



COACHES HANDBOOK

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All Coaches and Assistant Coaches of the Irondequoit Soccer Club are expected to know, abide by, and promote the policies and guidelines detailed in this handbook. Coaches are expected to keep this handbook with them during games and practices for reference.

1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 PURPOSE OF MANUAL

- To describe ISC Policies and procedures associated with the House and Travel programs.
- To outline the rules and responsibilities of our coaching staff.
- To provide guidelines for team behaviors.

Violations of the rules outlined in this manual strike at the very spirit of ISC's foundation and will be addressed with that feeling in mind by the Executive Board.

ISC policies may **NOT** be changed during a playing season unless so voted by the ISC Executive Board.

ONLY the ISC Executive Board may amend this manual. Others wishing to propose changes should present them in writing to a member of the Executive Board for their subsequent presentation at a scheduled Board meeting.

The ISC Executive Board shall review matters not provided for in this manual. Decisions so made shall be final and binding.

1.2 ISC PHILOSOPHY

The underlying philosophy and aim of the IRONDEQUOIT SOCCER CLUB is to provide a wholesome educational and recreational experience for the youth of Irondequoit and neighboring communities, by means of an organized soccer environment. In the House League, the emphasis is on learning soccer skills, recreation and full participation of all players. Within ISC, the "win-at-all costs" approach is emphatically discouraged. For the Travel League, where the level of play is expected to be more competitive, there may be a greater emphasis on winning but learning, fun, recreation and fair participation must still receive full attention. In the coaching of young and impressionable soccer players, teaching good sportsmanship by example of personal conduct is of paramount importance. In all cases, it is necessary that a coach deal with players in a manner appropriate to their ages.

1.3 GOOD CITIZENSHIP

It is the intent of ISC to encourage good citizenship of individual participants. We are specifically concerned about being good neighbors with those who live near our playing fields. Coaches must ensure that players, parents and spectators respect the property rights and the sensibilities of our neighbors, especially with regard to parking and running through yards. All members of ISC shall think of themselves as Good Will representatives of ISC and the Irondequoit community. It is equally important for all ISC members to maintain the cleanliness of playing fields and surrounding properties.

2.0 COACHING STAFF MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENT

To become a member of the ISC coaching staff you must be a member in good standing and fulfill the requirements as follows:

HOUSE COACHING STAFF:

1.) Head Coach:

- a. Certification is strongly suggested. Examples include completion of a Youth Module course taught by an approved NYSWYSA instructor or training provided by the ISC.
- b. Shall attend clinics provided by the club annually.

- c. Is required to fill out a NYSW Disclosure Statement
- 2.) Assistant Coach:
- a. Certification, though not required, is strongly suggested.
 - b. Shall attend clinics provided by the club annually.
 - c. Is required to fill out a NYSW Disclosure Statement.

TRAVEL COACHING STAFF

- 1.) Head Coach:
- a. "E" License certification is required of all Travel Head coaches. If anyone without an E license is assigned a team to coach, they must attend an E certification class during that soccer season.
 - b. Shall attend clinics provided by the club annually.
 - c. Is required to fill out a NYSW Disclosure Statement
- 2.) Assistant Coach:
- a. "E" license Certification, though not required, is strongly recommended.
 - b. Shall attend clinics provided by the club annually.
 - c. Is required to fill out a NYSW Disclosure Statement.

At EVERY match, ISC MUST be represented by two mature and responsible adults, one of whom must be 21 years of age minimum. This representation MUST consist of the registered coach or registered assistant coach.

3.0 GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF ISC COACHING STAFF

Members of the ISC Coaching Staff:

- Shall be responsible for the actions of their teams and are expected to cooperate fully with other coaches and ISC Board Members.
- Shall be responsible for the actions of their spectators with the home coach ultimately responsible for spectator behavior and control. Good-natured encouragement of a team and players is to be encouraged but loud criticism and abuse (verbal or physical) of anyone will not be tolerated. Our coaches are required to take all necessary steps and precautions to prevent spectators from threatening, abusing or assaulting anyone before, during or after any ISC sponsored event.
- **Members of the coaching staff may NEVER enter the field to dispute a referee's decision. Coaches must wait until the game is complete to request CLARIFICATION on a referee's call.**
- Shall inform the ISC Board (via the Hotline or web site) of staff changes for insurance purposes.
- **It is recognized that coaching is a volunteer job. However, since ISC wishes to provide a healthy atmosphere, it reserves the right to withdraw the coaching/managing privilege from any individual at any time.**
- A soccer match is not the place to settle a dispute. Adequate redress is available through the league. Failure to set a good example will not be tolerated within ISC.

