

# **SIERRA GOLD SOCCER CLUB**

## **Constitution, By-Laws, Rules & Regulations**

### **01 CONSTITUTION**

#### **01:01 NAME**

01:01:01 This organization shall be known as “Sierra Gold Soccer Club”. (SGSC), also referred to as the “club”.

#### **01:02 PURPOSE**

01:02:01 The purpose of this club shall be to develop, administer and promote an organized soccer program for the children of the Sierra Gold Soccer Club territory, on a non-profit, volunteer basis.

01:02:02 “Children playing soccer” is the most important goal of this club. Fulfillment of these goals is to be brought about by setting an atmosphere of friendly competition in which sportsmanship, learning and playing soccer are held foremost. Anything which detracts from this atmosphere would be strongly discouraged.

01:02:03 The soliciting, training, and retention of qualified referees is paramount to the operation of this club. It therefore will be promoted to the maximum extent possible.

01:02:04 Coach training shall also be emphasized and strongly encouraged.

#### **01:03 BOUNDARIES**

01:03:01 The Sierra Gold Soccer Club boundaries include residence within or attendance in the following school districts: Gold Oak, Mother Lode, Indian Diggins, Pioneer, Placerville Union, Pollock Pines, and Camino Union.

#### **01:04 AFFILIATION**

01:04:01 This club shall be an affiliated branch of El Dorado Youth Soccer League (EDYSL) and comply with the authority of the California Youth Soccer Association, Inc. (CYSA); the United States Youth Soccer Association (USYSA); the United States Soccer Federation (USSF); and the Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA).

#### **01:05 AUTHORITIES**

01:05:01 This club shall be governed by its Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules and Regulations, except when superseded by EDYSL.

01:05:02 The governing body of this club, whose powers shall be designated in the By-Laws, shall be vested with the Board of Managers of this club.

01:05:03 The Governing Board, hereafter referred to as the “Board of Sierra Gold Soccer Club”, or “the Club Board”, shall be comprised of the following Officers: President, Executive Vice-President, five Age Group Coordinators (U19s-U14s,U12s,U10s,U8s,U6s), Select Coordinator, Secretary, Treasurer, Field Maintenance Manager, Field Scheduling Manager, Coaches’ Coordinator, Referees’ Coordinator, Equipment Coordinator, Sponsorship Chairman, Publicity Chairman, Concessions Coordinator, Club Head Registrar, Uniform Coordinator, Top Soccer Coordinator, Webmaster, and Picture Coordinator.

#### **01:06 MEMBERSHIP**

- 01:06:01 Membership in this club shall be by affiliated club teams.
- 01:06:02 All members shall abide by the Constitution and By-Laws of this club, all Rules and Regulations as set forth by the Board of Sierra Gold Soccer Club and all applicable rules and regulations of the Association with which the club is affiliated.

**01:07 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

- 01:07:01 In October of each year, the President shall call for an Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the membership. Notification of the date of the AGM shall be made to the officers of Sierra Gold Soccer Club Board at least 45 days in advance, and advertised on the club website at least 45 days in advance. Agenda items will be determined by the club board at least thirty (30) days prior to the AGM.
- 01:07:02 The order of business at the Annual General Meeting shall be as follows:
- A. Call to Order
  - B. Roll Call
  - C. Reading of the previous AGM minutes
  - D. Reports:
    - 1. President
    - 2. Treasurer
    - 3. Head Registrar
    - 4. League President
    - 5. Committees:
      - 5.1. Protest, Appeals and Disciplinary (PAD)
      - 5.2. Standing Committees
  - E. Unfinished Business
  - F. Proposals for changes in Constitution, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations
  - G. Election of Officers
  - H. New Business
  - I. Good of the Game
  - J. Adjournment
- 01:07:03 The registered coaches of each affiliated team, each position of the club board except the President, and each parent with one or more registered players shall be entitled to one (1) vote. Voting by proxy shall not be allowed. The President of the club board shall cast a vote only in case of a tie.

