

2022-23 Alberta Youth Soccer League Governance and Operating Rules

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1.01 **Definitions and Acronyms**

1.01.01 The following terms have this meaning in this policy:

- I. *ASA*—Alberta Soccer Association
- II. *AYSL*—Alberta Youth Soccer League
 - i. *AYSL Club*—all AYSL teams and associated individuals within one club
 - ii. *AYSL Team*—a single team within a club

- III. *AYSL Administrators* – ASA League Administrator staff
- IV. *CMSA*—Calgary Minor Soccer Association
- V. *CSA*—Canadian Soccer Association
- VI. *EMSA*—Edmonton Minor Soccer Association
- VII. *FIFA*—Federation Internationale de Football Association
- VIII. *NYCL*—National Youth Club License

2.01 **AYSL Governance Rules**

2.01.01 The Alberta Youth Soccer League (AYSL) is an extension of the Youth Program of the Alberta Soccer Association (Alberta Soccer) and as such is subject to all relevant Bylaws, Rules and Regulations of Alberta Soccer, the Canadian Soccer Association (Canada Soccer) and all relevant guidelines as stated in the AYSL Vision, Mission and Standard. Any potential breach of this rule will result in a review of the AYSL Club involved by Alberta Soccer and Canada Soccer.

2.01.02 The AYSL Clubs will be required to meet the minimum standards for the National Youth Club License (NYCL). Any potential breach of this rule will result in a review of the AYSL Club involved by Alberta Soccer and Canada Soccer. Participation in any league activity will be revoked if an AYSL Club loses the NYCL license.

2.01.03 The AYSL Operating Rules will be reviewed and presented annually by the AYSL Operations Committee and sent to the AYSL Governance Committee for approval.
I. Any Rule changes must be presented to the AYSL clubs by December 1 annually

2.01.04 The AYSL Governance Committee may make temporary rules or regulations governing specific cases or occasions not provided for in these regulations, but which may be necessary for the carrying out of the objectives of the AYSL and in the interests of fair play.
I. The AYSL Operations Committee may present temporary rules or regulations for consideration and approval by the AYSL Governance Committee

2.01.05 AYSL discipline will be applied in accordance with AYSL Discipline Guide found in Appendix A and Alberta Soccer discipline and appeals procedures.

3.01 **AYSL Governance Committee**

3.01.01 The AYSL Governance Committee is responsible for the governance and oversight of the AYSL as per the committee Terms of Reference.



- 3.01.02** Committee members are comprised of the following:
- I. Alberta Soccer Executive Director
 - II. Alberta Soccer Technical Delegate
 - III. Alberta Soccer Board Delegate
 - IV. Three (4) AYSL District Representatives
 - i. One (1) of CMSA Delegate
 - ii. One (1) EMSA Delegate
 - iii. One (1) each of the remaining districts with AYSL Clubs
 - V. Consideration will be given to new participating AYSL Districts as necessary.

4.01 **AYSL Operations Committee**

4.01.01 The AYSL Operations Committee is responsible for the day-to-day administration and operations of the AYSL as per the committee Terms of Reference

4.01.02 Committee Members are comprised of the following:

- I. Alberta Soccer Delegates
 - i. ASA Competition Coordinator
 - ii. ASA Technical Director
 - iii. ASA Manager of Referees
 - iv. ASA League Administrator

4.01.03 The Chair of the Operations Committee will be the ASA Competition Coordinator.

5.01 **AYSL Technical Advisory Committee**

5.01.01 The AYSL Technical Advisory Committee is responsible for providing AYSL Club Advice on Technical Standards and Operational Rules.

5.01.02 Committee Members are comprised of the following:

AYSL Technical Chair

- I. One Male Team Technical Representative per Club participating in the AYSL
- II. One Female Team Technical Representative per Club Participating in the AYSL
- III. ASA Competition Coordinator

5.01.03 The Chair of the Technical Advisory Committee will be the ASA Technical Director

6.01 **League Meetings**

6.01.01 Alberta Soccer and the AYSL Operations Committee will hold a minimum of 2 league meetings annually. If possible, at least one of the meetings should be face to face. All AYSL Clubs must have a representative present at all properly called AYSL meetings, be they in-person or conference call.

6.01.02 Meetings held with AYSL clubs do not require individual team representation.

7.01 **League Finance—AYSL Operating Rules**

7.01.01 The AYSL, via Alberta Soccer, will provide the following services, which are subject to change:



- I. AYSL League Administrator
 - i. General league admin, website content and support, player registration services, player status and movement, league scheduling, fines, and game reporting management.
- II. Alberta Soccer
 - i. Game Official scheduling, Game Official training, hosting of league meetings.

- 7.01.02** The AYSL Operations Committee will provide an AYSL budget for approval to the AYSL Governance Committee by April 1 annually for the upcoming season starting in November.
- I. The AYSL budget will be presented to the AYSL clubs by May 1 annually for the season to start November of that year.
 - II. The AYSL fee schedule, based on the AYSL budget, can be found in Appendix B

- 7.01.03** League Fees
- I. The league fee schedule can be found in Appendix B

- 7.01.04** League Fines
- I. The league fine schedule can be found in Appendix B.

8.01 **Team Eligibility--AYSL Operating Rules**

- 8.01.01** Entry into the AYSL season shall be open to any Alberta Soccer member club, registered with an Alberta Soccer member district, that attains a Canada Soccer National Youth Club License (NYCL) prior to August 31 in the year preceding entry into the League.

