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1. BYSA Sponsored Competition

1.1. Seasonal Year

The Seasonal Year of this Association shall begin on September 1 and end on August 31, of the next calendar year.

1.2. Seasons of Play

Recognized Seasons of Play shall be Fall, Spring, and Summer.

1.2.1. Fall Season

In an attempt to offer every player a level of competition for which he/she is qualified, BYSA shall sponsor teams for players under 10 years of age in Division IV (Instructional), and for players between 9 and 20 years of age in Division III (Recreational) and where possible, Premier, & State Classic Leagues, Division I, Super II and Division II (Competitive Soccer) and Academy (This program is considered Division IV Recreational but a player must choose to apply for this Division). Divisions II, Super II, Division I and Higher shall be known as Competitive Divisions and players must choose to advance to these divisions.

The Fall Season for BYSA Division III and IV teams shall begin on the first weekend after Labor Day.

1.2.2. Spring Season

Until BYSA can field enough teams in any Age Group or Division to schedule Spring Play, the Association shall make arrangements for inter-association play for teams wishing to participate in the Spring Season. If intra-Association games are played within BYSA, a separate registration fee may be charged to cover field usage, referees and other expenses.

1.3. Post Season Competition

Post Season Competition shall be defined as any games played after the end of the "Regular Season". Invitational Tournament play is not Post-Season Play. The BYSA Championship Tournament is a part of the Regular Season.

1.4. Levels of Competition

1.4.1. Competitive Soccer

There are multiple tier levels of competitive soccer, including, but not limited to the following:

- Division I – governed and administered by STYSA Dynamo Dash League (STYSA DDL)
 - Premier League
 - State Classic League
 - National Frontier League
- Super II – governed by STYSA Dynamo Dash League (STYSA DDL)
- Division II – governed by Eastern District Division 2 League (D2L)

(Collectively the term “Competitive Soccer” shall include all of the above.)

Although Premier, State Classic, Division I, Super II and Division II Competition are administered through associations other than BYSA, BYSA recognizes the reasons and need for Competitive Soccer in those areas served by BYSA. These teams play at the highest level of competition to further develop the very best players from all associations. Those teams and the players participating in Competitive Soccer must understand and be willing to dedicate the time and money for extra practice, training fees and the traveling that is required.

1.4.2 Academy

Some players cannot participate in Competitive Soccer because of age restrictions and they are still developing the necessary skills (collectively these players are referred to as “Academy Players”). In order to provide a uniformly accessible opportunity to all players interested in competitive programs supported by the member clubs, BYSA recognizes the need to support the continued development of these Academy Players and BYSA will support 9U – 10U Academy team play (collectively referred to as “Academy Program”).

1.4.3 Division III

Recreational Teams 11U – 14U.

1.4.4 Division IV

Developmental soccer 10U and younger.

1.5. Age Divisions

The age of a player shall be determined by his/her age as of January 1st, of the seasonal year for which he/she is registering.

Recognized Age Groups shall be per STYSA and shall follow STYSA’s Age Matrix published every year.

1.5.1. Subdivision of Age Groups

Any Age Group with more than 10 teams may be subdivided into subdivisions bracketed by strength of team to provide better competition. An even number of teams form a bracket the best. Recommended sizes of brackets are 6 teams and 10 teams. This is at the discretion of the BYSA Scheduler with the assistance of the BYSA Bracketing Committee.

1.6. Separate Competition for Girls Teams

To promote Girls Soccer, BYSA will schedule a separate Girls Division whenever there are enough Girls Teams to do so. Each club is encouraged to offer all girl teams in age groups where sufficient numbers are registered to form such teams.

1.7. Team Formation Policies

BYSA would prefer recreational and developmental team formation be designed to create parity of play within club and across the association. Larger clubs should consider neighborhood formation of teams with some consideration of distribution of skilled players among all teams to develop beginning players and to increase player pool. Alternate competitive activities may be pursued through supplemental offerings.

2. Registration of Individuals

This Rule shall take precedence over any other registration or procedural information concerning the intent of the player/coach registration process for BYSA. Registration year is Aug. 1 to July. 31.

2.1. Method of Registration with BYSA

All players, coaches, trainers and any other adult having regular contact with players must be registered with BYSA by their BYSA member club Registrar, by sending Individual Registration information required by STYSA to the BYSA Registrar and by successfully being approved for an Adult Participation Pass. (Formerly known as the “KidSafe Badge”).

2.1.1. Players

2.1.1.1. Method of Registration with clubs

All players shall register with their member clubs by completing registration form and paying registration fees. Registration year is Aug. 1 to July 31.

2.1.1.2. Requirements

Each player shall furnish proof of age at the time of initial registration with a member club. Proof of age may not be required again as long as the player is continuously registered.

Proof of age must be verified with an official government birth certificate (copy or original).

Players will usually be placed on the youngest team for which they qualify. The individual clubs will handle exceptions as they form their teams.

Players placed on a team older than the youngest team for which they qualify for must have signed parental consent to play up in an older age group.

2.1.2. Coaches

2.1.2.1. Requirements

Registered adult coaches must be 18 years of age or older and approved by their respective club. Other persons such as assistant coaches, trainers, or other individuals who have interaction with the players shall also be approved by their respective clubs. Minors can act as assistant coaches or trainers, but an

Eligible adult shall always be present at all times during team activities (games, practice, etc.). All Coaches have one year from their first time of registration to obtain an appropriate coaching module or license for the age they are coaching or request a waiver from STYSA. Assistant Coaches are encouraged to get their appropriate coaching module or license for the age they are coaching. Older players are encouraged to help coach younger teams, but they may not be the head coach of record (they must be 18 years old to be the head coach of record). Their player registration will cover them for insurance purposes. BYSA has the right to reject the registration of any coach within BYSA for the good of the game.

2.2. Date of Registration

The date on which the player or his parent (guardian) signs the Individual Membership Form and pays his/her fees shall be the date of registration. Players are registered for a Seasonal Year; September 1 thru August 31.

2.3. Proof of Registration

Each player (8U and older), will be furnished with a USYSA Player Pass (ID Card) at the beginning of the Seasonal Year. This card shall be proof of USYSA/STYSA/BYSA Registration and as such is good for the entire seasonal year.

All players (Under 8 and above) will be expected to have and show a STYSA Player Pass for the current seasonal year, properly laminated and signed by the Association Registrar and the player/coach and will include the player's picture at all BYSA sanctioned games. During BYSA games, the referee will be in charge to ensure that all players have proper cards and opposite coaches can ask to see them before the match. Failure to produce Eligible adults and/or player's cards will result in games to be considered as forfeit. Players without "player cards" will not be allowed to play and Coaches without their proper laminated cards (Adult Participation Pass - KidSafe Badge) will not be allowed to be on the technical area.

Younger age groups will be provided upon request.

3. Rostering of Teams

This Rule shall take precedence over any other rosters information concerning player eligibility and/or team formation for teams participating in competitions leading to Post Season Play. Clubs may not have more than one team with the exact same name.

3.1. Primary Teams

A player rostered to a Primary Team (teams playing in STYSA Fall Championships, USYSNC, President's Cup, or South Texas Cup) is bound to the first team to which he/she is rostered for the entire seasonal year, unless the player requests and obtains a Release through the review and approval of the Competitive Committee.

