



Ontario Youth Soccer Association

POLICY ON PLAYERS AND PLAYING RULES

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Ontario Youth Soccer Association RULES and REGULATIONS

Ontario Youth Soccer Association will be referred to as OYSA throughout this document.

PREAMBLE

- a) The office staff is not authorised to interpret League and Regulations or to waive disciplinary fines for contravention of the League and Regulations without the consent of the League Executive. Excuses for non-compliance with League Rights and Responsibilities, including failure to appear for scheduled discipline hearings, will not be accepted unless previously authorised in writing by League Executive.
- b) The Executive of the OYSA at their Executive Meeting may modify, add or delete any Rules or Regulations for the betterment for the League. The Clubs and Academies will be notified within 14 days of any changes.
- c) Any matter not covered by the OYSA Constitution and / or Rules and Regulations, shall be governed by the provisions of the Canadian Soccer League and the OYSA Constitution and Player Policies and Procedures.

PART I—GENERAL

Rule 101. Definitions

Section 101.1.

Definitions include the following:

- 1) "CSL" means the Canadian Soccer League, Inc.
- 2) "FIFA" means the Federation Internationale de Football Association.
- 3) "**Organization Member**" means an organization that is classified as such a member of OYSA as provided by Article 8 of the OYSA Constitution.
- 4) "team" means a group of soccer players registered at the same club.
- 5) "OYSA" means the Ontario Youth Soccer Association
- 6) "**youth player**" means an individual who has not reached 17 years of age prior to prior to December 31st. immediately before the start of any seasonal year.
- 7) **T&Cs** refers to terms and conditions.

Section 101.2.

The following definitions also apply to this policy:

- 1) "add" means the addition of a player to a team's sheet.
- 2) "eligibility to play" means registered and not under suspension.
- 3) "game sheet" means the list of players who will participate in a particular competition.
- 4) "**involuntary release**" means the removal of a player from a team's sheet at the request of team authorities.
- 5) "**registration**" means the execution of an intent to play the sport of soccer and the paying of fees to become a member of OYSA.
- 6) "**sheeting**" means assignment of a registered player to a team.
- 7) "**suspension**" means the temporary withdrawal of rights and privilege, such as the

right to play, coach, or otherwise administer or participate (directly or indirectly) in soccer, and the suspension is for the entire term of the suspension with all rights and privileges withdrawn unless specifically stated otherwise by the suspending authority.

- 8) "**team sheet**" means a list of registered players eligible to play for a team registered in the OYSA Data Base.
- 9)) "uniform" means a jersey or shirt, shorts, thermal undershorts, stockings, shin-guards, footwear, warmup jacket, pants, or suit, and other similar items of wear.

Section 101.3.

The following definitions are suggested for use by OYSA to facilitate communication and understanding among them:

- 1)"league" means a structured group of 4 or more teams joined for the purpose inter- team play under a common set of administrative and competition rules; and an interclub league in which CSL clubs, Academies and Non CSL Clubs participate in.
- 2)"**club/academy**"— means an organisation that is a member (directly or indirectly) of OYSA that has an identifiable membership of youth soccer players on whose behalf the organization conducts or engages in youth soccer activities and comprise of one or more teams.
- 3) "**league team**" means a team that participates in regularly scheduled league play.
- 4) "**player**" means a youth player registered in accordance with OYSA and CSL rules
- 5) "**tournament team**" means a team that includes guest players and is put together for the sole purpose of playing in a tournament or other approved non-league competition.
- 6) "**transfer**" means the removal of a player from a roster sheet on the request of club and the player, and the contemporaneous addition of the player to the roster sheet of another club and only after the OYSA's approval of the transfer.

Rule 102 - Youth Age Divisions

Youth Age Divisions shall be comprised of players who are born during the season before December 31st,

Section 102.1

Except as otherwise provided by Rule 104, age groups shall be comprised of youth players who are born January, 1st to the current playing year.

- (1) Under 8 years of age.
- (2) Under 10 years of age
- (3) Under 12 years of age
- (4) Under 14 years of age
- (5) Under 16 years of age

Section 102.2

A Youth Player may play up in age. If it is two (2) years or more beyond the player's proper birth date age division, the parent/legal guardian of the player will be required to execute an additional Waiver and Release of Liability prior to approval of the League.

