

# The American Youth Soccer Organization's



## **SECTION 14 STATE GAMES Rules and Regulations**

**For 2023 and Beyond**

*This Tournament will be run as an  
AYSO Kids Zone Event*

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# AMERICAN YOUTH SOCCER ORGANIZATION

## SECTION 14 STATE GAMES RULES

We cordially invite you to register your Regions teams in the  
*2023 Section 14 State Games.*

### Philosophy of the State Games:

1. The *Section 14 State Games* are designed to provide AYSO players with the opportunity to participate in tournament play, to experience and enjoy a competitive environment. In order to make the State Games an enjoyable and rewarding experience for the players participating in the tournament:
  - a. Teams must be balanced in keeping with AYSO philosophies. Any region sending more than one team in the *same flight* and *same age group* must balance each of the teams.
  - b. Two flights will be provided **wherever possible** so regions with competitive or League Play teams may compete with teams of comparable skill and experience, while regions with recreational teams also compete against comparable teams.
  - c. Competitive or League Play teams participating in the *Section 14 State Games* must follow all the requirements of each of the six AYSO Philosophies in all tournament and competitive play.
2. The *Section 14 State Games* are designed to be **FUN**, and an enjoyable experience for AYSO players, coaches, referees, and their families. The State Games provide an opportunity for all AYSO regions in Florida and Section 14 to compete in a **friendly** environment and should be an enjoyable experience for all participants.
3. The Section 14 State Games will be administered pursuant to the AYSO Kids Zone concept.
  - **Kids are #1**
  - **Fun – not winning – is everything**
  - **Fans only cheer, and only coaches coach**
  - **NO yelling in anger**
  - **Respect teammates and opponents**
  - **Respect the volunteer referees**
  - **No swearing**
  - **No smoking**
  - **Leave no trash behind**
  - **Set a proper example for our children**

### Statement of Policy:

This tournament will be conducted under the Laws, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines found in the “FIFA Laws of the Game” (AYSO 2022/2023 Edition). Any applicable amendments or modifications to these policies are specified below in these Rules and Regulations governing the State Games.

# **I. Name and Location of Tournament**

**2023 AYSO Section 14 State Games**, Okeeheelee Park, 7715 Forest Hill Blvd., West Palm Beach, Florida.

## **II. Tournament Dates**

January 13 – 16, 2023

## **III. Tournament- Age Brackets**

The tournament is open to all AYSO Regions Boys' Divisions 10U through 19U and Girls' Divisions 10U through 19U

The age group eligibility is as follows:

10U: 10 Under years of age - Date of birth 1/1/13 thru 12/31/14

12U: 12 Under years of age - Date of birth 1/1/11 thru 12/31/12

14U: 14 Under years of age - Date of birth 1/1/09 thru 12/31/10

16U: 16 Under years of age - Date of birth 1/1/07 thru 12/31/08

19U: 19 Under years of age - Date of birth 1/1/04 thru 12/31/06

Players will be permitted to "play up" in all of the age groups listed above *provided that the player(s) "played-up"* during the current or most recently completed regular season; with the exception that as a consequence of the heading restrictions enforced for 12U players, 12U players may **not** play up in the 14U bracket. The verification of eligibility is the regional commissioner's responsibility. Age-appropriate players *should* be given first priority in the selection process.

Players required to "play-up" during the most recently completed regular season due to a lack of sufficient available players to field regional competition in a particular age division, will be permitted to "play down" to their age-appropriate division with the permission and verification of the area and section directors. No other exceptions for "playing down" will be permitted.

## **IV. TEAM FORMATION - Player Eligibility**

Each team must have the approval of their regional commissioner to participate in the Games. Each region shall determine the method used for team selection, providing that each player's eligibility meets, at a minimum, the following requirements:

- A. 10U, 12U, 14U, 16U & 19U may be represented in both the boy's and girl's divisions. Each region is guaranteed placement of at least two teams in each of the divisions, provided the region has sufficient players to meet the minimum

Age Division	10U	12U	14U	16U	19U
Format	7 v 7	9 v 9	11 v 11	11 v 11	11 v 11
Minimum number of Players on the field	5	6	7	7	7
Minimum number of Players on the Roster	7	9	11	11	11
Maximum number of Players on the Roster	10	12	18	18	18

roster requirements in the division, and each team entered meets the minimum roster requirements. Regions desiring to send more than two teams in a division must get permission from the Tournament Staff; with decisions to accept additional teams decided on a first-come, first-served basis depending on field availability and staffing limitations. The minimum roster requirement for 10U is 7 players, with a maximum of 10. In 12U, the minimum is 9, with a maximum of 12. In 14U, 16U and 19U, the minimum is 11, with a maximum of 18. The number of teams entered in any division may be restricted or limited depending on field availability and staffing limitations. All players on the roster must play at least fifty percent of each game.

