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* The official FIFA Rules of Soccer are in effect for all City of Statesville Recreation & Economic Vitality Department Youth Soccer Games. Rules detailed herein are exceptions to FIFA rules.

RULES & REGULATIONS

Organizational Structure

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Athletic Director for the City of Statesville Recreation and Economic Vitality Department, hereafter known as SREV, shall be the Executive Director of the City of Statesville Recreation and Economic Vitality Youth Soccer Program, hereafter known as REVYS. His duties shall be to organize, supervise, administrate, and schedule all games. The Executive Director may also add a new rule or policy at any time if it is deemed in the best interest of the REVYS Program.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board will consist of one (1) member from each community in the City of Statesville that operates a youth soccer program. This member shall be selected by the members of the HUB organization. This person will hereafter be known as the "coordinator" of that HUB. Each board member shall have one (1) vote if his/her HUB. There must be at least four (4) directors present at any given meeting before any official action may be taken.

DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. Aid the Executive Director in decisions when necessary.
2. Bring the complaints and input from their HUBs to the board meetings.
3. Aid in making rule additions and deletions as necessary.

DUTIES OF THE COORDINATORS

1. Register and assign all participants to teams in their HUBs and turn the information into the SRPD on or before the registration deadline.
2. Notify the teams within their HUBs of schedule and additions or deletions as necessary.
3. Obtain coaches for teams within their HUB.
4. Submit Excel rosters and any changes to the SRPD. Players may be added to a team roster prior to the assigned deadline.
5. Administer and follow through on penalties to coaches, players, or spectators who violate any portion of the rules.
6. To select a representative to replace him/her at the board meetings in his/her absence. This substitute will retain the voting privilege the coordinator had.
7. Order uniforms for all your participants.
8. Fill out the necessary forms to reserve the school facility for team practices.
9. To act as a liaison between the SRPD, coaches, and parents.
10. To see that the proper forms are filled out for each participant.

DUTIES OF THE CITY OF STATESVILLE RECREATION AND ECONOMIC VITALITY DEPARTMENT

1. To arrange the use of the fields at the Statesville Soccer Complex for all games.
2. Purchase of marking field paint for game locations.
3. Will schedule all regular season, tournament, and make-up games.
4. To book referees for each match.
6. Will submit all forms and rosters to NCYSA and act as a liaison from NCYSA to the community.

PARTICIPATION AND SCHEDULING

Each team in the SRPD must be entered as a separate and complete unit. **SRPD does not allow dual rostering.** No club players are allowed to play in the SRPD league. The SRPD will schedule games at locations and times necessary to complete the schedule. **No schedule will be changed after the schedule is completed by the SRPD. If a team does not have enough players, they may move up only enough players to field a team from a younger division from within their community.**

DUTIES OF TEAMS OR COMMUNITIES

Each community/team must furnish its practice balls, goals, nets, first aid kits, corner flags, uniforms, and methods of marking the practice fields.

Games Personnel

PLAYERS

Players are required to sign up with birth certificates to identify age categories (See Appendix A). No player may remain in a lower division or move to a higher division without the permission of SREV. Players are expected to be at all team practices and games. The penalty for playing an illegal player will be forfeiture of any games played with an illegal player.

COACHES

Head coaches must be 18 years of age or older. Younger coaches may assist an adult coach, with prior approval from SREV. A maximum of three (3) coaches are allowed in a coaching capacity for the duration of the game. At least one coach must be present for the game.

Coaches are required to always wear their coaching ID visible while on the field. *Exception:* if the coach forgets his/her ID on game day, they are allowed to coach if they are listed on the official laminated SREV-stamped game roster that is produced to the referees by the team to start the game. No one else is allowed on the field to coach.

Coaching positions will be enforced! No coach is permitted to cross the midfield point. All divisions, U12, U10, U8, and U6 coaching staff may move from the top of the penalty box to the bottom of the midfield circle on their team's side of the field.

Any coach on the field before, during, or after his or her game, whether his/her team is playing or not, shall refrain from calling opposing players, coaches, or referees by name or title, or by using language threatening in nature, either physically or mentally. The penalty shall be immediate removal from the field and suspension for one or more games. Coaches at games and practices shall not be under the influence of drugs or alcohol, nor have them in their possession. The penalty shall be automatic expulsion for the remainder of the season.

