



# **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

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### 1. Players

#### 1.1. Youth Players

A youth player means an individual who has not reached 19 years of age prior to August 1 immediately before the start of any seasonal year. A player who reaches 19 years of age during a seasonal year is allowed to complete the seasonal year. A player who reaches 19 years of age during August of one seasonal year shall be allowed to complete all of the next seasonal year. (USYSA Rule 101) (Amended May 13, 2000)

#### 1.2. Adult Players

A person who is not a Youth (i.e. a person who has reached the age of nineteen (19) prior to August 1 of the Seasonal Year).

#### 1.3. Proof of Age

1.3.1. Proof of age shall consist of a birth certificate, a Uniformed Services Identification and Privilege Card (DD Form 1173) issued by the Uniformed Services of the United States, a birth registration issued by an appropriate government agency or board of health records, a passport, an alien registration card issued by the United States Government, a certificate issued by the Immigration and Naturalization Service attesting to age, a current driver's license, or a certification of a United States citizen born abroad issued by the appropriate government agency. Hospital, baptismal or religious certificates will not be accepted. (USYSA Rule 204) (Amended May 20, 2000)

1.3.2. Reproductions or photocopies of documents that have not been officially certified by the issuing government agency will not be accepted.

1.3.3. The Boards of Directors of Cal South or any League of Cal South may request proof of age to be established. Copies of the written request must also be directed to the Cal South Board of Directors and to the appropriate League or other Administrative Authority. Proof of age shall be presented within forty-eight (48) hours of the presentation of such written request. Failure to respond to such request shall result in the immediate suspension of the player involved and forfeiture of all league games in which that player participated.

#### 1.4. Registration Procedures

1.4.1. Youth and Adult players are registered for a seasonal year from the moment the player or the player's representative executes the Registration form and pays the appropriate fees. (USYSA Rule 201.3) (Amended May13, 2000)

1.4.1.1. Leagues with a fall playing season must enter and accept players into the Cal South Online Registration Information System (CORIS) for the new seasonal year by September 1 of the same year. (Amended December 2008)

1.4.2. Registration Fees

1.4.2.1. The Cal South Board of Directors shall annually establish the player registration fees for affiliated members and shall give notice to all members of any change in the fees not later than December 15<sup>th</sup> of the preceding seasonal year.

1.4.2.2. Leagues with a fall playing season must submit player registration fees to the Cal South Corporate Office on receipt of billing invoice and/or statement. A late fee shall apply to all youth recreational players entered and accepted into the Cal South Online Registration Information System (CORIS) for the new seasonal year after August 31<sup>st</sup> of the same year. (Amended December 2008)

1.4.2.3. Leagues with a Spring playing season must submit all player registration fees to the Cal South Corporate Office on receipt of billing invoice and/or statement for any players not registered with Cal South earlier in the current seasonal year. (Amended December 2008)

1.4.2.4. Leagues with any other playing season must submit player registration fees to the Cal South Corporate Office on receipt of billing invoice and/or statement for any players not registered with Cal South earlier in the current seasonal year. (Amended December 2008)

1.4.2.5. Failure to submit required registration fees shall be reported by the Cal South Treasurer to the Cal South Board of Directors, and may result in sanctions, suspension or fines but not limited to the following: Fine, Denial of travel authorization, Denial of right to participate in or host tournaments, Suspension of right to play affiliated soccer.

1.4.3. Youth Age Divisions (USYSA Rule 104)

Youth Age Divisions shall be comprised of players who are, before the first day of August of the immediately preceding seasonal year:

Under 19 years of age.

Under 18 years of age.

Under 17 years of age.

Under 16 years of age.

Under 15 years of age.

Under 14 years of age.

Under 13 years of age.

Under 12 years of age.

Under 11 years of age.

Under 10 years of age.

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Under 9 years of age.  
Under 8 years of age.  
Under 7 years of age.  
Under 6 years of age.  
Under 5 years of age.

Under 5 years of age and younger shall play no more than five per side. (Added March 1999)

1.4.3.2 A Youth Player may play up in age. If it is three (3) years or more beyond the player's proper birth date age division, the parent/legal guardian of the player will be required to execute an additional Waiver and Release of Liability prior to approval. (Added January 2012)

1.4.3.3 A Recreational Youth Player may play down in age by one year if approved pursuant to the established requirements of the Cal South Youth Medical Play Down Policy. (Added January 2012)

#### 1.4.4. Adult Age Divisions

Adult age divisions shall comprise players who are, before the first day of August of the immediately preceding seasonal year:

- Over 60 years of age
- Over 50 years of age
- Over 40 years of age
- Over 30 years of age
- Under 23 years of age
- Under 20 years of age
- Open - 14 years of age and above (Revised November 5, 2011)

Adult leagues shall establish play among teams in specified age divisions in league play and sanctioned competitions, but not limited to the adult age divisions listed above.

#### 1.4.5. Maximum Roster

1.4.5.1. **Section 1.** Every team shall have a team roster and will present a game roster for every match or competition.

USYSA Rule 101. Definitions – Section 2.

(3) “**game roster**” means the list of players who will participate in a particular competition.

(9) “**team roster**” means a list of registered players eligible to play for a team.

**Section 2.** For Under 16 and older teams, the roster may have up to 22 youth players on the team roster at any given time during the seasonal year. For Under 11 to Under 15 teams, the roster may have up to 18 youth players on the team roster at any given time during the seasonal year (Amended November 2008). For Under 10 and younger teams, the roster may have up to 14 youth players on the team roster at any given time during the seasonal year.

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**Section 3.** The game roster shall be prepared by the team and submitted to the competition authority at a time designated by that authority. The game roster shall have a maximum of 18 players for Under 11 and older and a maximum of 14 players for Under 10 and younger. Every player listed on the game roster must be included on the team roster to be eligible to participate with the team except for tournament competitions that may accept guest players.

**Section 4.** The playing circuit and/or competition authority in which teams compete may limit roster size to less than 22 players, with no less than 7 players.

**Section 5.** Adult Leagues may set the maximum roster size for teams participating within league competitions; provided, however, that no team shall be allowed more than thirty (30) players on its team roster at any given time during the seasonal year. Adult Leagues may choose to restrict roster sizes within their League Rules as appropriate, but may not exceed thirty (30) players on its team roster at any given time during the seasonal year.

Adult Players are allowed to “multi-roster” meaning they may be registered to more than one team and/or league during the seasonal year. Adult Leagues and sanctioned competitions may choose to restrict players participating on multiple teams and age divisions within any one league or competition, but it must be specified within their rules.

#### 1.4.6. Minimum Roster

1.4.6.1. Under 11 and older teams: No team shall have fewer than seven (7) players on its roster at any given time during the seasonal year. (USYSA Rule 205)

1.4.6.2. Under 10 and younger teams: No team shall have fewer than four (4) players on its roster at any given time during the seasonal year. (Added May 13, 2000)

1.4.7. Use of Ineligible Players (USYSA Rule 209) A team shall forfeit each game of the team in which - (1) an unregistered player was with the team at the game in a (team) uniform; or (2) a player was improperly entered on the team’s roster. (Amended May 13, 2000)

1.4.8. Falsification of records, documents, player identification passes, or in any other matters or manner, shall be grounds for immediate suspension from further participation and membership in Cal South or any League, team or club, pending a hearing.

1.4.9. Each League shall be responsible for ensuring the proper registration of players on individual registration forms as designated by the Cal South Corporate Office and the Cal South Treasurer.

1.4.10. The League may require each team to prepare and submit to the League Registrar, the proper “Cal South Player/Administrator Form”, the required number of player photographs, and pay all membership fees or fines that may be levied by the League or Cal South, or the Leagues may elect to prepare the “Cal South Player/Administrator Form” for each team themselves. In either case, the League is required to submit individual registration forms and the appropriate player/administrator form for all players and/or administrators. Players must use their full first name and last name, as shown on the proof of age document, on all registration materials. (Amended May 13, 2000)

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1.4.10.1. Current year administrator passes are valid with any team within the club or league that the administrator has registered through, at any competition sanctioned by Cal South.

