



# RULES OF COMPETITION AYSO SECTION ONE PLAYOFFS 2013-2014 CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES



These Playoff games will be conducted in accordance with the current FIFA Laws of the Game, under current AYSO National Rules and Regulations; Section One Rules and Regulations, and the following Guidelines:

## 1. TEAM REGISTRATIONS AND ELIGIBILITY

- A. One (1) hour prior to your first scheduled game time, coaches shall present themselves along with the entire team to the playoff official at the check-in area. Team line-up cards, rosters, player registration (medical authorization) forms and uniforms will be inspected.
- B. Properly completed lineup cards **in uniform number order** shall be presented to the tournament official prior to the start of the game and shall include the names of all players, present or not, and an explanation of absences. **(4 cards for U19 and U16; 5 cards for U10, U12 and U14)**
- C. Regions that have failed to submit the required player registration fees to the National Office by October 1st or carrying past due balances over 60 days shall be ineligible for participation in the Section One Playoff Games.

## 2. ROSTER SIZE/PLAY FORMAT

Division	Playing Format	Maximum Roster size	Minimum Roster Size
U16 – U19	11 v 11	18 (22)*	12
U14	11 v 11	15 (22)*	12
U12	9 v 9	14 (18)*	10
U10	7 v 7	10 (14)*	8

\*Per National Rules & Regulations Article II. D, expanded roster sizes require prior approval of the Area Director

## 3. OFFICIAL UNIFORM

- A. There will be strict observance of the AYSO uniform dress code. All team participants will be uniformed in the same, matching color/style jersey, shorts, and socks without exception.
- B. Shin guards must be worn, completely under the issued uniform sock.
- C. If any player is found to be in improper uniform, it must be corrected before the offending player(s) shall be allowed to play. Decisions of the Playoff Official regarding uniforms are final and may not be appealed. In case of inclement weather, garments may be worn under uniforms provided they are unseen and they are all of the same style, length, and color and do not constitute a color conflict.

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- D. In case of conflicting colors, if a team has alternate jerseys, it shall be allowed to change; otherwise, **both teams** shall wear scrimmage vests provided by the Area or Section hosting the competition.

### 4. FORMAT

#### A. Preliminary Pool Play:

Under 19 - Two (2) 35 minute halves  
Under 16 - Two (2) 35 minute halves  
Under 14 - Two (2) 25 minute halves  
Under 12 - Two (2) 20 minute halves  
Under 10 - Two (2) 20 minute halves

Tie games will stand.

1. Point System. An accumulated point system will be used as follows:

6 points for win  
3 points for a tie  
0 point for loss  
1 point (up to 3) Goals scored (win or lose)  
1 point Shutout (i.e. 0-0=4 Points)  
8 points Forfeit

1 point deduction for Send-off (Ejections) whether spectator, player, substitute or coach

2. Point ties between first place teams will be broken on the following basis:

- a. Prior head to head play
- b. Fewest send-offs (ejections)
- c. Fewest goals allowed
- d. Goal differential (maximum 3 per game)
- e. Sportsmanship
- f. Coin toss

3. The first place team in each pool group will advance to the Semi-finals.

#### B. Semifinals and finals and Extra Playoffs will be single elimination. The duration of the games will be full length in accordance with National Rules & Regulations I. B.

1. In case of ties, the following tie breaking system shall apply:

- a. In case of a tie at the end of regulation time, two (2) overtime periods shall be played as follows:

Under 19 – Two (2) 10 Minutes  
Under 16 – Two (2) 10 Minutes  
Under 14 – Two (2) 9 Minutes

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Under 12 – Two (2) 7 Minutes

Under 10 – Two (2) 5 Minutes

If a team is playing short because of ejections, they will continue to play short during the overtime periods.

