

BYSO RULES OF THE GAME AND REGULATIONS

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Mission Statement

"To encourage, promote and facilitate skills, game ethics and a growing knowledge of soccer among Bandera County youth."

It is the policy of BYSO to fully equip our coaches for success in any way possible. This rule book lays out specific policies of BYSO, establishes points of contact as well as our Chain of Command, and points new coaches in the right direction of general rules. It is by no means a replacement for IFAB Laws of the Game, and any coaches needing assistance should reach out- we would love to help you succeed and we want to see you enjoy your time with the league and your kid(s).

Contact List

Please use soccer@banderayouthsoccer.org to initiate all general contact.

Please use register@banderayouthsoccer.org to initiate all registration related contact.

Throughout the Rules of the Game, the appropriate Board Member will be listed for individual matters.

President- Jamey Haws

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Coach Coordinator U11/U15 - Shawn LaBarre

Director of Referees and Games- Nathan Byrd

Director of Fields- Clayton Postert

Concessions- La'Nek Sides

Safety - Diana Harrison

Chain of Command

1. The Referee is in charge.

-This means their decisions are final on all decisions disputed by a single team.

2. If both coaches are disputing the same decision during a game.

-During a game, a stop of play will be called if and only if both coaches are disputing the same call and cannot reach an agreement with the Center Referee. The Director of Games and Referees and a Director of Coaching will be called (if no Director of Coaching is available, another disinterested Board Member will accompany) to the field to hear the dispute and mediate. Ultimately, the decision must be agreed to by the Referee.

2. The Director of Games and Referees is in charge of selection of (and oversight of) all referees on all fields.

-Any dispute over which Referee is assigned must be taken to the Director of Games and Referees, before the game begins. If resolution is not found with the Director of Games and Referees, the matter will be escalated to include at least 3 disinterested Board Members.

3. The Director of Coaches (age assigned) is in charge of all coaches on all fields.

-Any dispute between a parent and a coach, over matters such as a child play time, will have the Director of Coaches called to hear and attempt to settle the matter. The Director of Coaches makes the decision on whether the Director of Referees or the Executive Board are also needed.

CURRENT APPROVED COACHES

Roster maintained by the Coach Coordinator. All coach applications are received and processed prior to the start of season. Coaches with approval and completed background checks receive written notification from BYSO. Any application received after the close of a season's registration period requires the applicant provide written notice to BYSO at soccer@banderayouthsoccer.org.

Bandera Youth Soccer Organization

2021 Coach Code of Conduct

The Board of Directors, of the Bandera Youth Soccer Organization, are concerned about the conduct of all coaches and referees during games and practices at all levels. We want to ensure that interaction with the children, parents, and volunteers involved in the program are fair, positive, and enjoyable experiences. To clarify expectation of coach conduct, we expect all coaches to conform to this code of conduct (The term 'Coach' shall include but is not limited to Director of Coaching, Head Coach, Assistant Coach(s), and Team Representative).

I. Responsibilities to Players:

1. Coaches must take all reasonable precautions to insure the safety of each youth.
2. At no time should a player be put at risk by returning from injury prematurely or by being forced to play while injured. Coaches must never place the value of winning over the safety and welfare of players.
3. Coaches shall instruct players to play within the written laws and within the spirit of the game at all times.
4. Coaches are responsible for their players' actions on the field and must not permit them to perform with the intent of causing injury to opposing players.
5. Coaches should not tolerate inappropriate behavior from their players regardless of the situation. If a player is disrespectful, irresponsible or overly aggressive, remove the player from the game or practice and explain that his or her behavior is unacceptable. The player must change the behavior before being allowed to return to the game or practice.
6. Coaches should be a positive role model and set the standard for sportsmanship.
7. Coaches should keep sport in proper perspective with player's academic education, the demands on a players time should never be so extensive as to interfere with academic goals and progress.
8. Coaches should continue their own education in the sport in order to be able to educate the players in technical, tactical, physical and psychological demands of the game for their level.
9. Coaches should never condone the use of any drugs, alcoholic beverages or any other undesirable activity.
10. Coaches should not provide compensation or inducement to a player.