1.4.10.2. Each Team, Club, and League official (i.e., Coach, Assistant Coach, Team Manager, Club Administrator, League Administrator, Trainer, etc.), volunteer or paid, shall be listed on the "Cal South Team Registration Form" or the equivalent if computerized registration is used. (Amended May 13, 2000)

1.4.10.3. All Cal South player registration fees must be submitted by the League Registrar to the Cal South Corporate Office a minimum of one (1) week prior to the first regularly scheduled league game that is official and counts for points and standings. Team assignment information must be submitted by the League Registrar to the Cal South Corporate Office within three (3) weeks following the first regularly scheduled game.

1.4.10.4. The Cal South Corporate Office shall regularly report the registrations submitted within each District to the District Commissioner of the District, and shall regularly report to the Cal South Board of Directors of each league's registration status.

1.4.10.5. Each Adult League shall be responsible for ensuring the proper online registration of players on individual registration forms as designated by Cal South. The League may require each team player or administrator to prepare and submit to Cal South the proper Cal South registration materials, required age verification, photographs, and pay all membership fees or fines that may be levied by the League or Cal South, or the Leagues may elect to prepare the Cal South Registration for each team player or administrator themselves.

## 1.5. Player Release and Transfer

1.5.1. **Player Rostering:** Any player registered and rostered to a team activated on the Cal South Online Registration System ("Online Registration System") is bound to that team for the entire seasonal year unless the player requests a release or is released involuntarily in accordance with these rules. (Amended August 2013)

1.5.1.1. Recreation leagues with a spring season separate from the previous fall season may roster players to the spring season without the need for a player release and transfer from a fall season league. Said players shall remain with the spring league team for the duration of the spring league season unless the player requests a transfer or is released. There shall be no limit to the number of player transfers for a spring league team during the spring season and no transfer fee shall be levied for any transfer.

1.5.1.2 A player request for those players under the age of 18 means a parent/guardian initiates the release on behalf of his or her minor child. (Added August 2013)

1.5.1.3 A "release" may include a release from the team into the district drop pool, a release from the team with no intent to continue playing or a release associated with a transfer to another team ("release with transfer"). A release without any corresponding transfer is governed by rule 1.5.3. A release with transfer is governed by rule 1.5.4. (Added August 2013)

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1.5.2. **Player Movement and Fall Roster Freeze.** Players may be released from a team and/or may transfer to a new team in accordance with these rules and during the time frames established by these rules. (Amended August 2013)

1.5.2.2. A player may request a release without an accompanying transfer to another team at any time. (Amended August 2013)

1.5.2.3. A player transfer from one team to another may occur without restriction from the initial State registration period beginning at 12:01 AM on June 1st through 11:59 PM on July 31<sup>st</sup>. A player, properly released in the Online Registration System prior to 11:59 PM on July 31st, will be considered eligible for a transfer to another team. (Amended August 2013)

1.5.2.4 **Fall Roster Freeze Period.** Team rosters shall be frozen at midnight August 1st to all but new players, those properly released prior to 11:59 PM on July 31st and those whose transfer is approved by the releasing club, the accepting club and/or Cal South (the "fall roster freeze"). (Added August 2013)

1.5.2.5 Transfers may resume without restriction beginning at 12:01 AM the first Monday after Thanksgiving of the current seasonal year for those players leaving recreational and competitive teams and for any player previously placed in the drop pool. (Added August 2013)

1.5.2.6 All dates and times for player registrations, releases, and transfers will be determined, managed, and tracked through the Online Registration System. (Added August 2013)

1.5.3. **Player Release without an Accompanying Transfer:** A player requesting a straight release or a release from an activated team into the drop pool shall be responsible for initiating an electronic release through the Online Registration System. A completed electronic release shall have approvals of the parent/guardian, releasing League Registrar and Cal South. The release must be initiated by the player through their parent/guardian or may be initiated by another person only upon the express, written consent of the player through their parent/guardian. The written consent must be evidenced by an email or written document authorizing the initiation of a release. The procedures for initiating a release are set forth on the Cal South web site at [www.calsouth.com](http://www.calsouth.com). (Amended August 2013)

1.5.3.1. The player's Cal South Registration Form/Medical Release and USYSA Player Pass shall accompany the "Player Transfer" form. Additionally, a transfer fee of \$25.00 shall be incurred by the accepting league.

1.5.3.2 A release request may be classified as pending, approved, contested or rejected. The releasing club shall have a maximum of three (3) business days in which to approve or contest a release request. If the release request is not acted upon within the three (3) day period by the releasing club, it shall be deemed approved. (Amended August 2013)

1.5.3.3. The releasing League Registrar will indicate approval by checking approved or contested on the Online Registration System. The releasing League Registrar shall be responsible for collection and destruction of the player pass once the release is completed and shall indicate on the Online Registration System the collection of the player pass. (Amended August 2013)

1.5.3.4 If marked “**Contested**” by the releasing League Registrar, the release will be available for approval by Cal South unless otherwise indicated. The releasing League Registrar shall list the reason why the release is contested. If marked “**Rejected**” by Cal South the release will be considered “inactive” and may be re-initiated by the player. The reason why the release is rejected shall be listed by Cal South. (Added August 2013)

1.5.3.5. A player may be released from a team involuntarily only if the player is unable to play for one of the following reasons: 1) the player has violated rules of USSF, USYSA or Cal South; 2) the player has moved beyond a reasonable travel distance (determination of what constitutes reasonable travel distance is subject to definition by Cal South); or 3) the player is injured in such a manner that the player will not be able to participate for the remainder of the playing season. (Added August 2013)

1.5.3.6 Drop Pool: Players who are released from a team without an accompanying electronic transfer may enter the “drop pool” of the district in which the player was last registered. Cal South shall have the authority to provide players in the district ‘drop pool’ a “tournament pool” card valid for ninety (90) days to be used for loaning the players to registered teams without the need for a transfer. Players requesting to leave the “drop pool” shall complete an electronic transfer. (Added August 2013)

1.5.4. **Release with Transfer Procedure:** A player requesting a release with a transfer to a team shall be responsible for initiating an electronic release with transfer through the Online Registration System. The release with transfer must be initiated by the player through their parent/guardian or may be initiated by another person only upon the express, written consent of the player through their parent/guardian. The written consent must be evidenced by an email or written document authorizing the initiation of a release with transfer. (Amended August 2013)

1.5.4.2 A completed electronic release with transfer shall have approvals of the parent/guardian, releasing League Registrar, accepting League Registrar and/or Cal South. The reason for the transfer must be clearly and fully stated. The procedures for initiating an electronic transfer are set forth in the Cal South web site at [www.calsouth.com](http://www.calsouth.com). (Added August 2013)

1.5.4.3 The releasing club shall have a maximum of seven (7) days in which to approve or contest a transfer request. If the transfer request is not acted upon within the seven (7) day period by the releasing club, it shall be deemed approved. (Added August 2013)

1.5.4.4 If a release with transfer request is marked “**Contested**” by the releasing League Registrar, the transfer may be available for approval by Cal South on timely appeal by the player in accordance with these rules. The reason for contesting the transfer must be clearly

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and fully stated by the releasing club. If the player does not timely appeal the contested transfer to Cal South the transfer shall be deemed denied. (Added August 2013)

1.5.4.5 If the release with transfer request is approved or uncontested, the releasing League Registrar shall indicate on the Online Registration System the collection and destruction of the player pass. Additionally, the accepting club shall incur a transfer fee as determined and published by Cal South. (Added August 2013)

1.5.4.6 If a player is transferring from one club to another, Cal South will indicate approval or rejection on the Online Registration System. (Added August 2013)

1.5.5. **Surrender of Player Pass:** The Cal South Youth Member Pass (“Player Pass”) must accompany all releases or transfers unless otherwise noted on the Online Registration System. The releasing League Registrar shall verify on the Cal South Registration online system if the player pass has been collected and destroyed upon the approval of the release or transfer. (Amended August 2013)

1.5.5.2 The Player Pass is the express property of Cal South. Any person who withholds a Player Pass will be subjected to immediate suspension by the appropriate District Commissioner. Such suspension shall remain in force until the Cal South Youth Member Player Pass is surrendered to the District Commissioner or Certified League Registrar. (Added August 2013)