3.1 HEAD and ASSISTANT COACH

- **Shall be responsible for teaching soccer skills and techniques as appropriate for the age and skill level of the team he/she has been approved to coach.**
- Shall know the rules well enough to explain to players what they did wrong and how to avoid a reoccurrence.
- The Head Coach shall be responsible for directing his/her team and supervising the assistant

coach(s) and Manager.

- Assistant Coach shall assume the responsibilities of the Head Coach if he/she is unable to fulfill the duties of coach.
- Shall obtain referee's mailing address if game fee is not ready.
- Shall be responsible for all equipment provided by the ISC and its return. ISC has the right to request that the coach purchase unreturned equipment or to withdraw coaching privileges for the current or future seasons.
- Shall be responsible for follow-up phone calls to families of any injured player within 48 hours of the injury.
- Shall ensure that their teams are neatly dressed (soccer socks, shorts and jersey tucked in) and in full uniform for every match. Shin guards are required; **if a player does not have shin guards, they are not permitted to practice or play. All ISC Board members have the right to remove players from games/practice immediately upon discovery of a lack of shin guards.**
- Shall serve as a communicator between ISC Board, Parents, and players.
- Shall report all cautions and ejections within 24 hours via the ISC hotline at 342-6557.
- Shall be responsible for completing accident reports and mailing them to: ISC, P.O. Box 67481, Rochester, NY 14617.

4.0 SPORTSMANSHIP AND ETHICS

All coaches are expected to set the example in sportsmanship and ethical behavior, demand such behavior from their players and parents and to actively discourage contrary behavior among their players and parents.

Although exemplary behavior desired is subject to some judgment, as members of the ISC Coaching Staff, Coaching staff responsibilities include:

- NO foul or abusive language.
- NO threatening language, gestures or actions.
- NO engaging or encouraging of unsportsmanlike conduct.
- NO alcoholic beverages or substance abuse.
- NO smoking on or around fields of play.
- NO coaching from multiple sides, from behind or beside the goal. Nor by “running” the touchline with the players.
- NO noisemakers.
- NO Pets allowed on any fields or sidelines at any time.

All advice and comments are to be constructive and given for the benefit of the player in a **quiet and professional manner**. The use of megaphones or other artificial communication devices is forbidden.

4.1 COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT

- The laws of soccer shall be regarded as mutual agreements, the spirit or letter of which no one should try to evade or break.
- Treat visiting teams and spectators as honored guests for without them you have no competition.
- Respect officials and their decisions without gesture or argument.
- No advantages except those of superior skill shall be sought.
- Winning is desirable but winning at all costs defeats the purpose of the game.
- Losing can be a triumph when the team has given its best.
- Teach and inspire players to love the game and compete fairly.
- **All players/parents must read and sign the Player/Parent Conduct Agreement. The coach shall retain this form on file for future reference. Players may not participate until they sign this form.**

4.2 PLAYERS CODE OF CONDUCT

- Play hard but play within the rules of soccer.
- Be on time to practices and games. Teams not ready for kickoff by 10 minutes after scheduled game time forfeit the game.
- Win without boasting and lose without excuses.
- Treat visiting teams and spectators as honored guests for without them you have no competition.
- Respect officials and their decisions without gesture or argument.
- Read and sign the player code of conduct.
- In the case of foul or threatening weather, **DO NOT ASSUME** that your game will be canceled. All players should be in attendance and prepared to play. A House League game may be canceled in advance **ONLY** by the House League Manager or at the time of the game, by the referee.

4.3 PARENTS CODE OF CONDUCT

- Remember children have more need of good example than criticism.
- Attempt to relieve pressures of competition, not increase it.
- Treat visiting teams and spectators as honored guests for without them you have no competition.
- Respect officials and their decisions without gesture or argument. Note: If a parent/ guardian/ relative/ guest is ejected from a game the associated player must also leave the game.
- Read and sign the player code of conduct.

