
Georgetown-Scott County Youth Soccer Association (GSCYSA)

General Rules

These General Rules are intended to provide a uniform set of guidelines for governing player eligibility and registration, team formation and player assignment, intra-association playing rules, and standards of sportsmanship and conduct for use by all members of the Georgetown Scott Co. Youths Soccer Association. The rules contained herein shall govern all coaches, players, Referees, officials, divisions, age groups and leagues within GSCYSA. Unless otherwise stated the rules apply uniformly to all players, teams and leagues.

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1. Rule 1 – Organization Control

1.1. Seasonal Year/Playing Seasons

The seasonal year for GSCYSA teams shall be from August 1 through July 31 and there shall be two (2) playing seasons during the seasonal year.

- Fall – August- November (approximate)
- Spring – March - June (approximate)

1.2. Age Groups

Leagues shall be comprised of Age Groups and Levels of Play as follows:

League Level of Play Age Groups

- Under 6 League Recreational Under 6
- Training League Recreational Under 8
- Junior League Recreational Under 10
- Senior League Recreational Under 12, 14
- Varsity League Recreational Under 16
- Select League Select Under 11 and above

1.2.1. Age Classifications

1.2.1.1. Age classifications for the Fall season will be determined by the player's actual age on July 31 immediately prior to the season for which player assignments are being made. (E.g., for the Fall 2002 season, a player born on 8/1/92 will be considered to be ten (10) years old and a player born on 7/31/92 will be considered to be eleven (11) years old.

1.2.1.2. Players eligible to play in an Age Group during the Fall season will remain eligible to play in the same Age Group during the following Spring season and will not be moved up in age classification during the Spring season, except as set forth in GSCYSA RULE 2-4.3.

1.2.1.3. All players registering in GSCYSA for the first time must provide proof of age (1) at the time of their initial registration; (2) prior to their participation on a Competitive team; and (3) upon request from the GSCYSA Registrar, the League Coordinator or any other GSCYSA official.

1.3. Levels of Play

There shall be two levels of play within GSCYSA as follows:

1.3.1. Recreational

Recreational play shall be offered to all the youth of Scott County and surrounding counties to promote the growth of and appreciation for the game of Soccer. Recreational play will be open to all youth who:

1. Meet the age requirements of GSCYSA RULE 1.2.0; and
2. Have complied with the existing registration requirements or had said requirements waived by action of the Board of Directors of GSCYSA; and
3. Whose parent or guardian has agreed to comply with all GSCYSA rules and policies by signing and submitting to the GSCYSA Registrar a registration form for the season in which the player wishes to participate. Participation in Recreational play shall not be restricted in any way by the ability of the player. Nor may the ability of the player be considered in the formation of teams.

1.3.2. Competitive

Competitive play shall be offered as a complement to the GSCYSA Recreational program as an opportunity for players with the desire, ability and/or potential to develop above-average soccer skills to compete with and against other players with similar interests. Participation in Competitive play is restricted to those players who are selected through the tryout process as defined in GSCYSA Rule 2.5.0.

1.4. League Officers

The executive board of directors shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The remainder of the board shall consist of Referee Coordinator, Registrar, League Coordinators, Trophy/Picture Coordinator, Uniform Coordinator and up to 10 at large members. All members will be elected for one year terms at an annual meeting to be held in the spring.

1.4.1. Restrictions

The President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer can be a coach or assistant coach while serving on the Executive Board of Directors. Any coach serving on the board is prohibited from voting on protests relating to the league that are coaching.

1.4.2. Vacancies

A vacancy occurring in any office shall be filled for the unexpired term by a person elected by a majority vote of the Executive Board of Directors. In case of a vacancy of the president, the vice president shall serve until a president has been elected by general election.