Coaches are not permitted to enter the playing field at any time unless summoned by the referee. **U6 may have one coach on the field during play.**

Coaches must take any complaints to their area coordinator, who will notify the SREV.

All coaches must complete an SREV coaching application, NCYSA online risk management training, CDC concussion training, sexual abuse prevention training, and SRPD coaches' code of conduct before the beginning of the practice. If a team does not have a coach who has completed these coaching documents, that team will not be allowed to practice or play any games and will be charged with a forfeit for any scheduled games until completion.

SPECTATORS

All spectators must sit across from their team's benches on the other side of the field. No spectator shall be allowed behind the goal line or closer to the field than (5) five yards or (15) fifteen feet on any side.

No spectator shall interfere with or disrupt the progress or spirit of any game. If spectators disrupt the game or harass the referee, the referee may halt the game, postpone it, or terminate the game. (See Code of Conduct)

Area Served

GEOGRAPHICAL AREA

1. SREV shall serve the communities by using school boundaries of Central HUB: ARS and NB Mills; East HUB: Cloverleaf, East, and Third Creek; North HUB: Central, Cool Springs, Harmony, and Union Grove; South HUB: Troutman & Shepherds, West HUB: Celeste, Scotts, and Sharon.
2. Participants and guardians may choose to play with any of the above communities, if it is either the community the participant lives in or the school district they attend. No communities are allowed to recruit.

The Game

THE UNIFORM

If team colors are similar, it will be the duty of the home team to make the necessary changes. No clothing may extend below the waistline of shorts except for cold-weather clothing of similar color. *No jewelry, hats, visors, ponytail holders with hard molded decorations, or sunglasses are permitted.* Exceptions: prescription glasses, protective headgear, or goalkeeper hats without hard surfaces. Referees in charge may request the removal of any item that may be deemed dangerous. The jersey of the goalkeeper shall be distinctly different from that of any team member, opponent, or official.

Size-appropriate shin guards are mandatory for all players, and no exceptions will be permitted. Shin guards must cover the whole shin and be completely covered by the sock. Soccer cleats or tennis shoes may be worn; no baseball or football cleats (toe cleats) shall be permitted.

AT THE START OF PLAY

Lil Kickers and U6 teams' games will start at the scheduled game time with a whistle from the home team coach. If teams show up late, no time will be made up, and players will start playing in the current game time (quarter or half).

U8-U14 teams' start of play shall take place within (10) ten minutes of the scheduled starting time. A team not prepared to play shall forfeit the game. The referee's watch is official.

Coaches must supply the official SREV-stamped roster before game time to the referee or field marshal for player inspections before the start of play.

DURATION OF GAMES & BALL SIZES

The game ball shall be furnished by the home team listed on the schedule. The following will be used in the various age divisions. Ball sizes are also listed below:

Age Division	Minutes/Half	Half Times & Breaks	Ball Sizes
U14	30 Minutes	5 Minutes	5
U12	30 Minutes	5 Minutes	4
U10	25 Minutes	5 Minutes	4
Lil Kickers, U6, & U8	4/10 Minute Quarters	2 Minutes between quarters/5 Minute halftime	3

All games shall have a maximum of five (5) minutes at halftime and two (2) minutes between quarters. If

the games are behind schedule; this time may be shortened by the official. Games may be started ahead of schedule with the consent of both head coaches. In the event the games are behind schedule, the next scheduled game will begin immediately after the previous game is completed.

PRACTICES

Total practice time will be limited to four and one-half (4 1/2) hours per week, per team, before the start of the season and three (3) hours per week, per team, after the beginning of the season. Practices may not begin before the pre-arranged date, provided all the registration materials are turned in to the SREV. Penalties for practicing too much, too early, or without proper forms turned into the SREV shall be a game forfeiture.

TEAMS

The teams shall be comprised of boys and/or girls within the age category of the division in which they play. The following will be used in the various age divisions listed below:

Age Division	Playing Numbers	Min Starting Number	Blowout Rule Min Player	Goalkeeper	Offside
U14	8 v 8	6	X	Yes	No
U12	8 v 8	6	X	Yes	No
U10	7 v 7	5	X	Yes	No
U8	6 v 6	Divide*	X	Yes	No
U6	6 v 6	Divide*	X	Yes	No
Lil Kickers	5 v 5	Divide*	X	No	No

*Divide: NO minimum player size is required to begin and play because it is the recommendation of USYSA to divide (mix) the players, from both teams, that are present and PLAY!