1.5.6. **Contested releases/transfers:** Any contested release or release with transfer shall be submitted to Cal South for adjudication in accordance with these rules. The decision of Cal South on the contested release or release with transfer shall be communicated through the Online Registration System. (Amended August 2013)

1.5.6.2 A contested release without an accompanying transfer shall be adjudicated by Cal South upon review of the reasons stated by the releasing League Registrar. (Added August 2013)

1.5.6.3 A contested release with transfer shall be adjudicated by Cal South upon a timely appeal made by the player in accordance with these rules. (Added August 2013)

1.5.7 **Transfer Request Appeals:** Appeals of contested transfer requests shall be heard by Cal South. (Added August 2013)

1.5.7.2 The request for an appeal shall be initiated by the player through the completion of the electronic Player Transfer Appeal Form to Cal South within three (3) days of notification that the request is contested. The reason for requesting an appeal must be clearly and fully stated. If no timely appeal is initiated within the three (3) day period, the transfer request shall be denied. (Added August 2013)

1.5.7.3 A \$100.00 fee payable to Cal South must accompany requests for appeals. In the event the contested transfer is allowed, the account of the contesting releasing club shall be charged the \$100.00 fee and the appealing player shall receive a refund of the appeal fee. The accepting club, if the transfer is approved, shall be charged a transfer fee as determined and published by Cal South. (Added August 2013)

1.5.7.4 Cal South may, but is not required, to hold a hearing on the appeal in its sole discretion. If it is determined that a hearing is necessary, the parties shall be informed of the date and time of the hearing and shall be given five (5) minutes per side to present their position. If a party does not intend to present oral argument that party shall notify Cal South. The parties shall be notified by Cal South of the decision on the appeal. (Added August 2013)

## 1.6. Loan/Guest Player

A loan/guest player is defined as a registered player participating in a competition for a team to which the player is not rostered for purpose of league play. (USYSA Rule 101.2)

1.6.1. Every Cal South player has the right to participate as a loan/guest player for other affiliated teams during non-league play.

1.6.2. Each Cal South member league shall establish their own rules governing loan/guest players during league play.

1.6.3. No Cal South administrator or coach or manager shall refuse a player the right to participate with other USSF-affiliated teams as a loan/guest player and shall immediately tender the Medical Release Form and Player Pass upon verbal request by the player or the player's parent or guardian.

1.6.4. Within 30 days of receipt of a written allegation that a Cal South administrator, or coach, or manager, or parent, or player has violated or aided and abetted in the violation of Rule 1.6.3, the District Commissioner or the Commissioner's designee shall conduct an open hearing to adjudicate the matter. The hearing, decision, and appeal rights (in the case of an adverse ruling) shall be in accordance with the Cal South Manual of Operations for Protests, Appeals and Discipline. Cal South will have full authority to assess penalties such as, but not limited to, suspension and revocation/probation.

## 1.7. Team Release During Seasonal Year

A team is allowed to join the playing schedule of a second league only when it has completed all its obligations to the first league, i.e., all scheduled competition and financial liabilities. Re-registration of the players within the Cal South current seasonal year is not required.

## 1.8. Adult Games (USYSA Rule 208)

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1.8.1. A youth player with a minimum of age 14 or older may play an unlimited number of adult games without losing his or her youth eligibility. The youth player must notify his or her youth coach or other authorized team official of the player's intention to play adult games. The youth player shall request, in writing, eligibility clearance from Cal South. When the clearance and permission have been granted, Cal South has sole discretion in permitting the youth player to play adult games and is responsible for establishing the procedures under which the youth player will be allowed to play. A youth player who is required to sign an adult form shall retain youth eligibility. (Amended November 5, 2011)

1.8.2. Eligibility clearance procedures and forms shall be incorporated into the Cal South Manual of Operations and shall be supplied to any affiliated player or administrator.

1.8.3. Cal South youth insurance will not cover a youth player involved in adult play. A youth player must register as an adult player to be covered by the Adult insurance coverage.

1.8.4. A youth team comprised of players as established in rule 1.8.1 with the written permission and mutual consent of Cal South may play in an adult-approved league and not lose its youth eligibility to compete in the U.S. Youth Soccer National Championships competitions. If the youth team's players are required to sign an adult form, the team shall retain its youth eligibility. (Added May 13, 2000)

1.8.5. A U17 youth team or older comprised of players as described in Rule 2.3.1 playing in an adult approved league will be required to play under the rules of Cal South concerning registration, roster rules, transfer rules, and other rules as Cal South may apply. Whether participation in any adult league shall qualify a youth team for the U.S. Youth Soccer National Championships competitions shall be determined by Cal South. (Added May 13, 2000)

## 1.9. Playing with Professional Players

Any player signing a "letter of intent," a professional contract or plays with a professional team without the permission of Cal South shall be declared a professional player and shall lose all privileges of youth amateur status. Cal South may grant a youth player permission to play in benefit or exhibition games only, where professional players are involved. Permission must be requested in writing.

## 2. The Game

### 2.1. Rules of Play

2.1.1. Except as provided by USSF or its affiliates, the FIFA "Laws of the Game" shall apply to any and all competition sponsored by Cal South. Teams U10 or younger shall not play unless such games are conducted with not more than eight (8) players per side.

2.1.2. All games shall be played under the Rules and Regulations of Cal South. No League Rule may be adopted which is in violation of these Cal South Rules or in violation of the spirit and intent of the Cal South youth soccer program.

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2.1.3. Only credentialed Administrator/Coaches with USYSA passes issued for said team or from any other team from that team's league of registration for the current seasonal year and, in addition, Cal South Risk Management cards, may be within the technical area (team bench) provided that all such administrators/Coaches are identified on the patch report (roster).

## 2.2. Gaming Circuits

2.2.1. A Gaming Circuit is defined as an entity that conducts a gaming season, schedules games, or otherwise maintains a competition where standings are maintained. A tournament approved by Cal South shall not be considered a gaming circuit.

2.2.2. All players on teams playing within a Gaming Circuit shall be registered with Cal South.

2.2.3. A Gaming Circuit shall file, no later than June 1 of each year, a form with Cal South listing its name, address, the identity of each of its board of directors and officers, including addresses, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses. Every individual who is a board of director, officer, employee, or volunteer of the Gaming Circuit shall register with Cal South and complete the risk management procedures.

2.2.4. A Gaming Circuit shall provide to Cal South at the end of each season, final standings of teams gaming in the circuit.

2.2.5. A Gaming Circuit may be a league, and a league may be a Gaming Circuit.

2.2.6. A Gaming Circuit, in order to foster competition within its circuit, may rank or seed teams. Teams may not be ranked or seeded based upon any play or participation in any competition, tournament, or game not sanctioned by US Youth Soccer, nor shall any play or participation in any competition, tournament or game be considered in allowing a team to play in the Gaming Circuit. Membership in a state association other than Cal South may not be used as a factor.

A Gaming Circuit that ranks or seeds teams shall publish its criteria each year electronically and in print and must be available for public viewing by their respective membership. A copy must be submitted along with the annual league application to Cal South and must be kept current by the member entity.

## 2.3. Age Grouping

2.3.1. Youth leagues shall establish play among teams of the specified age grouping and all competition shall adhere to the above specified age classification.

Maximum birth-dates per seasonal year per age classification as of August 1 of the year listed:

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Under-19	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989
Under-18	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990
Under-17	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991
Under-16	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992
Under-15	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993
Under-14	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994
Under-13	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995
Under-12	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Under-11	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Under-10	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
Under-9	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Under-8	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
Under-7	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Under-6	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Under-5	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003

The above schedule shall extend, in the same order, ad infinitum.

#### 2.4. Length of Games, Overtime Periods, and Ball Size (USYSA Rule 303)

Except as provided herein, FIFA “Laws of the Game” shall apply to each and every game played within the jurisdiction of Cal South. Leagues may make playing rule modification, so long as they are confined to an individual competition or league play.