- B. All players must have a valid, laminated AYSO ID card (player pass) issued by the Regional Commissioner. Only official AYSO Section 14 State Games ID Cards (included in the declaration packet) will be accepted and must contain the following:
  - 1. Type or print required player information on AYSO ID card.
  - 2. Attach recent picture of player to card.
  - 3. Each Regional Commissioner is required to sign the player ID Cards.
  - 4. Player's signature is required.
  - 5. ID Card shall be laminated.
  - 6. Players can only play for one team.
- C. Each Regional Commissioner is responsible for assuring the eligibility of all players on his/her teams.
- D. Each player participating in this tournament must have played no less than 50% of the most recently completed primary season and ***must have been registered and paid for at the AYSO National Office by November 15th of the current (2022) Fall Season.*** Players may only play in the AYSO Section 14 State Games for the Region in which they played the Fall/Current season. Accommodation may be considered when appropriate for regions that cannot roster a full team in a division and are willing to combine with another region to form a team. In each such case, a request approved by the regional commissioners and area directors involved must be submitted in writing to the Tournament Rules Committee by mail to the address provided for registration submissions.
- E. If a Region is unable to fill a team or a player was unable to participate in 50% of the regular season the Area Director(s) may request a variance (*official permission to bypass stated regulations*), providing that the Regional Commissioner(s) submit in writing sufficient justification. This written request shall then be submitted to the Tournament Rules Committee for final approval.
- F. Regional teams and players participating in AYSO Section 14 League Play may participate in the Section 14 State Games. Players on League Play teams ***must have been registered and paid for at the AYSO National Office by November 15 of the current (2022) fall season.*** Regions entering League Play teams composed primarily of players that do not participate in the primary season must form these teams pursuant to the Section 14 League Play Guidelines, and the team must participate in Section 14 League Play events where appropriate. Where applicable, teams entered pursuant to this subsection will be assigned to the same flight.

## V. **TEAM FORMATION - Region Eligibility**

Each region ***must*** hold a current financial standing with the National Office and with the AYSO Supply Store ***by December 10, 2022, in order to be eligible to participate in the AYSO Section 14 State Games.*** Area Directors are responsible for confirming each region's compliance prior to permitting the region's teams to be processed.

The AYSO Section 14 State Games will only accept regional checks. No personal checks will be accepted.

Each volunteer participating in the AYSO Section 14 State Games, including coaches, referees, team parents, or any other volunteer position ***must be registered online on their Region AYSO Blue Sombrero website no later than December 10th.***

## **VI. TEAM DECLARATION**

The Tournament Committee will accept applications from teams in the order they are received, based on the application letter postmark. A team becomes an official tournament entry only after payment of the required registration fee, and submission of a completed roster and Referee Information sheet. Acceptance of the registration is determined solely at the discretion of the Tournament Registrar or the designated representative.

- 1) Team Declaration of \$300 per team for 10U, \$400 per team for 12U, and \$425 per team for 14U, and \$400 per team for 16U and 19U must be mailed in by the deadline of **December 7, 2022**. *Each team* must complete the Team Declaration form and submit that form with their registration fee and Referee Binder in order to be considered an applicant.
- 2) **Refund Policy:** A full refund will be issued if the tournament is canceled and cannot be rescheduled. If a team withdraws from the tournament *before December 21, 2022*, a full refund will be available. If a team is withdrawn *after December 21, 2022*, no refund is given unless a replacement team is available.
- 3) Team registration shall include medals or trophies for first and second place, and medals for third and fourth place where appropriate. T-shirts for all players, coaches and referees will also be provided.
- 4) A Team becomes an official entry only after payment of the required registration fee **Payable to AYSO Section 14 State Games**.
- 5) Each team **must** submit their Referee Information Form to the State Games Referee Scheduler by **December 14, 2022**.

*Teams will have until **January 4, 2023**, to make any roster changes, after that all rosters are frozen.*

- 6) Regions are required to provide at least 2 (two) referees per team.
  - a. The Referee information for each team with names and AYSO ID numbers will be supplied to the AYSO Section 14 State Games Referee Scheduler on the form provided by **December 4, 2022**. Each Referee must be certified as an AYSO referee (grade Basic or higher) or certified as a USSF referee (grade 8 or higher). Each Referee must be registered with the NSTC as an AYSO volunteer for the current season. Each Referee must be Safe Haven certified and CDC certified.
  - b. Each referee will be assigned 3 (three) game assignments for the qualifying rounds of play. In the event that their team goes through to the knockout rounds, the referee will be expected to volunteer for games in that round of play.
  - c. At least 1 (one) of the referees shall be qualified to center games at the same level of play as the team to which they are declared. The other referees shall be qualified to fill the position of Assistant Referee for the same level of play as the team to which they are declared. Center Referees must be qualified as listed below. Assistant Referees are highly encouraged to be at the same level as the center referee. All Assistant Referees and Fourth Officials must be certified as a regional referee. Teams without qualified referees declared will lose their binder. **Required Referee Certifications for 10U – Basic, 12U/14U - Intermediate, 16U/19U – Advanced.**

