

THOMPSON OKANAGAN YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE

COMPETITION RULES AND REGULATIONS

[REVISED 2016]

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

The TOYSL encompasses the Thompson Okanagan BC Soccer Districts of Central (Kelowna), North (Vernon), South (Penticton) Okanagan, Shuswap, Kamloops and Revelstoke.

The TOYSL goal is to provide a development program & a Select Provincial B level league for youth players in the Thompson Okanagan.

TOYSL District Representatives are responsible to ensure that their District Boards and District Teams are informed of rules, regulations, schedules and meeting information.

SECTION 1 GENERAL

- a. Each District will appoint one representative to vote on issues at meetings and by email.
- b. Each District will be entitled to one vote.
- c. The District Representatives will be responsible to hire an Administrator.
- d. The TOYSL Administrator will be responsible to facilitate meetings, ensure meeting minutes are being recorded and provide districts with financial updates as requested.
- e. Teams requesting admittance into TOYSL shall do so through their respective districts.
- f. Each team registering for the TOYSL will pay a league fee set by the board. Each district shall pay one cheque for team fees by January 15th in a calendar year to the TOYSL administration office. The team applications shall be made by the districts to the TOYSL Administrator.
- g. Any team which 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.
- h. Each District is responsible to distribute a copy of the TOYSL rules and regulations to all coaches in their district.
- i. Each District must put forth a risk management TOYSL representative by January 1st.

SECTION 2 UNIFORMS

- a. In January, districts will declare the colors of their home and away jersey. In the event of a color clash the home team must change jerseys.

SECTION 3 FIELDS

- a. The home district shall be responsible for the condition of the field of play, the proper field marking, and proper equipment i.e., goal posts.
- b. It shall be the responsibility of each U13 to U18 team to have a net and corner flags available and installed prior to game time.
- c. It is the responsibility of the home team to supply a game ball.
- d. It shall be the responsibility of the host district for the U11 and U12 development games to set fields up. This includes nets on the goalposts and corner flags.

SECTION 4 TEAM RULES

- a. Teams must be declared to the TOYSL Administrator by December 15th.
- b. Teams that declare 'A' by the BC SOCCER deadline of May 1st will continue to play games as scheduled in the TOYSL schedule with the game points to count toward seeding in the TOYSL Cup. The playoff seeding of the team that declares 'A' will be forfeited to the team next in line as determined by points. The teams that declare 'A' on May 1st must continue to abide by the TOYSL Rules and Regulations.
- c. Team rosters must be submitted to the TOYSL Administration by the BC SOCCER roster deadline of May 31st.
- d. Criminal Record Checks should be conducted as per BC SOCCER guidelines

- e. All players and coaches must be registered with their district as per BC SOCCER rules and regulations.
- f. U13 – U16 teams shall be allowed eighteen (18) players on their roster as per BC SOCCER rules and regulations.
- g. U17 & U18 teams shall be allowed twenty (20) players on their roster as per BC SOCCER rules and regulations.
- h. All player transfers and releases are subject to BC SOCCER rules and regulations.
- i. A carded team official must be on the sideline at all times during the game, or the game will be forfeited. It is recommended each team have at least one carded official at each game to avoid forfeiture should a coach be ejected.
- j. Team officials of any youth team shall consist of a minimum of one member of the same gender as the players on the team.
- k. Players can be picked up according to BC SOCCER rules for games that do not determine contenders to Provincial Cup.

SECTION 5 LEAGUE COMPETITION U13 to U18

- a. A TOYSL League winner will be declared for each division regardless of the age of players or the provincial cup declaration status of each team.
- b. The teams will be seeded for the TOYSL Cup based on stats from games between teams of the same age/gender/provincial cup declaration status in each division.
- c. The standings of teams in their respective divisions who are the same age and gender shall be calculated by points, with three (3) points awarded to the winning team and one (1) point awarded to each team in the event of a tie.
- d. The TOYSL Cup play-offs will be held the third (3rd) weekend in June.
- e. Winners of the TOYSL Playdowns will represent TOYSL at the Provincial Cup.
- f. If teams are tied on points in the league seeding will be determined by the following criteria.
 - If two (2) or more teams have an equal number of points the following criteria will be used to determine advancement to semi final games:
 1. Previous Match Results.
The winner of the match between the two (2) teams tied in points shall be awarded the higher position.
 2. Aggregate scores of the two (2) teams tied in points in head to head to a differential maximum of five goals.
 3. Goal Difference.
Goal difference shall be calculated by subtracting goals conceded from goals scored. A maximum of a five (5) goal differential shall be awarded in each game.
 4. Goals Scored.
 5. One off game at a neutral venue.
- g. TOYSL Playdowns will be hosted by one or more of the Districts and location/s shall be determined by Feb. 15th.
- h. All TOYSL games determining Provincial Cup representative are governed by the *BC SOCCER Rules and Polices Governing Regional Playdowns and Provincial Championships*.

