

Naugatuck Youth Soccer Competition Guidelines

1.0 Purpose:

1.1 To provide rules and guidelines for the operation of Classic teams.

2.0 Scope:

2.1 This procedure is only for the operation of Classic teams.

3.0 Policy:

3.1 All Classic teams will operate within the By-Laws of Naugatuck Youth Soccer.

4.0 Definitions:

4.1 Classic Team:

4.1.1 The use of tryouts, invitations, recruiting or any like process to roster players selectively on the basis of talent or ability.

4.1.2 One or more league rules restrict the manner which players may be rostered (CJSA 1284).

4.1.3 The terms "Competition" and "Travel" are sometimes used in place of "Classic".

4.2 Classic Team Player:

4.2.1 Any properly registered player that rostered to a Classic team.

4.3 Classic Team Coach:

4.3.1 A properly registered adult, who has been selected by the "Coach Selection Committee" and approved by the NYS Board of Directors, to coach a properly formed Classic Team.

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5.0 Responsibility:

5.1 It is the responsibility of the Competition Director to ensure that these rules and guidelines are followed and enforced.

5.2 The NYS Board of Directors has final responsibility of ensuring that these rules and guidelines are followed.

5.3 All Classic team Coaches and Assistant Coaches are responsible for following these rules and guidelines.

6.0 Philosophy:

6.1 To put forth the most competitive teams possible with emphasis on the individual player development while staying within these guidelines. The emphasis is placed on a higher level of technical development and competitive game tactics. Teams are placed in flights based on the prior year's records by the South Central District scheduling committee or by the coach's estimate of a team's strength for new age groups. The Naugatuck Soccer Club is a member of the CJSA (Connecticut Junior Soccer Association) and abides by all rules set up by the parent organization.

In addition, teams may elect to play in a state-wide Connecticut Cup Tournament which is a single elimination tournament of travel programs from all over the state starting in the U11 age group. Naugatuck has a rich tradition of winning many CT Cup competitions in a variety of different age groups and we hope to be in contention every season. Also Teams may elect to play in one additional tournament per fall and/or spring season up to a cost of \$450 per season. This monetary allowance cannot and will not be carried over from one season to the next. Teams may play additional tournaments with board approval but at the teams cost.

7.0 Classic Team Selection:

7.1 Tryouts:

7.1.1 Classic teams will conduct open tryouts every seasonal year.

A. The Classic team coach will decide on player selection along with the coaching director and advisors. All positions will be open every year, no positions shall be reserved from one year to the next. All Teams must meet the NYS minimum/ maximum number of players required for a team.

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- B. Teams in ages U-11 thru U-14 will hold tryouts prior to the Fall season.

- C. Teams in ages U-15 thru U-19 will hold tryouts prior to the Spring season, if the Coach elects not to have a tryout, the team must accept all players that register for the said team.

- D. Teams will only be formed if the player pool talent and numbers will ensure a competitive team.

- E. Boys will try out for a boys' team and girls will try out for a girls' team.

- F. If there is not enough players to field a single-age team, NYS reserves the right to create one or multiple combined age group teams in the CJSA-recognized dual age groups:
 - a. Under-12- combines both Under-11 and Under-12 year old players.
 - b. Under-14- combines both Under-13 and Under-14 year old players.

- G. All players must be a registered with NYS prior to tryouts.**

7.1.2 An effort will be made to notify all eligible players of Classic team's tryouts.

- A. For the U-11 age group only, all registered, eligible players will be notified, of open tryouts, by one or all of the following, mail, voice (invitation), the club's newsletter, in the local newspapers, or whatever media that is effective at the time.

- B. For the U-12 thru U-19 age groups, eligible players will be notified, of open position tryouts, by voice (invitation), the club's newsletter, in the local newspapers or whatever media that is effective at the time.

