



# AMERICAN YOUTH SOCCER ORGANIZATION



## AREA 1-N Inter-Region Play 10U-19U

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**AYSO**  
**AREA 1-N RULES & REGULATIONS**  
**10U-19U INTER-REGION PLAY**  
**2019-2020**

**1. SCOPE**

These rules shall apply when two (2) or more teams (regardless of Region) play a combined schedule coordinated by Area 1-N or with the permission of the area director. The rules are intended to cover those situations not addressed in AYSO National Rules and Regulations or Section One Rules and Regulations, which apply in total.

**2. COORDINATION**

The Area Director, assistant area director, area referee administrator and/or the designee will coordinate inter region play. 12U and above will be coordinated by area personnel.

**3. ELIGIBILITY**

**Player** –To be eligible a player must be a current AYSO player, registered through Blue Sombrero.

**Coach** -The Regions shall be responsible for ensuring that head coach/assistant coach and all involved volunteers are registered as volunteers and have completed summary of the laws of the game, Safe Haven training and CDC Concussion training. Age appropriate certification will be required for all coaches.

**4. TEAM ROSTER**

A **Blue Sombrero generated** team roster shall be available to the area personnel upon request. Team rosters shall include the following:

- Region and Division Designation
- Team Name and Colors
- Head Coach Name, email and Phone Numbers
- Assistant Coach Name and Phone Numbers



- Players jersey numbers

## 5. **REGISTRATION FORMS**

The coach is required to have player registration forms with **e-signatures** at all AYSO activities. All rosters must be signed or digitally signed by the regional commissioner.

## 6. **PROPER DRESS**

Players are required to wear the AYSO uniform as issued by the Region in which they are registered. Socks shall be of the same color with the exception of the goalkeeper. The goalkeeper's shirt color must be different from the other players (both teams), the referee's, and the assistant referees' shirt colors. Only approved headwear of any kind will be permitted. During inclement weather players will be allowed to wear sweatshirts provided the following guidelines are observed.

1. It is not required that all team members wear sweats.
2. Sweatshirts can be worn under the team jersey, but all must be of the same color. Hoods on hooded style shirts must be tucked in the jersey, not outside or on the head.

## 7. **COMPETITION**

All AYSO games shall be conducted in accordance with the current IFAB Laws of the Game, with the exceptions detailed in the AYSO National Rules and Regulations.

## 8. **HOME TEAM**

The team listed first on the schedule is designated the home team and shall be responsible for supplying three (3) game balls and the referee team.

## 9. **GAME CARDS**

Properly completed (**back and front of card**) game cards shall be submitted to a representative of the referee team prior to the match and shall include the names and numbers of all players, present or not, and an explanation of absence (i.e. - injured, game suspension, sick and etc.). Players will be in numerical order with both the first and last name.



Completed game line-up cards are to be kept within the regions of the home team. In the event there is a discrepancy in scores the home region will be required to verify results and scores. Coaches are to give the game results to the 10U-19U Regional Coordinator, who will email the results to area staff or its designee. All cautions and send offs will be reported for your team and opposing team.

**All reporting of Cautions or send-offs will be sent directly to the Area Director. Written reports on all send-offs will be filled out and sent to the area director via email. Misconduct forms are available on the Area Website <http://www.aysoarea1n.org/>.**

## **10. FIELD RESPONSIBILITY**

Home teams shall be responsible to set up of all field equipment. The host Region will supply field equipment. In the event of a late start due to team(s) not accomplishing field set up, the referee may shorten the game time to accommodate the start of the next match.

Each team is responsible for the cleanup of the side of the field they occupy during the course of the match.

## **11. SCHEDULED MATCH**

Failure of a team to play a scheduled match shall result in a forfeit, where applicable. The offending team shall lose said game by a score of 1-0. A period of fifteen (15) minutes after the scheduled beginning time will be allowed prior to declaring a forfeit. The coach may present an excuse for such non-appearances, but the full power to uphold the forfeit, to levy discipline or to reschedule the game shall reside with the Area Director and/or his designate.

Only the Area Director **and/or his designee**, in coordination with the Regional Commissioners, shall determine the earliest date available to reschedule matches cancelled due to weather, or other acceptable causes.