Section 102.3

A team may play two (2)over aged per registered team.

- a) Player can only be one (1) year over age.
- b) Player may not play for any other team.
- c) Clubs/Academies have to justify as to why they are playing over aged players.
 - i) Clubs/Academies don't have enough players to form an older age group. i.e. u12 team.

Section 102.4

As the league grows, OYSA reserve the right to amend the age groups by adding additional age groups.

Rule 103 Game Sheets

Section 103.1

Every team shall have a team sheet and will present a game sheet for every match or competition.

"game sheet" means the list of players who will participate in a particular competition.

Section 103.2.- Max Players

Under 8-	Max of 10 players may be listed on the game sheet
Under 10-	Max of 12 players may be listed on the game sheet
Unser 12 -	Max of 14 players may be listed on the game sheet
Under 14	Max of 18 players may be listed on the game sheet
Under 16	Max of 18 players may be listed on the game sheet

Section 103.3

The game sheet shall be prepared by the team Coach or Manager and submitted to the competition official 15 minutes to kick-off. The game sheet shall not have more than the number of players allocated to the specific age group as outlined in Section 106.2 of this document.

Every player listed on the game sheet must be registered with the club to be eligible to participate with the in the League competition.

Section 103.4 - Team Officials

- a)A team official, shall mean Head Coach, Assistant Coach, Physiotherapist, Manager or Assistant Manager, and Trainer whom should all be registered with the OYSA.
- b) A minimum of one (1) and maximum of four (4) team officials, registered to the specific team will be allowed to sit on the bench during games.
- c) Team officials will not be allowed to smoke while coaching their teams. A team official that does not comply will be subject to disciplinary action by the OYSA
- d)Any team official withdrawing a team from a game shall be disciplined by the OYSA and if found guilty the team will forfeit the game. Forfeit will be recorded as 3-0 score by default.

Rule 104. Gender of teams

OYSA recognizes 3 types of team genders:

- (1) Teams with girls play in an all-girls division.
- (2) All other teams are boys teams.
- (3) Co-ed teams boys and at least one girl (These teams will play in the boys Division)

Rule 105. Game play with non-members

Section 105.1. OYSA may grant temporary permission to a Member Club/Academy, or to a team of a member of the OYSA, to participate in games with a team of an organization that is not a member of the CSL or the OYSA.

In granting that permission, the OYSA shall ensure that all requirements have been met, including OYSA insurance requirements.

Section 105.2. Temporary permission under this rule may be given an individual application.

Rule 106- Team responsibilities

Section 106.1

Any altercation on the field between players or team officials, and reported, will be subject to disciplinary hearing, discipline suspension or fines will be applied depending on the OYSA Discipline Committee findings.

Section 106.2

A maximum players as per <u>Rule 204</u> of this document may sit on the bench. Only players entered on the game sheet may sit on the bench. Players under suspension shall not be entered on the game sheet

Section 106.3

Every team must follow the minimum number of player rule as per <u>Section 304</u> of this document prior to starting the game. The team will have 15 minutes to field the minimum of players the team.

If after the 15 minutes allocation there are not the minimum number of players on the field, the will forfeit the game and an assigned scored of 3-0 will be allocated to the opposing team. The game official will be the sole timekeeper.

Section 106.4

Team Officials will coach within the marked technical area or within 1 (one) meter of their bench and not permitted to walk up and down the sideline or obstruct the view of the assistant referee.

Section 106.5

Anyone on the bench entering the field of play without consent of the game official during an OYSA game will be disciplined according the OYSA Rules.

Section 106.6

Any team not complying with the OYSA Rules and Regulations will be disciplined according the OYSA policies.

Section 106.7

The home team must supply the game ball. The team must have at least four (4) game quality soccer balls as per <u>Section 303.1</u> In this document available during the game. Home team is the team indicated first on the League Schedule.

It is the responsibility of the team officials to ensure that their contact information is accurate and up to date in the OYSA /CSL database.

Section 106.9 Registration Cards.

 a) All players and team officials participating in the OYSA / CSL league must be in possession of a valid OYSA/CSL identification card and must have their cards present at games.