SECTION 6 GAME FORMAT

- a. All official Thompson Okanagan Youth Soccer League (TOYSL) games shall be played under the current "Laws of the Game" published by FIFA and subject to specific league and playoff rules originated by BC SOCCER.
- b. The grace period shall be fifteen (15) minutes after the scheduled game time. Team will wait for the other team for fifteen (15) min before forfeit is declared.
- c. A team must start a game with a minimum of seven (7) officially registered players in good standing of that team. The players must be on the field ready to play at the end of the grace period or forfeit the game and shall be fined.

- d. Late arrivals shall be allowed to play, provided that the referee is aware of the late arrival prior to the start of the game, the player is noted on the game report and the player checks in with the referee before entering the game.
- e. If the game is suspended prior to the second half, the game will be replayed in its entirety. If the game is suspended during the second half, the game will be considered a full game, unless there was a purposeful misconduct or misuse of this regulation.
- 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.
- g. Spectators will be on the opposite side of the field to 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.

SECTION 7 REFEREES

All referees and assistant referees must have a current BC SOCCER referee license.

For all Provincial Cup games it is required that the referee on the field be a minimum of sixteen (16) years of age and at least two (2) years older than the age group that he/she will be officiating.

- a. Assistant referees must be a minimum of thirteen (13) years of age and at least the same age as the group that he/she will be officiating.
- b. No protest based on referee's judgment shall be allowed.
- c. Any TOYSL game refereed or assist refereed by any coach, manager, parent or relative of a player in the same division shall be forfeited by the offending team unless such referee is approved by both teams and noted /initialed on the game sheet prior to the game.

SECTION 8 GAME REPORTS and ID CARDS

- a. The Game Report used for all league games will be the one issued by TOYSL.
- b. It is the responsibility of the home team to provide the official Game Report to the Game.
- c. Each team manager/coach must accurately and legibly completely fill out the official Game Report prior to the start of the game.
- d. The names of all players, ID numbers and jersey numbers must be recorded on the game report. The names of all players who are not present or are not eligible to play must be listed and then scratched from the Game Report.
- e. After the game, the coach or manager shall sign the game report verifying the scores and the accuracy of the game report.
- f. The winning team is responsible to file the game report with TOYSL administration within 24 hours of the match.
- g. The referee is required to put a check mark on the game report for player card and uniform number. Players lined out on the roster must be initialed by the referee, (this includes any player and his uniform number that is on suspension for this game).
- h. All players ID cards are to be presented to the referee prior to the game.
- i. All carded team officials shall present their player's ID cards to the referee prior to the game. If there is no team official with the valid ID cards, the referee shall note that on the Game Report and the game shall be played and the offending team shall be fined. Any repeat offences during the season will incur further fines and forfeiture of the points for each repeat offence.
- j. All players named on the Game Report must have a valid player ID number.
- k. All Player ID Cards are to be kept from the player and mailed back if they are ejected or suspended. The referee is required to make appropriate notation of all instances of ID irregularity on the Game Report. The referee's report shall constitute proof of violation.
- l. The referee is required to sign the official game report to verify that the player ID cards of both teams have been checked.
- m. The referee is required in cases of player or coach's ejection to make proper notation on the official TOYSL game report and submit it to TOYSL on the website report.

SECTION 9 SCHEDULING

- a. The TOYSL District Representatives will decide annually which age groups will be combined to constitute a division.
- b. The ages of teams combined in a division are subject to BC SOCCER rules and regulations.
- c. The League will start play on or as close to April 1 as possible.
- d. Schedules will be balanced to get in two rounds prior to playoff tournament by playing Saturday and Sunday league games where and when possible.
- e. League play shall consist of a balanced schedule of games against teams of the same age, gender.
- f. The first draft of the TOYSL Schedule is submitted to districts to fill in the time and place of each game. The districts must return proofed schedules to the TOYSL administrator no later than February 15th. After this date the schedule is fixed and games will only be rescheduled for reason of field conditions or availability, inclement weather conditions or school commitments.
- g. Schedules will include a contact list of coaches and managers.