- 8.01.02** Club admittance into the AYSL will be approved by the AYSL Governance Committee

- 8.01.03** All AYSL Clubs must be in good standing with Alberta Soccer, and their home District Association to compete in the AYSL.
- I. Any club listed in bad standing will be reviewed by Alberta Soccer and/or Canada Soccer

- 8.01.04** AYSL seasons shall be operated for the following categories:
- I. 2021 Outdoor Season
 - i. U15 Boys & Girls – 2006 Born
 - II. 2021 – 2022 Fall – Winter Season
 - i. U15 Boys & Girls – 2007 Born
 - ii. U16 Boys & Girls – 2006 Born
 - III. 2022 Outdoor Season
 - i. U14 Boys & Girls – 2008 Born
 - ii. U15 Boys & Girls – 2007 Born
 - iii. U16 Boys & Girls – 2006 Born
 - IV. 2022 – 2023 Season – SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY THE AYSL GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
 - i. U14 Boys & Girls – 2009 Born
 - ii. U15 Boys & Girls – 2008 Born
 - iii. U16 Boys & Girls – 2007 Born
 - iv. U17 Boys & Girls – 2006 Born



- V. 2023 – 2024 Season – SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY THE AYSL GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
 - i. U14 Boys & Girls – 2010 Born
 - ii. U15 Boys & Girls – 2009 Born
 - iii. U16 Boys & Girls – 2008 Born
 - iv. U17 Boys & Girls – 2007 Born
 - v. U18 Boys & Girls – 2006 Born
 - 1. Season length to finish by July 31 to accommodate post-secondary play
- VI. Each season after 2023 - 2024 there will be a U14 intake group and U18 aging out of the league.

- 8.01.05** All AYSL Clubs must register a team in both genders at all age categories yearly to participate at the age category in which they wish to participate.
 - I. Any AYSL club not in compliance with this rule is subject to review of good standing by Canada Soccer and/or Alberta Soccer.
- 8.01.06** AYSL Club Teams will have the following roster sizes at any time.
 - I. Minimum 14 Players
 - II. Maximum 20 Players
- 8.01.07** All AYSL Club teams must be registered with Alberta Soccer through their respective Alberta Soccer Regular Members (District Associations) to the AYSL Administrators.
- 8.01.08** No registered AYSL team may play in another league at the same time they are registered with the AYSL
 - I. All teams will follow the approved periodized schedule as publish by the AYSL Technical Committee and approved by the ASA Technical Director.
- 8.01.09** Any team participating in the AYSL that wishes to withdraw from the AYSL the following season must inform the Alberta Soccer office in writing no later than September 15th.
 - I. Any team that withdraws from the league will forfeit their team initiation fee and are still required to pay the team fees for the season if the withdrawal is made after September 15th.

9.01 Registration--AYSL Operating Rules

- 9.01.01** All AYSL teams will be subject to the fee schedule as found in Appendix B.
- 9.01.02** All AYSL players and team officials appearing on an AYSL Regular Season Game Sheet must be registered with 1 of the 23 Regular Members (District Associations) of Alberta Soccer.
 - I. Alberta Soccer and Canada Soccer registration fees will be paid through the home District Association of the AYSL team.
- 9.01.03** All AYSL Clubs must complete the AYSL Information Sheet and submit it to the ASA League Administrator as per deadlines provided. Fees are to be paid to Alberta Soccer



including any fees as per the fee schedule by October 1. Failure to meet the deadline will result in a \$500 fine.

- 9.01.04** Name of teams - must be consistent Club wide with Age Group/Gender clarification.
- I. The following are suggested names for all clubs
 - i. Calgary Foothills 06/07/08 Boys and Girls
 - ii. Calgary Rangers 07/08 Boys and Girls;
 - iii. Calgary SWU 06/07/08 Boys and Girls;
 - iv. Calgary Villains /07/08 Boys and Girls;
 - v. Calgary West 06/07/08 Boys and Girls;
 - vi. Edmonton Scottish 06/07/08 Boys and Girls;
 - vii. Sherwood Park Phoenix 06/07/08 Boys and Girls;
 - viii. St. Albert Impact 06/07/08 Boys and Girls;
- 9.01.05** The following shall be provided by each AYSL team to the ASA League Administrator as per deadlines provided:
- I. Name, email address, telephone number, and CPIC of team manager
 - II. Name, email address and telephone number of social media person for club
 - III. Name, postal address, e-mail address, telephone numbers, and NCCP Number, CPIC of the team coach and assistant coach, qualified as per National Youth Club Standards, with time deadlines provided.
 - IV. Any team contact changes throughout the calendar year are the responsibility of the team within seven (7) of said change of team personnel.
- 9.01.06** Each AYSL team's roster of eligible players signed to that AYSL team, being not less than 14 players and not more than 20 players, in the manner prescribed by Alberta Soccer by the date as notified by ASA.
- I. AYSL roster additions and deletions must be submitted by the applicable District registrar to the AYSL League Administrator as they occur before they are considered official.
- 9.01.07** Team Officials
- I. All AYSL Coaches must be certified as per the Canada Soccer Player Development Program (PDP) Guidelines.
 - II. All AYSL teams must have a minimum of one (1) coach that is of the same gender as the team. Failure to meet this requirement will result in the team removed from the AYSL schedule.
 - III. All AYSL Team Officials (Coaches and Managers) identified on the team roster and/or appearing on an AYSL Regular Season Game Sheet must have a Criminal Record Check with Vulnerable Sector Check on file with their respective Alberta Soccer Regular Member (District Association) as per Alberta Soccer Rules & Regulations.
 - i. The Criminal Record Check can be requested by Alberta Soccer or the AYSL League Administrator if the coach is registered with an AYSL team
 - ii. AYSL team officials as listed on the team rosters must match the game sheets
 - IV. Each team official on an AYSL Game Sheet must have photo identification card approved by the AYSL Operations Committee, issued by the team official's local District Association, at each game or they will be considered as ineligible to participate.



- i. This can include electronic cards if issued by the local district and approved by the AYSL Operations Committee.
- ii. A Sample card for each district must be provided to the AYSL League Administrator before the season start.

10.01 Player Eligibility—AYSL Operating Rules

10.01.01 All relevant rules and regulations of Alberta Soccer and Canada Soccer apply to player eligibility in the AYSL. Teams must familiarize themselves with all such rules, including but not limited to transfer rules, non-amateur reinstatements and seven-day waiting periods

- I. Ignorance of such rules will not be accepted as an excuse for a team playing an ineligible player.

10.01.02 Each player must have a photo identification card approved by the AYSL Operations Committee, issued by the player's local District or league office at each game or they will be considered an illegal participant in the game.

