



Area 11V

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Upper Division play

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1.0 About this Document

1.1 Intended Audience

This document is considered a public document that is accessible to all participants and potential participants in AYSO Area-11V. The purpose of this addendum is to specify how Area-11V will conduct inter-region upper division play.

1.2 Content and Organization

This document is considered a *living* document in that its content is open to continuous evolution and revision in order to meet the needs of the Area-11V. This document is considered a controlled document. The most current version will be made available via the AYSO Area-11V website.

1.3 Changes to this Addendum

This addendum shall become effective after being approved by a simple majority vote of the Regional Commissioners or their designees and staff that are members of AYSO Area-11V.

1.4 Purpose

This Addendum is intended to cover operational aspect of the Area-11V upper division (U16 & U19) soccer program.

2.0 Responsibilities & Eligibility

Failure to prove the eligibility of one or more players on a team, or falsification of same for Area events, will result in the disqualification of said player(s) and the forfeiture of all games played until the time of the disqualification. Further disciplinary action shall be at the discretion of the Executive Members of the Area Board.

2.1 Regional Responsibilities

2.1.1 General Responsibilities

Each region shall be responsible for the selection of coaches, formation of teams, and verifying the eligibility of its players in accordance with AYSO Rules and Regulations.

Each region is responsible to inform their coaches and players of the need for travel to other regions and fields outside their own community. Additionally, each region is responsible to notify their coaches and player families of the fact that many matches will not be played on traditional Saturdays. Other potential match times include, but are not limited to Sundays and Monday or Tuesday evenings.

Each participating region is responsible to notify the scheduling authority in a timely manner of the number and division of teams they will have participating along with available fields suitable for this level of play. Failure to submit this information in a timely manner may exclude a team from inclusion in the schedule.

Regions are responsible to ensure that their coaches have been provided with a copy of, or access to this document.

2.1.2 Home Field Responsibilities

Each participating host region is responsible to ensure that the goals, nets and corner flags for their respective fields are available for the home team. The home team is also responsible to coordinate with the host region to ensure that the fields is marked and prepared in a manner that is safe for play.

Additionally, they will coordinate with the host region for any special consideration on the field use and restrictions.

It is the responsibility of the host region to notify the Area Upper Division Coordinator if a match is being canceled due to inclement weather, field availability or advance knowledge of field safety concerns.

2.2 Player Age Eligibility

A U16 player must be 15 years of age or younger as of July 31 of the given year.

A U19 player must be 18 years of age or younger as of July 31 of the given year.

2.3 Coaches Responsibilities

All coaches are required to be a registered volunteer for the current season they are participating in. They must also be Safe Haven certified. It is strongly encouraged that for inter-region play, coaches also be age appropriately trained. Regardless of training level, coaches will be responsible to knowledgeable in their role and age appropriate expectations.

Coaches must have with them at all times, player registration/medical release forms and a copy of the team roster. There will be no exceptions.

Coaches are required to present to the referee and AYSO Photo ID card for each approved coach and player. AYSO player Photo ID cards will be used to verify player's eligibility prior to the start of play. No ID card, no play!

2.4 Post Season Eligibility

A player must have played in at least half of all scheduled matches to be eligible to participate in post-season play, documented injury or illness is the only exception.

Player and Coach photo ID cards will be required for all post season play.

3.0 Teams

3.1 Roster Size & Players

The regions are responsible to form rosters and field teams based on the following table.

Division	Roster Size		Players on the Field	
	Minimum	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum
U16	12	*18	7	11
U19	12	*18	7	11

* With the permission of the Area Director, the maximum roster size may be expanded to 22 players.

Changes to rosters after the first match of the season may only be made with the approval of the Area Director, Area Upper Division Coordinator and the respective Regional Commissioner.

While other division of AYSO soccer in Area-V may enforce a $\frac{3}{4}$ play rule, at Upper Division (U16 & U19) the coach is only responsible to ensure a minimum of half play for each player.

4.0 Referee Details

4.1 Player Check-In

The referee(s) are responsible to ensure that players are wearing only appropriate soccer equipment. No jewelry or hard objects will be accepted other than where medically required.

Referees are also responsible to ensure that no player shall be allowed to play with any type of “hard cast”, this includes casts wrapped in foam or other padding.

Coaches are required to present to the referee AYSO player photo ID cards to verify player’s eligibility prior to the start of play. No ID card, no play!

4.2 Referee Match Assignment

All referee assignments will be coordinated through a central management vehicle agreed to by the Area Upper Division Coordinator, Area Scheduler and the Regional Referee Administrator (RRA). It is the responsibility of the Regional RA to ensure that Center Referee is qualified to referee at the assigned division. At the discretion of the Area Referee Administrator (ARA), referee assignments may be changed where conflicts, concerns or issues have been identified.

4.3 Match Officiating

All matches shall be officiated using the Diagonal System of Control (i.e. one Center Referee and two Assistant Referees). The use of “Clubs Linesmen” is encouraged when an insufficient number of game officials are available.

The game Officials for a particular game shall at all time uphold the FIFA Laws of the Game, the AYSO National, and Section-11 guidelines.

4.4 Match Suspension or Termination

The referee has the authority to suspend or terminate a match at anytime within the laws of the game and safety concerns for the players or other participants.