**01:08 CHANGES**

- 01:08:01 Proposed changes to the existing Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules and Regulations of the club must be submitted to the Rules and Revisions Committee at least thirty (30) days prior to the AGM.
- 01:08:02 Amendments to the Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules and Regulations of this organization shall be voted on at the AGM.
- 01:08:03 An Amendment to the Constitution and By-Laws shall be deemed adopted by an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast at the AGM.
- 01:08:04 An amendment to the Rules and Regulations shall be deemed adopted by an affirmative vote of a simple majority of the votes cast at the AGM.
- 01:08:05 Amendments adopted at the AGM will be effective January 1<sup>st</sup> of the following year.

## **02 BY-LAWS**

### **02:01 BOARD OF MANAGERS**

02:01:01 The membership of the Sierra Gold Soccer Club at the AGM shall elect from its ranks by majority vote, officers (minimum age 18) of the Club Board who will take office on January 1<sup>st</sup> of the following year, as follows:

- A. **PRESIDENT:** Responsible for the overall administration of the club and its operations; appoints committees necessary to operate the club, subject to board approval; represents the club at league level; attends district meetings with league President; recruits volunteers for vacant Board positions; has the authority to co-sign checks
- B. **EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT:** Presides in the absence of the President; carries out such duties and assignments as delegated by the President; Chairmen of Protest, appeals and Disciplinary (PAD) Committee. Responsible for coordinating registration events. Responsible for creation of the calendar of events. Has the authority to co-sign checks.
- C. **AGE GROUP COORDINATORS** for each of these five groups (U14s-U19s, U12s, U10s, U8s, U6): Responsible for the overall operations of their age group(s); represents the interest of their age group(s) at all meetings of the Board of Managers: acts as representatives to the club for all coaches in their age group(s); responsible for team formation in accordance with club policy in their age group(s); responsible for resolving missing player documentation for players in their age group(s); responsible for recruiting qualified coaches for each team in their age group(s); promotes coach training and licensing for all coaches in their age group(s); responsible for making sure their coaches sign up for required coach training and licensing courses; responsible for reviewing and distributing game and practice schedules of their age group(s); encourages teams to participate in jamborees, District Cup and other CYSA sanctioned events; must work closely with Field Scheduling Manager, Referees' Coordinator, and other Age Group Coordinators. U6 and U8 AGCs are responsible for establishing game schedules of their age groups on the fields specified by the Field Scheduling Manager. At the discretion of the Board of Directors, any one of these age groups could be divided into two voting positions (one position for each gender).
- D. **SELECT COORDINATOR:** Responsible for the overall operation of the Select program; schedules, advertises, plans and runs the tryouts; recruits coaches to apply for select coaching positions; ensure coaches obtain required certification; holds a meeting with Select Coaches prior to tryouts; ensures Metro applications are filled out and submitted for each select team to the EDYSL Metro League Representative; recommends to the Board a select uniform to be worn by all select teams. Represents the

club at EDYSL Academy meetings, and informs the club of meeting results.

- E. SECRETARY: Maintains register of Managers; records minutes of meetings; sends out notices of meetings to all board members; Submit minutes of the prior Board meeting at the subsequent meeting for approval/revisions; keeps a written log of motions passed to be updated monthly and available at board meetings; maintains record of club activities; handles club communications; maintains club records; schedule facilities as needed for club meetings; within 15 days following the Annual General Meeting (AGM) forward a copy of the modified Constitution, Bylaws and Rules and Regulations to the Club Board.
- F. TREASURER: Maintains club financial records; deposits and accounts for all funds; signs checks co-signed by the President, Executive Vice President, or Referee Coordinator; dispenses club funds as budgeted and approved by Board of Managers; prepares club funds as budgeted and approved by Board of Managers; prepares club budget and assumes responsibility for all club finances; ensures club tax returns are prepared and filed; prepare and present a monthly financial statement for the monthly Board meetings; prepare all papers pursuant to the tax-exempt status of this Club when changed have been made to the Constitution or Bylaws; ensures Club Officers are covered by Directors and Officers insurance; The initial term of the Treasurer is two years, and one year there-after.
- G. FIELD MAINTENANCE MANAGER: Responsible for obtaining use permits for fields and supplying proof of insurance; Chairman of field maintenance committee; ensures that the annual pre-approved field funds for each school district is given to the schools in one form or another; coordinates and promotes field improvement events, such as filling in holes, re-seeding, and fertilizing; reports to the board the condition of fields, and proposes to the board how field funds should be used to improve fields; works with school and county custodians of the fields to offer assistance and ensure proper watering, mowing and care;
- H. FIELD SCHEDULING MANAGER: Coordinates the creation of the initial practice schedule at or around the time of the annual coaches meeting; maintains practice schedules and submits to the webmaster for placement on the web-site; determines which fields will be used by (and lined for) which age groups for games; determines field schedule templates for games times and communicates these to the persons creating the game schedules along with a list of teams and coaches for each age/gender group; from game schedules creates field schedules, and review them for problems (gaps/conflicts); creates and distributes a final field schedule to the referee coordinator; provides the picture coordinator schedules of all games of all age groups; ensures fields are lined one week before the first league game; creates schedule of teams responsible for re-lining the fields each week for the season. This person should have excellent spreadsheet skills.

