



AREA 2B 12U - 14U League 2018 RULES AND REGULATIONS American Youth Soccer Organization

1. Organization

- 1.1. The Area 2B Board of Directors shall be responsible for approving the Area 2B 12U – 14U League Rules and Regulations.
- 1.2. Unless otherwise noted herein, all league matches shall be conducted in accordance with current AYSO National Rules and Regulations (NRR), Section 2 Rules and Regulations (S2RR), Area 2B League Rules and Regulations (A2BRR), and, IFAB Laws of the Game AYSO edition (LOTG) and International Board Decisions as contained therein.
- 1.3. The League Director shall manage the league.
- 1.4. The League Director will be responsible for:
 - 1.4.1. Scheduling
 - 1.4.2. Ensuring compliance with these rules and regulations
 - 1.4.3. Managing the League, as described in these rules and regulations
 - 1.4.4. Maintaining and distributing league standings.
- 1.5. The Area Director shall have the authority to suspend players and coaches for violating League and AYSO rules.
- 1.6. Each Regional Commissioner (RC) is responsible for:
 - 1.6.1. Balancing Regional teams.
 - 1.6.2. Appointing a 12U - 14U Regional Coordinator.
- 1.7. Each 12U - 14U Regional Coordinator is responsible for:
 - 1.7.1 Tracking game cards.
 - 1.7.2. Informing the region of League standings.
 - 1.7.3. Turning the match scores into the League Director and League Scheduler within 72 hours of the conclusion of a match.
- 1.8 The League Board shall be composed of the Area Director, the League Director, the Scheduler/Scorekeeper, and a Region Coordinator from each region. The League Board is responsible for administering the League in accordance with these Rules and Regulations.



- 1.9 The Area Director retains the right to interpret and apply the rules to the optimum benefit of all participants.

2. Coaches

- 2.1. Only Positive, Instructive and Encouraging coaching, in accordance with AYSO National Rules and Regulations will be allowed. (See NRR I.E.2.c.) Failure to adhere to these principles will result in disciplinary action and possible exclusion from the Area 2B End of Season Tournament.
- 2.2. Coaches and Assistant Coaches must have at least age appropriate certification, 2012 or later Safe Haven training and CDC Concussion Awareness training **prior** to the start of the season. (See NRR I.E.2.a.) Teams lacking coaches that are certified to these minimum requirements will not be eligible to participate in the Area 2B End of Season Tournament or other postseason play.
- 2.3. A team's coach, assistant coach, or a team representative must attend the mandatory coach meeting at the beginning of the season. Refer to Section 13.3 of these Rules and Regulations for consequences.
- 2.4. Coaches must ensure that their team's coaches and substitutes remain at least one yard back from the touchline throughout each of their matches.
- 2.5. Coaches must give the referee the following materials 15 minutes before scheduled kickoff time to facilitate the team check-in:
 - 2.5.1. A properly filled out game card (AYSO Perforated Official Line-up form, item# AY-CS004P, AYSO Store), listing all players on the roster, with complete first and last names, and with the players listed in numerical order.
 - 2.5.2. Properly validated (RC Signature, League Stamp and laminated) Coach, Assistant Coach and player passes using Official AYSO Player Cards. (AYSO Player ID Cards, item # AY-CS003, AYSO Store).
- 2.6. Coaches, players and parents are responsible for leaving the field and surrounding area in a clean state.
- 2.7. Coaches must report any injury that causes a player to be unable to play and/or to require medical attention. The report must be turned in, along with the player's pass, to the Regional Commissioner or Regional Safety Director. If an injury report was filed, then a medical release must be



turned into the Regional Commissioner or Regional Safety Director before the player's pass is returned and the player returns to play. Minor injuries such as bruises are exempt from this requirement.

- 2.8. Each coach is responsible for reporting their match's score to their Region Coordinator within 24 hours of the match.
- 2.9. The home team is responsible for turning in the game cards to their respective coordinator.
- 2.10. In the event a player is removed from play for observed signs or symptoms of a concussion, that player cannot return to play for the remainder of the day and can only return to AYSO activities with an AYSO participation release form signed by that player's parent or guardian. The player will also be required to provide a medical release form mandated by state law. (California requires release by a licensed healthcare provider that is experienced in concussions.) An incident report is required when any symptom of concussion is observed.