THE FIELD

All fields must be rectangular. The length of the touchline must be greater than the length of the goal line.

Age Division	Length	Width	Maximum Roster
U14	70 yards	50 yards	16
U12	70 yards	50 yards	16
U10	60 yards	40 yards	14
U8	45 yards	30 yards	12
U6	45 yards	30 yards	12
Lil Kickers	40 yards	20 yards	10

MODIFIED RULES (Lil Kickers, U6, & U8 ONLY)

Lil Kickers league will play modified soccer rules. The field shall be downsized to 40 yards x 20 yards. The goal used will be a 4'x 6'. Lil Kickers will play five (5) players verses. five (5) players, without a goalkeeper. Both Lil Kicker teams will have a coach on the field that will act as an official for the game.

The U6 and U8 leagues will play modified soccer rules. The field shall be downsized to 45 yards x 30 yards. The goals will be recommended 5' x 10' with a maximum size of 7' x 12'. U6 teams shall play six (6) players versus six (6) players, one of whom is a goalkeeper; U6 may have one coach on the field of play. Modified rules recommend that the goalkeeper position not be the responsibility of just one player, but for all team members to take turns playing this position.

No offside will be called, and all penalties and fouls will result in indirect kicks. No direct kicks or penalty kicks are allowed in U6 and U8. Any infractions called by the referee will be briefly explained to the offending player. **In U6, a second throw-in must be allowed if the player commits a foul on an initial attempt.** The coach will briefly explain the proper method before allowing the player to re-throw. U6 and U8 during a goal kick, the attacking team must return to midfield until the ball is kicked back into play.

MODIFIED RULES (U10 , U12, & U14 ONLY)

No offsides will be called due to the use of one official. **Cherry picking is unacceptable and will be called at the official's discretion.**

NCYSA HEADING POLICY

No heading is allowed in any Lil Kickers, U6, U8, U10, U12, or U14 match/game.

PARTICIPATION

It is **REQUIRED** that each player in Lil Kickers, U6 and U8 plays at least one-half of every game. U10 players are required to play at least 8 minutes in each half, while U12 and U14 players must play at least 10 minutes in each half. A coach caught for not playing each player a full half will be suspended for one match. **The team will forfeit the match.** *Exceptions:(1) If a coach has a written note stating the player will not be able to attend due to a blank reason and signed and dated the form or a player is concussed or (2) If the blowout rule is not in effect, all players must play equal time, but it may not equal half the game.*

UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT

Any player or coach who is suspended from the game by the referee will remain inactive for the next game. Inactive is defined as having no contact in a coaching capacity with the team. This is to be understood as any means of communication. A suspended coach must leave the playing area before the game can be resumed. A coach who has been suspended may not participate in the following week's practices.

Referees will report cards and suspensions to the SRPD, who will, in turn, notify the coordinator and coach of the team about the suspension.

If a head coach is ejected from a game due to unsportsmanlike conduct, one of the assistant coaches must take over as head coach. In the event that no other coach named on the official team roster is available to take over as head coach, the game will be terminated by the referee.

Yelling of any type, by any player, is to be considered unsportsmanlike conduct and shall be treated as such.

SPONSORS

Teams in local leagues may be sponsored by those organizations or businesses whose activities or products are not detrimental to the welfare of the communities' youth. The sponsor's fee shall be payable to the local team(s). If the sponsor wishes, he/she may have the name of his/her business printed on the team's uniforms,pring and the team shall be called by that name for the season. A sponsor may coach a team. The sponsor is not allowed to hire a manager or coach of the team he/she is sponsoring.

PROTESTS

The only legal protest is one that involved violations of the playing rules. SREV will not allow protests on a judgment call. The protesting coach shall submit a written report detailing the protest to the SRPD within 48 hours after the completion of the match. A \$25.00 protest fee must accompany the protest for it to be considered. If the protest is denied, the fee will not be refunded. If the protest is upheld, the protest fee will be refunded. The Executive Director will submit the protest to three (3) officials employed by the SREV who did not officiate the match. The decision made regarding the protest will be a vote to uphold or deny the protest. Their decision is final. No appeal may be made.

HARASSMENT OF THE GOALKEEPER

When the goalkeeper has taken possession, within his/her penalty area (i.e., has one hand on the ball), he/she must be permitted to make his/her play. The defensive team must give the goalie 10 yards. Anyone disregarding these rules will be charged with unsportsmanlike conduct & subject to the penalty of such.