- d. Referees will be permitted to represent up to 2 (two) teams. Referees declared for two teams will be required to fulfill the required number of mandatory assignments for both teams. Regions are encouraged to send “at large” referees, not assigned to a team, to participate in the Games. A separate declaration shall be provided by the region for these referees stating whether the referee would prefer to be assigned games or to only be used to cover random games for the region, or a combination of both.
  - e. Each game has four assignments – The Center Referee, the First Assistant Referee, the Second Assistant Referee, and the Fourth Official. Referees must be either current AYSO registered referees (grade Regional or higher) or certified as a USSF referee (grade 8 or higher). Each Referee must be registered as an AYSO volunteer for the current year, CDC Certified, and have completed the AYSO Referee Safe Haven course. If the referee obligation is fulfilled, the region will receive their Referee binder back after the tournament is over (by mail).
- 7) **The Referee binder is \$300 per team.** The referee binder is meant to encourage and ensure that regions/teams send adequate and qualified referees to officiate the state games. The result is better competition, experience, and fun for all participants (players, volunteers, and spectators). Within 14 days, binders will be returned to the region (a self-addressed envelope for this purpose should be sent with entry forms) upon verification that all referee assignments for a team have been met. Verification will be done on a team-by-team basis.
- 8) *Team Declaration must be received by **Saturday, December 7, 2022.** Incomplete Team Declarations will not be accepted, *unless needed to fill a division and will be placed on hold pending completion. No team declarations will be accepted after the deadline.**
- a) To be approved and accepted the Team Declaration *must* include: an approved AYSO Section 14 State Games team roster which must list players in jersey number order with the players birthdate; Coach and Assistant Coach with phone number, email, coach certification level, CDC and AYSO Safe Have certification dates. The Team Manager must also have CDC and Safe Have certification dates. *These rosters **must** still be signed by your regional commissioner.*
  - b) Laminated player cards (in jersey number order) must be submitted at Team Check-in.
  - c) Teams will have until **January 4, 2023**, to make any roster changes, after that the roster is frozen.

## VII. TEAM CHECK-IN

All uniforms, including alternate jerseys will be checked for compliance with the AYSO uniform guidelines (see attachment at the end of these Rules). Teams with improper uniforms will not be allowed to participate and a refund will not be issued.

- A. Coaches must be present at check-in and provide the following information:
- 1. The finalized copy of the AYSO Section 14 State Games Roster completely filled out and signed by the regional commissioner.
  - 2. A sample uniform, plus a sample of the alternate jersey for authorization.
  - 3. The AYSO player registration form from the current fall season for use as an emergency medical authorization. This form must be signed by a

- parent or guardian. Forms **must** be in jersey number order.
4. The players and coach ID cards. Official cards are available online at [ayso.bluesombrero.com/section14](http://ayso.bluesombrero.com/section14).
  5. Lineup cards will be handed out at the time of team check-in.

## **VIII. STANDARDS FOR UNIFORMS AND PLAYER EQUIPMENT**

Every team shall wear matching uniforms that consist of a jersey, shorts, and socks. Each uniform shall be properly marked with the AYSO logo as specified in the declaration packet. Teams without a proper uniform may not play. Bicycle shorts that are the same primary color as the uniform shorts will be permitted. Long sleeve shirts that are the same primary color as the uniform shirts will be permitted. Any team which has white as their primary color shall provide an alternate jersey of a different color for all players. All articles of extra clothing must be worn under the uniform. Properly sized shin guards are mandatory and must be worn under the socks.

## **IX. HOME/VISITOR SIDELINES**

The HOME TEAM is the first team listed on the schedule. The HOME TEAM shall change jerseys when there is a color conflict in uniforms. State Games' Commemorative T-shirts may be used as an alternate jersey.

***The Home Team will be responsible for providing the game ball.***

## **X. GAME CHECK-IN**

Teams should report to their assigned fields at least 30 minutes prior to the listed game start time of each game. The field monitor and/or the referees will check the player and coach ID cards and uniforms before each game. Players should line up in a single line, in jersey number order, for check-in. Each team must present a standard lineup card filled out in numerical sequence.

## **XI. COACHING**

- A. ***Each Team is permitted one head coach and one assistant coach and a team parent, each must be Safe Haven and CDC certified.*** Only these designated and approved coaches are permitted to coach, and other than the players and the team parent, are the only people permitted to be in the coaching area on the fields. Both the coach and the assistant coach along with the team parent must be a current MY2022 registered AYSO volunteer and must be verified and approved prior to team acceptance.
- B. Coaches with the 10U age group must hold a minimum of the 12U or Youth Certification.
- C. Coaches with the 12U age group must hold a minimum of the 12U or Youth Certification.
- D. Coaches with the 14U age group must hold a minimum of the 12U or Youth Certification.
- E. Coaches with the 16U and 19U age groups must hold a minimum of the 12U or Youth Certification.
- F. Every coach and assistant coach must hold a minimum of the 12U or Youth Certification, no exceptions will be granted.
- G. Coaches are responsible for their conduct and the conduct of their players, spectators, and guests. Only positive and instructional coaching is permitted. Negative comments toward their own players, opposing players, or the referees will not be tolerated.