3. Referees

- 3.1 The diagonal system of control will be used at all league matches. This system specifies staffing by a Referee and two Assistant Referees. All referees and assistant referees should be properly certified. (At a minimum, the referee must have a Regional Referee certification). If assistant referees are not available, club linespersons can be used.
- 3.2. Referees are scheduled by the Regional Referee Administrator for the home team's region.
- 3.3. Referees are to arrive at least 15 minutes prior to the scheduled start time.
- 3.4. In the event that a properly certified Referee has not arrived to staff a league match by the end of a 15-minute grace period after the scheduled start time of the match, the home team shall forfeit the match with a score report 1-0 in favor of the visiting team.
- 3.5. The referee shall not allow a player to play if the player lacks a properly stamped, signed and laminated player pass (ID card). If the pass is not stamped, signed and laminated, the player shall not play until this requirement is fulfilled. Players must also be properly attired (see 7.1 herein).



- 3.6 The referee must check that the Coach and Assistant Coaches passes (ID) are stamped and laminated.
- 3.7 The referee shall not start play if in his or her opinion the field is unsafe. If the home coach cannot correct the problem within 15 minutes after the scheduled kickoff, the referee can abandon the match.
- 3.8 The referee shall retain the player pass of any player that is sent off directly (red card) or as the result of two cautions (yellow cards) in the same match. The referee shall retain the coach pass of any coach who has been dismissed from a match or has displayed any conduct that is not in accordance with AYSO philosophies.
- 3.9 The referee shall file a written misconduct report (Game Report) and submit all player or coach passes retained for all send-offs and dismissals to the home field Regional Referee Administrator within 24 hours after the conclusion of the match in which misconduct occurred. The player or coach passes should accompany the game report. The Regional Referee Administrator will forward a copy of the written misconduct report within 24 hours to the Area Referee Administrator who will forward the written misconduct report within 24 hours to the Area Director and League Director.
- 3.10 Referee judgment calls are NOT subject to dispute or protest. Per LOTG, Law 5: *The decisions of the referee regarding facts connected with play, including whether or not a goal is scored and the result of the match, are final.*

4. Fields

- 4.1. Each region is responsible for the preparation of their field so that:
 - 4.1.1. It is properly marked in accordance with Law 1 of the Laws of the Game.
 - 4.1.2. It is safe to play on.
 - 4.1.3. It is the appropriate size for the age group playing on it.
 - 4.1.4. Goal posts match and are regulation size.
 - 4.1.5. Corner flags, nets and game balls are supplied by the home team.
 - 4.1.6. No dogs are allowed on or near the field. Service animals as defined by ADA requirements are exempted.



5. Scheduling

- 5.1. The Area Director shall announce the play dates for the regular season, the Area 2B End of Season Tournament and the participants for the Section Tournament.
- 5.2. Matches shall be played at designated times and locations and should start on time and end on time, according to the league schedule.
- 5.3. Rescheduled matches will only be allowed with **prior** permission from the League Director and league scheduler. If **prior** permission is not issued, **both** teams shall receive a loss.
- 5.4. A team must field the minimum required number of players (6 in the 12U Division, 7 in the 14U Division), and have their medical release forms and player and coach passes. If not, the referee shall delay the start of play for 15 minutes after the scheduled kickoff time. If at the end of the 15 minutes the team is unable to resolve the problem, the team shall forfeit the match.
- 5.5. A master schedule will be posted on the Area website AYSO2B.org.
- 5.6. In case of rainouts, it is strongly recommended that rained-out matches be played the following Sunday (8 days later) as long as fields are available.
- 5.7. The League Director must be notified in order to permit the rescheduling of matches. The League Scorekeeper must also be notified of match changes.
- 5.8. To check for field closures, refer to the following phone numbers and also the regional websites.

1. Brisbane	415-812-4603	www.brisbanesoccer.org
2. Daly City	650-991-2870	www.dalycityayso.org
3. Millbrae	650-697-0750	www.millbraeayso.org
4. Pacifica	650-738-8727	www.ayso157.org
5. San Bruno	650-873-2976	www.sanbrunoayso.org

6. Player Substitutions and Team Size

- 6.1. Except as otherwise noted all eligible team members in attendance at AYSO matches must play at least half of the match, excluding overtime (NRR I.C.1.).
- 6.2. Substitution for injury (NRR I.C.2):



