



Alberta Youth Soccer League

Operating Rules

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Alberta Youth Soccer League Governance and Operating Rules

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 Standards. Any potential breach of this rule will result in a review of the AYSL Club involved by Alberta Soccer and Canada Soccer.

1. Definitions and Acronyms

1.1. The following terms have this meaning in this policy:

- (a) Affiliate Player shall mean a player who is called up to participate in a game or games with a team they are not registered to but are a member of the same club
- (b) ASA shall mean the Alberta Soccer Association, a society incorporated pursuant to the Societies Act (Alberta);
- (c) AYSL shall mean the Alberta Youth Soccer League
- (d) AYSL Club shall mean all individuals who are members of a NYCL holder and have teams participating in the AYSL
- (e) AYSL Team shall mean AYSL Team rosters that has a minimum of fourteen (14) eligible players for outdoor and a minimum of twelve (12) eligible players for indoor and a maximum of twenty (20) eligible players.
- (f) Bench Personnel shall mean persons registered to a team and on the bench during a game
- (g) CMSA shall mean Calgary Minor Soccer Association
- (h) CPIC shall mean a check of the National Repository of Criminal Records based on a person's name and date of birth which includes a vulnerable sector check
- (i) CSA shall mean Canada Soccer
- (j) Cup Competition shall mean a competition where a team is vying to win a Cup
- (k) Cup Tied shall mean a player not being able to participate at an alternative level of play or another team play due to previous participation at a Cup Competition
- (l) Emergency Trialist shall mean a player who is called up to participate in a game or games with a team that they are not currently registered with, with the aim of registering with that team and is replacing a player due to injury.
- (m) EMSA shall mean the Edmonton Minor soccer Association.
- (n) FIFA shall mean the Federation Internationale de Football Association.
- (o) Individual—all categories of membership defined by the ASA's Bylaws, as well as individuals employed by, or engaged in, activities with, the ASA including, but not limited to, any person up to 80 years of age for all Amateur Members participating as Players, Managers, Coaches, Trainers, Executives, General Members or Officials, Volunteers, Auxiliary Workers, and Employees, or engaged in activities within practice or competition in the sport under the supervision and direction of the Alberta Soccer Association.

- (p) Match shall mean any soccer game that is a Sanctioned Game and has met all of the ASA requirements in order for its results to be recorded by ASA for any league play, tournament or competition
- (q) NYCL shall mean National Youth Club Licence as awarded by Canada Soccer
- (r) Non AYSL Club shall mean individuals who are members of an ASA Club who do not hold a NYCL and do not have teams participating in the AYSL
- (s) Referee or Match Official shall mean any person who has met the requirements set forth by ASA (as amended from time to time) and has become eligible to provide Referee Services to any Sanctioned Game and shall include an assistant referee, fourth (4th) official, any referee assessor, any referee mentor, referee instructors or any other person specified by ASA to be a Referee and whose name is listed on the Eligible List of Referees for the relevant soccer season;
- (t) Trialist shall mean a player who is called up to participate in a game or games with a team that they are not currently registered with and is outside of their home club, with the aim of registering with that team

2. AYSL Committees

2.1. AYSL Governance Committee

- 2.1.1. The AYSL Governance Committee is responsible for the governance and oversight of the AYSL as per the committee Terms of Reference.
- 2.1.2. The AYSL Governance Committee must approve new club admittance.
- 2.1.3. 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.
- 2.1.4. Committee members are comprised of the following:
 - 2.1.4.1. Alberta Soccer Executive Director
 - 2.1.4.2. Alberta Soccer Technical Delegate
 - 2.1.4.3. Alberta Soccer Board Delegate
 - 2.1.4.4. Two (2) AYSL District Representatives
 - 2.1.4.4.1. One (1) CMSA Delegate
 - 2.1.4.4.2. One (1) EMSA Delegate
 - 2.1.4.5. Consideration will be given to new participating AYSL Districts as necessary.

2.2. ASA Competition Coordinator

- 2.2.1. The ASA Competition Coordinator is responsible for the day-to-day administration and operations of the AYSL.
- 2.2.2. The ASA Competition Coordinator may present temporary rules or regulations for consideration and approval by the AYSL Governance Committee.

- 2.2.3. The AYSL Operating Rules will be reviewed and presented annually by the ASA Competition Coordinator and sent to the AYSL Governance Committee for approval.
 - 2.2.3.1. Any Rule changes must be presented to the AYSL clubs by July 1 annually for the season to start in September of that year.
 - 2.2.3.2. The AYSL team fees will be presented to the AYSL clubs by July 1 annually for the season to start in September of that year.
- 2.2.4. The AYSL fee schedule can be found in Appendix B.
- 2.2.5. League Fees and Provincial Participation fees are approved annually by the ASA Board of Directors.

