

Article I - General Procedures

Section 1

The D2 Youth Soccer operating procedures shall consist of the WSYSA Rules of Competition as published in the WSYSA Administrative Handbook, Rule 300 "Outdoor Field", Rule 301 "Rules of Play" and the following portions of Rule 305: Officiating (305.16) and Coaching Ethics (305.21) (substituting the word "WSYL" with "sanctioned") except where specifically stated otherwise herein. All related D2 Youth Soccer activities shall be governed by these procedures.

Article II - League Regulations

Section 1

D2 Youth Soccer league formation is for Member Association affiliated teams and is divided into divisions. Division I is the most competitive division, level of play decreases with each division. District 2 (recreational teams) will start league play the weekend after Labor Day and end by Thanksgiving. Entry into this division requires that the official league entry form be completed and delivered to the D2 Youth Soccer Vice President of Competition, or the designated League Administrator, on or before the league entry deadline. Teams entering after the league entry deadline will be accepted only if an opening in the schedule exists. An entry fee for each team will be charged.

Players can be rostered to only one United States Soccer Federation (USSF) affiliated team at a time.

Section 2

League Operation - The District League Operations shall be as follows:

2.1. All League games will be played on the day scheduled. If field and/or time are changed, the home team coach or contact person shall notify the opponents as soon as possible.

2.2 Game Rescheduling. A game reschedule is a change in the date, time, or field of a soccer match. No games will be considered for rescheduling except under the following conditions:

- Field assigned is not available because of field closure or double booking.
- A head coach of multiple D2 Youth Soccer teams has conflicting games.
- For the convenience of the District.

2.3. The Disciplinary Committee will not entertain or uphold any protests based on scheduling errors of whatever nature or protests based on a properly decided forfeiture.

2.4. Player's Equipment: All players U13 and above must wear jerseys with numbers (minimum size 6x4 inches). The numbers must be readily discernible from the sidelines and must be securely attached so as not to create a playing hazard. There shall be no duplication of numbers. Shin guards, completely covered by socks, are mandatory for all ages. Numbered jerseys for goalkeepers are optional (but are recommended).

2.5 All coaches **must** submit a completed D2 Youth Soccer Game Roster Sheet to the referee prior to each match. D2 Youth Soccer will provide each coach with 3-part NCR rosters to be used. Referees shall be instructed not to begin a match without said roster in hand. In the event a coach or manager fails to produce the 3-part D2 Youth Soccer Game Roster Sheet, the referee can accept a substitute in its place

provided all required information is written thereon. If the referee refuses to officiate a match because the players are not properly identified on the roster, then the game shall be declared a forfeit.

2.6. An Internet Web site (www.wsysad2.org) will be used by coaches to post match results no later than 8:00 pm of the day of the match. Please notify the League Administrator of any errors as soon as possible.

2.7. Game official(s) must be notified prior to the start of a game of all suspended persons. In order for the referee to sign off on the D2 Youth Soccer Disciplinary Determination and Notification letter, a suspended player must attend the entire match attired in street clothes and have the referee sign off on the letter at the conclusion of the match. Upon completion of the number of sit outs given, it is the player's responsibility to return the letter to the D2 Youth Soccer Disciplinary Committee. The player is not reinstated to play (**the suspension shall remain in effect**) until the letter has been received by the D2 Youth Soccer Disciplinary Committee. Failure to comply with this section may result in further Disciplinary action.

2.8. Failure of a game official to show up will not be the cause for canceling a match. A substitute official must be chosen upon agreement by both coaches. The official's decision will be final. Coaches' failure to agree on a substitute official will be cause for both teams to be charged with a 0-1 loss.

2.9. The following are the responsibility of the HOME team:

- Marking the field of play
- Providing a proper game ball.
- Providing adequate directions to the field at least 72 hours prior to the game.
- Visiting contact person should call opposing contact person for directions if not contacted.
- If contact cannot be made, obtain an alternate phone number from the League Administrator.
- Home contact persons **shall make** verbal contact to confirm that any field or time changes are understood.
- The Home Team Association determines field location and kick-off time.