1.4.3. Duties of the Officers

- ☑ **President** – The President shall reside at all meetings of the association and of the Executive Board of Directors; shall perform other duties as prescribed in the bylaws or assigned by the association or by the Executive Board of Directors; and shall coordinate the work of officers and committees of the association in order that the objectives may be promoted.
- ☑ **Vice President** – The Vice President shall act as an aide to the president and shall perform the duties of the president in the absence or disability of the president.
- ☑ **Secretary** – The secretary shall record the minutes of all meetings of the Executive Board of Directors and of the association and shall perform other duties assigned.
- ☑ **Treasurer** – The treasurer shall have custody of all the funds of the association; shall keep a full and accurate account of receipts and expenditures, and in accordance with the budget adopted by the association, shall make disbursements as authorized by the president, Executive Board of Directors or association. The treasurer shall present a financial statement at every meeting of the association and shall make a full report at the meeting which new officers assume their duties. The treasurer's accounts are subject to audit by an auditor or an auditing committee.
- ☑ **League Coordinators** – The league coordinators shall be responsible for the operation of their respective leagues during the season. They will coordinate fund-raising activities and will oversee the registration, draft and/or placement of players on their teams. They will relay information from the Executive Board of Directors to their respective coaches relative to game cancellations and other duties as performed by the Executive Board of Directors.
- ☑ **Referee Assignor** – The referee coordinator shall schedule referees for all games. Referees must be certified prior to the start of league play. The referee coordinator will ensure that referees are properly attired and represent the best interests of the game of soccer and the youth participants.
- ☑ **Uniform Coordinator** – The uniform coordinator shall be responsible for obtaining and distributing all uniforms for all leagues. It is the uniform coordinator's responsibility to get bids on the uniforms and present the bids to the board for approval before purchasing.

- ☑ **Field Coordinator** – The field coordinator is responsible for the all fields used during league play. He/she will also work with the Parks & Recreation to make sure the fields are setup at the beginning of each season and are kept up during the season of play.
- ☑ **Trophy/Picture Coordinator** – The trophy/picture coordinator shall be responsible for setting up pictures during the fall season and procuring trophies and distributing them to the leagues coordinators at the conclusion of the spring season.
- ☑ **Registrar** – The registrar shall be responsible for collecting registration forms, separating forms by age groups, making copies of registration forms for distribution to league coordinators and giving checks to the treasurer in a timely fashion.
- ☑ **Other Officers** – All officers shall perform the duties prescribed by the bylaws and those assigned from time to time. At the end of their term, surrender materials to their successor which are vital for successful completion of the job.

1.4.4.Special Committees

The president or Executive Board of Directors shall approve committees as needed. The committees shall be nominated by the president and approved by the Executive Board of Directors. The president shall be a member ex-officio of all special committees.

2. Rule 2 – Registration of Players

2.1. Registration of Players

GSCYSA will plan and conduct player registration prior to each season, and will establish the dates for closing of registration.

2.2. Formation of Teams

2.2.1. Recreational Teams

- Mixed (boys and girls) teams and All Girls teams shall be formed on a (2) year age grouping in all Age Groups, except Under 6, as defined in GSCYSA RULE 1-2.0 where sufficient players register to form four (4) or more teams for intra-association play or to form one (1) or more team(s) for external league play. The number of teams to be formed in each age group shall be determined by the appropriate League Coordinator.

2.2.2. Competitive Teams

- Competitive teams may be formed, subject to the approval of the GSCYSA Board on a single birth year basis, beginning at age nine (9). Competitive teams may be formed, subject to the approval of the GSCYSA Board, on a two (2) year age grouping in cases where the number of registered players in the two-year Age Group is not sufficient to support two (2) single birth year Competitive teams. Competitive teams may be formed as either Mixed or All Girls. Competitive teams shall be formed prior to the formation of Recreational teams for the Fall Season and shall not be reformed in the Spring, except for teams in the Under 16 and Under 19 Age Groups, if such teams were not formed in the Fall.

2.3. Recreational Player Assignment

Players will be assigned to teams by the League Coordinator(s) in the following manner:

2.4.1 Returning players (those who played in GSCYSA during the immediately preceding season and who registered prior to the close of registration for the next scheduled season) will be reassigned to the team on which they played during the immediately preceding season, if the age limit as defined in GSCYSA RULE 1-2.0 has not been exceeded, unless the player's parent or guardian requests a team change. Players requesting a team change will be placed in "open" registration and assigned as set forth in GSCYSA RULE 2-4.5.

2.4.2 Players not returning to the same team, those moving up in age classification and those registering after the close of registration for the next scheduled season will be placed in "open" registration and assigned as set forth in GSCYSA RULE 2-4.5.

