

LYSA Adult Soccer

Constitution, General Rules, and By-Laws

1. MISSION STATEMENT

A. The mission of LYSA Adult Soccer is:

- i. To provide an enjoyable soccer experience for adults in the Central Kentucky area.
- ii. To work together with the other area soccer leagues for the betterment of the game of soccer.
- iii. To promote fellowship and sociability among soccer players, members, and the general public.
- iv. To engage generally in any cause or activity similar to those above mentioned.
- v. To do all things necessary and desirable for the accomplishment of any and all of the stated purposes.

2. GOVERNING BODY

A. The League Council of the LYSA Adult League shall be the governing body of the organization, along with the LYSA Board of Directors, and in compliance with the LYSA by-laws and general rules. This council shall consist of the following members: Director, Deputy Director, League Administrator, a minimum of three (3) team captains, and a LYSA representative.

i. Purposes of the League Council shall be to:

- a. Carry out and implement business as directed by LYSA Adult League and LYSA.
- b. Handle disciplinary decisions of both individuals and teams.
- c. Schedule a general league meeting at least once per year.
- c. Decisions of the League Council must be by majority vote of the entire Council present, except where noted otherwise within this document. (Three votes minimum).
- d. Voting may be conducted via email at the discretion of the League Council.

3. BY-LAWS

A. The LYSA Adult, LYSA, and US Club Soccer By-Laws govern the business of LYSA Adult.

4. RULES

A. Rules govern the playing of games within LYSA Adult.

B. Rules are binding by the vote of the majority of current League Council.

5. AMENDMENTS

A. Proposed amendments to the Rules must be presented in writing to the entire League Council prior to any vote.

B. Amendments must be approved by a two-thirds vote of the current League Council.

LYSA ADULT LEAGUE GENERAL RULES

1. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

1.1 To be eligible a player must be registered with the LYSA Adult League, assigned to a designated team, and have a current player card issued by LYSA Adult League. In the event of a player card being unavailable, a player can provide a photo ID as proof of identity, subject to the approval of the referee or League Council member.

1.2 The minimum age to participate is 18 years old. A player under the age of 18 may participate with parental permission – at the discretion of the League Council.

1.2.1 To be eligible to participate in an age-specific division, the player must already be or turn the specified age during the season of play.

1.2.2 The League Council may choose to waive the age requirement for female players due to coed restrictions at its discretion.

1.3 Adding new players:

1.3.1 A new player may be added at any time during the season of play completing the registration process. Registration fees may be prorated at League Council discretion.

1.3.2 A new player will not be allowed to play until the registration has been approved, and they have been added to the official roster. At this time, they should also have a player card.

1.4 Guest Players

1.4.1 Each eligible player must indicate their desire to be considered for use as a Guest Player upon initial registration.

1.4.2 Teams may request a Guest Player by notifying the League Administrator no less than 24 hours before the scheduled match.

1.4.3 The team requesting a Guest Player must pay a \$10 administrative fee per Guest Player prior to the match being played.

1.4.4 The League Administrator will maintain a current list of available Guest Players and provide the team with an appropriate player from the list.

1.4.5 The League Administrator will notify the referee of the Guest Player prior to the match.

1.4.6 The Guest Player will be responsible for presenting a photo ID or player card to the referee at the time of the match.

1.5 Individual Players

1.5.1 Individuals may register without already being associated with a specific team, at the discretion of the League Council.

1.5.2 Individual Players must contact the League Administrator prior to registering.

1.5.3 The League Administrator will make all attempts to place the Individual Player with a team in the order that they contact the League Administrator.

1.5.4 If the League Administrator is unable to place the Individual Player on a team, the Individual Player will be placed on a waiting list for teams seeking additional players.

1.6 The minimum number of players constituting a team for roster purposes is fifteen (15) for full-sided play, eight (8) for small-sided play.