<u>Group</u>	<u>Game Length</u>	<u>Overtime Periods</u>	<u>Ball Size</u>
Under-19	Two 45’ halves	Two 15’ halves	5
Under-18	Two 45’ halves	Two 15’ halves	5
Under-17	Two 45’ halves	Two 15’ halves	5
Under-16	Two 40’ halves	Two 15’ halves	5
Under-15	Two 40’ halves	Two 15’ halves	5
Under-14	Two 35’ halves	Two 10’ halves	5
Under-13	Two 35’ halves	Two 10’ halves	5
Under-12	Two 30’ halves	Two 10’ halves	4
Under-11	Two 30’ halves	Two 10’ halves	4
Under-10	Two 25’ halves	Two 10’ halves	4
Under-9	Two 25’ halves	Two 10’ halves	4
Under-8	Two 25’ halves	Two 5’ halves	3
Under-7	Two 25’ halves	Two 5’ halves	3
Under-6	Two 20’ halves	Two 5’ halves	3

In tournament play, if the game is still tied after overtime periods, FIFA, “Kicks from the Penalty Mark” rules apply in order to determine the winner.

#### 2.5. Player Safety

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2.5.1. No player should be allowed to play in any regularly scheduled league or tournament game with an injury which can be aggravated by playing or which constitutes a danger to others.

2.5.2. Endorse FIFA Law IV and current USSF Guidelines

2.5.3. Shin guards are mandatory for all players in practices, games, and tournaments within Cal South.

2.6. Game Uniforms - Color Conflict

When, in the opinion of the referee in charge of the game, the uniforms of two competing teams are similar, the home team shall change to colors which are distinct from those of their opponent.

2.7. Fields and Equipment

The home team shall be responsible for the condition of the field of play, the proper field marking, and proper equipment i.e., goal posts, nets and corner flags. It shall be the responsibility of each team to have a game ball.

2.8. Condition of Playing Field

The referee's opinion with regard to the physical condition of the field and its acceptance for play, to the actual happening and occurrences related to the conduct of the games and those prerogatives granted to the referee by "Laws of the Game" as published by FIFA, shall not be challenged.

2.9. Coaching from the Sideline

Coaching from the sidelines (giving direction to one's own team on points of strategy and position) is permitted, provided:

2.9.1. No mechanical devices are used.

2.9.2. The tone of the voice is informative and not derogatory.

2.9.3. Each coach, substitute, or player remains within 10 yards on either side of the halfway line or midfield line.

2.9.4. No coach, substitute, or player makes derogatory remarks or gestures to the referees, other players, substitutes, or spectators.

2.9.5. No coach, substitute, or player uses profanity.

2.9.6. No coach, substitute, or player incites in any manner, disruptive behavior.

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## 2.10. Substitutions (USYSA Rule302)

Except as provided by USYSA or Cal South, substitutions shall be unlimited except where specified otherwise in the rules and regulations for a special competition. Substitutions may be made with the consent of the referee at the following times:

2.10.1. Prior to a throw-in by the team in possession

2.10.2. Prior to a goal kick, by either team.

2.10.3. After a goal, by either team.

2.10.4. After an injury, on either team when the referee stops the play.

2.10.5. At half-time.

2.10.6. On a caution, only the cautioned player may be substituted at that time.

## 2.11. Line-Up Form and Player Pass

The referee shall require that each team enter all the appropriate information on a Line-Up Form prior to the start of the game.

2.11.1. The team administrator (coach, manager or supervising adult) shall verify to the referee, the player/administrator identity with USSF, USYSA, or Cal South "Player/Administrator Identification Pass" encased in plastic (i.e., laminated, bonded, fused, integrated and sealed within plastic). Each such "Pass" must be properly signed by the bearer and a Certified Registrar and must have a photograph of the bearer (as of the current seasonal year) affixed to the "Pass" before the pass is encased within plastic, however effective March 7, 1999 level "A" Program Administrators shall be subject to the Risk Management program, which is incorporated herein by reference (Effective March 7, 1999).

2.11.2. The referee must collect the current seasonal year player and administrator passes of those players and administrators who are to participate in the game. A line-up form shall list all the players and administrators who are to participate in the game. The referee shall draw a line through the name of any player or administrator appearing on the Line-Up Form from whom the referee does not receive a "Pass." The referee shall require the administrator of each team to sign the Line-Up Form verifying that the team, player and administrator information entered thereon is true and correct. The referee shall not permit a player to enter the game unless he has collected that player's "Pass."

2.11.3. No team will play a game without the presence of a Program Administrator who holds a USSF/USYSA coaching license.

2.11.4. Upon completion of the game and before signing the Line-Up Form, the referee shall check the accuracy thereof. For league play, the referee shall mail the report to the proper authority within forty-eight (48) hours, holidays excluded, along with the player pass

of any ejected player, and in such cases of ejection, the referee shall also mail a supplementary disciplinary report. A Line-Up Form must be filed for every game played.

## 2.12. Games Played Under Protest

2.12.1. Conditions that are thought to be improper must be protested in writing to the referee and the opposing team prior to the start of the game. The Line-Up Form may be used for this purpose.

2.12.2. The game must be played even under protest.

2.12.3. The appropriate competition authority shall determine the outcome of games played under protest.

## 2.13. Forfeiture

2.13.1. In the event one of the teams fails to appear on the field of play in accordance with the schedule and rules of competition, it shall be noted on the Line-Up Form by the referee. The outcome of the game will be determined by the appropriate Competition Authority.

2.13.2. The winning team is responsible for notifying, in writing, the proper authority in charge of the competition, immediately following the game (or within a reasonable time), to record the outcome of the game.

2.13.3. Any team delaying the start of the scheduled game more than fifteen (15) minutes, without the sanction of the proper authority, shall forfeit the game to the opponent by a score of 1-0.

2.13.4. A forfeited game may be played as a “friendly” by mutual consent of both coaches/managers; however, both must enter a statement on the Line-Up Form that they understand the game is unofficial and will not count for points or standings, per se; i.e., the score remains 1-0 in favor of the non-forfeiting team, regardless of the outcome of the “friendly game”.

## 2.14. Permission to Travel (USYSA Rule 401)

Teams wishing to travel out of state or out of the country to play games must request and obtain permission from Cal South in accordance with the procedures detailed in the Travel and Tournament Manual.

## 2.15. Permission to Host Teams - Foreign or Interstate (USYSA Rule 402)

Teams, clubs, or leagues wishing to host teams from another state or another country must request and obtain permission from Cal South in accordance with the procedures detailed in the Travel and Tournament Manual (Cal South Team Kit, Hosting Teams).

#### 2.16. Permission to Host a Tournament (USYSA Rule 403)

Teams, clubs, or leagues wishing to host a tournament must request and obtain permission from Cal South in accordance with the procedures detailed in the Travel and Tournament Manual (Cal South Team Kit, Tournaments).

### **3. Violations**

#### 3.1. One Hundred Percent (100%) Affiliation Rule

3.1.1. No league may have as a member, any team that contains youth players that are not registered with the United States Soccer Federation. (Amended May 13, 2000)

3.1.2. Violation of this rule shall result in such team or League being subject to disciplinary action by Cal South.

#### 3.2. Unaffiliated Play - Teams, Clubs, Leagues

Affiliated Teams, Clubs, and Leagues shall not participate in tournaments or inter-league play or inter-club or inter-team exchange games or single inter-team games with teams not affiliated with the United States Soccer Federation. The Cal South Board of Directors may sanction any Team, Club or League found to have violated this regulation. (Amended May 13, 2000)

#### 3.3. Accountability - Conduct - Ejection

3.3.1. Each League, Sanctioned Tournament Authority, coach, administrator or player, shall be primarily and solely accountable for the conduct of themselves, persons associated with the League, or Sanctioned Tournament Authority, coach, player, or administrator in any manner whatsoever. The Cal South Board of Directors or any affiliated league may charge a violation of this rule should they find any conduct, in any affiliated function, of any member, unacceptable to the best interests of youth soccer.

3.3.1.1. Coaches, players, and other team officials shall be subject to all rules pertaining to misconduct contained herein, including caution, ejections and standard suspensions.