- I. This can include electronic cards if issued by the local district and approved by the AYSL Operations Committee.
- II. A Sample card for each district must be provided to the AYSL League Administrator before the season start.

10.01.03 Any registered youth player is eligible to play in the AYSL subject to age requirements.

10.01.04 Any player who is listed on an approved roster will be deemed eligible to play in AYSL games from that point forward.

10.01.05 Any player not on the AYSL Approved roster must complete an AYSL Trialist Form and submit to the AYSL League Administrator for approval.

- I. If an AYSL club requires an emergency trialist, to meet the minimum 14 eligible players guideline, the trialist form must be submitted to the AYSL League Administrator electronically before kick-off of the affected match.
 - i. The eligibility of the trialist is subject to review and penalties to the AYSL club.

10.01.06 An AYSL team who cannot meet the 14 eligible player requirement player due to illness and/or injury must have a minimum of 9 eligible players from the approved roster and may use a maximum of 5 players from the lower age division in the same AYSL Club to play the scheduled AYSL game.

- I. The affiliated players must be submitted to the AYSL League Administrator electronically before kick off of the affected match.
- II. The eligibility of the affiliated players are subject to review and penalties to the AYSL Club.
- III. AYSL teams unable to meet the minimum of 9 eligible players will have the game rescheduled.

10.01.07 All Laws of the Game from the International Football Association Board (IFAB) will be adhered to except for:



- I. A team with fewer than 14 eligible players on the game sheet and present 15 minutes after the scheduled kick-off time, will be considered in breach of minimum player standards
 - i. If you breach the minimum player rule there will be a \$50 fine per player below the 14-player minimum

- 10.01.08** Each team may use up to 20 players in any given game.
- I. Trialists who participate in the AYSL will be identified with a “T” beside their name on AYSL game sheets.
 - i. Trialists rules are set out in Appendix C

- 10.01.09** An ineligible player is defined as any player not meeting the player eligibility rules as stated in Section 4 or:
- I. who is currently suspended from AYSL league play or;
 - II. whose fine(s) have not been paid prior to his or her participation or;
 - III. who is not properly listed on the game sheet submitted to the game officials prior to the game or;
 - IV. where the identity of a player declared on the game sheet of an AYSL game can be proven to be someone other than the person named or;
 - V. A player suspended from play in any other Canada Soccer, Alberta Soccer or District sanctioned league is subject to review and may result in suspension from the AYSL.
 - i. The review will be conducted as per the AYSL Discipline code.

- 10.01.10** In all cases where a player is deemed ineligible and participated in a game the offending team shall forfeit that game.
- I. A team, who is discovered to have played an ineligible player, shall be subject to the discipline and fine(s) for each ineligible player played in any game.

10.01.11 Any player who is on an approved AYSL approved roster must complete Respect in Sport. One parent/guardian of each AYSL player must complete Respect in Sport for Parents. (Effective September 2022)

11.01 Game Format—AYSL Operating Rules

11.01.01 Outdoor Game Format

Pre-Game Timing	Event
60 Minutes to Kick-off	Team Arrival
60 Minutes to kick-off	Game Officials Arrival
45 Minutes to kick-off	Game Sheet and Player Card Review
40 Minutes to kick-off	Pitch Inspection & Team Warm-up Commencement
8 Minutes to kick-off	Team Warm-up Ends
7 Minutes to Kick-off	Changes to starting line-up confirmed
6 Minutes to Kick-off	Player Line-up and equipment inspection
4 Minutes to Kick-off	Player Walk-out
2 Minutes to Kick-off	Handshake and coin toss
Game Timing	Event

45 Minutes + Added time 15 Minutes 45 Minutes + Added time	First Half Half-time Second Half (<i>*There is no extra time during any AYSL Regular Season league game</i>)
Post-Game Timing	Event
30 Minutes after final whistle 11:59 PM of Game Day 11:59 PM day after Game	Game Sheets and Misconduct Summary to Teams Game Reports submitted online by Home Team Game Reports verified online by Away Team

11.01.02 If a game must be abandoned due to weather (or other considerations), and a minimum of 60 minutes has been completed, then the result shall stand. If less than 60 minutes has been completed, then the game shall be replayed and the AYSL Administrator shall reschedule it.

11.01.03 All game changes will be emailed to the affected teams by the ASA League Administrator . All teams must confirm receipt of game change via email to the ASA League Administrator.

11.02 Substitutions

11.02.01 A maximum of five (5) substitution moments with up to 3 substitutions per moment will be permitted during open play.

I. These substitutes must provide the officials with a properly completed substitution slip prior to entering the field of play.

11.02.02 Unlimited substitutions are permitted at half time without the use of substitution slips but the officials must be advised of the substitutes entering the game and the players being substituted.

11.02.03 A player who has previously been replaced in the game by a substitute shall be allowed to return to the game, but that return shall be considered one of the five allowed substitutions, unless it occurs at half time.

11.02.04 Injury Substitutions

I. If a player is injured during open play and removed from the field during a stoppage, with the Game Officials permission, this player can be substituted without it counting towards the 5 substitutions limit.

11.03 Team Jerseys, Colours and Numbering

11.03.01 All AYSL teams must wear the Official AYSL Logo on their Home, Away and Alternate Jerseys. AYSL jersey patches must be either sewn or sublimated on left jersey sleeve of all home and away jerseys.

- I. Teams will be provided with two (2) sets of twenty-five (25) patches in their initiation year, free of charge
- II. Teams may request one new set of twenty-five (25) patches annually, free of charge.
- III. Patch allowance will not carry over into the next year if unused.



- IV. Additional patch sets are available for teams to purchase at any time for cost according to the fee schedule.

