

Rhode Island Youth Super Liga, L.L.C.

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## RULES & POLICIES HANDBOOK

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# Safe Soccer Goals

**SOCCER GOAL SAFETY** is one of **SUPER LIGA'S** top priorities for all Super Liga games and training sessions. All associations, coaches, referees and parents should take the utmost attention in monitoring that all Soccer Goals are properly anchored prior to, during and after, every training session and game, which would prevent them from collapsing onto a player(s).

Everyone should take responsibility, especially the home team, to assure that all soccer goals are anchored. If a referee, coach, parent or an association official discover that a soccer goal is not properly anchored, the home team must take immediate action and anchor the goal properly.

### **NO SUPER LIGA GAME WILL BE PLAYED IF A SOCCER GOAL IS NOT PROPERLY ANCHORED.**

Any association violating this safety rule will be subject to disciplinary measures. We look to all of you for your cooperation and support in assuring a safe place for our children to play the game of soccer.



## RULES

### LAW 1 : FIELD OF PLAY

#### U8

One field measuring 45 yards long by 30 yards wide. Soccer goals will be 4 feet high and 9 feet wide. Goals must be anchored properly to the ground prior to any training session or game. The field will have 4 corner flags or 4 cones and with all appropriate field markings: Midfield line, 5 yard radius Center Circle, a goal box-14 yards wide by 7 yards deep. There will be no penalty area marked on the field.

#### U9-U10

FIELD - 60 yds long by 40 yds wide.  
GOALS - 6 ft high and 18 ft wide.

#### U11-U12:

FIELD - 75 yds long by 50 yds wide.  
GOALS - 7 ft high and 21 ft wide.

#### U13-16:

FIELD - No longer than 120 yds (not less than 110yds)  
- No more than 70 yds (not less than 60 yds).  
GOALS - 8ft high and 24ft wide



# RULES

## LAW 1 : FIELD OF PLAY (CONT.)

### **Additional Markings:**

A *coaching box* will be marked on the players' side of the field parallel to the touch line (one for each team located 6 yards from each other) which will measure 10 yards from the centerline and be set back 3 feet. All coaching instructions must be given from this area and all substitutions are to take place from here or at the center line.

A *spectator line* will be marked off 4 feet from the sideline opposite of the players' side of the field, end line to end line.

## LAW 2 : THE BALL

U8: **Size 3**      U9-U12: **Size 4**      U13-U16: **Size 5**

The home team is responsible for providing the game ball.

## LAW 3 : THE PLAYERS

**U8:** There will be 5 players on the field, which includes a goalkeeper. The maximum team roster is 14 players. 4 players are necessary to start a game.

**U9-U10:** There will be 6 players on the field, which includes a goalkeeper. The maximum team roster is 14 players. 4 players are necessary to start a game.

*\* It is recommended that players play 50% of the game in the U8-U10 Divisions.*

**U11-U12:** There will be 8 players on the field, which includes a goalkeeper. The maximum team list is 18 players. A player pool of 22 players is allowed with only 18 players allowed to play in the game. 5 players are necessary to start a game.

**U13-U16:** There will be 11 players on the field, which includes a goalkeeper. The maximum team list is 18 players. A player pool of 22 players is allowed with only 18 players allowed to play in the game. 7 players are necessary to start a game.

### **Substitutions**

#### **U8 :**

- Substitutions can be made on the fly with the field player first leaving the field.

#### **U9-U16:**

- After a goal by either team.
- Prior to a throw-in in your favor.
- Prior to a goal kick by either team.
- At half-time.

#### **NOTE:**

*Once a team substitutes a player in the above situations, the opposing team may substitute an unlimited amount of players.*

- When the referee stops play for an injury by either team. If the coach enters the field of play to tend to the injured player, the injured player must leave the field.
- For a cautioned player.  
(in the above situations, the opposing team may substitute one player.)



# RULES

## LAW 3 : THE PLAYERS (CONT.)

### **CLUB PASS POLICY:**

The Club pass was created by USYS for the purpose of providing developmental opportunities for players in league play. Club Pass can only be used within an association/club's teams and not with another association/club's teams.

### **U8, U9,U10 age groups**

- Unlimited players can be moved within the age group, or to a higher age group, to the max roster size.  
> Ex. An U10 team with a maximum roster size of 14, has 9 players showing up for a game, the team can bring up to 5 players from any U10 team.
- Players cannot move down an age group, unless they are playing up in a higher age which then they can come down to their age group.  
> Ex. An U10 player plays up on an U11 team, he/she can play back down on the U10 team.  
> Ex. An U9 player plays up on an U10 team, he/she can play back down on the U9 team.  
> Ex. An U8 player plays up on an U9 or U10 team, he/she can play back down on the U8 team.