2.4.3 Players will be automatically moved up to the next Age Group on the basis of birth year only as defined in GSCYSA RULE 1-2.0, except that a parent or guardian may request that a child seven (7) years of age or older be moved up to the next Age Group if the child's birth year is within one (1) year of qualifying for the next Age Group, and a sibling plays in the next Age Group on the team for which the child will play. The GSCYSA Board of Directors may approve other exceptions to this rule upon showing of a compelling need and consent of the coach of the team to which the player will be assigned.

2.4.4 Creation of single birth-year teams is not permitted. An attempt should be made to ensure that not more than two-thirds (2/3) of the players assigned to a team may have the same birth-year.

2.4.5 Players in "open" registration will be assigned to teams without regard to the ability of the player. Players may, except for those in the Under 19 Age Group, be assigned to teams on the basis of geographic location of residence provided such assignment is otherwise, random in nature whenever possible to do so, with consideration being given in team assignment to the distribution of ages and sexes on each team.

2.4.6 Tryouts are not permitted as a part of the player assignment process and recruitment of players currently assigned to a GSCYSA team by Recreational coaches is prohibited. Violation of this rule may result in the dismissal of the coach or other disciplinary action deemed appropriate by the GSCYSA Board members.

2.4.7 Children of a head coach shall be assigned to that coach's team (unless the Coach requests otherwise) regardless of the method of team formation or geographic location of residence and may be moved up in age classification and assigned to the team coached by their parent if their birth year is within one year of qualifying for that Age Group.

2.4.8 Special requests which do not conform with these team formation guidelines must have the approval of the GSCYSA Pres / Vice Pres., League Coordinator, and Coach involved and are only to be granted for serious reasons.

2.4. Competitive Team Players Selection

2.5.1 All players seeking assignment to a Competitive team, including those who played for a Competitive team during the immediately preceding season, must participate in Competitive Team tryouts.

2.5.2 All players must be properly registered with GSCYSA or have a signed waiver of liability to be eligible to participate in Competitive team tryouts.

2.5.3 The League Coordinators assisted by the Competitive Coaching Staff and such other persons as he/she may designate, shall establish the date(s) and format of the tryouts and ensure a fair and equitable method of player evaluation and selection.

2.5.4 Open tryouts will be conducted for interested eligible players a minimum of three (3) weeks prior to the initiation of the Recreational team formation process for the next scheduled season.

2.5.5 With the approval of the League Coordinator, players who did not participate in the scheduled tryouts may be evaluated for possible assignment to a Competitive team provided the player meets the requirements of GSCYSA RULE 2.5.2 and the evaluation and selection is done in essentially the same manner as that of the scheduled tryouts.

2.5.6 Players participating on Competitive teams may not participate in Recreational play during the same season. If a player wishes to return to Recreational team in the following season (i.e. spring after playing Competitive in the fall) they may do so according to law 2.5.3.

2.5. Transfers and Players not Assigned to Competitive Teams

2.5.1 Players participating in Competitive team tryouts who are not assigned to a Competitive team will be assigned to a Recreational team by the appropriate League Coordinator as described in GSCYSA RULE 2-4.0.

2.5.2 Players not assigned to a Competitive team are to be notified promptly with a personal contact. Each such player shall receive positive feedback on his/her evaluation as well as suggestions for improvement.

2.5.3 Players assigned to a Competitive team who wish to return to Recreational play may do so by indicating this desire during the registration period prior to the start of the next scheduled Recreational season.

2.5.4 Players who transfer from Competitive to Recreational play will be placed in "open" registration and assigned as set forth in GSCYSA RULE 2-4.5.

2.6. Number of Players

2.6.1 The number of players initially assigned to a team roster shall not be fewer than twelve (12) for regular Recreational teams, one plus the number of field players for small-sided

teams and fifteen (15) for Competitive teams, unless a smaller number is agreed upon by the GSCYSA Board and the Coach.

2.6.2 The number of players assigned to a team roster shall not exceed eighteen (18) for regular teams, or 10 for Under 6 teams, 13 for Under 8 teams and 12 for Under 10 teams, unless a larger number is agreed upon by the League Coordinator, the GSCYSA pres / vice pres and the Coach.