2.3. AYSL Technical Advisory Committee

- 2.3.1. The AYSL Technical Advisory Committee is responsible for providing AYSL Club advice on Technical Standards and Operational Rules.
- 2.3.2. Committee Members are comprised of the following:
 - 2.3.2.1. One Male Team Technical Representative per Club participating in the AYSL.
 - 2.3.2.2. One Female Team Technical Representative per Club Participating in the AYSL
 - 2.3.2.3. ASA Competition Coordinator
- 2.3.3. The Chair of the Technical Advisory Committee will be the ASA Technical Director.

2.4. AYSL Discipline Committee

- 2.4.1. AYSL Discipline Committee is responsible for any suspensions and fines regarding the AYSL.
- 2.4.2. Committee Members are comprised of the following:
 - 2.4.2.1. ASA Executive Director
 - 2.4.2.2. ASA Technical Director
 - 2.4.2.3. ASA Competitions Coordinator

3. Field of Play

3.1. Outdoor

- 3.1.1. All outdoor matches shall be played on fields that meet FIFA international game standards as outlined in the FIFA Laws of the Game;
- 3.1.2. Length 100 m – 110 m
- 3.1.3. Width 64 m – 75 m
- 3.1.4. Outdoor match fields must be marked per the FIFA Laws of the Game.
- 3.1.5. This includes Corner Flags and Goals with Nets
- 3.1.6. Home teams must provide covered benches capable of seating a minimum of 10 players / coaches.
- 3.1.7. Tents covering benches is acceptable for this standard.
- 3.1.8. The benches must be on the opposite side as the spectators.

- 3.1.9. Home teams must provide the 4th official with a table and chair.
- 3.1.10. Fields must be marked as per the FIFA Laws of the Game.
- 3.1.11. This includes Corner Flags and Goals with Nets.
- 3.2. Indoor
 - 3.2.1. 9 v 9 Field Dimension
 - 3.2.1.1. Length 60 m – 75 m
 - 3.2.1.2. Width 42 m – 55 m

4. League Administration

- 4.1. The ASA will hold a minimum of two (2) league meetings annually with at least one (1) of the meetings held in person.
- 4.2. All teams are required to have at least one (1) representative present at all league meetings. One (1) Club representative may represent more than one (1) team. Failure to do so will result in a five hundred dollar (\$500) fine.
- 4.3. Clubs may not be represented by outside clubs.
- 4.4. The ASA League Coordinator will promote the AYSL with the ASA Communications Coordinator.
- 4.5. Seasons (when they are approved).
 - 4.5.1. AYSL outdoor season run September - November, April - July
 - 4.5.2. AYSL indoor season runs January - March.
 - 4.5.3. Club programming or AYSL off season is November – December and August.

5. Clubs

- 5.1. Application for 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) six (6) months prior to the AYSL season intake date.
- 5.2. 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.
- 5.3. Club admittance into the AYSL will be approved by the AYSL Governance Committee and must be in good standing with Alberta Soccer and their home District Association.
 - 5.3.1. Any club listed in bad standing will be reviewed by Alberta Soccer and/or Canada Soccer.
- 5.4. AYSL Clubs must register a team in both genders at all age categories yearly to participate in the AYSL.
 - 5.4.1. AYSL club not in compliance with this rule is subject to review of good standing by Canada Soccer and/or Alberta Soccer.
- 4.5. Season length to finish by July 31 to accommodate post-secondary play.
- 4.6. Each season after 2023 - 2024 there will be a U14 intake group with U18 aging out of the league.

- 4.7. AYSL Clubs must complete the AYSL Information Sheet and submit it to the ASA Competition Coordinator as per the deadlines provided. Fees are to be paid to Alberta Soccer including any fees as per the fee schedule. Failure to meet the deadline will result in a five hundred dollar (\$500) fine.

6. Teams

- 6.1. AYSL Teams rosters will have a minimum of fourteen (14) eligible players for outdoor and a minimum of twelve (12) eligible players for indoor and a maximum of twenty (20) eligible players.
- 6.2. AYSL rosters will be frozen on July 1st of every year. New players cannot be registered after this point. This applies to any lower-level team from which players may be called up to the AYSL team.
- 6.3. Outdoor
- 6.3.1. An AYSL team who cannot meet the fourteen (14) eligible player requirement may use a maximum of five (5) affiliated players from the lower age division in the same AYSL Club.
- 6.3.1.1. The affiliated player(s) must be submitted to the ASA Competition Administrator electronically before kick-off of the affected match.
- 6.3.1.2. The eligibility of the affiliated player(s) is subject to review. AYSL Clubs found to have played an ineligible player(s) will incur a five hundred dollar (\$500) fine and the match is forfeited.
- 6.3.1.3. AYSL teams unable to meet the minimum of fourteen (14) eligible players will have the match rescheduled at their cost.
- 6.3.2. All Laws of the Game from the International Football Association Board (IFAB) will be adhered to except for:
- 6.3.2.1. A team with fewer than fourteen (14) eligible players on the game sheet up to 15 minutes after the scheduled kick-off time, will be considered in breach of minimum player standards.
- 6.3.2.1.1. If the minimum player rule is breached there will be a fifty (\$50) fine per player below the fourteen (14) player minimum.
- 6.4. Indoor
- 6.4.1. An AYSL team who cannot meet the twelve (12) eligible player requirements may use a maximum of five (5) affiliated players from the lower age division in the same AYSL Club.
- 6.4.1.1. The affiliated player(s) must be submitted to the ASA Competition Administrator electronically before kick-off of the affected match.
- 6.4.1.2. The eligibility of the affiliated player(s) are subject to review. AYSL Clubs found to have played an ineligible player(s) will incur a five hundred dollar (\$500) fine and the match is forfeited.