### **U11-U19 age groups**

- Players can move up or laterally.  
> Ex. An U12 Classic Gold player can play with another U12 Classic Gold team.  
> Ex. An U14 Rhody Player can play up on an U14 Classic Blue, Classic Gold or Anchor team.
- Players can move one division down within an age group, up to maximum of four substitutes.  
> Ex. U14 Classic Gold team has two players that will play down to an U14 Classic Blue team. These two players could not play down on a Rhody team.
- Players can move down an age group, if they are playing up in a higher age group, up to maximum of four substitutes.  
> Ex. An U12 player plays on an U14 Classic Gold team, can play back down on an U12 Classic Gold team.  
> EX. Five U11 players play up on an U12 Boys Classic-Gold. The U11 Classic team has two substitutes, only two of the U11 players of the five can play down.

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# RULES

## LAW 3 : THE PLAYERS (CONT.)

### CLUB PASS POLICY (continued)

No Gold or Anchor player can move up to a Rhody team.

- Club Pass Players' names must be written on the game day roster, with their team number and their passes must be shown to the referee.
- No Limitation on number of games a player can play in a day/ weekend.
- Club Pass can be used during the Super Liga season, but cannot be used for the Super Liga playoffs and championships.
- Any violation of the Club Pass policy will result in a game forfeit, fine and a coach's one game suspension
- All players must be rostered to a team.
- SRI limits player transfers between clubs to 3 per team.
- There is no limitation of player transfers within the club.
- Club Pass can be used until the end of the tournament.

### GOAL DIFFERENTIAL POLICY

The Rhode Island Youth Super Liga, LLC will not record a final score of more than a 4 goal differential for any U9-U19 Super Liga game.

1. If a team's winning score of a Super Liga game is a nine goal differential:
  - > First Offense- A warning.
  - > Second Offense, a point deduction from the standings.
  - > Third Offense, two points deduction from the standings and coach serves an one game suspension.
2. If a team 's winning score of a Super Liga game is a ten goal differential or more:
  - > The coach will be suspended for the following two Super Liga Games and a point deducted for the standings.
  - > Second offense the coach would be suspended for the remainder of the league/ tournament and two points deducted from the standings.

NOTE: If an unordinary situation occurs RIYSL will have discretion. This policy does not apply to the U8 age group.

Adopted 11/12/08



# RULES

## LAW 4 : THE EQUIPMENT

- Each team must wear a uniform consisting of shorts, socks and matching shirts. Each shirt must have an unique number on the back measuring 6 to 9 inches in height. All shirts must be tucked into the shorts and all socks will be pulled up over the shin guards; boxer under-shorts must not be visible below the bottom of a player's shorts.
- The home team will be expected to change shirts or add pull-over vests in case of duplicate or similar colors. The referee on the field can allow additional clothing to be worn if he/she feels it is necessary for the welfare of the players during any inclement weather.

### SHOES & SHINGUARDS

All forms of tennis shoes and soccer cleats can be worn. No baseball or football cleats are allowed. **Shin guards are mandatory for all players** and will be checked by the referee at the beginning of each game.

### MISCELLANEOUS

- No jewelry is allowed to be worn, nor may it be taped over. No hard plastic, metal barrettes or combs are allowed. The referee has the right to ask any player to remove any other jewelry or hair item that he/she considers dangerous.
- Only Medical Bracelets and/or Medical Necklaces are allowed to be worn. The excess slack shall be taped on the Medical Bracelet allowing for enough room to read the information.
- Head and wrist bands will be allowed as long as they are color coordinated with the uniform. Bandannas are not allowed. The referee, in his discretion, may require the removal of headbands.
- All casts must be properly covered with sufficient padding to protect all players on the field. The decision to allow a player wearing a cast to enter a game is at the discretion of the referee.
- Head Gear may be worn as long as RISYL has been informed by the team that a player would like to wear it, 48 hours prior to the game. The referee, in his discretion, may require the removal of the Head Gear.

## LAW 5 : THE REFEREE



**All referees are required to be USSF certified .**

**U8 (5v5):** There will be one referee and he/she will be assigned by the home team association referee assignor.

**U9-U12:** The referees in these divisions will be assigned by the home team association referee assignor.

**U13/U16:** The referees in these divisions will be assigned by Super Liga through assignors from the Rhode Island State Referees Committee., appointed by the Super Liga.