2.6.3 Recreational coaches will be required to accept players from the Waiting List if the number of assigned players drops below fifteen (15) for a regular team or three (3) plus the number of field players for a small-sided team.

2.6.4 Recreational coaches will not be required to accept players from the Waiting List after the first scheduled play date regardless of roster size, but may do so.

2.7. Adding and Dropping Players

2.7.1 All additional players or replacements for dropped players must be assigned by the League Coordinator.

2.7.2 Coaches shall report all roster reductions (player withdrawals, drops, etc.) within 48 hours of receiving notification of the reduction to the League Coordinator. PENALTY: Disciplinary action, which may include forfeiture of one or more games, shall be determined by the GSCYSA Board under the provisions of GSCYSA RULE 10 - APPEALS AND PROTESTS.

2.8. Refunds

Once a uniform has been ordered for a player, no refund of the player's registration fee will be given. Refunds will only be authorized by the GSCYSA Board of Directors and given only to those players who quit a team before the uniforms is ordered.

3. Rule 3 – Teams

3.1. Required Playing Time

3.1.1. A coach shall not intentionally reduce the playing time of any player on the team who is present for the entire game to less than one-half (1/2) the length of the game for Recreational teams or to less than one-third (1/3) the length of the game for Competitive teams under the age of 15 in any one game unless: a) the coach notifies and gives reasonable justification to the player, his/her parent or guardian, and the opposing coach prior to the game; b) the player receives a serious injury; or c) the player or his/her parent or guardian requests the coach to do so.

3.1.2. If the player, his/her parent or guardian, or the opposing coach believes that the minimum playing time has not been allowed, such person shall notify the League Coordinator or the GSCYSA pres / vice pres at the earliest possible time.

3.1.3. The League Coordinators or GSCYSA Board member may arrange a conference between the coach and the parent or guardian involved with the purpose of attempting to resolve the matter.

3.2. Practices

Organized practices are limited for Training and Junior League teams to a maximum of two (2) per week during the playing season, and may not exceed a total of five (5) hours per week. Organized practices for Senior, Varsity and Competitive League teams are limited to a maximum of three (3) per week during the playing season, and may not exceed a total of six (6) hours per week.

3.3. Composition of Leagues/Schedules

3.3.1. Playing schedules and field assignments to Age Groups will be made by each league coordinator. They are then responsible for altering game schedule conflicts across age groups.

3.3.2. Each League Coordinator will provide the Referee Coordinator a copy of their game schedules.

3.3.3. There will be 10 games played each fall and six during the spring season for all teams, and will be scheduled by the League Coordinator.

3.4. Team Names/Colors/Uniforms

3.4.1. Team names and color for newly formed teams will be done by the League Coordinator with the approval of the lected by the Coach with the approval of the Uniform Coordinator.

3.4.2. Team name changes for existing teams are discouraged and may only be made with the approval of the League Coordinator and Registrar.

3.4.3. Identical team names or color may not be used for more than one (1) team within an Age Group.

3.4.4. Proper uniform for GSCYSA formed teams will include GSCYSA approved jersey, shorts and socks. In case of uniform color conflicts, the team designated as "Home" (first team listed) on the schedule shall wear shirts that are distinctly different from the color of the "Visitor" team. Jersey numbers will not be required in this instance.

3.4.5. The GSCYSA Board mandated that no child (U-14 and below) should have his or her name on the uniform. This is done for the child's safety. Any child with a name or nickname on his/her jersey will not be allowed on the playing field until it is removed.

3.5. Team Sponsors

3.5.1. Competitive teams may, with the approval of the League Coordinator or GSCYSA Board, secure financial assistance from others to help defray the cost of uniforms and equipment.

3.5.2. Such Competitive team sponsors may only be recognized by the addition of their name (in letters of no more than 2" in height) or logo or patch (of no more than three inches in height or width) on the team uniform. The sponsor's name may not appear in or be used as a part of the team name.

3.5.3. Only persons or businesses of unquestioned repute in the community may sponsor GSCYSA teams and the acquisition of sponsors is solely at the initiative of the team. The GSCYSA Board reserves the right to reject any sponsor.