- b) Cards and game sheets must be available and checked by the game conveners or officials ten (10) minutes prior to kick-off
- c) If players and / or team officials are not in possession of their cards, they may NOT participate in the game or sit on the bench.

Section 106.10

Teams failing to comply with the OYSA Rules and Regulations are subject to fines and/or disciplinary action. Team and club officials will be notified in writing of any fines levied and/or disciplinary action.

Section 106.11

If any team fails to appear or appears and refuses to play at a scheduled game, they shall be fined as per **APPENDIX A** and the team will forfeit the game.

Fines must be paid within fifteen (15) days of notice. Forfeits will be recorded as a 3-0 loss by default.

Rule 107- Rescheduling of Games

Section 107.1

The game shall begin and /or continue to be played unless, in the opinion of the game officials, the safety of the players and/or quality of the field is in jeopardy

Section 107.2

If a full half has been played prior to a stoppage, the results of the game will stand at the time of the stoppage.

Section 107.3

All postponed games will be rescheduled by OYSA or their delegates. The OYSA will notify the teams a minimum of 72 hour in advance of any rescheduled game unless time does not allow the 72 hours advance notice.

Section 107.4

When fields are closed due to weather conditions, OYSA will notify affected teams of any cancellations as soon as notification has been received.

PART II—PLAYER AND SHEETING REQUIREMENTS

Rule 201. Player Registration

Section 201.1 Seasonal Year is defined as follows:

- a) Outdoor Summer Season April 30th- September 30th
- b) Indoor Winter Season October 15th April 30th

Section 201.2. A youth player must be registered each seasonal year in the OYSA database.

Section 201.3. A youth player is registered for a seasonal year from the moment the player or the player's representative executes the registration form and pays the appropriate fees.

Section 201.4 Winter registrations refer to Futsal Rules and Laws

Rule 202 Registration Procedures

Section 202.1 Youth players are registered for a seasonal year as per <u>Rule 201</u> from the moment the player or the player's representative executes the Registration form and are entered into the OYSA database.

Section 202.2 Youth players may register within 48 hours' notice of a game and must be registered in the OYSA system, prior to playing the game.

Rule 203 Proof of Age

Proof of age shall consist of a birth certificate, a birth registration issued by an appropriate government agency or board of health records, a passport, an alien registration card issued by the Canadian Government, a certificate issued by the Immigration and Naturalization Service attesting to age, a current driver's license, or a certification of a Canadian citizen born abroad issued by the appropriate government agency. Hospital, baptismal or religious certificates will not be accepted.

Reproductions or photocopies of documents that have not been officially certified by the issuing government agency will not be accepted.

The Boards of Directors of OYSA or any League of OYSA may request proof of age to be established.

Copies of the written request must also be directed to the OYSA Board of Directors and to the appropriate League or other Administrative Authority.

Proof of age shall be presented within forty-eight (48) hours of the presentation of such written request. Failure to respond to such request shall result in the immediate suspension of the player involved and forfeiture of all league games in which that player participated.

Rule 204 Club/Academy and Team Registration Fees

The OYSA Board of Directors shall annually establish the player registration fees for affiliated members and shall give notice to all members of any change in the fees not later than January 15th of the preceding seasonal year.

For the 2016 season the following fees apply:

Item	Description	Fee
Club Bond Fee	This is a fee that will be used for any infringements of the OYSA / CSL By-laws or disciplinary actions	\$500.00

Age Group	Max player registrations	**Team Fee
U7/U8	12 players	\$1,350.00
U9/u10	14 players	\$1,570.00
U11/u12	14 players	\$1,850.00
U13/u14	18 players	\$2,475.00
U15/u16	18 players	\$2,750.00

** The Team Fee includes:

Player cards, Player registration, Fields, Referees, Insurance and Administration.

Section 204.1 Team registration T&Cs:

The following T&Cs apply to registration payments:

- a) 25% non-refundable of the team total registration fee to be paid at the time of registration .February 15th
- b)25% Balance to be paid 30 days later. March 15
- c) Outstanding 50% balance to be paid 30 days later. April 15
- d) Immaterial of the number of players on a registered team the registration fee will **NOT** be pro-rated.