- 6.4.1.3. AYSL teams unable to meet the minimum of twelve (12) eligible players will have the match rescheduled at their cost.
- 6.4.2. All Indoor Matches will follow the ASA Indoor Rule book.
 - 6.4.2.1. A team with fewer than twelve (12) eligible players on the game sheet up to 15 minutes after the scheduled kick-off time, will be considered in breach of minimum player standards.
 - 6.4.2.1.1. If the minimum player rule is breached there will be a fifty (\$50) dollar fine per player below the twelve (12) player minimum.
- 6.5. AYSL Teams must be registered with Alberta Soccer through their respective Alberta Soccer Regular Members (District Associations) and subject to district fees.
- 6.6. No AYSL team may play in another league at the same time they are registered with the AYSL.
- 6.7. AYSL teams will follow the approved games schedule as published by the AYSL Technical Committee and ASA Technical Director.
- 6.8. AYSL team that wishes to withdraw from the AYSL the following season must inform the Alberta Soccer office in writing no later than April 1st prior to September outdoor season start date.
- 6.9. AYSL team that withdraws from the league will forfeit their team's initial season fee and are still required to pay the team fees for the following season if the withdrawal is made after April 1st.
- 6.10. AYSL team withdrawing after deadline will be fined two thousand dollar (\$2000).
- 6.11. All AYSL Coaches must be certified as per the Canada Soccer Player Development Program (PDP) Guidelines.
- 6.12. 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 being removed from the AYSL schedule.
- 6.13. 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.
 - 6.13.1. AYSL Team Officials as listed on the team rosters must match the game sheets and in attendance on the bench at AYSL matches.
- 6.14. The match balls are provided by the home team.
- 6.15. Home Teams must provide a certified Athletic Therapist at all home matches. Failure to provide will result in a two hundred and fifty dollar (\$250) fine per match.
 - 6.15.1. Certification according to the Canadian Athletic Therapist Association (CATA) or one of the following approved options:
 - 6.15.1.1. Standard First Aid & First Responder from a Certified Provider
 - 6.15.1.1.1. Canadian Red Cross, St. John Ambulance etc.
 - 6.15.1.2. Canadian Red Cross Sport First Responder and Sport Aid course

- 6.16. All Teams must in good standing as it relates to league fees, and fines, as per the dates in the operating regulations. Failure to comply will be subject to review by the AYSL Governance Committee.

AYSL Operating Regulations

7. Team Responsibilities

- 7.1. All AYSL Teams must provide the team colours of their home and away jerseys a minimum of 30 days in advance of their first scheduled AYSL match of the year.
- 7.2. All AYSL Teams must wear the official AYSL Logo on their home and away jerseys.
- 7.3. AYSL jersey patches must be either sewn or sublimated on left jersey sleeve of all home and away jerseys. Failure to do so will result in a two hundred and fifty dollar (\$250) fine per match.
 - 7.3.1. Teams may request one new set fifty (50) of patches annually free of charge.
 - 7.3.2. Patch allowance will not carry over into next year.
 - 7.3.3. Additional patch sets are available at cost to teams.
- 7.4. All AYSL players appearing on an AYSL Regular Season game sheet must be dressed in accordance with the appropriate Team Colours identified on that game sheet.
- 7.5. All non-playing personnel (including substitutes, substituted players, and injured players) are expected to be distinguishable from all players on the field of play.
- 7.6. Team Colours by Match:
 - 7.6.1. Home Team – Light Jersey
 - 7.6.2. Away Team – Dark Jersey
 - 7.6.3. In the event rescheduling of matches requires a team to play back-to-back days a request can be made to the league, at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance, for a review of the colours to be worn for the second match in the back-to-back schedule.
 - 7.6.4. If there are any color conflicts, the home team must change.
 - 7.6.5. 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.
 - 7.6.6. Failure to change the jersey will result in a team fine of two hundred and fifty (\$250).
- 7.7. 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. The player numbers must be the same on both the home and away jersey.
- 7.8. 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, black with dark coloured jerseys.
 - 7.8.1. A decision must be made by each team regarding undergarments and all players on the team will be expected to wear consistent colours.