- I. COACHES COORDINATOR: Responsible for assisting Age Group Coordinators with obtaining coaches for teams; maintains roster of coaches (current and years past) and coordinates scheduling of coach license clinics and coach training sessions with EDYSL; promotes coach licensing and coach training to all coaches; plans and organizes the annual coaches meeting; updates the coaches manual; handles complaints about coaches in accordance with club and EDYSL policy.
- J. REFEREES' COORDINATOR: Responsible for enlisting and training referees; responsible for scheduling referees for all games; responsible for tracking and reporting to the Treasurer payments due to referees; handles complaints about referees in accordance with club and EDYSL policy.
- K. EQUIPMENT COORDINATOR: Maintains club equipment; purchases necessary equipment and supplies to permit play by all teams; distributes equipment and supplies to each field as needed; maintain records and controls of all club equipment; assures that game balls are available for all games; responsible for the end of the year equipment inventory; disposes of empty paint cans; coordinates repairs of equipment and storage sheds; coordinates cleaning and organizing of storage sheds; changes combination on locks;
- L. SPONSORSHIP CHAIRMAN: Assists coaches in obtaining community and business financial support for the club; responsible for preparing and obtaining a current list of sponsors for each team; tracks and reports select team income, expenses, and money borrowed from the club.
- M. PUBLICITY CHAIRMAN: Responsible for the club publicity: publishes club newsletter, announcement and press releases. Answers or delivers to the appropriate board member general club e-mail and voice mail.
- N. CONCESSIONS COORDINATOR: Responsible for the organization and operation of club sponsored concessions.
- O. CLUB HEAD REGISTRAR: Registers all players and teams with league registrar; obtains player passes; processes adds, drops, and transfers. At the election of the Club Board, may be compensated for services as an independent contractor, in an amount set by the Board, subject to annual review and contract renewal. A standard AGREEMENT FOR INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR SERVICES shall be executed.
- P. UNIFORM COORDINATOR: Responsible for presenting uniform options and pricing to the board; chairs the uniform committee; responsible for uniform contracts; responsible for ensuring availability of uniforms; if the club is purchasing and selling uniforms, then is responsible for purchasing and the coordinating of selling the uniforms; responsible for tracking and reporting which uniform numbers are available to new select teams players;
- Q. TOP SOCCER COORDINATOR: Responsible for advertising, promoting, organizing and coordinating all Top Soccer events.

- R. WEBMASTER: Responsible for updating and maintaining the website, ftp site, and club e-mail addresses; responsible for maintaining e-mail lists of club members and coaches; responsible for sending e-mail notices which are intended to be received by all club members or all coaches, as requested.
  - S. PICTURE COORDINATOR: Responsible for soliciting vendors to make presentations to the board so the board may choose a supplier; responsible for arranging picture dates (plus make-up picture day), and location; responsible for creating and communicating the picture schedule for all teams; responsible for photographer contracts, as well as taking care of arranging payments;
- 02:01:02 In the event that a club board position is not filled at the AGM, or should a position become vacant during the year, the club board may fill the position by a simple majority vote.
- 02:01:03 The club board will be responsible for and have sole authority for the following:
- A. Enforcement and interpreting the Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules and Regulations.
  - B. Sanctioning all youth soccer games.
  - C. Shall from time to time make temporary rules or regulations for specific cases or occasions not provided for in the Constitution, By-Laws, or Rules and Regulations but which are deemed necessary to carry out the objectives and purpose of this club. Temporary rules and regulations may only be in affect the current calendar year, and may not conflict with the Constitution, By-Laws or Rules and Regulations. Temporary rules and regulations may be changed or revoked.
  - D. Publishing PAD Committee findings and enforcing recommended disciplinary action.
  - E. To review and approve club By-Laws and insure consistency with the EDYSL and CYSA Constitution, By-Laws, General Procedures, and Specific Rules.
  - F. Operations of all special games.
  - G. Publishing a club schedule with the proposed dates of club play, and tournament play for teams wishing to participate.
  - H. Approving teams.
  - I. Annually setting the registration procedures, rules, and club fees required for each player.
- 02:01:04 Any member of the Board of Sierra Gold Soccer Club will disqualify himself/herself from voting on any issue directly affecting a team which he/she coaches.
- 02:01:05 The Board of Sierra Gold Soccer Club shall be responsible for the following:
- A. Registering all players within their area.
  - B. Formation of all teams to be affiliated with the club.
  - C. Purchasing and distributing equipment to players, coaches, and field managers.

