

TACOMA-PIERCE COUNTY JUNIOR SOCCER ASSOCIATION

2004 TPCJSA HOME LEAGUE FULL FIELD RULES U-11 TO 14

PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT EVERY COACH – CLUB PRESIDENT – GAMES COORDINATOR AND REFEREE

RECEIVES A COPY OF THESE RULES.

SPECIFIC RULES AND GUIDELINES FOR COACHES:

Soccer presents an excellent opportunity to learn, develop, and establish group behavior, friendly relationships, fair competition, doing things in an organized manner, enjoyment and many other items. Above and beyond anything else it must be fun!

1. The coach or designated adult (18 years or older, unless approved by your Association Board) must attend every practice and every game. All coaches, team managers, and assistants must fill out the required Washington State Patrol forms.
2. As soon as possible, have a team and parent meeting. Utilize this time to explain your club rules and regulations as well as other basic rules of the game.
3. Appoint an assistant coach and a team parent.
4. Hand out your team game schedule and travel instructions. (Locations to fields and how will get to away games.)
5. Announce your team practice times and fields.
6. Allow some time for questions and make sure that all information on each player is correct.
7. The coach is responsible for his own behavior as well as that of his players and spectators. Discuss what you expect of parents during games. Remember this is just for fun.
8. Every player must play in each game at least **50%** of the playing time unless they are not fit to play due to illness or injury.
9. All coaches should attend a coaching clinic at the club or association level prior to the start of the regular season. These clinics may be offered free of charge.

10. Coaching from the sidelines is permitted but not recommended. Coaching must be done in a civil manner and the tone of voice will be informational and encouraging, not demanding or critical.
11. It is every coach's obligation and duty to attend coaching and referee clinics in order to acquire information which, in turn, may be passed on to the players
12. At home games, you are responsible for field preparation (check with your club) and for referees. Contact the visiting coach at least **three (3)** days before the scheduled game to reaffirm the time, directions to the field, and to share team colors (home team changes jersey color if visiting team is the same color). If the visiting coach is not contacted he/she should contact the home team coach.
13. Make sure that you have a game ball properly inflated before the game starts.
14. Make sure that all of your players are properly equipped, fit and emotionally ready to play.
15. In case of injuries during the game, assure that the player is properly attended to. Check his/her condition after the game and follow up with a call to the home in the evening.
16. In the event an injured player requires medical attention, he/she must have a written release from the doctor before returning to practice or play with the team.
17. Proper warm up of all players should take place for approximately 30 minutes prior to the start of the game.
18. Prior to the start of the game, meet and greet the visiting coach. After the game, exchange with them some friendly, positive comments. Be sure to thank the referees and shake their hands. Have the players line up at the center of the field to shake hands with the opposing players.

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ARTICLE VII - RULES OF COMPETITION

Section 1. All league matches must be played on the day and time scheduled by the TPCJSA Games Chairperson or the Vice-President Competition, unless a request for rescheduling has been submitted and approved by the Games Chairperson or the Vice-President Competition, forty-eight (48) hours before the regularly scheduled match time, except in the case of an emergency as deemed an emergency by the Executive Board.

****Team Coaches must first contact the Club Gameschairman first to discuss a game reschedule. It is then the Clubs Games Chairman whos works with the TPCJSA and the other clubs to work on rescheduling of games.****

A. To be considered, the request for rescheduling must be first approved by both coaches, except for (a) Canadian Exchange, (b) American Cup.

B. In the event that a home league game is to be rescheduled, the following steps are to be taken:

1. Coaches agree on a date suitable to both teams.
2. Home team notifies club games chairperson for assignment of field and time.
3. Home club games chairperson advised TPCJSA Games chairperson.
4. In the event the coaches cannot agree on a date, the TPCJSA Games chairperson shall establish a date, field, and time with the club Games chairperson (home), and have a referee assigned.
5. Both coaches must be notified forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the rescheduled games.

Section 2. To declare a field unplayable due to adverse weather conditions at the time of the scheduled match, will be the prerogative of the referee or in the event that a referee does not appear, agreement of both coaches. The Home coach will notify, by phone, the club games chairperson, and he/she in turn will notify the TPCJSA Games chairperson, who will verify.