- a. 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 “quarter”. Only the player who is injured is credited with a “quarter” played regardless of the actual time played.
 - b. The coach may choose to not substitute and “play short” thereby allowing the injured player to return during the “quarter” in which he or she was injured.
- 6.3 Late arriving team members shall be substituted as follows (NRR I.C.3):
 - a. If the team member arrives during the first “quarter”, the team member must play a minimum of two of the remaining three “quarters”.
 - b. If the team member arrives during the second or third “quarter”, the team member must play a minimum of one “quarter”.
 - 6.4 All coaches are encouraged to play each player for three (3) quarters of each match before any player plays four (4) quarters of the match.
 - 6.5 The League does not restrict playing time at the goalkeeper position.
 - 6.6 The AYSO National rule (NRR II.C.1) specifying roster maximums of 12 players for 12U and 15 players for 14U shall be strictly enforced.
 - 6.7 League rules supersede regional requirements for Area play, in the event of a conflict between League and Area requirements. The requirements of the home team's Region do not apply to the visiting team. The visiting team may still be required to comply with requirements of the visiting team's Region when playing away matches.
- ## 7. Players' Equipment
- 7.1. Players shall be prohibited from entering the field of play unless they are properly attired with a regulation AYSO issued uniform consisting of a numbered shirt, shorts, and socks that completely cover the shinguards. Shinguards must be of appropriate size for the player, provide a reasonable degree of protection (See LOTG Law 4.2), and be worn completely under the socks. In the case of a player wearing sliding shorts, those shorts must match the rest of the team or the major color of the uniform.
 - 7.2. In the event that opposing teams have uniforms of similar color, it is the duty of the home team to put on pinnies of a contrasting color.
 - 7.3. Jewelry of any kind is prohibited and may not be covered with tape or a Band-Aid. The only exception is a medical information bracelet.



- 7.4. Soft elastic wraps, such as ace bandages, knee or elbow wraps, may be permitted by the referee. No hard type of plastic, metal or anything else considered dangerous to any player may be worn during the match. Knee braces must be covered with a soft protective cover.
- 7.5. The referee has final say in permitting a player to play based on uniform or equipment (see Section 3.5).

8. Injuries

- 8.1. Any player or official who is bleeding must leave the field immediately to receive medical treatment and may not return until the bleeding is stopped and the wound is covered. 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
- 8.2. The referee may stop the match at his or her discretion to deal with an injury.
- 8.3. A player who leaves the field because of an injury may be replaced, or the team may play short until the player is ready to return to the field of play. (See NRR I.C.2 and herein Section 6.2)

9. Conduct

- 9.1. Alcoholic beverages are strictly prohibited at all times (NRR I.E.1.f). Persons violating this rule will be asked to leave the area and reported to the RC of the region.
- 9.2. Smoking of any kind by participants or spectators is strictly prohibited (NRR I.E.1.f).
- 9.3. Players, coaches, parents and spectators will conduct themselves in a manner that supports the philosophies of AYSO (NRR I.E.1.a).
- 9.4. Players and coaches shall be on one touchline and spectators shall be on the other.
- 9.5. Spectators must remain at least 2 yards away from the touchline, and at least 18 yards from the goal line. Spectators will not be allowed to be positioned behind the goal line.



- 9.6. A team's coaches and substitutes are restricted to their corresponding technical areas: each area extends ten (10) yards on one side of the halfway line and starts at least one (1) yard back from the touchline. A maximum of two (2) coaches with league-approved (RC signed, stamped and laminated) passes per team shall occupy these areas during the match and all coaches shall remain on their own sides of the halfway line.
- 9.7. Negative comments and complaints about officiating are prohibited and shall be controlled by each team coach (See NRR I.E.1.e and AYSO philosophies).
- 9.8. Foul or abusive language directed toward any individual shall not be tolerated (See LOTG Law 12 and AYSO philosophies).

10. Matches

- 10.1. The Area Director shall determine the outcome of any match that has been terminated for any reason before the completion of the allotted time.
- 10.2. Running up the score is considered poor sportsmanship and is not permitted. There will be **no notification** given to a team for running up the score. If a team runs up the score a **second** time they will be **eliminated** from the Area 2B End of Season Tournament. A team is considered to have run up the score when it wins by more than a five (5) goal differential.
- 10.3. There League will not accept or entertain protests of match results.
- 10.4. The League will make every effort to schedule each team within a division to play the same number of matches during the season.
- 10.5. A team's schedule may have a bye or two matches in one day at any point of the season.
- 10.6. Due to field availability, scheduling conflicts, number of teams within a division, and other unforeseeable circumstances, there may be teams that play one more match than other teams within their division.

