

## Addendum B – Additional Regional Policies and Guidelines

### 1) Registration Fee, Scholarships and Refund Policy

- a) The registration fees for the fall and spring season for each player participant shall be fixed before the first registration activity for the corresponding season by the Regional Board. The fee schedule will be published on the Region's website.
- b) A late fee may be levied by the Region after the registration closing date to offset additional costs incurred by the Region (for example, special uniform orders or shipping costs). This late fee should be communicated during registration so that all participants have ample opportunity to avoid the fee.
- c) The Regional Board may, by specific grant or scholarship or by Regional policy, waive such registration in whole or in part with respect to any participant if such fee would create a hardship for such participant or his or her family.
- d) Any player who withdraws from the program shall be entitled to a refund of such registration fee. The cost of the uniform (if it cannot be reused), insurance or other specific non-recoverable costs may be deducted from the refund.

### 2) Available Programs

The following programs will be available to the members of the Region (based on participation and volunteer support): VIP, EXTRA™, Kids Zone™, Jamboree (U5), U-16/U-19, the Fall Regional Tournament, the Area and State Tournaments, and the Section 5 Games Tournament.

### 3) Player Participation

#### a) U14 and Lower Divisions

- i) Every player shall be entitled to play at least three quarters of every game. (three quarters rule)
- ii) No one player shall play a whole game until the three quarters rule has been satisfied; exceptions are made only in special circumstances such as player(s) injuries or sickness. In this case, the opposing coach as well as the referee shall be informed of such reasons.
- iii) It is the policy of the Region to encourage each coach to allow different players to start the first quarter of each game.

#### b) U16 to U19 Divisions

- i) Every player shall be entitled to play at least one half of every game. (half rule)
- ii) No one player shall play a whole game until the half rule has been satisfied; exceptions are made only in special circumstances such as player(s) injuries or sickness. In this case, the opposing coach as well as the referee shall be informed of such reasons.

iii) It is the policy of the Region to encourage each coach, whenever possible, to maximize the playing time of each player beyond the half rule.

c) Goalkeepers

- i) It is the policy of the Region to not allow goalkeepers at the U8 division and below.
- ii) In the U10 Division, it is the policy of the Region to allow coaches the freedom to play specific players as goalkeepers, but not more than two quarters in any one game.

4) Pets

Pets are not allowed at any Region activity including practices and games.

5) Referees Required for U8 and Higher Games

- a) If no neutral referees appear for a game, the coaches of the two teams must draw from among their certified referee volunteers to officiate the game. Coaches should avoid refereeing their own games!
- b) If no referees are assigned to a game by a deadline established by the Region Board, the game may be canceled by the Regional Commissioner or his/her designee, or with the Regional Commissioner's permission, the game may be redesignated as a scrimmage.

6) Running Up Game Score

In pursuit of the AYSO philosophy of good sportsmanship, it is the responsibility of the coach of any team leading by a significant margin in a game where the result is no longer in doubt to take discrete, clear and positive action not to run up the score.

7) Play-up Policy

The Region will implement the AYSO Region 894 Play-up Policy as outlined in the attached policy. This policy shall be published on the website and shall be modified as needed with the approval of a majority of the Regional Board.

8) Sportsmanship Program

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9) Volunteer Recognition Program

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