## RULES

### LAW 5 : THE REFEREE (CONT.)



#### Referee Responsibilities:

- 1.) Enforce all FIFA laws of the game and rules & policies of USYS, SRI and RIYSL.
- 2.) Honor acceptable behavior and give unacceptable behavior effective attention, by identifying misbehaving players, coaches and spectators.
- 3.) Required to judge if fan disorder is detrimental to the safety of all participants, and to act accordingly. Such acts may include the request of support from coach(es), suspending the game, summoning appropriate authorities, game termination, or other actions deemed appropriate to protect participants, fans or staff.
- 4.) Inspect all goals to assure that they are in good condition and anchored to the ground properly before the game.
- 5.) Inspect all players' equipment prior to the start of each game and see to it that all players conform to RIYSL Standards
- 6.) Verify the identity and proper team of all players and coaches using approved passes. After the verification process the referee will return the passes back to the coach. The referee will not allow anyone to play or coach without a pass, and any player who does not appear on the game day state approved roster. Any person with a current coach's pass will be allowed to coach any team. If due to unusual circumstances, ALL player and coaches passes are not available for the entire team before the start of the game, the coach will have until the end of the game to produce the passes. If the passes are not produced by the end of the game, that team will forfeit the game and incur fines.
- 7.) If any or all referees are not present to officiate the game prior to the scheduled start, volunteer(s) may be used if agreed by both coaches. The game report must reflect the agreement by both coaches signing the game report. It is the home team coach's responsibility to contact the league director about the game. Volunteers are not compensated for assisting with the officiating of a game.
- 8.) There will be no two-man system of officiating in any RIYSL game or event. If it is determined that a referee was involved officiating a two-man system, He/she will be denied any further RIYSL game assignments and the Rhode Island State Referee Committee will be notified.
- 9.) Referees are required to enter the game report information, for each game they officiate, onto Assign By Super Liga, within 24 hours of the completion of the game. The game report is to be signed by both coaches after the conclusion of the game. An approved state game day team roster from each team must be submitted. The referee is required to keep all game reports and it's corresponding game day team rosters for the entire season. At the end of the season the referee will be informed to dispense with all the game reports and game day team rosters. Failure for a referee to enter the game report on Assign By Super Liga within 24 hours of the completion of the game, will result in the referee being denied the right to officiate future RIYSL games.

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# RULES

## LAW 5 : THE REFEREE (CONT.)

10.) Decide cancellations of games due to unsafe local conditions, such as foul weather or other unacceptable playing conditions. The decision shall be entirely at the discretion of the referees without any interference from coaches, players or spectators. Player safety will be the primary criterion for the cancellation of any game; not simply whether everyone present wishes to play or not. In the event lightning is detected in the area, all play will immediately suspend. The referee can restart the game, if within 20 minutes of the game suspension, the lightning threat is over. If by 40 minutes the lightning threat is not over, the Referee will terminate the game. If the referees cancel a game due to unsafe local conditions, the teams may not play the game using volunteer referees in place of the assigned referees. If a game is terminated after the completion of the first half, the score at that time will be the final score. If a game is terminated prior to the end of the first half, the game will be replayed. RIYSL will confirm the replay date, time and place.

## LAW 6 : THE ASSISTANT REFEREE

All assistant referees must be USSF certified. The assistant referees will work with and under the direction of the referee. They will be accorded the same respect as the referee.

- U8:** No assistant referees are required.
- U9 - U12:** The assistant referees in these divisions are assigned by the home team association referee assignor.
- U14-U17:** The assistant referees in these divisions will be assigned by Super Liga through the Rhode Island State Referees Committee .

## LAW 7 : DURATION OF THE GAME

The duration of games for each division shall be as follows:

- U8:** 4-12 Minute Quarters  
(1minute between Quarters, 5 minute halftime)
- U9-10 :** 2 - 25 Minute Halves 5 Minute Half-time
- U11-12 :** 2 - 30 Minute Halves 5 Minute Half-time
- U13-14 :** 2 - 35 Minute Halves 5 Minute Half-time
- U15-16 :** 2 - 40 Minute Halves 5 Minute Half-time

\*There will be no overtime periods if a game ends in a tie.

## LAW 8-10 & 12-17 :

U9-U16 Divisions CONFORM to FIFA RULES

## LAW 11: OFFSIDES

**\*There will be No OFFSIDES in the U8 Divisions ONLY!**  
All other divisions will conform to FIFA Rules.



# U8 AGE GROUP 5V5 MODIFIED RULES

## LAW 8: THE START AND RESTART OF PLAY

**KICK-OFF:** From the center circle, at the beginning of the game and at the start of each quarter. The opposing team must be outside the center circle before the Kick-Off. The ball must be touched in order for the ball to be in play and allow the opposing team to challenge for the ball.

**RESTART after a GOAL:** From the center circle.

## LAW 9: BALL IN AND OUT OF PLAY

Conform to FIFA Laws of the Game.

## LAW 10: METHOD OF SCORING

Conform to FIFA rules, with the following modifications:

- No Scores will be kept in the U8 age group.

## LAW 11: OFFSIDES

There will be NO offsides in the U8 age group

## LAW 12: FOULS & MISCONDUCTS

Conform with FIFA rules with the following modifications.....