- H. Coaches shall not consume alcoholic beverages or use tobacco products during games or in the immediate vicinity of the soccer fields.
- I. The field shall be marked, where possible, with spectator control lines parallel to the touchline (sideline) at a distance of at least three (3) yards from the touchline. All coaches, referees, referee's assistants, and other league officials are asked to ensure that spectators remain behind this line.
- J. The coaching area shall be marked by two lines perpendicular to the touchline that extends 10 yards on either side of the halfway line.
- K. With the exception of photographers who have received authorization from the referee, and who must remain quiet and sufficiently back from the goal line, no one shall be allowed behind the goal line.
- L. Coaches (or other officials) shall not enter the field of play, unless requested by the referee. Only coaches, team parents, and players will be allowed in the team area.
- M. Coaches will make all spectators aware that this tournament is a Kids Zone. Everyone associated with the team will be held accountable under the Kids Zone rules.
- N. Should a coach pull his/her team from preliminary competition prior to completing their scheduled games due to mathematically being unable to advance to play-off games they will be barred for two consecutive years from coaching at AYSO Section 14 State Games.

## **XII. PLAYER SAFETY**

- A. Players shall NOT be allowed to participate in any game unless they are wearing shin guards.
- B. Players shall NOT be allowed to practice or participate in any game with any type of cast or splint. Hard casts (including padded casts), splints, helmets and hard padding shall not be permitted to be worn by a player during any game or practice.
- C. Players shall NOT wear anything, which is dangerous to either themselves or another player.
- D. Players shall NOT wear jewelry of any kind (including chains, watches, body jewelry and earrings, bandannas, or other ornamentation).
- E. The possibility of contracting a blood-borne disease such as AIDS or Hepatitis B through athletic activity is minimal at best. For safety and for peace of mind, know the risks and the precautions to minimize them further. AYSO has adopted guidelines and rules for when there is bleeding on the field:
  - 1. Any player or official who is bleeding must leave the field immediately to receive medical treatment and may not return until the situation is corrected (the bleeding is stopped, and the wound is covered).
  - 2. If there is blood on the uniform or clothing, the individual may not return until that portion of the uniform or clothing is replaced or the blood has been neutralized with a disinfectant solution.
  - 3. If there is blood on the body, the individual may not return until all blood has been removed from skin surfaces and the contaminated skin has been disinfected.
- F. AYSO will not prohibit the use of knee braces by players in AYSO events and programs; provided that the brace is adequately covered and padded in the judgment of the referee, so as to eliminate the possibility of its causing injury to the

other players on the field of play.

- G. Medical information bracelets should not be removed but must be padded and taped to the player's skin.
- H. Prescription eyeglasses may be worn but must remain firmly on the wearer's head and be restrained by a strap. Non-prescription eyeglasses and sunglasses shall not be permitted to be worn by a player during a game.
- I. Players with permanent orthodontic braces are strongly encouraged to wear mouth guards.

### **XIII. OFFICIATING**

- A. Referees shall at all times be governed by and impose the Rules and Regulations of competition as defined by AYSO and the FIFA Laws of the Game in general.
- B. Referees should at all times put great emphasis on the welfare of the players and officiate the game in a manner conducive to clean competition and good sportsmanship.
- C. If a player is injured, the referee, at his/her discretion, may stop play to ensure the welfare of the player even if the ball has not gone out of play.
- D. All games will be conducted using the diagonal system of control with one center referee and two assistant referees. A fourth official will be assigned wherever possible.
- E. The center referee and the two assistant referees will wear the same color shirt with an AYSO referee badge, black shorts, black socks with white stripes, and predominantly black shoes. Shirt colors will follow the USSF/FIFA standards-Primary- Yellow with black stripes or Black with white stripes. Secondary- Red with black stripes or Green with black stripes. Alternate colored jerseys are acceptable as long as all officials are in the same color. Referees must change shirts if their shirt conflicts with a team's or goalkeeper's shirt.
- F. All Referees will be volunteers and will be scheduled for matches based upon their qualifications to officiate as well as by their comfort level to an assigned gender and age group. Every effort will be made to avoid assignments to cover games where their own region or area is involved.
- G. Referee game assignments will be posted at the Referee station. Referees need to report to the Referee station for accountability.
- H. The game scores as recorded on each of the game cards shall be the official scores. ***At the conclusion of the match, the referee shall show the completed game cards with the final score to the participant coaches for review, confirmation, and SIGNATURE. Once the game card is signed by the participant coaches confirming the final score, the card shall be returned to the official scorer.*** Referees shall submit a written report that must be given to the Referee Tournament Committee in the event of:
  - 1. Any yellow or red cards issued to a player
  - 2. Violent conduct or serious foul play by a player
  - 3. Any send-offs of players, coaches, or spectators
  - 4. Any conduct by coaches, spectators, or other guests that interfered with the match
  - 5. Abuse of the substitution and/or minimum play rules noted or brought to the attention of the referees
  - 6. Any other action that the referee determines merits a notation or report

