



# BONNEVILLE YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE

## BYSL JUNIOR HIGH PROGRAM RULES AND REGULATIONS

**Mission Statement:** The purpose of the BYSL Junior High Program is to provide an environment for enjoying the game of soccer, through physical challenges, emotional satisfaction, and mental growth.

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### 1. MODIFICATION OF FIFA LAWS OF THE GAME

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The Bonneville Youth Soccer League (BYSL) Junior High Program shall play soccer in accordance with the Federation Internationale de Football (FIFA) Laws of the game ~~and the rules of the United States Youth Soccer Association (USYSA)~~, except as amended here in.

#### 1.0 SUBSTITUTIONS

- 1.1 Substitutions shall be unlimited. Substitutions may be made with the consent of the Referee, at the following times:
- (a) Prior to a THROW-IN by the team in possession. If the team in possession decides to substitute, the opposing team may also substitute, provided the players are at midfield and ready for substitution.
  - (b) Prior to a GOAL KICK, by either team.
  - (c) After an INJURY, one for one by either team.
  - (d) After a GOAL, by either team.
  - (e) At half time, by either team.
  - (f) Player receiving a CAUTION may be substituted before play is continued (coaches option); opposing team may also substitute one for one at that time.

- 1.2 Substitution is not allowed upon ejection of a player EXCEPT where the ejected player is the goalkeeper. Where a goalkeeper is ejected, a substitute may enter the field for a field player prior to continuation of the game provided that the substitute enters the game as goalkeeper.
- 1.3 All players must leave and enter the field of play at the half line. All players being substituted must leave the field of play before the substitutes may enter.

## **2.0 PLAYER EQUIPMENT**

- 2.1 No jewelry of any kind or material may be worn during the game. An exception will be made where the jewelry is required by the player's religion and, in the opinion of the referee, can be rendered safe to all players by securely taping the jewelry to the player.
- 2.2 Where there is a conflict in jersey color, the home team is to switch.

## **3.0 BALL**

- 3.1 All matches will be played with a size 5 ball
- 3.2 The home team is to present a game ball to the referee for inspection prior to the start of the game.

## **4.0 LENGTH of GAMES**

- 4.1 The length of games shall be as follows: two (2) 35 minute halves.
- 4.2 There will be no overtime periods. Matches tied at the end of regulation time will remain draws.
- 4.3 There will be a five (5) minute break between halves.

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## **2. SEASONAL YEAR**

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1. The seasonal year of this program shall consist of the Fall Season beginning no earlier than August 1 and ending no later than October 31 of the same calendar year.
2. There shall be a tournament at the end of the Junior High season. Only teams participating in the Junior High program are eligible to participate in this tournament.

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## **3. ADMINISTRATION**

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1. The BYSL Junior High Program Director shall be appointed by the BYSL Board of Directors.
2. A minimum of two coaches' meetings will be conducted during the season.
  - a. A coaches' meeting will be conducted prior to the start of the season.
  - b. A coaches' meeting will be conducted prior to the Junior High tournament.

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#### 4. DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

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1. The program shall adhere to ~~USYSA, IYSA and~~ BYSL policies relative to disciplinary actions taken against officials, coaches, teams, players, etc., involved in BYSL programs.
2. A coach may be removed from participation in the Junior High program, by a majority vote of the Board at any time, for misconduct.

#### 3. CAUTIONS AND EJECTIONS

##### 4.1 EJECTIONS

When a player, coach, spectator or team representative is ejected from a match, the referee shall file a misconduct report detailing the send off with the BYSL Referee Administrator and the BYSL Junior High Program Director.

##### 4.2 CAUTIONS

When a player, coach, spectator or team representative displays or enacts conduct that would have resulted in a caution should that individual have been a player, the referee shall file a misconduct report detailing the caution with the BYSL Referee Administrator and the BYSL Junior High Program Director.