- D. Raising funds for the operation of the club and any special projects such as field development.
  - E. Setting club registration fees, which will include the amount required by CYSA and EDYSL.
  - F. Selecting and disciplining coaches and referees needed to service all affiliated teams.
  - G. Providing one or more volunteers to participate in any league-wide activities.
  - H. Providing fields properly marked and in safe condition, for all sanctioned games to be held by the club.
  - I. Determine (or set policies which specify) when games and practices are to be postponed or canceled due to weather conditions and notifying (or set a notification process for notifying) coaches, players and referees of such decisions.
  - J. The taking of team pictures.
  - K. Maintaining a website.
- 02:01:06 The Board of Sierra Gold Soccer Club shall have the right and authority to suspend, bar completely or otherwise discipline any player, coach, manager, team assistant, club officer, referee or official, or any individual from any team, following individual due process rights, including:
- A. Written presentation of charges or complaints.
  - B. Open hearing by the full board of the issues within thirty (30) days, with prior written notice.
  - C. Individuals will have opportunities to respond to the charges at the time of the hearing.

**02:02 STANDING COMMITTEES**

- 02:02:01 The following standing committees shall be appointed as required by the President of the club, subject to the approval of the Board of Sierra Gold Soccer Club.
- A. Audit Committee: To review club financial records and have report available at the league AGM.
  - B. Awards Committee: To submit proposals to the Board of Sierra Gold Soccer Club for awards for club and tournament play, and to be responsible for purchasing and distributing such awards.
  - C. Rules and Revisions: Proposes changes to the Constitution, By-Laws and Rules and Regulations needed to be consistent with EDYSL and CYSA rules. Reviews proposed changes to the club Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules and Regulations for conflicts and clarity. At least 14 days prior to the AGM, prepares and distributes to the board proposed changes to be voted on at the AGM. Proposed changes shall be in a format which includes the current rule, the proposed rule change and the reason for changing the rule.
  - D. Tournament Committee: To establish rules and procedures for tournament play and notify teams of tournament dates with approval of Board of Sierra Gold Soccer Club.

- 02:02:02 The Protest, Appeals and Disciplinary (PAD) Committee shall be appointed by the Executive Vice President at the beginning of his/her term.
- 02:02:03 The PAD Committee shall be composed of impartial members of the soccer community. A working quorum shall consist of three (3) committee members. The club recommends that a certified referee be present as a member of each working quorum established under this section. Representatives from teams involved on a dispute may not serve on any working quorum. There will be a total of Seven (7) on the PAD Committee.
- 02:02:04 The Executive Vice President shall formulate suggested punishment and make recommendations to the working quorum. The Executive Vice President shall not serve on the working quorum, but shall submit a report of findings to be published in club minutes.

### **02:03 MEMBERSHIP**

- 02:03:01 Membership is open to all children, parents and/or legal guardians, coaches of the club.
- 02:03:02 This club shall be affiliated with EDYSL and not with any other CYSA league.