- I. Officials will not be given credit for games done unless it is legibly printed on the back of the lineup card.
- J. Referees who also coach will not be granted a first, second or third official field position in the division in which they coach.
- K. All referees need to provide a cell phone number (if available) during the tournament for contact by the referee committee for any possible changes.

#### **XIV. BALL SIZE**

- A. 19U through 14U must be 26.5 to 28.0 inches in circumference and weigh between 14 and 16 ounces (Size 5).
- B. 12U through 10U must be 25.0 to 26.5 inches in circumference and weigh between 12 and 14 ounces (Size 4).

#### **XV. GAMES FORMAT**

- A. Girls' and boys' teams within each age group will be organized into separate pools. Co-ed teams will play in the boys' pool.
- B. Each team will play a minimum of three (3) games.
- C. Specific pool and match structures will be determined based upon the number of teams entered in the division. Where appropriate, teams may be organized into separate flights.
- D. **Laws Applicable to the 10U and 12U Divisions:**
  - 1. ***No deliberate heading of the ball will be permitted in the 10U and 12U divisions.*** If at the discretion of the referee, a player deliberately heads the ball, the opposing team will be awarded an indirect free kick from the spot of the infraction. If a deliberate header occurs within the goal area, the indirect free kick will be awarded on the goal line parallel to the goal at the nearest point to where the infringement occurred.
  - 2. ***Goalkeepers will not be permitted to "punt" the ball, in the 10U Division.*** If a goalkeeper deliberately "punts" the ball, an indirect free kick will be awarded on the goal line parallel to the goal at the nearest point to where the infringement occurred.
  - 3. ***The "build out line" and any restrictions imposed by the requirements of the "build out line" will be enforced in the 10U Division.*** Since the use of the "build out line" is currently recommended by the USSF Player Development Initiative, the Section 14 State Games will adopt and enforce the restrictions and requirements of the 'build out line in the 2023 tournament.
- E. Game and Referee Schedules will be posted ([www.aysosection14.org](http://www.aysosection14.org)) ten days prior to the tournament.
- F. The Tournament Rules Committee reserves the right to alter the match format.
- G. Matches canceled due to weather or other natural causes may or may not be feasible to reschedule. All questions regarding rescheduling, including decisions on forfeits will be at the discretion of the Tournament Rules Committee, whose decision shall be final.

**Game durations will be as follows:**

Age Group	Preliminary, Quarter & Semi Rounds	Final Round
19U	Two- 30-minute halves	Two- 45-minute halves
16U	Two- 30-minute halves	Two- 40-minute halves
14U	Two- 30-minute halves	Two- 35-minute halves
12U	Two- 30-minute halves	Two- 30-minute halves
10U	Two- 24-minute halves	Two- 24-minute halves

Note: The referee will halt the game at a point approximately halfway through each half to allow for substitutions.

H. Points will be awarded using the following formula:

Win	3 Points
Tie	1 Point (to each team)
Loss	0 Points
Forfeit	0 Points
Red Card/Send-off	-1 Point

In the event of a forfeit, the winning score shall be 1-0, with the winning team receiving 3 points.

In the event a team receives no points for a game in which a red card or send-off has occurred, a negative point total shall be posted for that game.

**There will be NO overtime periods in preliminary round play.**

1. *In the spirit of AYSO's fair play and sportsmanship blow-out games should be avoided. While the tournament staff will do their best to match teams with equal skill, we expect coaches to motivate their teams to play a competitive but fair game. Coaches need to find ways to encourage their players to make scoring more challenging.*
2. In the event that a tie exists when determining the top teams in each preliminary round group/division, the following tiebreaker format will be used:
  - a. Head-to-head result,
  - b. Goal Difference: Goals Scored – Goals Allowed (max. 3 goals per game)  
Ex: a 10 to 5 game = +3 or a 4 to 2 game = +2,
  - c. Fewest goals allowed in the tournament,
  - d. Fewest red cards, then yellow cards received.
3. If teams are still tied, the tournament will have a designated time for the teams to report for a two (2) 15-minute period game. Winner will be determined by outcome of the game.
4. If teams are still tied, the tournament will have a designated time for the teams to report for penalty kicks to determine the winner.
- I. If a quarter final, semi-final, or final match is tied at the end of regulation time, ties will be broken as follows:
  1. In the 12U-19U age groups there will be two (2) 10-minute overtime periods commencing 5 minutes after the end of regulation time. In the 10U age group, two (2) 5-minute overtime periods will be played. Kickoff will be determined by a coin toss. Substitutions can only be made at the beginning of

