



FYSA Competitions

# FSPL Operating Procedures

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# USYS/FYSA LEAGUES PATHWAY

National League



Florida State Premier League



FSPL Qualifier Leagues



## Competition Structure

- Team-based single-tiered league for boys and girls 13U–19U (18/19U combined)
- Up to three regions across Florida
- Top teams from each region advance to the FSPL Playoffs (post-season event)
- 2 automatic promotion spots to National League Sunshine per division

## FSPL Regions

- FSPL Central
- FSPL East/West
- FSPL South

## Scheduling

- Season-long schedule (Fall & Spring) around FYSA Cups, High School, and major holidays
- Most games played Home/Away with two neutral venue weekends hosted by FYSA when applicable
- FSPL Playoffs on May 9-10, 2026, at Lake Myrtle Sports Park



FSPL OVERVIEW

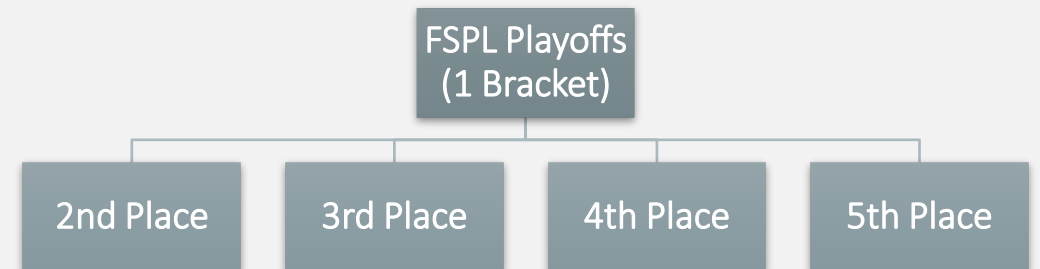
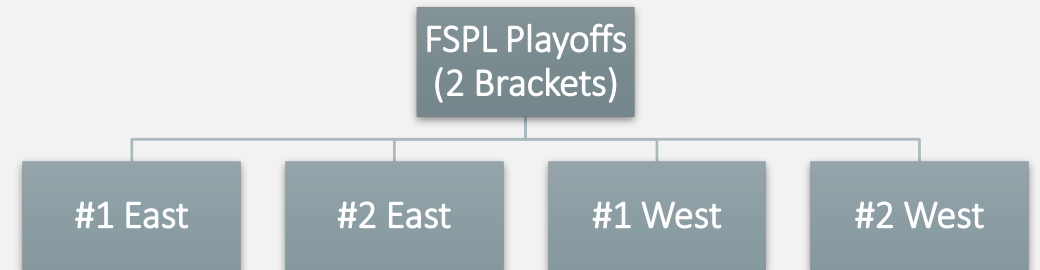
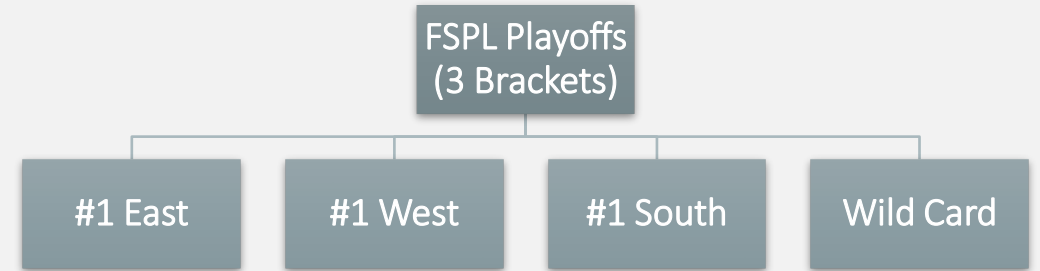
# FSPL PLAYOFFS

More about the FSPL Playoffs:

- Semi-Finals on May 9 (Saturday) and Finals on May 10 (Sunday)
  - Advancement from 3 groups: **Top 1 team + 1 Wild Card**
    - Champion and Finalist earn a spot in NL Sunshine
  - Advancement from 2 groups: **Top 2 teams**
    - Champion and Finalist earn a spot in NL Sunshine
  - Advancement from 1 group: **2nd-5th teams**
    - Champion will earn promotion to NL Sunshine
    - The 1st-place regular-season team will earn automatic promotion to NL Sunshine and will not participate in the FSPL Playoffs (Similar to the EFL Championship playoff)

Competition Format per Age Group:

- [25-26 FSPL Competition Format – Boys](#)
- [25-26 FSPL Competition Format – Girls](#)