II. Responsibilities to BYSO:

1. Adherence by coaches to all BYSO rules and policies are mandatory and should never be violated. It is the responsibility of every coach to know and understand these rules.
2. Any problems that cannot be resolved between coaches should be referred to the Director of Coaches of BYSO.
3. Coaches must report to BYSO any possible violation of the policies of the program, as well as whatever action has been taken.
4. Coaches must ensure the cleanliness of facilities upon completion of his or her activity.
5. Under no circumstances will a coach drop any youth from participation without the action first being approved by the BYSO Board of Directors. BYSO must be notified immediately if any player is temporarily suspended for any reason.
6. A coach should not represent himself or herself as an officer or spokesperson for BYSO to any group, committee or county agency without approval of the BYSO board.
7. A coach should not offer to any other group or organization the use of any BYSO equipment or facilities without approval of BYSO.

III. Responsibilities to Officials

1. Officials must have the support of coaches, players, and spectators. Criticism of officials undermines their purpose in the game.
2. Officials should be treated with respect before, during, and after the game. Officials should be addressed as 'Referee' and not by name. Professional respect should be mutual and there should be no demeaning dialogue or gesture between official, coach, or player.

3. Comments regarding an official should be reported to a BYSO board member.
4. Referees, especially young and inexperienced ones, are like players and coaches, in that they need time to develop. Coaches can play an important role in helping them to improve by allowing them to concentrate on the game. Coaches should help by encouraging them, by accepting their inevitable, occasional mistakes, and by offering constructive post-game comments.

IV. Responsibilities of Game Day

1. Coaches should be thoroughly acquainted with and demonstrate a working knowledge of the laws of the game of soccer. Coaches are also responsible to ensure that their players understand the intent as well as the application of the laws at their level.
2. Coaches shall exhibit a respectful attitude towards players, officials, spectators, opposing players, and coaches. Verbal abuse or physical assault of any kind will not be tolerated under any circumstances.
3. Coaches should be an example of dignity, patience, and positive spirit before, during, and after the game.
4. Before a game coaches should introduce themselves to the referee and the opposing team's coach.
5. During a game coaches are responsible for the conduct of the player's parents. It is imperative that the coach issue a copy of the parent code of conduct prior to the start of the season.
6. While the game is in play coaches shall not address the referee at all (Except to call a time out). Only the flag line men may address the referee to inform him/her of a missed call.
7. Complaints or comments regarding a referee should be reported to the Director of Referees.

The BYSO Board of Directors has the right to conduct hearings pertaining to coach conduct, with the involved parties having the right to be present, on alleged violations of the BYSO Coaches Code of Conduct when properly submitted in writing.

I understand that if I fail to comply with the expectations described above, I will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including suspension. Furthermore, I understand that if my actions are in violation of the law, the BYSO Board of Directors is obliged to immediately notify proper authorities.

Bandera Youth Soccer Organization

2021 Player Code of Conduct

All players must read and agree to the following code of conduct before participating in Bandera Youth Soccer. The parent must read to or with the player, and proceeding with registration indicates an agreement by the player and parent to follow these rules.

1. I will always do my best to follow the rules and play safely.
2. I will do my best to be a good sport, win or lose.
3. I promise not to argue with my teammate, coach, or referee.
4. I promise not to use profanity (swear, foul language) at games or practices.
5. I understand that my coach's decisions are final and I will accept my coach's decision as a team player.
6. I promise to respect my opponents (other teams). I will do my best to be positive and help make soccer fun.
7. I understand that if I fail to live up to these expectations, my coach, or the BYSO Board of Directors, may remove me from a practice or game and that it is possible that I could lose the privilege of playing Bandera Youth Soccer.

Bandera Youth Soccer Organization Parent Code of Conduct

All parents must read the following agreement before their child is allowed to participate in Bandera Youth Soccer. Proceeding with registration indicates their agreement to the following rules.

As the parent of a Bandera Youth Soccer Organization soccer player, I hereby agree to the following:

1. I will not force my child to participate in soccer
2. I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults.
3. I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
4. I, and my guests, will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials, and spectators at every game, practice, and other BYSO events.
5. I, and my guests, will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent.
6. I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well-being of the athletes.
7. I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflict appropriately.
8. I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials, and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex, or ability.
9. I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning.
10. I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard.
11. I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront coaches at the game field, and will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place.
12. I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all events related to the BYSO.
13. I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practice, unless I am one of the coaches of the team.
14. My child will remain on the team that he/she was drafted to unless the BYSO board members have approved the move to another team.
15. I will not contact the BYSO Board without first contacting my assigned coach or Coach Coordinator using their preferred means of communication.