7.9. 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 Referee or 4th 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.

8. Match Day Operations

- 8.1. All players and club officials must have District approved ID. All players and club officials must check in with the match officials, as per match day countdown. Players and club officials failing to check in with the match officials will be considered ineligible in the match.
- 8.2. All participants must be on the game sheet.
- 8.3. Team can dress a maximum of twenty (20) players per match.
- 8.4. Up to five (5) registered team officials with CPICs.
- 8.5. Teams who list ineligible players or bench personnel, are subject to a team fine of five hundred dollar (\$500) per person per offence and the match is forfeited.
- 8.6. Injured Players
 - 8.6.1. Clubs can apply to the ASA Competition Coordinator to include injured players, to sit on the team bench during matches clearly identifiable with their numbered jersey.
- 8.7. Each team is responsible for the behaviour of all player bench personnel and spectators.
- 8.8. Home teams must video all home matches and stream or upload within forty-eight (48) hrs of the competitions of watch.albertasoccer.com. Failure to stream or upload match video by timelines will result in a two hundred dollar (\$200) fine.
 - 8.8.1. Minimum video quality will be standard definition 640 x 480 quality.
- 8.9. Match Timing

Pre-Match Timing	Event
60 Minutes to Kick-off	Team Arrival
60 Minutes to kick-off	Match 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
Match Timing	Event
45 Minutes + Added time	First Half
15 Minutes	Half-time

45 Minutes + Added time	Second Half
Post-Match Timing	Event
30 minutes after final whistle	Game Sheets and Misconduct Summary to Teams
11:59 PM of Match Day	Match Reports submitted online by Home Team
11:59 PM day after Match	Match Reports verified online by Away Team

- 8.11. There will be no extra time during the regular season.
- 8.12. AYSL Cup matches will not include extra time and if tied will go directly to penalty kicks.
- 8.12.1 AYSL Cup final matches will include extra time of two (2) ten (10) minute halves and if still tied will go directly to penalty kicks.
- 8.13. If a match 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 match shall be replayed and the ASA Competition Coordinator shall reschedule it with cost split between home team, away team and ASA.
- 8.14. The home team is responsible for submitting both the game sheets and the misconduct summary. All match reports must be uploaded to the AYSL website by end of the first working day following the match. The home team must ensure the match score has been recorded.
- 8.14.1. Failure, to meet these responsibilities, will result in one warning. Each subsequent offense will result in a two hundred and fifty dollar (\$250) fine.
- 8.15. Home and Away teams are responsible to submit an online referee feedback form within forty-eight (48) hours following the match. Failure to do so will result in a two hundred and fifty dollar (\$250) fine.
- 8.16. All match changes will be emailed to the affected teams by the ASA Competition Coordinator. All teams must confirm receipt of match change via email to the ASA League Coordinator.

9. Registration

- 9.1. All AYSL players and team officials appearing on an AYSL Regular Season Game Sheet must be registered with their Regular District of Alberta Soccer.
- 9.1.1. Alberta Soccer and Canada Soccer registration fees will be paid through the home District Association of the AYSL team.
- 9.2. Name of teams - must be consistent Club wide with Age Group/Gender clarification.
- 9.3. The following shall be provided by each AYSL team to the ASA Competition Administrator as per deadlines provided:
- 9.3.1. Name, email address, telephone number, and CPIC of team manager
- 9.3.2. Name, email address and telephone number of social media person for club

- 9.3.3. 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.
- 9.3.4. Any team contact changes throughout the calendar year are the responsibility of the team within seven (7) days change of team personnel.
- 9.3.5. AYSL roster additions and deletions must be submitted by the applicable District registrar to the ASA Competition Administrator as they occur before they are considered official.
- 9.3.6. Each team official on an AYSL Game Sheet must have photo identification card issued by the team official's local District Association, at each match or they will be considered as ineligible to participate.
 - 9.3.6.1. A Sample card for each district must be provided to the ASA Competition Administrator before the season start.

10. Player Eligibility

- 10.1. 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.
- 10.2. Any registered youth player is eligible to play in the AYSL subject to age requirements.
- 10.3. Any player who is listed on an approved roster will be deemed eligible to play in AYSL matches from that point forward.
- 10.4. Players removed from an AYSL Roster cannot be used as an Affiliate Player for the Club that they were removed from for the current season.
- 10.5. Any player not on the AYSL Approved roster must complete an AYSL Trialist/Affiliated Player Form and submit to the ASA Competition Administrator for approval forty-eight hours (48) in advance of the affected match.
 - 10.5.1. If an AYSL club requires an emergency trialist/Affiliated player, to meet the minimum fourteen (14) eligible players guideline, the trialist/Affiliate player form must be submitted to the ASA Competition Administrator electronically twenty-four (24) hours in advance of the affected match complete with a doctors note for the injured player being replaced.
 - 10.5.2. The AYSL Trialist/Affiliated Form must be signed off by the players home Technical Director or coach giving the player permission to participate as a Trialist/Affiliate Player.
 - 10.5.3. Trialists who participate in the AYSL will be identified with a "T" beside their name on AYSL game sheets. Affiliate players who participate in the AYSL will be identified with an "AP" beside their name on the AYSL game sheet.
 - 10.5.3.1. Each AYSL club is responsible for managing club trialists/affiliate players.

