

## **SYSA Travel Policies** *revised 6/5/10*

### **SYSA Travel League Team Selection Priorities**

1. League (ex. we will try to maximize # of teams but not form overly weak teams)
2. Teams (ex. we will move players up/dn for the good of the teams even if the player would rather stay with last year's team)
3. Players (ex. we will accommodate the player if it doesn't conflict with priorities above)
4. Coaches (ex. we will accommodate the coach if it doesn't conflict with priorities above)
5. Parents (ex. we will accommodate the parent if it doesn't conflict with priorities above)

### **SYSA Team Tryout Policy**

- Full tryouts will be held in the spring for next fall season.
- Teams will stay intact from fall to spring if possible. Limited tryouts may be necessary based on players not returning for the spring season or other special circumstances.
- Every player interested in playing must tryout (including current team players).
- No player is guaranteed a position on the team (including current team players).
- Tryouts will be held with a combination of team coaches and impartial evaluators (including independent paid evaluators, coaches, board members, others with extensive soccer experience).
- Players wishing to be considered for a team holding tryouts who are not able to attend the tryouts due to medical or religious reasons must contact SYSA with as much advance notice as possible to discuss alternative evaluation options.
- Players wishing to be considered for a team holding tryouts who are not able to attend the tryouts due to non-medical or non religious reason will be at a distinct disadvantage as regards to team placement.
- Tryout policy cannot be superseded by verbal or written commitments made by coaches or assistants.

### **SYSA Team Selection Policy**

- Team selection and player placement decisions will be made by the Boys/Girls Coordinator, VP Travel, Director of Coaching and respective team coaches.
- Typically, 60% of roster picked by tryout results (U10=7, U11=8, U12/14=10 players), rest picked by coaches and board considering other factors.
- A player can be removed from a roster if conduct or commitment issues exist.
- Some players can be moved up (See Playing Up Policy below).
- Any player can be moved down if age appropriate.
- Player notifications will be completed by July 1st.
- Players must respond within 48hrs of notification and pay all fees within 48hrs of accepting position to guarantee roster spot (see Travel Refund Policy below).
- All discussion and deliberations in respect to the selection of team members shall be strictly confidential.

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### **SYSA Coach Selection Policy**

- Applicants must complete a SYSA Coaches application. For U11 divisions and below, a U10/U12 coaching module certificate is required. For U12 divisions and above, applicant must hold an 'E' license or be willing to obtain an 'E' license prior to the start of the season (16hr course paid by SYSA after successful completion).
- Applicants will be interviewed by the VP coach selection committee consisting of the Boys/Girls Coordinator, VP Travel and Director of Coaching.

### **SYSA Playing Up Policy**

SYSA highly recommends playing age (8/1 cutoff date) or grade (10/1 cutoff date) appropriate division. However, we will allow a player to play up one (1) division if:

- The player is being placed on a team with classmates (grade appropriate); or
- The player's skills justify the placement on an older team (player must score upper 50% in this older division); or
- There is no age appropriate team and the older team would not have sufficient players without the participation of younger players.

### **Non-Roster Player Practice Policy**

Players who are not currently rostered on the travel team may participate in a travel team practice provided the following conditions are met.

- The player must be rostered as a SYSA player either in the Travel or Rec divisions.
- If a travel player, the player must receive permission from their current travel coach
- A Rec player may be allowed to practice if they are considering trying out for the team for the following year. If a Rec player is allowed to practice, then the coach must also allow other age appropriate Rec players to practice under the same conditions if interested.

### **SYSA Travel Refund Policy**

A deposit, equal to the Recreation fee, is due at time of registration for participation in the Competitive (Travel) Division.

Typical total cost is ~\$300 plus uniform for travel league and ~\$250 plus uniform for EDP. All fees are due 48hrs after accepting position on team.

Once a player has verbally ACCEPTED a position on a competitive team and the team fees are set, players will be responsible for ALL team fees and NO REFUNDS will be given. Players will be responsible for all outstanding fees and may be considered ineligible for future play for failure to pay completely and timely all monies owed.

Refunds of all registration fees (minus any late fees or CC fees) will be given for players who are not placed on a Competitive Division team and elect not to participate in the Recreation division.

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### **Referee fees**

All referee payments are to be paid on the field prior to the game!

Each team is responsible for payment of ½ of the necessary referee fees on the field prior to the start of the game. Referees are not obligated to officiate if fees are not paid. Referee fees are paid based on the fee payment schedule below. GSYSL strongly recommends that only Club checks or Cash be used for referee payments. The new Game Card format (a three part form) allows its use as a receipt for payment of referee fees. It should be noted that if only one Referee covers any given game, the fee for that Referee will be paid at the “One” rate, rather than either the “Middle” or “Line” rate, whether that referee was assigned as “Middle” or “Line” on the schedule.

See <http://www.granitestatesoccer.com/uploads/FAQ.htm> under "How much do GSYSL Referees get paid?"

### **Game Cancellation Procedure**

- The Fields Manager will make the call to close the fields with the help of the League President, Travel VP and Field Scheduler.
  
- Field Scheduler (Larry Wright) will post closure information on <http://www.granitestatesoccer.com/bbforum/default.asp> which is the Granite State Soccer site Discussion Group page.
  
- Field Scheduler will also contact the impacted Salem coaches, the State Referee Assignor and the State Scheduler of the cancellation.
  
- The Salem coaches will be responsible for contacting their respective visiting coaches. Contact information is available on <http://www.granitestatesoccer.com>. It is recommended that you note the appropriate contact information well in advance of any upcoming game.
  
- An attempt will be made to give at least a 3 hour advance notice when a cancellation is going to happen. This might not always be the case but we will do our best particularly for those teams traveling to Salem from a great distance.

### **Game Reschedule Procedure (for weather Cancellation)**

- The Salem coach contacts the visiting coach for multiple possible reschedule dates and times.
  
- The Salem coach submits a request with those multiple dates and times to the Field Scheduler who schedules the make-up game.
  
- The Field Scheduler submits the new date and time to the State Referee Assignor and State Scheduler for approval.
  
- NOTE: If the referee cancels a game prior to the half, then the game must be rescheduled, if canceled after the half, then the score at that point is the final score and the game would be considered completed.