- each overtime period.
2. If the game is still tied at the end of the second overtime period, the match is decided by kicks from the penalty mark. *See procedure for penalty kicks*
    - a. In 12U-19U age groups penalty kicks will proceed from the penalty mark using the rules described below. In the 10U age group, penalty kicks will proceed from the bottom of the arc of the center circle nearest the goal, without a goalkeeper.
  3. Procedure for Kicks from the Penalty Mark
    - a. The referee chooses the goal at which the kicks will be taken
    - b. The referee tosses a coin and the team whose captain wins the toss takes the first kick.
    - c. The referee keeps a record of the kicks being taken.
    - d. Subject to the conditions explained below, both teams take five kicks. Only players on the field at the conclusion of the second overtime are eligible to take a kick from the penalty mark.
    - e. The teams take the kicks alternately.
    - f. If, before both teams have taken five kicks, one has scored more goals than the other could score, even if it were to complete five kicks, no additional kicks are taken.
    - g. If, after both teams have taken five kicks, both have scored the same number of goals, or have not scored any goals, kicks continue to be taken in the same order until one team has scored a goal more than the other from the same number of kicks.
    - h. A goalkeeper who is injured while kicks are being taken from the penalty mark and is unable to continue as goalkeeper may be replaced by a named substitute provided his team has not used the maximum number of substitutes permitted under the competition rules.
    - i. With the exception of the foregoing case, all eligible players are allowed to take kicks from the penalty mark.
    - j. A different player takes each kick. All eligible players must take a kick before any player can take a second kick.
    - k. An eligible player may change places with the goalkeeper at any time when kicks from the penalty mark are being taken.
    - l. Only the eligible players and match officials are permitted to remain on the field of play when kicks from the penalty mark are being taken.
    - m. All players, except the player taking the kick and the two goalkeepers, must remain within the center circle.
    - n. The goalkeeper who is the teammate of the kicker must remain on the field of play, outside the penalty area in which the kicks are being taken, on the goal line where it meets the penalty area boundary line.
    - o. Unless otherwise stated, the relevant Laws of the Game and International F.A. Board Decisions apply when kicks from the penalty mark are being taken.
    - p. When a team finishes the match with a greater number of players than their opponents, they shall reduce their numbers to equate with that of their opponents and inform the referee of the name and number of each player excluded. The team captain has this responsibility.
    - q. Before the start of kicks from the penalty mark the referee shall ensure that only an equal number of players from each team remain within the

center circle and they shall take the kicks.

## **XVI. SUBSTITUTION**

- A. Except as noted below, all registered players in attendance at games must participate and play at least half of the game, excluding overtime. In all Divisions, goalkeepers must play at least half the game, but are not required to also play as a field player. 10U goalkeeper regulations will be exempt for tournament play (The goalkeeper may play entire game).
- B. Players not present (or expected to be absent) when the match begins must be identified on the line-up card.
- C. Any team found not to be following the rules governing AYSO substitutions will be subject to immediate disqualification.
- D. Approximately halfway through the first half and approximately halfway through the second half, the referee halts the game and notes on the line-up cards those players substituting. Stoppage is made when the ball is out of play, such as during a throw-in, goal kick, or following a goal. Additionally, substitutions may be made at half time. Coaches of each team may substitute as many players (or none) during such interruptions, as long as all substitutes have played at least half of the game by the game's end.
- E. Coaches and Referees shall work together to identify substitutes during substitute periods. A goalkeeper may receive a caution for substituting during play without notifying the Center Referee. No caution shall be issued for substitutions made during substitute periods.
- F. Players substituting must report to the referee.
- G. Substitution for injury:
  - 1. If a player is injured, the coach may provide a substitute for the player, in which case the injured player may not return until the beginning of the next time period.
  - 2. The coach may choose to play "short" thereby allowing the injured player to return during the quarter in which he was injured.
  - 3. The player must be recognized by the referee to legally return to the game.
- H. At the conclusion of the match, the lineup cards must be completed and signed by the referee and forwarded to the scorekeeping area after being reviewed and signed off on by the participating coaches.
- I. Late arriving players shall be substituted as follows:
  - 1. If the player arrives during the first quarter, the player must play a minimum of two (2) of the remaining three (3) quarters.
  - 2. If the player arrives during the second or third quarters, the player must play a minimum of one (1) quarter.

