

# **NORTH ORANGE COUNTY INTERLEAGUE LEAGUE COMPETITION RULES AND REGULATIONS**

## **SECTION 1- GENERAL**

**1.1-** All NOCIL games shall be played under the current "Laws of the Game" published by FIFA, Cal South, USYSA, and USSF rules apply, except when modified by the NOCIL Director and League Representatives.

**1.2-** All Inter-League sponsored games shall be played under the rules of the NOCIL. It is the responsibility of all participating clubs/teams to acquire information regarding these rules.

**1.3-** NOCIL shall post all Inter-League rules on the NOCIL message board. It is the responsibility of all league administrators, referees, players and parents to be familiar with the NOCIL rules and Regulations.

**1.4-** Games will not be rescheduled by the NOCIL director. Any game(s) that needs to be rescheduled must be agreed upon between both teams and league representatives.

**1.5-** The NOCIL director may reschedule games for Commissioner's Cup and All-Stars, due to inclement weather.

**1.6-** The NOCIL is comprised of the following leagues:

- Anaheim Soccer Association (ASA)
- Brea Soccer Association (BSA)
- Canyon Hills Soccer Association (CHSA)
- Fullerton Rangers Youth Soccer Club (FRYSC)
- Junior United Soccer Association (JUSA)
- Orange Junior Soccer Club (OJSC)
- Whittier America Youth Soccer (WAYS)
- Laguna Niguel Youth Soccer Association (LNYS)
- La Mirada Soccer Association (LMSA)
- Diamond Bar Soccer League (DBSL)

**1.7-** No league may join NOCIL without the majority vote of league representatives.

## **SECTION 2- CLUBS/TEAMS ADMITTANCE INTO NOCIL**

**2.1-** All leagues participating in Inter-League play for U14 – U19 must provide the NOCIL Director with an approximate number of teams playing in the up coming season no later than August 1<sup>st</sup>.

**2.2-** All leagues participating in Commissioner's Cup and All-Stars, for U9 – U14 must provide the NOCIL Director with an approximate number of teams playing, no later than Sept 30th.

### **Section 3- COMMISSIONER'S CUP AND ALL-STAR BOND**

**3.1-** All leagues must post a Bond of \$200.

**3.2-** Should a team fail to show up and forfeit a game, the said team is responsible for the entire Referee fee.

**3.3-** If the said team fails to pay the referee fee, the entire (League) Bond will be forfeited and used to compensate referees.

**3.4-** The league will then be responsible to put up an additional bond for \$200 in the coming year.

**3.5-** Once a league has posted the \$200 bond, it will carry over to the following year, as long as it has not been forfeited.

**3.6-** Each league must provide a field for Commissioner's Cup and All-Stars, failing to provide a field may result in disqualification from the tournament or paying an additional fee to participate.

### **Section 4- Forfeits**

**4.1-** Any player/team found responsible for promoting violence, instigating, or enticing a team disturbance, causing the referee to suspend play prior to the completion of regulation time, will have forfeited that game (even if they are winning at the time of the incident).

**4.2-** The NOCIL Director will review all such incidents. Upon review the team may also be subject to league suspension. Any team under league suspension will forfeit all scheduled games with a score of (0-1) until suspension is complete. If it is found that both teams/players are equally at fault in the suspension of a game, then both teams will receive a forfeit (0-1, 0 points).

**4.3-** Any team/club needing to forfeit a game for any reason, must notify the Home Club representative (U19 & U16) or NOCIL Director (U19) within 48 hours of scheduled game. If the team/club who is forfeiting said game fails to notify proper personnel, the team/club forfeiting will be responsible for the entire referee fees for the scheduled game. The team who forfeits the game will receive a forfeit (0-1, 0 points), with the opposing team receiving a win (1-0, 3 points).

**4.4-** The team that forfeits must have the Referee fee's to the NOCIL Director no later than the first Wednesday after the game. Failing to do so may result in forfeiting the upcoming game.

**4.5-** During Commissioner's Cup and All-Stars if a team forfeits one game they SHALL forfeit all. If a team forfeits a game and fails to pay referee fees, they will also forfeit the entire \$200.00 league bond.