HIGH RISK PLAYER POLICIES

-SLIDE TACKLE

*Slide tackling is not authorized for U11 and below. It is the responsibility of the coach to ensure the players understand this rule. Violations can result in an indirect kick for the opposing team at the location of the foul up to an immediate red card for the player in violation. Severity of punishment will be determined by the referee according to the severity of the situation. First violation by a single player may result in a caution (yellow card). Any further violations would result in a red card. **SLIDE TACKLING AND SLIDE KICKING ARE ENTIRELY DIFFERENT. COACHES ARE RESPONSIBLE TO TEACH THE DIFFERENCE, AND TO TEACH THAT UNSAFE SLIDE KICKS CAN AND WILL BE PENALIZED.** U15 Slide Tackle Rules are addressed under the U15 section of this rule book.

-HEADERS

*Heading (Headers) are not allowed in U6 and U8 age groups. Intentional headers will result in play being stopped, the player being verbally warned, The opposing team being will be given an indirect kick from the location of the header (for U8), or a throw in (u6). Warnings will be given for all headers, there is no increasing penalty.

-GOALIE SAFETY

*Goalie safety is paramount. Once the goalie has possession of the ball, defined as two points of contact on the ball, opposing players may not attempt to loosen the ball from goalie's grasp. If a dangerous play happens, or safety of goalie is in question, the referee must immediately stop the play and discuss the rule with the offending player (U8). First violation by a single player will result in a caution (yellow card). Any further violations will result in a red card (U11 & U15). If a goal results from such a play, the goal will be called back and the play will result in an indirect kick for the defensive team.

BYSO 2021 NON-INCLUSIVE SAFETY POLICY

-It is the Policy of BYSO to attempt to always have personnel trained in providing emergent medical treatment and evaluations on the fields for the duration of Game Play. BYSO medical representative's evaluations of a player's ability to safely return to a playing status are final. No outside persons have the ability to override a BYSO medical representative.

-BYSO maintains the right for either a Board designated Safety Representative or a Referee to deem a player injured based on observed physical or emotional reactions. If such a determination is observed, regular injured player stoppage will occur.

-In the event of an injured player, BYSO requires the player to raise a hand, take a knee or remain laying on the ground in order for an injury stoppage to be called. If a player remains in motion, it is the policy of BYSO that the player is not injured seriously, and the ball remains in play. Any coach or parent who enters the field at this point will be penalized by the referee in accordance with BYSO rules.

-If the player follows injured protocol, or is deemed injured, the referee will immediately stop the game and allow the coach onto the field, along with Safety personnel. The player will be evaluated to determine if safe to continue to play. Players with injuries not affecting their ability to walk, may take themselves off of the field for evaluation, allowing a replacement to be brought on and the game to continue.

-Until the Referee, and Safety (when available) make contact with the injured player, no parents are allowed on the field, or in contact with the player. This is a non-negotiable policy to protect the player. Parents cannot be allowed to treat/move or otherwise intervene with the established BYSO evaluation process. While doing everything to avoid physical contact with a parent or outside provider, Coaches, Referees and Safety persons should ensure that such contact is avoided until the player is deemed safe to move.

-If the Coach attempts to enter the field before the referee signals an injured player stoppage, the Referee will follow the established Ask, Tell, Eject policy related to Coach Conduct. The Coach is to a degree, responsible for the conduct/entrance of parents. If any such infraction occurs, the Referee will stop the game, and notify the Director of Referees and Games for next steps.

-If an injury occurs requiring removal from the field, the player must be evaluated by a designated BYSO Safety Representative. Either the Coach or Referee must locate one for evaluation. If none are available, the Referee and Coach must evaluate the player together and determine the extent of the injury and whether it is safe to place the player back into play. Great concern and restriction on returning to play must be given to things such as: head/neck injuries, twists with swelling, any complaints of difficulty breathing, sting reactions, etc...

-Players who get blood on their uniform may not return to play with the contaminated uniform during the present game. After proper washing and drying, the uniform may be used in subsequent weeks. If during a week with multiple games, and the uniform is cleaned, BYSO Safety Representatives may inspect the uniform to determine if able to be put back into play. Players with bleeding, not on a uniform, may be removed as an injured player and bandaged before returning to play. If the injury continues to bleed outside of the bandage, the player will be removed again. If a uniform is

exposed to other types of bodily fluids- the uniform may be washed off and presented for reentry inspection.