INCLEMENT WEATHER/ MAKEUP POLICY

In case of inclement weather, the SREV may cancel games from their office by 4:00 PM on the Friday before the Saturday games or Saturday mornings, 1 hour & 15 minutes before the beginning of the first game of the day.

Games stopped before the end of the first half will be rescheduled. If a game is stopped at half-time or during the second half, it will be considered a full game and will not be rescheduled. Games will only be canceled & rescheduled by SRPD in case of inclement weather. Cancellations made by coaches and coordinators will not be made up and result in a forfeiture.

SUBSTITUTIONS

Players may be substituted (1) after a score, (2) between quarters or at half time, (3) during their throw-in or if the other team subs during their throw-in, (4) when a yellow card is issued, (5) for an injured player, or (6) for a goal kick. Substitutions must be made at the midfield line.

TIE GAMES

If at the end of the regular game time the game score is tied, the official score will remain a tie. There will be no shootouts or overtime play in regular-season play.

APPENDIX A: City of Statesville Fall 2023/Spring 2024 Soccer Birth Chart

Month	Year		Month	Year	
January	2012	←	January	2017	U10
February	2012		February	2017	
March	2012		March	2017	
April	2012		April	2017	
May	2012		May	2017	
June	2012		June	2017	
July	2012		July	2017	
August	2012		August	2017	
September	2012		September	2017	
October	2012		October	2017	
November	2012		November	2017	
December	2012		December	2017	
January	2013	←	January	2018	U14
February	2013		February	2018	
March	2013		March	2018	
April	2013		April	2018	
May	2013		May	2018	
June	2013		June	2018	
July	2013		July	2018	
August	2013		August	2018	
September	2013		September	2018	
October	2013		October	2018	
November	2013		November	2018	
December	2013		December	2018	
January	2014	←	January	2019	U8
February	2014		February	2019	
March	2014		March	2019	
April	2014		April	2019	
May	2014		May	2019	
June	2014		June	2019	
July	2014		July	2019	
August	2014		August	2019	
September	2014		September	2019	
October	2014		October	2019	
November	2014		November	2019	
December	2014		December	2019	
January	2015	←	January	2020	U12
February	2015		February	2020	
March	2015		March	2020	
April	2015		April	2020	
May	2015		May	2020	
June	2015		June	2020	
July	2015		July	2020	
August	2015		August	2020	
September	2015		September	2020	
October	2015		October	2020	
November	2015		November	2020	
December	2015		December	2020	
January	2016	←	January	2021	U10
February	2016		February	2021	
March	2016		March	2021	
April	2016		April	2021	
May	2016		May	2021	
June	2016		June	2021	
July	2016		July	2021	
August	2016		August	2021	
September	2016		September	2021	
October	2016		October	2021	
November	2016		November	2021	
December	2016		December	2021	
					U6

City of Statesville Recreation & Economic Vitality Department (SREV)
APPENDIX B: Code of Conduct for Athletic Events

- I. SREV supports youth sports activities that are governed by a strong sense of individual and team sportsmanship. Opponents are to be treated with respect, regardless of their level of skill, race, creed, sex, or national origin. The rules of the game are to be followed. Violent and/or dangerous conduct will not be tolerated by any coaches, players, or spectators.
- II. The following represents conduct that will **NOT** be permitted:
1. Vulgarity by coaches, players, or spectators directed toward anyone.
 2. Harassment of referees, coaches, or players by anyone.
 3. Debasing of referees, coaches, or players by anyone.
 4. Physical violence or threat of violence directed toward anyone or encouraged by anyone.
 5. When a player, coach, manager, spectator, or club official assaults a referee or anyone, when such assault amounts to physical violence, such assault shall automatically suspend the offender for a period of 1 year from the time of the assault.
 6. The use of tobacco in any form by players or coaches in the playing area.
 7. Arguing with an official on a judgment call.
 8. Entrance onto the field of play without permission from the official in charge.
 9. The possession of drugs, alcohol, or anyone under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
 10. Players, coaches, spectators, and league officials are prohibited from approaching a game official in an unsportsmanlike manner before, during, or after a game.
 11. Participation in a fight.
 12. Assault of referees, coaches, league officials, players, spectators.

Non-compliance with these rules will mean suspension from coaching, officiating, or attending games for the season or for one year, depending on the nature of the occurrence.