1.7 An individual player may not be rostered on two teams within the same division.

2. RULES FOR PLAY

2.1 All games shall be played in accordance with FIFA and USSF laws, except where noted below.

2.1.1 Unlimited substitutions shall be allowed during all league games.

2.1.2 Slide tackling is not permitted in any divisions designated as Over 40 or older.

2.1.3 Foul and abusive language will not be tolerated. This includes cursing, racial or ethnic slurs, and derogatory comments related to gender or sexual identity.

2.2 Substitution modifications:

2.2.1 Substitutions will be allowed for both teams for goal kicks and after a goal is scored.

2.2.2 Substitutions are allowed on throw-ins and corner kicks for the offensive team only.

However if the offensive team is substituting players, the opposing team will also be permitted to make substitutions.

2.2.3 A team may substitute for an injured player with the referee's approval.

2.3 Small-sided format modifications:

2.3.1 Small-sided format may consist of 6v6, 7v7, or 8v8 format.

2.3.2 Substitutions are allowed for either time at any stoppage in play.

2.3.3 All scoring must occur in the offensive half of play.

2.3.3.1 Any ball kicked from the defensive half of play, kickoff, or out of bounds restart that enters the goal and crosses the goal line without being touched by another player will result in a goal kick.

2.3.4 The restart for the ball leaving the field of play will be an indirect free kick. This includes goal kicks and corner kicks.

2.3.5 All free kicks in the within the field of play in the offensive half of the field are direct.

2.3.6 No off-sides.

2.3.7 The defensive distance given for a restart is five (5) yards.

2.4 Coed Requirements:

2.4.1 All divisions designated as coed must have a minimum of two (2) female players on the field at all times.

2.4.2 The maximum number of male players allowed on the field in all coed divisions is nine (9) for full-sided play.

2.4.3 If a team is unable to field the required number of female players, the team is required to play down the appropriate number of players designated for the female players. (Ex. 11v10 or 11v9)

2.5 Each team is required to furnish the referee with an approved roster with player's name and jersey number, and each player's approved player card.

2.6 Each team is required to have matching jerseys with printed numbers.

2.7 The home team is responsible for changing jerseys in the event of a color conflict.

2.8 The winning team is responsible for reporting the official game score to the League Administrator prior to the start of the next match.

2.8.1 Failure to report the score timely may result in a forfeit designation.

3. DISCIPLINARY RULES

3.1 Teams

3.1.1 Any team arriving at the field or unprepared to play the match later than fifteen (15) minutes after the scheduled time shall forfeit the match.

3.1.2 Any team found using a player not registered with the team or not using the Guest Player process will be assigned a forfeit for any matches the illegal player has participated in.

3.1.3 All team members are responsible for the compliance with these rules, and with the rules of the International Football Association board (FIFA), the United States Amateur Soccer Association (USASA), and US Club Soccer.

3.2 Team Captains

3.2.1 Team Captains are responsible for communicating any issues to the League Council.

3.2.2 Team Captains are responsible for the behavior of all players or other persons associated with the team.

3.3 Players

3.3.1 Any player receiving a red card shall be automatically suspended for the next match, and the player will be referred to the League Council for possible further disciplinary action.

3.3.2 Any player receiving a red card must leave the facilities immediately. Failure to do so may result in further disciplinary actions.

3.3.3 A player receiving three yellow cards in the same season will be referred to the League Council for possible disciplinary action.

3.4 Fines and Fees

3.4.1 A fine may be assessed to any player or team for disciplinary reasons at the discretion of the League Council.

3.4.2 A fine may be assessed to a team for repeated forfeits at the discretion of the League Council.

3.4.3 All fines and fees must be paid in full before the player or team will be allowed to participate in the next scheduled match or in future seasons.

4. RIGHT OF APPEAL

4.1 All LYSA Adult League members have the right to appeal the interpretation and enforcement of the LYSA Adult League By-Laws and General Rules.

4.1.1 Only violations of the LYSA Adult League By-Laws or General Rules shall be subject to appeal.

4.1.2 The referee's judgment on points of fact connected with play shall be considered final and not subject to appeal.

4.2 All appeals must be made in writing and directed to the LYSA Adult League Council within seventy-two (72) hours of the incident in question.

