

**I. SEASONS AND SOCCER YEAR**

- A. The Fall season will be played from September 1 to December 1.
- B. The Spring season will be played from February 1 to May 31.
- C. The soccer year runs from September 1 through August 31.

**II. PLAYERS****A. Registration**

1. All players must be registered with the Enid Soccer Club (ESC) on the Oklahoma Soccer Association (OSA) registration form.
2. All fees must be paid at the time of registration.
3. Players registering for the first time must provide a verification of birth date.
4. All official registration data, both physical and electronic will be maintained at the ESC office and be available on demand to any Board member. Any member of the ESC may request access to this data as well and it will be supplied in a timely manner.
5. The availability of scholarship funds for registration and the then current policy regarding scholarships as set by the Board shall be posted in a prominent place at the location(s) for registration.

**B. Eligibility**

1. A player may not participate in a practice or a game unless his registration form is on file with the ESC registrar or in the possession of an ESC board member.
2. Teams will be formed from players in the same age divisions as of August 1. For example, some Fall 2010 season age divisions are:
  - Under 19s must turn 19 after July 31, 2010 which means a birthday of August 1, 1991 or later.
  - Under 16s must turn 16 after July 31, 2010 which means a birthday of August 1, 1994 or later.
  - Under 10s must turn 10 after July 31, 2010 which means a birthday of August 1, 2000 or later.
3. Once formed teams may remain together at the discretion of the registrar. Normally, teams will be newly formed for each Fall season.
4. Playing down is not allowed. Playing up is discouraged for safety reasons but is allowed with written consent from a parent or guardian and approval of the registrar. If playing against teams not under the jurisdiction of ESC, then he may play at whatever age group the competition allows.
5. Any player, coach, or team that plays as or plays an ineligible player will face disciplinary action according to regulation VII.

### III. TEAMS

#### A. Categories

1. Teams may be divided into categories of (1) girls only, (2) boys only, (3) Coed, (4) recreational, (5) select, and (6) competitive. Whenever player numbers permit, teams in U14 and above will be formed as girls only or boys only. Whenever player numbers are insufficient to form boys only or girls only coed teams will be formed at the discretion of the registrar.
2. A team may fit into more than one category.

#### B. Size

1. Teams will not have more than 18 players unless granted an exception by the Board of Directors.
2. This cannot be binding on another association or activity not under the jurisdiction of ESC.

#### C. Formation

1. Recreational teams up to the age of Under 12 will be formed on a school attended or geographical area basis where possible.
2. Under 14 through Under 19 recreational teams are formed at the discretion of the registrar.
3. Select teams for tournaments may be formed from all players in the recreational league.
4. Competitive teams may be formed for a season if the Board of Directors determines that there is sufficient interest. These teams will not play in the recreational league.
5. For select and classic teams, the Board approves initial, subsequent, and replacement player selection methods. Additionally, the league the team will play in, and what fees, if any, may be charged to players are approved by the Board.
6. Teams may be consolidated with Board approval for lack of players. The scheduler will decide what game schedule the consolidated team will follow.
7. Player changes will not be made after the first game of the season except to add a player when a team is not full. New players will first be added to teams playing short (teams with less than the usual number that can be on the field at once).
8. No player may move from a competitive team to a recreational team within the same season (e.g. fall season). Exceptions must be approved by the board of directors.

#### D. Membership

1. No player may play for more than one ESC team during a season.
2. Players may be borrowed from another team for non-ESC league play.

**E. Practice**

1. For U8 and below teams, practices will be limited each week to a maximum 2 one hour activities.
2. For U12 down to but not including U8 teams, practices will be limited to a maximum of two ninety minute activities per week.
3. Under 14 and above age groups may have unlimited practice.

**F. Dropping**

1. Players may be dropped from a team for lack of attendance or for disciplinary reasons if the Board of Directors determines it is appropriate to drop the player. A new player may be added to replace the dropped player if the new player is not on an existing ESC team and meets other selection criteria. Justifiable examples to drop a player are:
  - A. Chronic and repeated failure to attend scheduled practices and/or games.
  - B. A discipline problem making it impossible for a coach to adequately conduct practices and/or games.
  - C. Injury or illness making it unlikely the player will return to play in a reasonable time to finish the season.

**IV. SPECTATORS**

A. Spectators must not interfere with the duties of a linesman.

**B. Location**

1. Spectators of U8 and below should view the game from the same side as their team and position themselves so as not to interfere with play.
2. Spectators of U10 and above should be located on the south or west side the field with players and coaches located on the opposite side. The Center Referee of a specific game may waive or modify this rule if conditions warrant.

C. Spectators are not allowed behind the goal line.

**V. GAMES****A. Officials**

1. Under 8 and below micro games may be officiated by coaches.
2. Games may not be conducted without a referee. If a certified referee is not present, the home team coach may select a referee that is agreed upon in writing by both coaches.
3. Under no circumstances will the two center referee method be used to referee a match.
4. The Scheduler or Head Referee will schedule referees for all games refereed by OSA certified referees.
5. A referee must be current and in good standing with OSA to be paid.

6. All center referees will fill out a current ESC game report upon completion of each game and ensure it is forwarded to the Scheduler.

#### B. Canceled, Postponed, and/or Suspended Games

1. All teams will appear unless previously notified by the Scheduler or his representative. Three days notice to the Scheduler is the required minimum to reschedule an ESC league game.
2. Games may be postponed by the ESC President, Fields, Head Referee or Scheduler for inclement weather or poor field conditions.
3. Games may be suspended or terminated only by the referee.
4. Rescheduling of postponed or suspended games will be done by the Scheduler. Games stopped for weather or field conditions after the first half is over are considered complete.
5. A game may not be canceled without the consent of both coaches and the permission of the Scheduler.