- 11.03.02** Team Colours by Game:
- I. Home Team–Light Jersey
 - II. Away Team–Dark Jersey
 - III. Team Colours must be submitted to the AYSL League Administrator at least 30 days prior to the first scheduled game of the year.
 - IV. In the event re-scheduling of matches requires a team to play back-to-back days a request can be made to the league, at least 48 hours in advance, for a review of the colours for the second game in the back-to-back schedule.
- 11.03.03** Conflicts in the color of jerseys and/or socks, as determined the Game Officials, will be handled as follows:
- I. if the conflict is between the opposing outfield players, the home team will change.
 - II. if the conflict is between the opposing goalkeepers, the home goalkeeper will change.
 - III. if the conflict is between either goalkeeper and the opposing team the goalkeeper will change regardless of whether they are on the home or away team.
- 11.03.04** All playing shirts must be clearly and uniquely numbered. The number on each player's shirt or jersey must correspond with the number listed with that player's name on the game sheet.
- 11.03.05** Players may wear any undergarments, provided that any visible undergarment matches the portion of the kit it is visible nearest to OR teams may wear white with light coloured jerseys or black with dark coloured jerseys.
- I. A decision must be made by each team regarding undergarments and all players on the team will be expected to wear consistent colours.
- 11.03.06** When a player is required to leave the field to replace a bloodied uniform, a shirt with another number may be worn by that player provided the Game Official is advised of the new number and the player's name prior to that player re-entering the field and the game sheet will reflect the change.
- 11.03.07** All AYSL players appearing on an AYSL Regular Season game sheet must be dressed in accordance with the appropriate Team Colours identified for that AYSL team.
- 11.03.08** Players on the bench can wear additional club clothing that is consistent in colour and approved by the Game Official.
- I. The Game Official may ask team staff and players to wear alternate pinnies on the bench if a conflict is identified.
- 11.03.09** All occupants of the technical area must be eligible to participate in the game, present their approved ID card to the game official, and be recorded on the game sheet.
- I. For each game, eligible participants include:



- i. Up to twenty (20) registered players
- ii. Up to five (5) registered team officials
- iii. Injured Players
 1. Clubs can apply to the AYSL League Administrator to include injured players, currently on or removed from the roster due to injury, to sit on the team bench during matches if it will bring the total number of players above twenty (20).

11.04 Officials

- 11.04.01** Officials for AYSL games shall be scheduled by Alberta Soccer. Only those officials listed on Alberta Soccer's current list of eligible officials with the following additional qualifications will be assigned to AYSL games:
- I. Alberta Soccer District level qualification, at minimum
 - II. Have passed the fitness test as required for their classification
 - III. Where possible, FIFA, National, Provincial or Regional Game Officials will be assigned.
 - IV. Fourth officials will be assigned, when available to games and be no less than a District level official.
 - I. An appropriately qualified Alberta Soccer or National Assessor will periodically assess AYSL officials throughout the season.
 - II. All game officials will be paid the AYSL approved game fees (found in Appendix B) for the current season.

11.05 Venues

- 11.05.01** Home teams are responsible for all associated costs for meeting the AYSL venue standards.
- 11.05.02** Outdoor Field of Play
- I. All games shall be played on fields that meet FIFA international game standards as outlined in the FIFA Laws of the Game;
 - i. Length 100 m – 110 m
 - ii. Width 64 m – 75 m
 - II. Game fields must be marked per the FIFA Laws of the Game except the optional mark is not required for AYSL games.
 - i. This includes Corner Flags and Goals with Nets
 - III. Home teams must provide covered benches capable of seating a minimum of 10 players / coaches.
 - i. Tents covering benches is acceptable for this standard.
 - IV. If the benches are on the same side as spectators, they must be blocked from spectator entrance via a rope, fence or other blockade.
 - V. Home teams must provide the 4th official with a table and chair.
 - VI. Home teams must provide sheltered change rooms.
 - i. If the home team cannot provide sheltered change rooms, the AYSL club must inform the AYSL League Administrator prior to the season and a review of the venue will be conducted.
 - VII. Home teams are responsible for securing a field of play and ancillary services for all scheduled AYSL Regular Season home games.



- 11.05.03** A back-up field turf venue must be secured by the home team for any games scheduled on a grass field against a visiting team that has travelled more than 100 kilometers.
- 11.05.04** Home teams are responsible for all costs associated with booking the field of play and ancillary services.
- 11.05.05** Where an AYSL team does not have or designate a home venue the AYSL club must work with the AYSL League Administrator to secure a home venue and is responsible for all costs associated with that booking, including administrative fees.
- I. AYSL League Administrator will liaise with clubs and home Districts to secure field bookings and associated costs for any scheduled Showcase Events.
 - II. Home teams may charge entry fee if a venue allows for it and will retain all revenue associated with entry into the game.
 - i. Any team charging entry fees to an AYSL Regular Season game must provide the cost structure of entry to the AYSL League Administrator at least 7 days in advance of the scheduled date of the game.
 1. Where possible the season plan should be submitted prior to the beginning of the season.
- 11.05.06** Home teams are responsible for standard crowd control
- I. Any issues with identifiable away team fans will be addressed by the away team.
- 11.06** **Game Video**
- 11.06.01** Home teams must video all home games and stream or upload within 48 hrs of the competition on watch.albertasoccer.com. Failure to stream or upload game video by timelines will result in a \$200 fine.
- 11.06.02** Minimum video quality will be standard definition 640 x 480 quality
- 11.07** **Outdoor Game Balls**
- 11.07.01** The AYSL League Administrator will provide 4 games balls to each AYSL Club team
- I. The fee for the balls will be built into the league fee annually.
 - II. If the AYSL Club team loses or damages one or more of the games balls they will be responsible for all costs associated with replacing the ball.
- 11.08** **Athletic Therapists**
- 11.08.01** Home Teams must provide a certified Athletic Therapist at all home games. Failure to provide will result in a \$250 fine per game.
- I. Certification according to the Canadian Athletic Therapist Association (CATA) or one of the following approved options;
 - i. Standard First Aid & First Responder from a Certified Provider
 1. Canadian Red Cross, St. John Ambulance etc.
 - ii. Canadian Red Cross Sport First Responder and Sport Aid course
- 12.01** **AYSL Operating Rules—Schedule**