All Teams must have a registered coach. The BYSA Registrar shall notify any club whose Initial Rosters contain teams without coaches and the club shall have a registered coach for each team as of the first

weekend of regularly scheduled play. Teams without a registered coach after the deadline shall be disbanded.

The BYSA scheduler will schedule only Primary Teams.

3.2. Secondary Teams

Tournament Teams are formed by clubs to participate in invitational tournaments. These teams' activities cannot interfere with the player's participation on their primary team. Violation of this rule will result in the awarding of nine (9) discipline points to the individual involved in the infraction. No team penalty points will be awarded.

3.3. Spring Leagues and Tournament Teams

Players and coaches may be rostered to Tournament Teams only after being registered as a STYSA member. All Tournament Teams must be rostered through the BYSA Registrar. Activities of Tournament Teams must not interfere with players' or coaches' responsibilities to their Primary Team.

Spring League Teams will be rostered through the BYSA Registrar. In house spring play does not require rostering. This spring play will be played in a street soccer type format.

3.4. Date of Rostering

The date of a player's rostering shall be no earlier than June 1 of the current seasonal year and shall be determined by the earlier of:

- Assignment of a properly registered player to a team; OR
- The player's first participation in any competition (excluding tryouts and scrimmages leading to team formation) sanctioned by STYSA or its Member Associations.

3.5. Roster Limitations

3.5.1. Minimum

Per STYSA's guidelines

3.5.2. Maximum

Per STYSA's guidelines

3.5.3. Competitive Players Returning to Recreational Play

A player having played for a season or more in a Competitive Division who desires to re-enter Recreational play must submit to whatever form of team rostering that the club involved shall consider appropriate.

A player rostered to a Competitive Division team may not transfer to a Recreational Team during a playing season without review and approval by the Competitive Committee.

3.5.4. Returning BYSA Championship Teams

Any team which wins its BYSA Boys/Girls Division III age division based on Fall Season standings two consecutive years or advances to the semi-finals in Eastern District Play (in any of those two years), or wins the Eastern District Championship and has a minimum of 50% +1 players returning will either be required to compete at the Division II level the following year, or must play up 1 year in Div III, or must disband into separate Div III teams. Clubs should consider re-distributing strong players among all age group recreational teams. Protests will be made to the BYSA Competitive Committee for review. Appeals may be made to the BYSA Executive Board.

3.5.5. Age Divisions

Teams may be formed for all recognized USYSA/STYSA Age Divisions. Teams will play in the age division for which they are initially rostered for the entire seasonal year. It is recommended that players be placed on the youngest team for which they qualify.

3.5.6. Playing Levels

3.5.6.1. Competitive

3.5.6.1.1. Division 1 – Competitive

Division I Competition is administered through STYSA Dynamo Dash League (hereto after called “DDL”). BYSA recognizes the reasons and need for Division I teams. These teams play at the highest level of competition to further develop the very best players from all Associations. Since BYSA has no designated Division I game fields, these players must understand and be willing to dedicate the time and money for extra practice, professional trainers, and the traveling that is required.

Since STYSA DDL has developed a selection process for Division I teams, any team which is approved through the BYSA Competitive Process but does not qualify in DDL will be allowed to return to BYSA as a Super 2 (if DDL Super 2 qualifications are met) or Division II team.

3.5.6.1.2. Super 2 – Competitive

Since STYSA DDL has developed a selection process for Super 2 teams, any team which is approved through the BYSA Competitive Process but does not qualify in DDL will be allowed to return to BYSA as a Division II team.

3.5.6.1.3. Division II – Competitive

BYSA recognizes the need and desires to provide some players with a more competitive environment. In order to provide a uniformly accessible opportunity to all players interested in competitive programs, supported by the member clubs, BYSA will support and be a member in good standing of Division II play through the Eastern District Division 2 League.

3.5.6.1.4. Administration:

3.5.6.1.4.1. Competitive Committee:

Competitive play will be governed and administered through the Competitive Committee under BYSA. The authority of the committee will extend to, but not be limited to, such activities as scheduling play within or outside of BYSA, coach selection/relegation, number of teams per age division, sponsoring tryouts, team formation, code of ethics, and grievances.

The Competitive Committee will consist of the BYSA designated chairperson, one (1) member from each club and the BYSA designated tie breaker and the EDD2L representative with only the 6 club members and the tie-breaker having a vote. No trainers may sit on this committee. The current BYSA Competitive Vice-President will be the committee chairperson or appoint one. If the BYSA Competitive Vice-President position is unfilled, the BYSA President shall appoint a Competitive committee chairperson. The chairperson may not represent his or her club on this committee and shall be a non-voting chair. The other members of the Competitive Committee will have one vote each. The tie breaker will be a non-conflictive BYSA Board Member, preferably the BYSA Registrar. All committee members must make every attempt to remain impartial and have no conflict. If a conflict arises, they must exempt themselves from the discussion/meeting/vote and make no attempt to influence other committee members so that their opinions can remain unbiased and without conflict. Permanent removal of a committee member from their position is at the sole discretion of the competitive committee as well as BYSA Executive board, as needed.

The Competitive Committee will be formed no later than March 15 of each year.

3.5.6.1.4.2. Age Group Coordinators

The Competitive Committee will be the Age Group (i.e., 14U, 16U, etc.) Coordinators each year and will be responsible for managing the program within the policies both set forth by this Rule and by the Committee. These Coordinators will be mainly responsible for the activities relating to team formation, player selection, tryouts, field assignments, etc.

3.5.6.1.4.3. Teams Subject to Rules

All Competitive teams within BYSA, will be subject to the rules of Competitive play. Competitive teams not conforming to this will NOT be considered to be playing under the auspices of BYSA and will NOT be eligible for (including but not limited to) field usage, scheduling of games, post season play, etc.

3.5.6.1.4.4. Competitive Committee Guidelines for Coach Selection

All coach applications will be submitted by the due date designated each year to the BYSA Vice President of Competitive (or BYSA President if seat is vacant) with a resume including but not limited to the following information:

- Past record/standings/points (please submit supporting documents)
- Experience and all license levels as a coach, including but not limited to STYSA, HSSOA, USYSA, etc.

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- Teaching abilities
- Participation in association / club activities

The Competitive Committee will review all submitted coaching applications and select qualified coaches based on but not limited to the above criteria, in addition to Rules and Procedures 3.5.6.3.2 (see below).

In the event that there are two coaches who qualify and are approved in one age division (i.e. U-14 boys) the Competitive Committee will rank the coaches for draft selection to determine the order of Draft.

3.5.6.1.5. Recreational Division Pool Protection and Assurance of BYSA Competitive Teams Ready for Competitive Level Play

3.5.6.1.5.1. Age Divisions

No Competitive teams will be sponsored below the 11U age.

3.5.6.1.5.2. Number of Competitive teams

The Competitive committee will determine the maximum number of 11U and older Competitive teams based on the previous year's enrollment for each age division, both Recreational and Competitive using the charts below.