- All fouls will be INDIRECT FREE KICKS, with the opponent 5 yards away.
- Any foul inside the goal box will result in an INDIRECT FREE KICK taken 5 yards outside the goal box.
- The referee shall explain all infractions to the offending players.

## LAW 13: FREE KICKS

All FREE KICKS will be INDIRECT, and the opponent must be 5 yards away from the ball.

## LAW 14: PENALTY KICK

There will be NO penalty kicks in the U8 age group.

## LAW 15: THROW-IN

Conform to FIFA rules with the following modification.....

- If the player does not execute the throw-in properly, the player will be allowed a second opportunity. The referee should assist the player how to perform the throw-in correctly.

## LAW 16: GOAL KICK

- Prior to taking of a goal kick, the ball can be placed anywhere in the goal box.
- The opposing team must retrieve to midfield and enter the opponent's half when the ball is kicked into play.
- If the ball does not leave the goal box on the kick, the goal kick must be re-taken.

## LAW 17: CORNER KICK

Conform to FIFA rules with the following modification.....

- ALL corner kicks are INDIRECT and the opponent must be 5 yards away from the ball prior to the kick being taken.



## THE SUPER LIGA DISCIPLINARY POLICY

During any RIYSL game and/or event, all administrators, parents, coaches, spectators and players are asked to conduct themselves in a manner respectful to each other and to the game of SOCCER. Any inappropriate behavior that contradicts the philosophy of RIYSL and disrespects those involved with the game will not be tolerated by RIYSL.

1- **Any Player** who is ejected from a RIYSL game for fighting or for a display of unsportsmanlike manner deemed by the referee, will be suspended from league/tournament competition for the next 3 RIYSL games, which may include the RIYSL playoffs and championship games. Suspensions will carry to the following RIYSL season/tournament if they cannot be fulfilled during the current season/tournament.

Any RIYSL player who is ejected for a second time during the season/tournament, for fighting or for a display of unsportsmanlike manner, will be suspended for the remainder of the RIYSL season/tournament and may have further sanctions imposed on them.

2- **Any Coach** who is ejected from a RIYSL game for a display of unsportsmanlike manner or inappropriate behavior deemed by the referee, will be suspended from league/tournament competition for the next 3 RIYSL games, which may include RIYSL playoffs and championship games. The coach will be assessed a \$100 fine. Suspensions will carry to the following RIYSL season/tournament if they cannot be fulfilled during the current season/tournament. Any RIYSL Coach who is ejected for a second time during the season/tournament, for a display of unsportsmanlike manner or inappropriate behavior deemed by the referee, will be suspended from RIYSL competition for a period of one year and assessed a \$200 fine.

3- **Any Spectator** who displays an unsportsmanlike manner or inappropriate behavior deemed by the referee, during a RIYSL game, the referee will ask the coach of the team the spectator supports, to inform the spectator to leave the playing field area immediately. If the spectator refuses, the referee will terminate the game. RIYSL will record a forfeit against the team that the spectator supports and fines will be assessed.

If a second incident occurs with the same team, that team will be suspended from league/tournament play for the remainder of the season. All remaining games will be declared forfeits and fines will be assessed.

4- **Any Spectator** that enters the field of play without permission from the referee (this does not include in a case of a medical emergency where a parent may come out onto the field to aid his or her child), will force the referee to terminate the game immediately. RIYSL will record a forfeit against the team that the spectator supports.

If a second incident occurs with the same team, that team will be suspended from league/tournament play for the remainder of the season. All remaining games will be declared forfeits and fines will be assessed.

Adopted May 3, 2005

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## THE SUPER LIGA Coaches Principles of Conduct

RIYSL expects all its coaches during all RIYSL games or events to conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike and professional manner RIYSL wants to ensure that all its participants have a positive and enjoyable experience. A soccer game should be a fair, friendly, competitive and most of all an enjoyable match that involves the cooperation and support of all coaches, referees, players and parents.

The following policy asks that all coaches adhere to.

### SAFETY

- My first responsibility is for the health and safety of all players.
- Know and understand the Laws of the Game and RIYSL rules and policies.
- Inspect all players' equipment and field for the safety of all.
- Supervise and control your players to avoid injuries.
- Implement proper training methods to avoid any player injuries.

### PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

- Develop the player's appreciation for the game.
- Keep winning and losing in proper perspective.
- Be sensitive to each player's development needs.
- Inform all players on all aspects of the game and its demands.
- Players need to have fun.
- Allow them to be creative, make decisions and give feedback.
- Training should be conducted in the spirit of enjoyment and learning.