- 10.5.3.2. Age eligible AYSL rostered players are free to affiliate player to any eligible AYSL roster within their home club without a maximum number of matches.
- 10.5.3.3. A non-AYSL club player can be trialist in matches a maximum of five (5) times per year with an AYSL Club.
- 10.5.4. There is no trialist allowed from one AYSL Club to another AYSL Club.
- 10.5.5. There is no contact with players from other AYSL Clubs allowed during the season.
 - 10.5.5.1. If parents initiate contact with another AYSL Club this should be declared to the home AYSL Club and contact stopped.
- 10.5.6. All trialist from Non-AYSL Clubs must have completed the AYSL Trialist Form before training or match activity can occur.
 - 10.5.6.1. Minimum of one (1) week trial should be offered to any player.
 - 10.5.6.2. After the maximum trialist period and/or matches has been reached the result of the trial should be communicated to the non-AYSL Club and the ASA Technical Director and the clubs District.
 - 10.5.6.2.1. Any contact with prospective players must be done through the non-AYSL Club and its' leadership.
 - 10.5.6.2.1.1. ASA Competition Coordinator must be copied on communications to the non-AYSL club, and the ASA Competition Coordinator must contact the impacted districts.
 - 10.5.6.2.1.2. If the parent of a non-AYSL club player contact the AYSL Club this contact should be made know to the non-AYSL Club leadership as prescribed above.
- 10.6. AYSL registered players, are not permitted to participate as a trialist or affiliate player in competitions outside the AYSL in any youth District League or tournament.
- 10.7. An ineligible player is defined as any player not meeting the player eligibility regulations as outlined above or:
 - 10.7.1. who is currently suspended from AYSL league play or;
 - 10.7.2. whose fine(s) have not been paid prior to his or her participation or;
 - 10.7.3. who is not properly listed on the game sheet submitted to the match officials prior to the match or;
 - 10.7.4. Where the identity of a player declared on the game sheet of an AYSL match can be proven to be someone other than the person named or;
 - 10.7.5. 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.
 - 10.7.5.1. The review will be conducted as per the ASA Discipline Policy.
 - 10.7.6. In all cases where a player is deemed ineligible and participated in a match the offending team shall forfeit that match.

- When a match is forfeited for any reason the team responsible for the forfeit will be subject to applicable fines.
- 10.8. When a match is forfeited within forty-eight (48) hours prior to match time, the team responsible will be responsible for the match officials match fees.
 - 10.8.1. A team, that is discovered to have played an ineligible player, will be subject to discipline and the offending team will forfeit the match greater of the actual match score or a three-zero score.
 - 10.9. 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.
 - 10.10. Players registered with AYSL Clubs cannot transfer to lower level non-AYSL clubs during the season.
 - 10.11. Players with non-AYSL Clubs are permitted to transfer to AYSL Clubs during the season.
 - 10.12. Players registered with other AYSL Club Teams cannot transfer to AYSL clubs during the season.

11. Schedule and Venues

- 11.1 The ASA Competition Coordinator will determine all AYSL schedules including the dates, times, and opponents for all matches.
- 11.2 Home teams are responsible for all associated costs for securing a home field of play and ancillary services for all scheduled AYSL Regular Season home matches for the indoor and outdoor season.
- 11.3 The indoor and outdoor schedules will be provided to the teams four (4) weeks prior to their respective first matches.
- 11.4 The only allowable changes to the published schedule will be reschedules due to field closures or abandoned matches.
- 11.5 Grace Period for Late Arrivals
 - 11.5.1 Teams will be given a fifteen (15) minute grace period from the official kick off time for late arrivals.
 - 11.5.2 Teams arriving after the grace period will forfeit the match and be responsible for all fees to reschedule the match. The Rescheduled match will be at the same location as the original scheduled match.
- 11.6 Whenever possible, AYSL shall be not required to play more than three (3) matches in a seven (7) day period and no more than four (4) in a fifteen (15) day period.
 - 11.6.1 There will be no more than fourteen (14) days between matches whenever possible except for periodized breaks.
- 11.7 If a team is scheduled to travel, more than 100 KM, to another city to play and the match must be cancelled due to inclement weather or any other health or safety

concerns, the home team must communicate the match cancellation to the travelling team.

11.7.1 Whenever possible the cancellation should be communicated to the travelling team five (5) hours before the scheduled kick-off.