## **Section 5- Conduct and Suspensions**

**5.1-** The safety of all participants and maintaining an atmosphere of good sportsmanship is the responsibility of all members.

**5.2-** Any player or member promoting violence, enticing team dissent, or generally in violation of item (P) may be brought before the NOCIL Director for disciplinary action (including suspension or removal of the player or member) subject to the Cal South and USYSA Disciplinary Guidelines and Procedures.

**5.3-** Any member who instigates violence that leads to harming an opponent, spectator, official, or teammate, in addition to any action defined above, may be subject to criminal prosecution. This type of conduct will not be tolerated and will be aggressively pursued by NOCIL.

**5.4-** Any player, coach or administrator of the team receiving three (3) yellow cards (warning/cautions) within six (6) consecutive matches will be suspended from their next scheduled NOCIL game. Any individual receiving four (4) yellow cards (warning/cautions) during the season shall be suspended for the next scheduled NOCIL game. After a suspension of this type, the count of yellow cards is set to one (1).

**5.5-** Accumulated disciplinary actions (Yellow Cards, Red Cards, and Suspensions) may affect a team's continued participation in league play as well as post-season play.

## **Section 6- Red Cards**

**6.1-** Referees must return all ID cards to the respective coaches following the match except when there is Referee Assault or Violent Conduct on the field. In these cases, the ID card(s) must be retained by the Referee and turned in, with a written report in 24 hours.

**6.2-** If a player receives a Violent Conduct (Fighting / Striking other player or Official) red card, they will not be able to participate in their team's next **FOUR** scheduled games.

**6.3-** All other red card violations regarding a player or ejected official will not be able to participate in their teams next scheduled game.

**6.4-** If a team official (Coach/Manager) is directed to leave the field by the referee it is the same as receiving a red card. As a professional courtesy the referee does not have to show/display a red card to the team official. A report will be submitted by the Referee and sent to the NOCIL Director, along with the coach's administration card. The Team administrator will then miss the next game for the team which he was participating with.

**6.5-** If it is the last game of the season, the suspension carries over to NOCIL post-season play.

**6.6-** If a player or official receives a second red card during the season, they will be suspended for the remainder of the season, or until reinstated by the NOCIL director.

**6.7-** A point will be automatically deducted for a red card.

## **Section 7- Yellow Cards**

7.1- Coaches MUST substitute yellow-carded players at the time the referee shows the yellow card to the player and before restarting the game.

7.2- For every 10 yellow cards that a team accumulates, they will be deducted a point. This will continue throughout the season.

## **Section 8- CONDUCT/SUSPENSIONS**

**8.1-** The safety of all participants and maintaining an atmosphere of good sportsmanship is the responsibility of all members.

**8.2-** Any player or member promoting violence, enticing team dissent, or generally in violation of item a. (above) may be brought before the NOCIL for disciplinary action (including suspension or removal of the player or member) subject to the Cal South and USYSA Disciplinary Guidelines and Procedures.

**8.3-** Any member who instigates violence that leads to harming an opponent, spectator, official, or teammate, in addition to any action defined above, may be subject to criminal prosecution. This type of conduct will not be tolerated and will be aggressively pursued by the NOCIL.

**8.4-** Any player, coach or administrator of the team receiving three (3) yellow cards (warning/cautions) within six (6) consecutive matches

will be suspended from their next scheduled NOCIL game. Any individual receiving four (4) yellow cards (warning/cautions) during the season shall be suspended for the next scheduled NOCIL game. After a suspension of this type, the count of yellow cards is set to one (1).

**8.5-** Any player, coach or administrator receiving a red card (ejection/send off) from the referee, shall be suspended for the remainder of that game and their team's next scheduled game. Should two yellow cards in the same game cause the ejection; both cautions will be counted as yellow cards and counted towards the ten accumulated yellow cards (7.3).

**8.6-** Accumulated disciplinary actions (Yellow Cards, Red Cards, and Suspensions) may affect a team's continued participation in league play as well as post-season play

**8.7-** ANY PLAYER, COACH, OR TEAM MEMBER using foul and/or abusive language or conduct **will** be issued a RED CARD (EJECTION/SEND OFF).