Section 3. If both teams have been notified, and one team fails to show, following a fifteen (15) minute grace period, the game may be forfeited to the showing team, with a score of 1-0, subject to review by the Board of Directors. The referee shall count the number of players present.

Section 4. If both team have been notified, and both fail to show within fifteen (15) minutes of the scheduled start match time, the referee shall notify his assigning authority, who shall then notify the TPCJSA Games Chairperson. It shall be noted as a double forfeit, with a 0-0 score, subject to review by the TPCJSA Games Chairperson.

Section 5. Point system to be used in all Home League regular season games shall be:

Win..... 3 points
Tie..... 1 point

A. League Champions shall be declared by the Vice-President Development and the Games Chairman, determined by the team in league accumulating the most points.

- B. Gold League Champions, in each age group, shall be declared the Division Champion-
- C. Winning teams must call the score in by 6:00 PM Sunday evening after a weekend game. A tie score must be called in by both teams. Scores will be called into a telephone number or email, website as designated by the TPCJSA Games Chairperson.
- D. Teams not calling in scores will be notified by mail and will have a two week period during which the score will be recorded upon payment of a \$25.00 late fine. Scores not reported after this two-week period will be recorded as a loss for the team not calling.

Section 6. Tie Breakers - In the event of ties by points, the following system shall be used in order:

- A. Head to head.
- B. Least goals allowed.
- C. Goal differential (3 maximum per game) only with the teams involved.
- D. Co-champions (or co-seconds).
- E. Multiple ties will use a ten point system to get to a two-way tie then the above would apply.

Section 7. Each clubs games chairperson shall be responsible for coordinating within the club to supply referees for home games.

- A. Sources shall be either from within TPCJSA, or from the local area Referees Association.
- B. Priority of providing shall be:
 - 1. State Leagues, District Leagues, TPCJSA Home Leagues.
 - 2. Home Leagues, MOD and then Small-Sided.
- C. In as much as possible, where requested, licensed or qualified referees will be assigned Assistant-Referees for games on the same priority as in Paragraph B above.
- D. Clubs, in coordination with TPCJSA Games Chairperson, shall be aware of those games needing more supervision than ordinary, and provide the appropriate officials.
- E. The following categories of games shall always have a team of three qualified officials, in as much as possible, and/or when requested:
 - 1. Home league playoff games.
 - 2. State League, District League, and IDL games that have positive bearing on final standings.
 - 3. Others that may be determined by the TPCJSA Board of Directors.

- Section 8. Failure of the scheduled referee to show up will not be the cause for canceling the match. A substitute official may be chosen upon agreement by both coaches, and his decision will be final. In any case, the home team coach will notify the Home Club Referee Chairperson that no referee announced himself/herself to that game on that date.
- A. In the event a referee cannot be chosen to the agreement of both coaches, the coaches themselves will referee, each coach one-half of the match; the toss of the coin will decide who referees which half.
1. If both coaches refuse to share the refereeing chores the match will be a double forfeit.
 2. In the case of one coach refusing to referee his/her half and refusing to allow the opposing coach to referee the entire match that coach will forfeit the match to the coach willing to referee it.
- B. In the case of a TPCJSA official, the Board of Directors shall have the right to suspend or bar from officiating in matches under its Jurisdiction, any referee who, by word or action displays an attitude detrimental to this Association's purposes and principles, or who willfully violates the Constitution, Bylaws, or Rules and Regulations of this Association. In the case of a PCSRA official, a detailed report shall be written and submitted to the TPCJSA 1st Vice-President, Vice-President of Development or Vice-President of Competition who shall act accordingly.
- Section 9. The playing season shall commence on the Scheduled date set by the TPCJSA Executive Board. 2004 season will start with a coaches clinic for all coaches and staff the first weekend after Labor Day and games to start the weekend after in September. Scheduled will be set by the TPCJSA Games Chairperson and the TPCJSA Vice President of Development. The Small-Sided/MOD and Home Leagues soccer season shall end as determined by the Board of Directors of TPCJSA.
- Section 10. It shall be the responsibility of the affiliated clubs to provide for the proper marking of the fields as assigned by the Fields Use Chairperson.
- A. Upon arrival at the field, the referee shall inspect the marking of same to determine suitability for play.
1. If the referee finds that the field is not adequately marked for play, he/she may postpone the match, and report the postponement to his/her assigning authority, who shall then notify the TPCJSA Games Chairperson. The involved coaches shall notify their club games chairpersons, who shall also notify the TPCJSA Games Chairperson,
 2. The referee, if paid, may receive payment for the postponed match; and the responsible club may be assessed an additional fee for the rescheduled match, if played.
 3. For any postponement due to conditions outlined above, the Vice-President competition shall report to the Board of Directors, which shall consider action to be taken.