-While rare, certain injuries do fall into the realm of which BYSO maintains a right to non-return a player to a playing status for the remainder of the game/day. Careful evaluations will be made of injuries, but all actions must be taken in the best interest of the player. If the injury is severe enough, BYSO will require a physician's clearance of the player to return to practice or games. BYSO will ensure that families are properly notified of any such decisions.

-Because BYSO remains fully insured, to include an accident policy, BYSO will work to ensure no injured player, unsafe for regular car transport, leaves the field without a higher evaluation by Bandera County EMS and is released or transported by Ambulance if necessary. Financials will be handled after the incident is settled, the player's safety must come first.

BYSO LEAGUE RULES OF THE GAME

BYSO follows International Football Association Board (IFAB) laws for all fields of play. Per IFAB laws, the following rules supersede IFAB laws for the age group they are specified for. All Referees are trained to utilize the following rules, then IFAB. IFAB Laws, and other game information can be found online at: www.theifab.com/laws

PLAY REQUIREMENTS: BYSO is a recreational league, as such all players who attend at least 1 practice per week are required to play at least 50% of that weekend's game (INCLUDES TOURNAMENT). If a player fails to attend at least one practice in a given week, the player may play at the coaches discretion though coaches are encouraged to ensure all players receive at least some playing time.

A player who is injured or has no desire to play is exempt from the 50% requirement. Any other reasons for not playing the coach must notify the Operations Manager to prepare the Board for Review, before any action is taken. Refusing to play a player for 50% of the game, or the appropriate time is a violation of this policy and not in keeping with the Coaches Code of Conduct.

Referee: The league will schedule and provide a referee for all games. Only league referees will be used for official games.

Subs: Substitutions will be made throughout the game. Substitutions can ONLY be made when the substituting team has possession of the ball (i.e. your own throw-ins or kicks). If a stoppage occurs as a result of an injury, only the injured player can, and MUST, be substituted. Subs must be cleared with the referee prior to substitution. A referee can deny the substitution of a player at any time if it is perceived that frequency of substitution is being used as a technique to delay the game. Players being removed from play must be off the field before subs can enter the field of play. Play will only restart once the referee confirms proper substitution has been made.

U6

Game length: 4 x 5 minute quarters with a maximum of 5 minutes between quarters.

Ball Size: 3

Number of players: 4 per side. Teams may field 3 players if only 3 players are present. The other team need not reduce the amount of players fielded to match the opposing team. Failure to field a team on game day results in a forfeiture of the match.

Referee: The league will provide a Referee when available. If no referee is available, then both coaches will work together to referee the game. One coach from each team may be on the field at all times. If the coaches are Refereeing the game, then each coach will assume referee control of one half of the field. If a referee is present, Coaches will stay off of the field.

Scores: Scores will be reported for the U6 age group regular season.

Goal area:

- **Offensive:** Players are not authorized within the goal arc. Should an offensive player enter the goal arc and strike the ball into the net, the goal will be disallowed and the defensive team will throw the ball in from the point where the arc meets the goal line.
- **Defensive:** Players may only enter the goal arc in order to retrieve a ball that has come to rest. If a defensive player enters the goal arc and stops a ball that would have entered the net, the goal will be allowed.

Restarting play:

When a ball exits the field of play along the touch line (sideline), the ball will be thrown in at the point it left the field of play. When the offensive team kicks the ball out of the field of play across the goal line, the defensive team will throw the ball in at the point where the goal arc meets the goal line. When the defensive team kicks the ball out of the field of play across the goal line, the offensive team will throw the ball in where the touch line (sideline) meets the goal line (i.e. at the corner). At no time will the offensive team throw the ball in along the offensive goal line.

Throw-ins: While executing a throw-in, the player must have both feet off the field of play or on the line. A violation occurs when at least one foot is fully on the field of play. Both feet must remain on the ground while executing a throw-in. This age group is considered a learning period. The players in this age group are playing soccer for the first or second year and if throw-in violations occur, the coach who is refereeing shall stop play, explain to the player what happened and allow another throw-in (by the same player). Multiple attempts will be granted to the thrower without a change in possession in the interest of learning the game.

U8

Game length: 2 x 20 minute halves. 5 minutes between halves.