**8.8-** NOTE TO PLAYERS, COACHES, and OFFICIALS, NOCIL is a league for youth and families designed to promote GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP, FAIR PLAY, and a SAFE ENVIRONMENT.

**8.9-** COACHES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL CONDUCT ON THEIR SIDELINES (Including parents, friends, visitors and spectators) and may be issued a RED CARD for failing to control their sidelines.

**8.10-** The NOCIL director has the authority to suspend or place any player, administrator, team or league on probation for unsporting conduct on or off the field.

**8.11-** THE HEAD COACH IS 100% RESPONSIBLE AND ACCOUNTABLE FOR ENFORCING PLAYER SUSPENSIONS; any coach failing to enforce any suspension will be suspended themselves and said game will be forfeited.

## **Section 9- Protests**

**9.1-** If a coach deems it necessary to protest a game because of misapplication of FIFA LAW, or NOCIL Rules, not a judgment call, the coach must notify the referees of the intent to protest, write a brief statement on the card and sign the game card.

**9.2-** A \$100.00 non-refundable protest fee must be turned in within 48 hours to the NOCIL director, along with a one page explanation of the protest, including citation of the NOCIL/FIFA rule the protesting team feels was misapplied.

**9.3-** The NOCIL director, along with the concurrence of two other inter-city representatives, will review the written protest and determine if a FIFA or NOCIL rule violation occurred and that it was not a referee judgment call.

**9.4-** If it is determined that there may have been a misapplication of the rules, the NOCIL director may reschedule the game.

**9.5-** The decision of the NOCIL director is final.

**9.6-** NO JUDGMENT CALL PROTESTS WILL BE ALLOWED.

## **Section 10- CYSA-S PLAYER/COACH/ADMINISTRATOR CARDS**

**10.1-** All PLAYER AND ADMINISTRATOR CARDS MUST HAVE PICTURES. Cards must be stamped, embossed or signed by league registrar and be laminated.

**10.2-** All teams involved in inter-city play must have laminated player cards by the second week of scheduled play.

**10.3-** Temporary player ID cards are no longer accepted.

**10.4-** All players must have a medical release form with parent/guardians' signature. These forms must be available to the referee upon request.

**10.5-** PLAYER CARDS AND MEDICAL RELEASES ARE REQUIRED IN ALL INTER-CITY DIVISIONS. Failure to provide either may result in a forfeit. PLAYERS OR TEAMS WITHOUT CARDS AND MEDICAL RELEASE FORMS MUST NOT PLAY. This also means no scrimmages or pick-up games.

**10.6-** LICENSED COACH/MANAGER: There must be a USYSA licensed coach for each team, at each game. The coach must have a current photo Identification card.

**10.7-** A team without a carded official will forfeit the match. Note: The coach may be from any team within the same league of registration as the team they are representing for the match.

**10.8-** Under certain circumstances the NOCIL director may authorize a team or player to play without player cards. The league representative of said team is responsible to contact the NOCIL director and explain the circumstances.

**10.9-** Under **NO** circumstances may a player play without the medical release form.

## **Section 11- COACHING FROM THE SIDELINES**

**11.1-** If field conditions permit, all divisions shall coach from their side only. Teams and administrators, where possible, shall be on opposite sides of the field.

**11.2-** Coaches must remain in the technical area of 10 yards from mid-field. Coaches are also responsible to insure parents are not sitting or standing beyond the 18 yard line and behind the goal lines,

**11.3-** The head coach is 100% responsible and accountable for insuring players and parents maintain a positive attitude throughout the game.

**11.4-** The head coach may suspend a player if the said parent refuses to listen to the head coach, or team administrator when asked to leave the field.

## **Section 12- HOME AND VISITING TEAM(S) RESPONSIBILITIES**

**12.1-** Complete field set up and take down (nets, flags, field markings, trash cans, etc.) must be completed within 15 minutes of game time or home team forfeits. (As a common courtesy, visiting Team shall assist with set up and take down.

