

2010 SPRING SOCCER RULES

March 17, 2010	Team registration due in CYO Office . Team fees \$25.00 due also.
March 25, 2010	Rosters due in CYO Office today!!! Participation fees of \$40.00 per player.
March 27, 2010	Tentative start of season.

All CYO Soccer games will be played according to the current rules of the National Federation of State High School Associations except as noted herein.

RULE I – ELIGIBILITY

Divisions of play in the CYO Soccer League are classified as follows:

DIVISION 2	Includes players in the 1 st and 2 nd grades who are 8 years old or younger prior to September 1, 2009.
DIVISION 4	Includes players in the 4 th grade and lower who are 10 years old or younger prior to September 1, 2009.
DIVISION 6	Includes players in the 6 th grade and lower who are 12 years old or younger prior to September 1, 2009.
SENIOR DIV.	Includes players in the 8 th grade and lower who are 14 years old or younger prior to September 1, 2009.

A CYO player may participate on only one team.

Additions and/or changes to the roster may be made up to April 1, 2010.

It is the coach's responsibility to play only legal players during a game. Using a player who is disqualified either for disciplinary reasons (red card) or because of age and grade level shall result in the following penalties:

- 1.) All games played with illegal player(s) are forfeited.
- 2.) The offending head coach is suspended for two (2) full games from the time the violation is determined to exist by the CYO Office. The suspension will carry into the next year.
- 3.) A suspended coach may not be present during any game from which he /she is suspended or said game is forfeited automatically.

To be eligible for a parish team, a player must either be:

- 1.) Enrolled in the participating parish school;
- 2.) A Catholic attending public/private schools enrolled in CCD classes since the fall of 2009 and attending classes a minimum of 75% of the classes. The player must play for his/her parish provided it has a team.

To be eligible for a non-parish team the player must be enrolled in the institution he/she represents.

RULE II – PARTICIPATION

Every child is required to play a minimum of one-quarter of every game in which his/her team is involved, provided the child has attended practices regularly and has not been a discipline problem.

In the Senior Division only there is no minimum playing time for participants, however, every player must participate in each game.

When there is a discipline problem or when a player is ill or injured, the coach should so note on the scorecard prior to the start of the game.

Players who are being disciplined or who have been designated as injured or ill will not be allowed to play and will be considered ineligible for that game. The officials will not knowingly permit these players to enter a game but, in any event, the burden of responsibility rests with the coach.

PENALTY: The playing of an ineligible player will result in a forfeit whether done intentionally or not.

The quarter rule is not a matter that can be protested. The parents or guardians must bring any violation of the quarter rule to the attention of the Parish Athletic Representative and coach. If an amicable resolution cannot be made, the problem will then be brought to the Executive Director of the CYO.

RULE III – PLAYERS & SUBSTITUTIONS

In all Divisions will consist of no more than eight (8) players, one of whom shall be the goalkeeper. Six (6) players are required to start a game.

If there are not enough players to start, the game will be forfeited. There is no forfeit time allowed.

When a player has been ejected from a game because of poor sportsmanship, the team will be required to play the remainder of the game with one less player. An ejected player or coach will also be suspended from participating their next game. This suspension will carry into the next year.

Six (6) players is the minimum number allowed for a team to continue to play after an injury during the game. Should the teams be reduced to less than this a forfeit will result.

During the progress of the game, the referees must be notified specifically before the goalkeeper is changed, whether the change is made by means of another player on the field or by means of a substitute from the sideline. When the goalkeeper is changed between quarters, the referee need not be notified.

Except in the case of an injury, a player may not be substituted until he/she has completed the required one quarter of playing time.

When all players of a team have begun their required playing time, the team has achieved "FREE SUBSTITUTION STATUS". Beginning no sooner than the start of the second quarter and for the remainder of the game a team may substitute any number of players in accordance with the high school rules which include:

- a.) possession throw ins, goal kicks or corner kicks;
- b.) after a goal;
- c.) during an extended time-out, as for injury;
- d.) between quarters.

Before utilizing free substitution the coach must inform the officials at the quarter or half-time intermission of his intent, to be certain that all players have begun their required playing time.

Substitution must be made when the ball is out of play. An entering substitute must always report verbally to the referee and must not enter the field of play until the referee beckons him/her.

RULE IV – UNIFORMS

Except for the goalkeeper, jerseys, shorts and socks of teammates shall be of the same color with identifying numbers on the front and back of the jerseys. The jersey of the goalkeeper shall be distinctly different from that of any official, teammate or opponent. The shorts of the goalkeeper are not required to be the same color as his/her teammates.

Players in all divisions shall wear shoes constructed of a material, which does not chip or develop a cutting edge. All cleats shall be no less than ½ inch in diameter or width, and shall not project from the sole of the shoe more than ¾ of an inch. Aluminum, leather, rubber, nylon or plastic cleats are legal if they conform to the specifications.

All players in a game must have shin guards in order to be eligible to play. These must be worn inside the socks so that they are not exposed, and the player must wear them at equipment check time prior to the game.

PENALTY: If a player is wearing dangerous or illegal equipment or lacks any of the required equipment, participation is forbidden until corrected to the satisfaction of the referee.

RULE V – DURATION OF THE GAME

Division 6 and Senior will consist of 12 minute quarters.

Division 2-4 will consist of ten (10) minute quarters.

Games will end in a tie.

RULE VI – OFFICIAL BALL

Each team will furnish a soccer ball of proper size, condition and quality for each game.

Seniors will use the No. 5; Division 4 and 6 will use the No. 4; Division 2 will use a No. 3 ball. The officials will decide which team ball to use prior to the start of the game.

RULE VII – JURISDICTION OF REFEREES

Two (2) referees will be used when possible. The referee has jurisdiction from the time he enters the playing area until he leaves the field. His decisions are final and no protest may be made on a judgment call.

The referee can stop the game for an infringement of the rules, and he can suspend or terminate the game whenever he deems such a stoppage necessary, e.g., severe weather, interference by spectators and/or coaches, etc.

The referee can suspend from play any player or coach guilty of violent conduct, repetitious infringement of the playing rules, unsportsmanlike conduct, or for any reason he deems advisable. A report of the rejection will be made to the CYO Office. Any coach removed from the game must leave the park.

PRACTICE TIME

Practice time for the Senior Division is 6 hours per week.

All other divisions have a limit of 5 hours per week.

IN DIVISIONS 2-4 EACH QUARTER WILL BEGIN WITH A KICK-OFF AT MID-FIELD. TEAMS WILL EXCHANGE ENDS AT THE END OF THE FIRST HALF ONLY.

IN DIVISIONS 6 AND SENIOR THE SECOND AND FOURTH QUARTER WILL BEGIN WITH THE THROW-IN BY THE TEAM WHO HAD POSSESSSION OF THE BALL WHEN THE PREVIOUS QUARTER ENDED. TEAMS WILL EXCHANGE ENDS AT THE END OF THE FIRST HALF ONLY.

CENTER LINE RULE

When the goalkeeper releases the ball into play by punt or drop kick, the ball must touch the ground within the goalkeepers defensive half of the field before crossing the center line.

The penalty is an indirect free kick given to the opponent at the center line where the ball illegally crossed.

It is not a violation to throw the ball across the center line, or kick it from a goal kick or other free kick.