# FYSA-HOSTED WEEKENDS

- FYSA-Hosted Weekend #1:
  - September 27-28, 2025
  - Lake Myrtle Sports Park (Auburndale):  
[CLICK HERE](#) for hotels
- FYSA-Hosted Weekend #2:
  - October 25-26, 2025
  - McChesney Park (Port St. Lucie):  
[CLICK HERE](#) for hotels
- FSPL Playoffs:
  - May 9-10, 2025 – FSPL Playoffs
  - Lake Myrtle Sports Park (Auburndale):  
[CLICK HERE](#) for hotels



## SELF-SCHEDULING

- Teams are responsible for inputting kickoff times and venue info for Home games only (Locked matches labeled as "Neutral" or "FYSA-Host" will be scheduled by FYSA)
- Teams are responsible for assigning referees for self-schedule Home games
- All self-schedule Home games must be scheduled at least 14 days before the original date
- Attempt to schedule back-to-back games (retain referees) and have a site director present
- Instructions on how to self-schedule can be found here: <https://support.gotsport.com/how-to-self-schedule-as-a-coach/manager>

# SCHEDULING PARAMETERS

- Scheduling parameters will be implemented to avoid teams scheduling matches too early or too late, specifically against opponents that are not within their region.
- Hosting teams must confirm match details at least 2 weeks prior to the match taking place.
- Teams will be required to respond to all requests within 48 hours of the message being sent - teams who do not respond within this timeframe are subject to a \$100 fine.
- Hosting Minimum Standards:
  - Provide benches for both teams
  - Ensure fields are safe & properly lined
  - Provide corner flags
  - Anchored goals with the correct size (24ft W x 8ft H)
- [CLIQUE HERE](#) to view the full scheduling parameters.



# RESCHEDULE POLICY

- 24/25: 1,364 Total League Games
  - 857 Total Reschedule Requests Submitted
- All communication should be done via GotSport Chat
  - Both teams must agree to the change before submitting the change to the league.
  - **Ensure your coaches & managers are on your rosters!**
- Teams will have until **August 29th** to submit reschedule requests to the league with no fee.
  - After 8/29, all reschedule requests will require an admin fee assessed to the requesting club.
  - Any requests submitted within 10 days of the scheduled match will require an increased admin fee.
- Teams will have 48 hours to respond to avoid a fine.
- Full Reschedule Policy can be viewed [HERE](#)

# PRE-GAME RESPONSIBILITIES

- Home & Away Team Responsibilities:
  - Provide an FSPL Game Report to the referees at least 30 minutes prior to kickoff
  - Present the Player/Coach laminated passes for referee check-in
  - Each team must declare their game day active 18 - cross out the players who are not part of that or not in attendance.
  - Provide at least one match ball to the referees
  - Provide officials with the referee fees (cash on the field):
    - Recommended to provide referees with the [Game Day Procedure Document](#)

AGE GROUP	TOTAL FEE	REFEREE	ASST REF	TOTAL PER TEAM
13U & 14U	\$140	\$60.00	\$40.00	\$70.00
15U & 16U	\$160	\$70.00	\$45.00	\$80.00
17U & 19U	\$190	\$90.00	\$50.00	\$95.00

## POST-GAME RESPONSIBILITIES

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## RED CARDS

- Red Cards earned in FSPL must be served in FSPL only.
- If the FSPL season is over and there are still games left to serve, the suspension will be served at the next FYSA-Sanctioned match(es).
- All red cards must be entered on GotSport by the Home Team as part of the Post-Game Procedures.
- Referees must submit a Supplemental Report for Red cards for Violent Conduct, Spitting, or Abusive Language.
- USSF Referee Abuse Prevention (RAP) policy will be followed
  - **Game/Supplemental Report**  
**Form:** <https://system.gotsport.com/forms/140218Z64>

US SOCCER  
RAP POLICY



# PENALTY OVERVIEW

The Penalties Matrix defines consequences associated with physical and non-physical offenses against Referees.

**NON-PHYSICAL OFFENSES** of gross misconduct, abuse, and / or assault

NON-PHYSICAL*	MIN. GAMES	TIME
Insulting, Belittling, Insinuating or Taunting Behavior Undermining Referee Authority	2	
Harassment, Intimidation, Retaliation, Abusive, or Threatening (Non Physical) Language	4	
Aggression, Attacking, Derogatory, Cyberbullying, Doxing or Threatening (Physical / Violence) Language	6	6 - 24 Months
Offensive or Discriminatory Act	10	12 - 24 Months

