

## ***Sacramento Youth Soccer League***

Affiliated with: C.Y.S.A.-N. • U.S.Y.S.A. • U.S.S.F. & F.I.F.A.

**SYSL Coaches Welcome to the Soccer season!**

**Please take the time to read the items very carefully on the website under Coach info. Hopefully we have answered some questions you may have before you need to ask them.**

### **Player Passes**

**The most important things are your Player Passes. Please check them very carefully and report immediately any errors on any of the passes; are you missing any passes; or do you have a player pass of a child that is not on your team. If there are any problems report them to your Club Registrar or ClubManager to have them corrected immediately. DO NOT TRADE or EXCHANGE any of the players passes with any other Coach. Any Changes to be made must go through the Club Registrar.**

**Remember *No* player may be played in any game without presenting their Player Pass to the Referee before participating! You need to know where your passes are at all times. These passes need to be given to your players (or the Referee) before the start of each game, and collected back from the Referee at the end of the game. A suggestion, You may have a responsible parent take care of the passes for you and make sure these passes are at all the games.**

**Each Coach and Assistant Coach will also be issued a pass. They are to be given to the Referee before the start of each game and collected back with the rest of the passes. NO person may act as a Coach unless they have an official Coach pass.**

**If your team is in the Metro or CPL league, you WILL NOT be able to COACH without a Coach's pass. In the event of a RED CARD (send off) of one of your players (or Coach), the Referee will keep those pass(es) and you will have them returned by the PAD Chairperson after the disposition of the Hearing.**

**Most importantly-“NO PASS—NO PLAY!!”**

### **GAME CARDS**

**All Recreational teams, U8 through U14, should have 5 game cards. These are to be used only for your Home games. You must complete both sides and give to the Referee about 15 minutes before the start of your game so that the Referee may give it to the opposing team to have them complete their portion of the card. The Home Team needs to fill in the game information portion (date/age group/time/field) and the players' names and jersey numbers. The Visiting Team only needs to complete their players' names and jersey numbers. Both teams need to fill in their full club & team name, and a note next to a player that is not playing or won't be playing at least half of the game with the reason why (i.e., ill; injured; absent; etc.) Immediately after the game ends it is the Home Team's responsibility to then give the completed game card to the designated Club representative.**

**Please Note that double digit scores are frowned upon by the League, especially at the U6, U8 and U10 level.**

**Be a good Coach and make adjustments on the field that will provide a positive experience for your team and the opposing team.**

## **REPORTING GAME SCORES**

Each week, during the season, it is every Coaches responsibility to post their scores to the syst website at [teamsideline.com](http://teamsideline.com) *within 24 hours* after the end of their game.

*Reporting your scores must be done eachweek right after the scheduled game* as your club will be fined for each team that hasn't reported their scores timely. If your team happens to have a BYE one week, you still need to report that your team had a BYE that week. Any Red Card (send offs) issued) during your game must also be reported at the time you report your score.

**\*\*\*\*\*Please Note\*\*\*\*\***

We do not keep Standings for U-6 teams, there is no need to report those scores. Game cards are not used for these games.

The Metro teams or the teams that are playing in the District 6's CPL and CCSL have a different method (or phone number) to call to report their scores.

### **24 Hour Send Off (RED CARD) Report**

If you are the Home Team at a game, and a Referee ejects a player or coach of either team, they need to complete a 24 Hour Send Off Report for that incident.

There will be no problems if parents and friends understand that the players need encouragement, understanding and support, not criticism. And the same applies to the Referees, who, in most cases, are volunteers just like you! We know that it can be very frustrating if the Referee does not interpret the laws of the game the way you think they should be, but remember, the Referee may not see what you saw as they were at a different angle and would have seen it differently. Any type of abuse directed at the Referee serves no useful purpose other than to make it harder every year to get more Referees. So please, be tolerant and patient during all your games.

If you have any questions, or problems, during the season, make every attempt to resolve them at the Club level first. Please contact your Club Manager and/or Club Head Referee before coming to the League level. If they do not have an answer for you they know the proper people to contact to get the information. We are a large group who want to make your job, as a Coach, as pleasant and fulfilling as possible.

Soccer is a team sport which is one of it's most wonderful attributes. We have a chance to make every child feel like they are important to the team effort no matter if they are the star or may only kick the ball once or twice in a game. Remember, you must play every player at least 1/2 the game. You need to notify the Referee before the start of a game of any player that will not play, or will not play at least 1/2 the game. Also, make a notation on the game card.

Thank you for your dedication and support. Without volunteers like you we could not function. We hope this is a positive experience for you as well as for your team. If we can offer any suggestions or explanations to help you we would be more than happy to do so.

**The Executive Board, Sacramento Youth Soccer**