

Rules Checklist For Hosting A Tournament

For a tournament sanctioned by FYSA, the rules must be submitted for approval. The following checklist is being provided to ensure that all rules and requirements are met and therefore will also provide expeditious consideration and approval. The items included in the list are requirements that must be in the tournament rules unless stated otherwise.

___ **1. Birth Year Chart – Current for Season**

___ **2. Law 1: Field of Play**

- U13- U19 No change per FIFA “Laws of the Game”
- U11& U12 (9v9) & U9/U10 (7v7) must play in accordance with the USSF new player development initiatives.

___ **3. Law 2: The Ball**

- U13 and older Size #5
- U12 and younger Size #4

___ **4. Law 3: Number of Players**

- U13 and older Maximum Eleven (11)- Minimum Seven (7) per side per FIFA
- U11 and U12 Maximum Nine (9)- Minimum Six (6) per side
- U09 and U10 Maximum Seven (7)- Minimum Five (5) per side
- U13 and Older Game Roster shall have a maximum of 18 players. Players not on the game roster are allowed to sit on the bench in the team’s opposite uniform or street clothes.
- **All other U12 Rules of Competition including no heading will apply.

___ **5. Duration of Games**

Age Groups	Game Length	Overtime Periods
17U, 18U, & 19U	Two 45 min. halves	Two 15 min. halves
15U & 16U	Two 40 min. halves	Two 15 min. halves
13U & 14U	Two 35 min. halves	Two 10 min. halves
11U & 12U	Two 30 min. halves	Two 10 min. halves
9U & 10U	Two 25 min. halves	NONE
6U, 7U, & 8U	4 10 min. quarters	NONE

*** These can be lessened, due to weather conditions, but cannot be exceeded

___ 6. Concussion Policy, Per Florida Statue FS 943.0438 (enacted 2012):

- Pursuant to Florida Statutes (FS 943.0438) Florida in 2012 enacted a very stringent Head injury and Concussion Law. If the referee (or assistant referee) believes that, in her/her opinion, a player has suffered a head injury or possible concussion, the match must be stopped IMMEDIATELY.

- The injured player if able to leave the field on their own must be escorted to their coach, and the coach must be told that the player cannot return for the duration of the match. If a trainer is brought onto the field because the player is incapacitated, the referee must still notify the coach that the player cannot return to the game. It is the responsibility of the coach and the player's parent(s) or legal guardians to seek medical attention.

- The player may not resume participation until he/she has been cleared by a medical doctor. The Referee HAS NO FURTHER responsibility beyond removing the player from the match in which the player was injured. The referee crew must ensure, that UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES or due to the appeal from any coaching staff that the player is allowed to return to the game.

___ 7. Heading Guidelines:

- Deliberate heading is not allowed in age groups U12 and younger.
- If a U12 or younger player deliberately heads the ball in a game, an indirect free kick should be awarded to the opposing team from the spot of the offense.
- If the deliberate header of a U12 or younger player occurs within the goal area, the indirect free kick should be taken on the goal line parallel to the goal line at the nearest point to where the infraction occurred.

___ 8. Orthopedic Policy 402.2:

- b) Orthopedic casts can be worn at any sanctioned FYSA tournament with written approval from a doctor and written permission from a tournament official, final judgement as to its safety is at the discretion of the referee.

- c) Soft braces can be worn with written approval from a doctor, and judgement as to safety is at the discretion of the referee.

___ 9. Jewelry Policy 402.3:

- It is the policy of FYSA that no player be allowed to wear ANY jewelry while participating in any FYSA sanctioned match. The only exception that may be allowed is a medical alert bracelet or necklace when taped to the body. The referee shall make the decision as to the safety of the player and the referee's decision is final. (The taping of any earring shall not be permitted under any circumstances.) If the referee notices a player wearing jewelry while the match is under way at the next stoppage of play, the referee will instruct the player to remove the item. If the referee deems the jewelry to be dangerous to any player, the referee must stop the match to correct the situation.

___ 10. The Technical Area/Box, Laws of the Game, FIFA Rules:

The technical area relates to matches played in game fields with a designated seated area for team officials, substitutes and substituted players as outlined below:

The technical area shall only extend 1m (1yd) on either side of the designated seated area and up to a distance of 1m (1yd) from the touchline

- markings shall be used to define the area, temporary or Permanent.
- the number of persons permitted to occupy the technical area is defined by the competition rules
- the occupants of the technical area:
 - o are identified before the start of the match in accordance with the competition rules
 - o must behave in a responsible manner
 - o must remain within its confines except in special circumstances, e.g., a physiotherapist/doctor entering the field of play, with the referee's permission, to assess an injured player
- only one person at a time is authorized to convey tactical instructions from the technical area

___ 11. Conduct 502 and Discipline 504.1 Policy:

- It shall be solely the team's responsibility to determine the status of its players and coaches. Any suspension from a tournament, local league, etc., is the responsibility of the team to notify the Tournament Director of this suspension at the time of the player's check-in.
- Per FYSA Rule 504.1, red card suspension or send off suspensions can only be served with the team with which the suspension was earned in games played by their team. Players may not serve suspensions as "guest players."
- The Tournament Committee shall have a Discipline Committee of three (3) members. This committee will review and rule on all reports of unacceptable conduct by players, managers, coaches, referees, spectators, etc. using the FYSA standards as set by Rules Section 502.
- Any player or manager/coach ejected (red carded) will not complete the game in which the ejection occurred. The ejected player or manager/coach will not participate in the next scheduled tournament game regardless of the cause.
- Depending on the severity of the unacceptable conduct, the Discipline Committee may recommend the suspension of up to the duration of the tournament in accordance with FYSA requirements. The committee's recommendations must be available to the affected parties no later than following the next scheduled match.
- At the conclusion, of the tournament, passes will be returned to the coach, even if the suspension has not been completed. A complete discipline report will be sent to the FYSA office within 72 hours of the tournament's conclusion for possible further discipline.

___ 12. Forfeits

A team is allowed a fifteen (15) minute grace period from the scheduled time before awarding the game to the opposing team. A minimum of eligible players (7 for 11v11) must be present, dressed, and ready to play within the grace period, to constitute a "team." The game will be scored as 4-0. If the scheduled time is revised from the printed schedule, coaches/managers will be notified by email, tournament website, phone or in person by a Tournament Official of the new game time.

___ 13. Refunds:

After a team has been accepted into the competition, NO REFUND WILL BE GIVEN should the team decide to withdraw from the event. Tournament entry fee returns/refunds will be granted, as follows:

- Within five (5) days after notification that the team has not been accepted.
- Within five (5) days of cancellation of the tournament.
- Within ten (10) days of request of withdrawal of the application by a team before acceptance of the application by the tournament.



If you have any additional questions regarding Tournament Sanctioning, please contact Ashley Ellison at aellison@fysa.com.

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