##### 4.3 DISCIPLINARY SANCTIONS

- a. A one match suspension will be assessed to any player, coach, spectator, or team representative receiving an ejection from a Junior High Program match. The suspension shall be applied to the next officially scheduled Junior High Program match.
- b. A one match suspension will be assessed to any player receiving three (3) cautions (or any coach, spectator or team representative displaying or enacting conduct that would result in three (3) cautions should that individual had been a player) within a season or within six (6) consecutive games in which they are allowed to participate.
- c. Pending review by the Judicial Committee, players, coaches, spectators or team representatives shall be suspended from participating in any further Junior High Program matches for any of the following:
  - i. two (2) ejections for Violent Conduct and/or Serious Foul Play within a season or within four (4) consecutive games in which they are allowed to participate.
  - ii. three (3) ejections for any reason during a season or within six (6) consecutive games in which they are allowed to participate.
  - iii. any combination of four (4) ejections or cautions during a season or within six (6) consecutive games in which they are allowed to participate.
- d. Any player, coach, spectator, or team representative receiving a suspension shall have the right to appeal that suspension. A player, coach, spectator, or team representative requesting an appeal must submit a written appeal request to the Junior High Program Director within 24 hours of the incident. In the event of an appeal, the Judicial Committee shall conduct a hearing within seventy-two (72) hours of the appeal. The Judicial Committee may meet in person or by telephone and shall have the authority to delay the imposition of the suspension for not more than seven (7) days pending receipt of additional evidence.

- e. For any of the following, a player, coach, spectator, or team representative shall be referred to the Judicial Committee for determination of additional disciplinary action:
  - i. receiving three (3) or more cautions during a season or within any six (6) consecutive games.
  - ii. persistent misconduct or violation of the Rules, Policies, or Bylaws of this Association, ~~IYSA, and/or USYSA.~~
- f. All cautions, ejections, and suspensions will be tracked.
  - i. the BYSL Referee Administrator will track all cautions, ejections, and suspensions for the Junior High program
  - ii. the coach or team representative will track all cautions, ejections, and suspensions for their team.
  - iii. the coach or team representative is responsible for ensuring that a suspended player, coach, spectator, or team representative completes a suspension as required by Junior High Program rules and/or the Junior High Program Judicial Committee. The coach or team representative must complete a BYSL Suspension Report for each suspension. A copy of the completed form must be sent to the BYSL Referee Administrator and to the Junior High Program Director within 48 hours of completing the suspension. Failure to complete the form may result in additional sanctions to the player and/or team. Failure to enforce required suspension(s) will result in additional disciplinary actions against the team, coach, or offending individual.

#### 5. Junior High Program Judicial Committee

- a. The Junior High Program Judicial Committee shall be responsible for hearing all violations of the Junior High Program rules, regulations, and policies. The Junior High Program Judicial Committee shall review misconduct by players, coaches, parents, or other persons participating in the Junior High Program, and administer any subsequent disciplinary actions.
- b. The Junior High Program Judicial Committee shall consist of representatives of Junior High Program teams, as selected by the BYSL Discipline Committee Chairperson. The number of members on the Junior High Program Judicial Committee shall be greater than two, but not more than the number of teams represented in the Junior High program.
- c. The Junior High Program Judicial Committee may refer any issues or problems directly to the BYSL Disciplinary Committee.
- d. Protest and appeals of decisions of the Junior High Program Judicial Committee shall be heard by the BYSL Protests and Appeals Committee.

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#### 5. FINANCIAL

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- 1. The BYSL tax identification number shall not be used by other than BYSL.
- 2. Each Junior High Program team must be in good financial standing with BYSL prior to participation in the Junior High Program post-season tournament.
- 3. Players who have registered with the Junior High Program and wish to withdraw prior to participating in any practice or game will receive a refund of their BYSL fees minus registration fees already paid

to ~~IYSA~~ the registering state or national organization.

4. Scholarship applications for players on Junior High Program teams will be reviewed and approved by the BYSL president.

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## 6. COACHING

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1. The Junior High Program Director is responsible for soliciting, screening and proposing coaches for Junior High Program coaching positions. The Junior High Program Director will submit a proposed Junior High Program coaches' list to the BYSL Board by the May meeting prior to the Fall season.
  - a. All Junior High Program coaching positions are contingent upon BYSL Board approval.
  - b. All Junior High Program head coaches and assistant coaches will be registered with ~~IYSA~~ the approved BYSL national or state affiliate.
  - c. Anyone who has been sanctioned by ~~IYSA~~ the registering national or state affiliate or any other organization recognized by the ~~USYSA~~ registering national or state affiliate will not coach, train, assist, manage or help with any team playing in the Junior High program.
2. There may be multiple coaches and teams at each school. The number of teams at each school will be determined by the Junior High Program Director based on player and coach resources.
  - a. For schools where there are multiple teams, the Junior High Program Director will designate a head coach to coordinate tryouts and team formation.
3. Coaches associated with Clubs are allowed to coach within the Junior High Program. Coaches, however, may not use the Junior High Program to promote their Club or Spring season teams in any way.