Section 204.3 Methods of payment

The following method or combination of payment is accepted:

- a) Online Credit Card VISA/Master Card/ Discovery
- b) Etransfer
- c) Cheques
- d) Cash
- e) Telephone Credit Card VISA/Master Card/ Discovery payment
- f) At the OYSA / CSL office POS machine credit card payment

Section 204.4 Methods of payment not accepted

Other than the AMEX and any other credit card not mentioned in section 204.3.a

The following will payment methods are **not** accepted.

- a) Post-dated cheques without League Approval.
- b) AMEX and any other credit card not mentioned in section 204.3.a.

Rule 205. Game Sheets

Section 205.1

Only OYSA Game Sheets as supplied by the League must be completed by the teams in full and given to the referee prior to kick off. Only official game sheets issued by the OYSA are valid.

Section 205.2

All players and team officials must be identified on the game sheet. All names and OYSA registration number must be legible at all times.

Rule 206. Multiple sheeting

Section 206.1

A player may NOT play for more than one club registered with the CSL/ OYSA.

Section 206.2

Teams form the same club playing in the same division may NOT interchange players.

Rule 207. International clearances

Section 207.1. The CSL and OYSA require clearance requirements and procedures for players coming to Canada to play soccer. Consult the OYSA about those requirements and procedures.

Section 207.2. The failure of a player to obtain the international clearance or to follow the procedures referred to in section206.1 of this rule does not affect the player's eligibility in regard to any OYSA program or activity, or any program or activity of a member of OYSA, unless the CSL provides otherwise.

PART III—GAME PLAY

Rule 301. Rules of play

Section 301.1. Except as provided by these rules and policies, the FIFA "Laws of the Game" apply to all competitions sponsored by OYSA.

Players under 12 years of age may play soccer in accordance with the rules of OYSA's Development Player Program—Modified Playing Rules for Under10, and Under 8

Section 301.2. OYSA will not approve games whereby the minimum amount players do not meet the numbers as per Rule 304

Rule 302. Substitutions

Section 302.1. Except as provided by OYSA substitutions shall be unlimited except where specified otherwise in the rules and regulations for a special competition.

Section 302.2. Substitutions may be made, with the consent of the referee, at any stoppage in play.

Rule 303. Duration of games and ball specifications

Section 303.1 Except as provided by OYSA the duration of games, ball size, ball circumference, and ball weight for each age group is as follows:

Age Group	Duration of Game	Size of ball	Number or players
Under 8	2 x 20 minute halves	4	5 v 5
Under 10	2 x 25 minute halves	4	7 v 7
Under 12	2 x 35 minute halves	4	8 v 8
Under 14	2 x 40 minute halves	5	11 v 11
Under 16	2 x 45 minute halves	5	11 v 11

Rule 304 Number of players

The number of players per team playing:

Age Group	Number or players	Minimum number of players/team
Under 8	5 v 5	4
Under 10	7 v 7	5
Under 12	8 v 8	6
Under 14	11 v 11	7
Under 16	11 v 11	7

A match is played by two teams,

Substitutions: At any stoppage of play and unlimited.

Rule 305 Uniforms

Section 305.1

All players shall wear regulation soccer equipment as outlined by FIFA and the OYSA Rules.

Section 305.2

In this rule, "team member" means a player, coach, assistant coach, or other official of a team.

Section 305.3

A team member is not prohibited by OYSA from having a mark or name, or both, on any part of the team member's uniform being worn at a game, if the mark or name is related to an item or service that is appropriate for youth.

The Organization Member with which the team member is registered shall determine the appropriateness. An Organization Member, or its member, may be more restrictive on uniform marks or names than allowed under this rule.

Any inappropriate mark or name on the team member's uniform must be removed, replace, or covered before the team member may continue to participate in the game.

Section 305.4

Shin guards, will be considered to be part of the player's uniform, therefore if players are not wearing shin guards if he/she will be prohibited from playing the game.

Section 305.5

The away team must change to their registered away colour if there is a conflict.

If the away team does not have alternative uniform, numbered bibs may be worn.