### **02:04 REGISTRATION**

- 02:04:01 Each child who wants to play in this club must be registered through the Club Head Registrar to be eligible. Age groups are as follows: Under 6, Under 8, Under 10, Under 12, Under 14, Under 16, and Under 19.
- 02:04:02 A Division IV player may only play up an age group with the approval of the Club President and both affected Age Group Coordinators. The player should not play up if the player's safety is in question or if this will potentially prevent another player from playing in the higher age group due to near full teams. This rule does not apply to Division III players because those players go through a tryout process. Players in any division may not play up more than one age group, where the age groups are U6, U8, U10, U12, U14, U16 and U19.
- 02:04:03 Registration fees and required documents are to be received by the club registrar prior to any player being placed on a team.

### **02:05 MEETINGS**

- 02:05:01 Regular meetings of the Board of Sierra Gold Soccer Club will be held on a monthly basis on a day and time specified by the board. The agenda for regular meetings shall be as follows:
- A. Call to Order and Roll Call
  - B. Introductions of guests
  - C. Acceptance of minutes of previous meeting
  - D. Correspondence
  - E. Treasurer's Report
  - F. Registrar's Report
  - G. Other Board Members Reports
  - H. Committee Reports
  - I. Unfinished Business
  - J. New Business
  - K. Good of the Game

- L. Adjournment; time and place of next meeting.
- 02:05:02 The Board of Sierra Gold Soccer Club shall meet whenever the President deems it necessary, or if he/she is instructed to do so by four (4) or more members of the Board.
- 02:05:03 At all club meetings of the board of Sierra Gold Soccer Club a minimum of seven (7) board members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.
- 02:05:04 At all Club meetings of the Board of Managers, a majority vote is required to adopt a motion or elect to office. One person may cast only one vote regardless of how many positions held. Voting by proxy shall not be allowed. The President of the club board shall cast a vote in case of a tie.

**02:06 SEASONAL YEAR**

- 02:06:01 The seasonal year for registration shall be from September 1 through August 31. Insurance coverage shall be for the same period.
- 02:06:02 The Financial Year shall be a calendar year.

**02:07 REQUESTS, COMPLAINTS, PROTESTS AND APPEALS**

- 02:07:01 In matters of requests, complaints, protests and appeals, no individual, player or team shall engage the service of a lawyer or attorney until all avenues of protest and appeals procedures are exhausted through regular channels of the organization.
- 02:07:02 Requests or complaints by an individual to change an action taken by the club, or a club committee, must be received in writing by the club President within one (1) week of the action under review. Requests or complaints will be heard and decided by the club Board of Managers at the next club meeting.
- 02:07:03 PAD Committee must reach a decision within 72 hours of the infraction. The committee has 48 hours to notify the affected party, after the PAD committee decision.
- 02:07:04 All protests and appeals regarding a PAD committee or Board of Managers decision are to be in writing and delivered to the club Executive Vice President within 24 hours following notification of the PAD or Board of Managers decision. The fee to appeal or protest is \$10.00 plus any fees charged by the League or District.
- 02:07:05 Should any hearing committee choose not to hear a protest or appeal, that committee may, if they desire, refer the matter directly to EDYSL.
- 02:07:06 If the affected party is a player, then the player shall be represented by his coach or parent.

**02:08 RESPONSIBILITIES**

- 02:08:01 Falsification of records shall be grounds for disbarment from future participation and/or membership in this club.
- 02:08:02 A plea of ignorance to the Constitution, By-Laws and Rules and Regulations of this club is not sufficient, and violators may expect appropriate action by the Board of Sierra Gold Soccer Club.
- 02:08:03 Any person found guilty of violating the Constitution, By-Laws and/or Rules and Regulations of this club may be asked to appear before the Board of Sierra Gold Soccer Club to explain their actions.

**02:09 FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

02:09:01 Sierra Gold Soccer Club shall not assume nor be liable for the debts nor the financial obligations either implied or incurred, of any of its members.

02:09:02 All officers of Sierra Gold Soccer Club and officials of member teams and players shall be covered against personal liability claims by the California Youth Soccer Association for performing acts and duties directly related to the work of this club.

#### **02:10 DISSOLUTION**

02:10:01 Should Sierra Gold Soccer Club dissolve, all assets remaining after payment of all debts shall be turned over to the EDYSL authority, for the express purpose of the development of youth soccer.

#### **02:11 RULES OF ORDER**

02:11:01 Robert's Rules of Order shall be deemed adopted at all meeting of this club unless otherwise agreed to by the participants.