- 12.01.01** The AYSL League Administrator will determine all AYSL schedules including the dates, times, venues and opponents for all games.
- 12.01.02** The indoor schedule will be provided to the teams four weeks prior to the first game
- 12.01.03** The outdoor schedule will be provided to the teams four weeks prior to the first game
- 12.01.04** The only allowable changes to the published schedule will be reschedules due to field closures, abandoned games, or illness and injury.
- I. Schedule changes due to illness or injury must be rescheduled within fourteen (14) regular of the original game.
 - i. Teams requesting games to be rescheduled due to illness and injury must supply the number of players who are ill and are unable to attend the scheduled game.
 - ii. Team requesting games to be rescheduled due to illness and injury must supply a doctors note for injured players at the time of making the reschedule request to the ASA League Administrator. The injured players must supply a clearance letter to return to play to the ASA League Administrator.
 - II. The cost of rescheduled games due to illness or injury will be the responsibility of the team making the request.
- 12.01.05** Grace Period for Late Arrivals
- I. Teams will be given a fifteen (15) minute grace period from the official kick off time for late arrivals. Teams are required the minimum number of players as per FIFA Laws of the Game to start the game.
 - II. Teams arriving after the grace period will forfeit the game and be responsible for all fees to reschedule the game. The Rescheduled game will be at the same location as the original scheduled game.
- 12.01.06** Rest-time between games:
- I. No AYSL team shall be required to play three (3) games in a seven (7) day period and no more than (4) games in a 15-day period.
 - II. There will be no more than 14 days between games whenever possible except for periodized breaks.
- 12.01.07** If a team is scheduled to travel, more than 100 KM, to another city to play and the game must be cancelled due to inclement weather or any other health or safety concerns, the home team must communicate the game cancellation to the travelling team.
- I. Whenever possible the cancellation should be communicated to the travelling team five (5) hours before the scheduled kick-off.
 - II. If the ASA League Administrator determines that the home team was negligent in communicating the cancellation, resulting in unnecessary travel for the travelling team, the game will be rescheduled in the travelling team's city.



- III. The home team must notify the AYSL League Administrator of the game cancellation at the same time as the travelling team.
- IV. Communication errors, as determined by the ASA League Administrator, will result in the home team receiving a \$500 fine and payment to officials for game fees.

12.01.08

AYSL Clubs must play games involving teams that are travelling from the North to the South or South to the North on an Artificial Turf (AT) Field that meets League Standards or have access to an AT field as back-up if for any reason the scheduled grass field is unplayable.

- I. If games involving a team which has traveled more than 100 KM, cannot be played on the home team's AT field for whatever reason, the game shall be played on the next best facility available to the home team regardless of field size while providing that it is safe for the players' and officials' participation and that it is lined, netted and flagged as per standards.
 - i. The AYSL Club responsible for the field will be fined if applicable, for any breach of this rule.
- II. The Game Official has the authority to not start a game if the conditions of the field do not meet standards in relation to;
 - i. Surface deemed unsafe due to condition of turf, grass or standing water.
 - ii. Goals deemed unsafe or of the wrong size
 - iii. Improper field markings, including field size.
- III. If a team arrives for a scheduled game and it is not played because the field does not meet standards, as determined by the Game Official, the consequences are as follows:
 - i. Home team will be fined
 - ii. The game will be rescheduled to be played at the Away team's home field. The Away team will choose two possible reschedule dates where neither team is already scheduled to play. These dates must be submitted to the AYSL League Administrator within one week from the originally scheduled game.
 - 1. These dates will be provided to the Home team who will choose one of them, and the necessary field bookings and Game Official assignors will proceed as per usual.

13.01

Point System and Standings—AYSL Operating Rules

13.01.01

Awarding of points:

- I. The winning team shall be awarded three points.
- II. Teams drawing shall be awarded one point each.
- III. The losing team shall be awarded zero points.

13.01.02

Forfeited games

- I. When a game is forfeited for any reason the team responsible for the forfeit will be subject to applicable fines and a review by the AYSL Governance Committee.
- II. When a game is forfeited within 48 hours of game time, the team responsible will be responsible for the officials game fees.



- III. When it is discovered that a team, which has won or tied a game, played or attempted to play one or more ineligible players in that game, the offending team will forfeit the game and the opposing team shall be awarded the points for a win and the greater of the actual game score or a three-nil score.

13.01.03 Outdoor by Team Standings

- I. Teams will be listed based on the number of points obtained in AYSL games with first place and the AYSL trophy going to the team with the highest total points.

13.01.04 Tie Breaking

- I. The following tie-breaking procedure will apply in prioritized order if teams are tied on points:
- i. Greater number of points in head-to-head competition between the tied teams.
 - ii. Greater goal difference in head-to-head competition between the tied teams
 - iii. Greater goal difference between the tied teams in all league games
 - iv. Greatest number of goals scored in all league games
 - v. If the top two teams are still tied after applying these tie-breaking procedures, the league champion will be determined by a regular 90-minute game to be played with extra time and penalties if necessary.

14.01 **Discipline—AYSL Operating Rules**

- 14.01.01** All disciplinary matters will be governed by the ASA Rules on Discipline and Appeals and Appendix A.

15.01 **Statistics—AYSL Operating Rules**

- 15.01.01** All AYSL statistics and Game reporting will be maintained in form and substance as determined by Alberta Soccer.

- 15.01.02** All AYSL statistics will be maintained on the AYSL website.

- 15.01.03** At the completion of the Regular Season, Alberta Soccer shall publish a final statistical report, which will be appropriately distributed to all teams and districts of the AYSL.

- 15.01.04** The home team is responsible to:

- I. Ensure the game score has been recorded on the home team and away team game sheets
- II. Submit the home team and away team game sheets, and misconduct summary to the AYSL League Administrator, via the online reporting platform, by midnight the day of an AYSL is completed.
 - i. Failure to meet these responsibilities will result in one warning. Subsequent offences will result in fines.

- 15.01.05** Home and away teams must each submit online Game Official feedback for each game they participate in via the online system within 48 hours of the match.