11U/12U

The chart is based on allowing 25% of each age division to play Competitive with a minimum of 12 players per team.	Max # of Competitive Teams
Total # of Players in Age Division	
0 – 95	1
96 – 143	2
144 – 191	3
192 – 239	4
240 – 287	5
288 – 335	6
336 – 383	7

This chart is to be used to provide criteria for determining the number of competitive teams for the seasonal year. If no recreational player pool remains to protect, then team placement should be made to division most comparable to team playing level. This to be determined by record, tournament play, or other information available on the team.

Relegation of previous competitive team to lower competitive level or back into the recreational group play can be made when team has achieved fewer than 9 points in seasonal play for the previous year and

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will be made if a team has achieved fewer than 9 points in two consecutive years. This will be enforced by the Competitive Committee.

13U and above

The chart is based on allowing 25% of each age division to play Competitive with a minimum of 15 players per team.	Max # of Competitive Teams
Total # of Players in Age Division	
0 - 119	1
120 - 179	2
180 - 239	3
240 - 299	4
300 - 359	5
360 - 419	6
420 - 479	7

This chart is to be used to provide criteria for determining the number of competitive teams for the seasonal year. If no recreational player pool remains to protect, then team placement should be made to division most comparable to team playing level. This to be determined by record, tournament play, or other information available on the team.

Relegation of previous competitive team to lower competitive level or back into the recreational group play can be made when team has achieved fewer than 9 points in seasonal play for the previous year and will be made if a team has achieved fewer than 9 points in two consecutive years. This will be enforced by the Competitive Committee.

All coaches/teams age 15U and higher for the current Fall year will need to apply to the competitive committee as there is no recreational play for that level. Teams 15U and above that feel that they are not at the competitive level of play for their age group are encouraged to register under D2L for the least experienced bracket of play.

3.5.6.1.5.3. Coaches and Trainers

Coaches and trainers applying to BYSA to either coach or train a Competitive team in any age group must hold at least a state “E” license or equivalent. Coaches not holding a state “E” license or equivalent must utilize a trainer with a state “E” license or equivalent. One-year grace applies as per STYSA Rules.

However, it is strongly suggested they go one step further and obtain a state “D” license to better enhance the Competitive level of play. The total number of teams in each age division will be determined by the players in the pool, not by the number of individuals wishing to coach. The BYSA Competitive committee will have final approval of any Competitive rostered coaching staff. All Competitive teams formed will be a BYSA sponsored team and as such will register directly under BYSA and be governed by the BYSA

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Competitive Committee. In the event a team's Head Coach cannot fulfill their commitment to the team the Competitive Committee will oversee the replacement Head Coach.

All adult rostered coaching staff will be responsible for fines and fees when incurred. Additional fees and penalties may occur if fines are not paid in a timely manner. All rostered coaching staff will be responsible for following all practice field's club rules. Failure to comply will result in forced relegation of all adult staff.

All competitive teams playing games on BYSA fields are responsible for participating in the Field Marshal program. Fines and/or other consequences will be incurred per the BYSA Fine Schedule and/or Field Marshal Policy. Coaches failing to comply will not be approved by the Competitive Committee.

3.5.6.1.5.4. Recruiting

It is the expressed intent of BYSA to allow players and parents to attend tryouts without undue pressure from coaches or their representatives. Harassment of players or parents will not be tolerated. Coaches are not to engage in harassing behavior towards parents or players and are expected to discourage harassing behavior by their representatives. The Competitive committee shall have the responsibility of reviewing any complaints received by BYSA or its member clubs related to the recruitment of players. Any coach or team representative deemed to be guilty of player / parent harassment will be subject to reprimand and potentially suspension.

3.5.6.1.5.5. Primary Team Formation

3.5.6.1.5.5.1. Tryouts

3.5.6.1.5.5.1.1. BYSA Tryouts

No recruiting will occur at the tryout complex or venue, this is including but not limited to parking lots. If recruiting is observed or reported, the Competitive committee will take action that could lead to suspension of the coach and or disbandment of the team.

All tryout application forms shall be kept and controlled by the registrar or their designee(s). These forms, once turned in, are not allowed to be altered at tryouts **EXCEPT** to make a change for a player to play down into their true age group or to **ADD (not change)** additional age brackets. Any **OTHER** changes not mentioned will only be approved at the discretion of the competitive committee, by petition.

BYSA tryouts will be held for all players of the appropriate ages 11U – 19U. Tryouts should be held after May 1, so 10U players can tryout without violating STYSA's rules and must be held no later than STYSA's latest deadline. Additional BYSA tryouts can be held later if determined necessary. Should additional tryouts be required, invitations to attend will be forwarded to all sponsored coaches in the age group for which the tryouts are being conducted. Additional tryouts prior to the start of the competitive season will be held on an as needed basis as determined by the Competitive Committee.

3.5.6.1.5.5.1.2. Notification to Players of Tryouts

Every attempt will be made to contact and invite all players in the appropriate age divisions to BYSA tryouts. Included in this notification shall be information concerning the time, money and travel

requirements of Competitive play. Also included will be information on obtaining a Tryout Application Form and a list of the coaches who have been approved to form competitive teams.

3.5.6.1.5.5.1.3. Tryout Coordinators

The tryout coordinators will be the Age Group Coordinators formed from the Competitive Committee members.

3.5.6.1.5.5.1.4. Try-out Format

Tryouts will be based upon criteria determined by the Competitive Committee. Soccer skills, athletic ability, motivation and attitude will be considered. Match play will occur. Coordinators will make every attempt to make their tryouts safe for the individuals participating.

Every opportunity possible will be given to new or unknown players wishing to play at this level.

3.5.6.1.5.5.1.5. Coach Participation at Tryouts

All BYSA approved Competitive coaches will make every effort to attend BYSA tryouts. Any BYSA approved coach or, if unable to attend, their representative will be present to observe at tryouts. They will be required to provide assistance at tryouts as required by the Competitive Committee.

3.5.6.1.5.5.1.6. Player Attendance at Competitive Tryouts for Draft

Players desiring to play Competitive soccer must attend a BYSA sponsored tryout each year unless given an exemption by a BYSA approved coach per section A.8. All Competitive players will be selected from these tryouts. The intent of this provision is to enable all players to be seen and have an equal opportunity for selection.

This rule has no application to Tournament Teams formed for the purpose of competing in commercial / invitational tournaments.

3.5.6.1.5.5.1.7. Registration of Players for Draft

- The organization and selected BYSA coach(es) names will be placed on the registration forms.
- Each player will have access to the Tryout Application Form. (Blank forms will also be available at the tryouts.) Each player must have submitted a completed Tryout Application Form, including a parent/guardian signature, before being allowed to participate in the mandatory tryouts. Any player given an exemption by an approved coach must still turn in a completed Tryout Application Form.
- Any player who has not applied prior to the tryout(s) for Competitive play will not be eligible to be selected during the draft (unless written exception approval is obtained from the Competitive Committee prior to the draft).
- Note: newly registered players see B.6.
- Any exempted player whose team does not form will be placed back into the draft and made available to other teams.
- Players must be registered with STYSA/BYSA to participate in Competitive Tryouts. Players who are not registered with STYSA/BYSA at the time of Competitive Tryouts may complete a

registration form at the tryouts, provide proof of age, provide a parent/guardian signature and pay the current STYSA/BYSA registration fee. This fee will not be refunded for any reason.