5.0 HOUSE LEAGUE MATCH RESPONSIBILITIES

Players should:

- Arrive on the field in uniforms per club guidelines. Uniform includes Jersey, shorts, socks, shin guards, and shoes (cleats, turf shoes, or sneakers with traction).
- Remove all jewelry; braces/casts are to be padded and reviewed with referee prior to start of the game.
- The referee has the final word on acceptability of jewelry, braces, casts and player personal equipment (e.g. gloves, hats, shoes, etc).
- Never argue a call, coaches may ask for clarification between periods or after the game.
- Sports goggles instead of prescription glasses are encouraged. It is at the discretion of the referee to allow the child to play with glasses.

House Coaching Staff must:

- Ensure nets and corner flags or cones secured 10 minutes before game time.
- Clarify rule interpretations with referees **BEFORE** the game starts.
- Have 1 good game ball ready for inspection if you are the home team.
- Avoid delay of a game by moving off reserves and equipment.
- Stay off the field unless beckoned on by the referee.
- Keep sidelines clear for linesperson to run without interference.
- **NEVER ARGUE A CALL**, ask for clarification between periods or after the game.
- Provide a competent linesperson, preferably an adult, but at least older than the age of the players.
- Home team shall provide the referee with correct fee **PRIOR** to the start of the game.
- Report all injuries; Call the ISC Hotline: 342-6557 to report an injury within 48 hours of injury, and fill out Accident Report and mail to ISC P.O.Box address
- Coaching staff remains on the same side as team if both teams are seated on **OPPOSITE** sides of

a field

- Coaching staff remains within your half of the field if teams are on SAME side.
- No coaching allowed by anyone along the goal line, behind the goal or by any linesperson.
 - Coaches MAY NOT enter the field of play during a match without receiving the referee's permission. Rule does not apply to the Under 6 division.
- Unlimited number of substitutions. (FIFA rules apply for the correct time to substitute) In case of extreme weather conditions or no substitutes available, the quarters may be shortened based on mutual consent of the coaches and referee.
- Late starts should be adjusted by shortening all periods equally.
- Maximum break between halves is 10 minutes and 2 minutes between quarters.
- Ties stand and there will be NO overtime.
- Referee has the authority to stop the match due to weather conditions.
- Parents may remove their child for safety reasons at any time.
- Teams alternate the kickoff after each period and change goals only at the halves.
- A caution is a YELLOW Card; an ejection is a RED Card.
- For cautions, players should be removed from the field at first opportunity.
- Two cautions within the same match equates to an ejection.
 - Ejected players must leave the match immediately, may not play the rest of the match and the team plays short the remainder of the match. That player must sit out at least the next scheduled match and fines or additional suspensions may be applied as detailed in the Player/Parent Conduct Agreement.
- In consideration of the players and their parents, games MUST be started on time. A House League team unable to kickoff within 10 minutes of the scheduled time shall forfeit that game. If the first game of a double header starts late, the referee is advised to shorten the game (all periods equally) to allow the second game to start on time. Only the referee keeps game time and their decision as to the end of any period is final.
- A team shall forfeit if unable to field the appropriate number of players. The minimum number required for U6 is 4, U08 is 5 and U10-U19 is 7 to start. A team having the minimum number of players at kickoff MUST start the game. The opposing team shall play with no more than a 2-player advantage.
- A coin toss shall be used to give the option of choice of ends or kicking off at the start of the game. Teams shall alternate kicking off in succeeding periods and shall change ends to start the second half.
- It is the responsibility of every member of an ISC team, players and staff, to know and comply with the playing rules and regulations of their respective leagues or when outside of the jurisdiction of ISC, the more restrictive rules shall apply.

5.1 TRAVEL LEAGUE MATCH RESPONSIBILITIES

Rochester District Youth Soccer League (RDYSL) dictates match responsibilities for all affiliated Travel Teams. Travel coaches are expected to know, abide by, and promote the policies of RDYSL. Coaches/teams who incur fines as a result of not abiding by RDYSL policies are personally responsible for such fines; the ISC will not cover fines associated with violation of RDYSL policies/procedures (available on www.rdysl.com)

Players should:

- Arrive on field with uniforms in order per club and RDYSL guidelines. Uniform is Jersey, shorts, socks, shin guards, and shoes (cleats, turf shoes, or sneakers with traction).
- Remove all jewelry; braces/casts are to be padded and reviewed with referee prior to start of the game.

- The referee has the final word on acceptability of jewelry, braces, casts and player personal equipment (e.g. gloves, hats, shoes, etc).
- Never argue a call, ask for clarification between periods or after the game.
- Sports goggles instead of prescription glasses are encouraged. It is at the discretion of the referee to allow the child to play with glasses.

