



American Youth Soccer Organization

Area 1N Spring Select 2009 Rules & Regulations

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AYSO
AREA 1-N RULES & REGULATIONS
SPRING SELECT 2009

1. SCOPE

These rules shall apply when two (2) or more teams (regardless of Region or Area) play a combined schedule coordinated by Area 1-N. 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 Spring Select Director, as appointed by the Regions and Area Director, along with a Spring Select Staff shall coordinate the Area N Spring Select Season.

3. REGIONS

Each Region shall have a spring Select Coordinator that will be the direct contact person dealing with the Area Spring Select Director and Spring Select Staff.

4. ELGIBILITY

The Regions shall be responsible for ensuring that Spring Select head coach/assistant coach and all involved volunteers are registered as volunteers and have completed Safe Haven training. The Regions shall also verify that all players are currently registered with AYSO.

5. TEAM ROSTER

A team roster shall be submitted to the Spring Select Director **prior** to the first match for each team. Teams without a team roster in the hands of the Spring Select Director prior to the first match will not be permitted on the playing field and will result in a game forfeit. Team rosters shall include the following:

- Region and Division Designation
- Team Name and Colors
- Head Coach Name, Address and Phone Numbers
- Assistant Coach Name and Phone Numbers
- Players' Name, Jersey Number, AYSO Registration Number, Date of Birth and Phone. Note: In order to expedite the submittal of the roster, both the Jersey Number and an AYSO Registration Number are optional. If rosters are submitted without jersey numbers, then the numbers will be supplied as soon as they are available.

6. **REGISTRATION FORMS**

The coach is required to have player registration forms with **original** parent signature, with pictured attached and laminated, at all matches and practices. Copies of the forms are acceptable provided the copies have original signatures in **ink**, and follow the guidelines in Player Registration Circular, that have been handed out to each Region Coordinator.

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 FIFA Laws of the Game and decisions of the International Board in effect on July 1, 2008, 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 LINE-UP CARDS**

Only the official Line-Up Form will be used. Properly completed (**back and front of card**) game line-up forms shall be submitted to a representative of the referee team prior to the match and shall include the names of all players, present or not, and an explanation of absence (i.e. - injured, game suspension, sick and etc.).

Completed game line-up cards are to be kept within the Regions of the home teams. In the event there is a discrepancy in scores the home team Region will be required to verify results and scores. **Coaches are to give game results to the Spring Select Regional Coordinator, who will email the results to Spring Select Scheduler, Don Young at rndyoung@yahoo.com.** All cautions and ejections should be reported for your team and opposing team to the Spring Select Scheduler, as well as the Spring Select Referee Administrator.

All reporting of Cautions or send-offs will be sent directly to the Spring Select Referee Administrator, Mitchell Elkins at iamthere@earthlink.net. Written reports on all send-offs will be filled out and sent to the Spring Select Referee Administrator. Misconduct forms are available on the Area Website <http://www.aysoarea1n.org/>. They can be filled out on the computer and emailed to the Spring Select Referee Administrator.

10. **FIELD RESPONSIBILITY**

Home teams shall be responsible to set up the field if their team has the first match of the day. 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 will shorten the game time to accommodate the start of the next match.

Field take down is the responsibility of the home team if the scheduled match is the last game of the day; failure to take down and store equipment as required may result in a forfeiture.

Each team is responsible for the clean up 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 Spring Select Director and/or their designate.

The Spring Coordinators from each Region shall determine the earliest date available to reschedule matches cancelled due to weather, or other acceptable causes. They will notify the Spring Select Director in the event the game cannot be rescheduled.

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 Scheduler of any changes, as so as they are agreed upon.

The length of the matches shall be as follows:

U19 – 90 Minutes

U14 – 70 Minutes

U10 – 50 Minutes

U16 – 80 Minutes

U12 – 60 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 Spring Select Tournament.
- 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 in their next scheduled match. He/she may participate in practice and be present at the match. 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 be reviewed for possible additional match suspensions up to and including suspension for the remainder of the season
A **detailed** report by the referee or a witnessing Area 1N official or Spring Select Staff will be submitted to the Select Referee Administrator, by either email or US Mail for determination of any additional disciplinary action to be imposed.

13. **PLAYER SUBSTITUTION**

Substitutions shall be made as follows:

The referee shall stop play at approximately mid-way of each half for player substitutions.

For U19 and U16, The 8ths system of play will be used, with the referee stopping play approximately every 12 minutes for U19 and approximately every 10 minutes for U16.

Spring Select will follow National Rules and Regulations, and will require that a player is required to play a minimum of half the game. Regions, at their own discretion, may require their teams to play each player $\frac{3}{4}$ of the games

It is the coach’s responsibility to insure that all players play a minimum of one half of each game.

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.

17. 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 (1) point** for each goal scored, up to a **maximum of 3**, shall be used to discourage running up the score. **One (1) point** shall be **deducted** for any Player or Coach that is sent off. 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.
- a. 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.

18. OVERTIME PROCEDURE

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

19. 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 the Area 1N Spring Select program. Discipline conveyed during Area 1N Spring Select play is determined by the Spring Select 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.

All spectators and coaches are encouraged to offer positive and productive comments regarding any match by the use of Area 1N Referee Feedback Form or the Area 1N Feedback Form, for non-referee issues. These forms are located on the Spring Select Web page at <http://www.area1nspringselect.org>.

A procedure exists to insure that disciplinary decisions of the Area remain fair and that persons involved with the procedure are disinterested parties. This is known as the Area Due Process Procedure.

Area Due Process Procedure

Discipline actions tendered by the Spring Select Director to participants will be by phone call to the respective Coach and Regional Commissioner. Written communication of disciplinary actions regarding **eligibility to continue to participate in the Spring Select Season** to a **participant** or **coach** will be as warranted and at the discretion of the Spring Select Director. Written communications will specify the action being taken and the reasons therefor. 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 Spring Select 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 it's determination and present its findings in writing to the Spring Select Director. The Spring Select 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 Spring Select Director in this matter may be further appealed to the Area Director.

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.