### ETHICS

- Strive to maintain the integrity within our sport.
- Work in the spirit of cooperation with officials, administrators, coaches and spectators to provide the maximum opportunity for development and enjoyment.
- Be a positive role model.
- Set the standard for sportsmanship.
- The result of the games should not be the focal point of the game and the result differential should not be allowed to exceed more than eight goals.
- Explain to players and parents what acceptable behavior is tolerated during training and the games.
- Coaches are responsible for the behavior of their players, parents, supporters and themselves. When situations of unacceptable behavior occur, the coach must immediately address the problem.
- Encourage all to cheer for all players on the field and not yell and criticize them.
- Refrain from addressing any referee during the game. If a coach has an issue with a game or referee, they need to inform their association about it and not hold court on the field at anytime.



## THE SUPER LIGA PARENTAL CODE of CONDUCT

The Rhode Island Youth Super Liga, LLC - prides itself on providing a fun-filled and a healthy competitive soccer environment for all players, coaches, referees and parents/spectators participating in any Super Liga event and/or league.

To ensure that the philosophies of the Rhode Island Youth Super Liga, LLC are adhered to, It is the responsibility of ALL coaches, players, referees and parents to maintain high standards of sportsmanship and appropriate conduct for themselves. Abusive, confrontational and inappropriate language or behavior detrimental to any individual, before, during or after a game will not be tolerated.

All individuals at a game must allow, players to play; coaches to coach; referees to officiate and spectators to support, at all times. Failure to do so will undermine the integrity of the game and the authority of coaches/referees. This could potentially lead to a hostile environment and one that we cannot allow the players to witness.

All parents are asked to agree to follow the following Code of Conduct:

- I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support to all players (not just my own or my team), coaches and referees at every game, training session or any other Super Liga events.
- I will place the safety of any child first at all times.
- I will remember that the game is for the players and not for adults.
- I will not coach my child from the sideline.
- I will refrain from any negative and derogatory comments.
- I will treat all players, coaches, referees and spectators with respect, good manners and common decency.
- I will insist that my child treat all players, coaches, referees and spectators with respect, good manners and common decency.
- I will not enter the field of play unless directed to do so by the referee or coach.
- If I am made aware that my child is not conducting themselves in sporting manner, I will counsel my child to do so or explain failure to do so will result in a disciplinary action.

Failure to abide by the above Code of Conduct may result in the following disciplinary action....

- A referee/Super Liga official will instruct the coach to ask the parent to leave from the field area. If the parent does not leave within 5 minutes, the referee will terminate the game and the Rhode Island Youth Super Liga, LLC will issue a forfeit to the team he/she supports.
- A coach can eject a parent from his team, from the field area. If the parent does not leave within 5 minutes, the coach can choose not to allow the parent's child to play any further in the game. The incident shall be reported to the coach's association/club and the Rhode Island Youth Super Liga, LLC.
- A repetitive offender may be barred from further tournament/league games/ events.

# RECOGNIZE TO RECOVER

Based on the United States Soccer Federation's "**Recognize to Recover**" health and safety program recommendations,

The Rhode Island Youth Super Liga, Ilc, has implement the following policy.....

- All players U11 and younger, shall not engage in heading in practice/training or in games.
- For all players U12 and U13, heading training will be limited to a maximum of 30 minutes per week with no more that 15-20 headers per player, per week.

In addition to the safety initiatives, the following modified rule will be implemented:

- When an U11 or younger player deliberately heads the ball in a game, an indirect free kick (IFK) will be awarded to the opposing team from the spot of the offense. If the deliberate header occurs within the goal/penalty area, the indirect free kick will be taken on the goal/penalty area line parallel to the goal/penalty line at the point nearest to where the infringement occurred. If a player does not deliberately head the ball, then play should continue.



## CONCUSSION POLICY

RIYSL understands that if a player suffers a concussion, it is a serious situation which needs the upmost attention and care.

RIYSL has created the following policy that states.....

- If a referee stops a game due to a player(s) having received contact to their head(s), the player must be removed from the game immediately and will not be allowed back into the game.
- The referee will indicate, in detail, on the game report, how the injury occurred.
- The player cannot return to play in RIYSL until a healthcare provider authorizes that the player is able to play again.
- The healthcare provider's authorization memo must be emailed to the RIYSL office.
- Upon receiving the healthcare provider's authorization memo , RIYSL will inform the coach of the team and the referee of their next game, that the player can play.
- It is the coach's responsibility to monitor the health and safety of his/her players at all times. The referee at times may be obstructed and not have vision of an incident. If the coach feels that a player has been injured and could have a potential concussion, the coach should get the referee's attention and ask for the player to be removed from the game.

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## POLICIES & PROCEDURES

### RIYSL Coordinators

A coordinator must be appointed by each association/club. This person will be the primary point of contact for all matters related to RIYSL. The coordinator is responsible for all teams' coaches, players, rosters, registration fees and bond monies, for their association/club. The coordinator will communicate and resolve any issues with RIYSL. RIYSL may assign other responsibilities to the coordinator as it deems appropriate.