### **03 RULES AND REGULATIONS**

#### **03:01 ADOPTION OF LEAGUE RULES AND REGULATIONS**

03:01:01 Sierra Gold Soccer Club will adopt and be governed by the most recently revised and adopted Rules and Regulations documents as put forth by the El Dorado Youth Soccer League.

#### **03:02 REGISTRATION**

03:02:01 Any registration received after May 31 shall be considered late. There will be a late registration fee in an amount determined by the Board for players who register after May 31.

03:02:02 The registration deadline shall be one month prior to the first game of the season. Registration applications received after the deadline will be put on a waiting list. The age group coordinator will decide if those applicants on the waiting list will be accepted and placed on a team.

03:02:03 Each active position (voting or not) of the Board of Managers shall receive a refund of registration fees for one player in December, so long as that board member attended at least nine board meetings and effectively performed and completed duties of said board position or if approved by the Board.

#### **03:03 COACHES**

03:03:01 The AGC is responsible to obtain coaches for their age group. If the parents of a group of registered players are unwilling to coach and the AGC and Coaches Coordinator cannot supply a coach, the group of registered players will be disbanded and the players placed on a waiting list for assignment to another team.

03:03:02 When selecting coaches for division IV (recreation) teams, approved returning coaches will have priority over new coaches or coaches moving up in age group. Coaches moving up in age group will have priority over new coaches. And in each category, coaches which attended the most coaching clinics in the prior season have priority.

03:03:03 Each coach must attend a coaching clinic and designated Club meetings, as determined by the Club Board, and is responsible for understanding the "Laws of the Game" and Rules and Regulations of this Club.

03:03:04 In the event that any team is not going to show up for a scheduled home game, the coach or manager must notify the Field Scheduling Manager, the Referee Coordinator and coach of the opposing team at least two (2) days prior to the game.

#### 03:04 TEAM FORMATION

03:04:01 Team formation policies, procedures and practice shall not conflict with EDYSL's Rules and Regulations.

03:04:02 Rosters may not be distributed to coaches until approved by the President or the designee of the President.

03:04:03 Transferring players to another team, after coaches have received their team roster, is strongly discouraged. Players requesting to be transferred after coaches receive rosters will only be transferred to another team with the approval of the Age Group Coordinator, President and both coaches. A transfer fee per player is payable to the League. However, if a player is transferred to another team due to Club misplacement as determined by the Registrar and President, no fees are payable, nor is approval required.

03:04:04 Under 8 teams and older shall be formed gender pure. The exceptions to this rule are as follows:

- A. An exception to this assignment of players may occur due to the need to move a coach to a team. In this case, the child of a prospective coach may be switched with a player with like experience in order to assign the coach to a team.
- B. The Board of Managers may review special circumstances and with a majority vote make an exception.
- C. Under 8 and older teams shall be formed age pure when possible and practical.

#### 03:05 FIELD USE

03:05:01 Larger fields will be given priority to U12 and older teams for use for practices and games.

03:05:02 When recreation team practices start, Division III (Select) teams will be allowed to keep one practice time. Division III teams which have two Academy training days may keep both practices if rescheduling training to another field is not reasonably practical.

03:05:03 The remaining practice times will be chosen by coaches in the order of the number received via lottery.

03:05:04 When recreation team practices start, all practices at Herbert Green shall be scheduled to either stop or start at 6pm. A team may have an earlier start time only if another team has chosen to stop before 6pm.

#### 03:06 UNIFORMS

03:06:01 All players must wear a standard uniform as approved by the Club Board.

03:06:02 Division III uniforms shall not display player names unless all parents of the team agree, and in this case all players shall have names displayed. Uniforms shall not have any other logos or markings except for the club logo, player number, and player name. The club discourages displaying of player names for safety and cost reasons.

03:06:03 Division IV uniforms shall not display player names. Uniforms shall not have any other logos or markings except for the club logo and player number.

### 03:07 U6 DIVISION RULES

#### 03:07:01 LAW I: THE FIELD OF PLAY

- A. The field of play shall be rectangular. The length shall exceed the width. The size shall be 20-30 yards in length and 15-20 yards in width.
- B. Markings: Distinctive lines from 2 to 5 inches wide. Halfway line, center circle (9 foot radius), four corner arcs (3 foot radius), and goal area (30 feet wide and 12 feet deep)
- C. Goals: The goals shall be 6 feet wide, 5 feet tall and equidistant from the corner flags.
- D. Coach and Players will be on one side of the field; parents and other observers will be on the opposite side of the field.