3.5.6.1.5.5.1.8. Player Exemptions

Any BYSA approved coach may give any of their core players from their prior season team an exemption from attending Competitive tryouts. Granting this exemption requires the coach to pick up the exempted player on their team for the new seasonal year. All BYSA approved coaches are required to provide the BYSA Registrar and the Competitive committee with a list of player exemptions prior to due date set by registrar or 1st tryout date if no due date given of the current year.

3.5.6.1.5.5.2. Player Draft

3.5.6.1.5.5.2.1. Who Can Be Drafted

Coaches may draft ONLY from the Tryout Application Forms turned in at the Tryouts; BYSA Registrar will verify who is eligible based on tryout registrations. Falsification of any of these documents, which includes coaches filling out the documents or changing the documents, will immediately be turned over to the Discipline and Protest Committee with a recommendation of suspension of the coach.

3.5.6.1.5.5.2.2. Competitive Team Draft Process

The number of approved Competitive teams within a certain age group will be determined by the following rules:

- Minimum Core Teams (see B.1) will be drafted by each respective coach prior to the draft. A minimum core team roster will be sent to the BYSA Registrar a minimum of 4 days prior to the draft date. The number will be inclusive of all prior player exemptions that were submitted.
- BYSA approved coaches attending the draft will be required to have prepared a list of player choices that they want to include on their roster. Alternatively, the BYSA approved coach can submit a listing of player preferences, 1 through 30, of the players who they would roster on their team. Their team roster will be filled from that list.
- An initial sort of all coaches' choices, within a certain age group, will be evaluated to determine whether each BYSA team has enough players. If a team's minimum roster requirement in their respective age group has not been met and a coach chooses to disband their team, then that team will be dropped from the draft and all players will return to the draft pool. This will include all exempted core and new players chosen.
- If it is determined at a Draft that there are not enough players available to roster to a BYSA approved coach that would allow any one particular team to form then the coach will be allowed to attend additional tryouts if needed. Once the teams have been approved, all chosen players will be sorted and a list will be given to the BYSA approved coach(es).
- A BYSA approved coach with a minimum roster in their age group or more will be allowed to form a team.
- All players from a team that folds (exempted or selected) will go back into the draft pool. Once a BYSA approved coach drafts their team and that team roster reaches the number of players that they choose (or up to the maximum roster size), that team exits the draft. This procedure is repeated until all approved teams have been filled.

- After all teams have been filled, all un-drafted players would return to the recreational draft or return back to their recreational league team.
- If after all competitive drafts are completed, a team does not have a full roster of players per STYSA rules, and would like to add additional players that Coach will be allowed to seek additional players to complete the team, with the approval of the Competitive Committee.

3.5.6.1.5.5.2.3. Order of Draft

If there is more than one coach in an age bracket the order of team selection at draft will be based on coaching seniority as defined by the Competitive Committee.

Team selection will be in order of oldest to youngest and in the following order:

1. Division I Girls
2. Division I Boys
3. Super 2 Girls
4. Super 2 Boys
5. Division II Girls
6. Division II Boys

3.5.6.1.5.6. Player Notification

Coaches must supply the draft coordinator the forms of any / all players not drafted. The draft coordinator will check and notify any / all players not drafted to any team by mail within one (1) week after the draft. Once those players have been notified coaches may notify and begin registering their players.

3.5.6.1.5.7. Team Registration

Competitive rosters will be frozen on August 15 each year, unless otherwise specified by the Association Registrar. Competitive players must register through BYSA for competitive play by due date(s) set by competitive committee; all players/teams/coaching staff will be governed by the Competitive Committee. Coaches must register their team for field usage allowance with the club that they have chosen to hold practice at in a timely manner. A fine equal to \$100 will be paid to BYSA by the team coach if that team is not registered by the date specified by the BYSA registrar or that of the participating association/club.

3.5.6.1.5.8. New Players

Newly registering players entering BYSA after all tryouts are completed will be evaluated by the Competitive Committee and made eligible to teams according to the Team Formation rules.

3.5.6.1.5.9. Extenuating Criteria for player selection

BYSA recognizes that unforeseen events may occur which may call for a review of extenuating circumstances which might allow for exceptions (flood, hurricane, fire, divorce, relocation, injury, etc.). It is BYSA's intent to help each of our youth applying to play soccer find the best division that will help them grow. Each application submitted to allow for exceptions will be reviewed by the Competitive Committee on a case by case basis.

3.5.6.1.6.0. Definitions

BYSA - Brazosport Youth Soccer Association (BYSA). An association under STYSA comprised of local clubs (Angleton Soccer Club, Bay City Youth Soccer Club, West Brazos Soccer Club, Clute/Richwood Soccer Club, Freeport Soccer Club, Lake Jackson Soccer Club.

BYSA Coach - Coach with any club in BYSA. Use of a professional trainer will depend on the coach's philosophy.

STYSA - "South Texas Youth Soccer Association."

Coaching Staff - any supporting staff member on a team's roster including Coach, Assistant Coach, trainer, Team Mom, Manager, or any person listed with an APP (Adult Participation Pass – KidSafe)

Adult Coaching Staff - any supporting staff member who is an Adult (18 or older) on a team's roster including Coach, Assistant Coach, trainer, Team Mom, Manager, or any adult listed with an APP (Adult Participation Pass – KidSafe)

Core Player - a player from the coach's previous fall season primary roster.

Core Team - the minimum number of players according to STYSA rules (greater than 50%) from the Team's previous fall season primary roster.

Minimum Core Team - consists of 50% +1 of the Team's previous fall season primary roster.

Draft Coordinator - Individual or individuals designated by the Competitive committee whose responsibility it is to supervise the draft process. The draft coordinator for a given age group must not have a vested interest in the results of the draft for the age group they are supervising.

3.5.6.2. Recreational

3.5.6.2.1. Division III and IV

The purpose of Division III and IV competition within BYSA is to involve as many children as possible and teach them the game of soccer by providing approximately evenly matched competition between teams within BYSA whenever possible. BYSA recommends team formation by neighborhood and by parity in player talent to encourage participation by beginning players and friends of current players. Distribution of talented players and redistribution with each age progression is suggested to encourage most rapid player development in the entire player pool.

3.5.6.2.1.1. Team Formation -- BYSA Inter-Club Leagues

Division III and IV team formation will be according to STYSA Rules. Club team formation rules will be included with the Constitution and By-Laws that are turned in to the BYSA secretary annually and will be public record. Clubs without rules on file will not be allowed to enter teams in the Inter-Club Leagues.

3.5.6.2.2. BYSA Academy Team Program 9U and 10U

Rule change with STYSA in 2006/7 allow for an academy team program. STYSA can utilize this program to create a mutually supportive recreational and recreational academy program designed to be more

inclusive and to moderate the commitments required of 9U and 10U players. The expectation is this will allow better growth and retention of area soccer players. Any and all Academy programs must be approved by the BYSA Governing Board and then submitted to and approved by STYSA according to STYSA due date prior to beginning operation.

3.5.6.2.2.1. Organization

The BYSA Vice President of Recreational play will oversee Academy programs within BYSA. An Academy committee will be organized and chaired by the Vice President of Recreational play or the BYSA Director of Coaching as directed by the BYSA President and include a representative of each academy program (i.e. age and gender).