2.10 Any coach that is ejected from a game **must attend the next Disciplinary hearing** to explain their action. Failure to attend will be cause for suspension.

2.11 Fields - D2 Youth Soccer does not assign referees or fields. They are the responsibility of the Home Association. Always contact the opposing contact person to verify the game field and game time. Associations are forced to change fields and times very frequently. Therefore, check the D2 Youth Soccer website frequently to review your game schedule. Addresses of fields and/or directions must be obtained from the home contact person, not the District.

Article III – Rules of Competition

League play in D2 Youth Soccer will be determined by the rules of WSYSA as stated herein in Article I, Section 1. FIFA Laws of the Game shall apply except where said laws have been modified by WSYSA.

Article IV – Disciplinary (D2 Youth Soccer modification of WSYSA Rule 305.18)

Section 1

Committee: The D2 Youth Soccer Alternate Commissioner shall act as or appoint a Disciplinary Committee Chairperson who shall form a Disciplinary Committee. Each Association must submit the name of a person to serve on the Disciplinary Committee by the July District Board meeting.

Section 2

Responsibilities: The Committee shall review during the fall season the written reports submitted by game officials for any misconduct at D2 Youth Soccer league games played the week(s) previous to the meeting and shall:

- Make a determination of the validity of the infraction, i.e. uphold the card issued by the game official.
- Make a determination of the class of the infraction.
- Establish and review consistent application of corrective penalties.
- Apply penalties based on consistent application of the WSYSA Administrative Handbook, Other Governing Documents, Rule 605 titled "Disciplinary Penalty Code".
- Make a determination on the outcome of an abandoned game.
- Hear match protests.
- Hear ineligible player issues.

Section 3

Authority: The D2 Youth Soccer Disciplinary Committee shall deal with all misconduct reports arising out of competitions conducted by D2 Youth Soccer, and have the authority to penalize any player, coach, or person who can be identified as having an affiliation with the team.

Section 4

Disciplinary Determination and Notification Forms: All persons being suspended will receive a Disciplinary Determination and Notification Form that identifies the penalties to be served. The form must be signed by the game official for each game sat out. When the appropriate number(s) of signatures have been obtained, the form must be returned to the Disciplinary Committee within seven (7) days. The suspension shall remain in effect until this document is returned to the D2 Youth Soccer Disciplinary Committee.

The Disciplinary Determination and Notification Form will be given to the person identified on the Misconduct Report if present at the meeting or, if not present, distributed out immediately following the scheduled Disciplinary Committee meeting.

If the suspended individual has not received the Disciplinary Determination and Notification Form by game time, the game official should be asked to sign the game sheet (roster) stating the suspended person sat out. The signed game roster should be attached to the Disciplinary Determination and Notification form and submitted to the Disciplinary Committee.

Section 5

Attendance at meetings: Any person, other than players, ejected from a game must attend the next Disciplinary Committee meeting to explain their actions. Failure to attend will be cause for suspension

and require a petition for reinstatement for his/her eligibility to participate in this team or any other teams functions.

A player must appear before the Disciplinary Committee only if he/she wishes to dispute a red card/ejection or yellow card/caution that he/she received. Whether or not the player chooses to attend, he/she must verify the games sat out by completing the Disciplinary Determination and Notification Form (obtaining the correct signatures).

Section 6

Mandatory Sit Out: Player(s)/coach(s) receiving a red card/ejection will be ineligible to compete in the next regularly scheduled match after the next regularly scheduled D2 Youth Soccer Disciplinary Committee meeting unless the red card/ejection is overturned or reduced to a yellow card/caution by the Disciplinary Committee.

Section 7

Penalty Points: Penalty points will be accumulated over the seasonal year (9/1 through 8/31). Yellow cards/cautions will be accumulated at one (1) point each. Red cards/ejections at three (3) points each.