3.3.1.2. Any other individuals who may be reasonably construed as being associated with a team such as relatives and spectators shall also be subject to the jurisdiction and authority of Cal South. Any coach or team official shall be held responsible for the actions of any individual(s) at any match that, in the opinion of the referee, is a supporter of that team.

3.3.2. During any game sanctioned by Cal South, or regularly scheduled by any League or team, a referee may stop the game and eject any coach, player, or spectator from the grounds (the field of play and areas surrounding the field and fields near the field upon which the game is being played) if, in the opinion of the referee, the offender is guilty of violent conduct, serious foul play, or the use of foul or abusive language, or if the conduct is

deemed to be interference by the offender as designated in subdivision (d) of Law V - FIFA, "Laws of the Game". At no time will foul or abusive language be permitted at any field. Alcohol or illegal drug use, possession or transportation of a weapon without a valid permit shall not be permitted at any tournament, game, practice sanctioned by or regularly scheduled by Cal South or any league or team.

### 3.4. Protests, Appeals and Disciplinary Hearings, and Risk Management

3.4.1. The Cal South Board of Directors shall establish a Cal South Protest, Appeals and Disciplinary Committee and Risk Management Committee. The Risk Management Program shall require the use of an employment/volunteer disclosure statement for all volunteers, employees, coaches and program administrators who are involved with any sanctioned or sponsored program of Cal South.

3.4.2. The Cal South Board of Directors shall establish Protest, Appeal, and Disciplinary Hearing procedures, which are consistent with USSF Bylaw 701 and shall be published in the Cal South Manual of Operations. USSF Bylaw 701 provides in pertinent part as follows:

The parties shall be accorded:

- (1) Notice of specific charges or alleged violations in writing and possible consequences if the charges are found to be true;
- (2) Reasonable time between receipt of the notice of charges and the hearing within which to prepare a defense
- (3) The right to have the hearing conducted at a time and place so as to make it practicable for the person charged to attend
- (4) A hearing before a disinterested and impartial body of fact-finders
- (5) The right to be assisted in the presentation of one's case at the hearing
- (6) The right to call witnesses and present oral and written evidence and argument
- (7) The right to confront witnesses including the right to be provided the identity of witnesses in advance of the hearing
- (8) The right to have a record made of the hearing, if desired, and
- (9) A written decision, with reasons for the decision, based solely on the evidence of record, issued in a timely fashion (Effective October 8, 2000)

3.4.3. A copy of the Cal South Manual of Operations section defining Protest, Appeal, and Disciplinary Hearing procedures shall be supplied to any affiliated player or administrator upon written request to the Cal South Corporate Office.

#### 3.4.3.1. Suspension Because of Litigation

Any person participating in any sanctioned or sponsored program of Cal South who becomes involved as a defendant in litigation detrimental to the welfare of youth players or litigation based on activities detrimental to the welfare of youth players, shall be suspended by Cal South from all soccer-related activities until the completion of the litigation. The

status of the person shall be reviewed by Cal South at the completion of the litigation. Matters detrimental to the welfare of youth players shall include crimes of moral turpitude and felonies. The person has the right to appeal whether the matter which is the substance of the accusation, if true, is detrimental to the welfare of youth players.

3.4.4. No Cal South League, club, coach, administrator, team, referee, player, member or their representative may invoke the aid of the Courts of State of California, or of the United States, without first exhausting all available remedies as set forth in USSF Rule.

3.4.4.1. If any person described in Section 3.4.4. invokes the aid of the courts as specified above, then such persons are subject to the penalties cited below.

3.4.4.2. For violation of this rule, the offending party shall be subject to the sanctions of suspension and fines and may be liable to USSF and Cal South for all expenses incurred by USSF and its officers, and Cal South and its officers, as appropriate, in defending each court action, including but not limited to the following:

3.4.4.2.1. Court costs.

3.4.4.2.2. Attorney fees.

3.4.4.2.3. Reasonable compensation for the time spent by USSF and Cal South Officers and employees in responding to and defending against allegations in the action, including responses to discovery court appearance.

3.4.4.2.4. Travel expenses.

3.4.4.2.5. Expenses for holding special National Youth Council and Cal South Board of Directors meetings necessitated by Court action.

3.4.5. Any person who directly or indirectly attempts to, or threatens, dissuades, interferes, influences or impedes any witness, complaining party or Cal South Protest, Appeals and Disciplinary or Risk Management representative in connection with any Protest, Appeal and Disciplinary or Risk Management investigation, hearing or appeal is subject to the sanctions of probation, suspension, and fines. (Effective October 8, 2000)

3.4.6. Any person who fails to appear after receiving a written notice to appear as a witness or a party charged at a Protest, Appeal, and Disciplinary hearing or Risk Management hearing is subject to the sanctions of probation, suspensions, and fines. For the purpose of the delivery, a written notice to appear shall be served at least (7) seven days prior to the hearing date by certified mail, express mail, via facsimile or personally upon the witness or complaining party, and in the case of a minor, the minor's parent, guardian, or other responsible party for the minor. (Effective October 8, 2000)

3.5. Misconduct Toward Game Official Referee or Assistant

Misconduct against referees may occur before, during and after the match, including travel to and from the match. Misconduct may occur also at later times when directly related to duties of a game official as a referee.

### 3.5.1. Terms and References

- 1) “Referee” includes the following:
  - a) All currently registered USSF referees, assistant referees, 4<sup>th</sup> official, or others duly appointed to assist in officiating in a match.
  - b) Any non-licensed, non-registered person serving in an emergency capacity as a referee.
  - c) Any club assistant referee
- 2) “Hearing means a meeting as described in the Cal South Manual of Operations.
- 3) “Referee Assault” is an intentional act of physical violence at or upon at referee. “Intentional act” shall mean an act intended to bring about a result which will invade the interests of another in a way that is socially unacceptable. Unintended consequences of the act are irrelevant.
  - a) Assault includes, but is not limited to the following acts committed upon a referee: hitting, kicking, punching, choking, spitting on, grabbing or bodily running into a referee; head butting, the act of kicking or throwing any object at a referee that could inflict injury; damaging the referee’s uniform or personal property, i.e., car, equipment, etc.
- 4) “Referee Abuse” is a verbal statement or physical act not resulting in bodily contact which implies or threatens physical harm to a referee or the referee’s property or equipment
  - a) Abuse includes, but is not limited to the following acts committed upon a referee: using foul or abusing language towards a referee; spewing any beverage on a referee’s personal property; spitting at (but not on) the referee; or verbally threatening a referee. Verbal threats are remarks that carry the implied or direct threat of physical harm. Such remarks as “I’ll get you after the game” or “You won’t get out of here in one piece” shall be deemed referee abuse.
- 5) “Touchline Misconduct” is a verbal statement or physical actions that impedes, distracts, interferes, or delays in any manner, a referee from the duties of game management. (Added May 1, 2004)

3.5.1.1. When any affiliated player, coach, manager, assistant coach, administrator, club/league official, game official, member, or any person reasonably construed as being associated with the team such as relatives and spectators who assaults or abuses a referee, the original jurisdiction to adjudicate the matter shall vest immediately in Cal South.

3.5.1.2. When an allegation of assault is verified by Cal South, the accused is automatically suspended until the alleged assault is adjudicated.

3.5.1.3. Cal South must hold a hearing within thirty (30) days of the assault or, if applicable the thirty (30) day period provided by subsection 3.5.2.3 of this section. If Cal South does not adjudicate the matter within that period of time, original jurisdiction shall immediately vest in the National Appeals Committee to adjudicate the matter, to which the same provisions as to the term of suspension shall apply.

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3.5.1.4. Failure to hold the initial hearing shall not rescind the automatic suspension.

3.5.1.5. In cases of referee abuse, Level One – District Commissioners, Leagues, Tournament Authorities, State Cup Committee(s) may hold a hearing if the hearing is held in accordance with Cal South procedures as outlined in the Cal South Manual of Operations for Protests, Appeals, and Discipline. Any case of alleged referee abuse may be elevated to the Cal South PAD Committee.