4.3 All appeals will be heard by the LYSA Adult League Council, and the Council decision be considered final.

4.4 Any suspended player may continue to participate while under appeal at the discretion of the League Council.

4.5 The League Council may impose a disciplinary fine as deemed appropriate.

5. OFFICIAL PLAY

5.1 League play will be permitted only if a USSF certified referee, assigned by the LYSA Adult League referee assignor, is present to call the match.

5.2 The referee has full authority at the field and surrounding areas from the time of arrival until the time of departure.

5.3 If both teams are not ready to be checked in by the referee before game time, a fifteen (15) minute grace period will be given.

5.4 Scoring/Standings

5.4.1 LYSA Adults League will maintain an accurate table of league standings.

5.4.2 Games will be scored as 3 points for a Win, 1 point for a Tie, 0 points for a Loss.

5.4.3 Maximum goal differential per game is +4.

5.4.4 Forfeits will be recorded as 4-0 in favor of the winning team.

5.4.5 Double forfeits will be recorded as 0-0.

5.4.6 Standings tie-breakers will be decided in order of Total Points, Goal Differential, and Goals Scored.

6. TERMINATION OR CANCELLATION OF PLAY

6.1 The referee shall have the authority to terminate a match, on account of weather conditions, any other special conditions which affect the playability of the game with regard to the safety of the players or the preservation of the field, or for reasons of persistent or severe unsportsmanlike conduct on the part of players, captains, or spectators.

6.2 The League Council will determine the necessity to cancel any match prior to the start of the match on account of weather conditions, any other special conditions which affect the playability of the game with regard to the safety of the players or the preservation of the field.

6.3 If a match is terminated or cancelled on account of weather conditions, any other special conditions which affect the playability of the game with regard to the safety of the players or the preservation of the field – and the match has not yet started or reached halftime - the match will be rescheduled for a later date.

6.4 If a match is terminated or cancelled on account of weather conditions, any other special conditions which affect the playability of the game with regard to the safety of the players or the preservation of the field – and the match has reached halftime - the match will be considered final and the result recorded.

6.5 Once a referee or league official cancels the game, no further play is permitted. Players are no longer covered by insurance or LYSA Adult League policies at that time.

LYSA ADULT LEAGUE BY-LAWS

1. Membership of the LYSA Adult League

- 1.1 Shall be open to any players who are willing to abide by the LYSA Adult League Constitution, General Rules, and By-Laws.
- 1.2 Membership in the LYSA Adult League is valid for each registered season of play only.
- 1.3 LYSA Adult League reserves the right to refuse membership to any individual or group that refuses to abide by the LYSA Adult League Constitution, General Rules, and By-Laws.
- 1.4 Any individual or groups whose actions or behaviors are in violation of the Constitution, By-Laws, rules, or resolutions as passed by the LYSA Adult League Council shall be subject to disciplinary actions up to and including suspension and/or expulsion.

2. Meetings

- 2.1 The League Council shall schedule regular meetings as needed.
- 2.2 General meetings will be held for the purpose of league organization, and reviewing membership feedback, as needed.

3. Fees and Rosters

- 3.1 Participation fees for each LYSA Adult League season shall be determined by the League Council and subject to LYSA approval, prior to the start of each season.
- 3.2 To be eligible to play in the LYSA Adult League, all fees are due at the start of each season.
- 3.3 LYSA Adult League fees are to be used for:
 - 3.3.1 Maintenance and improvement of an acceptable playing venue.
 - 3.3.2 Applicable referee and administrative fees.
 - 3.3.3 US Club Soccer player insurance fees.
 - 3.3.4 Advertising.
 - 3.3.5 Any other necessary expenditure as dictated by the LYSA Adult League Council.

4. Financial Reports

- 4.1 LYSA Adult League Council will prepare an annual budget in conjunction with LYSA.
- 4.2 All LYSA Adult League and LYSA financial reports are available at all times upon request.