4. Referees may, at any time, be called upon by the proper authority to explain their actions.

ARTICLE VIII - RULES OF PLAY

Section 1. All matches under the Jurisdiction of this Association shall be conducted under the rules of F.I.F.A., as published in "Referees Chart and Players Guide to the Laws of Association Football" as from time to time revised, authorized by the International Football Association Board, with the following modification:

Division	Match Time	Overtime Periods	Ball Size	Circumference	Weight
U-14	2-35 min. halve	2-10 min halves	5	27-28"	14-18
U-13	2-35 min. halves	2-10 min halves	5	27-28'	14-16
U-12	2-30 min. halves	2-10 min halves	4	25-26"	11-13
U-11	2-30 min. halves	2-10 min halves	4	25-26'	11-13

Overtime matches are limited to play-off games, tournaments, and games declared as play-off games by the TPCJSA Games Chairperson.

Section 2. The number of substitutions shall be unlimited unless a competition superseding the jurisdiction of this Association determines otherwise; special competitions may be more restrictive.

Section 3. In any case, a substitute may not enter the field of play until he/she has been given a signal to do so by the referee. The referee must allow substitutions as described in Article VIII, Section 2, Items A through F herein.

Section 4. Substitutions shall be made from as close to the center of the field as possible, and in no case shall a player be allowed to enter from the goal lines.

Section 5. All players of a team participating in Home League competition, who are in attendance in uniform, and physically fit, are required to play 50% of the match, or the match may be declared a forfeit. The only exception to this rule will be; if the coach notifies the referee and opposing coach prior to the match that a player(s) is being held out as a disciplinary measure.

Section 6. In all Divisions 10, 9, 8, 7, and 6 matches, sanctioned by this Association, the F.I.F.A. Rules allowing the attacking player to charge the goalkeeper is hereby rescinded. A player may not charge or harass the goalkeeper or attempt to play the ball once the goalkeeper has possession (i.e. holding) of the ball in the penalty area. For Infringement of this rule, an indirect kick shall be awarded to the offended team, and the offending player cautioned and name taken.

Section 7. Players not on the field of play must remain in an area along one touch line, but not within eighteen (18) yards from the corners of the field, and at least two (2) yards back from the touch line.

Section 8. All uniforms shall have a six (6) inch size number on the back of the jersey.

Section 9. In the event of two teams appearing with the same color, the home team shall change colors.

- Section 10. If the goalkeeper's shirt is similar to the opposing team's colors, the goalkeeper must change his/her shirt.
- Section 11. As a measure of protection, all female players are permitted to use their hands and arms to protect their chest. However, any holding, throwing, or pushing of the ball shall be penalized according to Law 12 of the 'Laws of the Game', F.I.F.A.
- Section 12- Players wearing an orthopedic cast shall not be eligible to participate in any match.
- Section 13. It will be the responsibility of both teams to have a game ball, properly inflated, at game time. The referee shall select the better ball of the two for the match.