Any other changes in a scheduled match can be made by the regions, as long as both coaches agree upon the change. The Region's must notify the Area Director or its designee of any changes, as they are agreed upon prior to the schedule change being approved.



The length of the matches shall be as follows:

- 19U – 90 Minutes
- 16U – 80 Minutes
- 14U – 70 Minutes
- 12U – 60 Minutes
- 10U – 50 Minutes

**12. CAUTIONS & SEND OFFS: (Issued before, during or after a match.)**

A “Team Member” is a player (either on the field or substituted), a Coach or an Assistant Coach.

- Any Team Member receiving a total of Three (3) Cautions during the season will not participate in their next match including the Section 1 tournament. **All cautions will be reviewed.** Receiving Two (2) additional Cautions will result in a second match suspension, and will be reviewed for possible additional suspensions.
- Any Team Member receiving a Send-Off (Red Card), for any reason, will be removed from the remainder of the match and will not be substituted for. The player will also be suspended from play on the teams next actual game played. This will also carry over to the Section 1 Playoffs. He/she may participate in practice and be present at the match and not in uniform. A Coach or Assistant Coach that is sent off, is to have no direct contact with the team during the suspension (not present at practice or the next match).
- All send offs for **Serious Foul Play and Violent Conduct** will result in a minimum of a two-match suspension. Players will be suspended for all AYSO related activities. The send offs will be reviewed for possible additional match suspensions and/or suspension for the remainder of the season. **Fights may result in a full season suspension at the discretion of the area director.**  
A **detailed** report by the referee crew, coaches and/or a witnessing Area 1-N official will be submitted to the Area Referee Administrator, by email for determination of any additional disciplinary action to be imposed. **Reports are due within 24 hours of the incident to area staff.**



### 13 PLAYER SUBSTITUTION

Substitutions for 16U/19U matches will be by free substitution in accordance with IFAB 2019-2020 Laws of the Game. It is the coach's responsibility to insure that all players play a minimum of one half of each game. **Violation of AYSO minimum playing time requirements will be dealt with in the sternest possible manner, up to and including forfeiture of games involved and suspension of coaching privileges.** If a review is requested within reason a review of the timekeeping will be done at the direction or discretion of the area director.

Referees are encouraged to follow the guidance in sections 3.5, 3.6 and 3.15 of the current edition of the USSF "Advice to Referees" regarding free substitution. Please direct any questions on refereeing guidelines or procedures to the Area Referee Administrator or Area Director.

10U-14U will play two halves with a quarter substitution approximately halfway between halves. Regions at their own discretion may have a  $\frac{3}{4}$  play. This will not be enforced for competing regions during inter region play.

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### 14. COLOR CONFLICTS

In the event of a conflict, the home team shall change jerseys to a non-conflicting color. Overlays are permissible.

The referee shall be responsible for determining if color conflicts would hinder a fair call. Changes may be required if so ruled by the referee. The referee should allow considerable latitude and only in impossible situations should change be necessary.

### 15. OFFICIATING

The home Region is responsible for providing **three (3) qualified** referees, appropriately attired, for each game. Referees must wear shirts of a color that will contrast with the player's jerseys. All games will use the diagonal system of control, with a referee and two assistants. If there is no referee team for the match then the game is a forfeit for the home Region.

The Referee must meet the following criteria:



1. Cannot be the coach, assistant coach or a relative of any player on either team
2. If the referee is a youth volunteer, he/she must be at least 2 years older than the age division of the match in question
3. Must have a minimum of an AYSO Regional referee certification and be AYSO Safe Haven certified.
4. For 16U/19U referees, the Referee is recommended to be an advanced referee or higher, however it is at the discretion of the Regional Commissioner and Area Referee Administrator to have an approved list of qualified referee's. The assistant referee is recommended to be Intermediate or higher, however it is at the discretion of RC and ARA. Teams failing to meet these requirements will forfeit the scheduled match.

Assistant Referees must meet the following criteria:

1. Cannot be the coach, but may be the assistant coach or relatives of players on either team.
2. If the assistant referee is a youth volunteer, they must be at least 2 years older than the age division of the match in question.
3. Assistant referees must have a minimum certification of AYSO Regional Referee and must be AYSO Safe Haven certified.