If a match is not completed through the regulation game time due to inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances, the final resolution of the match shall be as listed below:

- If less than one-half of the designated match time has been played at the time of the suspension, the game will be rescheduled to a later date and time. If the game is not rescheduled, it will be marked as not played.
- If one-half or more of the match was played at the time of the suspension, the game score will be recorded by the center referee. Final determination will be made by the Area Director.

5.0 Misconduct

5.1 Reporting by the Referee

It is the responsibility of the Center Referee in charge of the game to file a written Misconduct Report on all cautions and send-offs to the Area Referee Administrator within forth-eight (48) hours after the conclusion of the match in which the offense(s) occurred. Misconduct information should also be reported on the appropriate game card.

To assure proper administration of the disciplinary rules, it is the responsibility of the match official to make a preliminary report by phone or email of all significant events. Significant events include but are not limited to send-off, match suspensions, match terminations, along with coach or spectator behavior that warrants special attention.

5.2 Misconduct Sanctions

The player or coach penalty for a red card (send-off) is to leave the match immediately and not be illegible to play in their team's next match. All red cards will be reviewed by the ARA or their designee to determine if additional disciplinary action is required. Canceled or bye games do not count towards a suspension.

Suspended players who are at the match under the supervision of the coach, must leave the side line, but can stay within a responsible distance of their supervising coach.

A player accumulating 3 yellow cards during the course of the season will be suspended from the next regular match (excluding the specific situation of accumulating 2 yellow cards in a single game).

The Area Board has the authority when requested by the Upper Division Coordinator, ARA or Area Director to hold a review panel and issue a greater penalty than previously mentioned.

5.3 Managing Misconduct

It is the responsibility of the Area Referee Administrator or their designee to track all misconduct reports and report when a player reaches three yellow cards, or another pattern of concern is identified.

6.0 Game Day

6.1 Match Details

Matches shall be played as scheduled and teams must arrive at the field prepared to start at the designated time. The Center Referee shall allow a grace period of 10 minutes before canceling any match.

Whenever possible, the home team and the visiting team will be on opposite sides of the field.

U16 matches will be 40 minutes per half

U19 matches will be 45 minutes per half

6.2 Color Conflict

As decided by the center referee, if it is determined that the two teams uniforms are too similar in color, it will be the responsibility of the designated home to change uniforms or wear contrasting pinnies.

6.3 Coaching Conduct

Coaches will be restricted to the technical area (10 yards from the center line on their side of the field). Only two coaches shall be allowed to coach the team during the game. Only positive, instructional, and encouraging coaching will be permitted.

Coaches are required to have official AYSO player photo ID cards with their Regional Commissioner's signature.

6.4 Sideline Conduct

Players and spectators on the sides of the field shall remain at least three yards from the touchline and no closer to the goal line than the penalty area. Devices such as but not limited to air horns, cow bells, drums and megaphones are prohibited at the field. Sideline conduct is the responsibility of the coach.

6.5 Player Substitution

Free substitution will be allowed. Each coach is responsible to ensure that each player plays a

minimum of one-half of the match they are present for. Failure to comply with this may result in the disqualification of the team from future Area play as well as forfeiture of all games played.

Substitutions may be made at any stoppage of play with the permission of the referee or assistant referee.

Substitute players may only enter the field with the permission of the center referee or assistant referee. All substitutions must take place at the Center Line on the team's side of the field unless given special permission by the referee.

6.6 Important Notes

During play, only players are allowed on the field. In the event of an injury or other stoppage of play, persons other than players may be allowed on the field only with the permission of the center referee.

No person shall be inside penalty area (the 18 yard line), behind or near the goals.

6.7 Match Forfeiture

A team shall be subject to forfeit of a game upon review of the Area Director if found in violation of any of the following.

- Failure to show up for a scheduled game.
- Inability to field the minimum number of players.
- Failure to be on the field of play and ready to play at game time or following the allotted grace period.
- Leaving the field without the referee's permission.
- Failure or refusal to continue the game.
- Misconduct that cause the termination of the game.
- Use of an ineligible player.

7.0 Managing & Reporting Scores

7.1 Reporting Scores

It is the responsibility of each Regional Commissioner or their designee to collect and maintain center referee signed match cards for the duration of the season. The Regional Commissioner or their designee will consolidate and report scores to the Area Upper Division Coordinators. All match results and standing will be displayed on the Area-11V website.

7.2 Awarding Points

For standing in pool play (regular season), point(s) will be awarded use the "10-point" system as enumerated below:

- 6 points for a win
- 3 points per team for a tie
- 0 points for a loss
- 1 point for each goal up to a maximum of 3
- 1 point for a shut-out

A tie is an acceptable result for a pool play match.

A forfeit shall be scored as a 1-0, 8 point match.

A 2 point deduction will be included for each red card or send-off of a player and/or coach before, during, or after a match.

7.3 Tie Breakers

If there is a tie in points at the end of the regular season, the following criteria will be used in the order listed to determine the championship team:

- Head to head competition
- Fewest goals allowed
- Greatest number of shut-outs
- Goal differential (maximum 3 per game)
- Kicks from the mark