

# NORTH VEGAS YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE (NVYSL) RULES, POLICIES, and PROCEDURES

## 1. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY, GUEST PLAYERS, AND PARTICIPATION

### 1.1 Rostered Players

Only properly registered NVYSL players who are age-eligible for the applicable division may participate in league games.

### 1.2 Guest Players Regular Season Games

When a team does not have enough rostered players show up to a regular season game to meet the minimum number of required players for that specific age division, the team may utilize guest players from other NVYSL teams within the same age group, subject to the following:

- a. A maximum of two (2) guest players may be used in any single game.
- b. Guest players must (i) be registered with NVYSL, and (ii) in good standing.
- c. Guest players may be used only as substitutes.
- d. Rostered players must play the majority of the game. Guest players may not displace or materially reduce the playing time of rostered players.
- e. Guest players may not be used in a manner that creates an unfair competitive advantage, as determined by the referee or league representative.

### 1.3 Guest Players Playoff Games

Guest players may not be utilized for any playoff games.

### 1.4 Failure to Comply

Failure to comply with the provisions of this Section 1 may result in forfeiture and/or disciplinary action.

## 2. MINIMUM PLAYERS, FORFEITS, AND FRIENDLY GAMES

### 2.1 Minimum Players

Teams must field the minimum number of players required to start a game, including any permitted guest players.

### 2.2 Forfeits

If a team cannot meet the minimum player requirement for that age division, the game shall be declared a forfeit, and the game shall be recorded as a loss for the non-compliant team.

## **2.3 Friendly Games After Forfeit**

With the mutual consent of both coaches and approval of the referee, teams may borrow players from the opposing team solely to play a friendly (non-competitive) game. Friendly games do not count toward standings, and the forfeiting team will still be recorded as having lost the game.

## **3. PRE-GAME EQUIPMENT AND SAFETY INSPECTION**

### **3.1 Mandatory Inspection**

Prior to the start of each game, all players will line up on the mid-field line for a mandatory equipment inspection conducted by the referee.

### **3.2 Required Equipment**

All NVYSL players, regardless of their age division, are required to wear:

- a. Soccer-style socks.
- b. Soccer-style shin guards, over or under the players' socks.
- c. Soccer-style cleats (*i.e.*, plastic cleat with no toe cleat).

**Metal cleats, toe cleats, open toe, sandals, and tennis shoes are strictly prohibited during practices and gameplay.**

### **3.3 Enforcement**

Players not properly equipped will not be permitted to participate until the issue is corrected. The referee has final authority on equipment safety and legality.

## **4. UNIFORM AND JERSEY REQUIREMENTS**

### **4.1 Required Uniforms**

All teams must wear league-issued, league-branded jerseys in the assigned colors.

### **4.2 Prohibited Variations**

No alternate jerseys may be worn without prior written authorization from NVYSL.

### **4.3 One-Game Special Jersey Authorization**

Upon prior written approval from NVYSL representatives, a team may wear a special, one-game-only jersey, at the team's sole cost and expense. To request approval of a one-game jersey variance, the coach or assistant coach must send an email to [NVYouthSoccerLeague@gmail.com](mailto:NVYouthSoccerLeague@gmail.com), and must include all of the following:

- a. A written description of the jersey design (drawn rendition is also acceptable)
- b. Color scheme and branding elements
- c. The specific date the jersey will be worn
- d. The underlying reason for the requested variance

Approval of any jersey variance request is in the sole discretion of league officials and may be denied or revoked at any time, including during gameplay, for reasons relating to compliance, safety, or player visibility. Approval may also be denied or revoked if any jersey, whether individually or as part of a team set, contains offensive or vulgar language (including curse words or their symbolic equivalents) or imagery inconsistent with the family-friendly standards and values of the NVYSL.

## **5. TIED GAMES AND SHOOTOUT PROCEDURES**

### **5.1 Eligibility**

Only players on the field at the conclusion of regulation gameplay are eligible to participate in a shootout.

### **5.2 Shootout Format**

- a. Each team shall designate five (5) eligible players to participate in the shootout.
- b. If the score remains tied after the initial round of five (5) kicks per team, the shootout will continue to sudden death, with one (1) eligible player from each team alternating kicks until a winner is determined.

### **5.3 Goalkeepers**

- a. Goalkeepers may participate as shooters if they were on the field at the end of regulation gameplay.
- b. Any eligible player on the field at the end of regulation gameplay may substitute as goalkeeper during the shootout.
- c. Players not on the field at the end of regulation gameplay may not participate in the shootout.

## **6. RED CARDS AND PLAYER DISCIPLINE**

### **6.1 First Red Card (of the Season)**

Upon a player receiving their first red card of a season:

- a. The player shall be immediately sent off and removed from the game.
- b. The team shall play the remainder of the game short one (1) player.

- c. The player shall be suspended for the next scheduled game.
- d. The player must leave the gated field area for the remainder of the game.
- e. The player may attend the next game only as a spectator and:
  - May not be dressed in uniform
  - May remain on the sideline to support their team

## **6.2 Second Red Card (Same Season)**

A second red card in the same season results in the removal of that player from participation in the league for the remainder of that season with no refund of registration fees.

## **7. REFEREE ABUSE, GAME TERMINATION, AND SANCTIONS**

### **7.1 Zero-Tolerance Standard**

Any abuse, harassment, intimidation, or verbal threat toward a referee by a player, coach, or spectator is strictly prohibited.

### **7.2 Authority of Referees**

Referees have full authority to immediately suspend or terminate a game due to misconduct.

### **7.3 Automatic Forfeit**

Any game terminated due to referee abuse shall result in an automatic forfeit for the offending team, regardless of the score at the time of termination.

## **8. Adoption & Enforcement**

These Rules and Policies are adopted by NVYSL and are enforceable against players, coaches, parents, and spectators and are subject to change without prior notice to players, coaches, and/or parents. Compliance with the then existing Rules and Policies is a condition of participation in the league.