



## **THOMPSON OKANAGAN YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE**

### **Competition Rules and Regulations**

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***The Thompson Okanagan Youth Soccer League (TOYSL) operates under the Constitution of the BC Soccer Association (BCSA).***

- TOYSL is an Inter-District Select Level League that includes teams from Clubs in the two Districts located in the Interior of British Columbia - Central Okanagan Youth Soccer Association (COYSA) and Thompson Okanagan Youth District Association (TOYDA).
- COYSA Clubs – Kelowna Youth Soccer Association, Lake Country Youth Soccer Association, Okanagan Football Club, Kelowna United Football Club, Westside Youth Soccer Association and Penticton Pinnacles Football Club
- TOYDA Clubs – Revelstoke Youth Soccer Association, Vernon United Football Club, Kamloops Youth Soccer Association, Shuswap Youth Soccer Association and Soccer Quest Football Club
- TOYSL District Representatives are responsible to ensure that their District Boards and District Clubs are informed of rules, regulations, league schedule and meeting information in time for the start of the season.

#### **SECTION 1 - GENERAL**

- a) TOYSL is sanctioned by BCSA and abides by all BCSA Rules, Regulations and Policies.
- b) Only Clubs who are registered with COYSA or TOYDA can participate in TOYSL.
- c) Two representatives from each participating District will form the TOYSL Board of Directors who collectively shall make decisions on all items regarding the operation of TOYSL. These representatives shall be agreed upon by their Districts each season.
- d) Annual League Fees shall be set on a per team basis by the TOYSL Board and participating Clubs will submit their league fees directly to their District. Each District shall pay for all its Club teams via one cheque to TOYSL by **March 1st**.
- e) Any Team that withdraws after its application is submitted but prior to TOYSL scheduling will have their league fee returned. Any team which withdraws after TOYSL scheduling will forfeit their league fee. Any team withdrawing from TOYSL after the first scheduled game and before the completion of the scheduled games shall forfeit all fees submitted and be subject to a review before acceptance for next season.
- f) Districts are responsible for the actions of their teams, players, managers, officials and spectators. They are required to take all precautions to prevent and discourage unruly behavior, threats, and/or assaults on players and officials, before, during and after the conclusion of the game.

#### **SECTION 2 - UNIFORMS & FIELD SETUP**

- a) Clubs will declare the colours of their home and/or away jerseys by **December 15<sup>th</sup>**. Home teams must wear their home kits and away teams must wear their away jerseys - unless otherwise agreed upon in writing by team representatives prior to the start of a match. In the event of a colour clash, the home team is responsible to change their jerseys or wear pinnies.
- b) The home Club for each game shall be responsible for the condition of the field of play, the proper field marking and the supply of adequate equipment (i.e., game ball, goal posts, nets and corner flags). Failure to have fields setup installed thirty (30) minutes prior to the start of the match may result in a fine. Multiple infractions are subject to a review and may result in a Club and/or team being refused acceptance in TOYSL for the following season.

### **SECTION 3 - LEAGUE COMPETITION U14 to U18**

- a) TOYSL will consist of weekly league games and playdowns to contend for the TOYSL Cup. The TOYSL Cup will determine the District representatives for BCSA Provincials.
- b) All teams will be seeded for the TOYSL Cup based on divisional league play between teams of the same age, gender and Provincial Cup declaration status. Team(s) declaring "A" Cup for BCSA Provincials will not play against "B" Cup declaring team(s) in the TOYSL Cup playdowns. If there are no other "A" Cup or "B" Cup teams to form a TOYSL Cup Championship game(s), the lone team shall take the BCSA Provincial berth.
- c) The TOYSL standings of teams shall be calculated by points with three (3) points awarded for a win and one (1) point awarded for a tie. Goals scored and goals conceded shall be recorded for each league game to establish goal differential, which is maximum of 5 per game. If teams are tied on points in the league, playdown seeding will be determined by the following FIFA criteria:
  - 1) Overall Goal Differential
  - 2) Overall Goals Scored
  - 3) Greatest Number of Points obtained in Head-to-Head games
  - 4) Head-to-Head Goal Differential
  - 5) Head-to-Head Goals Scored
  - 6) Team Conduct - Fewest Yellow cards and Red cards obtained during the season
  - 7) Drawing of lots by TOYSL
- d) The TOYSL Cup playdowns will be held immediately following the end of TOYSL league play.
- e) The top two (2) teams in the TOYSL Cup will represent the Region in the BCSA Provincial Championships except in instances where a TOYSL Club is hosting, in which case the hosting Club team along with the TOYSL Cup winner or runner-up (if the host team wins the TOYSL Cup) will represent the Region. TOYSL Cup must allow for determination for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place as BCSA reserves the right to add additional teams from each Region.