11. Cautions, Send-Offs, Dismissals and Disciplinary Actions

- 11.1. A player sent off directly (red card) or as the result of two cautions (yellow cards) in the same match will be suspended for the following match. Players sent off for violent conduct will be suspended for a minimum of the



next two matches and shall be required to appear before the Area disciplinary committee before returning to play. (The Area Director will select the committee).

- 11.2. A player sent off twice during the season shall be required to appear before the Area Disciplinary Committee to determine the required disciplinary action, which may include suspension for the rest of the season and all of the post season play.
- 11.3 A coach dismissed from a match will automatically be suspended for the rest of the match in which they were dismissed **and** for the next league match (a 1 game suspension).
- 11.4. A player sent off or a coach dismissed during a match shall have his or her card retained by the referee and turned in to the Area Director. The player or coach must make an appointment with the Area Director to get the card back. A player or coach participating in a match before he or she has met with the Area Director and who has not yet had their card returned shall be suspended for the rest of the season and postseason.
- 11.5. The Area Director may lengthen the suspension of a player or coach if it is deemed appropriate. The Area Director may refer any disciplinary action to the Area Disciplinary Committee for review.

12. Team Rosters and Player Identification Passes

- 12.1. Every team must submit a Blue Sombrero team roster, signed by the RC, to the League Director prior to the start of the season.
- 12.2. There will be no changes to a team roster after the **team's third** league match is played. If any changes are made a revised and signed Blue Sombrero roster must be submitted to the League Director by the team's third match.
- 12.3. Valid registration forms (medical release forms) must be carried by coaches in order for players to participate in matches.
- 12.4. Each player must have a valid player identification pass that is stamped and laminated by the league in order to participate in matches.
- 12.5 Failure to prove the eligibility of one or more players on a team, or falsification of same, will result in the forfeiture of each match played with the ineligible players. In addition, the coach will receive a one match



suspension. Further disciplinary action shall be at the discretion of the Area Director.

13. Season Standings

13.1. Match points will be scored as follows:

13.1.1. Three (3) points for a win.

13.1.2. One (1) points for a tie.

13.1.3. Zero (0) points for a loss.

13.1.4 Forfeits will be scored as a 1-0 win

13.1.5 Any coach or assistant coach dismissal from a match will result in a loss of two (2) points for their team. **Points will be deducted at the end of the season.**

13.2. If a team plays an extra match as compared to other teams within their division, one of the matches will be randomly drawn to not count towards standings at the end of the season. The team's coach or a designated representative will participate in a random draw with the League Director and a designee of the Area Director. This action should be conducted prior to the final posting of the league standings for determination of team invitations to the Area 2B End of Season Tournament.

13.3. A team's Coach, Assistant Coach, or representative must attend the coaches meeting at the start of the season. **Teams will be given 3 points for attending the meeting. A coach or assistant coach with multiple teams can represent up to 2 teams. A team representative can represent only one team.**

13.4. Coaches must e-mail their regional coordinator the match score within 24 hours of the match, in the following manner:

Match Number	Home Team	Score	Visitor	Score
101	SB01	2	PA05	2

Make sure to include the match number and your team number. Please check the Area website for the standings. AYSO2B.org

14. Area 2B End of Season Tournament

14.1. The number of teams for each division to be invited to the Area 2B End of Season Tournament will be determined by the Area Director at the beginning of the season.



- 14.2 The End of Season Tournament is an invitational tournament and acceptance is not necessarily related to League Standings.
- 14.3. In the event that one or more teams are tied for points at the conclusion of the season, the tie-breaker will be in the following order:
- 14.3.1 Head to Head competition (Note: this tie-breaker ONLY applies when ALL tied teams involved have played each other.)
 - 14.3.2 Least number of send-offs
 - 14.3.3 Least number of improperly filled game cards
 - 14.3.4 Least goals scored against
 - 14.3.5 Most goals scored (up to 3 per match)
 - 14.3.6 Most shutouts
 - 14.3.7 Least number of cautions
 - 14.3.8 Least number of matches forfeited
 - 14.3.9 Coin toss
- 14.4 The Rules and Regulations and format for the Area 2B End of Season Tournament will be provided to the teams invited to the Tournament prior to start of tournament play.

15. League Board

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