11.7.2 If the ASA Competition Coordinator determines that the home team was negligent in communicating the cancellation, resulting in unnecessary travel for the travelling team, the match will be rescheduled in the travelling team's city at the cost of the negligent team.

11.7.3 The home team must notify the ASA Competition Coordinator of the match cancellation at the same time as the travelling team.

11.7.4 Communication errors, as determined by the ASA Competition Coordinator, will result in the home team receiving a five hundred dollar (\$500) fine and payment to match officials for match fees.

11.8 AYSL Clubs must play matches 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.

11.8.1 If matches involving a team which has traveled more than 100 KM, cannot be played on the home team's AT field for whatever reason, the match 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.

11.8.1.1 The AYSL Club responsible for the field will be fined two hundred dollar (\$200) for any breach of this rule.

11.8.2 The Referee has the authority to not start a match if the conditions of the field do not meet standards in relation to;

11.8.2.1 Surface deemed unsafe due to condition of turf, grass or standing water.

11.8.2.2 Goals deemed unsafe or of the wrong size.

11.8.2.3 Improper field markings, including field size.

11.8.3 If a team arrives for a scheduled match and it is not played because the field does not meet standards, as determined by the Referee, the consequences are as follows:

11.8.3.1 Home team will be fined as per Appendix B

11.8.3.2 The match 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 ASA Competition Coordinator within one week from the originally scheduled match.

11.8.3.2.1 These dates will be provided to the Home team who will choose one of them, and the necessary field bookings and Referee assignors will proceed as per usual.

10.9. Where an AYSL team does not have or designate a home venue the AYSL club must work with their home District to secure a home venue and is responsible for all costs associated with that booking, including administrative fees.

10.9.1. ASA Competition Coordinator will liaise with clubs and home Districts to secure field bookings.

10.9.2. Home teams may charge entry fee if a venue allows for it and will retain all revenue associated with entry into the match.

10.9.3. Any team charging entry fees to an AYSL Regular Season match must provide the cost structure of entry to the ASA Competition Coordinator at least seven (7) days in advance of the scheduled date of the match.

12 Match Officials

12.1 Match Officials for AYSL matches shall be scheduled by Alberta Soccer.

13 Substitutions

13.1 A maximum of five (5) substitution stoppages with up to a maximum of three (3) substitutions per stoppage will be permitted during open play. To a maximum of five (5) substitutions in total excluding half time.

13.1.1 These substitutes must provide the assistant referee or 4th official with a properly completed substitution slip prior to entering the field of play.

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

13.2.1 A player who has previously been replaced in the match by a substitute shall be allowed to return to the match, but that return shall be within 13.1, unless it occurs at half time.

14 Standings and Tie Breaking

14.1 Three (3) points shall be awarded to the winner of the match and zero (0) points shall be awarded to the losing team. In the event of a tie, one (1) point shall be awarded to each team.

14.2 In the event of a tie the following procedure will apply:

14.2.1 Results between the tied teams.

14.2.2 Greater goal difference between the tied teams.

14.2.3 Greater goal difference in all league matches.

14.2.4 Greatest number of goals scored in all league matches.

- 14.2.5 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 match to be played with extra time and penalties if necessary.

15 Sponsorship and Communication

- 15.1 Alberta Soccer will review all sponsors associated with the AYSL and AYSL Clubs annually.
 - 15.1.1 A list of sponsors associated with AYSL Clubs will be provided to Alberta Soccer by July 1st annually.
- 15.2 All signage provided by Alberta Soccer for sponsors must be displayed during AYSL matches in a location visible to spectators.
 - 15.2.1 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 ASA Competition Coordinator, if this standard cannot be met.
- 15.3 Alberta Soccer and the ASA Competition Administrator shall maintain the AYSL website as linked by Alberta Soccer via www.albertasoccer.com
 - 15.3.1 Districts will have the option to mirror the AYSL Standings through their website.
 - 15.3.2 AYSL Clubs will have the option to mirror the AYSL Standings through their website.
 - 15.3.3 Statistics will be posted on the AYSL website by the ASA Competition Administrator.
- 15.4 Alberta Soccer and the ASA Communications Coordinator will send a minimum of three (3) Press Releases regarding the AYSL each calendar year.
- 15.5 Alberta Soccer and the ASA Communication Coordinator will maintain a consistent social media presence regarding the AYSL Regular Season.
- 15.6 All participating AYSL Clubs will provide a minimum of one (1) active social media link for their club and/or AYSL teams.

16 Indoor Match Play Consideration

- 16.1 All indoor AYSL matches are subject to the rules outlined above with the following exceptions.
 - 16.1.1.1 9 v 9 Format
- 16.2 AYSL Match Timing Rule 8.9 does not apply to indoor matches due to facility constraints.
- 16.3 All Indoor AYSL matches will be played as per ASA Indoor Rules.