#### 03:07:02 LAW II: THE BALL

- A. The ball shall conform to FIFA
- B. The ball shall be size three (3).

#### 03:07:03 LAW III: THE NUMBER OF PLAYERS

- A. The number of players shall conform to FIFA, with the following exceptions:
  - 1. The maximum number of players on the field at any one time is three (3). There shall be no goalkeeper.
  - 2. The maximum number of players on the roster should not exceed nine (9).
  - 3. Teams must field at least three (3) players.
  - 4. Substitutions may occur during quarter break and at halftime or after any injury, by either team.
- B. Each player SHALL play a minimum of 50% of the total playing time per game attended.

#### 03:07:04 LAW IV: THE PLAYERS' EQUIPMENT

- A. Shin guards (of appropriate size) are MANDATORY.
- B. A player shall not wear anything which is dangerous to another player or to himself, this includes any jewelry, braces, casts, or other item deemed unsafe by the referee or game monitor.

#### 03:07:05 LAW V: THE REFEREE

- A. U6 games use a "game monitor".
- B. May be a certified referee, parent, coach or assistant.
- C. Duties are the same as a Referee under FIFA Laws of The Game: keep time, enforce the rules, stop and restart play. Responsible for making decisions on points connected to the game and the decisions are final.
- D. Shall be encouraged to explain an infraction to the offending player, without undue delay of the game or showing favoritism to either team. The Referee should address both teams, not an individual, while doing so.
- E. If a player continues to use incorrect skill after advised by the referee as to the correct method, allow play to continue but advise by word that the error is being overlooked for the good of the game.
- F. Keep playing environment FUN, SAFE, and focused on the players.

- 03:07:06 LAW VI: THE ASSISTANT REFEREE
- A. There is no Linesman/Assistant Referee.
- 03:07:07 LAW VII: THE DURATION OF THE MATCH
- A. The game shall be divided into four (4) eight (8) minute quarters.
  - B. There shall be a two (2) minute break between the first and second quarters.
  - C. Half time break shall not exceed five (5) minutes.
  - D. There shall be a two (2) minute break between the third and fourth quarters.
  - E. The end of the game shall not exceed one (1) hour from the scheduled start time.
- 03:07:08 LAW VIII: START AND RESTART OF PLAY
- A. The opponent must be three (3) yards from the center until the ball is in play.
  - B. The ball is not in play until it travels its own circumference and cannot be touched by the kicker a second time until touched by another player.
- 03:07:09 LAW IX: THE BALL IN AND OUT OF PLAY
- A. Conforms to FIFA
- 03:07:10 LAW X: THE METHOD OF SCORING
- A. The whole of the ball must cross the goal line between the goal posts and under the cross bar.
  - B. The ball cannot be thrown, carried, or intentionally propelled by hand or arm over the goal line.
- 03:07:11 LAW XI: OFFSIDE
- A. Offside shall not be called for U6
- 03:07:12 LAW XII: FOULS AND MISCONDUCT
- A. A “foul” is any play which possibly could result in injury.
  - B. As per FIFA
- 03:07:13 LAW XIII: FREE KICKS
- A. All free kicks are indirect. A goal may not be scored until the ball has been played or touched by a second player (not necessarily from the same team). The ball is in play when it is kicked and moves.
- 03:07:14 LAW XIV: THE PENALTY KICK
- A. U6 has no penalty kicks.
- 03:07:15 LAW XV: THE THROW-IN
- A. If the ball is improperly thrown in the throw-in shall be re-taken after an explanation.
  - B. If the ball is improperly thrown in the 2<sup>nd</sup> time, then a player of the opposing team shall take the throw-in.
- 03:07:16 LAW XVI: THE GOAL KICK
- A. Conforms to FIFA, with the following exceptions:
    1. Opponents must be five (5) yards away from the ball.
    2. Goal kick may be taken from any point inside the goal area.
- 03:07:17 LAW XVII: THE CORNER KICK
- A. Opponents must be five (5) yards away from the ball.

