

## **NEVADA YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION**

### **2013-2014 SUMMIT LEAGUE SPECIFIC PLAYING RULES**

The Summit League is a state-level league. In order to prepare teams for the state championships, the USYS National Championship Series Policy and the USYS National Championship Series Rules with the following additions, governs the Summit League *in all age groups*.

#### **ADMINISTRATION**

The entire administration of the competition is vested in the Summit League Committee. The Summit League Committee will decide any matters not provided for in this policy, and its decisions are final.

The only people allowed to discuss any matters pertaining to the Summit League Committee.

#### **TEAMS, PLAYERS AND COACHES**

A team participating in the Summit League may only be coached during the competition by coaches registered with Nevada Youth Soccer Association (NYSA) as part of that team. The registered head coach of each team participating in the Summit League must have a minimum state-level 'D' coaching license. Any other registered team coach that coaches the team during the Summit League in the absence of the head coach must have a minimum state-level 'E' coaching license. The head coach of the team may only be absent for a legitimate reason, such as coaching a second team at the same time.

To prepare teams for the Regional and National Championships, THERE SHALL BE MINIMAL COACHING FROM THE SIDELINES. This ruling will be enforced.

#### **GAME OFFICIALS**

It is the responsibility of the Summit League Referee Assignor to assign officials for each game. Should an assigned game official fail to appear for a game, the matter is to be reported to the Summit League Committee for resolution.

#### **GRACE PERIOD**

Any team not ready to play at the scheduled start time shall be granted a 15-minute grace period. A minimum of seven (7) players constitutes a legal team. Any team not ready to play at the expiration of the grace period shall be deemed to have forfeited the game.

#### **TEAM AND PLAYER BREACHES OF RULES**

If a player receives a red card, or if a coach is sent-off, the referee shall deliver the player/coach pass along with his/her game report to the Summit League Committee. The player/coach in question shall be ineligible to continue play in the Summit League until the player/coach pass is returned to the subject player/coach.

All Summit League suspensions must be served during the Summit League on the team on which the suspension was earned. If the individual does not complete their suspension in the current season, the suspension shall carry over to the next Summit League season in which he/she participates, even if the individual is then on a different team from the team on which the suspension was earned.

In the case where a coach is coaching two teams in the Summit League, the coach must serve a suspension on the team on which the suspension was earned. If the team on which the suspension was earned is eliminated before the suspension is served, the coach is to serve the suspension on the second team if that team continues to play in the competition.

When a player is given a red card, minimum game suspensions will occur as follows, but may be increased at the discretion of the Summit League Committee:

- A. **Serious Foul Play:** One (1) game.
- B. **Foul and Abusive Language:** One (1) game.
- C. **Foul and Abusive Language Directed at a Game or Championship Official:** Two (2) games.
- D. **Second Cautionable Offense:** One (1) game.
- E. **Violent Conduct:** Two (2) games.
- F. **Pushing, Striking or Attempting to Strike a Game or Championship Official:** One (1) Year and review by the Board of Directors regarding further disciplinary action.

**Dismissed and Suspended Coaches:** A coach that is sent-off during a game must leave the facility at which the game is being played immediately. A suspended coach cannot have contact of any kind or by any means with the team, players, or team officials from thirty (30) minutes before kick-off until the conclusion of the game. If the coach is sent-off or is suspended he/she must not indulge in unacceptable conduct. Any coach sent off from a match will serve a minimum (2) match suspension. The Summit League Committee has the authority to suspend a coach for more than the statutory minimum for infringing these rules.

Any player, substitute or team official who refuses the referee's request for their name, or gives a false name, while the referee is gathering data to report on an infringement of the "laws of the game" involving them, shall have one (1) game added to the suspension that would normally be levied.

No appeals are allowed if the suspensions are within the published minimum guidelines.

#### **PROTESTS AND APPEALS**

All questions, disputes, protests and appeals relating to the Summit League are to be referred to the Summit League Committee. Only participants involved in the match in question can submit a protest or an appeal. The judgment decisions of a game official cannot be protested. To be eligible for consideration, all such must meet the following:

- A. Be lodged verbally with the referee and with the opposing coach before leaving the game field, except as noted in subparagraph C.
- B. Be filed with the Summit League Committee within two (2) hours of the end of the scheduled game, as follows:
  - a. Five (5) written copies of the protest or appeal, to include full particulars of the grounds for the protest or appeal.
  - b. Five (5) written copies of any information presented by witnesses.
  - c. A \$200.00 fee.
- C. Any protest relating to the field, goals, or other appurtenances of the game shall be entertained only if a written objection has been lodged with the referee and the opposing coach prior to the start of the game.
- D. The Chairman of the Summit League Committee is, immediately on receipt of a protest, to notify the team against which the protest is made, if applicable. The Chairman is to send a copy of the protest and all particulars to that team, which will then have the right to defend its case.
- E. A lawyer may not represent a team at the hearing of a charge of protest unless he/she is a bona fide member of one of the teams concerned.
- F. A plea of ignorance of the USYS National Championships Series Policy, USYS National Championship Rules or Summit League rules is not sufficient grounds for protest or appeal.