Ball size: 3

Number of players: 4 field players + a goalie (maximum). Teams may field as few as two players (plus a goalie) if only three players are present. The opposing team need not reduce the number of players fielded to match the other team. Failure to field a team on game day results in a forfeiture of the match.

U11

Game length: 2 x 25 minute halves. 10 minutes between halves.

Ball Size: 4

Number of players: 8 field players + a goalie (maximum). Teams may field as few as 3 players (plus a goalie) if only 4 players are present. The opposing team need not reduce the number of players fielded to match the other team. Failure to field a team on game day results in a forfeiture of the match.

U15

Game length: 2 x 35 minute halves. 10 minutes between halves.

Ball size: 5

Number of players: 10 field players + a goalie (maximum). Teams may field as few as 6 players (plus a goalie) if only 7 players are present. **Teams will field 10v10 if one team has 11 or less players.** The opposing team need not reduce the number of players fielded to match the other team, below 10v10. However, given that BYSO is a recreational league, it is encouraged that teams play fairly balanced games. Failure to field a team on game day results in a forfeiture of the match.

Slide Tackles: Slide Tackles are allowed in the U15 division. Coaches are responsible for teaching safe slide tackle practices, implementation and situational awareness. Coaches unable to teach slide tackles must notify the league so that proper training can be scheduled. Slide tackles are illegal when contact is made with the player in possession of the ball first (as opposed to the ball) or when the player is kicked at an elevated position. These are examples of where a minimum of a yellow card (caution) maximum of a red card (send off) will be appropriate, based on severity of situation. As with other rules, not all examples can be listed, it is on the coach to teach proper technique.

LEAGUE WIDE

Kick-Offs: Only two players from the kicking team will be present in the center circle during kick-offs. The first player to touch the ball may NOT touch the ball again until a second player has touched the ball. For age groups U11 and U15, goals MAY be scored directly off a kick-off. For age groups U8 and U6 goals MAY NOT be scored directly off a kick-off.

Corner Kicks: The ball must be placed on and kicked from one of the border lines of the corner arc or fully inside the corner arc. Corner kicks are treated as direct kicks and a goal MAY be scored directly from the kick. The kicker may not touch the ball a second time until another player has touched the ball. The opposing team must remain at least 10 yards away from the corner prior to the initial touch of the ball. Neither players nor fans may touch, bend, move, or remove the corner flag during the kick.

Goal Kicks: The ball must be placed at any point along goal area box line prior to the kick. The ball can be placed at any location along this line. The location the ball was sent out of play by the offensive team has no bearing on the location of the placement of the ball. Goal kicks are treated as indirect kicks and goals MAY NOT be scored directly from the kick.

Throw-ins: Goals CANNOT be scored directly from a throw-in. Once given the ball, players have 6 seconds to throw the ball in. While executing a throw-in, the player must have both feet off the field of play or on the line. A violation occurs when at least one foot is fully on the field of play. Both feet must remain on the ground and the ball must be thrown completely overhead (no twisting or side motion)

while executing a throw-in. No warnings will be given for the U11 and U15 age groups. Players in the U8 age group are still learning so, if a throw-in violation occurs, the referee shall: stop play and explain the infraction to the player and allow another throw-in (by the same player). If a second violation occurs on the same throw-in, a third will NOT be granted. The team will lose possession and the opposing team will throw the ball in from the same location. Players from the non-throwing team must remain at least six (6) feet from the thrower.

Game scheduling: Games will not be rescheduled without the written consent of the Governing Board. Scheduling a referee with the referee coordinator to play a game at an unscheduled time does not constitute officially rescheduling a game. If a team is not present, does not have the minimum number of players to field a team (see above), or at least one of the two official coaches (head or assistant) is not present, the game will be forfeit. (Family/personal schedules preventing the team or either of the coaches from being at an official game is NOT a legitimate reason to reschedule a game). Start times for games will not be delayed due to not having enough players or a coach. If there are not enough players for a team at the scheduled game time, the game will be forfeit.

Referee: The league will schedule and provide a referee for all games. Only league referees will be used for official games.

Equipment:

1. Shin guards are required at all times and must be UNDER the socks.
2. All jewelry (including earrings) must be removed prior to the start of play.
Tape to cover earrings is not an acceptable alternative. Medical tags, if secure, are allowed.
3. Socks must match the color of the jersey or be black and be over the top of the shin guards.