## **XVII. FORFEITS**

- A. All games shall start on time. If a team is not on the field of play and ready to start the game within 15 minutes after the scheduled time, the game shall be deemed a forfeit at the referee's discretion. A forfeit shall be recorded as a 1 - 0 win in favor of the opposing team.
- B. No game shall start or continue if either team has less than the minimum number of players. This will result in a forfeit to the team without sufficient players to continue the game. If during the game, a team has less than the minimum number of players due to an injury, the referee may suspend play until the injured

player is able to return to the field.

Age Division	10U	12U	14U	16U	19U
Minimum number of Players on the field	5	6	7	7	7

## XVIII DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

- C. Teams discovered to have ineligible player(s) shall be disqualified from further competition. Previous matches played by a disqualified team will be recorded as a forfeit regardless of the initial result.
- D. A player who receives a red card or two (2) yellow cards must immediately leave the field of play under adult supervision, and the team may not substitute for that player for the remainder of the game. This player will be ineligible to participate in the next scheduled game.
- E. **Any player who receives more than one red card will be suspended for the remainder of the tournament.**
  - D. A coach who is asked to leave by the referee must leave the field of play for the remainder of the game (and the next game) immediately upon transferring the player ID cards to the assistant coach. If the coach refuses to leave, the referee may terminate the match. A forfeit win may be awarded to the opposing (non-offending) team by the Tournament Committee.
  - E. **Any coach who has been asked in more than one game to leave the field of play will be suspended for the balance of the tournament.**
  - F. A spectator or other guest who is asked to leave the field by the referee must do so immediately. If a spectator or guest refuses to leave, the referee may terminate the match. A forfeit win may be awarded to the opposing (non-offending) team by the Tournament Committee.
  - G. **All red cards (and resulting send-offs) for players and all ejections of coaches or spectators will be sent (via copy of the Game Misconduct Report) to the regional commissioner, area director and tournament director within 10 days of the conclusion of the tournament.**
  - H. Charging the goalkeeper shall not be permitted in the penalty area, nor shall the goalkeeper be harassed or interfered with while attempting to put the ball in play.

## XIX SCHEDULING

- F. All teams will be guaranteed a minimum of three (3) games. Where appropriate, semi-final and final games will be scheduled at the conclusion of pool play.
- G. In the event unusual conditions necessitate rescheduling, curtailment, or cancellation of games, the Tournament Committee shall have the sole authority to make these changes in the best interest of the Tournament.

## XVIII. INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

The referee will have the authority to delay the start of play, to call a halt in play, or cancel the match due to weather conditions that, in the opinion of the referee, endanger the safety of the players. Each venue site should be consistent in the application of halting play on their fields.

## XIX. FIELD OF PLAY

Dimensions, the field of play, markings, goal area, penalty area, corner area, and

goals will be at the discretion of the Tournament Committee. All effort will be made to conform to all AYSO Laws of the Game requirements.

## **XX. AWARDS**

Players on the First and Second place teams will receive a medal. In divisions where six or more teams are entered, Third and Fourth place teams will receive medals. Players, coaches, and referees will receive a tournament T-shirt. Referees will receive a commemorative flip coin.

## **XXI. SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD**

In the spirit of AYSO's philosophy of fair play and sportsmanship the State Games Tournament will once again offer the Sportsmanship Award.

Sportsmanship points will be awarded to each team by the tournament staff with input from the referees at the conclusion of each game. Each team will be evaluated and awarded points in accordance with the attitudes of their players, coaches, and spectators before, during and immediately after the game. A maximum of five points will be awarded in the following categories:

- Cooperation of the players
- Cooperation of the coaches
- Cooperation of the team spectators
- Overall game conduct
- Uniform appearance
- Courtesy toward referees and field monitors

Sportsmanship points will be deducted for every caution or send off. This includes players, coaches and/or spectators. No points will be awarded to a team that abandons or forfeits a game: or does not play all available rostered players at least one half of the game as required by these rules of the game.

Each division and gender will award a sportsmanship award. The team with the highest total sportsmanship points will be honored for overall outstanding sportsmanship and will receive a trophy. The region/team receiving the trophy will have guardianship of the trophy for a one-year period, after which the trophy will be required to be returned to the State Games Committee prior to the following year's State Games for distribution of the next winner.

## **XXII. GAME CONDUCT**

All games will be conducted in accordance with the current FIFA and AYSO Laws of the Game and decisions of the Tournament Committee in effect.

Bullhorns, megaphones, whistles, bells, or other noise making, or amplifying devices are not permitted at the Games.

Coaches are responsible for the actions and conduct of their teams, spectators, and parents. The Tournament committee expects that an appropriate environment and atmosphere will be maintained throughout the event and that all participants will support and enforce the AYSO Vision and Mission Statements by strictly adhering to the six AYSO philosophies and Kid Zone requirements.

## **XXIII. PROTESTS**

Protests must be filed in writing with the Tournament Committee within 24 hours of the incident or situation in question. Scoring questions should be brought to the attention of the Tournament Committee immediately for investigation and resolution.



