

PRINCETON YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE GUIDELINES

U-5 CO-ED

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Princeton Youth Soccer League is to educate, organize, and promote youth soccer by encouraging the display of respect, good sportsmanship, and fair play to all participants.

All FIFA rules will govern play of Princeton Youth Soccer except where noted otherwise by the PYSL Board.

Days of play will be Saturday except for make-up games, which could be on Wednesday, Friday or Sunday.

PRACTICES

PRACTICES CAN BE HELD AT ZEARING PARK. All Princeton Elementary School grounds (Douglas, Jefferson, Logan, Lincoln and Washington) are available for practices. If you choose to practice at another location, PYSL will need a written consent letter from the property owner stating it has been approved.

Before **ANY** child is allowed to practice, a signed medical waiver and an eyeglass/medical apparatus form (if applicable) **MUST** be filled out. The purpose of the medical waiver form is to authorize the coach or league officials to seek medical treatment if the player's parent/guardian is not present to make that decision. **Both forms need to be carried by the coach to all practices and turned in to the referees at the first game.**

If you have a player that drops off of your team, please notify Jeremy Whitfield @ 815-866-7966. There may be a waiting list of players.

NUMBER OF PLAYERS AND BALL SIZE

Pre-Kindergarten Co-ed:

Number of players will vary due to number on team. Ball size 3

****** Maximum players for this age group – 5 per field ******

There will be a mandatory evening up at the beginning and throughout the entire game. If a team is short players, they will borrow from the opposite team **ONLY**. Each team is entitled to have one substitute **ONLY** if the maximum players have been reached. A coach may waive the right to have a sub. This is recreational soccer and if a player is absent for other activities the team is not to suffer and the player is not to be penalized.

This is NOT up for discussion!!

UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

All players must wear the **PROPER** color jersey, shorts, and socks, **which are league issued by PYSL**. Shin guards are also **REQUIRED**. The jersey must be worn on the outside of any other garments. Jerseys must remain tucked in at all times. Shin guards are to be worn next to the skin with the socks completely over them.

Soccer shoes (No metal spikes) are recommended but not required. Gym shoes are required. Only soft headwear is allowed. Glasses will **ONLY** be permitted with a signed eyeglass waiver on file by the parent/guardian. The PYSL Board would prefer the child **NOT** wear glasses.

The following items will **NOT** be allowed on the field during play (practices or games):

- jewelry of any kind
- hard hair accessories
- wrist bands of any kind
- gum
- jeans
- jean/carpenter shorts
- tear-away pant
- casts of any kind

A pre-game check of uniform and jewelry compliance is to be done by the referees. If a player is not in compliance, that player will not be allowed to enter the field until such time as the offense has been rectified and okayed by the referee. **PLEASE NOTE...THE ABOVE RULE APPLIES TO PRACTICES AS WELL!!!**

RULES AND INFORMATION

Pre-Kindergarten Co-ed:

4 quarters in the game, each consisting of 5 minutes.

(NO GOALKEEPER-KICK IN'S NOT THROW IN'S)

SLIDE TACKLES ARE STRICTLY FORBIDDEN AT THESE GRADE LEVELS!

Coaches and/or players are subject to removal from the PYSL program for violation of this rule. Stoppage of play for injury is mandatory. If a player is injured with evidence of bleeding, the player is to be treated and removed from the game. Any soiled jersey/equipment **MUST** be removed and replaced prior to re-entering the game. That player may be substituted back in at the next legal substitution. Coaches need to instruct the players that if he/she is hurt, they need to stay down on the ground. If the

player is up and attempting to play, the referee will assume the player is all right and play will continue.

Coaches will be provided with a first aid kit to carry at all practices and games. Injuries to any player that requires medical treatment must be reported to the President or Director on the same day of the occurrence.

If a player needs to tie his/her shoes, they must go to the edge of the field and tie them.

There is **NO** scorekeeping at this grade level! Therefore, there will be **NO** forfeits. The intent is to develop interest in the sport of soccer. Thus, rule enforcement is more relaxed. All other fouls, such as pushing, tripping, hand balls, dangerous play, etc. are to result in the stoppage of play and an INDIRECT kick is awarded to the team that is fouled. There are no direct kicks or penalty kicks at this grade level.

PLAYING TIME

EQUAL TIME FOR ALL PLAYERS! This means that every player will sit out the same amount of time. This may take several games.

The coach is required to ensure all players have equal playing time. The PYSL Board expects all coaches to abide by this rule. Any coach not following this rule may be subject to removal from the league. The PYSL Board will be reviewing games and may ask at any time to review your roster.

Coaches in this grade level are expected to rotate players in ALL positions of the field. This is intended to familiarize players with all positions of the field.

CONDUCT

Coaches, players, spectators and referees are expected to conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner at **ALL** times.

Teams are to occupy the same designated side of the field while spectators will be on the opposite side.

Coaches are responsible for his/her spectators. A referee may ask a coach to speak to a spectator or ask the spectator to leave. A referee may suspend the game if the spectator does not cooperate.

At the end of the game, every team player will shake hands in a sportsmanlike manner.

A complaint about a referee should be made to the Director or the President of the league.

There will always be at least 1 board member present at Zearing Park during every game, for any questions. If a coach needs an explanation of a call, they may ask at the end of each quarter or the end of the game and only in a **PROFESSIONAL MANNER**. **Remember that we are setting an example for the players with our behavior.**

Players demonstrating continued or excessive physical play or unsportsmanlike behavior will be removed from the game.

SCHEDULING

Games may be canceled due to inclement weather at the discretion of the PYSL Director, President or Vice-President. Cancellations will be announced using The Stack Team App as a primary means of communication and also on our website at www.pyslsoccer.com. No play will be permitted if lightning or the threat of severe weather exists. If you are not signed up for The Stack Team App see Jeremy for details.

No schedule switching will be allowed without proper knowledge and approval. If there is a problem, contact the President.

Coaches are also asked to report any other matters that could jeopardize the integrity of our league.

DISCLOSURE

The PYSL Board has the right to approve, refuse, or remove any person who participates in PYSL in any capacity, including but not limited to, referees, coaches, and assistant coaches.

These guidelines have been reviewed and approved by the Princeton Youth Soccer League Board. Any questions may be directed to the PYSL Board.