ARTICLE IX - GAME CONDUCT

- Section 1. Coaching from the sidelines - giving directions to one's own team on points of strategy and position - is permitted providing:
- A. Coaching is done from the touchlines, eighteen (18) yards from each corner, by one person identifying him/herself as 'coach' prior to the commencement of the match.
 - B. Coaching shall be done only by one person from each team, the home coach to choose which side he/she prefers, the visiting team to take the opposite side of the field, if field conditions permit.
 - C. No mechanical devices or electronic device may be used. The tone of the voice should be informative. No coach is to make derogatory remarks or gestures to the referee, players, or spectators.
 - D. A coach may be dismissed after one (1) warning by the referee from coaching his/her team if he/she is in violation of these or any other rules of competition. An assistant coach may then be permitted to continue coaching the team. The referee may dismiss a coach without prior warning for entering the field of play without permission.
 - E. No coach, substitute, player, or assistant coach shall use abusive or profane language. The penalty for the above shall be dismissal from the match. In addition, the penalty may be extended for additional matches if deemed necessary by the Judicial committee.
 - F. If a coach has been dismissed, for any reason, the referee shall send a written report (including the name of the coach and team) to his assigning authority, who will forward the same to the TPCJSA Secretary within forty-eight (48) hours following the completion of the match. The Judiciary committee may assess an additional suspension depending on the severity of the situation.
 - G. Any coach who removes his/her team from the field prior to the completion of a match shall be asked to appear before the Judiciary committee to explain his/her action.
 - H. The Judiciary Committee will have the authority to determine whether the result of the match at the time of a game stoppage will stand if the team losing at such time caused the stoppage by the actions of its coaching staff, players, or spectators.
- Section 2. The affiliated clubs shall be responsible for the conduct of their spectators, coaches, officers, players, etc.

- A. Coaches shall be responsible for their assistants, players, substitutes, parents, and spectators.
 - 1. Upon request from the referee, the coach shall be required to give his/her name, the name of any assistant, player, substitute, or parent, as the referee desires.

- B. All coaches must be eighteen (18) years of age or older, unless written approval of the Board of Directors is obtained. An adult must be present at each match and practice, if the coach is under 18 and approved by the Board of Directors. The adult must occupy a place on the sidelines with the players, and shall be responsible for that team before, during and after the match. No team shall be allowed to take the field unless this requirement is met. Approval must be granted for under-age coaches.

- C. For spectators and/or parents who unduly interfere with the progress of the match, the referee can request that they be cautioned by a responsible officer of the 'Home Club' present at the field.
 - 1. Responsible "officer" shall mean any elected officer of the club, or in their absence, the home coach.

- D. If an affiliated club fails to correct a problem of spectator and/or parent conduct, the matter shall be brought to the attention of the Judiciary committee, who may assess one of the following penalties:
 - 1. Suspension from team participation for up to the remainder of the season, players whose parents are found guilty of Article IX, Section 2, Paragraph C.
 - 2. Suspension of the coach and/or players for up to the remainder of the season,

- E. All players sent off the field of play for any reason shall appear before the Judiciary committee at its next scheduled meeting- As soon as practical, coaches will be notified of the time and date of said meeting by the Judiciary committee.
 - 1. Players must be accompanied by the coach or representative of the coach, and should be accompanied by their parents.
 - 2. Unless otherwise notified by the Judiciary chairperson, the player should be allowed to participate in matches prior to the said hearing.
 - 3. It shall be the duty of all referees to send a written report of any player cautioned and/or sent off, to their assigning authority, who shall forward the same to the TPCJSA Secretary within forty-eight (48) hours of the date of the match.
 - 4. The Judiciary committee shall keep records of all players sent off or cautioned, and if it is noted that a player receives three (3) cautions in a season, he/she shall be asked to appear before the committee to explain his/her action.
 - 5. Nothing in this rule shall limit the Judiciary committee from dealing with an offending player more severely than is outlined in this rule.
 - 6. Any member of this Association who is reported to have committed bodily assault on a referee prior to, during, or after a match, shall receive a hearing before the Judiciary

committee as soon as practical. If the offending member is found guilty, he/she shall automatically and permanently be suspended from further participation in activities of this Association.

**A PLEA OF IGNORANCE TO ANY PUBLISHED RULE OR REGULATION
SHALL NOT BE CONSIDERED AN EXCUSE FOR VIOLATING THE SAME.**