Scores: Scores will be reported by the referee AND both coaches after a game (with exception of U6). All three signatures must be present on the official scoresheet in order for the score to be valid for standings. Games ending in a tie during the regular season will be counted as a tie.

Coaches:

- Only 2 coaches per team will be allowed to be on the player side of the field.
- No additional coaching is allowed to be conducted from the spectator side of the field. Any parent attempting to coach or direct players will be asked to stop, told to stop, then ejected from the game.
- Any coach on the player side of the field must have submitted to a background check within the last 1 year.
- Sideline participation is limited to positive, instructional and encouraging comments
- Assist the referee in ensuring that spectators and team members abstain from making negative comments and complaints about officiating. Should an incident requiring action occur, the referee will stop play and find the Public Relations Director, or other member of the Governing Board, to help resolve the situation.

-Coaches are only authorized between the center line and their own penalty box. Coaches are not authorized between forward edge of the penalty box and the end line.

Video Recording:

-No video reviews of plays will be conducted. This is due to the fact that games are not recorded in their entirety and calls are not evenly reviewed by electronic means. As such, selective video reviews will not be made.

Spring 2021 Bandera Youth Soccer Player Draft System

1. The BYSO Draft Committee will be staffed by at least 3 Board Members, led by the Vice President or President in Vice President's absence.
2. The intent is to allow our veteran coaches, players and their families to remain together in small numbers that help foster relationships, but do not allow team domination to occur. New coaches do face a partial imbalance their first season, but time and time again the new coaches have held their own, even sweeping brackets.
3. Prior to any draft process, the Draft Committee will review the prior season and a placeholder will be given to each prior season team. The placeholder may be used in the same age bracket draft, or be moved up (1) age bracket. It can never go down or split between the original division and a partial move up to a higher division.
4. The Head Coach has preference for the placeholder, but if he does not return the Assistant Coach may use the placeholder. If the Assistant Coach does not return the head coach may nominate a new coach to use the placeholder. The purpose here is to help some of the teams and their players grow together as they prepare for school leagues.
5. All Head coaches and Assistant Coaches, new or returning, are entitled to (1) of their OWN children automatically on draft day. If a coach has more than (1) child, each additional does count against the returning players. The Draft Committee will review all claimed children to ensure appropriately placed before draft.
6. All U6/U8 chip holders may turn in their chip at an arranged time (1) day before draft and select (2) players that were on their previous team. U11 and U15 may pick (3) players from the previous team also at an arranged time. If a Coach coached (2) age brackets (i.e. u11 and u15) the previous season, on his older bracket he may use one of his previous season picks on a child that is moving up brackets.
7. All pre-assigned kids will be removed from the draft roster prior to draft day. At the start of the draft, a copy of draft rules, a copy of the Coach Code of Conduct, and the Draft Availability will be provided. All siblings will be identified on the roster. Any special bulk pick requests will go through the board for approval, prior to the draft. Any matters not covered in these rules will be settled by the Draft Committee, not the masses.
8. All coaches will be given a time, date and location to meet for their appropriate bracket. Each coach receives a lottery number that results in their order of participation. At the draft, coaches are guaranteed only their own child and their assistant coaches child (in addition to placeholder kids). The draft will continue until all players are picked. Coaches have 48 hours to notify each player of their assigned team.
9. U11 and U15 will have limits placed on the number of kids draftable at the oldest age bracket of the division per team. For example, 10 year olds will be divided between the U11 teams evenly, as will 14 year olds for U15 teams.

BYSO WEATHER INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

#1. **OVERALL-** Decisions related to inclement weather, saturation and unsafe field conditions must be carefully made with changes monitored in order to best protect the players as well as other individual in attendance. Because there are multiple sites used for practice, BYSO will only make weather decisions related to practices and games at the Bandera Sports Complex. Coaches are entrusted to keep player safety in mind, remembering there are always other times for practice. Practices, Gamedays and Tournaments will all be defined below, standards set and the number of Board Members required for voting on cancellation

#2. **WEEKDAYS-** In the event of inclement weather or extreme saturation of the fields during weekdays, the Director of Safety will have responsibility or may appoint responsibility to check on and/or monitor the conditions at the field. BYSO reserves the right to cancel any practices for any reason. This includes inclement/unsafe weather as well as saturation or unsafe field conditions. Cancellations on weekdays will be made and announced by the single Board Member inspecting the fields. Notifications will be sent to all coaches. Cancellation rights include not only future practices but ongoing practices as well. Effort will always be made to notify as far in advance as possible.