3.5.6.2.2.2. Academy Coaches

Academies will utilize a team approach on academy coaching. The intent being to develop well trained coaches that manage individual academies as a staff and to utilize “mentor” coaches that work with all the academies and coaches to improve players development and coaching expertise. The Academy committee will approve all coaching staff. Minimum license requirement will be a State E license.

3.5.6.2.2.3. Academy Formation

Shall be in accordance with STYSA rules.

3.5.6.2.2.4. Competition

The Academy teams must play in accordance with STYSA rules. Participation in a tournament with other academy teams is up to the individual teams within the academy. Each Academy will need to determine the amount of travel that is supported by the players and parents. The exclusion of players based on excessive economics or logistics is not consistent with the academy programs goals.

3.5.6.2.3. Crazy 8's

Crazy 8's is a sub level of Division III play meant for 15U and older players to allow them a form of play to fit their needs. Younger players may participate in Crazy 8's with their club's permission but not at the expense of not forming a traditional Division III team 14U or below. The rules governing Crazy 8's will be included as Addendum A to the BYSA Rules and Procedures.

3.5.6.2.4. Street Soccer

Street soccer is a form of training in which players come together and engage in soccer instruction and scrimmages for the purpose of training. No set teams are maintained and no standings are kept for Street Soccer. Anyone holding a street soccer activity is responsible for ensuring these rules are met and followed.

- Street soccer activities must be sponsored by a BYSA member club or BYSA itself.
- In order to participate in this program, the adults must be registered coaches with an approved Adult Participation Pass.
- The players must be registered players and have a current and valid USYSA ID card.
- The member club or BYSA will determine if any fees will be necessary on a case by case basis.

3.5.7. Adds

Players must be added to a team at least two (2) weeks prior to the last regularly-scheduled, regular-season game and must have participated in at least two (2) regularly-scheduled, regular-season games with his/her respective team prior to taking part in any post-season competition.

3.5.8. Previously Rostered Players

All requests to add a previously rostered player shall be submitted to the BYSA Registrar along with a copy of the completed Transfer/Release form. During the fall season, this request must include the reason for the request of a previously rostered player.

The player is not to play a game with the new team until the BYSA Registrar has received said information.

3.5.9. Fall - STYSA Championship Season

During the FALL, STYSA Championship Season, previously rostered players may be added to another team only when there is a case of extreme hardship. Hardship refers to hardship on a player - not a team. A team, which has lost players for whatever reasons, does not qualify under this hardship exception. (An example of a hardship would be a player moving to another location.)

Previously rostered players requesting that they be added to another team must play with the new team in at least 4 regularly scheduled games prior to taking part in any post-season competition. It is specifically intended that this Rule prohibit the addition of players for the purpose of strengthening a team for post-season tournament play. The intent of this Rule is that the same team, which played during the regular season, will participate in any STYSA sponsored post-season tournaments.

3.6.0. Releases

A player may request a Release at any time.

A player may be released from a team involuntarily only if the player is unable to play for one of the following reasons:

- The player has violated rules of USSF or the Association or the National State Association Member through whom the player is registered.
- The player has moved beyond a reasonable travel distance. Determination of what constitutes reasonable travel distance is subject to definition by the National State Association.
- The player is injured in such a manner that the player will not be able to participate for the remainder of the season.

The Release portion of the Transfer/Release form must be filled out and sent to the BYSA Registrar. Should the Released player decide to return to his original team (or any other team) during the same seasonal year, he would be considered a previously rostered player.

4. BYSA Fall Championship Play

4.1. Under 6, Under 8, and Under 10

U6, U8 and U10 teams are formed to introduce new players to soccer and to develop player's soccer skills. Regular season standings will be kept only for internal use in bracketing. Therefore, coaches will be encouraged to play/develop their weakest players. If budget allows, end-of-season BYSA tournaments will be subsidized by BYSA for these age divisions if budget allows. 6U, 8U, and 10U "fun" tournaments will give awards for participation only.

No STYSA Eastern District playoffs are currently sanctioned for 10U and younger teams, BYSA post season are for primary rostered teams (teams on which players played regular season games) only. No guest players are allowed for end of season fun tournaments.

4.2. Under 11 and Older (BYSA Championship format and ED Seeding)

Tournaments including every team in the age-division will be held to determine BYSA champions and STYSA Eastern District Championship seeding. In the event that the BYSA championship cannot be held (i.e. weather) then current regular season standings will be used. (Every attempt will be made by BYSA to hold the championship.) BYSA scorekeeper or tournament director will confirm participating teams 2 weeks prior to the end of regular season. This should encourage coaches to develop every player during the regular season. Format of this tournament should be determined at the Bracketing Meeting for the championship and must be turned in to the BYSA Secretary, and furnished to each coach in the division, in writing, before the first scheduled game of the championship. If no format is received by this date, the following default format will be used.

4.2.1. Default Championship Format for 11U and older

Tournament Format

2-5 teams:

Round Robin (Regulation games)

Tournaments with more than one bracket shall consist of mini-games on Saturday with the regulation-length semi-final and final rounds on Sunday. The length of these mini-games shall be as follows:

Under- 11/12	25-minute halves, unless otherwise specified by BYSA or designee
Under- 13-14	30-minute halves, unless otherwise specified by BYSA or designee

Tournaments with only one bracket of more than five (5) teams shall consist entirely of mini-games of the length specified above.

6-8 teams:

- 1st round: (round robin in each bracket - mini games)

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Bracket A	Bracket B
#1 seed	#2 seed
#4 seed	#3 seed
#5 seed	#6 seed
#8 seed	#7 seed

- 2nd round: (regulation games)

Winner of Bracket A vs. runner-up of Bracket B and
Runner-up of Bracket A vs. winner of Bracket B

- Final round: (regulation games)

Winners of 2nd round for 1st and 2nd place

* Losers of 2nd round for 3rd and 4th place

(* this game is only played if needed for seeding the STYSA Eastern District Slots)

9-12 teams:

- 1st round: (round robin in each bracket - mini games)

Bracket A	Bracket B	Bracket C
#1 seed	#2 seed	#3 seed
#6 seed	#5 seed	#4 seed
#7 seed	#8 seed	#9 seed
#12 seed	#11 seed	#10 seed

- 2nd round: (regulation games)

Winner of Bracket B vs. winner of Bracket C
Winner of Bracket A vs. best of the remaining teams

- Final round: (regulation games)

Winners of 2nd round for 1st and 2nd place

* Losers of 2nd round for 3rd and 4th place

(* this game is only played if needed for seeding the STYSA Eastern District Slots)

Scoring System for Round-Robin Play

Win	6 points
Tie	3 points
Loss	0 points

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Goals scored	1 point each (max. 3/game)
Shutout	1 point
Forfeit	9 points

Tiebreakers:

1. Head to head
2. Most wins
3. Goal differential
4. Fewest goals allowed
5. F.I.F.A. Penalty Kicks

Tie-breaking for championship games:

If a championship game ends in a tie, two overtime halves must be played with teams changing ends of the field between the halves. Length of each overtime half shall be as follows:

- 11U thru 14U --- 10 minutes

If the game is still tied after two overtime halves, F.I.F.A. penalty kick rules will be used to determine a winner.