3.6. Play in Non-GSCYSA Competition

3.5.1. GSCYSA teams are permitted to play in competition outside GSCYSA if the competition is scheduled by GSCYSA or is a post or pre GSCYSA season tournament or event sanctioned by USYSA or its affiliates and such play does not conflict with GSCYSA scheduled games, counts as a practice session under GSCYSA RULE 3.2, is governed by the Rules of GSCYSA, KYSA or USYSA and is approved by the League Coordinator or GSCYSA Board.

3.5.2. Competition in any non-GSCYSA competition shall be governed according to the Rules of the International Football Association Board (FIFA) plus any specific exception or modifications which may be established by the league/tournament officials responsible for the competition.

3.5.3. Play between GSCYSA teams and other KYSA affiliated organization's teams, unless otherwise provided for by the competition, shall be governed by the KYSA State Rules.

4. Rule 4 - Coaches

4.1. Appointment of Coaches

4.1.1. Recreational Teams

The Coach of each Recreational team is appointed by the League Coordinator with the concurrence of the GSCYSA Board each season. In the event that two individuals wish to coach a team together, the League Coordinator shall designate one as Head Coach. Recreational teams may not have more than three (3) coaches. No coach can be appointed to be head coach of more than one team (Recreational and/or Competitive) without the approval of the GSCYSA Board.

4.1.2. Competitive Teams

Competitive team head coaches will be appointed by the Scott Co. Athletic Club Board.

4.2. Rules Compliance

Coaches are responsible for compliance with the rules set forth herein, and with the rules of the International Football Association Board (FIFA), United States Youth Soccer Association (USYSA) and the Kentucky Youth Soccer Association (KYSA), by their team, the members thereof, and those associated with the team.

4.3. Reporting of Scores

The coach of the winning team (U10-U19) may call in the score of the game, and provide any other statistics required, to the League Coordinator, as appropriate. In case of a tie game, the coach of the team designated as "home team" is responsible for calling in the score of the game.

4.4. Field Decorum

Any coach or assistant coach whose conduct the board feels is not to the best interest of the league shall be subject to the board's review and may be dismissed by the board.

4.5. Certification

Each coach must be obtained NYSCA certification through the Parks & Recreation before beginning practice. First-year coaches must attend the certification process, which will be setup by GSCYSA before the beginning of the season. Coaches who have already completed the certification must renew their certification through NYSCA by signing a renewal form at the Parks & Recreation.

5. Rule 5 – League Coordinator

5.1. Appointment of League Coordinators

The League Coordinators are appointed by the GSCYSA Board.

5.2. Duties of the League Coordinator

The duties of the League Coordinator are as follows:

5.2.1. To oversee and coordinate play within his/her Age Group.

5.2.2. To act as the representative of the coaches within his/her Division.

5.2.3. To keep track of field and game equipment in the League, and assure that fields are properly prepared for play.

5.2.4. To act as recipient of game results and maintain League statistics.

5.2.5 To be responsible for rescheduling games as required under GSCYSA RULE 7 – RESCHEDULED GAMES.

5.2.6. To report any serious incidents of unsportsmanlike conduct within the League, whether from personal knowledge or the reports of others, to the GSCYSA Board / board member and the League Director with his/her recommendations.

5.2.7. To serve as the focal point for communications from the GSCYSA Board of Directors and/or League Coordinator to the coaches and players in his/her League.

5.2.8. To attend monthly GSCYSA board meetings.

6. Rule 6 – Rescheduled Games

Games will be played as scheduled unless canceled, postponed, terminated, or rescheduled as set forth in these rules.

6.1. Games Cancelled/Rescheduled by the League/Referee Coordinator

The League Coordinator may cancel any and all games by notifying the Referee Assignor within a 24 hour notice (if possible). If the cancellation is requested on the day of the games, the Referee Assignor should be notified before noon to allow time to contact referees.

****NOTE**** All referees are instructed to show up for all games unless they receive a call from the Referee Assignor. If the cancellation requests to the Referee Assignor does not allow adequate time to contact the referee, the referees will arrive at the field to officiate the game and will receive their pay. League Coordinators shall inform coaches of the cancellation. Each coach is responsible for notification of his/her players. Games cancelled in this manner will be rescheduled by the League Coordinator with approval from the Referee Assignor.

