



## Select League Guidelines

### 1. Age Groups

- ☺ Yavapai Soccer League (YSL) age guidelines will be strictly adhered to. Players will play within their own age level. They will be allowed to play up one two year age level with the approval of the younger coach, older coach, parents, and Director of Select.
- ☺ If no team is available in their respective age bracket, then players will be allowed to play up with the approval of the parents, coach, and Director of Select.

### 2. Select Coaches

- ☺ All individuals who wish to coach or manage a Select team must submit the appropriate forms to the Director of Select (forms must be filed annually). They must also communicate their requested gender / age group as well. This will preferably be communicated prior to Fall "open practices".
- ☺ The Director of Select will resolve all coaching conflicts (duplicate age group requests, etc.) The Director will strive to build the quantity of teams and the quality of coaching. Returning coaches & managers are not guaranteed a coaching position.
- ☺ A coach may request to bring a protest to a decision made by the Director of Select before the YSL Board of Directors for a hearing. A decision by the Board of Directors shall be final.
- ☺ Annual training and/or certification will be scheduled by the Director of Select. This training is mandatory and absence requires Director of Select or YSL Board of Directors approval.

### 2. Teams

- ☺ It is the overall Select League objective to build at least one Select team for each major 2-year age group for each gender (U10, U12, U14, U16, & U18). If this objective is achieved, then in-between age groups (eg. U11) followed by multiple teams (eg. A & B) are desired.
- ☺ All players that wish to play Fall season must attend one "open practice" at the beginning of Fall season to be placed on an appropriate team.
- ☺ Players that have previously played in the Select League must submit appropriate registration paperwork at an "open practice", as a minimum. However, coaches and players are strongly encouraged to attend and participate in the open practice sessions to interact with incoming players.
- ☺ Coaches may submit a list of requested players to the Director of Select after "open practice". The Director of Select shall determine team player and coach assignments according to the above team guidelines.
- ☺ Teams may form after the recreational season. At least one midseason open practice will be held to form "developmental" teams that desire to compete at the select level.
- ☺ Teams may also participate in the midseason open practice to replace players who have discontinued play.
- ☺ All teams must be registered with the "Roughrider" and "Lady Roughriders" name and use the approved Select team uniform in order to maintain league continuity.
- ☺ All teams must as a minimum participate in the Yavapai Cup tournament (unless there is a play-date conflict with competing in the AYSA State or Open Cup). The Director of Select will also recommend participation in one or two more tournaments. This is to build the league's representation and reputation to attract players.
- ☺ All teams with High School age players must suspend play during the high school season in Prescott Valley to allow player participation in High School soccer.

### 3. Practice & Fields

- Teams must be given authority to begin practice after summer break by the Director of Select. All practice, scrimmage and game fields must be assigned by the Director of Fields.
- All practices and scrimmages during summer break must be sanctioned by the Director of Select. Summer break begins at the end of the regular season (Yavapai Cup) and ends on August 1.

### 4. Team Finances

- It is the overall Select League objective for each select team to maintain a financial account with the YSL Treasurer.
- Teams that properly maintain financial accounts through the YSL Treasurer shall be eligible for a uniform stipend, player scholarship, and any other stipends that YSL grants to select teams for the given year. Otherwise, the team will not be eligible for these YSL grants.
- All teams must pay Tournament fees with a check written by the YSL Treasurer by the tournament entry deadline. The fee must be reimbursed by the team's financial account or pre-paid to YSL if a team does not maintain its account with the league. There is no exception to this rule since YSL is liable for unpaid fees when teams withdraw.
- Teams may perform fund raisers and solicit sponsorships with all funds deposited to their league account. If a league account is not used, then the team must provide the YSL Treasurer with adequate financial documentation to insure funds are collected and spent within non-profit guidelines.
- Teams may charge players "assessment fees" to pay team expenses with all funds deposited to their league account. It is encouraged that teams allow the Director of Select to collect these funds on a monthly or quarterly basis and enforce non-payment by removing player eligibility. If a league account is not used, then the team must provide the YSL Treasurer with adequate financial documentation to insure funds are collected and spent within non-profit guidelines.
- Uniform orders must be submitted on the approved form to the Director of Select who will place the order. The cost must be reimbursed by the team's financial account (and stipend) or pre-paid to YSL if a team does not maintain its account with the league.

### 5. Player Transfer & Release

- All transfers must be approved by the Director of Select.
- Players may only be released for the following reasons:
  - the player has violated rules of the YSL, AYSA, USYSA or USSF;
  - non-payment of established registration or assessment fees;
  - the player has moved beyond a reasonable travel distance with the determination of reasonable travel distance subject to definition by YSL;
  - the player is injured in such a manner that the player will not be able to participate for the remainder of the season.

## 6. Player Fees

- 2009/10 Registration Fee is \$80.
- 2009/10 estimated Uniform Stipend is \$32 per player (see team finances for team eligibility).
- 2009/10 Player Scholarship for documented economic hardship according to YSL guidelines is \$40 (see team finances for team eligibility).
- 2008/09 Tournament Stipend was \$150 toward participation in the Yavapai Cup (see team finances for team eligibility).
- A team budget guideline is as follows:

Uniform:	20	(20 = \$52 high end uniform - 32 stipend)
3 Tournaments:	62	(250 Yavapai + 275 Xmas Angel + 400) / 15 players
Open League:	<u>6</u>	(\$85 / 15 players)
Assessment per player:	\$ 88	

## 4. Penalties

- All disciplinary reports received during games & tournaments may be reviewed by the YSL Board. The YSL Board will review any such reports if it receives a written request.
- The penalties for team non-compliance with the above guidelines or disciplinary action requested by the YSL Board are enforced by the Director of Select according to the following guideline:
  - First offense: Coach suspension from practice and games.
  - Second offense: Coach and/or team manager replacement.
  - Third offense: Team dissolution.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_