17. Discipline

- 17.1. Discipline to AYSL teams shall be based on the information contained on the game sheets and referee misconduct reports submitted to the ASA Competition Coordinator following each match.
- 17.2. Referees shall record all cautions and ejections issued during a match on the applicable game sheets and summarize the same on the referee misconduct report. Each referee that participated in the match must sign each game sheet and the referee misconduct report.
- 17.3. A misconduct form must be completed and signed as noted even when no discipline has occurred during the match.
- 17.4. The referee must submit a report giving all pertinent information surrounding the ejection of players and/or team officials and/or team supporters within forty-eight (48) hours of the completion or abandonment of a match.
- 17.5. Match Officials and/or Alberta Soccer representatives on duty at a match 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 match, within forty-eight (48) hours of the match.
- 17.6. Individuals who have been listed on a game sheet will be deemed to have participated in that match.
- 17.7. Each team in an AYSL match must receive their copy of each team's game sheet and misconduct summary once signed by the referee and both teams. 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.
- 17.8. All incidents involving assault on, or threatening behavior towards match officials shall be referred to the Alberta Soccer office and identified offenders are suspended indefinitely pending a hearing with the ASA.
- 17.9. All Discipline of the AYSL, other than mandatory suspensions listed below, shall be dealt with in accordance with the Alberta Soccer Discipline and Complaint Policy and ASA Appeals Policy.
- 17.10. All hearings shall be held in accordance with the Alberta Soccer Discipline and Complaint Policy and ASA Appeals Policy.

18. Suspensions and Fines

- 18.1. 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.
- 18.2. All minimum suspensions shall be automatic and will not involve a hearing by the ASA Discipline Committee unless:
 - 18.2.1. An appeal is launched in accordance with the Alberta Soccer Discipline and Complaints Policy and Alberta Soccer Appeals Policy and conditions have been met for an appeal.

- 18.2.2. A hearing is determined necessary upon review by the ASA Competition Coordinator.
- 18.3. All fines must be paid to the ASA prior to the player's or Team Officials participation in the next AYSL match or the player or Team Official will be considered an ineligible participant in that match.
- 18.4. ASA Competition Coordinator will communicate all suspensions to applicable team manager prior to the next scheduled match but it will remain the responsibility of each AYSL team to monitor yellow card accumulation suspensions and red card suspensions.
- 18.4.1. Playing of ineligible players in these circumstances will result in discipline as outlined in the AYSL Operating Rules.
- 18.5. Suspensions and fines will be applied even if the referee match misconduct summary or game sheets were not submitted to ASA within the submission guidelines.
- 18.6. Suspensions per the schedule below will be served in the next AYSL sanctioned match for the offending player or team official with the following considerations:
- 18.6.1. Suspension of a player registered on another team while a trialist/affiliate player with the AYSL will apply to AYSL matches and that player's home district will be advised of the suspension.
- 18.6.1.1. The home district reserves the right to suspend the player for matches in their sanctioned leagues.
- 18.7. 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.
- 18.8. AYSL suspensions may restrict a player and/or coaches' participation in Provincial, National or International Select programs.
- 18.9. Yellow cards accumulated but not resulting in a suspension shall expire with the current season and will not affect the next AYSL season.
- 18.10. In addition to AYSL penalties, red cards accumulated in the AYSL are subject to applicable penalties in the Alberta Soccer Alberta Soccer Discipline and Complaint Policy and ASA Appeals Policy.
- 18.11. Forfeited Matches:
- 18.11.1. When a match is forfeited, due to one team having fewer than fourteen (14) players at fifteen (15) minutes after the scheduled start of play or because of a team failing to show up, the opposing team shall be awarded points for a win and a three-zero score.
- 18.11.2. When neither team has fourteen (14) players at fifteen (15) minutes after the scheduled start of play, or when neither team shows up, no points will be awarded, and no score shall be recorded for either team. The match shall not be rescheduled.

- 18.11.3. When a team, has won or tied a match and has played on or more ineligible players, the match will be forfeited, and the opposing team will be awarded the points for the win and a three-zero score.
- 18.11.4. Team who forfeit their scheduled (or rescheduled) AYSL match are fined as follows:
 - 18.11.4.1. 1st occasion five hundred dollar (\$500)
 - 18.11.4.2. 2nd occasion one thousand dollar (\$1000)
 - 18.11.4.3. 3rd occasion team's continued participation is subject to review by the ASA Governance Committee.
- 18.12. Appropriate Communication
 - 18.12.1 Parents contacting the ASA directly on questions that have been answered to Club/team staff, when posing the same question repeatedly, and when club staff are copied on emails and asked to respond to their members by ASA will result in a one (1) time warning followed by a five hundred dollar (\$500) fine to the club for each occurrence following the warning.