#3. **SEASON GAMES-** On game days, BYSO maintains a right to cancel games at any time if the fields become unsafe to play on or become excessively saturated and pose a risk of irreversible damage. The Director of Safety, or another Board Member designated by the Director of Safety, will be responsible for inspecting all fields prior to the start of any games. If there is a concern with the fields preventing safe play, all present board members will be part of the discussion and cancellation vote, with at least 3 votes required.

3.1 If games have already begun and inclement weather begins, it will be monitored. Rain is not a sole reason for stopping games or cancellation. Excessive saturation of the fields or lightning observed visually or on a live tracking app within 10 miles will cause a stoppage of games. All persons will immediately move to cover, as best as possible. Weather conditions will continue to be monitored in 15 minute increments. BYSO reserves the right to immediately end games if the weather becomes too unsafe for the shelter that is available. If after 15 minutes there has been no further lightning, games may resume. For every strike detected within the 10 mile radius, the 15 minute timer is reset. If 30 minutes have elapsed without a break in lightning beginning, the board will vote on whether to cancel or continue the hold.

3.2 Upon a vote for cancellation the following conditions apply:

- #1. Any game at halftime or beyond is considered final. Games not at halftime may be considered final if mutually decided on by both coaches.
- #2. Any games not yet at the halfway mark will be considered

unfinished and will be resumed at a time/date to be determined. The game will continue where it was paused, with scores remaining. #3. Any games later in the day are not automatically cancelled by the current game cancellation. The board will review weather forecasts and make a determination of whether to continue games that day.

#4. BYSO reserves the right to void any finalized game scores from the day of a partial cancellation if BYSO is unable to reach a fair resolution for the remainder of the games. This would only be done to protect the balance of the standings.

#4. **TOURNAMENT** On tournament days, BYSO maintains a right to cancel games at any times if the fields become unsafe to play on or become excessively saturated and pose a risk of irreversible damage. The Director of Safety, or another Board Member designated by the Director of Safety, will be responsible for inspecting all fields prior to the start of any games. If there is a concern with the fields preventing safe play, all present board members will be part of the discussion and cancellation vote, with at least 3 votes required.

4.1. If games have already begun and inclement weather begins, it will be monitored. Rain is not a sole reason for stopping games or cancellation. Excessive saturation of the fields or lightning observed visually or on a live tracking app within 10 miles will cause a stoppage of games with an immediate movement of all players and families to cover, as best as possible. Weather conditions will continue to be monitored in 15 minute increments. BYSO reserves the right to immediately end games if the weather becomes too unsafe for the shelter that is available. If after 15 minutes there has been no further lightning, games may resume. For every strike detected within the 10 mile radius, the 15 minute timer is reset. If 30 minutes have elapsed without a break in lighting beginning, the board will vote on whether to cancel or continue the hold.

4.2. Upon a vote for cancellation the following conditions apply:

#1. Any game at halftime or beyond is considered final. Games not at halftime may be considered final if mutually decided on by both coaches.

#2. The Board, if voting to cancel, may elect to postpone all games up to 2 hours to allow inclement weather to pass and the tournament to continue.

#3. No makeup tournament is allotted for. Should a cancellation be called before a Division's final game is at least halfway complete, then the Regular Season's Standing Placement will apply.

#5 In the event of a cancellation decision being made at regular or tournament games, in which a Board Member is a part of the Coaching Staff (of a game in progress), that Board Member will abstain from participating in the voting process.

REFEREES

-The Director of Referees and Games, per the by-laws, is responsible for the hiring, training and scheduling of Referees. Referees are not required to be certified by USSF. However, a Referee with a Current USSF Certification will receive an additional \$5 per game. After 2 completed seasons, a referee may be raised \$5 per game, not to exceed \$20 in base pay per game (+\$5 for certification)

-Each field will be listed below with the assigned number of referees, and their pay:

U6: 1 Referee, Coaches act as Referees if no Referee present. \$10 per game.

U8: 1 Referee, \$20 per game.

U11: 2 Referees, \$20 per game.

U15: 2 Referees Minimum, up to 3. \$20/per game for 2 Referees. \$25 per game for Center Referee and \$20 per game for Assistant Referees for 3 Referees.