- I. Failure to meet these responsibilities will result in one warning. Subsequent offences will result in fines.

16.01 Sponsorship and Communication—AYSL Operating Rules

16.01.01 Alberta Soccer will review all sponsors associated with the AYSL and AYSL Clubs annually.

- I. A list of sponsors associated with AYSL Clubs will be provided to Alberta Soccer by April 1st annually.

16.01.02 All signage provided by Alberta Soccer for sponsors must be displayed during AYSL games in a location visible to spectators.

- I. In cases where the home venue is not controlled by the home team it is the responsibility of the home team to provide notice to Alberta Soccer, via the AYSL League Administrator, if this standard cannot be met.

16.01.03 Alberta Soccer and the AYSL League Administrator shall maintain the AYSL website as linked by Alberta Soccer via www.albertasoccer.com

- I. Districts will have the option to mirror the AYSL Standings through their website.
- II. AYSL Clubs will have the option to mirror the AYSL Standings through their website.
- III. Statistics will be posted on the AYSL website as determined by the AYSL League Administrator.

16.01.04 Alberta Soccer and the ASA Communications Coordinator will send a minimum of 3 Press Releases regarding the AYSL each calendar year.

16.01.05 Alberta Soccer and the ASA Communication Coordinator will maintain a consistent social media presence regarding the AYSL Regular Season.

16.01.06 All participating AYSL Clubs will provide a minimum of 1 active social media link for their club and/or AYSL teams

17.01 Indoor Game Play Consideration—AYSL Operating Rules

17.01.01 All indoor AYSL games are subject to the rules outlined above with the following exceptions.

- I. Minimum game day roster sizes will be dictated by the game format scheduled
 - i. 7 v 7 Format
 1. Minimum 10 Players on the roster
 - ii. 8 v 8 Format
 1. Minimum 11 Players on the roster
 - iii. 9 v 9 Format
 1. Minimum 12 Players on the roster
 - iv. 11 v 11 Format
 1. Minimum 14 Players on the roster

17.01.02 AYSL Match Timing Rule 5.1 does not apply to indoor matches due to facility constraints.



Appendix A – AYSL Discipline and Appeals

General

1. Discipline to AYSL teams shall be based on the information contained on the game sheets, misconduct reports and other reports submitted to the AYSL League Administrator following each game.
 - a. Game Officials shall record all cautions and ejections issued during a game on the applicable game sheets and summarize same on the misconduct report.
 - b. Each official that participated in the game must sign each game sheet and the misconduct report.
 - c. A misconduct form must be completed and signed as noted even when no discipline has occurred during the game.
 - d. The game official(s) must submit a report giving all pertinent information surrounding the ejection of players and/or team officials and/or team supporters within 48 hours of the completion or abandonment of a game.
 - e. Game Officials, AYSL officials and/or Alberta Soccer representatives on duty at a game must submit a detailed report on any other incident which occurs between the teams, their staff and/or supporters whether before, during or after a game, within 48 hours of the game.
 - f. Individuals who have been listed on a game sheet will be deemed to have participated in that game.
2. Each team in an AYSL game must receive their copy of each team's game sheet and misconduct summary once signed by the officials and both teams.
 - a. Failure of team staff to obtain those copies will not be an acceptable excuse for not being aware of their teams and individual players current discipline status.
 - b. Refusal by a team official to sign the misconduct summary or game sheet will not negate the reports and the team will not be permitted to appeal any resulting discipline.
3. Each club is responsible for the actions of its teams, team officials and team supporters who are taking part in or present an AYSL game.
4. All cases involving assault on, or threatening behavior towards game officials shall be referred to the Alberta Soccer office and identified offenders are suspended indefinitely pending appearance at an Alberta Soccer Discipline hearing.

Discipline

5. All Discipline of the AYSL, other than mandatory suspensions listed below, shall be dealt with in accordance with the Alberta Soccer Rules & Regulations on Discipline and Appeals.
6. All hearings shall be held in accordance with the Alberta Soccer Rules & Regulations on Discipline and Appeals.

Suspensions and Fines

7. Suspensions and fines as stated below shall be in effect until the suspension is served and the fine is paid. Players are suspended from all Alberta Soccer Association competitions until the suspension has been served.
8. All minimum suspensions shall be automatic and will not involve a hearing by the ASA Discipline Committee unless:
 - a. An appeal is launched in accordance with the Alberta Soccer Rules & Regulations on Discipline and Appeals and conditions have been met for an appeal.
 - b. A hearing is determined necessary upon review by the AYSL Administrators.
9. All fines must be paid to the AYSL League Administrator prior to the player's or Team Officials participation in the next AYSL game or the player or Team Official will be considered an ineligible participant in that game.



10. AYSL League Administrator will communicate all suspensions to the ASA Competition Coordinator and applicable team manager prior to the next scheduled game but it will remain the responsibility of each AYSL team to monitor yellow card accumulation suspensions and red card suspensions.
 - a. Playing of ineligible players in these circumstances will result in discipline as outlined in the AYSL Operating Rules.
11. Suspensions and fines will be applied even if the game misconduct summary or game sheets were not submitted to ASA within the submission guidelines.
12. Suspensions per the schedule below will be served in the next AYSL sanctioned game for the offending player or team official with the following considerations;
 - a. Suspension of a player registered on another team while a trialist with the AYSL will apply to AYSL games and that player's home district will be advised of the suspension.
 - i. The home district reserves the right to suspend the player for games in their sanctioned leagues.
 - b. If a coach participates in other Canada Soccer, Alberta Soccer or District sanctioned leagues the Alberta Soccer and/or AYSL, the ASA Competition Coordinator will communicate with necessary league administration to determine where the suspension will be applied in addition to the AYSL suspension.
 - c. AYSL suspensions may restrict a player and/or coaches' participation in Provincial, National or International Select programs.
13. Yellow cards accumulated but not resulting in a suspension shall expire with the current season and will not affect the next AYSL season.
14. In addition to AYSL penalties, red cards accumulated in the AYSL are subject to applicable penalties in the Alberta Soccer Rules & Regulations on Discipline and Appeals.