19. Suspensions

- 19.1. Yellow Card(s)
 - 19.1.1. The following discipline for Yellow Card accumulations during an AYSL season shall apply to play and be automatic.
 - 19.1.2. Two yellow cards issued to a player in a single match will not be counted as accumulated Yellow Cards but will be counted under the Red Card accumulations below:

Five (5) Yellow Cards	1 match suspension
Additional two (2) Yellow Cards (total of 7)	2 matches suspension
Additional two (2) Yellow Cards (total of 9)	Min 3 matches suspension, Indefinite Suspension pending and referral to AYSL Discipline Committee

- 19.2. Two Yellow Cards in the same match:

First Offense	1 match suspension
Second Offense	2 matches suspension
Third Offense	2 matches suspension
Fourth Offense	Suspended pending a hearing with AYSL Discipline Committee

- 19.3. Serious Foul Play (SFP):

First Offense	2 matches Suspension
Second Offense	4 matches Suspension

Third Offense or more	To be determined by the AYSL Discipline Committee
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19.4. Denying an Obvious Goal-Scoring Opportunity

All Offenses	1 match Suspension
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19.5. Violent Conduct (VC) or Spitting at an individual.

First Offense	3 matches suspension
Second Offense	6 matches suspension
Third Offense or more	To be determined by the AYSL Discipline Committee

19.6. Use of Offensive, Insulting and Abusive Language (OIAL), including but not limited to slurs and language aimed to intimidate or threaten another individual

First Offense	2 matches suspension
Second Offense	4 matches suspension
Third Offense	10 matches suspension
Fourth Offense or more	Suspended pending a hearing with AYSL Discipline Committee

19.7. Offences by Team Officials

19.7.1. Failure to stay within the technical area, delaying the restart of play -including but not limited to entering the field illegally, obstructing movement of player, deliberately throwing, kicking or holding onto an object/ball

First Offense	3 matches suspension
Second Offense	3 matches suspension and \$200 Club Fine
Third Offense	Refer to AYSL Discipline Committee

19.7.2. Use of offensive, insulting, abusive language towards players, match officials and/or spectators

First Offense	3 matches suspension and \$100 Club fine
Second Offense	5 matches suspension, \$400 Club Fine and referral to AYSL Discipline Committee

19.7.3. Receiving Three Yellow Card accumulated in an AYSL Season shall be automatic

Three (3) Yellow Cards	1 match suspension
Additional two (2) Yellow Cards (total of 5)	2 matches suspension
Additional two (2) Yellow Cards (total of 7)	Min 3 matches suspension, Indefinite Suspension and referral to AYSL Discipline Committee

19.7.4. Physical or aggressive behaviour (including spitting or biting) towards an individual.

First Offense	Minimum 6 matches suspension, \$500 Club Fine and referral to AYSL Discipline Committee
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19.8. The following discipline for Red Card accumulations during an AYSL season shall apply to play and be automatic.

Three Red Cards received by an individual	Indefinite suspension pending AYSL Discipline Hearing.
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19.9. Any team official who is a spectator at a match 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 the final whistle.

19.9.1. Any reports of such behaviour shall result in indefinite suspension for the team official until an appearance before an AYSL Discipline Committee

19.10. All other offenses not covered above will follow the Alberta Soccer Discipline and Complaint Policy and ASA Appeals Policy.

20. Appeals

20.1. Decisions of the Referee in matters pertaining to the Laws of the Game are final and no appeal of those decisions.

20.2. There is no appeal of the minimum suspensions and fines found in the AYSL Discipline guide.

20.3. Any appeal of suspensions and fines beyond the minimum must be filed as per the Alberta Soccer Discipline and Complaint Policy and ASA Appeals Policy.

Appendix B - AYSL Fee & Fine Schedule

Alberta Youth Soccer League Standard Fees			
Fee Type	Fee	One Time or Annual	Rate
Performance Bond	\$5000	One Time	Per Club
Outdoor League Fees	\$4,800	Annually	Per Team
Indoor League Fees	\$2,000	Annually	Per Team
Appeal Fee	\$250	Per Appeal	Per Appeal

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 match with less than fourteen (14) Players	\$50	Per player / Per Match
Incorrect Game Sheet	\$200	Per Occurrence
Ineligible Player	\$500	Per Occurrence
Venue Standard(s) Breach but match still played	\$200	Per Occurrence
Venue Standard(s) Breach resulting in unplayed match	\$1,000	Per Occurrence
Cancelled Match Communication Error	\$500	Per Occurrence
Cancelled Match Communication Error Officials' Match Fees	As listed	Per Occurrence
Forfeited Match Officials' Match Fees	As listed	Per Occurrence
Failure to submit game sheets & statistics & Referee Report	\$250	Per Occurrence
Failure to Stream or Upload Match video to watch.abertasoccer.com within forty-eight (48) hours of the competition	\$200	Per Occurrence
Failure to supply an Athletic Therapist	\$250	Per Occurrence