6.0 PLAYER PARTICIPATION / RECRUITMENT

Staff may NOT recruit unregistered players nor exchange players without receiving approval from ISC Board. Travel teams are also subject to RDYSL registration policies and procedures (available on www.rdysl.com).

6.1 UNREGISTERED PLAYERS MAY NOT PARTICIPATE IN ANY ISC EVENT

6.2 HOUSE LEAGUE PARTICIPATION For Coaches and Staff:

- MUST provide equal playing time for each player in every game he/she attends regardless of playing ability, so long as there is no danger of aggravating an injury or illness. ISC policy requires that ALL players must have played 3 quarters before any player may play a fourth quarter in the same game.
- If an imbalance in scoring occurs, (i.e. a 4 goal advantage), team strategy should be adjusted to place emphasis on skill development without a continuation of the unbalanced scoring.
For example:
 - Reduce the number of players on the field
 - Move strong players to weaker positions
 - Use the 3-touch rule before shooting on goal.
- To encourage an imbalance of scoring at any level of play within the ISC House program strikes at the very nature of the philosophy of the Club, which is to promote good sportsmanship.

6.3 TRAVEL TRYOUT POLICY

- All registered Travel League applicants are to be given an equal opportunity to compete for a player position on a team. It is permissible for Travel staff to recruit additional players for team tryout sessions. If more than the maximum allowable players for a given age group roster register for a specific age, division tryouts must be held.
- Tryout players register for a specific age division.
- Tryout sessions will be scheduled by the ISC VP of Travel League, appropriate staff and responsible personnel of facilities chosen for tryout sessions.
- ISC Travel Coaches must apply annually for the privilege to coach one of ISC's Travel teams. All applicants can expect to participate in an application process consisting of submission of qualifications, a potential background check (via NYSW Risk Management) and an interview with a review board chosen by the ISC VP of Travel League. The Head Coach of each Travel team selects the associated Assistant Coaches and Managers for that team, contingent on background check (via NYSW Risk Management).
- It is ISC policy to place registered players cut from a Travel team in a House team whenever possible, provided they registered prior to the announced deadline and there are positions available on the associated House League team.
- It is ISC policy to not register full teams or select players for a roster that represent a specific school, or special interest without ISC Board approval in advance of the team being registered/formed.
- It is ISC policy to permit players to play up 1 division level, though not recommended, provided:

- 1). The coaches of the affected teams have been consulted and an agreement reached.
 - 2). The ISC Travel Division Coordinator approves the agreement.
 - 3). Ultimately, the ISC VP of Travel League has the final decision rights.
- It is ISC policy that younger players of equal talent and desire shall not cause players of the correct age division to be cut from a Travel Team.
 - The head coach is responsible for finalizing roster decisions including roster size. He/she is also responsible for informing tryout participants who have been selected and who have not. It is suggested that reasons for not accepting a travel applicant be discussed with the individual. In all cases, coaches should respect the esteem of the individual players. Travel team size maximums are dictated by RDYSL Polices and procedures.
 - When the number of registrants suggests the formation of an additional team, skill level, level of competitiveness and commitment must be of sufficient quality before ISC may form an additional team within an age group. Availability of fields and coaching staff and the schedules of the respective Travel and Select organizations also bear on this decision. The ultimate decision of regarding addition of teams rests with the ISC Board of Directors.
 - Travel players interested in dual rostering must follow polices and practices provided by RDYSL and/or NYSWYSA.

7.0 HOUSE LEAGUE PLAYING PERIODS AND BALL SIZES

Game Formats

U6 Utilize the “Small Sided Play” format (see next section) , use size 3 ball

U8 Utilize the “Small Sided Play” format (see next section), use size 3 ball

U10 play 2 – 25 minute halves: need 7 to start; use size 4 ball

U12 play 2 - 30 minute halves: need 7 to start; use size 4 ball

U15 play 2 - 35 minute halves: need 7 to start; use size 5 ball

U17 play 2 - 40 minute halves: need 7 to start; use size 5 ball

U19 play 2 - 45 minute halves: need 7 to start; use size 5 ball

7.1 TRAVEL LEAGUE- Refer to RDYSL rules

8.0 HOUSE LEAGUE RULE SUMMARY

8.1 Modified laws for U6 and U8

Based on recommendations and/or mandates from USYSA or NYSWYSA, ISC uses a “small sided” format for the U6 and U8 (both co-ed) age divisions. Small sided soccer focuses on safe, age appropriate activities (down-sized fields playing small sided games) to maximize the fun, learning potential and the number of touches on the ball for our U6 and U8 soccer players.