Section 305.6

All players, including goalkeepers, must be identified by a number, minimum size 8" on the back of their shirt and such number will be recorded against a player on the game sheet. No two players on the same team may wear the same number. Every player must have a different number.

Section 305.7

Goalkeeper uniforms must not conflict with that of the game officials or opposing team and must be identified by a number on the back of the jersey. No taped numbers are permitted on any player's jersey on the field.

Section 305.8

If a goalkeeper is substituted the new goalie must have a different number than the original goalkeeper.

Section 305.9

All substitute players recorded on the game sheet must wear a bib that is a different colour form the players on the field. The bib must be worn until the player enters the field.

Section 305.10

All substitute players warming up, must do so behind their bench. They must wear their bibs at all times. They must **NOT** interfere with the assistant referee.

Section 305.11

No substitution is allowed for any player(s) ejected from the game.

All substitutions must enter and exit the field of play at the halfway line.

Rule 306- Game Start Time

Section 306.1

The referee will endeavour to start each game at the scheduled time designated by the OYSA. An allowance of not more than fifteen (15) minutes from the scheduled time shall be made if either team has less than minimum allowed players as per Rule 304.

Section 306.2

All OYSA will be played on Saturday and Sunday and will commence no earlier than 9.00 am depending on field availability. Only the OYSA can assign other times at their discretion or as required.

PART IV—THE FIELD OF PLAY

Section 401 Dimensions

The field of play must be rectangular. The length of the touchline must be greater than the length of the goal line.

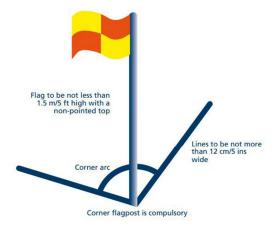
Age group	Width	Length
U8	25m to 30m	30m to 36m.
U10	30m to 36m	40m to 55m
U12	42m to 55m	60m to 75m
U14	65m to 75 m	90m to 110 m
U16	65m to 75 m	90m to 110 m

Section 402 Field Markings

Distinctive lines must be visible. The field of play is divided into two halves by a halfway line. The center mark is indicated at the midpoint of the halfway line.

Section 403 Flag posts:

Flag poles only required for ages u12/u14/u16



Section 404 Goals:

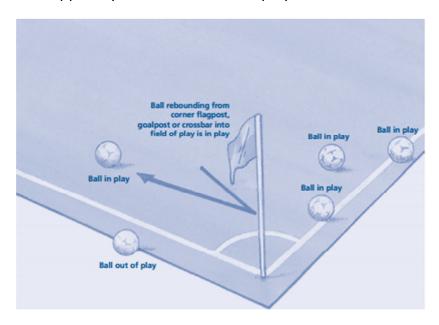
Age group	Height	Width
U8	5f / 1.52m	8f / 2.44m
U9/U10	6f / 1.83m	16f / 4.88m
U11/U12	6f / 1.83m	18f / 5.49m
U14	8f / 2.44m	24f/7.32m
U16	8f / 2.44m	24f/7.32m

Safety: Goals must be anchored securely to the ground. Portable goals may only be used if they satisfy the OYSA and the game officials.

Section 405 Ball out of play

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
- play has been stopped by the referee Ball in play



Section 406

The ball is in play at all other times, including when:

- it rebounds off a goalpost, crossbar or corner flag-post and remains in the field of play
- it rebounds off either the referee or an assistant referee when they are on the field of play

Goal scored 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.

Section 407 Offside position

The off side rule does not apply to the u8/u10 age groups.

It is not an offence in itself to be in an offside position.

A player is in an offside position if:

• player is nearer to his opponents' goal line than both the ball and the second-last opponent

A player is not in an offside position if:

- he is in his own half of the field of play or
- he is level with the second-last opponent or
- he is level with the last two opponents

Offence

A player in an offside position is only penalised if, at the moment the ball touches or is played by one of his team, he 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

No offence

There is no offside offence if a player receives the ball directly from:

- a goal kick
- a throw-in
- a corner kick

Infringements and sanctions

In the event of an offside offence, the referee awards an indirect free kick to the opposing team to be taken from the place where the infringement

PART V—LEAGUE STANDINGS

Rule 501

Section 501.1.

No scores or league standings will be kept for the u8 and u10 age groups.