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## 7. PLAYER SELECTION/TEAM FORMATION

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1. Tryouts for Junior High Program teams are open to all players.
  - a. Players must try-out for the Junior High Program team of the school that they will be attending.
  - b. Home-schooled players shall play on the Junior High Program team of their normal attendance area.
  - c. Players in the 6th grade who are u13 by birth date are allowed to try out for their respective Junior High school teams.
  - d. All players, with the exception of those mentioned in 7.1.c, must be in one of the represented grades that their school district supports for junior high school or middle school education. Namely seventh, eighth or ninth grade.
2. Tryout may begin on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of the specified Idaho High School Activities Association (IHSAA) tryouts for soccer.
  - a. The guidelines for the tryouts will be consistent with ~~IYSA~~ the policy and direction of the registering national or state affiliate.

3. The Junior High program will coordinate tryouts to the extent that at those schools with player selections pools large enough to support multiple teams, players failing to make the team of their first choice are provided the opportunity to tryout for the other team. Players will be allowed to change teams up until the rosters are submitted to the league ~~and IYSA registrars~~. After that point, any change of teams during the season will be an official player transfer subject to the limitations established by ~~IYSA~~ the registering national or state affiliate.
4. In the event that there are insufficient numbers at a given school to form a team, the Junior High program Director will place those players within the selection pool of another team within the program.
5. All Junior High Program players will register with ~~IYSA~~ the BYSL approved national or state affiliate.
  - a. The BYSL Registrar will keep a copy of every Junior High Program player registration form on file for one year
6. Teams shall have a minimum of 14 rostered players and no more than 22.

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#### 8. TEAM UNIFORMS

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1. Each Junior High Program team is responsible for their team uniforms.
  - a. Uniform colors must match the associated school colors.
  - b. Team names must match the associated school name.
2. In the event of color conflicts, the home team is responsible for changing jerseys.

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#### 9. JUNIOR HIGH PROGRAM DIRECTOR

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1. The Junior High Program Director will determine the number of teams to be formed each season with the Junior High Program.
  - a. The ability of a school to form multiple teams or a single team will be based on player and coach resources.
  - b. The Director can decide to combine schools that do not have enough players to form a single team on their own.
2. The Junior High Program Director will solicit, screen and propose coaches for Junior High Program coaching positions.
  - a. The Director will submit a proposed Junior High Program coaches' list to the BYSL Board for approval. The proposed coaches' list will be submitted by the May Board meeting.
3. The Junior High Program Director will be responsible for organizing and conducting the Junior High Program coaches' meetings.
4. The Junior High Program Director shall be responsible for organizing the League and Tournament schedules.

5. The Junior High Program Director will use the referee scheduler that BYSL contracts for BYSL programs
6. The Junior High Program Director is responsible for tracking all cautions, ejections and suspensions within the Junior High Program
7. The Junior High Program Director has the authority to cancel Junior High Program matches.

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#### 10. REFEREES

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1. All Junior High Program matches will be covered by a referee.
2. Referees can eject coaches and spectators and stop games if required.
3. Junior High Program teams desiring to be scheduled for games, must provide one center and two linesmen.
4. The referees shall have the power to decide as to the fitness of the grounds in all games. In other respects, the duties of the referee and assistant referees are as defined in the "Laws of the Game."

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#### 11. MISCELLANEOUS

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1. Home teams will be listed first on the schedule. All matches will be played at the designated location on the schedule.
2. Only the Junior High Program Director can cancel Junior High Program matches (with the noted exception of referees, in the event of unsafe conditions at the field).
  - a. Teams that are unable to play a scheduled Junior High Program match must notify the Junior High Program Director at least 24 hours prior to the match. Failure to notify the Director will result in forfeiture of the match.
  - b. Forfeiture of any Junior High Program match will result in a fine of \$100.00 assessed to the responsible team (payable to BYSL). The fine shall be paid within five days of the forfeited match. The offending team will be suspended from Junior High Program play until the fine has been received by the BYSL Treasurer. All scheduled matches will be resumed at that point. Matches missed during the suspension will not be made up and will be recorded as 1-0 wins for the opposing teams.
3. At all Junior High Program matches, teams and spectators will be situated on opposite sides of the field. Both teams will occupy one side of the field, with the spectators occupying the other side of the field.