- C.
 - 1. All current NYS players with an email on file with NYS and who qualify by age for the tryout will be contacted via an email blast of the tryout schedule three (3) weeks prior to the tryouts.
 - 2. The tryout schedule and eligible age groups will appear on the NYS website three (3) weeks prior to the tryouts and will remain on the site through the end of the tryout process.
 - 3. The tryout schedule and eligible age groups will be run in the appropriate media or social media twice, two (2) weeks prior to and one (1) week prior to tryouts.

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4. The tryout schedule and eligible age groups will be posted on the NYS website.

D. All notifications must be no less than two (2) weeks prior to the tryout dates.

7.1.3 All tryout dates must be approved by the NYS Board of Directors.

7.2 Selection Process:

7.2.1 A committee will be established to assist the Coach in evaluating the players to be selected to the team.

7.2.2 The committee will consist of:

A. Board Member (normally Competition Director)

B. Team's Coach or Assistant Coach

C. Independent Evaluator (normally Coaching Director)

Replacements for any of the above will be designated by the Club President or Competition Director.

7.2.3 A minimum of two (2) committee members must be present for the tryout to be valid.

7.2.3 There will be at least two (2) tryouts. A maximum will be determined by the Board of Directors, from the committee's recommendation.

7.2.4 Players must attend at least one (1) tryout to be considered for the team.

A. Exceptions can be made by written letter to the Board of Directors.

7.2.5 Players must meet the age criteria for the team they are trying out for.

A. See the play-up section for the rules on play-ups.

7.2.6 A Classic team will be established if a minimum of fourteen (14) players are at open tryout and that team will be competitive.

A. A minimum of twelve (12) players must be from Naugatuck.

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B. In addition for the U-15 thru U-19 age group, a minimum of twelve (12) age appropriate players must be picked for the team.

If A and B are not met, no team will be formed in that age group.

7.2.7 A team shall consist of a maximum of eighteen (18) players.

A. Any changes to this rule must be approved by the NYS Board of Directors.

7.2.8 The Coach is responsible for personally informing each player that they did or did not make the team. Any explanation of why they did not make the team needs to include what the player needs to improve on.

This must be done within one (1) week of the final tryout

7.2.9 All non Naugatuck players must be approved by the NYS Board of Directors before being allowed to participate with the team.

7.2.10 No player can transfer or dual roster from one NYS Classic team to another without signed consent of both team's coaches and the NYS Board of Directors.

7.2.11 A final tryout attendance sheet must be given to the Competition Director, by the tryout selection committee, with one (1) week of the final tryout.

Filling open roster positions after the tryouts have taken place:

7.3.1 All candidates that were cut from the last open tryout must be notified and invited to the special tryout, along with any new invitees, that the coach would like to look at. (*A candidate that is cut on the first tryout day can also be asked to try out for another team with open positions on the second day, this will fulfill the special tryout requirement*)

7.3.2 Only a one (1) day tryout is needed.

7.3.3 All other tryout rules apply.

7.3.4 Any exceptions to this procedure can be valid only with NYS Board of Director's approval.

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8.0 Classic Team Coach Selection:

8.1 Coach Application Recommendations:

8.1.1 U-11 Classic Team:

A. A CJSA "F" license or equivalent and two (2) seasons as a soccer coach to be able to apply for this position.

8.1.2 U-12 thru U-14 Team Recommendations:

A. A CJSA "E" license or equivalent and four(4) seasons as a soccer coach to be able to apply for this position.

8.1.3 U-15 thru U-19 Classic Team Recommendations:

A. A CJSA "E" license or equivalent and six (6) seasons as a soccer coach to be able to apply for this position.

B. A CJSA "D" license is highly recommended.

8.1.4 The above qualifications can be waived or adjusted only by the NYS Board of Directors.

8.2 Coach Selection Process:

8.2.1 Any Classic team coaching positions will be for one (1) year. The current coach may reapply for the position.

A. U-11 thru U-14 coaching positions will expire after the Spring season.

B. U-15 thru U-19 coaching positions will expire after the Fall season.

8.2.2 Any open Classic team coaching position will be advertised in the Club's newsletter or in the local newspapers or whatever media that is effective at the time, at least three (3) weeks prior to the selection of coach. If the position remains open at tryouts the Competition Director or appointee will act as the interim coach until a permanent coach is approved by the Board.