Section 501.2.

Game scores and League Standings will be kept for the u12/u14/u16 age groups. A League Champion will be awarded at the end of each season.

Section 501.3.

The winning team of each game will be awarded three (3) points.

Section 501.4

In the case of a tie at the end of play, each team will receive one (1) point.

Section 501.5

In the case of a forfeit, the non-forfeiting team will win by a score of 3-0 and be awarded three (3) points.

Section 501.6

League ranking is determined as follows:

- a) greatest number of points obtained in all group matches;
- b) goal difference in all group matches;
- c) greatest number of goals scored in all group matches. If two or more teams are equal on the basis of the above three criteria, their rankings shall be determined as follows:
- d) greatest number of points obtained in the matches between the teams concerned;
- e) goal difference resulting from the matches between the teams concerned;
- f) greater number of goals scored in all matches between the teams concerned;
- g) the goals scored away from home count double between the teams concerned (if the tie is only between two teams).

PART VI —DISCIPLINE

Rule 601

The OYSA follows the CSL Discipline Policies and all discipline will be applied under the OYSA Rules.

Section 601.1

All discipline matters appeals and protests shall be handled by the OYSA Discipline Committee. (REFER TO APPENDIX A)

Section 601.2

Scheduled hearing days will be Fridays starting with the first Friday of June, and ending with the last Friday in October. The exception will be Fridays of the long weekends of Canada Day, Civic Holiday, Labour Day, and Thanksgiving, where hearings will be held on a Thursday.

Alternative hearing days will be Wednesdays and Thursdays if necessary at the discretion of the Discipline Committee.

Section 601.3

Discipline in the case of alleged referee assault will be handled by the Executive of OYSA which the player or team official is registered. The accused is automatically suspended from all soccer related activity, as per OYSA Rules, until the case has been disposed of.

Section 601.4

All discipline reports must be mailed along with the game sheet within twenty-four (24) hours of game completion to the Ontario Youth Soccer Association office by the referee or assistant referee.

Game sheet reports must be completed online with in (24) hours of the final whistle. Failure by the game official to mail game sheets to the league office within stipulated time frame does not make the game sheet or any disciplinary reports null and void. The league will process discipline once received and reviewed.

Section 601.5

Any team official, who for whatever reason during a game pulls his/her team off the field, will be subject to disciplinary action depending on League Discipline Committee findings.

Section 601.6

Requests to reschedule a DBH hearing will not be entertained if the request is received less than Ninety-Six (96) hours (4 Days) before the hearing date.

Request to reschedule hearing dates will only be granted once per case and will be subject to a seventy-five dollar (\$75.00) administration fee. The written request must be received within the stipulated time along with the fee.

Section 601.7

The accused is required to present their OYSA registration book at all disciplinary hearings.

PART VII— PLAYING AN INELIGIBLE PLAYER OR INELIGIBLE TEAM OFFICIAL

Rule 701

Section 701.1

Any club charged with playing an ineligible player in a game sanctioned by the League will be subject to a disciplinary hearing.

If found guilty, the team will forfeit all points in games in the league or league cup game in which the ineligible player participated and will be fined as per Appendix "A".

An ineligible player is defined under OYSA Policy as follows:

- i) not registered under OYSA Policies and Procedures
- ii) playing while under suspension
- iii) playing while not being properly registered
- iv) playing while not being registered to that team unless on a valid trial permit
- v) playing in an age specific competition without the eligible age classification
- vi) playing after failing to produce the OSYA Registrant approved identification card when requested to do so.

Any team official(s) charged with playing ineligible players shall attend a discipline hearing and if found guilty shall be disciplined and fined per Appendix "A".

A suspension of 4 games will be applied.

Section 701.2

Player Suspension: Any player suspended by the League for games in the OYSA is not allowed to play for other teams in the League or in any other league during the time period of his suspension of one or more games. Failure to abide by this rule will result in notification to the league the player participated in.

