



AYSO IR HANDBOOK FALL 2018

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AYSO AREA 6-D INTER-REGIONAL PLAY RULES:

AYSO National and IFAB-FIFA Rules will be used with the following changes:

1. These inter-regional play rules supersede all local Regional rules.
2. **NEW:** The purpose of this Handbook is to provide clarity as to what is expected from the participating Regions and Teams. While the Area is not seeking to set up any Region or Team for sanctions, it should be noted and recognized by all participating Regions and Teams that one of the many purposes of these Rules is to provide a level of fairness to all participants, and failure to follow these Rules may result in unfair treatment to other Regions and Teams. For example, coaches unilaterally cancelling matches without rescheduling those matches is fundamentally unfair to the opposing Team and its players, because those players have now been deprived of an opportunity to play soccer. These types of incidents will no longer be tolerated. Failure to abide by these Rules will result in the conduct and situation being reviewed by the IR-Play Coordinator and the Area Director, and if the transgressions are serious enough, or are repeated, may result in sanctions against the offending Region and/or Team.
3. **NEW:** ALL Regions are expected to share these Rules with their Teams, Coaches, Players and Parents of Players within their respective Regions and Teams.
4. **NEW:** All Regions should have a representative present at all Area Meetings, and are responsible for information disseminated at the Area Meetings (even if they are not present). We will try to schedule an Inter-Regional Play meeting before the start of the Fall 2018 Season; to the extent that a meeting is scheduled, every Team/Region participating in IR Play will be required to have at least one representative present.
5. **NEW:** By a majority vote of the Regions at the May 31, 2018 Area Meeting, 14U and 19U Inter-Regional Play shall be played at a Competitive Level. This Division is NOT “Extra”, but the intent is to raise the level of competitive play between the teams. Accordingly, there are a number of revisions herein that reflect the competitive nature of this Division.
6. **NEW:** The 2018 Fall Season is scheduled for Sunday, September 16th through Sunday, November 4th. November 11th may be used as a “make-up” date. Dates for the Spring Season will be announced, most likely, in January 2019. Please note:
 - a. Easter 2019 falls on April 21st; We will NOT have games that day.
 - b. Spring Break for most Regions ends on March 31st; Accordingly we are anticipating that the Spring 2019 Season will begin on April 7th.
 - c. Memorial Day falls on May 27th; we WILL have games on Sunday May 26th.
 - d. The School Year ends for most Regions on June 4th; As such, our last scheduled game will most likely be June 3rd, as many players will be leaving for summer camp by June 10th and as such, Teams will not be able to field full squads after June 3rd.

- e. Please see below for the explanation of the new Championship Playoff/Tournament. Given the date restrictions above, it should be expected that the first round of Playoffs/Tournament will be played on Memorial Day Weekend (May 26th), and the Championship/Final Rounds will be played on June 3rd. You will not be able to make up dates/games after May 19th, as the final Standings and Seedings (see below) will have been issued in advance of the Championship Playoff/Tournament.
7. **NEW**: Standings will be kept and distributed or made available on a weekly basis. The standings will reflect Wins, Losses, Draws, Goals For, Goals Against, Forfeits, and Points. Points will be calculated as 3 points for a win, 1 point for a draw, 0 points for a loss. At the discretion of the Inter-Regional Coordinator Play, with input from the Area Director, additional points may be deducted for Forfeits (especially for teams that unilaterally cancel games or refuse to appear and then fail to reschedule) and other sanctionable behavior.
 8. **NEW**: At the conclusion of the Spring Season (dates will be announced in January), there will be a Championship Playoff/Tournament. The Standings will be used to determine Seedings. Standings will carry over from the Fall Season into the Spring Season. Teams that have repeatedly violated these Rules, that have excessive forfeits, that have unilaterally cancelled games and failed to reschedule them, have repeatedly engaged in a lack of good sportsmanship, or whose Regions have repeatedly failed to abide by these rules (including failing to provide full referee teams for matches), may be subject to lower Seeding, or may be eliminated from the Championship Playoff Tournament altogether. Other Sanctions that Teams/Regions may incur include being stripped of home games and being removed from Inter Regional Play.
 9. 14U games will be 70 minutes (two 35 minute halves), 16U-19U games will be 80 minutes (two 40 minute halves). In the event of a weather related, or other, cancellation of a match, a “complete” game shall be a game in which at least one half of play has been completed.
 10. Each region recognizes that other regions may calculate player age differently: either following the new AYSO rules (14U = players aged 14 and under as of December 31 2018, 16U-19U = players aged 15-19 years) as of December 31, 2018), or using the previous AYSO calculations (the previous 14U = under 14). The participating Regions acknowledge, agree and respect these differences.
 11. Each Region will field teams that are balanced with the other teams in the same division in that Region participating in interregional play. For example, if a region has two 14U Boys teams: they are required to be balanced in terms of age and skill level.
 12. **NEW**: All Teams MUST have a minimum of 14 players on their Rosters. Teams are limited to no more than 22 players on the roster.
 13. **NEW**: To promote fairness and good sportsmanship, and to ensure that, whenever possible, all players play at least three quarters of each match, it is expected that the teams will play with an equal number of players on the field (except in the event of