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8.2.3 All applications to coach a Classic team must be in writing and include:

- A. The age group requested
- B. Reason for wanting the team
- C. Resume of coaching experience
- D. Time availability or constraints
- E. A copy of any CJSA or equivalent licenses.

8.2.4 A selection committee will be established, by the Competition Director, of no less than three (3) members.

8.2.5 All applications will be sent to the NYS Competition Director and copied to the Vice President, who will forward them on to the selection committee.

8.2.6 The selection committee will recommend their selection to the NYS Board of Directors, who will vote on approval.

8.3 Assistant Coach Selection:

8.3.1 The Classic team's coach will forward, in writing, to the Competition Director, the selection for assistant coach and/or Team Manager for background check approval.

8.3.2 Assistant coaches will be required to meet the licensing recommendations, list above, within one (1) year of their selection.

8.4 Continuing Education - Coaches and Assistant Coaches:

8.4.1 All Classic team coaches and assistant coaches shall be encouraged to attend two (2) coaching clinics per year. These can be NYS sponsored or NYS approved clinics.

- A. This recommendation will be fulfilled if the coach or assistant coach upgrades their current license to the next higher level within the year.

8.4.2 Copies of any CJSA coaching licenses received will be forwarded by the coach to the NYS Competition Director.

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8.4.3 Some form of notification of class attendance, signed by the instructor, must be forwarded to the Competition Director, if the clinic was taken out of town or a license certificate is not received.

8.5 Recommendations:

8.5.1 All Classic team coaches and assistant coaches obtain a Red Cross First Aid Certification.

8.5.2 All Classic team coaches and assistant coaches attend a Referee Certification Course.

8.5.3 All Classic team Coached will review and understand the CJSA concussion policy as posted on www.CJSA.org

9.0 Classic Team Uniforms and Equipment:

9.1 All uniform and equipment will be purchased through the NYS Purchasing Director.

9.2 Any sponsor's names, which appear on the uniforms or equipment, must be approved by the NYS Board of Directors.

9.3 The Classic team coach is responsible for collecting the funds for the purchase of uniforms and equipment.

9.3.1 No uniforms or equipment will be ordered without 50% of the purchase price paid to the NYS Purchasing director.

9.3.2 No uniforms or equipment will be delivered without the purchase price paid in full to the NYS Purchasing Director.

9.4 All Classic, District Recreation and Developmental teams must adhere to the club colors of Maroon, Black & White.

10.0 Games (League or Friendly):

10.1 Scheduling:

10.1.1 The Competition Director will be informed of all scheduled games and any changes to the schedule.

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10.1.2 All home games will be scheduled with the Competition Director who will then forward the request to the Field Scheduler or their designee, if not done at the District Scheduling before the season. All Coaches or a representative are required to attend District Scheduling, where home games are scheduled directly with the Field Scheduler or their designee.

10.1.3 Any home game changes, in the schedule, will be cleared through the Competition Director or their designee, before confirming with the opponent.

10.1.4 Coaches are responsible for scheduling around Tournaments, Premier league play and other school/personal functions.

10.2 Cancellation of Games:

10.2.1 No scheduled league game will be cancelled by the coach, only rescheduled with the Competition Director's consent.

10.2.2 Home games, prior to the Referee arriving at the field, can only be cancelled by the NYS President, Vice-President, Field Scheduler or Competition Director.

10.2.3 The reasons for canceling a home game will be weather, field conditions and special circumstances that the NYS Board of Directors agrees on by a simple majority.