STYSA Eastern District playoff slots in sub-divided Age-divisions will be awarded as available in the final order of standing within BYSA as determined above.

4.2.2. Division Standings (Used for seeding only)

Division standings are the responsibility of the official scorekeeper. League Points to determine division standings will be awarded as follows:

Win	2 points
Tie	1 point
Loss	0 points (zero)

Tiebreakers:

1. Head to head
2. Most wins
3. Goal differential
4. Fewest goals allowed
5. F.I.F.A. Penalty Kicks

In any division/subdivision where the number of teams does not equal the number of games + 1 (or an even multiple thereof), standings shall be determined by only "the number of teams - 1" games. Only the scores of the final game against each team will be used. i.e. If there are 7 teams playing 10 games -- only (7 teams -1 = 6) 6 games count, and only the LAST game against any opponent played twice counts.

5. Awards

BYSA shall establish a maximum cost per player for Fall Championship awards each year and the amount required to cover those awards shall be included as a line item in the budget.

5.1. Under 6, Under 8, and Under 10

Every attempt will be made for Clubs to organize end of the season “Fun Tournaments”.

Participation awards to all players may be given at Fun Tournaments if Clubs have funds available.

No championship awards will be given in the Under 10, Under 8, and Under 6 Divisions.

5.2. Under 11 and Older

At the end of each Fall season BYSA will give individual awards to the BYSA Champion and Runner-up in each age division.

6. Rules of Competition

6.1. Cancellation and/or Postponement of Scheduled Games

Game changes must be made at least one week (7days) prior to scheduled game, unless both coaches and the club where the game is to be played are in agreement.

Procedure for game changes after the FINAL schedule has been posted:

- Coach requesting game change shall contact opposing coach and reach an agreement on a date, time, and field location for the reschedule.
- Coach requesting game change will need to contact the club where the game is to be played and receive approval.
 - Club will approve or deny the day, time and field location
 - Club will secure a referee unless the coach has already secured a club approved referee.
- Once all is agreed upon, the club contact will contact the BYSA scheduler and request the game be moved in the online system by providing the following information:
 - Game Number (On the game card for the game in question)
 - Game Date, Time, and Field Location
- Once the game has been approved and updated in the system, the BYSA scheduler will inform the club to contact the coaches of the game in question to print new game cards for the rescheduled game.

At the start of each season, the initial schedule will be available for up to a one-week review period. (Pre-Season rescheduling requests must be made during this review period; they are not guaranteed to be changed). After the review period is over, there will be a \$15.00 fee charged for rescheduling any games outside of rainout games, billed to team/club/coach. All reschedules are at the sole discretion of BYSA and quantity allowed may change depending on rainout season and availability.

6.2. Inclement Weather Procedure

Teams shall be at the field on time and ready to play for all scheduled games. If a game is suspended, the coaches shall notify the Scheduling Committee within 48 hours of the regularly scheduled game time. Coaches shall not reschedule a game without adherence to this procedure. The BYSA Executive Board has final authority.

Rain: Unless a field has been closed, only the referee can suspend a game because of foul weather, which could create dangerous playing conditions.

If a game is suspended prior to the start of the second half, the game must be rescheduled and played in its entirety. If the game has reached or gone beyond the start of the second half, the game will stand with the existing score at the time of termination.

Remember -the referee has final authority to suspend/terminate a game due to weather and/or playing field conditions.

6.3. Forfeits

Any of the following constitutes a game forfeiture (score 1-0):

- Fielding an ineligible player, suspended or over age player.
- A suspended coach appearing at the game to coach his team.
- Failure to field a team with the minimum number of players within 15 minutes of the scheduled starting time of a game according to the referee's watch.
- A coach or other properly STYSA and BYSA registered adult not present with the team during competition or failure to show up within 15 minutes of the scheduled game starting time, regardless if a properly rostered minor assistant coach is present. If a game is to be replayed, the rescheduled game must take place within 14 days of the originally scheduled date.
- Any team, which receives three ejections during ONE game, shall forfeit said game. Furthermore, at the time of the third ejection, the referee shall terminate the game and note it on the scoring form.
- A coach or other properly STYSA and BYSA registered adult without a visible Adult Participation Pass around his/her chest.
- A team without proper laminated player cards.
- The referee has the authority to abandon a match if he believes that team members and its spectators are abusive and/or if they have not complied with his/her instructions. Referee decision and circumstances shall be noted on the game card.
- If a score is not entered by the following Wednesday by 5 PM CST after the game by the winning team. The BYSA Scorekeeper shall record a 1-0 score to be awarded to the opposite team.
- The BYSA Scorekeeper shall record a 1-0 forfeit unless the score for the "winning" team was more favorable at the time the game was terminated, in which case the existing score shall be the final score.

The BYSA Scorekeeper shall notify the BYSA President and Recreational Soccer Vice-President of all forfeitures. The BYSA Executive Board will make a final ruling on all forfeits.

All forfeits must be written on the scoring forms.

6.4. Sideline Procedures

6.4.1. Coaching

6.4.1.1. 6U and younger

A coach/manager may briefly leave the team technical area as defined in 6.4.3.2 (but not beyond the top of the penalty area) to convey appropriate tactical advice to players from the touchline and must return

to the technical area, behind the spectator line, as soon as they have done so. Spectators must remain inside the spectator box area at all times and coaching by spectators is prohibited.

6.4.1.2. 7U and older

A coach/manager or trainer may briefly leave the team technical area as defined in 6.4.3.2 (but not beyond the halfway line or the top of the penalty area) to convey appropriate tactical advice to players from the touchline and must return to the technical area, behind the spectator line, as soon as they have done so. Coaching from the spectator side of the field is prohibited.

6.4.2. Location of Players, Coaches, and Spectators

6.4.2.1. Under 6 and younger

Coaches/managers, substitutes and spectators for a team shall occupy the opposite side of the field from the opposing team. Except as provided in 6.4.1.1, all coaches/managers, substitute players and spectators for a team will remain in their team's technical area on their respective side of the field and shall come no closer to any portion of the playing field unless expressly directed to do so by the referee. All persons approved by the clubs that interact with U-8 and under players shall have a visible (around the chest area) Adult Participation Pass (except for minors) during game days. At practices, an eligible BYSA and STYSA adult shall be present at all times. Under 18 years of age assistant coaches shall have their name on the team's official roster and they have to produce a picture ID (School ID or State ID) when requested by referees or BYSA officials.

6.4.2.2. 7U and Older

Coaches/managers, trainers (for competitive teams) and substitutes shall be on the opposite side of the field directly across from their spectators. A maximum of four coaches/managers and/or trainers per team, each with a current Adult Participation Pass visible (around the chest area) Adult Participation Pass are allowed in the team's technical area. Under 18 years of age assistant coaches shall have their name on the team's official roster and they have to produce a picture ID (School ID or State ID) when requested by referees or BYSA officials. Except as provided in 6.4.1.2, all coaches/managers, trainers, substitute players will remain in their team's technical area. Team spectators will remain behind the spectator line inside their designated spectator box on their respective side of the field and shall come no closer to any portion of the playing field unless expressly directed to do so by the referee.

6.4.3. Marking of Spectator Line and Technical Area

The following items will be added to the Field of Play stated in Law I of the FIFA Rules of Play.