Section 701.3

Any club charged with an ineligible team official in a game sanctioned by the league will be subject to a disciplinary hearing. If found guilty, the team will forfeit all points in games in the League or cup game in which the ineligible team official participated and will be fined per Appendix "A". An ineligible team official is defined as follows:

- i) Not properly registered
- ii) Under discipline suspension
- iii) Under a different name (used card of another team official)
- iv) Participated in a game without an OYSA Registration card
- v) Not registered to the official game sheet

PART VIII—GAME ABANDONED

Rule 801

Clubs will be held responsible if a game is abandoned because of the actions of its players, officials or spectators and will be subject to disciplinary hearing.

If the club is found guilty its team shall forfeit the game and the club will be fined as per Appendix "A".

Forfeits will be recorded as 3:0 losses by default and points will be awarded to the opposing team depending on the discipline committees' findings.

PART IX—GAME ABANDONED

Rule 901

Section 901.1

Protests based on decisions of the referee's interpretation of FIFA Law will not be acknowledged.

Section 901.2

No protests will be entertained by the OYSA regarding players(s)/team official(s) eligibility if the team making the protest has not checked ID Cards as per OYSA Rule

The protest must be submitted in writing within forty-eight (48) hours of the game being terminated. A fee of as per Appendix A in cash or club cheque must be mailed within five (5) working days.

Protests can only be heard if any rules of the OYSA have been violated. All protests must be signed by an official team representative and a Club Executive.

Section 901.3

The OYSA will review protests and send a response within fourteen (14) days - once all relevant information is received by the OYSA –

- i) If protest is ruled out of order fee will be returned minus admin fee of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00).
- ii) Hearing scheduled, if protest upheld fee will be returned.
- iii) Hearing scheduled, if protest denied fee will be forfeited.

Section 901.4

Clubs or teams protesting the outcome of a game based on the OYSA rules being broken – the protest to reverse the game result will be decided by the Discipline Committee of the protest hearing. The Discipline Committee will have the right to reverse the result of the game by default and issue fine applicable to the case.

PART X—APPEALS

Rule 1001

Section 1001.1

Any discipline hearing decisions of the League may be appealed to the OYSA League Executive Committee at the following address along with a cheque for FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00) appeal fee:

OYSA LEAGUE MANAGEMENT

C/O Discipline and Appeals

C-420 Main Street East

Suite 607

Milton, ON

L5T 5G3.

Section 1001.2

Persons appealing a decision of the League Discipline Committee are subject to the decision rendered until the appeal has been disposed of.

Rule 1101. Amendment of policy

Except in an emergency, the Board of Directors may adopt an amendment to this policy only after providing Member Clubs and Academies, at least 30 days prior to the Board's consideration of the proposed amendment, written notice and the text of each proposed amendment.

The Member Clubs and Academies shall have until 10 days before the Board's consideration an opportunity to submit to the Board written comments about the proposed amendment

MISCELLANEOUS

Each club will post a discipline bond of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) at the time League fees are due. This bond will be reduced by the hearing fee imposed on each player by the Discipline Board. If the player is found not guilty, no fees will be deducted from the bond.

If the Club bond money is reduced to fifty percent (50%) of the initial sum, an additional fund must be sent to the League within fourteen (14) days of a notice sent to the club. A report from the Discipline Board will be sent to the club every thirty (30) days if necessary.

The Executive may request an additional bond from any clubs who have had excessive amounts of discipline in the previous season.

The Ontario Youth Soccer Association reserves the right to hold a hearing, for any club, team officials or player who does not abide by the CSL and OYSA Constitutions, Rules and Regulations.

Appendix "A"

2016 Fee Structure

League Fees	
Per Team	As indicated in Rule 204
Bond per Club	\$500.00
Late Registration Fee Applicable per	\$75.00
team	
Discipline Fees:	
First Game No Show by Team, Forfeit, Refuses to play	\$300.00
Second Game No Show by Team Forfeit, or Refuses to play	\$ 500.00
Club/Team Official Admin fee	\$ 75.00
Game Protest Fee:	\$300.00
Hearing Fees:	
Discipline by Hearing (Club Bond)	\$ 20.00
Discipline by Review (Club Bond)	\$ 20.00
Request of Discipline by Hearing (Player)	\$ 50.00
Payable as per Rules	
Request of Hearing for No Show (Player)	\$ 75.00
Non Refundable Payable as per Rules	
Request to reschedule a Hearing Payable as per Rules	\$ 75.00
Fines:	
Code of Conduct Administration/Official (Rules & Regulations)	\$100.00
Code of Conduct Club (Rules & Regulations)	\$100.00
Club/Team failing to comply with league	\$150.00
rules	
Team Regulations	\$150.00
Team Officials	\$100.00
Team Responsibility	\$100.00
Game abandoned	\$300.00

All payments must be cash, club cheque or money order, payable to the OYSA within 21 days.