### Home Team Responsibilities

- Have a proper and safe field for the game to be played on.
- That the field is properly lined and in good playing condition. All corner flags must be clearly visible and flexible, all goal posts must be anchored and nets must be in good condition.
- Maintain control of their fans watching the game and is required to assist the referees in controlling them whenever necessary. This applies to both teams on the field. All teams will be located on one side of the playing field and all spectators will be on the opposite side of the field. No Players or spectators are allowed behind any goal.

- Provide the referee with the game report prior to the start of the game.

RIYSL may assign other responsibilities to the home team as it deems appropriate.

### Coach Responsibilities

Every RIYSL team must be assigned a certified coach. A coach must meet the requirements set forth by RIYSL and Soccer Rhode Island.

The following are RIYSL's responsibilities of a coach:

- 1.) Assure that he/she personally and his/her players conduct themselves in a manner respectful of other players, coaches, referees, league officials, parents and the facilities. The coach is responsible: to provide a fun-fill environment, for the conduct of the players, to instill in his/her players a love for the game of soccer and a desire to compete fairly in a sports-manlike manner.
- 2.) Enforce a no illegal drug and no alcohol policy. Any players or coaches found to be using, or in possession of illegal drugs or alcohol at any RIYSL game will result in an immediate suspension from all remaining RIYSL league games and fines will be imposed by RIYSL.
- 3.) Referees and assistant referees are independent contractors. Each association is responsible to pay the referees before the start of each game by the coach. In case of a forfeiture, no fees will be paid at the game. Referees and Assistant Referees will be paid by RIYSL. The fees for a forfeited game will be deducted from the bond of the association team that forfeited the game.
- 4.) Make sure that the proper paperwork is complete and provided to the referee before the start of the game. The submission of any improper paperwork other than the official paperwork approved by RIYSL, will result in a fine and any other penalties that RIYSL deems appropriate.



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### Coach Responsibilities (cont.)

- 5.) Approve the game score online within 48 hours of the completion of the game.
- 6.) Remain in the technical area during the game and not enter the playing field without the consent of the referee in charge. All coaching must be done from the technical area and shall be done in an informative and sportsmanlike tone of voice. Points of strategy and positioning are permissible, but no mechanical devices may be used that may cause interference with game. Coaching instructions should be kept to a minimum, and are not expected to become a running litany. A maximum of three coaches are allowed to be in the technical area.
- 7.) Assure that all players and coaches are properly registered and rostered, and have an approved pass. Coaches playing any unregistered player(s) will be banned from coaching any team in RIYSL for one year. Coaches playing a club pass player inappropriately, will serve an one game suspension.
- 8.) Hold all player and coaches passes for their team. Players will not be allowed to play and coaches to coach without an approved pass, except as stated on page 9, section 6.
- 9.) Coaches and players are jointly responsible for their behavior from the time they arrive at the playing site and until the time they leave. Coaches and players may be fined or otherwise disciplined for unruly behavior, such as fighting and vandalism.
- 10.) It is the responsibility of all coaches to know all the rules and policies of RIYSL and Soccer Rhode Island.

### Postponements

Postponements will be handled in the following:

- All games will be played on their assigned day unless games are postponed by RIYSL or by the referee, due to unsafe field conditions.
- Game cancellations or postponements will be announced by 6:00am on Saturday morning, by 10:00am on Sunday morning or 2 hours prior to game time, RIYSL website, by RAINEDOUT text service, and time permitting, via email.
- No game will be postponed without the consent of RIYSL. Failure to obtain permission will result in a loss for both teams, plus fines and referee fees. Referee Assignors will make no changes or postponements unless told so directly by RIYSL.
- All coordinators must monitor their email, RIYSL Website, and the RAINEDOUT text service, throughout the day for any postponements that may occur, especially during inclement weather.
- If a game is cancelled on the field by the referee prior to it starting, the referee fees are to be returned to the coaches. If the game starts and the referee cancels the game during the first half, the referees are entitled to half the pay. The other half will be returned to the coaches. If the referee cancels the game during the second half, the referees are entitled to full pay.
- A game is official if at least half of the game is played. The final score will be the score at the time the game was stopped.



## POLICIES & PROCEDURES

### Tournament Game Day Roster and Game Report

Each team must submit 2 copies of its approved tournament game day roster with all the players' jersey numbers listed on it, to the referee prior to game time. The home team is responsible to provide the referee the game report, completed fully and given to the referee prior to the start of the game. Each team will receive a copy of its opponent's approved tournament game day roster. A fine will be assessed for failure to provide the referee with the proper paperwork and may also result in penalties against the team. Both coaches must sign the Game Report after the game stating that they reviewed the report.