U6 and U8 sessions shall be comprised of:

- A suitable warm-up to get the players thinking about soccer and to prepare them physically.
- Some individual and small group activities.
- Specific training techniques, activities, and small-sided game suggestions will be provided at ISC sponsored coaching clinics and on the website.

1) THE FIELD:

a) Dimensions

i) Length: 30 yards – Under 6 40 yards – Under 8

ii) Width: 20 yards – Under 6 25 yards – Under 8

- 2) MARKINGS:
 - a) Distinctive lines necessary, sidelines, and end lines.
 - b) A halfway line can be marked out across the field or otherwise indicated
 - c) While other markings are possible, they are not required to ensure the enjoyment and development of the youngsters.
 - i) A center circle with a five (5) yard radius.
 - ii) Four corner arcs with a two (2) foot radius.
 - iii) Goal area – three (3) yards from each goal post and three (3) yards into the field of play joined by a line drawn parallel with the goal line.
- 3) GOALS:
 - a) Recommendation: Four (4) foot by Five (5) foot ‘pop up’ goal – Supplied by the club.
- 4) THE BALL:
 - a) Size three (3)
- 5) NUMBER OF PLAYERS:
 - a) Maximum number of players on the field at any one time: Four (4) with no goalkeepers for Under 6 and Five (5) with no goalkeepers for Under 8.
 - b) Substitutions
 - i) Injuries
 - ii) Substitute to ensure that all players receive equal playing time.
 - c) Teams and games are coed
- 6) PLAYERS EQUIPMENT:

Conform to FIFA with the following exceptions

 - a) Footwear: Tennis shoes or soft-cleated soccer shoes
 - b) Shin guards: Mandatory for all practices and games
- 7) REFEREE:

The following options are all acceptable for U6 and U8 Referees:

 - a) Registered referee (as available, provided by ISC)
 - b) Associate referee (as available, provided by ISC)
 - c) Parent / Coach or Assistant
 - d) All rule infractions shall be briefly explained to the offending player
- 8) LINESMAN:
 - a) Not necessary
- 9) DURATION OF GAME:
 - a) The game shall be divided into four (4), eight (8) minute quarters for Under 6 and four (4), twelve minute quarters for Under 8.
 - b) There shall be a half-time break of five (5) minutes between the two halves.
- 10) THE START OF PLAY:

Conform to FIFA with the following exceptions

 - i) Opponents must be six (6) yards from the center mark while kickoff is in progress.
- 11) BALL IN AND OUT OF PLAY:

Conform to FIFA

12) METHODS OF SCORING:

Conform to FIFA

13) OFF SIDE:

- a) There shall be no off-side

14) FOULS AND MISCONDUCTS:

Conform to FIFA with the following exceptions

- a) All fouls will result in an INDIRECT FREE KICK with the opponents six (6) yards away
- b) The referee, or coach if no referee, must explain ALL infractions to the offending player.

15) FREE KICKS:

Conform to FIFA with the following exceptions

- a) Shall be classified under one heading – INDIRECT
 - i) A goal may not be scored until the ball has been played or touched by a second player of either team.
 - ii) No kicks shall be taken by the attacking team within the defending team's goal box

16) PENALTY KICKS:

- a) No penalty kicks are to be taken during these games

17) THROW-IN:

- a) For U6 only:
 - i) Should be replaced by kick-in. Kick-in considered as an indirect free kick with opponents five (5) yards away from the ball.
- b) For U8 only:
 - i) A second throw-in must be allowed if the player commits a foul on initial attempt. The referee shall explain the proper method before allowing the player to re-throw.

18) CORNER KICK:

- a) For U6: Replace with kick-in as noted in 17)a)i.
- b) For U8: Conform to FIFA

19) GOAL KICK:

Conform to FIFA with the following exception

- a) Opponents must be six (6) yards away from the ball

8.2 U06 & U08 RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Opposing coaches and players should shake hands after each game
- Do not record league standings
- Do not record final scores on website
- There will be no playoffs
- Participation awards for ALL
- **GIVE PLENTY OF POSITIVE ENCOURAGEMENT – LET THE KIDS HAVE FUN!!!**

8.3 U06 & U08 Cautions: IMPORTANT – Coaches Please Take Note

- The practice of consistently keeping a player(s) near the opponent's goal for the purpose of scoring without opposition is a behavior that is NOT accepted from our coaches. ISC considers such tactics to

be unsportsmanlike.