6.2. Postponed Games (Prior to Start of Play)

6.2.1. The Referee(s) in charge of any particular game shall have the authority to postpone said game because of weather conditions or such other special condition(s) affecting the playability of the game with regard to the safety of the players or the preservation of the field.

6.2.3. If a Referee has postponed a game as set forth above, he/she shall notify the Referee Assignor, who shall notify the League Coordinator.

6.2.4. When the decision has been made that a game shall be played, and 1) one coach or team refuses to play, that team shall forfeit the game, or 2) both coaches or teams refuse to play, both teams shall forfeit the game.

6.2.5. Rescheduling of games postponed as described in this section will be done by the League Coordinator, with the approval of the Referee Assignor.

6.2.5. If one or both teams do not have the minimum number of players...the game will be delayed for 15 minutes. If at the end of 15 minutes, one team is unable to field the minimum number of players, that team shall forfeit the game. If neither team is unable to field the minimum number of player aft the 15 minutes delay, both teams shall forfeit the game. Coaches cannot keep the players out of the game to have subs. Also, work with the coach/team members which have arrived to allow adequate time for the arrival of the rest of the team (this notation is for the U10 – U14 which plays out of town teams.)

6.3. Terminated Games

6.3.1. The Referee in charge of a particular game shall have the authority to terminate the game, once begun, because of weather conditions, any other special condition(s) which affect the playability of the game with regard to the safety of the players or the preservation of the field, or for reasons of persistent or severe unsportsmanlike conduct on the part of the players, coaches, or spectators.

6.3.2. Games terminated for reasons other than unsportsmanlike conduct (weather conditions, field playability, safety of players, etc.) will be replayed in their entirety, unless at least one half (1/2) of the scheduled game has been completed, in which case the score at the point of termination shall be the final result.

6.3.3. Games terminated for reasons of unsportsmanlike conduct shall be reviewed by the League Director, who will decide whether the game is to be replayed, forfeited, or let stand as played (with the final score to be that at the point of termination).

6.3.4. Rescheduling of terminated games, if necessary, will be done by the League Coordinator with the approval of the Ref Coordinator.

7. Rule 7 – Sportsmanship and Conduct

7.1. Unsportsmanlike Conduct

7.1.1. Unsportsmanlike conduct by any coach, Referee, player, parent, spectator or other member of GSCYSA is strictly forbidden at any game, practice or other GSCYSA function.

7.1.2. Coaches are responsible for the conduct of team supporters and are expected to assist the Referee in his/her efforts to control the game. The Referee has the right to eject any coach, player or parent or to terminate the game for reasons of unsportsmanlike conduct.

7.1.3. All ejections of a coach, player or parent from a game, as well as any serious unsportsmanlike conduct by any person on or near the field of play, shall be reported by the Referee to the Referee Assignor, who shall in turn report the incident to the appropriate League Coordinator along with the GSCYSA Board along with his/her recommendations.

7.2. Suspension/Discipline

A coach, Referee, player or other participant in GSCYSA may be suspended or disciplined according to these rules and procedures.

7.2.1. A GSCYSA League Coordinator may suspend a coach, player or other participant in his/her League on such teams as he/she deems advisable and necessary, and shall immediately report his/her actions and reasons therefore to the GSCYSA Board. A GSCYSA League Coordinator's suspension may be appealed pursuant to 7.3 - APPEALS AND PROTESTS. The GSCYSA Board may suspend a coach, Referee, player or other member of GSCYSA from participation in one or more games for the following offenses:

- Striking and/or directing derogatory remarks toward a coach, Referee, player or official of GSCYSA, before, during or after a game or practice,
- Receiving two or more ejections from a game in one season,
- Consuming intoxicating beverages or appearing to be under the influence of either an intoxicating beverage or illegal drug at or near a game or practice, or
- Unsportsmanlike conduct

If any of these actions mentioned above continue to take place by a coach, player, referee, or other participants (including spectators) the issue will be presented to the GSCYSA Board and the appropriate disciplinary action will be decided.