10.3 The coach must notify the Competition Director if they will not be able to attend a game, follow these rules.

10.4 The Classic team coach may be held responsible for all fines levied against the team for failing to follow these rules.

10.4.1 The decision on whether to hold the Classic team responsible will be by vote of the NYS Board of Directors.

11.0 Registration/Rosters:

11.1 Registration:

11.1.1 A player must be properly registered before participating in any NYS practice or game.

A. A player is not properly registered until the registration form is completely filled out and received with a copy of player's Birth certificate on file by the NYS Registrar or designee.

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11.1.2 An Adult Volunteer (Coach, Assistant Coach, Team Parent, and Field Assistant) must properly register before participating in any NYS practice game or team function.

A. An Adult Volunteer is not properly registered until the registration form is completely filled out and received by the NYS Registrar or designee and a back ground check has been completed.

11.1.3 All Classic team registrations, for the next season, should be submitted to the NYS Competition Director per the registration guidelines and time line.

11.2 Passes:

11.2.1 Every player must have a valid player pass before participating in any game with their team.

A. This includes league, friendly or tournament games.

11.2.2 All coaches, assistant coaches and team parent/managers must have a valid volunteer pass or they will not be able to stay on the team's side of the field during games.

A. This includes league, friendly or tournament games.

11.2.3 All pass requests must be submitted, in writing, to the NYS Competition Director.

A. Two (2) week minimum turnaround time must be allowed for pass requests.

11.2.4 Adults volunteering and/or coaching a team must have an up to date background check, this rule will be strictly enforced.

11.3 Rosters:

11.3.1 Team rosters will be generated by the NYS Registrar or designee.

A. Coaches will not create team rosters.

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11.3.2 For a roster to be valid, it must be signed by the NYS Registrar or designee and the District Registrar or designee.

11.3.3 A separate, properly signed roster must be used for each league or tournament game.

A. A league roster may not be altered and used as a tournament roster unless it has been revalidated by the NYS Registrar or designee and the District Registrar or designee.

B. A tournament only roster may not be used as a league roster unless it has been revalidated by the NYS Registrar or designee and the District Registrar or designee.

11.3.4 All Classic team members must be registered and in good standing with NYS, before being placed on a team roster.

A. Good standing with NYS is achieved by completing the registration form each season, filing a copy of the player's birth certificate with NYS, only done once, proper payment of all fees, each season and is not suspended by NYS or any of its affiliates (i.e. CJSA, USYSA)

12.0 Play-ups:

12.1 Play-up requests will come to the Competition Director in the form of a roster or a letter from the coach of the team that the player is playing up to.

12.2 Play-up validation:

12.2.1 It is intended to form straight age teams whenever possible; however it is recognized that when players are rostered to a High School Soccer team, they are ineligible to play for any other team during the Fall season. It is also true a U-14 can be High School age (U-14 HS) or Middle School age (U-14 MS). The following list has been developed in an attempt to alleviate the problems caused by this and also support the philosophy of NYS.

A. U-11 – no play-ups allowed: this team will be formed only if there are enough U-12 players to form a U-12 team

B. U-12 - One year play-ups allowed if cut or released from the U-11 team.

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C. U-13 - no play-ups allowed: this team will be formed only if there are enough U-14 MS players to form a U-14 team

D. U-14- One year play-ups allowed if no U-13 team is being formed or cut or released from the U-13 team.

E. U-15 - One year play-ups allowed of U-14 HS players only: this team will be formed if there are enough U-15 players to form a team

F. U-16 - Two year play-ups are allowed of U-14 HS and U-15 players only

G. U-19 - One age group play-ups of U-16 players only

H. If not enough age appropriate players for a U-12 team, a combined U-11/U-12 team will be formed for one year only. All players must go back to their correct age team after the year is up. If not enough age appropriate players for a U-13 and U-14 team, a combined U-13/U-14 team will be formed for the fall season, if enough u-14 HS players return in the spring, separate U-13 and U-14 teams can be formed for the spring. All other situations must be submitted, in writing, to the NYS Board of Directors

13.0 Tournaments:

13.1 All tournament entries/rosters must have NYS Board of Directors approval before being delivered for acceptance.

13.1.1 Coaches are not permitted to send in tournament applications. All applications will be submitted to the NYS Competition Director for board approval and submission.