- B. May be taken from any point inside the corner arcs. The ball is in play when it is kicked and moves.
- 03:07:18 Publicity and Scoring:
- A. Scores of games will not be recorded or publicized. Individual statistics may be publicized.
- 03:08 DIVISION III (SELECT) RULES
- 03:08:01 Coach Selection
- A. The coach selection objective shall be to place the best possible head coaches for all teams, in order to maximize the development and enjoyment of soccer for players.
  - B. A Coach Selection Committee (CSC) will be responsible for the evaluation and selection of the head coaching positions. The committee shall consist of three (3) members appointed by the President of the club. Potential parents and/or coaches in the club's select program shall not be members of the committee. EDYSL Academy Staff may be on the CSC.
  - C. Coaches shall be selected in a fair and unbiased fashion based upon qualifications such as coaching experience, playing experience, availability, commitment, and training. Other attributes that may be assessed include, but are not limited to, coaching philosophy and style, organizational abilities, adherence to fair play, adherence to sportsmanlike conduct, conduct with officials. Evaluations from the CSC or designee of the CSC, as well as from recent players coached and parents of players coached will be considered in the decision process.
  - D. The coaching term is for one season only. All coach candidates must re-apply each season.
  - E. All coaches from the prior season will be notified one month in advance of the deadline date to apply for a Division III coaching position.
  - F. Age pure teams (i.e. U13 and U14) shall be formed when possible before two non age pure teams of the same age group are formed.
  - G. If more than one qualified coach applies to coach the same age group and gender team, and there are enough quality players to form two teams, then the CSC will determine which coach will coach the A team (best players) and which will coach the B team. If there are not enough quality players to form two teams, then the CSC will choose one of the coaches to be the coach of the team.
  - H. Once selected, head coaches will choose their own qualified assistant coach(es).
- 03:08:02 Team Selection
- A. Competition for Select team positions should be open and unbiased. Tryouts should be held every year with new players given an equal opportunity as incumbents.
  - B. Where an appropriate competitive level exists, the club encourages players to play within their age group. Players should only play up if they are comparable to the top-level players of the higher age team.

- C. No player may be offered or promised a roster position on a team until after the first tryout or after that player attends a tryout, which-ever is later.
- D. Coaches must run their tryouts as instructed by the Select Coordinator. If a coach does not run their tryouts as instructed by the Select Coordinator, then the Select Coordinator may revoke the coach's coaching position.
- E. If more than one team of the same age group and gender is trying to be formed, then each coach and at least one person appointed by the CSC will evaluate the players and categorize them as Competitive, Select or Recreation players. A majority vote of each of these persons determines each player's category. If there are not enough players categorized as Select to form two Select teams, then the CSC will appoint one coach, and that coach will choose the team. If two age pure teams are to be formed, then each coach will choose their own teams from the age pure candidates. If two non age pure teams are to be formed, then the coach of the A Team (best players) will choose their team first.
- F. Within one week after the last published tryout date, each coach will verbally notify all participants in their age group if they have or have not been selected for the team. The notification shall be positive and constructive.
- G. Offers to players for roster positions will expire after 72 hours if not accepted by the player.

03:08:03 Tournament Fees

- A. The Club will advance upon request to Select Teams up to three checks made payable to tournaments which the team applies for entry.
- B. Select Teams must reimburse the club before the last scheduled Metro game.
- C. If a tournament application is not accepted, then, upon submitting the returned check to the Treasurer, the team may request a replacement check for an alternate tournament application. The replacement check shall be made payable to the tournament.

03:09 Weather/Air Quality Policy

- 03:09:01 In the event of bad weather or air quality, the Referee will determine if the game will play or not. The guideline shall be that if there is lightning or if the referee feels that conditions are unsafe then the game is cancelled. Games may be played in the rain. Note that Rain-Out games are not made up for Recreation (division IV) teams. Games for Select (division III) teams must be made up.
- 03:09:02 In the event of bad weather or air quality, the President or Coaches Coordinator may decide to cancel all practices, and individual coaches are responsible for cancelling their practices. The guideline shall be that if there is lightning or if the President, Coaches Coordinator, or coach feels that conditions are unsafe then practice(s) shall be cancelled.
- 03:09:03 When air quality is questionable, coaches should monitor the [sparetheair.com](http://sparetheair.com) website as conditions can change throughout the day. Practices and games should be cancelled if the air quality is not moderate or good.