7.3. Form of Appeal or Protest

7.3.1 Appeals or protests pertaining to the interpretation and enforcement of the GSCYSA Constitution, By-Laws and General Rules must be made in writing, addressed to the GSCYSA Board, and postmarked or delivered to an official of GSCYSA within seventy-two (72) hours of the incident in question and/or notification thereof, except as otherwise noted in these Rules.

7.3.2. Appeals or protests pertaining to the interpretation and enforcement of the GSCYSA CONSTITUTION, BY-LAWS and GENERAL RULES made by a coach, Referee, parent or guardian, or official of GSCYSA will be decided by the GSCYSA Board.

7.3.3. The Referee's judgment on points of fact connected with the play shall be final insofar as the result of the game concerned.

7.3.4. Decisions of the GSCYSA Board shall require a majority vote of a quorum of the board members.

7.3.5. The GSCYSA President shall provide a written report of the Committee's action(s) to the concerned parties within two (2) weeks of the receipt of an appeal or protest.

8. Rule 8 – Referees & Referee Assignor

8.1. Referee Information

- All referees who officiate at scheduled GSCYSA games must be 13 years of age and certified by the USSF Referees Committee. Certification will be granted to those who satisfy the requirement established by United States Soccer Federation (USSF). New referees need to attend an Entry Level Certification Clinic. The available clinics are posted on the KYSA's (Kentucky Youth Soccer Association) website www.kysoccer.net
- Once certified, returning referees are to obtain recertification each year following. The recertification clinics are posted at the website mentioned above.
- Referees will be reimbursed for the Entry Level Clinic and Recertification Clinic once certification is obtained and at least 3 games are refereed.
- Referee pay:
 - U6 (Center) \$12.00 per game
 - U8 (Center) - \$15.00 per game
 - U10 (Center) - \$16.00 per game (AR) - \$13.00 per game
 - U-12 (Center) - \$18.00 per game (AR - \$15.00 per game
 - U14 (Center) \$22.00 per game (AR) - \$18.00 per game
- Each referee is responsible for accurately completing the time sheets (provided by Referee Assignor) at each game. The referees will have each coach sign the time sheets at the conclusion of the game. It is the referees responsibility to get the time sheets to the Referee Assignor to receive their pay for their games.
- The Referee Assignor will provide a schedule to each referee for each season of play.
- GSCYSA will provide new referees two jerseys the first year of officiating. Other supplies each new referee will need to buy include: Black shorts, Black socks w/white stripes, stopwatch, whistles, red & yellow cards, and flags. First year of officiating, the Referee can choose to receive \$45.00 reimbursement for uniform/equipment instead of receiving the two jerseys. If this is the case, the Referee will be responsible to buy a yellow and red jersey. Each referee should have the certification patch always visible on the jersey.
- All returning Referees will be reimbursed up to \$25.00 per year for any uniform/equipment purchased for the upcoming year.
- Referees will be a mentor to the younger children.
- If the referee arrives at the field and both teams have the same color jersey, see if the home team has an alternate jersey. If no overlay or a different color shirt is available for the game, it is up to the referee/referees on how they will call the game. If it is impossible to identify the teams, then the Referee should approach the coaches and call the game. The game can be rescheduled through the League Coordinator and Referee Assignor once the identical color shirt issue is resolved.
- If any referees show up for U10 – U14 game and there are not 3 Referees to fulfill each position, one Referee take the center (if the center Ref scheduled did not show) and the other Referee take the side line. Get a parent to do the other side.
- If any referee misses a game without notification, the Referee Assignor provide a warning to the referee. If this continues, the referee will not receive any additional games during the next two weeks. If this still continues, the referee will not receive any additional games for the remainder of the season and will be put on probation and may be asked to give up remainder of games for the season depending on the circumstances and attitude toward the job.

8.2. Referee Assignor & Assignment of Games

8.2.1 Referees shall be assigned to officiate scheduled GSCYSA games by the Referee Assignor.

8.2.2 In the event that the regularly scheduled Referee does not report for a game, any certified GSCYSA Referee or other individual may officiate upon mutual agreement of the two coaches. The U-6 League may play games without referees present.