- The practice of consistently keeping a player(s) in front of the defending goal while the opposing team has possession is considered goal-tending and at this age group is a behavior that is NOT accepted from our coaches. ISC considers such tactics to be unsportsmanlike.

8.4 U10 Boys and Girls

- Scores are posted to team's page on website.
- Division standings are not recorded
- Goalie headgear is mandatory for U10 – Optional for older teams
- Players can receive Yellow & Red Cards.
- Off-sides rule is enforced.
- Goalie step restrictions are enforced.
- Slide tackles, although not recommended, are allowed

8.5 Divisions U12 & Up Conform to FIFA rules

8.6 TRAVEL LEAGUE RULE SUMMARY

All travel teams are expected to know, abide by and promote all RDYSL rules. All RDYSL rules, policies and procedures can be found at www.rdysl.com.

9.0 PENALTIES

9.1 HOUSE AND TRAVEL LEAGUES

- The following penalties apply to ISC Coaching Staff and players who receive cautions and/or ejections during their period of registration with ISC and as such covers all scheduled league, playoff or tournament matches. Whereas only players receive yellow or red cards, the warnings a coach receives as a result of violations are categorized below as caution or ejection. Suspensions assessed are minimums.
- For the Travel League, any fines and/or suspensions described by RDYSL rules are in addition to ISC fines and/or suspensions and MUST be paid according to their respective guidelines.
- Individuals or teams fined by RDYSL or ISC are personally responsible for those fines including, but not limited to red/yellow cards, game forfeitures (RDYSL) or fines levied by RDYSL for game reports that are incomplete or incorrect. ISC will cover fines associated with club action (e.g. improper lines/field conditions or fines associated with last minute field changes initiated by the ISC). Failure to pay associated fines can result in revocation of coaching privileges or refusal of future registration requests.
- The ISC reserves the right to levy fines for any suspension and the ISC Treasurer must receive payment before the suspension is lifted.
- Game suspensions may carry over to the next season.
- All players and parents will be expected to review and sign the ISC Player/Parent Conduct Agreement.
- **If a parent/guardian/relative/guest is ejected from a game the associated player must also leave the game.**

Yellow Cards:

Each caution

◆Coach/Manager reports name/situation to ISC Hotline; accumulation of two yellow cards in one game will be assessed as an immediate red card

violation.

◆Any player accumulating 3 yellow cards over multiple games will be assessed a suspension and fine as noted on the RDYSL annual schedule of fines. The player is allowed to finish the game in which the third yellow card is received. Acquiring 3 or more yellow cards will count in the accumulated season yellow card count, additional fines will be assessed.

Red Cards:

Non-Fighting: First ejection ◆Coach/Manager reports name/situation to ISC Hotline plus automatic **2 game suspension** and review of offense and fine.

Non-Fighting: Second ejection ◆Coach/Manager reports name/situation to ISC Hotline plus automatic **6 game suspension** and review of offense and fine.

Non-Fighting: Third Ejection ◆Coach/Manager reports name/situation to ISC Hotline plus automatic **12**

game suspension and fine plus automatic review at the ISC Executive Board Meeting (player may be asked to attend).

Fighting: First Ejection ◆Coach/Manager reports name/situation to ISC Hotline plus automatic **4 game suspension** and fine plus automatic review at the ISC Executive Board Meeting (player may be asked to attend). Incident may be reported to Irondequoit Police Department.

Fighting: Second Ejection ◆Coach/Manager reports name/situation to ISC Hotline plus automatic **12**

game suspension and fine plus automatic review at the ISC Executive Board Meeting (player may be asked to attend). Incident may be reported to Irondequoit Police Department. Player must request reinstatement by the RDYSL Board after suspension is served.

- The ISC Executive Board will resolve infractions involving legal issues. Please be advised that if found guilty, the penalty will be LIFE suspension from all ISC matches or events.
- ISC strongly recommends that a cautioned (yellow card issued) player be substituted. Immediate discussion may correct misunderstandings while providing a "cooling off" period prior to his/her return to the game.
- Game suspensions remain in effect pending payment of assessed fines. Any ISC player found playing while under suspension would be banned from play for the remainder of that season (including play-offs, if held) and subject to any RDYSL specific penalties for Travel players.