## **15.2 Referee Zero Tolerance Policy**

Area N AYSO has in effect a ZERO TOLERANCE policy for negative, offensive or abusive language, gestures, or actions towards our referees. Absolutely no negative behavior will be tolerated. If any parent, coach, referee, or spectator interacts with any referee in what is considered a negative manner, the following procedures will or may occur.

- Your team will lose a game point.
- The offender **will** receive a minimum of one game suspension.
- You may also be brought before a disciplinary hearing for further actions.
- If you as a coach do not deal with the offender either after being made aware of it or recognize it yourself, you may face a disciplinary hearing and possible suspension.

Coaches will be held accountable for their sideline spectators. If a coach is having difficulty doing so, please have them notify a board member or the referee staff immediately. It is **the Coach's responsibility** to control their sideline and enforce the AYSO Kid's Zone Policies.



Our referees are a vital resource we do not need to discourage them. Let's work together to protect these important volunteers for our program.

**16. TEAM STANDINGS AND TIE BREAKERS**

Team standings shall be determined by a point system. **Six (6) points** shall be awarded for a win, **three (3) points** for a tie and **1 point for a shutout**. No points shall be awarded for a loss. One point for each goal scored, up to a maximum of 3, shall be used to discourage running up the score. Teams will be placed in the standings in order of points earned, most to least. In the event of a tie for any position in the standings the following tie breaking rules shall be used:

- a. Head to head competition.
- b. Fewest send Offs and Cautions resulting in suspension
- c. GOALS AGAINST: The team allowing the lowest number of goals against shall be ahead.
- d. GOALS FOR/GOALS AGAINST DIFFERENTIAL: The team receiving the highest adjusted goals for/goals against differential **(three maximum per match)** shall be ahead.
- e. Coin toss.

**17. OVERTIME PROCEDURE**

No overtime will be used for the season. Matches can end in ties.

**18. DISPUTE RESOLUTION / DUE PROCESS PROCEDURES**

Section 12, of these Rules & Regulations, detail the various disciplinary actions that may be taken when team members violate rules during inter region play from 10U-19U. Discipline conveyed during Area 1-N play is determined by the Area Director. It is not the Area's intent to be unduly harsh, unfair, arbitrary or capricious. It is the Area's intent to send a message to all of the participants, that it **will not tolerate violent conduct, serious foul play, or offensive, insulting and abusive language/obscene gestures**. It is the responsibility of each participant in Area 1-N to familiarize themselves with the Rules & Regulations and corresponding penalties.



A procedure exists to insure that disciplinary decisions of the Area remain fair and that persons involved with the procedure are disinterested parties as outlined in the discipline review process.

19. **There will be no protest of games accepted.**
20. These rules will apply for inter region play within the lower divisions at the discretion of the Area Director.

### **Area Due Process Procedure**

Discipline actions tendered by the Area to participants will be by phone call and/or email to the respective Coach and Regional Commissioner. Written communication of disciplinary actions regarding **eligibility to participate in the Section 1 Playoffs** to a **participant** or **coach** will be as warranted and at the discretion of the Area Director. Written communications will specify the action being taken and the reasons therefore. The written notice will also notify the participant that he or she, **upon written request for a due process hearing within a certain time frame**, -will be given a reasonable opportunity to explain why such action should not be taken. At the request of the disciplined party the Area Director will appoint a panel of no less than three (3) disinterested persons to conduct a hearing at a neutral site. The hearing will be informal and interested parties will be heard.

At the conclusion of the hearing the volunteer panel will meet and confer to make its determination and present its findings in writing to the Area Director. The Area Director will make a final decision and disseminate the results in writing to all interested parties. At the option of the disciplined party, the decision by the Area Director in this matter may be further appealed to the Section Director. The discipline administered may be harsher than originally given.

These procedures have been initiated to make sure that the AYSO philosophy is followed in our actions regarding our membership. Our intent is to satisfy the doctrine of fairness that underlies the basic philosophy of AYSO.

**Area N Guidelines and National Rules & Regulations and Policies will be in effect during this season and may override or supersede any Rule or Regulation addresses herein.**