- b. In the case of a tie at the conclusion of the two overtimes, the winner shall be determined by FIFA Kicks from the Penalty Mark
  - c. The goalkeeper may be changed after any kick. Only the players on the field at the termination of the overtime periods may take kicks; none of these players may be exempted from taking a kick if the number of kicks required to be taken equals or exceeds the number of players on the field.
  - d. Unless the referee specifies otherwise, non-participating players, substitutes, coaches and other spectators may be allowed on the field behind the halfway line, or off the field behind the penalty area. They shall not interfere in any way with the participating players or referees.
- C. Medals may be awarded for 1st through 4th place. The winners of the AYSO California State Championship may receive an additional award.
- D. If a game is terminated prior to completion, the outcome/standings shall be determined by Playoff Director, Section Director and Section Referee Administrator or designees.
- E. Semi Final Game Groupings and brackets are subject to change at the discretion of the Playoff Director.

### 5. SUBSTITUTIONS

Substitutions will be by quarters in accordance with National Rules & Regulations I. C.

### 6. COMPETITION

- A. The team listed first on the schedule will be considered the home team.
- B. Home teams shall occupy North or East side of the field; visitors shall occupy the opposite side of the field
- C. It shall be mandatory to play a scheduled game. Failure to do so could result in disciplinary action against the coach or team. The coach may present an excuse for such non-appearance, but the full power to uphold the forfeit, to levy discipline or to reschedule the game shall reside with the section director for sectional games, or with their respective designees.
- D. In case of failure to play a regularly scheduled game, the offending team shall lose said game by a score of 1:0.

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### E. Failure to Appear (no-show)

1. Should a team selected to represent their Area in the Playoff Games be unable to play its games as scheduled, a minimum of 48 hours notice must be given to the Playoff Director or Playoff registrar to allow for a replacement team to be selected. In the event that notice is less than 48 hours and a replacement team cannot be found, or the team simply fails to appear, then the following sanctions will apply:
  - a. The Coach involved will be ineligible to participate in the next year's Playoff Games, whether League or All-star.
  - b. *It is strongly recommended that the Area and Region involved suspend the coach for a minimum of one (1) year, from Region or Area competition*
2. Should a team that has advanced from the pool play portion of the Playoff Games to the semi-final and final portion of the Playoff Games fail to appear to play its scheduled games, the above shall apply and in addition that team will forfeit any medals or awards.
3. The Playoff Director will notify the Area Director of the team involved and the actions taken. The Playoff Director shall have the discretion to not impose these sanctions if it is determined that circumstances were beyond the control of the team.

D. Games shall be played as scheduled and only the referee in charge or the Section Director or their respective designees, shall have the authority to cancel such games.

## 7. SEND-OFFS (EJECTIONS)

- A. Any player, substitute or coach who receives a Send-off for violent conduct, serious foul play or abusive language before, during or after a game, will be suspended from the Playoff Games (League and All-star).
- B. Any player, substitute or coach who receives a Send-off for actions other than violent conduct, serious foul play or abusive language before, during or after a game, will be suspended from the **team's** next scheduled game.
- C. Outrageous conduct may result in suspension from AYSO
- D. Any player or coach who receives a Send-off (Ejection) for violent conduct during the regular regional season, regional playoffs, or area playoffs will be ineligible to participate in the section playoffs.
- E. Any player or coach who had received a Send-off (Ejection) for violent conduct during the previous year's section playoffs will be ineligible to participate in the current year's section playoffs.

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## 8. GRACE PERIOD/MINIMUM PLAYERS

A. A minimum number of players shall constitute a team. These minimums are:

<b>Division</b>	<b>Minimum Number of Players</b>
U16-U19	7 players
U14	7 players
U12	6 players
U10	5 players

B. A scheduled game shall not commence nor be continued if one or both teams cannot field the minimum number of eligible players.

C. A grace period of 15 minutes from the scheduled kickoff time shall be allowed by the referee in charge of the game after which the match will be reported as a forfeit if one or both teams are not ready to play.

## 9. ARTIFICIAL NOISEMAKERS

Artificial noisemakers, such as, but not limited to, air horns, cow bells, drums, megaphones, etc., shall not be allowed. Electronic devices used to communicate between the players and the coaches or spectators shall not be allowed.

## 10. PROTESTS

There will be no protest of games, yellow or red cards.

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