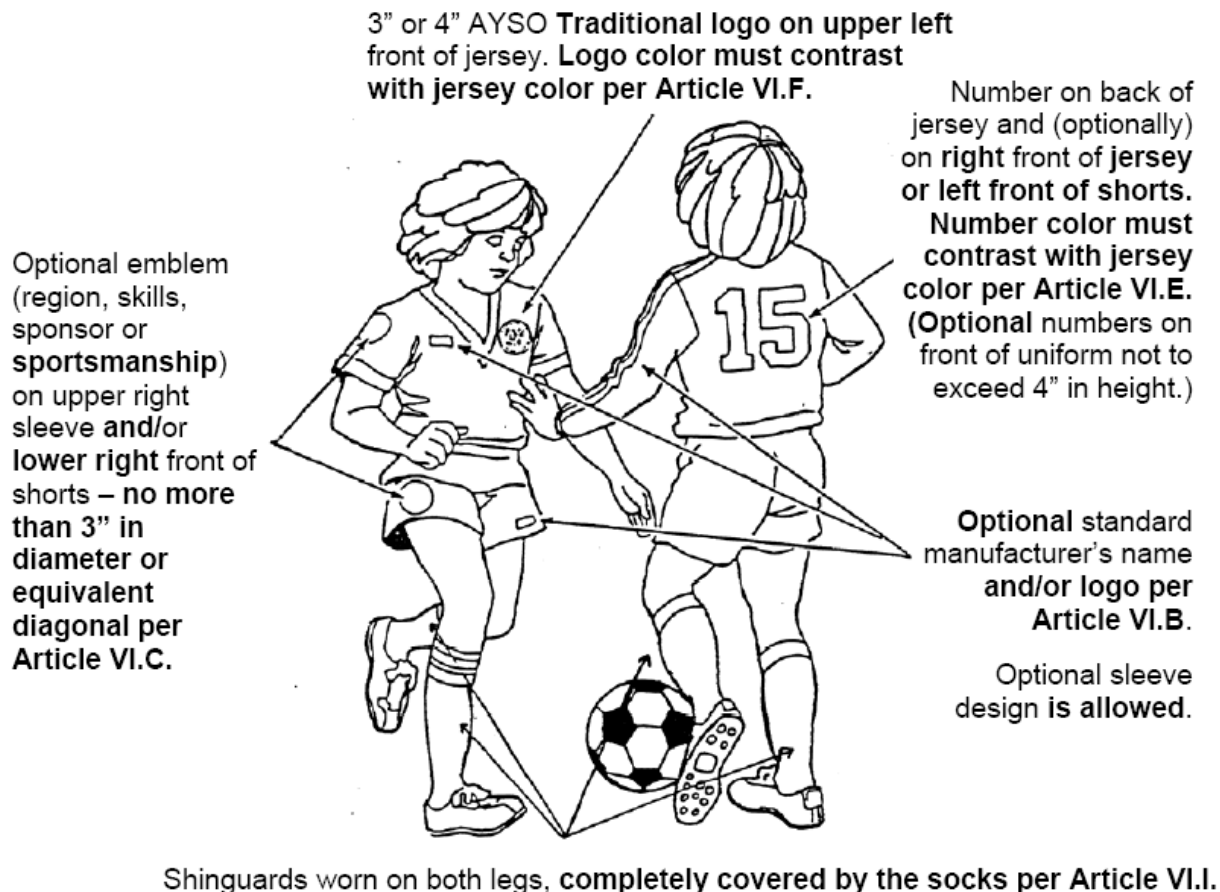
## **XXIV. INTERPRETATION AND APPLICATION**

Although these ***State Games Rules and Regulations*** are designed to be comprehensive and are intended to anticipate and apply to all aspects of Section 14 State Games administration and play, the Committee recognizes that in the supervision, administration and play of the Games, unanticipated or unforeseen situations may occur which are either inconsistent with the objectives of AYSO Section 14 in sponsoring and administering the Games, or are not specifically, fully or adequately addressed by these rules. In the event that such an unanticipated or unforeseen situation is brought to the attention of the Committee, the Committee is authorized to immediately meet to discuss the applicability of the provisions of these rules to the specific situation. If necessary, in its discretion, the Committee may interpret, modify, or amend these Rules and their application to appropriately protect the integrity of the Games in a manner consistent with the goals and objectives of AYSO Section 14 in sponsoring and administering the Games. All decisions with respect to the interpretation, modification, amendment, and application of these Rules must be accomplished by majority vote of the Committee and are final.

## APPENDIX A

### Proper Dress

#### Exhibit "A"



#### NOTES:

1. The AYSO **Traditional logo** shall be worn on the left front of the jersey.
2. Except as indicated in **Article VI** and in the drawing, **no other markings may appear without the prior approval of the National Board of Directors.**
3. For clarification of proper application of AYSO and manufacturers' logos, refer to the AYSO National Rules and Regulations Article VI.