### 3.5.2. Events and Tournaments

3.5.2.1. In the event an assault on or abuse of a referee perpetrated by a member of Cal South in an event outside of the Cal South territory, the referee shall (A) immediately notify the Event/Tournament Chairman, and (B) forward a copy of the game report and his/her comments on the incident to the Event/Tournament Chairman and Cal South Corporate Office.

3.5.2.2. The Event/Tournament Chairman shall have the right to immediately convene a hearing at the site of the Event/Tournament, at which the player, her/his coach, and the game officials should be present. Information presented at this hearing shall promptly be relayed to Cal South by the Event/Tournament Chairman, verbally and in writing; however, failure to provide written information shall not restrict Cal South taking action with regard to any assault.

3.5.2.3. Final jurisdiction shall vest with Cal South and a hearing shall be held within thirty (30) days of the initial report of the assault on a referee.

### 3.5.3. Penalties and Suspensions

3.5.3.1. The players, coach, manager, assistant coach, administrator, club/league official or member who is found to have committed the assault is automatically suspended as follows:

- a) For a minor or slight touching of the referee or the referee's uniform or personal property, at least three (3) months from the time of the assault (except as provided in clauses b) or c)
- b) For an assault committed by an adult and the referee is seventeen (17) years or younger, the suspension shall be at least three (3) years
- c) For an assault when serious injuries are inflicted at least five (5) years

### 3.5.4. Appeals

3.5.4.1. Assault: A player, coach, manager or official who is found to have committed the assault may appeal the decision by following the procedures defined in Cal South Protest, Appeal & Disciplinary Procedures Manual, Section IX.6.

3.5.4.2. Abuse: A player, coach, manager or official who is found to have committed the abuse may appeal the decision by following the procedures defined in Cal South Protest, Appeal & Disciplinary Procedures Manual, Section IX.6.

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### 3.5.5. Procedures for Reporting Assault and Abuse

3.5.5.1. Procedures for reporting of referee assault and/or abuse shall be developed by the National Referee Committee to all Federation registered referees for use in their national state association.

3.5.5.2. Referees shall transmit a written report of the alleged assault and/or abuse within 48 hours of the incident (unless there is a valid reason for later reporting) to Cal South and the State Youth Referee Administrator. For tournaments or special events, the referee shall transmit a written report to the tournament director on the day of the incident and to Cal South and the State Youth Referee Administrator within 10 days of the incident.

3.5.6. Upon any allegation of an assault on a referee or assistant referee, the original jurisdiction to adjudicate the matter shall immediately vest in Cal South.

### 3.6. Misconduct Toward a Non-Referee

3.6.1. When it shall be alleged that any affiliated player, or coach, or administrator, or member has committed an assault upon any other player, or coach, or administrator, or upon a spectator at any affiliated game, the Competition Authority shall immediately notify Cal South (Cal South shall be defined as either the District Commissioner, the Cal South Board, or the Cal South Protest, Appeals, and Disciplinary Committee). The information will be sent to the Cal South Corporate Office within 72 hours of the alleged offense. Cal South will determine which level will adjudicate the alleged offense. Should the Competition Authority fail to report such an incident, a referee report or other written complaint shall be grounds for Cal South to act on the allegation of misconduct.

3.6.2. Upon receipt of a written allegation that an affiliated player, or coach, or administrator, or member, has committed an assault upon another player, or coach, or administrator, or upon a spectator at an affiliated game, the adjudicating authority shall immediately suspend the accused individual(s). Such suspension will be communicated by a method described in the Cal South Manual of Operations, Protest and Appeals and Discipline. Cal South will have full authority to assess penalties such as, but not limited to, suspension, revocation/probation.

3.6.3. "Assault" includes, but is not limited to the following act/acts committed upon an affiliated player, coach, administrator, member, or spectator at an affiliated game: the act of kicking, punching, choking, spitting at or on, grabbing or bodily running into, the act of kicking or throwing any object at another player, coach, administrator, or spectator that could inflict injury or damage to said person or his/her personal property, i.e., car, equipment, etc.

3.6.4. Any affiliated player or administrator who shall be adjudged to have committed an assault upon a player or administrator or upon a spectator at an affiliated game shall have the right of appeal. The appeal of a League, circuit or tournament decision shall be directed to the District Commissioner in whose District the incident occurred, within forty-eight (48)



hours, of the receipt of the Competition Authority decision. Appeal of a State or America Cup decision shall be as provided in the Cup rules. Subsequent appeal shall follow normal appellant Levels.

3.6.5. Disciplinary sanction or suspension, imposed as the result of an assault, shall remain in full force and effect and unless it is overturned on appeal or review, regardless of the level at which it was imposed.

## 4. Disclaimer of Financial Responsibility

California State Soccer Association-South (Cal South) specifically disclaims financial responsibility for, and shall not assume nor be held liable for, the debts or financial obligations, either expressed or implied of any league, or club, or team, or any of the coaches, managers, officers, officials, or members of any affiliated league, or club, or team.

## 5. Governance of Leagues, Playing Circuits and Tournaments with Players and Teams not Registered to Cal South

### 5.1. Competition Authority

A league, playing circuit or tournament, hereafter called the Competition Authority, shall not discriminate against the participation of players or teams on the basis of that player or team's membership in, or affiliation with, another organization. (USSF Bylaw 603.2)

### 5.2. USSF Member Organization Participation

A Competition Authority shall allow participation of a USSF Member Organization (defined per USSF Bylaw 202) team or player based upon acceptance criteria established by the Competition Authority notwithstanding rule 5.1.

### 5.3. Fees

5.3.1. The Cal South Board of Directors shall annually establish the program fee applicable to Member Organization teams accepted by Cal South leagues or playing circuits for league play. This fee shall not include the USSF and USYSA membership fees but shall include the full cost of providing the programs of Cal South to its participants.

5.3.2. A tournament sponsor may charge each non-Cal South team an additional fee of not more than \$25 to participate in the tournament. (USSF Bylaw 603.2)

5.3.3. A Cal South league or playing circuit shall collect from each participating non-Cal South team the Program Fee determined by the Cal South Board of Directors. That fee shall be forwarded by the league or playing circuit program administrators to the Cal South Corporate Office upon acceptance of the team along with the name of the team, the team

roster of all players and administrators, the name of the Member Organization the team is registered to USSF through and all documents required in 5.7

5.3.4. Other fees, as listed below, shall be set by the Cal South Board of Directors.

5.4. Member Organization Team Registration

A Member Organization team may choose to register with Cal South as a means of delivering the required information to Cal South. The Program Fee for teams registering with Cal South shall be the registration fee determined by the Cal South Board of Directors.

5.5. Member Organization Requirements

All Cal South and Competition Authority requirements shall apply to Member Organization players, program administrators and teams accepted by the Competition Authority for play, i.e., coaching license requirements, player identification requirements, risk management programs, disciplinary processes, etc., and the program requirements set forth in the bylaws, rules and regulations of the Competition Authority.

5.6. Member Organization Program Participation

All Member Organization players, Program Administrators and teams once accepted for play by a league or playing circuit, shall have equal opportunity to participate in Cal South programs, i.e., State Select Team selection processes, State Open Cup Competitions, Coaching License programs, etc. Fees collectable for access to these programs shall be the same for Cal South and non-Cal South players, administrators and teams. Access to USYSA programs, such as the US National Youth Championships, requires the registration of Member Organization teams through Cal South and USYSA.

5.7. Member Organization Documentation

All Member Organization players, program administrators and teams shall execute the same documentation on the same forms as required by Cal South teams, players and administrators. Submission of these required documents to the Cal South Corporate Office shall be through the league or playing circuit accepting the team for play.

## 6. Risk Management

6.1. Cal South Risk Management Policy Statement

It is the intent of Cal South to provide an environment that fosters the wellbeing and safety of its players and members. Cal South cannot guarantee that no harm or offense may be suffered by its players and members. However, with the observance of the rules and the vigilance of all members the best environment to preserve the wellbeing and safety of its players may be attained.

It is further the intent of Cal South that all of its members shall be honest and forthright in providing the information requested herein. Cal South shall use diligence in performing the obligations as set forth herein. Cal South shall not be liable to any of its members or players unless it is grossly negligent in the performance of its responsibilities as defined herein.