injury or send-offs). Where teams arrive and one team has a surplus of players (more than 11), and another team has less than 11 players, it is expected that the team with more players will loan to their opponent any players that would have otherwise sat out in any given quarter. When loaning players, the loaned players, in the spirit of good sportsmanship, are expected and required to play as if they were a part of that team and with full intensity. Failure to do so constitutes a lack of good sportsmanship. Exemplary conduct under these guidelines, or less than exemplary conduct, can influence standings throughout the season..

- a. **NEW:** If a team appears with fewer than seven (7) players, that team forfeits that game for purposes of the standings, but they are still required to appear and a friendly match will be played.
- b. The respective coaches are encouraged to agree on the number of players on the field for each team, and the scheduling of the loaned players. The loaned players are expected to include all skill levels.
- c. If one or both teams have less than 11 players, each team shall play the match with the appropriate number of players on the field as set forth in the following chart (with the maximum player differential on the field being two, but only as set forth):

<i>Team A</i>	<i>Team B</i>	<i>Differential</i>	<i>Play</i>
11 or more	11 or more	N.A.	Even, 11 per side
10	10 to 13	1-3	Even, 10 per side
10	14 or more	4 or more	A plays 10, B plays 11
9	9 to 12	1 to 3	Even, 9 per side
9	13	4	A plays 9, B plays 10
9	14 or more	5 or more	A plays 9, B plays 11
8	9 to 10	1 to 2	Even, 8 per side
8	11	3	A plays 8, B plays 9
8	12 or more	4 or more	A plays 8, B plays 10
7	8 to 9	1 to 2	Even, 7 per side
7	10	3	A plays 7, B plays 8
7	11 or more	4 or more	A plays 7, B plays 9

- 14. To be eligible to play, each player must wear a numbered uniform, shorts and socks in the same color combination of his or her teammates (except the goalkeeper). The coach must have the player registration/medical release forms for each player.

15. Substitutions for 14U: Approximately mid-way through each half of play, when play has been stopped for a dead ball situation, the referee will stop the match (and clock) briefly to allow for substitutions. This should take no more than 2 minutes (1 minute if the goalkeeper is not being changed). **NOTE: There are NO 'free substitutions' at the 14U level.**
16. In 16U-19U matches "free substitution" is permitted, provided that:
- Playing time is apportioned so that all players play at least one-half of each match.
 - Coaches and players abide by the procedures below in order to minimize disruption to the flow of play.

Substitutions will be made in accordance with *The Laws of the Game* including, specifically, the requirements regarding acknowledgement of the substitution by the referee, that players and substitutes must leave or enter the field at the halfway line and the moment at which substitutes may enter the field. The exceptions to *The Laws of the Game* are:

- A substituted player may re-enter the match
 - There is no limit to the number of substitutions allowed.
17. If a player is injured, the coach may:
- Play the team short, in which case the injured player may return when ready AND the referee has given approval; or
 - Substitute another player for the injured player, in which case the injured player is credited for playing that "quarter" and may not return to the match during that "quarter". (This is the same as the AYSO National Rule.)
18. All other aspects of the AYSO "Everyone Plays" rule will apply.
19. **NEW:** All games must be officiated using the 'three-man' system. If a region does not have enough available referees, the home Inter-Regional Referee Administrator (IRRA) must contact the visiting IRRA and request officiating help at least 5 days before the scheduled match. Regions that do not have complete three-man referee teams for each game must strive to train and register more referees. It is expected that Regions will have, or will train, both Regional and Intermediate Referees. It is strongly preferred, but not required, that Intermediate Referees, or higher, serve as CR for 19U matches. In event of shortage of Referees, all games MUST be officiated using the three-man system, but club linesmen will be acceptable (home team must provide). Regions that do not provide a qualified Center Referee may be penalized either in the standings, or with by having previously scheduled home matches moved.
20. The Referee shall complete a game report for each match. The preferred game report is the standard USSF game report. The report shall include all the information on the teams, the match and the players. The game report will be turned into the local Regional Referee Administrator. If yellow or red cards were issued, then a match report must be emailed to the Inter-Regional Play Coordinator (Brian Rosenblatt) within 24 hours with explanations (see below).

21. The Referee shall report all misconducts assessed during a match (i.e. yellow/red cards) to the local Regional Referee Administrator (RRA) that day. The RRA shall advise the Area Director and/or Inter-Regional Play Coordinator of any such misconducts assessed during an Inter-Regional Play match no later than the Monday following such match. Any player who is sent off (red card) during an Inter-Regional Play match for violent conduct, serious foul play or foul/abusive language shall be immediately suspended for the following match (or longer, as provided below). Any player who is sent off (red card) during an Inter-Regional Play match due to conduct other than the foregoing (e.g. a second “yellow card”) is subject to suspension as provided below. During the week following such misconduct and prior to the next scheduled match, the AD and IRPC will review the referee report and determine if a hearing is required.
22. **NEW**: Final scores must be entered into an online google score sheet within 72 hours. All coaches and referee administrators will have access to this online score sheets. The score should be entered by the winning coach. Forfeits shall be scored as “1F-0” in favor of the non-forfeiting team.
23. If a match is to be canceled **due to weather** (including unplayable field conditions), the home team coach is to call the visiting team coach at least three hours before the start of the match with the cancellation notification. It is possible that matches will be canceled at one hosting Region while matches are played at other Regions.
24. **NEW**: Matches may NOT be cancelled due to a lack of players for one team. All teams are still required to be present for all games. If the coaches communicate in advance and it is determined that one team simply cannot field a squad, a make-up match MUST be scheduled between these teams so that the game may be played prior to the end of the regular season. Failure to do so will result in sanctions against the offending team. Understand, if a Region/Team fails to appear for a game or field a team, they are “stealing” an opportunity to play from their opponent, and this will no longer be tolerated. While the Fall Season is currently scheduled to run from Sunday, September 16th through Sunday, November 4th, Teams may use November 11th as a “make-up” date.
25. **NEW**: Each team shall provide a roster with player’s names and numbers to the Inter-regional Play Coordinator by the start of the season. This roster shall be made available to the game referee. The preferred method is via the standard AYSO line-up card in pdf format.
26. The Referee shall report misbehavior by the **coaches** or spectators during a match (i.e. warnings or being asked to leave the area) to the local Regional Referee Administrator (RRA) that day. The RRA shall advise the Area Director and/or Inter-Regional Play Coordinator of any such misbehavior during an Inter-Regional Play match no later than the Monday following such match. Any coach or spectator who is asked to leave the area during an Inter-Regional Play match is subject to suspension as provided below. During the week following such misbehavior and prior to the next scheduled match, the AD and IRPC will review the referee report and determine if a hearing is required.

27. The AD and the IRPC are authorized to investigate any related incidents occurring before, during or after any inter-regional match. This includes actions on or off the field by players, coaches, parents and spectators. The AD and IRPC will determine if a hearing board is required to determine if disciplinary actions, up to and including suspensions of any persons, are warranted. This is independent of any actions taken by the local region.
28. **Hearing Board:** If deemed necessary, a hearing board comprised of the Area Director, Inter-Regional Play Coordinator, Area Coach Administrator, Area Referee Administrator and one neutral Regional Commissioner appointed by the Area Director shall review the incident and in the case of a mandatory minimum one match suspension, determine whether to impose a longer suspension period, and in all other cases, determine whether to impose a suspension and if so, for what duration.
29. Players are not allowed to wear jewelry of any type or construction on the field. Cloth bracelets and necklaces are jewelry and are not allowed. Earrings of any type are not allowed. There will be no exceptions to this rule.
30. Soft Headbands are acceptable (no metal or hard plastic); However, bandanas are considered ornamental and are not allowed.
31. The use of tobacco products and/or alcohol is not allowed at any AYSO match. Also, pets (of any species) are not allowed at the fields, so please leave your pets at home or you may be asked to leave the field.