Appeals

15. Decisions of the Game Official in matters pertaining to the Laws of the Game are final and no appeal of those decisions will be heard.
16. There is no appeal of the minimum suspensions found in the AYSL Discipline guide.
17. Any appeal of suspensions beyond the minimum must be filed as per the Alberta Soccer Rules & Regulations on Discipline and Appeals.
18. Appeals of AYSL Fines, as documented in Appendix B, must be provided in writing to the AYSL Governance Committee Chair no later than two (2) business days of notification of the fine. All appeals must be accompanied with a \$250 fee. The appeal fee will be returned on successful appeals. All appeal decisions of the AYSL Governance Committee are final and there is no further appeal.

Yellow Card(s)

19. The following discipline for Yellow Card accumulations during an AYSL season shall apply to play and be automatic.
 - a. Five Yellow cards received by an individual
 - i. One game suspension
 - b. Additional Two Yellow cards (7 total yellow cards received by an individual)
 - i. One game suspension
 - c. Additional Two Yellow Card (9 total yellow cards received by an individual)
 - i. Minimum Three game suspension, Indefinite Suspension pending Alberta Soccer Discipline Hearing



- d. Two yellow cards issued to a player in a single game will not be counted as accumulated Yellow Cards but will be counted under the Red Card accumulation.

Red Card Offences and Ejections

20. All red card offences by players will be subject to following minimum suspensions and subject to review by the AYSL Administrators for referral to the Alberta Soccer discipline committee for consideration of additional penalties.

- a. Second yellow card in a game
 - i. All offences
 - 1. Removed from current game
 - 2. One game suspension
- b. Denying an obvious goal scoring opportunity
 - i. All offences
 - 1. Removed from current game
 - 2. One game suspension
- c. Offensive, Insulting or Abusive Language and/or Gestures
 - i. 1st Offence
 - 1. Removed from current game
 - 2. Two game suspension
 - ii. 2nd Offence
 - 1. Four Game suspension
 - iii. 3rd Offence
 - 1. Minimum Six game suspension, Indefinite Suspension pending Alberta Soccer Discipline Hearing
- d. Serious Foul Play
 - i. 1st Offence
 - 1. Removed from current game
 - 2. No further One suspension
 - ii. 2nd Offence
 - 1. Two Game suspension
 - iii. 3rd Offence
 - 1. Minimum Three game suspension, Indefinite Suspension pending Alberta Soccer Discipline Hearing
- e. Violent Conduct (including biting or spitting)
 - i. 1st Offence
 - 1. Two Game suspension
 - ii. 2nd Offence
 - 1. Minimum Four game suspension, Indefinite Suspension pending Alberta Soccer Discipline Hearing and \$100 Club Fine
- f. Offences against Game officials
 - i. Minimum Four game suspension Indefinite Suspension pending Alberta Soccer Discipline Hearing & \$200 Club Fine

21. All red card offences by team officials will be subject to following minimum suspensions and subject to review by the AYSL Administrators for referral to the Alberta Soccer discipline committee for consideration of additional penalties

- a. Coaches receiving a Yellow Card
 - i. 1st Offence
 - 1. One Game Suspension
 - ii. 2nd Offence
 - 1. Two Game Suspension

- iii. 3rd Offence
 - 1. Refer to AYSL Governance Committee
 - b. Offences Level 1
 - i. Delaying the restart of play by the opposing team e.g., holding onto the ball, kicking the ball away, obstructing the movement of a player or;
 - ii. Deliberately throwing/kicking an object onto the field of play or;
 - iii. Receiving a second caution in the same game;
 - 1. All offences
 - a. TwoGame suspension
 - c. Offences Level 2
 - i. Deliberately leaving the technical area to: show dissent towards, or remonstrate with, a game official or;
 - ii. entering the field of play to confront a game official (including at half-time and full-time) or;
 - iii. interfere with play, an opposing player or a game official or;
 - iv. using unauthorised electronic or communication equipment and/or behaving in an inappropriate manner as the result of using electronic or communication equipment
 - 1. 1st Offence
 - a. Three Game suspension
 - 2. All other offences
 - a. Two Game suspension and \$200 Club fine
 - d. Offences Level 3
 - i. Offensive, Insulting or Abusive Language and/or gestures AND/OR act in a provocative or inflammatory manner
 - 1. 1st Offence
 - a. Two Game suspension and \$100 Club Fine
 - 2. 2nd Offence
 - a. Minimum Three Game Suspension, Indefinite Suspension pending Alberta Soccer Discipline Hearing & \$400 Club Fine
 - e. Offences Level 4
 - i. Physical or aggressive behaviour (including spitting or biting) towards an opposing player, substitute, team official, game official, spectator or any other person (e.g. ball boy/girl, security or competition official etc.) or;
 - ii. Violent Conduct
 - 1. 1st Offence
 - a. Minimum Four Game Suspension, Indefinite Suspension pending Alberta Soccer Discipline Hearing and \$500 Club Fine
22. The following discipline for Red Card accumulations during an AYSL season shall apply to play and be automatic.
 - a. Three Red Cards received by an individual
 - i. Two additional games minimum above the standard suspension on the third red card received and
 - ii. Indefinite Suspension pending Alberta Soccer Discipline Hearing

Other Considerations

- 23. Any coach who is a spectator at a game they are suspended from participating in is prohibited from using all electronic communication devices at the field from 60 minutes prior to kick off to final whistle.
 - a. Any reports of such behavior shall result in indefinite suspension for the team official until appearance before an Alberta Soccer Discipline Committee.