8.2.3 In the event no certified GSCYSA Referee is available, or if no agreement can be reached between the coaches, they must notify the League Coordinator who will work with the Referee Assignor on rescheduling the game.

8.2.4 The Referee Assignor must be certified through KYSA/KSRA before assigning games. All Kentucky Referee Assignors must be certified by September 1, 2002 and obtain yearly certification thereafter. The Referee Assignor will also be reimbursed for the clinic fee.

8.2.5 When the current Referee Assignor position is available, nominations will be taken at a regular GSCYSA Board Meeting and voted on at the Annual GSCYSA Board Meeting to elect new officers.

8.2.6. Referee Assignor will receive the following pay

- \$750.00 for the Fall Season
- \$750.00 for the Spring Season

8.2.7 Referee Assignor Responsibilities:

- Ensure all returning referees obtain certification for the upcoming year.
- Setup Recertification clinic and Entry Level Certification Clinic in Georgetown, if possible. If there are no dates available, provide the recertification clinic schedules to all returning referees to obtain the certification for the upcoming year. If Entry Level Certification Clinic cannot be scheduled in Georgetown, then have the schedule available to refer the individuals interested in becoming new Referees for GSCYSA. Clinics can always be viewed on the KYSA website www.kysoccer.net
- Collect the schedules from each GSCYSA League Coordinator and create/maintain schedules for each certified Referee for games in the Fall and Spring season.
- Collect U6 – U14 team information (all coaches and team roster).
- Provide copies of the schedule to the referees, league coordinators, and GSCYSA Board
- Note on the schedule the field in which the games will be played.
- Schedule Education/Training sessions before each season as a refresher for the referees. This will allow time for questions the new ref's may have. Education can be given by the more experienced referees.
- Schedule Informal Assessments with KSRA to review each referee for constructive feedback. From the assessments, schedule the higher qualified referees for the U12, U14, and Select games (all ages). The new referees should start on the U6 and be mentored by the older/experienced referees. ****NOTE**** Referees used for mentoring/training will be paid according to the age group they are training the referee.
- Provide each referee with time sheets to be taken to each game.
- Maintain the checkbook for the referee account. The deposits into the account will be made by the Treasurer of the GSCYSA. Ensure the monthly balance is accurate.
- Pay each referee upon receipt of time sheets with accurate information. Verify each game on time sheet with the schedule. Note on the schedule when Referee is paid. Also note within the bank book what dates are paid and the amounts.
- At the end of each season, provide the Treasurer with a breakdown of the Referee Expenses.

8.3. Reporting

Referees are required to report within forty-eight (48) hours to the Referee Assignor, 1) any serious act(s) of unsportsmanlike conduct; 2) any disciplinary action taken which results in the cautioning or sending off from the field of any player or coach; 3) any suspension or termination of a game; and 4) any serious injury to any player, coach, or Referee.

9. Rule 9 – Laws of the Game

9.1. FIFA RULES

All GSCYSA games shall be officiated according to the rules of the International Football Association Board (Federation Internationale de Football, FIFA), United States Youth Soccer Association (USYSA) and the Kentucky Youth Soccer Association (KYSA), providing there is no GSCYSA rule to the contrary.

9.2. GSCYSA Rules for Recreational Competition

GSCYSA rules shall supersede rules by any other organization or publication. Changes to GSCYSA rules for competition or these General Rules require the review and approval of the GSCYSA Board of Directors by a majority vote. GSCYSA exceptions or additions to the FIFA Laws of the Game are as follows:

9.2.1. Under-6 Rules

- (4) 8-minute quarters
- One coach per team allowed to be on the field during the game for instructional purposes
- No goalies
- 5 players for each team on the field

9.2.2. Under-8 Rules

- (4) 10-minute quarters
- No coaches allowed on the field of play. Each coach should stay on their ½ of the side line.
- 8 players on the field, including the goalie
- No penalty kicks
- No slide tackles which involves bodily contact.
- No offsides
- Throw-ins – The first time the player makes a bad throw in, the referee will instruct the player on the proper throw. If another bad throw-in occurs, the other team will take possession of the ball.

Adaptations of other rules can be made by the GSCYSA Board, if a rule change is deemed necessary, at any time.