10.0 AWARDS

Awards, if any, will be determined and procured by the ISC Board. Coaches **MUST NOT** solicit parents or engage in any other form of fund raising in order to finance additional awards or gifts without first receiving permission from the ISC Board.

11.0 FIELD ASSIGNMENTS

Coaches will receive copies of field schedules as they become available. Teams will only have the use of fields as indicated by these schedules except as modified by Field Scheduler.

Due to insurance requirements, no coach may arrange for field use for outdoor practice or games on their own without approval by the ISC Executive Board.

11.1 GAME SCHEDULING AND CANCELLATION

A House League game schedule established by the club shall not be altered for the personal or strategic convenience of coaches, teams or parents. A House League game may be canceled in advance ONLY by the VP of House League or at the time of the game, by the referee. In the case of foul or threatening weather, DO NOT ASSUME that your game will be canceled. All players should be in attendance and prepared to play.

RDYSL polices and procedures govern game scheduling for Travel Teams. Travel coaches seeking to reschedule a home game must contact the ISC field scheduler in advance to ensure a field is available.

House League *games* take priority over Travel team *practices* in the event of a field conflict. If a Travel practice is being held at the same time a House League game is scheduled, it is expected that the Travel coach will surrender the field to the House game.

In the event of a field conflict between a House League *game* and a Travel League *game*, the Travel league game takes priority given the high cost of RDYSL fines associated with game forfeitures.

11.2 FORFEITS

The following are grounds for forfeiting matches held under the jurisdiction of the ISC **House League Program**

- Teams not ready for kickoff by 10 minutes after scheduled game time
- Use of an ineligible or unregistered player
- Failure to play each player present at least one-half of the game
- Teams leaving the field before the game has been completed

RDYSL polices and procedures govern game forfeitures for Travel Teams.

12.0 SCORE REPORTING

In the House League, scores are not recorded for ages U06 and U08. However, U10 to U19 teams may post their scores on their team page on the ISC web site. Any team participating in score reporting is responsible for selecting a person to report the scores. This reporting is meant to foster good-natured competition and will not be used by the ISC in any official capacity (e.g. declaring “champions” of an age group).

Travel League score recording/reporting is governed by RDYSL policies and procedures.

13.0 REFEREES

Decisions by the referee with respect to the interpretation and enforcement of the laws of the game are final and are not subject to protest. See RDYSL Zero Tolerance Policy.

13.1 BAD WEATHER

- As per the **Zero Tolerance Policy**, If thunder and/or lightning are observed, the game will be suspended immediately and the field will be cleared allowing people to seek safe shelter. The following steps apply:
 - a. A 30 minute wait period will be started. This wait period will be reset to 30 in the event any additional thunder or lightning are observed. Both teams and referee will wait this time before resuming the game
 - b. Once there is 30 minutes of clear weather the referee shall make every reasonable effort to

resume the game with full consideration of site conditions as they affect safety and playing conditions.

- All House League games canceled due to weather conditions or field conditions will not be rescheduled.
- **RDYSL policies/procedures govern weather related game suspensions/cancellations.**

13.2 SCHEDULING

- For the House League, every attempt shall be made to assign qualified FIFA referees to all House League games, U08 and up.
- If an assigned referee is not present by the scheduled start time, the competing coaches should agree on an individual to act as referee for the game. This person will have full authority and responsibility for control of the game and is to receive the referee fee before the game starts. It is preferred that the substitute referee function be filled by ONE individual and not shared with one person taking one half of the game and a different person taking the other half. Similarly, in the case of a referee becoming incapacitated during a game, the competing coaches should agree on an individual to act as referee for the game.
- The substitute referee for that game is entitled to the payment that would have otherwise been provided to the ISC scheduled referee.
- RDYSL polices/procedures govern all scheduling/issues associated with Travel Teams.

14.0 Tournaments

Travel Teams may enter as many tournaments as desired. The choices and frequency should be reviewed with players and parents prior to submitting any registration forms. 3 Tournaments are included in the travel registration fees, which includes the ISC Challenge Invitational. Additional tournaments are paid for by the participating teams.

All ISC Travel teams will automatically be registered for the annual ISC Challenge Invitational. ISC Teams that are not planning on attending the ISC tournaments must notify the Tournament Coordinator in advance.