## **PASSES AND ROSTERS**

The game officials must be review and verify all team official and player passes, game roster forms, and the game card prior to the start of each game.

## **PLAYING RULES**

The length of games, overtime play periods, and ball size for each age group shall be as follows with all halftimes being 10 minute maximum for all matches:

Age Group	Game Length	Overtime Play	Ball Size
U12	Two 30' Halves	Two 10' periods	4
U13/14	Two 35' Halves	Two 10' periods	5
U15/16	Two 40' Halves	Two 15' periods	5
U17/18/19	Two 45' Halves	Two 15' periods	5

For the finals weekend tournament, the seeding shall be as follows:

Seed #1 vs Seed #4  
Seed #2 vs Seed #3

If matches are tied at the end of regulation during the finals weekend, then the overtime periods as stated above shall be played to completion. If after the overtime periods, the match is still tied, then kicks from the penalty mark will be used to determine the match winner.

The following points system will be used to determine positions in group play in all rounds:

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| A. Win (including forfeit) | 3 points |
| B. Tie                     | 1 point  |
| C. Loss                    | 0 points |

If a team fails to show and/or a match is forfeited, the result of the match will be 1-0.

If necessary, the following tie-breaking rules will be used to determine the order of team advancement. If more than two (2) teams are tied the tie-breaker criteria are applied in the order below, to either advance or eliminate one team. Criterion A is to be omitted if the teams did not play in the same group. The remaining teams will then be compared, beginning at the top of the list, to determine the final placement/winner.

- A. Head to head if all tied teams have played each other.
- B. Winner of most matches if all tied teams have played the same number of matches
- C. Goal differential with a maximum of four (4) goals per game.
- D. Fewest goals allowed.
- E. Kicks from the penalty mark, in accordance with FIFA rules.

## **THE TECHNICAL AREA AND SPECTATOR TOUCHLINE**

A technical area will be provided for all games for team officials and players. Coaches are to be aware of the FIFA rules regarding technical areas.

The spectators will be located on the opposite side of the field from the technical area.

## **NUMBER OF PLAYERS, EQUIPMENT AND SUBSTITUTIONS**

Teams in U12 to U14 are allowed team rosters of up to 18 players. Teams in U15 to U19 are allowed team rosters of up to 22 players, and match rosters of up to 18 players.

Players will only be allowed to play in one match per day.

A team will be allowed to add up to five players per match to a roster from outside their regular team roster. Players must be age eligible and from within the same club. Teams must present a roster to the referee prior to the start of each match. Players who are either not playing or have been added to the game roster must be crossed out or written in as applicable. In the interest of player development, players should only be moved from a second team to a first team or from a younger team to an older team. Players should only be moved from a first team to a second team in order to help field a team for a game. This must be adhered to by all coaches. Failure to comply may result in disciplinary action.

The home team (team listed first on the schedule) will wear white or light colored jersey and matching colored socks. The visiting team will wear dark colored jersey and matching colored socks. If the goalkeeper shirts conflict, then the home team goalkeeper changes.

If sliding shorts or tights are worn, they must be of similar color as the shorts. Long sleeves, if worn under a short sleeve uniform jersey, must match the main jersey color. Tape worn on the socks must match the main sock color. Any garment worn to fulfill religious requirements must pose no danger to the wearer or any other participant

For the Under 12 through Under 14 age groups, unlimited substitutions shall be allowed at any stoppage in play with the permission of the referee

For the Under 15 through Under 19 age groups, a maximum of seven (7) substitutions for each team shall be allowed in each game during each half of play and during overtime play. After leaving the game during a half of play, the substituted player may not re-enter the game during the same half of play. After leaving the game during overtime play, the substituted player may not re-enter the game.

## **NEVADA LAW**

The Nevada Legislature passed Law AB 474 in 2005 to protect sports officials, including referees and linesmen. State law makes it a crime to threaten a sports official, verbally or physically, resulting in fines up to \$2,000 and (1) one year in prison. If the victim suffers severe bodily harm, the punishment may be up to a \$10,000 fine and (15) fifteen years in prison. (NRS 200.471 and 200.481)

## **RELEASE OF LIABILITY**

All accepted participants in the Summit League are taken as having agree to release, hold harmless and indemnify Nevada Youth Soccer Association, its Board members, officials, coaches, referees, The City of Las Vegas, and sponsors and their employees, agents, officers and directors from any and all liability for injury, damage of persons, property, or economic interests connected with or arising out of any action taken by them in good faith or out of any failure by them to act. We certify that all players registered by us for the Summit League are covered by an approved insurance plan.