

# Irving Academy League Rules (FTCOI)

## League Information

- All teams will be scheduled eight (8) games (guarantee only 6, games could play weeknights on Monday – Friday) if season has inclement weather.
- Each team will register for a division and allowed to play in multiple division.
- Once schedule is complete, all game information can be found in the team Got Soccer account.
- Scheduler will work around the coach's NTSSA competitive schedule (**up to three (3) teams**) for all registered competitive teams playing in Classic League, Lake Highlands, Plano Premier and Arlington – not any US Club league.
- After final schedule is announced, request for reschedule will be reviewed by the scheduler and the rescheduling committee.
- There will be a fee of \$50.00 for any team who doesn't show for a game without 24 hour notice to the director. Team will not be allowed to play another league game until fee of \$50.00 is paid via credit card.
- There will not be any games rescheduled after Wednesday the week of play no exceptions.
- Forfeiting a game, at any time, is unacceptable. But if a game is forfeited, then the **forfeiting** team is responsible for the total referee's fees (Both Visitor and Home referee fees). The fee must be paid before the **next** scheduled game or within 72 hours. Payment is to be received at the Irving Soccer Complex or made by credit card on file.
- Teams cannot have players play down in any games in any age groups.
- In the event of a uniform conflict, the **home team** must change or wear cover-ups. If the home team cannot provide an alternate jersey or cover-ups the game will be forfeited.
- Standings are kept for all age groups.
- There are no refunds for any teams once the schedule is released.

## Playing Rules

- There is no heading for all age groups.
- There are off-sides for the playing format of 7v7. There are NO off-sides for the 4v4.
- U7 will do throw-ins.
- There are NO keepers in the 4v4 playing format. ALL players must be active and involved in the play.
- There is no punting for the playing format of 7v7. The keeper can release the ball by throwing, rolling the ball outside of the goalie area or placing the ball on the ground and kicking the stationary ball. The ball may **NOT** be moving before the kick is taken. ALL opposing players must be behind the build out line. Once the ball is placed on the ground by the keeper for a stationary kick, the ball becomes live in play once the ball makes a forward motion.
- All substitutions are at the sole discretion of the referee. A referee can or cannot allow an opposing team to sub while a substitution is taking place.
- on all goal kicks and kick-off. Referee must be notified of a keeper change BEFORE the new keeper takes the field of play.
- At NO time shall anyone enter the field of play without referee permission. If anyone enters the field of play without permission from the referee, the person violating the rule can be dismissed from the complex.
- Coaches and managers are responsible for the players and parents' behavior. **A "ZERO TOLERANCE" POLICY FOR SIDELINE MISCONDUCT WILL BE ENFORCED FOR THESE GAMES. THIS INCLUDES INAPPROPRIATE LANGUAGE, RACIAL SLURS, OR VERBAL ABUSE TOWARD REFEREES, PLAYERS, AND GAMES OFFICIALS ON AND OFF THE PLAYING FIELD.** Anyone found to be in violation of the zero-tolerance policy will be removed from the complex and not allowed to re-enter.
- There are no awards given in IAL.

- **Recruitment:** No coach, assistant coach, trainer, team representative, registered player, parent, or advertisement may offer any kind of inducement to recruit a player to play on his/her respective team. Coaches are responsible for the actions of all the above listed participants on their team.
- Failure to comply with this rule may result in the offending party being suspended from all soccer activities for a period of not less than one (1) year (for exceptions, see NTSSA Rule 3.10.9)

## Game Day Information

- Each team will need to hand the referee a game report for each game! The game report needs to list each player's name, jersey number, and photo (head shot) taking the field for that match.
- Any coach or team manager to be on the coach/player side of the field must be listed on the game report. No more than two (2) adults are allowed on the player side of the field.
- Referees will return all game reports with game scores to the teams – unless a card is issued. It is the teams' responsibility to check the scores BEFORE leaving the pitch. Once the teams have left the field, the score recorded and signed by the referee even in error will be recorded as written. All scores are to be sent to Academy Director (academy@irvingsoccer.org)
- If a card is issued during the match, the referee will keep the game report. All cards are recorded and tracked for all games played.
- Scores and standings are kept for all age groups. Each team will receive 3 points for a win and both teams will receive 1 point for a tied game. All standings can be found at the Irving Academy League website, found on [www.irvingsoccer.org](http://www.irvingsoccer.org)