The Risk Management Operations Manual shall govern the administration of the Cal South Risk Management Program, consistent with USSF Bylaw 213(1)(a)(2) and, as required by USSF Rule 4044.

Bylaw 213(1)(a)(2) and Rule 4044 provide as follows:

#### Bylaw 213. STATE ASSOCIATION RESPONSIBILITIES

Section 1(a)(2). The State Association will not discriminate against any individual on the basis of race, color, religion, age, sex or national origin. (Effective October 8, 2000)

The United States Youth Soccer Association and each National State Association is responsible for establishing and monitoring a Risk Management Program within its assigned territory. At a minimum this program must include:

- (1) use of an employment/volunteer disclosure statement for all volunteers, employees, coaches and program administrators who are involved with any sanctioned or sponsored program of the affiliated organization; and
- (2) identification of a Risk Management Coordinator (RMC) and an alternate for the position.

Pursuant to USSF Rule 4044, Cal South has adopted the USYSA KidSafe Program and has developed a program to disseminate health, safety and financial guidelines, which are appropriate to the game of soccer.

The following sections provide for the administration of the Cal South KidSafe program.

#### 6.2. Risk Management Committee

The overall responsibility for the administration of the Cal South Risk Management Program shall rest with the Vice President, who will Chair the Risk Management Committee with the State Risk Management Chairman (SRMC), who shall be the Vice-Chairman. The SRMC shall be appointed by the Cal South Board of Directors, and shall serve in accordance with Cal South rules governing committee members. The Risk Management Committee shall consist of the Vice President, SRMC, and the Cal South Corporate Office Risk Management Coordinator CORMC (Revised February 5, 2005)

#### 6.3. KidSafe Program

##### 6.3.1. Program Overview

6.3.1.1. California Youth Soccer Association South has adopted USSF Bylaw 213 and the

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USYSA KidSafe program and it is the intent of Cal South to exclude from participation, at a minimum, all persons who engage in discriminatory conduct, have been convicted of crimes of violence, crimes against persons, crimes against property or felonies. Cal South will comply with all USYSA guidelines and procedures. (Effective October 8, 2000)

6.3.1.2. USYSA and Cal South have placed as a condition of registration, the requirement of all Program Administrators to complete a Cal South Administrator Registration Form. Only persons who comply with this condition shall be registered as a Program Administrator by Cal South. (Effective March 7, 1999) (Revised February 5, 2005)

6.3.1.2.1. Program Administrators are defined as: State Board, education staff, ODP coaches, and scouts, district, league and club officers, and program directors, team managers, athletic trainers, coaches, assistant coaches and substitute coaches, and anyone else who has an official capacity in the soccer program.

6.3.1.2.2. Referees, assistant referees and 4th officials shall be governed by the rulings of the SRA, SYRA, USSF and Cal South.

6.3.1.3. It is the policy of Cal South that every reasonable effort will be taken under the KidSafe program to exclude from program responsibilities (not to be confused with parental responsibilities affecting their own children) any adult or minor with a documented history of child molestation, e.g., a criminal record, that would bring any unnecessary risk to the health and safety of Cal South's soccer program participants.

6.3.1.4. All Program Administrators shall agree to be subject to a legally sensitive criminal history check requiring fingerprinting before their participation in the Cal South soccer program.

### **6.3.2. Cal South Risk Management Policy for Criminal Offender Record Information**

This policy has been developed to meet the requirements of the State of California, Department of Justice, Bureau of Criminal Identification and Information, Field Operation and Record Security Section for any agency that maintains or receives criminal history information.

Cal South Program Administrators are those who work with or around children and youth in an official capacity and have agreed to be subject to a criminal history check that requires fingerprinting and processing through the California Department of Justice. Program Administrators are defined as State, District, League and Club Board of Directors, Officers, and program directors; head coaches, assistant coaches, substitute coaches and trainers; team managers, team parents and anyone else who has an official capacity with Cal South. (Revised February 5, 2005)

The overall responsibility for the administration of the Program Administrators' fingerprinting and resulting criminal history information rests with the Cal South Vice President. The Cal South Vice President shall be assisted by the Cal South State Risk Management Coordinator (SRMC), Cal South Corporate Office Risk Management Coordinator (CORMC) and the Cal South Chief Operating Officer in administering the Risk Management Program. (Revised February 5, 2005)

#### Cal South Rules and Regulations

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a. Records Security: Any questions regarding the release, security and privacy of the Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) are to be resolved by the Vice President or SRMC, or both. CORI is available only to the Vice President, SRMC, Cal South Corporate Office Risk Management Coordinator (CORMC) and the Chief Operating Officer. The Cal South Corporate Office Risk Management Coordinator (CORMC) & the Chief Operating Officer shall work only under the direction of the Vice President or SRMC. (Revised February 5, 2005)

b. Records Storage: CORI shall be under lock and key and accessible only to the Vice President, SRMC, Cal South Corporate Office Risk Management Coordinator (CORMC) and the Chief Operating Officer. The Cal South Corporate Office Risk Management Coordinator (CORMC) & the Chief Operating Officer shall only access CORI at the direction of the Vice President or SRMC. Cal South is committed to protect CORI from unauthorized access, use or disclosure. (Revised February 5, 2005)

c. Records Dissemination: CORI shall be used only for the purpose of registering Program Administrators in Cal South, including denial, suspension and revocation of administrator privileges. Information may be used in the hearing process for the denial, suspension or revocation of privileges by the Risk Management Appeal Board.

d. Records Retention and Destruction: A program administrator's CORI in which an action has been taken on shall be retained for 3 years maximum, at the end of which all copies shall be destroyed. All other CORI records not requiring action will be immediately destroyed upon updating of Cal South Risk Management record. (Revised February 5, 2005).

e. Records Reproduction: CORI shall only be reproduced for dissemination by the Vice President, SRMC, Cal South Corporate Office Risk Management Coordinator (CORMC) or the Chief Operating Officer, under the direction of the Vice President or SRMC. (Revised February 5, 2005)

f. Training: The Vice President, SRMC, Cal South Corporate Office Risk Management Coordinator (CORMC) and the Chief Operating Officer are required to:

1. Read and abide by this policy.
2. Be fingerprinted and have a criminal history check.
3. Have on file a signed copy of the Risk Management Disclosure Form and a signed copy of this policy.

g. Penalties: Misuse of California Department of Justice CORI can be a misdemeanor. Violation of this policy regarding CORI may result in suspension, dismissal, and prosecution.

### **6.3.3. Program Administration**

This program shall be administered by the Risk Management Committee and overseen by the Vice President (Chairman) and SRMC (Vice Chairman) of the Committee. All members

of the committee shall be fingerprinted and have criminal history checks completed prior to assuming office (Revised February 5, 2005)

6.3.3.1. The authority to deny acceptance or suspend from any official capacity any Program Administrator for Risk Management concerns as established by the Cal South Board of Directors rests with the Vice President and SRMC and is subject to Board of Directors approval. In the event the Vice President and SRMC disagree or are both unavailable, either may present the issue to the Board of Directors for resolution. The Vice President and SRMC have the authority to summarily deny or summarily suspend any applicant's privileges.

6.3.3.2. The SRMC, under the direction of the Vice President and SRMC shall serve as the chief record custodian and be responsible for secure storage of all Program Administrator Forms and criminal history reports from the California Department of Justice. All Records will be stored at the Cal South office. (Revised February 5, 2005)

6.3.3.3. The SRMC shall be responsible for monitoring compliance of the KidSafe Program which includes, but is not limited to:

6.3.3.3.2. Review of Department of Justice Reports (Revised February 5, 2005).

6.3.3.3.3. Insuring Cal South's conducting criminal history checks in conjunction with the California Department of Justice. (Revised February 5, 2005)

6.3.3.3.4. Notification of exclusion to those applicants who fail to meet the standards of the program as defined by Cal South. (Revised February 5, 2005)

6.3.3.3.5. With specific Cal South Board of Directors approval, require submission of fingerprints and order a criminal history check on all program administrators (Revised February 5, 2005)

6.3.3.4.6. Perform the duties of a CORMC, when the CORMC position is vacant.

6.3.3.4.7. Report to the Vice President and the Cal South Board of Directors.

#### **6.3.4. Registration Procedures for Program Administrators**

6.3.4.1. Registration for program administrators shall be available on a year-round basis through Cal South designated Live Scan Vendors or authorized California Department of Justice Live Scan vendors located at various locations within Cal South. The Cal South Corporate Office shall maintain and make available to program administrator applicants, a list of the name, address and telephone numbers of all such vendor information whom applicants may contact for scheduling of risk management registration. (Effective March 7, 1999) (Revised February 5, 2005)

6.3.4.2. The Cal South WEB PAGE shall also maintain and make available to program administrator applicants a list of the name, address and telephone numbers of all Risk Management Vendors whom applicants may contact for scheduling of risk management registration.