### Forfeits

- U8:** There will be no forfeits in U8. All accommodations will be made by the coaches to assure a game is played.
- U9-10:** Teams not able to field a minimum of 4 players, 15 minutes after the official start of the game time, will forfeit the game and be assessed fines.
- U11-U17:** Teams not able to field a minimum of 5 players (U12) or 7 players (U14 and up) 15 minutes after the official start of the game time will forfeit the game. The game report submitted by the referee will reflect the forfeit and RIYSL will record a 4-0 final score.
  - The referee will start the game as soon as the minimum number of players become available within the 15 minute grace period. Players are considered available if sitting in, on or near the field or sitting in cars.
  - In the event of a forfeit, fines will be assessed to the forfeiting team. The referees are not to be paid on the field. RIYSL will pay the referees for the forfeit from the association bond monies.
  - If both teams do not show for a game or both do not have enough players to play the game, both teams will incur a loss and be liable for referee's fees and fines. If an association/club coach has already given their share of the referee payment, the fees should be returned to the coach(es) as soon as the referee declares the game cannot be played.

### Protests

Protests in all divisions will be handled in the following manner:

- The coach must sign the game report and state their intent to protest the game before leaving the field. Failure to do so will nullify any protest.
- A written letter of protest containing all pertinent information must be submitted to the RIYSL office within 5 working days, accompanied by a check of \$100. The fee will be returned if the protest is upheld, or retained by RIYSL if the protest is denied.
- A committee will be appointed by RIYSL to hear the protest. All decisions of the protest committee are final.

**\*> Interpretations of the Laws of the Game by a referee or an assistant referee during a Game he/she is officiating will not be challenged.**



## POLICIES & PROCEDURES

### Yellow and Red Cards

- A Yellow Card is a caution (warning) given to a player and a coach for unacceptable behavior. If a player or coach receives 2 Yellow Cards in a game it will result in an automatic ejection from that game.

Any team having accumulated more than 10 total yellow cards at any point during the season may be asked to attend a disciplinary hearing depending on the content of the Yellow Cards issued. Any decisions made by a disciplinary hearing committee are final.

- A Red Card is an automatic ejection from the game for a player or coach.

Issuance of cautions and ejection's shall be done in accordance with FIFA procedures. Anyone receiving a Red Card must leave the playing field and the immediate area. Failure to do so will result in a forfeiture of the game by the offending team. Penalties will be assessed by RIYSL for the issuance of Red Cards.

A referee is encouraged to show a yellow card or a red card to a coach. If a coach is shown a yellow card a second time or is ejected from a game, he/she must leave the playing field and the immediate area. Failure to do so will result in a forfeiture of the game for that coach's team. Fines and/or Penalties will be assessed by RIYSL for any coach being ejected from a game.

### Fines

All fines imposed on each association/club will be deducted from its bond money.

- No Referee (assigned by association/club) \$25.00
- No Assistant Referee (assigned by association/club) \$25.00
- No Corner Flags (after a warning) \$25.00
- Improper or Incomplete field markings (after a warning) \$25.00
- Unavailable field per game scheduled \$25.00
- Forfeited Games
 

1st Offense	\$50.00	+ Referee Fees
2nd Offense	\$100.00	+ Referee Fees
3rd Offense	\$150.00	+ Referee Fees
Additional Offenses Each	\$200.00	+ Referees Fees
- Failure to pay Referee Fees \$25.00 + Referee Fees
- Improper Paperwork Submitted to Referee \$25.00
- Failure to attend any mandatory meeting \$50.00
- Playing unregistered Players \$100.00 per player
- Withdrawing a team \$500.00 per team (and forfeit of team fee)
- RIYSL reserves the right to assess a fine for any violation of its rules not stated in the above list.



## POLICIES & PROCEDURES

### Referee Fees

U8 Division:	\$10/team	One Referee—\$20
U9-10 Division:	\$30/team	\$28-Referee and \$16/Assistant Referee
U11-12 Division:	\$36/team	\$32-Referee and \$20/Assistant Referee
U13-14 Division:	\$44/team	\$40-Referee and \$24/Assistant Referee
U15-16 Division:	\$50/team	\$46-Referee and \$27/Assistant Referee

If at the discretion of the referee and both coaches, that only the referee shall officiate a game with two volunteers, only the referee will receive payment. The following is the referee cost per division:

U9-10: \$34 U11-12: \$40 U13-14: \$48 U15-16: \$52

### Divisional Tie Breaker Rule

If there are any teams tied at the end of the Super Liga Season, the following will be the order of breaking the ties.

1. Head to Head Competition
2. Goal Differential (max 4 goals, min 4 goals)
3. Fewest Goals Allowed
4. Most Goals Scored
5. Coin Flip

### HEARINGS / DISCIPLINE

RIYSL may choose at anytime to hold a hearing regarding a situation that may have occurred during the Fall Super Liga Tournament. All parties will be informed in writing within 10 days of the date of the hearing. Also, RIYSL may require all parties to submit any relative information to RIYSL before the hearing. RIYSL will select a panel of three individuals, who will preside over the hearing and then render a decision, if and when it is required to do so. A format for the proceedings will be explained at the beginning of the hearing by the chairperson of the three member panel. The decision of this panel is final.