### **SECTION 4 - GAME FORMAT**

- a) All matches shall be played under the current International Football Association Board (IFAB) Laws of the Game and are subject to specific league and playoff rules determined by BCSA.
- b) A team is determined to be ready to start a game if they have a minimum of seven (7) registered players, who are in good standing, on the pitch within fifteen (15) minutes after the scheduled game start time. If a team is not ready by the end of the grace time, they are considered to have forfeited the match and may be subject to a TOYSL fine.
- c) Late player arrivals shall be allowed to play, provided that the referee is aware of the late arrival prior to the start of the game and the late player(s) is on the game roster.
- d) In the event that a game is suspended prior to the second half, the game will be rescheduled and played in its entirety from start to finish. If the game is suspended anytime after the second half has begun, the game will be considered a full game - unless there was a purposeful misconduct or misuse of this regulation.

- e) Spectators shall be on the opposite side of the field of the teams. Coaches shall have the right to request the referee to enforce this rule during the game. Failure to comply with this rule shall, at the referee's discretion, result in game suspension, a match forfeit for the team failing to comply and/or a TOYSL fine.

**SECTION 5 - GAME REPORTS and ID CARDS**

- a) All game reports must be issued in a manner approved by TOYSL.
- b) Players in attendance must have BCSA ID Cards and be noted on the game report by the referee.

- c) For physical game reports, the coach or manager for each team along with the referee shall sign the game report verifying the scores and the accuracy of the game report after the conclusion of the game.

d) The Home team is responsible to file the game report with TOYSL within 24 hours of the match.

- e) If a player and/or team representative is issued a Yellow and/or Red card, the referee will note the infraction on the game report.

#### **SECTION 6 - SCHEDULING**

- a) All Clubs will confirm and submit their teams by **December 15<sup>th</sup>**.
- b) League will start play on or as close to **April 1<sup>st</sup>** as possible and finish prior to the end of the school year & BCSA Provincial start dates, subject to weather conditions and District field availability.
- c) The first draft of the TOYSL Schedule is to be submitted to Districts to fill in the date, time and field for each game by **January 15<sup>th</sup>** with the intention to have the full schedule completed as of **March 1<sup>st</sup>**. Once the schedule is finalized, games will only be rescheduled for reason of field conditions or availability, inclement weather conditions, school commitments, health outbreak or if both teams agree in writing to reschedule more than fourteen (14) days prior to a scheduled game. Any rescheduled game shall be placed into the schedule within fourteen (14) days of the originally scheduled game.
- d) Schedules will include a contact list of coaches and managers for each team.
- e) Teams must assume all games shall be played as scheduled unless they are advised otherwise by TOYSL in advance of game day.
- f) Matches related to league standings or Provincial Cup Qualification take precedence over any other soccer activity including participating in tournaments.
- g) Home teams/Hosting teams are responsible for payment of the referee and assistant referees.
- h) In the event of a field change, Club representatives for both teams must notify TOYSL.
- i) Rescheduling requests must come from Club administrators and be made to TOYSL. Teams shall not contact each other directly to reschedule any game.

#### **SECTION 7 - GAME FORFEITURES**

- a) Teams may be subject to TOYSL fines and/or forfeiture of games (where the score will be recorded as 3-0) if:
  - 1) League fees are not paid in full prior to the start of a league game.
  - 2) A team cancels a scheduled game **7 days** prior to game time or fails to show for a scheduled game.
  - 3) A team refuses to continue a scheduled game.
  - 4) A team is found using ineligible players including the use of players found playing under suspension due to red card violation or otherwise.
  - 5) Team or team representatives commit a misconduct that causes the termination of the game.
- b) In the event of a game forfeiture, the team determined responsible for the forfeit shall be responsible for all field and referee costs, even if they are the Away team.

**SECTION 8 – PROTESTS, APPEALS & DISCIPLINE PROCEDURES**

- a) All team protests must be made in writing to TOYSL and be accompanied by a \$100 protest fee within 48 hours of the completion of the game. This fee will be refunded only if the protest is successful.
- b) The referee's Game Report shall be the basis for assessing all offenses where predetermined penalties are applicable. Other offenses shall be reviewed and administered by TOYSL.
- c) Red card and/or multiple Yellow card that earn Red card suspensions will carry over into TOYSL Cup play and BCSA Provincials. A single yellow card will not carry over to TOYSL Cup play.
- d) All District Discipline decisions shall be guided by the BCSA Discipline Policies.
- e) Appeals of TOYSL decisions may be made directly to BCSA.

**SECTION 9 - BONDS AND FINES**

- a) TOYSL Clubs shall be subject to the following fines for violations of:

Home team fails to report a game result within 48 hours	\$25.00
Club failing to schedule game more than 14 days prior	\$100.00
Playing an Ineligible Player	\$250.00
Scheduled game forfeited without prior notice	\$250.00
Club failing to meet TOYSL deadlines	\$250.00

**2024 Season Calendar**

December 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	All Clubs to submit their teams to TOYSL and declare Home/Away kits
January 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	1 <sup>st</sup> Draft of League Schedule to be sent to TOYSL Clubs
March 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2024	Final Schedule to be completed and sent to all TOYSL Clubs, League Fees due
April 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 2024	Opening week of TOYSL Scheduled games
May 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	BCSA deadline for Provincial Cup Declarations
June 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	Final week of U14+ TOYSL Scheduled games
June 22 <sup>nd</sup> & 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2024	TOYSL Cup & Last weekend of Small Sided games