

## **Yankton Youth Soccer Association Club Rules**

### **FORMATION OF A CLUB TEAM & CLUB GUIDELINES**

- 1. A team must request approval from the YYSAs Board of Directors prior to its formation. The Board will authorize teams contingent upon their abiding by YYSAs guidelines. Only U-10 divisions and above shall be approved.**
- 2. All club players must be registered with YYSAs and have paid the registration fee for that year to participate on a club team. In addition to this fee, each player must pay an additional \$12 per year. Payment of \$12/player must be submitted with the club roster to the registrar.**
- 3. All teams must advertise and hold tryouts on a yearly basis. Tryouts must be held during the time specified by the state soccer association. Proof of the tryouts must be provided to the club liaison. During the tryout period all players must be registered with YYSAs prior to trying out for a club/high school team. Coaches are required to confirm with the YYSAs Registrar that all players are register prior to any tryouts. No exceptions to this rule. Tryouts for club teams must be completed on July 31<sup>st</sup> or said stated dates of each year for teams playing club in the fall season and a tryout date must be set and approved by YYSAs for those club teams that participate only in the spring season. No player can be listed on a High School Roster and a Club Roster at the same time!**
- 4. Selection of the players is made by the coach on the basis of skill, attitude, attendance and parental support. Coaches are encouraged to roster age-appropriate if possible; especially if there is a club team of that other age division. No team shall roster more than 25 percent of younger players if there is an age-appropriate team available and no player can be more than one year younger.**
- 5. The club liaison will submit the roster to the registrar and obtain the official roster and player cards only after confirming that the previous regulations have been met.**
- 6. Club teams must provide an Annual Report and Reapplication for Authorization in writing and in person at the Annual General Business meeting of the YYSAs Board of Directors (October of each year) to maintain active status with YYSAs.**
  - The report must contain the name of the team and coaches with contact information.**
  - A summary of the season including games played.**
  - A summary of fundraising activities.**
  - A statement of tryout information, date it was held and numbers.**
- 7. A club team must formally disband by providing the board with a written statement including information regarding the disposition of club funds and property. Any team that does not submit a reapplication at the October board meeting will be considered to have disbanded and must request permission to form a team prior to resuming club play.**

8. **Scheduling of fields and referees for club games must be coordinated with YYSAs Field and Referee chairpersons. At least one-week notice is required. Failure to give the chairpersons appropriate notice may result in the fields or referees being unavailable.**
9. **YYSAs does not have any financial obligation to any Club team, although insurance coverage is provided by virtue of paying the registration fee.**
10. **Coaches must abide by YYSAs sportsmanship standards at all times. Failure to do so may result in forfeiture of the club roster and player cards.**
11. **Head club coaches must have a coaching license at the level required by the state.**
12. **Club teams must have their own uniforms and/or equipment, or request special permission from YYSAs to use league uniforms and/or equipment. The Board may approve limited use of uniforms and equipment on only a short-term basis.**
13. **Travel requests for out of state games must be submitted to SDSSA on a timely basis. Currently, it must be 30 days prior to the tournament. This is necessary for insurance coverage. Guest player forms are also required and must be faxed to the state prior to the tournament.**
14. **On August 1<sup>st</sup> of each year, the roster with required fee will be submitted to the registrar. Team's roster and player cards will be completed and returned to the coach within 14 days. If changes are required to the roster and or player card then this will be done after September 15<sup>th</sup>. Any requested changes between the period of after the issue of the roster/player card and up to September 15<sup>th</sup> will require a \$25.00 fee per request and the change will take place no sooner than 7 days from the date of the request and the remittance of the fee. Tryouts for spring only club teams must be completed by April (15) and rosters submitted by the following weekend. Team roster and player cards will be returned within 14 days of that date. The \$25 fee for changes will be applied for any changes submitted between submission of the 1<sup>st</sup> roster and May 30.**
15. **Coaches who wish to play in a tournament during any YYSAs Recreation Soccer season must notify the YYSAs Board (at their August meeting for Fall and at their March meeting for Spring seasons) prior to scheduling Club tournament play. Only one Club game per season will be allowed which can potentially conflict with recreational soccer play. The Board rarely may approve additional games per season in certain circumstances. If more than one team affects the same age division, the scheduling chair requests that only one weekend is affected during each season.**
16. **Club teams may participate in friendlies or league play such as the Sioux Interstate League as long as there is no conflict with the recreational soccer schedule. Teams should not play more than five games on any given weekend including recreational games. State rules require teams and/or associations wishing to host friendly games to submit "Permission to Host Friendly Games" papers to the State Registrar prior to the start of those games.**

17. Practices by club teams may be held on the HSC fields (1 game field per week & 1 practice field per week) but care shall be given to maintain field integrity especially the goal areas. This must be coordinated through the YYSA Scheduler.
18. In an effort to maintain the current recreation program for the Yankton Youth Soccer Association and to partner with the club teams affiliated with YYSA
- U15 – U19 boy and girl club players may opt not to participate on a recreational team during the spring season allowing them the opportunity to play club soccer as a personal choice. The only stipulation is this decision must be decided no later than January 31<sup>st</sup> of each calendar year. The club director will be responsible to notify all club coaches of this requirement and each player will submit a form provided to them from the club director stating their intent to not play recreation soccer and submit the form within the guidelines to the registrar. This will allow the association time to evaluate the roster sizes for these age groups.
  - U14 and below, boy and girl club players will participate on a recreational team. Club coaches at this level are expected to support the recreation program in order to maintain their club status within the YYSA.

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