APPENDIX "B" GAME OFFICIALS FEES

Game Officials Fees:

These fees are paid by the home team.

Age Division	Referee - Assistant Referee
U8	No Referees
U9/U10	\$25.00 x 2 Referees
U11/U12	\$30.00 x 2 Referees
U13/U14	$$100 40×1 Referee and $$30 \times 2$ Linesman.
U15/U16	$$120 50×1 Referee and $$35 \times 2$ Linesman.

Please note – that the League Cup Referee Fees are not included in the Season League Fees.

The referee and assistant referees shall be paid a half-game fee for games that are not started due to the following situations:

- 1. The field, in referee's discretion, is unplayable.
- 2. The town's parks department closes the field prior to kick-off.
- 3. The referee was not contacted at least one hour prior to scheduled kick-off of the game.
- 4. One or both teams do not show up after the grace period has lapsed.
- 5. One or both teams have less than the minimum number of players required to kick off the game.

The half-game fee noted above shall be paid only by the OYSA if:

- a) The referee collects and completes the game sheet(s) and provides a short written report explaining why the game did not start.
- b) The appointed referee and assistant referees, who were present at the field, shall include their names, OYSA Registrant Number and signature(s) in the space provided on the game sheet(s).
- c) Hand a fully completed and signed copy of the game sheet(s) to the coach/manager of the team(s) that is/are present.
- d) Forward the fully completed and signed original to the OYSA office within twenty-four (24) hours.

The OYSA shall insure that all of the requirements herein were met prior to issuing the said half-fee payment to the referee/assistant referees in question.

Wherever within this Constitution, Rules & Regulations the masculine term is used, it is deemed to be in the feminine if such would apply at the time.

APPENDIX "C"

Discipline Procedures

Disciplinary action shall be taken in accordance with OYSA Discipline Policy and Procedures. The following guidelines will apply:

Discipline By Review (DBR)

Player's dismissals for Violent Conduct, Foul or Abusive Language directed at the Game official Serious Foul Play, Serious Foul Play (hand ball), Foul or Abusive Language Directed at Anyone Other Than Game Officials, Third, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth or more yellow cards in a season shall be dealt with by a Discipline by Review. The player or team official may request a hearing if he/she wishes to do so within seventy-two (72) hours of the game finishing. The written request and \$50.00 fee must be received within 72 hours of the game finishing.

Anyone representing an accused must provide a signed proxy from the accused before being allowed to participate at the hearing.

DBR decisions cannot be appealed - if found not guilty the fee of \$50.00 will be refunded.

Team Officials

Any team official(s) reported by the game official (ref, ass. ref) and charged with the offence of Persisted in Misconduct. will be dealt with as Discipline By Review (DBR).

Team Officials dismissed from the game must request a hearing within seventy-two (72) hours of the game being terminated or the case will be dealt with via the DBR system.

The written request and \$50.00 fee must be received within 72 hours of the game ending. If the accused is found not guilty the fee of \$50.00 will be refunded.

The accused is required to present their OYSA Registration ID Card at all disciplinary hearings.

Suspensions

All suspensions for the OYSA outdoor season will be by game number (i.e. #1234) and the player/team official is suspended for those games only.

The date of the suspension will be posted in the OYSA website.

Player/team officials name will be displayed with the day(s) of the suspension. Players/team officials are not allowed to play for any team on the day(s) of suspension.

DBR

1)	Violent conduct	3 Games
2)	Foul abusive language towards game official(s)	3 Games
3)	Foul abusive language towards another player(s)	1 Game
4)	Serious foul play	2 Games
5)	Serious foul play (intentional handball)	1 Game
6)	3 rd Yellow card in current season	1 Game
7)	5 Yellow cards in current season	2 Games