6.4.3.1. Spectator Line

A spectator line shall be established on both sides of all BYSA playing fields; the distance from each spectator line to the touch line shall be between four (4) and six (6) feet. The Executive Committee shall decide exceptions to distances. Spectator boxes shall be established on the spectator side of the playing field for 7U – 19U games. Dimensions in accordance with STYSA.

6.4.3.2. Technical Area

The area marked on the side of the field in which all coaches/managers, trainers, substitute players and spectators for a team will remain during a competition.

6U and younger - the team technical area is the same as the spectator line

7U and older - the team technical area begins behind the spectator line and extends from a point even with top of the penalty area (the 18-yard line) to a point 5 yards shorter than the half way line.

6.5. Referee Abuse

No verbal (abuse) or physical (assault), before, during, or after play; or any other form of game interference from a coach, player or parent shall be tolerated by the referee. Discipline for such game interference shall be progressive, depending upon severity of the offense, up to and including expulsion from game underway and additional discipline rendered through the BYSA Disciplinary System.

6.6. Required Referees

All BYSA Teams, 9U and above, shall provide the name of at least one individual, whose name will appear on that team's roster as their designated referee who is a certified referee, or who agrees to become certified (minimum grade 9) during the current fall season, and who will be required to be available to referee youth games. The intent of this rule is for clubs to encourage at least one parent (not the coach) from each team to become a certified referee. The name of the designated referee must be provided to the BYSA Registrar.

A referee candidate's name may only be turned in by one team.

Referee candidates' personal information must be forwarded to the Referee Administrator by phone, email, or by other means.

Referee names for traveling teams must be submitted to the BYSA Registrar prior to scheduling. Teams without a designated referee will not be eligible for inter-association play.

Referee certification and recertification clinics will be scheduled throughout the calendar year, including August and September, to allow parents from new team's access to training to become referees.

6.7. Game Scoring Forms

6.7.1. Under 6, Under 8, and Under 10

In keeping with the USYSA guidelines, no standings will be kept for Division IV, Under 6, Under 8 and Under 10 teams.

A written game report may be required for various reasons, such as record of injuries, payment of referees, balancing of teams in brackets, etc.

6.7.2. Under 11 and Older – Local competition

A game scoring form will be completed by the referee for all STYSA sanctioned play. These game scoring forms are to be retained through the end of the District or STYSA Tournaments. This card will, at a minimum, contain the following:

1. Association
2. Age group
3. Playing Level Division
4. Game Date, Time, and Location
5. Team Names
6. Final Scores
7. Cautions (yellow cards) or ejections (red cards) issued by team with player/coach's name
8. Any protest noted and a brief description of the basis.

6.7.3. Turning in Scores

The home club will be responsible for collecting the game report form, which includes the proper score for each team, the coach's signature and the referee crew's signature(s) after each completed game. Specific clubs may have a "drop box" for use by coaches and referees. These cards will be turned in to the BYSA Scheduler by the designated person, the name of the designated person will be provided to the BYSA Scorekeeper during the August bracketing meeting.

All scores for 11U – 14U playing locally in BYSA brackets **must** be called in NO LATER THAN Monday following the game played (no scores will be posted for 10U and under) **AND** a scanned / emailed copy of each gamecard 7U – 14U playing locally in BYSA brackets **must** reach the scorekeeper by NO LATER THAN 6:00 PM on the Wednesday following the game (with the exception of the LAST gamecard of Fall Season play which is due by the Monday before the BYSA Championship tournament) for all games to be updated for the following weeks gameplay. All original hard copies of the game cards playing locally in BYSA brackets need to be hand delivered or postmarked **no later than** the Friday following the game played.

All 11U – 14U game scores (except forfeits) will be called-in by the winning coach. On tied games, the home coach will call in the score. If scores are not entered by the winning team or home club and gamecards are not received by the above deadline, games will be logged as forfeits for the home club.

The last game card (final week of games) must reach the scorekeeper (by mail or e-mail, fax or phone) by 5:00 PM on the Monday preceding the BYSA Championship Tournament. Teams who fail to send a copy of the gamecard to the Scorekeeper every Wednesday by 6:00 PM after each game during the regular season or those whose last game card is received after 6:00 PM on Monday (after the last regular game) may be eliminated from post-season play at the discretion of the BYSA Executive Board. The decision of the BYSA Executive Board will be final. There is no appeal.

6.7.4. Traveling Teams

Traveling teams must use whatever scoring forms are used by the association with which they play.

6.8. Rules of Play

Per STYSA

7. Tournament and Travel Policy

7.1. Eastern District and State Championship Tournaments

7.1.1. Location of Eastern District Tournaments

The location of the various Eastern District Tournaments shall be provided to the affiliated clubs Presidents when available for dissemination to their club coaches.

7.1.2. Date of Eastern District Tournaments

Dates for Eastern District and State Championship Tournaments are on the STYSA Perpetual Calendar.

7.1.3. Requirements

The coach(es) of each team attending these tournaments must carry with him and present to the Tournament officials:

1. Official Roster signed by the BYSA Registrar
2. Penalty point report signed by the BYSA Registrar or Scorekeeper
3. Player Pass (ID) Cards for each player and coach. The respective player or coach shall sign their card and a photo will be affixed in the designated location; each card shall be signed by the Association Registrar. All cards shall be laminated so that card contents cannot be tampered with.
4. Registration forms with signed medical releases.
5. Adult Participation Pass (to be worn at all times during team game)
6. All coaching staff present regardless of age are required to have and shall present an Adult Participation Pass.

7.1.4. Expenses for State Tournaments

Any BYSA team participating in a STYSA sponsored State tournament that is over 150 miles away, may request up to \$25.00 per participating player to help offset expenses. All requests for this fund shall be in writing and submitted to the DIRECTORS of BYSA FOR APPROVAL (Eastern District Tournament is not considered a STYSA sponsored State tournament).

7.2. Invitational or Commercial Tournaments

7.2.1. Information

Information concerning Invitational Tournaments may be obtained at BYSA meetings, through the Coaches Newsletter, or from STYSA State Office.

7.2.2. Requirements of Tournament

Most Tournaments require a Roster signed by the Club or Association Registrar and laminated ID Cards. If you need a Secondary Team Roster, contact the BYSA Registrar and have the ID #'s of all players and coaches available.

7.2.3. BYSA Requirements

No player or coach goes to an Invitational Tournament if doing so means missing a Regular Season Game. Violation of this rule shall result in awarding the individual(s) involved nine (9) discipline points. No Team Points will be awarded.

7.2.4. Out-of-State Tournaments

Requires Travel Permit from STYSA Office.

See STYSA Tournament and Travel Policy.

Allow 30 days for STYSA processing.

8. Discipline, Protest, Grievance, & Appeals Procedures

See BYSA Discipline, Protest, Grievance, & Appeals Procedures (hereinafter known as the D & P).

8.1. Committee Formation

Any committee needed for any reason under the Discipline, Protest, Grievance, & Appeals Procedures (D & P) will be formed by the BYSA President in accordance with BYSA D & P Rules. See BYSA Discipline, Protest, Grievance, & Appeals Procedures.