**PHYSICAL OFFENSES** of gross misconduct, abuse, and / or assault

PHYSICAL*	MIN. GAMES	TIME
Minor or Slight Deliberate Touching	3	1 - 6 Months
Pushing, Grabbing, Pulling, Squeezing, Pinching, Lightly Slapping, Use of Object in Non Striking Manner, or Physical Property Damage	10	6 - 24 Months
Hitting, Punching, Elbowing, Kicking, Biting, Spiting, Choking, Tackling, Throwing or Use of Object or Any Part of Body (Forearm, Knee, Head) in a Striking Manner		12 Months - Lifetime

**KEY PENALTY FACTORS**

- Single offenses are at **minimum the prescribed game penalty or time penalty** for non red zone offenses
- Penalties can be **both game and time depending on severity** / circumstances
- Second time offenders receive **double punishment**
- Third time offenders receive a **lifetime ban**
- More than one offense at the same time is **at least the punishment for the most serious offense**
- Offenses against minors are automatically subject to a **“minor multiplier” resulting in triple punishment**
- **One offense warning per league** to be managed by states and leagues collaboratively
- Game consequences are **inclusive of 1 game penalty for any red cards given**
- Optionality for **50% penalty for first offense from a minor**

Please follow your current reporting structure – updated reporting procedure will be a part of Phase 3.

(\*) **Disclaimer:** These are only a few examples of abuse – other actions or statements may also fall into this category.

## FSPL WEBSITE

- <https://www.fysa.com/florida-state-premier-league-fspl/>
- Use the site as a resource!
- All the links & instructions mentioned previously will be available under 'Key Information'

## KEY INFORMATION

*Click the drop-down menus below for more information.*

**2025-26 Season Information**



**Scores & Standings**



**Game Day Information**



**Rules & Policies**



# ROSTERING

- Max Roster Size: 30 players
- Gameday Roster: 18 players
- Primary and Primary I (Previously known as CP) players only - no Secondary/Guest Players
- Up to 13 Primary I Players on the roster
- A player cannot be simultaneously rostered to more than one team in the same gender age group in FSPL
- Players are allowed to Primary I to other teams within the same club in FSPL if none of those teams are in the same gender age group
- Teams must be registered in the 2025-2026 FYSA Registration Event (Roster Source) at least 1 week before their first game
- Teams will use the "Match Day Roster" to make changes to their roster before each game – instructions below:
  - How to build your roster: <https://support.gotsport.com/how-to-build-a-match-day-roster-and-print-match-day-card-as-a-coach-or-manager>

# PLAYER UNIFORMS

- The referee is the sole judge of allowed player equipment as prescribed by FIFA Laws of the Game.
- Home Team should wear Light colors (Jerseys and Socks)
- Away team should wear Dark colors (Jerseys and Socks)
- In the event of a uniform color conflict, the team causing the conflict will need to change jerseys and socks.





# FYSA CUP COMPETITIONS

- Registration for State Cup & Presidents Cup is now open!
- **Highly recommend 18-19U teams to register for State Cup in the Fall!**  
(Teams eliminated by Round of 8 are eligible to play Presidents Cup in the Spring!)
- State Cup:
  - Website: <https://www.fysa.com/events/state-cup/>
  - Registration Link: [https://system.gotsport.com/event\\_reg/93353f4927](https://system.gotsport.com/event_reg/93353f4927)
- Presidents Cup
  - Website: <https://www.fysa.com/events/presidents-cup/>
  - Registration Link: [https://system.gotsport.com/event\\_reg/45386adee9](https://system.gotsport.com/event_reg/45386adee9)
- The deadline to register for each competition is:
  - **August 11** (U18-U19 State Cup Only)
  - **December 5** (U13 – U17 State Cup; U13 – U19 Presidents Cup)

## SPECTATOR/TEAM BEHAVIOR

- It will be the responsibility of the coaches to control the behavior of their parents/players.
- Teams who receive ejections due to abusive language, inappropriate spectator behavior or physical violence are subject to fines and removal from the competition.

# POINTS OF EMPHASIS

## **Club to Club Communication**

- Clubs must respond to messages/requests within 48 hours
- All communication should go through GotSport Chat

## **Game Day Procedures & Match Reporting**

- Home Team is responsible for reporting scores & RED CARDS
- Home Team is responsible for uploading a photo of the match card on GotSport
- Referee payments remain cash at the field (Each team pays 50% of the total fee)
- [Game Day Procedure Document](#)

## **Protest & Appeals**

- Clubs must become familiar with the Protest & Appeals policies within the league
- For any violations, teams will be required to follow these procedures

## **Referee Abuse Prevention Policy**

- [RAP Policy](#)
- Increased penalties for non-physical & physical offenses
- All US Soccer sanctioned events & leagues have applied these policies as of March 2025

QUESTIONS?