13.1.2 The tournament fee must be paid by NYS check. All monies must be submitted to the NYS Competition Director. The monies will be turned over to the NYS Treasurer after board approval.

13.1.3 The NYS league will pay for one (1) tournament plus the CT Cup per season. The NYS board of Directors will set a tournament fee limit that it will pay for the one free tournament. This fee limit will be set at the end of each calendar year and will be used for the following year.

A. All other tournaments will be paid for by the individual teams.

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B. No carryover or transferring of tournaments or State Cup will be allowed. If you do not go to a tournament or State Cup, in that season, you lose that as a NYS paid event, for that season.

C. The NIST Tournament or any other NYS league sponsored tournaments do not count towards your allotment of NYS paid events in a season.

13.2 The Classic team coach is responsible for all players, while they are both on and off the playing field during a tournament.

13.3 Patches must be purchased, for all tournaments, from the NYS Purchasing Director.

13.3.1 Patch prices will be set, by the NYS Purchasing Director, prior to each season.

13.4 The Competition Director is responsible for distributing copies of upcoming tournaments to all Classic team coaches.

13.5 The Classic team coach is responsible for prompt delivery, to the Competition Director, of any required paperwork relating to a tournament.

13.5.1 Out-of-State Tournaments:

A. Permission to Travel forms must be submitted 30 days prior to the tournament.

B. Tournament Application Forms must be submitted 30 days prior to the tournament.

C. Guest Player Release forms must be submitted 30 days prior to the tournament.

13.5.2 Connecticut Tournaments:

A. Tournament Application forms must be submitted 20 days prior to the tournament.

B. Guest Player Release forms must be submitted 20 days prior to the tournament.

14.0 Coaching Philosophy and Rules:

14.1 All players will be treated equally.

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14.2 Player safety will be the first consideration, of the Classic team coach, at all times.

14.3 No foul, abusive or demeaning language will be tolerated, when communicating with a player or the entire team, for disciplinary or other reasons.

14.4 The coach is responsible for reporting scores and games events to www.SCDCJSA.com website.

14.5 The coach is responsible for notification of the team of any changes in scheduled games and practices.

14.5.1 Field directions must be supplied to the team by the coach for all away games.

14.6 The Competition Director will be informed, as soon as is reasonably possible, of all disciplinary problems.

14.6.1 The Competition Director must be notified of all disciplinary punishments.

14.6.2 No player may be removed, from a classic team, for disciplinary reasons, without the approval of the NYS Competition Director or the NYS Board of Directors.

14.6.3 All card/ejections must be reported to the Competition Director and www.SCDCJSA.com website within 48 hours of the incident. This includes Red and Yellow cards.

14.7 Coach/Assistant Coach/Team Parent/Team Manager:

14.7.1 All Classic team representatives will conduct themselves in a manner that reflects the By-Laws and Philosophy of NYS, both on and off the field.

A. Each Classic team representative is a role model for the children and an Ambassador to the community for NYS.

14.7.2 No alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs are to be used or consumed during practices or games of NYS.

A. Classic team representatives are not permitted to be at the field for games, practices or NYS sponsored events in an intoxicated state.

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14.7.3 Smoking is prohibited, by all Classic team representatives, on the player's side of the field during games or on the field during practices.

14.7.4 All cards/ejections, received by Classic team representatives, will be subject to NYS Disciplinary rules, as well as CJSA and South Central District rules.

14.7.7 Falsification of records is not acceptable and will be ground for disciplinary action.