6.3.4.3.1. Registration for program administrators shall be conducted on a year round basis. Each Applicant shall sign a Cal South Program Administrator Registration Form which clearly states that they in fact understand the following: (Revised February 5, 2005)

(i) Cal South may deny participation to any person who has been arrested or convicted of a crime

(ii) In applying for a Cal South position, they are required to be subject to a criminal history check and subsequent arrest notification requiring fingerprinting

(iii) As a program administrator, they hereby agree to abide by league, club, Cal South, US Youth Soccer, USSF and FIFA Bylaws, rules, policies and procedures. They further agree that they are accountable for knowing, understanding and following the same Bylaws, rules, regulations, policies and procedures.

#### 6.3.4.3.2. Risk Management Registration Procedures

(i) The applicant shall complete a Cal South Program Administrator Registration Form and submit the form to their sanctioned league for processing and submittal to the Cal South Corporate Office. (Revised February 5, 2005)

(ii) The applicant shall be fingerprinted by the Live Scan Vendors (beginning 5/1/05)

(iii) The applicant shall pay a fee prescribed by the Cal South Board of Directors, for fingerprinting

6.3.4.4. All program administrators must have in their possession their VALID Cal South Identification Card whenever they are involved in Cal South activities. (Revised February 5, 2005)

6.3.4.5. Only persons having in their possession a valid Cal South Identification card in their possession may actively participate with a team during a Cal South sanctioned game. (Effective March 7, 1999) (Revised February 5, 2005)

### **6.3.5. Denial, Suspension, and Revocation of Administrator Privileges**

6.3.5.1. The Vice President and SRMC, with Board of Directors approval, have the authority to deny, suspend, or revoke any applicant's privileges as a Program Administrator for Risk Management concerns as established by the Cal South Board of Directors. Once the Board of Directors has approved the authority of the Vice President and SRMC to deny, suspend or revoke a Program Administrator's privileges the decision may not be overruled except as set forth in the appeals process in Section 6.3.7.

6.3.5.2. The Vice President and SRMC have the authority to summarily deny or summarily suspend any applicant's privileges of serving as a Program Administrator for Risk Management concerns, provided the denial or summary suspension is submitted to the Board of Directors within 60 days of the date of the denial or summary suspension.

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6.3.5.3. A league may, upon written request, petition Cal South to deny, suspend or revoke the privileges of a Program Administrator or applicant for Risk Management concerns. The written request shall be submitted to the SRMC and the Vice President of Cal South in care of the Corporate Office. The SRMC shall investigate the request and reply in writing within 30 days to the league. (Effective March 7, 1999)

6.3.5.3. The following grounds may result in exclusion from serving as a Program Administrator:

6.3.5.3.1. Any arrest or conviction for a crime of violence, a crime against a person, a crime against property, or a felony. (Effective March 7, 1999) (Revised February 5, 2005)

6.3.5.3.2. Any report of child abuse appearing on the Child Abuse Index.

6.3.5.3.3. Any record of sexual offense and/or sexual misconduct.

6.3.5.3.4. Use of/or conviction for use of illegal drugs.

6.3.5.3.5. Becoming the subject of a Domestic Violence Protection Act Order.

6.3.5.3.6. Documented history of alcohol abuse (DUI'S etc.)

6.3.5.3.7. Intentionally falsifying of information (Cal South Rule 2.3.7) (Revised February 5, 2005)

6.3.5.3.8. Refusal to fully complete the Administrator Disclosure Form. (Revised February 5, 2005)

6.3.5.3.9. Refusal to submit fingerprints when required to under this document.

6.3.5.3.10. Any conduct which discriminates against any individual on the basis of race, color, ancestry, national origin, religion, age, marital status, sex, and sexual orientation which includes sexual harassment, which may consist of a request for sexual favors, unwanted sexual advances or propositions, verbal, physical and visual harassment, stalking, and unwanted sexual contact. (Effective October 8, 2000)

6.3.5.3.11. Any other information that casts serious doubt on the applicant's ability to be entrusted with the supervision, guidance and care of minors.

6.3.5.4. Any person participating in a sanctioned or sponsored program of Cal South who becomes involved as a defendant in litigation detrimental to the welfare of youth players, or litigation based on activities detrimental to the welfare of youth players, shall be suspended by the SRMC or Vice President from all soccer-related activities until completion of the litigation. Upon written request of the suspended person, the status of such person shall be reviewed by the State Risk Management Committee at the completion of the litigation. Matters detrimental to the welfare of youth players shall include crimes of moral turpitude and felonies. The person has a right to appeal whether the matter which is the substance of the accusation, if true, is detrimental to the welfare of youth players. (USYSA Rule 4043) Privileges may be reinstated at the conclusion of the litigation process by the State Risk Management Committee. (Effective March 7, 1999)



6.3.5.5. Any action pursuant to Rule 6.3.5.4 is subject to the appeal procedures set forth in Rule 6.3.7. (Effective March 7, 1999) (Revised February 5, 2005)

6.3.5.6. Evidentiary Standard: Determinations made to deny, suspend or revoke administrator privileges shall be based on the preponderance of the evidence. Preponderance of the evidence means superior evidentiary weight that, though not sufficient to free the mind wholly from all reasonable doubt, is still sufficient to incline a fair and impartial mind to one side of the issue rather than the other. (Effective October 8, 2000) Evidentiary rules shall be those used in administrative hearing in the State of California.

### **6.3.6. Provisional and Conditional Administrator Privileges**

6.3.6.1. The Vice President and SRMC may jointly approve the issuance of administrator privileges, subject to conditions, including but not limited to an appropriate duration to allow that the administrator complete sensitivity training, anger management training, etc., provided the conditional administrator privileges are approved by the BOD within 60 days of the date of issuance. (Effective October 8, 2000)

### **6.3.7. Appeal Procedures**

The Cal South Board of Directors shall appoint a Risk Management Appeal Board consisting of three persons to hear appeals arising from Risk Management denials, suspensions or revocations, by Cal South. Persons involved in the decision to deny, suspend or revoke shall not sit on the three-person appeal board. The decisions of this Appeal Board shall be appealable to USSF pursuant to USSF Rule 705. The SRMC and/or Vice President shall serve as the presenter of the case to the appeal board. (Effective March 7, 1999)

6.3.7.1. Upon receipt of the notice of denial, suspension, or revocation the applicant has fifteen (15) business days to notify the SRMC that he/she desires to appeal such action. This notification shall be in writing and submitted along with a \$25 check payable to Cal South to the SRMC in care of the Corporate Office. A person (appellant) suspended pursuant to Rule 6.3.5.4 may seek reinstatement any time following the conclusion of the litigation process. (Effective March 7, 1999)

6.3.7.2. The applicant will be notified, in writing, of the time, date and place of the appeal hearing. Such notification shall be sent by both regular and certified mail or via facsimile transmission. (Effective March 7, 1999)

6.3.8. Notification Procedures Notification of risk management actions shall be communicated to the principle parties at the same time and method and shall be accomplished by one of the following:

6.3.8.1. Certified mail,

6.3.8.2. Express mail,

6.3.8.3. Facsimile,

6.3.8.4. Personally upon the witness or complaining party, and

6.3.8.5. In the case of a minor, the minor's parent, guardian, or other responsible party for the minor.