**12.2-** Home team shall change to alternative color jersey if colors conflict with visiting team.

**12.3-** Home team has choice of sidelines.

**12.4-** Visiting team must pick up their trash, (if you bring it with you take it with you).

## **Section 13- SEASON**

**13.1-** League play shall begin on the weekend following Labor Day and end prior to Thanksgiving for U19 & U16. All other divisions must end by the first weekend of December.

**13.2-** Commissioners Cup will begin the second weekend of December and end before Christmas.

**13.3-** All-Stars will begin the second weekend of January and end before the 1<sup>st</sup> of February.

**13.4-** The primary day for play is Saturday. Sunday games will be scheduled as needed.

**13.5-** When possible Sunday games will be scheduled after 12:00 NOON.

## **Section 14- SUBSTITUTIONS**

**14.1-** During League Play, Commissioner's Cup and All-Stars all age groups (U19-U9) are FREE substitution. The free substitution rule DOES NOT take away the mandatory 1/2 game playing time.

**14.2-** A coach may substitute at any stoppage of play and at the discretion of the referee.

## **Section 15- Number of Roster players**

**15.1-** U19 and 16 may have a roster of no more than 22 players. U14 and U12 may have a roster of no more than 18 players. U10 and U9 may have a roster of no more than 14 players. This does not take away the minimum play for each player.

## **Section 16- Equipment and Ball size**

**16.1-** Rules must be followed; failure to follow rules may result in a red card and/or suspension from inter-city play.

- a. No unsafe knee braces, metal knee braces must have a soft cover.
- b. No "hard" casts are allowed, not even with the use of bubble wrap.
- c. Proper shin guards must be worn and be covered by socks.
- d. Bicycle shorts may be worn under the shorts.  
(Note: This is recreation soccer all players **do not** have to wear matching Bicycle shorts).
- e. Female teams may wear sleeveless jerseys or roll up their sleeves and tied with a soft cloth or string material.
- g. Under armor shirts must match Jersey or be white or black in color.
- h. Cloth head bands may be worn by girls or boys.
- i. All goals must be anchored down prior to start of game.

**16.2-** U19, U16, & U14 will use a size 5 ball; U12 and U10 will use a size 4 ball, and U9 will use a size 3 ball.

## **Section 17- Referee fees and Game times**

**17.1- GAME TIME:** As scheduled with a 10 minute grace period. Failure to field a team of 7 players will result in a forfeit. U19- 45 minute halves, U16- 40 minute halves, U14- 35 minute halves, U12- 30 minute halves and U10/U9 25 minute halves.

**17.2- REFEREE FEES:** Three man referee system is preferred. (Use of club person is at the discretion of the center referee).

**17.3- U19, U16 and U14:** Both teams are responsible for referee fees.

**17.4- Referees** are to be paid BEFORE THE MATCH. Each team is responsible for half referee fees.

**17.5- If team does not show,** the referee fee is still the responsibility of the team or the league they represent.

**17.6- Fees** are based on a 3-man system at a rate of 1.20 per minute. (See break down below)

Game Length -	90 min	/	80 min	/	70 min	/	60 min	/	50 min
3 Referees -	\$108.00	/	\$96.00	/	\$84.00	/	\$72.00	/	\$60.00
2 Referees -	\$88.00	/	\$76.00	/	\$64.00	/	\$52.00	/	\$40.00
1 Referee -	\$68.00	/	\$56.00	/	\$44.00	/	\$32.00	/	\$20.00

**17.7- U19 referees** will be scheduled by Referee Associations that are contracted out by the NOCIL Director.

**17.8- U16, U14, U12, U10/9 referees** will be scheduled by leagues hosting inter-city games, unless requested to have referees scheduled by the NOCIL director.

## **Section 18- TROPHIES/AWARDS**

**18.1- Each league** will be responsible for their team's regular season trophies or awards.

**18.2- NOCIL** will be responsible for Commissioner Cup and All-Star medals and pins (U14 and under receive pins)

**18.3- All perpetual trophies** must be returned to the NOCIL director at start of the following season.