## Referee Pay

Each Team is responsible for their EXACT portion of the Referee Fees. The fees must be paid prior to the kickoff of the game. **NO PAY = NO PLAY.**

**EXACT DEMONINATIONS ARE REREQUIRED** as you are paying for ½ the Center and 1 AR for 3-man crews (the referees will not "make change").

| Age Bracket         | Format | Per Game Total | Per Team/Per Game |
|---------------------|--------|----------------|-------------------|
| U7                  | 4v4    | 20             | 10                |
| U8                  | 4v4    | 20             | 10                |
| U8 (Developmental)  | 7v7    | 34             | 17                |
| U9                  | 7v7    | 34             | 17                |
| U10                 | 7v7    | 34             | 17                |
| U10 (Developmental) | 9v9    | 96             | 20 +28 (48)       |

## Game Format

| Age Bracket         | Format | Max Roster | Field Size | Game Duration | Ball Size |
|---------------------|--------|------------|------------|---------------|-----------|
| U7                  | 4v4    | 8          | 35x25      | 4x10          | 3         |
| U8                  | 4v4    | 8          | 35x25      | 4x10          | 3         |
| U8 (Developmental)  | 7v7    | 12         | 60x40      | 2x25          | 4         |
| U9                  | 7v7    | 12         | 60x40      | 2x25          | 4         |
| U10                 | 7v7    | 12         | 60x40      | 2x25          | 4         |
| U10 (Developmental) | 9v9    | 16         | 80x50      | 2x30          | 4         |

## Weather Policy

When inclement weather is in the area teams will be notified to postpone games and ALL members are to go to their cars – NOT THE CONCESSION STANDS OR UNDER THE PAVILION. Only field staff and referees remain at the pavilion. NO other players, spectators, coaches, etc. should be at the concession area or pavilion and they should remain in their cars in the parking lots until a change is made in the status of the playing conditions. Once the all clear is given and it's safe to take the pitch the games will resume if enough time permits. Any game that has a 30 minute or more delay will NOT play and be rescheduled. Once the game is rescheduled, the game will play as a new game. Any game that has completed a second half kick-off will be considered a game played and will be scored as such.

## Academy Player Registration

All players participating in Irving Academy League MUST be registered as an NTSSA academy player. The player can be registered at any local soccer association within North Texas. Registration fees differ by association. A player will NOT be allowed to play within Irving Academy League without having a signed academy form by a soccer association for the current season fall/spring.

### **\*NOTE ACADEMY PLAY AND REGISTRATION**

- A "Soccer Academy" is a group of 7U through 10U recreational players who desire to participate with other players without following the recreational team formation rules. Academy play is in addition to recreational play.
- Players may join any Academy of their choosing within their age group, and are not required to obtain a release from their ISA recreational team to participate on an Academy team.
- Players may join as many Academies as they like as long as the Academy is recognized by an NTSSA Member Youth Association.
- No formal contract or written commitment may be signed by or on behalf of the player to commit a player to an Academy team. The Academies may charge a fee to cover expenses in addition to the player's recreational soccer registration fees.
- Academy players may participate in only one Academy tournament at a time. Violations of this rule will result in sanctions against the offending party (coach, assistant coach, manager, parent, or other team representative), which could include suspension from all soccer activities for a period of time.

### **The purposes of the Academies are to:**

- Provide recreational players who aspire of becoming a more accomplished player an avenue to test and enhance his or her skills.
- Provide recreational players an opportunity to train with experienced coaches.
- Provide recreational players an opportunity to investigate the level of play with which they are comfortable, they would like to play with, and for which coaches they would like to play.
- Recruiting is not allowed on Academy teams. Academies are to be used for training, not recruiting.
- All players participating in Academy play who are also registered with an ISA recreational team, in the event of a conflict, must consider the recreational team to be the primary team and the Academy as a secondary commitment.
- 7U – 10U recreational players desiring to participate in Academy play may register for Academy play through ISA by submitting proof of age and payment of fees (unless already registered as a recreational player with ISA). An Academy player registration form must be validated by the Registrar.

- Academy teams are not considered “registered teams,” and therefore do not have to follow recreational team formation rules. Academy teams may not enter NTSSA sanctioned tournaments unless the tournament has specified a “Soccer Academy” bracket. In that event, players must declare which Academy team they will play with in the tournament and may only play for one team in a tournament.
- Academy rosters may change from week to week to accommodate players desiring to change Academies, or to accommodate players who want to play on one team one week and another team the next week.