**Coaches and Parents:**

The UYSA would like to thank you for your time and contribution to the enjoyment of the world’s most popular sport. As a guide, we would like to provide you with some “need to know” rules and regulations this season. For our full list of local Rules and Regulations, please visit:

**www.eteamz.com/UYSA/**

**We ask that you adhere to the following basic rules and discuss these with parents and fans:**

1. Alcoholic beverages of any type and tobacco products will not be permitted at or adjacent to any field of play.

2. No foul language. We encourage you to cheer for all players. We have a zero tolerance policy on referee abuse.

3. Clean up around your area after each game.

4. Allow all players the required 50% playing time.

5. No parents may sit behind the goals or on the coaching side of the field. Please allow 5 feet for referees on both sides of the field.

6. No practicing on playing fields. We have a designated practice area on the west side of our complex.

7.A plea of ignorance to the rules and regulations is not sufficient grounds for appeals or protests.

**We wish you a great season!!!**

**Recreational Teams 3.5.1**  
The purpose of competition within UYSA is to involve as many children as possible and teach them the game of soccer by providing approximately evenly matched competition between teams within UYSA whenever possible.

**Player Draft 3.5.3**  
Returning coaches of U-9 and older teams with a protected core of players from the previous season’s team will first draft their hold over players. Among all the coaches, new coaches will draft first in an order to be determined by a draw.  
  
Returning U-9 through U-19 coaches will draft in reverse order of their finish in the previous season. All coaches of U-8 and younger teams will draw for a draft order. All players U-8 and younger will be in the draft each year.  
  
When a new team is formed in any age division, the Coach and/or Assistant Coach, at their request, may have their own children assigned to their team. Under this provision, they will not draft until the number of rounds have been completed equal to their initial number of players (i.e. starting with two players, this team will draft next in the third round.)

**Under 8 and younger 3.8.1**  
U-8 and younger teams are formed to introduce new players to soccer and to develop their soccer skills. To encourage this attitude, regular season standings will not be kept and coaches will be encouraged to play/develop their weakest players.

**Game Days 4.1**  
Regular season games will be played on Saturdays and weekdays as needed.

**Practice Fields 4.2**  
Teams shall not use playing fields for practice sessions. Teams should locate open areas elsewhere for conducting their practice sessions. This rule is necessary in order to schedule maintenance and watering sessions to preserve the playing surfaces of the playing fields. Violation of this provision may result in penalty points being awarded to a coach.

**Sideline Coaching 4.6**  
Sideline coaching of players on the field during a game shall be permitted to a team from only one side of the playing field along the touchline between the two penalty boxes. Sideline coaching is expected to be “positive,” never negative coaching and should diminish as players get older and more skillful.  
**Excessive coaching may be limited by the referee.**

**Referee Abuse 4.7**  
No verbal (abuse) or physical (assault) before, during or after play; or any other form of game interference shall be allowed towards the referee.

**Under 8 and Younger 5.1**  
In keeping with the UYSA and STYSA/USYSA guidelines, no standings will be kept for Under 8 and younger teams.

**Under 9 and Older 5.2**  
A game scoring form will be completed by the referee for all UYSA and STYSA sanctioned play. Game scoring forms are to be retained through the end of the season.

**U10/U12 Point System:**

Win: 3 points for a win

Loss: zero points for a loss

Tie: 1 point to each team for a tie

Shut out: 1 point for a shut out

Goal Points: 1 point per goal up to 6 points maximum

Maximum points per game is 10 points

**Law I – The Field of Play 6.1**  
All fields will have a “spectator line” marked approximately 5 feet from the touch-line between the penalty boxes as space allows. **NO ONE, except the Assistant Referee, shall be between the spectator line and the touch-line.**

**Law II – The Ball**

The size of the ball shall be as

Follows

Under 19 – Under 13 Size 5

Under 12 – Under 9 Size 4

Under 8 – Under 5 Size 3

**Law VII – Duration of the Game**Duration of the games shall be as follows:  
Under 19–Under 17 Two 45-Minute halves  
Under 16–Under 15 Two 40-Minute halves  
Under 14–Under 13 Two 35-Minute halves  
Under 12–Under 11 Two 30-Minute halves  
Under 10–Under 9 Two 25-Minute halves  
Under 8-Under 7 Four 10-Minute Quarters  
Under 6–Under 5 Four 8-MinuteQuarters  
  
The half-time interval is (5) minutes, or quarter-time interval (2) minutes.

**Law XI – Offside**Under 19 through Under 10 no changes.  
Under 8 and younger – the offside rule shall be interpreted liberally; however, no player may play in an obvious offside position, in front of or near the goal, such as a “designated scorer”.

**Law XII – Fouls and Misconduct**The FIFA Law with respect to the charging of the goalkeeper shall not apply in youth play. There shall be no charging of the goalkeeper, fairly or unfairly, in STYSA sanctioned competition. Any such act will be considered as “dangerous play” at the least and punished accordingly.

**Law XIII – Free Kick**Under 19 through Under 10 – According to FIFA.  
Under 8 through Under 5:   
1. All fouls shall be penalized with indirect kicks.  
2. From the point of taking of an indirect kick or corner kick, opponents shall not be any closer than six (6) yards.

**Law XIV – Penalty Kick**Under 19 through Under 11 – According to FIFA  
Under 10 and Under 9 – According to FIFA except the penalty spot is nine (9) yards from the goal line.  
Under 8 and younger – no penalty kicks.

**Law XV – Throw In**Under 19 through Under 9 – According to FIFA  
Under 8 and younger – If there is an infraction of the FIFA throw in rule, the player throwing the ball in shall receive one additional throw-in after correcting instruction from the referee. If the player violates the FIFA throw in rule in his/her second throw in, then the opposing team shall be awarded the throw in.

**Law XVI, Law XVII**Other UYSA Policies:  
1. Under 8 and younger – there shall be no goalkeeper.

2. Coaches may not be on the field of play during conduct of the game.

**Local Law**

Under 8- A “Dead Zone” will be utilized to discourage goalkeeping. The Dead Zone is a rectangle area in front of the goal with dimension 5’x 10’. No play shall be allowed in this Zone. If a goal is blocked from within the dead zone, a goal will be awarded to the attacking team. If play continues into the Dead Zone, play will be restarted at the center field with a drop ball. If the attacking team scores from within the Dead Zone, no goal will be awarded, procession will change and the opposing team will be awarded a goal kick.