SPORTSMANSHIP: LET'S SET A GOOD EXAMPLE!

The purpose of inter-regional play is to provide an opportunity for our youth to play soccer in a healthy and safe environment. It is the responsibility of the coaches to set an example for the players and parents. Sportsmanship is playing by the rules, winning without gloating and losing without complaining. Let's be good sports! **RESPECT FOR ALL.**

REMEMBER: WE BELIEVE IN KIDS FIRST, SOCCER SECOND!

SOCCER "HOT LINES" AND WEBSITES

The following table outlines the regions' Hot Lines (if they have one) and their website.

Region	Hot Line	Website
Deerfield		www.deerfieldayso.org
Evanston	(847) 328-AYSO	www.evanstonsoccer.org
Glenview	(847) 729-AYSO	www.glenviewayso.org
Highland Park	(847) 433-TEAM	www.hpayso.org
Morton Grove	(847) 604-GAME	www.mgayso.org

Peterson Park	(773) 381-0436	www.ayso183.org
Rogers Park	(312) 409-2855	www.rpayso.org
Rolling Meadows	(847) 604-2471	
Skokie	(847) 676-AYSO	www.skokieayso.org
Winnetka-Glencoe	(877) 297-6425	www.playsoccer.org
Mundelein		www.ayso372.org
Zion	847-445-8222	www.ayso980.org
Lake Forest	708-334-0139	http://www.ayso163.org
Grayslake	847-289-7300	http://www.grayslakesoccer.com/

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DIRECTIONS TO REGIONAL PLAYING FIELDS

<i>Region</i>	<i>Field Name</i>	<i>Directions</i>
Antioch	Tim Osmond Sports Complex	38 Depot St, Antioch, IL 60002
Chicago Lakefront	Foster Turf Field #1	5100 N. Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, IL. This is the turf field just east of Lake Shore Drive on Foster Avenue.
Chicago Northside	Rogers Park (7345 N. Washtenaw Ave., Chicago, IL 60645) Lerner Park (7000 N. Sacramento, Chicago)	
Deerfield	Brickyards	375 Elm St, Deerfield, IL 60015 Take Lake-Cook Rd 1/2 mile West of Waukegan Rd to Pfingston Road. Turn right (North) on Pfingston. The park is on the left about 1/2 mile from Lake-Cook.

Evanston	ETHS Pitner N, ETHS Church/Pitner, ETHS Pitner S	<p>1600 Dodge Ave., Evanston, IL 60204.</p> <p>Exit Edens at Skokie Blvd. (near Edens Plaza). Go South on Skokie Blvd. (US 41) approximately 2 miles to Golf Road (Old Orchard Shopping Center is on the Northwest corner).</p> <p>Turn left (East) on to Golf Road for about 2-1/2 miles to McCormick Blvd. (the 4th stoplight).</p> <p>Turn right (South) on to McCormick Blvd. approximately 1 mile to Church Street (the first stoplight).</p> <p>Turn left (East) on to Church Street. and travel approximately 1/2 mile to ETHS. If the gate on Church is locked, circle the complex and enter off of Lake Street, which is the street South of the ETHS grounds.</p> <p>Drive to the parking areas at the North end of the lot.</p>
Glenview	Attea Middle School	<p>2500 Chestnut Ave Glenview, IL</p> <p>The Field is at Attea Middle School, 2500 Chestnut Ave. It is just off Patriot Drive between Willow and Lake. Park in front of school and walk to fields on the West side of the school.</p>
Grayslake	Doolittle Park	<p>990 N Lake Street, Grayslake, IL 60030. On the west side of Lake St., between Washington St. and Rte. 83, in Grayslake</p>
Highland Park	John F. Kennedy Park	<p>800 Clavey Road, Highland Park, IL 60035</p> <p>Next to JCYS George W. Lutz Family Center, on South Side of Clavey Rd., West of Green Bay.</p> <p>(North on US 41/Edens Highway. Exit at Clavey Road going east (right). Drive about ¾ mile. The field is on the south (right).)</p>
Highland Park	Olson Field	<p>1861 Ridge Rd. Highland Park Illinois United States 60035</p>
Highland Park	Northwood Junior HS	<p>945 North Ave., Highland Park, IL60035.</p>
Lake Forest	LFHS West Campus	<p>300 S. Waukegan Road, Lake Forest, IL 60045</p>
Morton Grove	Frank Hren Park	<p>Frank Hren Park is located at 9500 Oak Park Ave., Morton Grove, IL. But is also accessible from 9401 Waukegan in Morton Grove (Golf Middle School).</p> <p>You may park on the street at Oak Park, in the school lot or in the AVON lot. The fields are just South of Golf Rd.</p>
Mundelein	Libertyville Township Soccer Complex	<p>Libertyville Township Soccer Complex (LTSC), 30080 Technology Way, Libertyville, IL 60048</p>