Appendix B - AYSL Fee & Fine Schedule

Alberta Youth Soccer League Standard Fees			
Fee Type	Fee	One Time or Annual	Rate
Performance Bond	\$0	One Time	Per Club
Outdoor League Fees	\$4,800	Annually	Per Team
Indoor League Fees	\$2,500	Annually	Per Team
Appeal Fee	\$250	Per Appeal	Per Appeal

AYSL Outdoor Season Game Official Fees		
Position	Fee	Rate
Center Official	\$75.00	Per Game
Assistant Official	\$50.00	Per Game
4th Official	\$50.00	Per Game

AYSL Indoor Season Game Official Fees		
Position	Fee	Rate
Official	\$58.00	Per Game
Assistant Official	\$38.00	Per Game

Alberta Youth Soccer League Fine Schedule – Rules*		
Fine Type	Fine	Rate
Missing League Meeting	\$500	Per Meeting
Team Withdrawal after deadline	\$2,000	Per occurrence
Late Submission of Administrative Information	\$500	Per occurrence
Late Submission of Roster Information (player & coach)	\$50	Per player/official per week
Play game with less than 14 Players	\$50	Per player / Per Game
Incorrect Game Sheet	\$200	Per Occurrence
Ineligible Player	\$500	Per Occurrence
Venue Standard(s) Breach but game still played	\$200	Per Occurrence
Venue Standard(s) Breach resulting in unplayed game	\$1,000	Per Occurrence
Cancelled Game Communication Error	\$500	Per Occurrence
Cancelled Game Communication Error Officials Game Fees	As listed	Per Occurrence
Forfeited Game plus	\$500	Per Occurrence
2 nd Forfeited Game plus	\$1000	Per Occurrence
3 rd Forfeited Game Review of NYCL		
Forfeited Game Officials Game Fees	As listed	Per Occurrence



Failure to submit game sheets & statistics & Referee Report	\$250	Per Occurrence
Failure to Stream or Upload Game video to watch.abertasoccer.com within 48 hours of the competition	\$200	Per Occurrence
Failure to supply an Athletic Therapist	\$250	Per Occurrence
Alberta Youth Soccer League Fine Schedule - Game Misconduct		
Fine Type	Fine	Rate
Player Violent Conduct 1st Offence	\$100	Per Occurrence
Player Violent Conduct 2nd Offence	\$200	Per Occurrence
Player Offences against Match Official	\$200	Per Occurrence
Coach Offences Level 2, 2 or more offences	\$200	Per Occurrence
Coach Offences Level 3, 1st Offence	\$100	Per Occurrence
Coach Offences Level 3, 2 or more offences	\$400	Per Occurrence
Coach Offences Level 4, All offences	\$500	Per Occurrence

*** ALL FINES ARE SUBJECT TO ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW BEFORE BEING INVOICED**

Appendix C – Player movement rules for Transfers & Trialist

The following rules set out how Transfers and Trialists players can be used during the AYSL season. All AYSL rules are subject to all Alberta Soccer Rules & Regulations, where applicable.

Transfers (in-season)

1. Players within an AYSL Club can transfer to lower-level intra-club teams as necessary but are subject to the General Rules & Regulations on player transfers regarding returning to your original team and number of transfers.
2. Players registered with AYSL Clubs can transfer to lower level non-AYSL clubs during the season.
3. Players with non-AYSL Clubs will not transfer to AYSL Clubs during the season.
 - a. Applications may be made to Alberta Soccer for exemptions through the Governance Committee
4. Players registered with other AYSL Club Teams cannot transfer to AYSL clubs during the season unless the player has been removed from the AYSL Club Roster and approved by the AYSL Governance Committee.

Trialists (in-season)

All trialist rules are based on in-season player movement

1. Intra AYSL Club Trialists
 - a. Each AYSL Club is responsible for managing intra club trialists
 - b. There is a Maximum of 5 trialists games for District players per year before a player must transfer to the AYSL Club Team. Goalkeepers may be granted an exception to the maximum of five (5) trialist game limit by the AYSL Technical Committee, on a case by case basis.
 - c. Age eligible AYSL rostered players are free to trialist to any age eligible AYSL roster within their home club in which there is no maximum number of games for the AYSL Trialist
2. Inter AYSL Club Trialists
 - a. There is no trialists allowed from one AYSL Club to another AYSL Club
 - b. There is no contact with players from other AYSL Clubs allowed during the season.

- i. If parents initiate contact with another AYSL Club this should be declared to the home AYSL Club and contact stopped.
- 3. Non-AYSL Club Trialists
 - a. All trialists from Non-AYSL Clubs must have completed the AYSL Trialist Form before training or game activity can occur.
 - b. Contact with prospective players
 - i. Any contact with prospective players must be done through the non-AYSL Club leadership, either the Technical Director (or equivalent), Executive Director (or equivalent) or non-AYSL Club Director
 - 1. AYSL Administrators must be copied on communication to the non-AYSL club and the AYSL Administrators must contact the impacted districts.
 - ii. If the parents of a non-AYSL Club player contacts an AYSL Club this contact should be made known to non-AYSL Club leadership as prescribed above.
 - iii. No AYSL Trialist can be active with the AYSL Club without the trialist form being completed and approved by the AYSL Administrator.
 - c. Trialist Activity
 - i. A minimum of 1-week trial should be offered to any player
 - ii. A non-AYSL club player can trialist in games a maximum of 5 times per year with an AYSL Club.
 - d. After the maximum trialist period and/or games has been reached the result of the trial should be communicated to the non-AYSL Club and the AYSL Administrators.
 - i. Transfers from non-AYSL Club teams will not happen during their season
 - ii. Player movement will occur after the season has ended for the non-AYSL Club Player.



Appendix D – KEY DATES

Reason	2023 Date
Deadline for League Entry	31-Aug-23
League Withdrawal	15-Sep-23
Club Information Sheet	As requested by ASA
Coaching Staff List	As requested by ASA
Team Roster Submission	As requested by ASA
Season Start Indoor (In season)	1-Dec-23
Indoor Schedule Release	4 weeks prior to start date
Outdoor Schedule Release	4 weeks prior to start date
Season Start Outdoor (In season)	1-Apr-23

Game Based Deadlines	2023 Date
Trialist Form Submission	Before kick-off of the relevant Match
Charging Entry Fee for Game Day	7 Days Prior to Match
Match Reporting Deadline	Midnight of Game Day
Referee Reporting Deadline	Within 48 hours of completion of the Match
Referee Discipline Reports	Within 48 hours of completion of the Match