listed by jersey number and full name. Cards must be signed and dated and given to the Referee prior to the start of the game.
- g. All team member names must be listed, with any absent players being marked as such. Coaches who attended the game must also be written in the line-up card.

- h. **Game Cancellations:** All games cancelled after completion of the 1st half will be considered legal and recorded as is. Any game cancelled before completion of the 1st half will be rescheduled and made up depending on the reason for cancellation.

SPORTSMANSHIP AND MINIMUM PLAY RULE:

- a. When a team is in the lead by 5 points in the U10, U14, and U19 divisions they must begin to rotate all scoring players to a more defensive position.
- b. Goals will go 1 for 1 at this time. If the opposing team scores, the team in the lead may match that goal with one of their own. 5-0, 6-1, 7-2, 8-3, etc. to keep a 5 goal lead.
- c. Do your best to not run up the score and display good sportsmanship.
- d. All players are to play at a minimum: one quarter of each half of each game (barring injury or illness). Coaches who fail to keep players in the game for their required amount of time are subject to disciplinary action.

CONDUCT AND EJECTIONS:

- a. Players are expected to conduct themselves in the spirit of a recreational league. In particular, older players are expected to set the example for younger players. Players will show respect for each other, referees, coaches, spectators and staff.
- b. Player Red Card Policy: Any player receiving a red card will be required to sit out the remainder of the game in which the red card is issued, and must also sit out his/her next played game.
 - i. Two Red Cards: Any player receiving a second red card during the playing season must sit out the next two games played. A third red card will result in suspension for the remainder of the season.
 - ii. Players receiving a yellow card in three (3) consecutive games will be suspended for one game.
- c. Players may also be suspended for inappropriate behavior not directly involving games, at the discretion of the CPYS. Such behavior includes but is not restricted to profanity, taunting players in other games, fighting in practices and other inappropriate acts.
- d. All suspensions are subject to appeal after thorough review of the referee's call.
- e. Ask Tell Remove Policy:
 - i. Officials will ask a player, parent, or coach to adhere to a rule, watch their behavior.
 - ii. Officials will tell a player, parent, or coach to adhere to a rule, watch their behavior.
 - iii. Officials will remove a player, parent, or coach who is still a problem after

the first two attempts have been made.

- f. Ejected coaches or players will leave the field of play immediately (this includes the surrounding fields), will not attempt to converse with the referee further, will stay away from the field area for the duration of the match, and will not return to the field until all participants, including officials, have cleared the area following the game.
- g. If a coach is dismissed 2 times during a season, he/she will be suspended for the remainder of the season. All dismissals will be reviewed by the Soccer Coordinator and Manager.
- h. Coaches will ensure that their entire sideline, including assistant coaches and any spectators, maintain a respectful, demeanor throughout the game. Berating referees, taunting opposing players or using foul language are grounds for caution or expulsion from the field.
- i. COACHES ARE ULTIMATELY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE BEHAVIOR OF EVERYONE ON THEIR SIDELINE. Coaches requiring assistance should contact the Youth Sports Staff to handle problem spectators.
- j. If a referee declares a forfeit during a game due to a serious coach or player misconduct, the non-offending team will be awarded the win, 3-0.

MODIFIED GAME RULES:

- a. **Slide Tackling:** Correct, front, 180-degree slide tackles are permitted FOR U14 AND U19 ONLY. All slide tackles are subject to the referee's judgment, but are NOT permitted in any form in the U6, U8, and U10 divisions.
- b. **Substitutions:** CPYS allows for unlimited substitutions, at the discretion of the referee.
- c. **Special Needs Children:** CPYS is a full-inclusion league, and all coaches MUST identify to the opposing coach and the referee any special needs children on their team and accommodations or adjustments they may need before the game.

SCHEDULES AND STANDINGS:

- a. Once the number of teams is set, a schedule is compiled based on a blind placement system. U6 to U14 games are played at the 11 Area fields (Mainside), our U19 will play at the 11 area turf field. Occasionally, midweek games are necessary due to rainouts or non-availability of fields.
- b. Changes to schedules should be requested through the CPYS. All change requests must be fully justified, and any other coach/team affected must concur with the change.
- c. **POINT STANDINGS** will be kept throughout the season for our U10-U19 division and higher. We will update the point standings weekly. We will have a master copy at the Youth Sports tent. If you feel there is an error to the point standings, only the coach can request a change. The YSO will look at the official score card from the game in question. All coaches have 7 days to dispute the standings.