



## Iowa Premier Soccer League Rules and Policies

### PART V

#### PLAYER & MATCH RULES

##### 501: Registration

**Section 1:** All Competitive League players and teams shall be registered with the Club Registrar for the seasonal year. (August 1- July 31)

**Section 2:** By submitting an approved, signed registration form for processing by the Club Registrar, a player agrees and commits to the club for the seasonal year unless released by the club.

Players must satisfy all financial commitments to the club they are registered with before transferring or signing with another IPSL member club.

##### 502: Players/Coach Passes

**Section 1:** All teams are required to present a valid ISA player/coach pass for each player, head coach, assistant coach, trainer and/or manager that will be on the member teams sideline. Passes must be complete with pictures and signatures and laminated on both sides. Players may only play for one club in the IPSL

**Section 2:** The Referee Assignor will insure that all referees assigned to officiate any IPSL games are aware of this rule.

##### 503: Teams

**Section 1:** The age brackets of teams within the IPSL will be in the U11, U12, U13, U14, U15, U16, U17, U18 and U19 age groups. Age divisions may be combined or divided by the League Committee for the purpose of league play.

**Section 2:** It is the responsibility of each team to comply with rules and regulations outside the boundaries of the IPSL rules and policies.

**Section 3:** Teams are limited to 14 on the sideline for U11/12 matches. 18 for U13 and above.

##### 504: Playing Divisions

**Section 1:** Teams may request to be placed in a division at the time of application. Decisions for placement will be the domain of the League Committee and may not be changed after the schedule is complete except by vote of the League Committee.

**Section 2:** The League Committee, after taking into consideration all requests for placement, will place teams into divisions they deem appropriate to the teams skill level.

## **505: Matches**

**Section 1:** All teams registered in the IPSL shall be required to play all of their scheduled league matches. Teams not playing a scheduled league match are subject to a \$400 fine and possible suspension from the IPSL.

**Section 2:** No match may be cancelled for any reason other than an "Act of God" Failure to adhere to this policy will render the offending team responsible for all referee fees and match expenses for the cancelled game.

**Section 3:** Cancelled matches should be rescheduled. Coaches or team managers should contact each other, agree on a date to reschedule and forward the information to the league director. All reschedules are dependent on field and referee availability. Matches not rescheduled will be posted as Not Played. Failure to adhere to this policy may render the offending team responsible for all referee fees and match expenses for the canceled game.

**Section 4:** The team listed first on the schedule will be designated the Home team and is responsible for changing jerseys should there be a color conflict.

**Section 5:** Match length

### **Match Duration**

U11/U12 - 30 minute halves

U13/U14 - 35 minute halves.

U15/U19 - 40 minutes halves.

Coaches may change the length of any match as long as both coaches agree and inform the referee prior to the start of a match. Teams play the match length of the oldest team scheduled to compete. Coaches will advise referees if they are playing two games in one day.

**Section 6:** The IPSL is a statewide league and as such will play matches throughout the State.

- All IPSL Member Teams must be prepared to travel for league matches.
- No Member Team may reschedule a match due to traveling conflicts.
- If a Member Team must reschedule a match in accordance with Sections 3 of this rule, the rescheduled match will be played in the city it was originally scheduled for.
- All attempts will be made by the League Committee to schedule two matches in one day for all teams that have to travel.

**Section 7:** The IPSL may schedule matches on both Saturday and Sunday, Sunday being the primary day, based on field availability and the wishes of the Member Teams and IPSL.

**Section 8:** Substitutions

U13 and Older Age Divisions

Unlimited player substitutions at any stoppage at the discretion of the referee, with a limit of three times per half. Injured players who have left the field for attention may re-enter at the discretion of the referee.

## U11/U12 Age Divisions

Unlimited Substitutions shall be made with the consent of the referee at the following times: Both teams may substitute if players are at the center mark.

1. Prior to a throw-in in your favor
2. Prior to a goal kick by either team
3. After a goal by either team
4. A team may substitute for an injured player or players and the opponent may substitute a like number of players, when the referee stops play for an injury
5. At halftime.

### **506: Schedules**

**Section 1:** The League Director will create a schedule of matches for all divisions in conjunction with the League Committee.

**Section 2:** The Director will send the schedule to the Web Master for posting on the league web site.

**Section 3:** All Member Teams will play their schedules as listed on the web site.

**Section 4:** It is the Member Teams responsibility to ensure that they have a current schedule.

**Section 5:** The League Director will make all attempts to schedule two games in one day for all teams traveling from their home city to compete.

**Section 6:** The League Director will block out certain weekends designated by the League Committee as having conflicts with the following: Tournaments voted on by the League Committee. Those weekends where certain Member Teams have been invited to Special Soccer related events. (i.e.; ODP)

Those weekends where the local schools will be conducting PSATs, ACTs and/or any other testing required by the players for educational purposes. It is the responsibility of the membership to research and request these dates. The League Director will confirm these dates.

**Section 7:** A calendar of anticipated block out requests will be presented to the League Director prior to the February & July scheduling meetings by all member teams for their team. It should include possible rescheduling dates. It is at the discretion of the League Committee to accept or deny requests.

### **507: Match Results**

**Section 1:** The Member Team listed first on the schedule will be designated the Home team. Home teams will provide a change of colors if requested by the referee

**Section 2:** It is the responsibility of both teams to ensure that the results of the matches are submitted before 10:00pm of each game day.

**Section 3:** It is the Referee's responsibility to ensure that the game report is accurate and maintain a game report for each match they officiate. The Head Referee must submit the report to the ISA office before referee fees for the match are paid to all match referees. Reports may be submitted via the Internet.

**Section 4:** All league stats will be taken from the match reports and no changes will be allowed once the match report has been sent to the ISA Office unless both coaches and the head referee concur that an error has been made.

#### **509: Match Locations**

**Section 1:** Each Member Club must provide one approved field for every three teams entered. The fields must be available for scheduling on the same day at the same time. The League Director will try to locate appropriate fields for clubs who do not meet this requirement. It will be the responsibility of the Team and or Club to contract and secure fields.

**Section 2:** All league matches will be played at the locations listed on the schedule that is posted on the web site.

**Section 3:** The League Director will locate and maintain a database of premier quality fields available for league matches.

#### **510: Referees**

**Section 1:** The Referee Assignors will ensure that all referees assigned IPSL games are certified as required by the IRC and USSF.

**Section 2:** It is the responsibility of the Referee Assignors to ensure that only referees of the highest caliber are assigned matches played in the IPSL.

**Section 3:** It is the responsibility of each Member Teams Head Coach to advise the League Director of all referees deemed inappropriate to referee matches of the caliber of play in the IPSL. The League Director will then meet with the Referee Assignor to investigate the report and confirm allegations and discuss the future use of the referee.

- Report any Head Coach found to be making an unsubstantiated complaint to the League Committee.

**Section 4:** The referees will officiate all matches in accordance with the FIFA Laws of the Game.

**Section 5:** The referees will be paid after the game report has been submitted to the ISA office. ISA will process referee payments, as per ISA accounting procedures, on the 15th and the last day of each month.

**Section 6:** The Referee Assignors will communicate with the League prior to the start of the seasonal year to determine the fees to be paid to referees.

**Section 7:** The League Director will assure that all teams pay an equal fee for referees within an age division.