<p>Peterson Park</p>	<p>Peterson Park South Fields</p>	<p>5801 N. Pulaski Rd, Chicago IL 60646</p> <p>Located on the corner of Peterson Avenue and Central Park in Chicago. The field is just east of Pulaski (Crawford), the park will be on your right going east on Peterson.</p> <p>From the West:</p> <p>West on Caldwell which turns into Peterson Ave. Turn Right on Pulaski to Ardmore turn left into North Park Village follow the road to Building J.</p> <p>From the East:</p> <p>East on Peterson to Pulaski (turn left) to Ardmore (turn left) follow road to Building J.</p> <p>From the North:</p> <p>Pulaski (Crawford) south to Ardmore (left) to Building J.</p>
<p>Rogers Park</p>	<p>Rogers Park</p>	<p>Take 94 / 41 (Edens) south (towards Chicago). Exit at Touhy Ave - East.</p> <p>Head east on Touhy Ave for approximately 2.0 miles to California Ave.</p> <p>Go past California Ave 2 blocks to Rockwell St (next light), turn left and go one block to Jarlath St.</p> <p>The field is at the northeast section of the park.</p> <p>During the fall season, we use the football field as our soccer field.</p> <p>Parking is available at the lot on the east side of Rockwell and on the streets surrounding the park with the exception of the south side of Jarlath St. DO NOT park on the south side of Jarlath St, this side of the street is permitted parking and you will get a parking ticket.</p>

<p>Rolling Meadows</p>	<p>Rolling Meadows Community Center</p>	<p>3705 Pheasant Drive , Rolling Meadows, IL</p> <p>The Community Center (on some maps may still be 'Jonas E. Salk School') is located at the corner of Grouse and Pheasant. There is one field behind the center and another field between the center and the church.</p> <p><i>From The North</i></p> <p>Take Lake-Cook Road west to Rt. 53 South and exit at Northwest Highway turn left (east). Take Northwest Highway to Wilke Road turn right (south). Take Wilke Road to Kirchoff Road turn right (west). Take Kirchoff Road to Meadow Drive turn left (south). Take Meadow Drive to Grouse turn right (west) to center.</p> <p><i>From The East</i></p> <p>Take Golf Road west to Algonquion Road turn right (northwest). Take Algonquion Road to New Wilke Road turn right (north). Take New Wilke Road to Central Road turn left (west). Take Central Road to Jay turn right (north). take Jay to Grouse tun left (west) to center.</p> <p><i>From Chicago</i></p> <p>Exit 90 at Rt. 53 North. Take Rte. 53 to Kirchoff Road exit (turn right). Take Kirchoff Road to Meadow Drive: Turn right (south). Take Meadow Drive to Grouse turn right (west) to center.</p>
<p>Skokie</p>	<p>Lawler</p>	<p>10040 Lavergne Ave., Skokie, IL</p> <p>Located immediately East of the Edens Expressway on Old Orchard Road at Lawler.</p> <p>Exit the Edens from either direction and turn East (as though going to the Old Orchard Shopping Center) and then turn North at the first stop light East of Edens.</p>
<p>Winnetka-Glencoe</p>	<p>Fox Meadow</p>	<p>427 Fox Meadow Dr Northfield, IL 60093</p> <p>Fox Meadow is at the corner of Willow and Waukegan. Exit the Edens at Willow West to Waukegan Road.</p>
<p>Zion</p>	<p>38 Acres – 14U</p>	<p>2700 9th Street, Winthrop Harbor, IL 60096</p>