9. Fees and Fines

9.1. Registration

9.1.1. Materials and Fines for Non-Compliance

A. August 15: Preliminary Fall Registration and Documentation for each Member Club must be in possession of the BYSA Registrar no later than August 15.

FINE FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY: \$0.15 per player per week or any fraction thereof based on the Clubs total registration from the previous seasonal year based on the percentage of players registered on time versus those turned in late. (i.e. A club that properly registers 450 of 500 total players on or before the deadline would only be subject to a fine of 10% for the 50 kids turned in after the deadline. The fine would be 10% of the previous seasonal registration.)

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B. September 15: Information required on registered coaches and assistant coaches must be in the possession of the BYSA registrar by September 15.

FINE FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY: \$1.50 per coach/assistant coach per week or any fraction thereof based on the Member Clubs total registration of coaches and assistant coaches for the previous seasonal year based on the percentage of coaches/assistant coaches registered on time versus those turned in late. (i.e. A Club that properly registers 30 of 50 coaches and assistant coaches on or before the deadline would only be subject to a fine of 40% for the 20 coaches and assistant coaches turned in after the deadline. The fine would be 40% of the previous seasonal year coaches and assistant coaches' registration.)

C. September 15: Initial Fall Registration and Documentation for each Member Club must be in the possession of the BYSA Registrar no later than September 15.

FINE FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY: \$0.15 per player per week or any fraction thereof based on the Clubs total registration from the previous seasonal year based on the percentage of players registered on time versus those turned in late. (i.e. A club that properly registers 450 of 500 total players on or before the deadline would only be subject to a fine of 10% for the 50 kids turned in after the deadline. The fine would be 10% of the previous seasonal registration.)

D. October 15: Final Fall Registration and Documentation for each Member Club must be in the possession of the BYSA Registrar no later than October 15.

FINE FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY: \$0.15 per player per week or any fraction thereof based on the Clubs total registration from the previous seasonal year based on the percentage of players registered on time versus those turned in late. (i.e. A club that properly registers 450 of 500 total players on or before the deadline would only be subject to a fine of 10% for the 50 kids turned in after the deadline. The fine would be 10% of the previous seasonal registration.)

E. March/April: The BYSA Registrar will conduct a registration workshop in March/April of each year. This is a mandatory meeting that must be attended by the registrar or their representative from each club.

FINE FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY: \$75.00 will be assessed against a club that does not have their registrar or their representative at this mandatory meeting.

F. April 1: Final Spring Registration and Documentation for each Association Club must be in the possession of the BYSA Registrar no later than April 1.

FINE FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY: \$150.00 first week or any fraction thereof and \$0.05 per player per week or any fraction thereof thereafter.

9.1.2. Fees

A. September 15: BYSA FEES for 100% of the Member Clubs total (Divisions I, II, III, and IV) preliminary Fall registration must be mailed to the BYSA Treasurer no later than September 15. Items mailed must have a postmark no later than September 15. 'Postmark' shall mean the date of the postmark placed by the U.S. Postal service or other delivery company and not the date listed in a private, postal machine postmark. Fees will be based on the registration numbers in the possession of the BYSA Registrar on

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September 1. Invoices for fees due to BYSA will be distributed to the Association Club Treasurers no later than September 7.

FINES FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY: Five percent (5%) of total fees due per week or fraction thereof past the due date (September 15). A minimum fine of \$50.00 will be assessed for all past due accounts. Fines collected will be accrued in the 'BYSA Fines Account'.

B. October 15: BYSA FEES for 100% of the Member Clubs total (Division I, II, III, and IV) remaining Initial Fall registration must be mailed to the BYSA Treasurer no later than October 15. Items mailed must have a postmark no later than October 15. 'Postmark' shall mean the date of the postmark placed by the U.S. Postal service or other delivery company and not the date listed in a private, postal machine postmark. Fees will be based on the registration numbers in the possession of the BYSA Registrar on October 1. Invoices for fees due to BYSA will be distributed to the Association Club Treasurers no later than October 7.

FINE FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY: Five percent (5%) of total fees due per week or fraction thereof past the due date (October 15). A minimum fine of \$50.00 will be assessed for all past due accounts. Fines collected will be accrued in the 'BYSA Fines Account'.

C. November 15: BYSA FEES for 100% of the Member Clubs total (Division I, II, III, and IV) remaining Final Fall registration must be mailed to the BYSA Treasurer no later than November 15. Items mailed must have a postmark no later than November 15. 'Postmark' shall mean the date of the postmark placed by the U.S. Postal service or other delivery company and not the date listed in a private, postal machine postmark. Fees will be based on the registration numbers in the possession of the BYSA Registrar on November 1. Invoices will be distributed to the Association Club Treasurers no later than November 7.

FINE FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY: Five percent (5%) of total fees due per week or fraction thereof past the due date (November 15). A minimum fine of \$50.00 will be assessed for all past due accounts. Fines collected will be accrued in the 'BYSA Fines Account'.

D. April 15: BYSA FEES for 100% of the Member Clubs total (Divisions I, II, III, and IV) remaining Final Spring registration must be mailed to the BYSA Treasurer no later than April 15. Items mailed must have a postmark no later than April 15. 'Postmark' shall mean the date of the postmark placed by the U.S. Postal service or other delivery company and not the date listed in a private, postal machine postmark. Fees will be based on the registration numbers in the possession of the BYSA Registrar on November 1. Invoices for fees due to BYSA will be distributed to the Association Club Treasurers no later than April 7.

FINE FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY: Five percent (5%) of total fees due per week or fraction thereof past the due date (April 15). A minimum fine of \$50.00 will be assessed for all past due accounts. Fines collected will be accrued in the 'BYSA Fines Account'.

10. Amendments to These Rules

These Rules and Procedures may be regularly amended, altered, or repealed only during the months of January thru April, by a two-thirds majority of the members present at a General Board Meeting provided each club has received written notice of the proposed changes fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting.

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Further should any substantive change be proposed in the amendment change at this meeting, the matter must be deferred until the next regular meeting of BYSA, if any club representative present so requests, for the purpose of determining the will of their member club. All voting eligibility/allowances will follow BYSA Bylaws 2.1.

In an emergency, these Rules may be amended at any time in the following manner:

- Every club president and/or vice-president must receive a "request for emergency amendment" and the text of the amendment at least 48 hours in advance.
- A one-half (1/2) vote of the Governing Board (not 1/2 quorum) will be required to CONSIDER an emergency amendment.
- A two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Governing Board (not 2/3 quorum) will be required for passing the amendment.

Addendums to the Rules and Procedures may be amended at any BYSA Governing Board Meeting.

11. Revision History

The following are a summary of the changes made to the BYSA Rules and Procedures.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Revised By</u>	<u>Changes</u>
2/2017	Comp Rules Comm.	3 – 3.5.6.1.6.0. Complete Competitive Rules Revision
02MAY2019	BYSA Governing Board	1.4.1, 1.4.2 - 4, 2.3, 3.5.6.1.3 - 3.6.1.5.7, 3.5.6.2.2, 3.5.6.2.3, 4.1, 4.2.1, 5.1, 6.1, 6.4 - 6.4.3.2, 6.6, 6.7.3, 7.1, 7.1.3, 8.1, 10, 11