SECTION 10 GAME CANCELLATIONS AND RESCHEDULING

- a. Teams must assume all games shall be played as scheduled unless they are advised by their District League Representative that the fields are unplayable or the venue has changed.
- b. Games will only be rescheduled for inclement weather/field conditions; or where school curricular activities; or girls' secondary Provincial games; or injuries leaves a team with less than seven (7) players.
- c. There will be no out of town tournaments allowed on TOYSL scheduled weekends.
- d. The Home District Scheduler shall reschedule games cancelled due to inclement weather and field closure as soon as possible.
- e. Coaches requesting rescheduling of games due to school activity or injury must do so to their Home District Scheduler 72 hours prior to originally scheduled game time and the rescheduling information must be sent to both districts for approval. The district asking for the reschedule must inform the TOYSL Administrator.
- f. The original home team is responsible for payment of the referee and assistant referees.
- g. District League representatives for both teams must notify the League Administrator and Referee Assignor of the field change.
- h. If the team cancels a scheduled game within 24 hours or less prior to game time a fine will be issued.

SECTION 11 GAME FORFEITURES

Teams will be subject to fines and forfeiture of games and the score will be recorded as 5-0 if:

- a. League fees are not paid in full.
- b. Team fails to show for a scheduled game.
- c. Team leaves the field in total without the referee's permission and with the intent to not continue the game.
- d. Team fails or refuses to continue the game.
- e. Team is found using loan players during TOYSL competition.
- f. In the event of a game forfeiture, the team determined responsible for the forfeit shall be responsible for all field and referee costs.
- g. Team is in violation of red/yellow card regulations.
- h. Team commits a misconduct that causes the termination of the game.

SECTION 12 PROTESTS AND APPEALS PROCEDURE

- a. All team protests must be made in writing to their District office and be accompanied by a \$100 protest fee. This fee will be refunded only if the protest is successful.
- b. The District office will forward the protest to the TOYSL Administrator who will then forward it to the Risk Management Committee.
- c. Protest must be received in writing within seventy-two (72) hours following the completion of the game.
- d. 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 the TOYSL District Representatives whose districts are not tied to the protest.

- e. Appeals to BC SOCCER as per BC SOCCER Rule 13.
A TOYSL district may challenge a ruling based on the below procedure.
Challenge Procedure:
 - a. Must be in writing and sent to the TOYSL administrator within one (1) week of the ruling being published
 - b. Must be based on the guidelines suggested in the Discipline Policy and Procedures Regulations document.

SECTION 13 DISCIPLINE

- a. Every TOYSL district is responsible to discipline the actions of its players, officials and spectators. Rulings on discipline must be sent to the TOYSL administrator within two (2) weeks of the discipline matter and will be published on the TOYSL Discipline page.
- b. All district discipline decisions shall be guided by the “[BC Soccer Conduct, Ethics and Discipline Standards Policy and Procedures](#)” and “[BC Soccer Conduct, Ethics and Discipline Sanction Policy](#).” (BC SOCCER Discipline Policy)
- c. Each season, every District shall put forward the name and contact information of the chairperson and members of their Discipline Committee to the TOYSL administrator. The TOYSL administrator will forward the list to the BC Soccer.

SECTION 14 BONDS AND FINES

A returnable district bond of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) dated to June 15 shall be paid to TOYSL by February 15th. Bonds will be cashed by TOYSL and teams shall be subject to the following fines for violations of:

Section 8 GAME REPORTS AND ID CARDS	
Home team fails to provide an official game report (8b)	\$25.00
Game report is not filled out accurately (8c)	\$25.00
Game report is not filed within 24 hours of match (8f)	\$25.00
Missing player ID cards (1 or more) (8i)	\$250.00
Section 10 GAME CANCELLATIONS AND RESCHEDULING	
A scheduled game cancelled within 24 hours or less prior to game time (10h)	\$250.00
Section 11 GAME FORFEITURES	
Team fails to show for a scheduled game (11b)	\$250.00
Team leaves the field without referee’s permission (11c)	\$250.00
Team fails or refuses to continue game (11d)	\$250.00
Team is found using loan players (11e)	\$250.00
Team responsible for game forfeiture (11f)	\$250.00
Team in violation of red/yellow card regulations (11g)	\$250.00
Team causes a misconduct that causes termination of game (11h)	\$250.00

** The TOYSL administrator will enforce and distribute fines to districts in violation of the rules. (TOYSL minutes 10/29/2013)*