III. **Support of the Officials**

SREV has acted in support of good conduct and sportsmanship. The referees or other game or league officials are expected to use their authority to maintain acceptable conduct on the field as well as off the field during any sports function.

IV. **Coach, Official, and Spectator Relationship**

Coaches cannot continuously attend to the spectators, but they are ultimately responsible for their team's part of the spectators. If a spectator engages in such conduct that the referee considers corrective action necessary, the referee will explain the situation to one or both coaches, as necessary. When a referee or league official speaks to a coach, it immediately becomes the coach's responsibility to correct the situation. If the coach does not or cannot correct the situation, the game may be terminated.

V. **Promoting Good Conduct**

1. **The Coach** - The behavior of the coach is the most important guide for player and spectator behavior. The coach can exert strong player and spectator control by the example he/she sets and by a few words of caution directed to the appropriate place when necessary. Any coach on the field before, during, or after his/her game, whether his/her team is playing, will refrain from calling opposing players, coaches, or officials by name or title or using language threatening in nature, either physically or mentally. Penalty shall be immediate removal from the field and possible suspension for one or more games, depending on the nature of the occurrence.
2. **Movement of Coaches** - No coach is permitted in the opposing "team area" during games. Coaches must remain in their designated half of the field and shall be permitted to coach his/her team only. A coach who has been asked to leave the premises or has been ejected from a game must leave the ball field. He/she may not go to the stands or parking lot. Ejection from any game will carry a suspension from the next week's practices and the next game. If a coach is ejected and no assistant coach is available, as named on the official roster, the game will be terminated. Coaches not leaving the site, after ejection, may be arrested for trespassing and suspended for 1 year from the date of the infraction.
3. **Location of Spectators** - Spectators should remain in the area designated for spectators. Prohibited locations for spectators are the same as for coaches above. Spectators disrupting the spirit of the game may be asked by a league official or referee to return to their seating or leave the area, depending upon the nature of the disturbance. Spectators not leaving the premises as asked may be arrested for trespassing and banned from attending any SRPD sports activities for one year from the date of the infraction.
4. **Location of Teams** - Teams should locate themselves in designated areas. No players should leave the team area without permission during a game. No player or coach shall wander into the "opposing team's area." Spectators should remain in the designated seating area and not be near the team area.

- VI. **Violent or Rowdy Behavior** - Violent play, rowdy behavior, physical or verbal assaults, and similar behavior will not be condoned and will be dealt with accordingly. Suspensions, periods of probation, or team dissolution may result from prohibited conduct. Any member of any team in the SREV sports program can be penalized for unsportsmanlike behavior. This includes coach, player, official, elected official, spectators, referee, or any member of the Board of Directors.

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APPENDIX C: COMMUNICABLE DISEASE PROCEDURES

While the risk of one athlete infecting another with HIV/AIDS during competition is close to non-existent, there is a remote risk that other blood-borne infectious diseases can be transmitted. For example, Hepatitis B can be present in blood as well as in other body fluids. Procedures for reducing the potential for transmission of these infectious agents should include, but not be limited to, the following:

1. The bleeding must be stopped, the open wound covered, and if there is an excessive amount of blood on the uniform, it must be changed before the athlete may participate.
2. Routine use of gloves or other precautions to prevent skin and mucous-membrane exposure when contact with blood or other body fluids is anticipated.
3. Immediately wash hands and other skin surfaces if contaminated (in contact) with blood or other body fluids. Wash your hands immediately after removing gloves.
4. Clean all blood-contaminated surfaces and equipment with a solution made from a proper dilution of household bleach (CDC recommends 1-100) or other disinfectants before competition resumes.
5. Practice proper disposal procedures to prevent injuries caused by needles, scalpels, and other sharp instruments or devices.
6. Although saliva has not been implicated in HIV transmission, to minimize the need for emergency mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, mouthpieces, resuscitation bags, or other ventilation devices should be available for use.
7. Athletic trainers/coaches with bleeding or oozing skin conditions should refrain from all direct athletic care until the condition resolves.
8. Contaminated towels should be properly disposed of/disinfected.
9. Follow acceptable guidelines in the immediate control of bleeding and when handling bloody dressings, mouth guards, and other articles containing body fluids.

*Referees will enforce rule #1. No player will be permitted to play with an open or bleeding wound. SREV suggests that you follow all the guidelines.