RIYSL reserves the right to provide discipline for any violation of it policies where not specified.



## 2015 FALL SUPER LIGA TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS

U11 Girls ANCHOR	PORTSMOUTH
U11 Girls CLASSIC	TIVERTON
U11 Girls RHODY	WARWICK FIRE FIGHTERS
U12 Girls ANCHOR	WARWICK SOCCER
U12 Girls CLASSIC	TIVERTON
U12 Girls RHODY	LINCOLN
U14 Girls ANCHOR	BARRINGTON
U14 Girls CLASSIC	EAST GREENWICH
U14 Girls RHODY	WARREN
U11 Boys ANCHOR	PROVIDENCE FC
U11 Boys CLASSIC	PAWTUCKET
U12 Boys ANCHOR	COVENTRY
U12 Boys CLASSIC-GOLD	BRISTOL
U12 Boys CLASSIC-BLUE	EAST GREENWICH
U12 Boys RHODY	EXETER-WEST GREENWICH
U14 Boys ANCHOR	WARWICK SOCCER
U14 Boys CLASSIC-GOLD	COVENTRY
U14 Boys CLASSIC-BLUE	EAST GREENWICH
U14 Boys RHODY	CLCF



**2015 FALL SUPER LIGA  
TEAM SPORTSMANSHIP  
DIVISIONAL WINNERS**

U8 Boys	Gold	Coventry
U8 Boys	Blue	AYSO-East Providence
U8 Boys	White	CLCF
U8 Girls	Blue	Lincoln
U8 Girls	White	Portsmouth
U9 Boys	Gold	Chariho-Westerly
U9 Boys	Silver	South County
U9 Boys	Blue	Tiverton
U9 Boys	White	North Kingstown
U9 Girls	Gold	Cumberland
U9 Girls	Silver	South County
U10 Boys	Gold	Chariho-Westerly
U10 Boys	Silver	Ocean State South County
U10 Boys	Blue	Warwick Fire Fighters West Warwick
U10 Boys	White	CLCF
U10 Girls	Gold	East Greenwich
U10 Girls	Silver	Chariho-Westerly South County
U10 Girls	Blue	Middletown
U10 Girls	White	North Kingstown
U11 Boys	Anchor	Barrington
U11 Boys	Classic	CLCF
U11 Girls	Anchor	East Greenwich
U11 Girls	Classic	Ocean State
U11 Girls	Rhody	Warwick Fire Fighters
U12 Boys	Anchor	Barrington
U12 Boys	Classic Gold	East Greenwich
U12 Boys	Classic Blue	CLCF Portsmouth
U12 Boys	Rhody	Exeter-West Greenwich
U12 Girls	Anchor	Coventry
U12 Girls	Classic	Warwick Fire Fighters Chariho-Westerly
U12 Girls	Rhody	Lincoln
U14 Boys	Anchor	Ocean State
U14 Boys	Classic Gold	No Winner
U14 Boys	Classic Blue	Portsmouth
U14 Boys	Rhody	Barrington
U14 Girls	Anchor	Barrington
U14 Girls	Classic	East Greenwich Portsmouth
U14 Girls	Rhody	Barrington

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**THE SUPER LIGA**

**Referee's Game Report**

Game #	Date	Age / Division	Time

**HOME VISITOR**

Uniform Color	Uniform Color
<b>FINAL SCORE</b>	<b>FINAL SCORE</b>
<b>Goal Scorers</b> (Uniform Number and Time)	<b>Goal Scorers</b> (Uniform Number and Time)

**REFEREES**

REF	
AR 1	
AR 2	
Home Coach	
Visitor Coach	

Please check off :

- Home Team Game Day Roster
- Visitor Team Game Day Roster
- Sportsmanship Card Read
- Home Team Passes Returned
- Visitor Team Passes Returned

**CAUTIONS - (Yellow Cards)**

Team (Color)	Player's #	Reason
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		
6.		
7.		
8.		

**EJECTIONS - (Red Cards)**

Team (Color)	Player's #	Reason
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		

**FIELD CONDITIONS**

<b>CORNER FLAGS</b>	Good	Short	None
<b>GOAL POSTS</b>	Good	Fair	Poor
<b>NETS</b>	Good	Fair	Poor
<b>LINES</b>	Good	Fair	Poor
<b>FIELD</b>	Good	Fair	Poor
<b>COACHES' BOX</b>	Good	Fair	Poor

(Please Circle the appropriate condition)

**SUPER LIGA TEAM SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD**

**HOME VISITOR**

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Please rate each team on a scale of 0 (worst) - 5 (best).

**REFEREE COMMENTS / FEEDBACK**

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