Section 8

Three (3) Yellow Card/Caution Rule: Any player/coach that accumulates three (3) yellow cards/cautions during administered events in a seasonal year will be ineligible to compete in the next regularly scheduled league match. The player/coach will sit out one (1) additional game for each additional yellow card/caution received unless that yellow card/caution is overturned by the Disciplinary Committee. Any player/coach who receives their third or subsequent yellow card/ caution during their last league match will be ineligible to compete/coach in the first game of the next D2 Youth Soccer League Competition.

Section 9

Three (3) Red Card/Ejection Rule: Players/coaches that accumulate three (3) red cards/ejections in a seasonal year (first D2 Youth Soccer league game to final D2 Youth Soccer league game) will be suspended and required to petition the Disciplinary Committee for reinstatement of their eligibility to compete on any team or to coach within D2 Youth Soccer. Upon reinstatement, the Disciplinary Committee will set the terms and conditions of probation. Failure to comply will cause those players/coaches to be suspended for the remainder of the seasonal year.

Section 10

Seven (7) Point Rule: Any player that accumulates seven (7) points from red card(s)/ejection(s) and/or yellow card(s)/cautions during the seasonal year will be suspended and be required to petition the Disciplinary Committee for reinstatement of eligibility to compete on any WSYSA sanctioned team. Upon reinstatement, the Disciplinary Committee will set the terms and conditions of probation. Failure to comply with the terms and conditions of probation will cause those players to be suspended for the remainder of the seasonal year.

Section 11

Team Infraction Point Totals: The coach of a team receiving twelve (12) points accumulated from red card(s)/ejections and/or yellow card(s)/cautions during the seasonal year, will be required to appear

before the Disciplinary Committee for discussion of team management and to prepare a game plan for the balance of the season's matches.

A team receiving fifteen (15) points accumulated from red card(s)/ejections and/or yellow card(s)/cautions during the seasonal year, will be required to appear before the Disciplinary Committee which will determine appropriate action which may include the team being suspended for the balance of the league competition.

Section 12

Reinstatement fee: All petitions for reinstatement must be accompanied by a \$50.00 non-refundable fee (certified funds only).

Section 13

Appeal Process: The impacted person(s) may appeal the decision of the Disciplinary Committee by following the procedures as outlined in the WSYSA Administrative Handbook, Rule 602 Protests, Appeals and Administrative Hearings. The impacted person(s) are required, before appealing the Disciplinary Committee's decision, to attend the D2 Youth Soccer Disciplinary Committee meeting in person.

Section 14

Ignorance of Rules: A claim of ignorance of these policies and procedures shall not be satisfactory grounds for the alteration or waiving of such policies or procedures.

Section 15

Communication: The email address for the Disciplinary Committee: **DiscipChair@wsysasd2.org**

Section 16

Abandoned Games: If any game is abandoned by the game official due to the actions of the player(s), coach(s), parent(s), spectator(s), and/or a person who can be identified as having an affiliation with the team, the Disciplinary Committee will decide if the game is to be replayed. Further, if the game is not replayed, and at the time of abandonment:

- The opposing team is ahead; the score at the time will be the final score.
- The team causing the abandonment is ahead, the game shall be considered forfeited and the score of 1-0 in the favor of the opposing team will be awarded.
- The score is tied, the game shall be considered a forfeit and a score of 1-0 in favor of the opposing team will be awarded.
- If both teams have caused the abandonment, the game shall be considered forfeited by both teams and they each shall receive a score of 0-1

Section 17

Definitions: The term "game(s)" is defined as all WSYSA sanctioned competitions. "Game official" is defined as a certified referee, or person (other than a certified referee) who officiates a game.

Section 18

Assault or Abuse of Participants- Suspensions: When any person shall assault or abuse a participant within WSYSA the matter shall be brought directly before the WSYSA Appeals Committee for a hearing.

See WSYSA Administrative Handbook, Rule 215.4

Section 19

Misconduct Toward Game Officials - See WSYSA Administrative Handbook, Appendix A