#### C. Forfeiture and Termination

1. A properly manned team must appear within 15 minutes of the scheduled start time or forfeit the game by a score of 1 to 0. If both teams fail to show within 15 minutes then a double forfeiture will be recorded showing a loss for both teams.
2. If a game is terminated by a referee because of coach or fan actions for one or both teams, the Rules and Games Committee will determine the outcome.

#### D. Game Protests

1. An ESC protest committee will hear and decide all game protests. The committee will be composed of the Scheduler as chair, two other directors, and two coaches. All members will be disinterested parties. A different chair may be selected if the Scheduler is not a disinterested party.
2. Detailed protests will be delivered to the Scheduler or any director in writing with 7 copies and a non-refundable \$20 cashier's check or money order within 24 hours of the incident.
3. An appeal to the decision of the ESC Protest Committee may be made to the ESC Board. The detailed written appeal with 10 copies and a \$50 cashier's check is submitted within 7 days of receiving notice from the protest committee. This second fee will be refunded if the appeal is in favor of the person or team posting the fee.
4. Appeals of the ESC Board decision may be made to the OSA. OSA decisions are subject to appeal to the USYSA.
5. Protest copies will be mailed to the coach of the opposing team and where applicable to the referee involved. They will provide a written response to the protest committee within 48 hours of receiving a protest copy.
6. Decisions on a protest will be rendered in writing to the coaches of the 2 teams and where applicable to the referee of the match within 7 business days of the receipt of the protest.

7. The committee will not uphold a protest based upon the qualifications of the referee or upon matters of his judgment. Protests involving field conditions, equipment, or facilities will be denied unless the referee was notified in writing before the start of the game that the game is being played under protest.
8. In-house tournament protests must be made by 1 hour of the game completion time in question. A \$20 non-refundable protest fee and the written protest with one copy must be delivered to the Scheduler or his representative. The protest committee will be composed of a minimum of three disinterested members consisting of 2 ESC board members and one coach. Due to time constraints, no appeals will be allowed.

#### E. Standings

1. If Standings are kept, they will be kept by the scheduler and be based on a point system as follows:
  - A. Three points for a win.
  - B. One point for a tie.
  - C. Zero points for a loss.

#### F. Complex Restrictions

1. Alcoholic drinks, glass containers, and pets are not permitted at the ESC complex.

### VI. COACHES

#### A. Registration

1. ESC coaches will be properly registered on a USYSA registration form before beginning a season.

#### B. Selection

1. Where 2 coaches seek to coach the same team, the Board of Directors will determine who will coach the team. The coach with USYSA certification will normally be selected.
2. When both coaches are certified, the Board of Directors will determine who will coach the team. The team will not necessarily be awarded to the higher certified coach.
3. Classic and select coaches must be approved by the board of directors before any player selection.

#### C. Certification

1. After the first season, under 12 and above age group coaches should be F-Level certified to continue coaching.

#### D. Training

1. All coaches are encouraged to seek instruction in the Laws of the Game and coaching technique.

**E. Responsibilities**

1. Each coach must sign a statement agreeing to read and abide by the ESC Playing Rules and Administrative Regulations.
2. Each coach must ensure all ESC rules and regulations are complied with by his players and his spectators. Coaches are responsible for maintaining order and respect for the authority of the referee and linesmen.
3. Coaches will ensure their players are properly registered before participating in any team activity.
4. Coaches are responsible for the training and conditioning of their players.
5. Coaches are responsible for the conduct of practice and ensuring the maximum activities regulation is complied with by their teams.
6. At each game the coach will ensure the ESC roster and pink player registration forms are available for inspection by the referee or the opposing coach if there is no referee. Coaches will have registration forms at all team activities.
7. Coaches are responsible for their fan conduct.
8. Any coach who violates the ESC Administrative Regulations or Playing Rules is subject to disciplinary actions as described in Regulation VII below.

**F. Cautions and Send Offs**

1. Coaches are subject to a caution and/or being sent off by the referee for misconduct.
2. A sent off coach shall leave the playing area. He may not take part in the remaining portion of the game and he must exit the area before the game is restarted.
3. If a sent off coach refuses to leave, the match will be terminated and declared a forfeiture not to be replayed.
4. A sent off coach may not attend the very next game. If he does appear, that game shall also be forfeited.
5. A sent off coach may submit a written protest within 24 hours of the incident. The coach's protest will be handled in the same manner as a protest in Regulation V,D.

**VII. DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS**

- A. The Board may suspend coaching, player, or spectator privileges for 1 or more games, seasons, or permanently.
- B. The Board may direct forfeiture of 1 or more games.
- C. A coach, player or spectator who assaults a referee or linesman will be prohibited from participating in ESC activities for at least 1 calendar year. Actions taken by the ESC board under this regulation will not limit the prosecution of the offender by the referee and/or any agency under the criminal laws of the State of Oklahoma. Assaults will be reported to OSA by the ESC President.

- D. The Board of Directors through a majority vote may take other actions as it deems necessary.
- E. No individual Board member shall take any action meant to discipline, castigate or otherwise rebuke any party not specifically authorized by these Regulations or by Board action as contemplated by this section.

**VIII. CHANGES IN ESC ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS**

- A. Changes may be made by a simple majority vote at any regularly scheduled membership meeting or at a board meeting by the directors.
- B. During a playing season, coaches will be notified in writing within 1 week of a change.