

West Valley Youth Soccer League and C4PL Recreational Play-Through Rules (ver. 2005)

1. The coach of the home team will **contact the visiting coach** at least 72 hours prior to game time to notify them of the game and field location, and provide directions to the field. These contacts should occur for all games within one week for the schedules being issued. (Wednesday evening is acceptable for meeting the 72 hours notification rule.)
2. In case of two teams having **like colored uniforms**, the home team is required to change into another jersey.
3. The coach of the home team will be responsible for **reporting the game score** to the coach of the #1 team in the division within 24 hours. The team #1 coaches are responsible for reporting all game scores to the appropriate Division Scheduling Coordinators within 48 hours. Coaches will be asked to evaluate the opposing team played for the first five scheduled games to determine the appropriate make up of the Age Divisions. *Possible adjustments to the Divisions will be made after the **fourth** scheduled game.*
4. To ensure that all recreational players will enjoy their game, a **five-goal differential** rule will be enforced in the recreational play-through: that is, scores of 0-5, 8-3, 1-6 are acceptable. Scores such as 0-6, 9-3, 1-7 are considered to violate the five-goal differential rule.
5. Both teams and their supporters will be on opposite sides of the field unless the home league enforces a different rule. Home team has choice of sides.
6. **Coaching** from the sidelines will be permitted only from the team's side of the field by authorized coaches only. Spectators are not allowed to coach. Coaches must stay within ten yards of the half line.
7. All games shall be scheduled with three credential referees and should not start with less than two referees assigned to a game.
8. If a coach cancels a scheduled with less than 72 hours notice, the coach will be assessed a **\$100 cancellation fee**. It is the canceling coach's responsibility to notify the opposing coach of the cancellation. It is the home team coach's responsibility to make appropriate league notifications. In the event that personal contact cannot be made with the opposing coach, the canceling coach must **make personal contact** with a league official of the league playing field.
9. If the assigned referee(s) do not show up for the game, an individual or individuals agreed to by both coaches shall referee the game and the game will be official. If the coaches cannot agree, the game will be rescheduled within two weeks. Every attempt should be made to play the game on the scheduled date. If a league, club, or coach knows ahead of the scheduled date of a game that they

cannot provide referees for the home game, an effort should be made to reschedule the game for the same date at the visitor's field or for the visitor's team to bring one or more referees to the original home field.

10. Player and all coaches **passes**, along with the official team's roster (goldenrod) and medical releases are required for all games. All passes must be laminated. Passes must be signed by the player or coach BEFORE lamination.
11. Coaches, players, and spectators are expected to **conduct** themselves properly at all times, and to treat all referees with respect. Coaches are responsible for the conduct of his/her team's spectators. Any incidents of abuse of referees will be reviewed by the West Valley Board. Consequences could be as harsh as cancellation of the remainder of the season for everyone involved.
12. The playing field and its surroundings are to be policed after each game to be sure there is no trash, equipment, or belongings left behind by a team or its supporters. **NO SMOKING IS ALLOWED ON THE SOCCER FIELD OR IN SPECTATOR AREAS.** Individuals that wish to smoke must first leave the premises.
13. **Forfeits** should be reported to the appropriate Division Scheduling Coordinator within 72 hours of the scheduled game date. The Scheduling Committee, consisting of the Division Scheduling Coordinators and the League Scheduler, shall make the determination whether a game is actually forfeited.
14. The only legitimate excuse for **postponing** a regularly scheduled game, is due to excessive rain. In the recreational divisions, each team is allowed to reschedule one game due to their participation in a tournament and a second game if they participate in the Association Cup. Otherwise, teams that are playing through the recreational division, the making up of a game due to a team participating in additional tournaments will only occur if the opposing team agrees to play at a different time. If the opposing team does not agree to reschedule the game, than the team participating in additional tournaments will forfeit that game. If both teams are participating in a tournament and/or the other team agrees to postpone the game, then it is the home team's responsibility to see that the game be rescheduled within two weeks of its originally scheduled time.
15. **Rain policy:** A visiting team should not cancel a game without consulting the home team, which has the sole authority to postpone the game because of field conditions. A rainy morning may quickly give way to a sunny / dry late morning or afternoon. The visiting team may be subject to forfeit if it fails to show for the scheduled game without prior notification of the cancellation by the home team.
16. All postponed games that cannot be rescheduled within two weeks of the originally scheduled date should be reported to the appropriate Division Scheduling Coordinator. Any games that are scheduled to be played during the last two weeks of the season that are postponed shall be reported to the WVYSL Division Scheduling Coordinator immediately. The Division Scheduling Coordinator will make every effort to set a date, time, and location of the game that is mutually acceptable, or with majority approval of the scheduling committee, declare the game a forfeit, or declare the game not played.

17. All **protests** must be written and postmarked within 72 hours of the date of the match and sent to the Referee Coordinator, who is also the Chairman of the Protest and Disciplinary Committee:

Gus Castro, Referee Coordinator
4874 Bannock Circle
San Jose, CA 95130
phone: 374-7201

A **\$25.00 fee** must accompany the protest, which will be refunded if the protest is upheld. Only protests of violation of the rules will be upheld and protests involving referee's judgment will be dismissed.

18. All **disciplinary matters** shall be referred to the Referee Coordinator / Chairman of the Protest and Disciplinary Committee, Mr. Gus Castro. In red card situations, the player's pass and referee report shall be received by Mr. Castro within 72 hours. Mr. Castro and the Protest and Disciplinary Committee will decide the disciplinary actions. All disciplinary matters may be appealed to the West Valley Youth Soccer League Board. Red cards not submitted to the W.V. Referee Coordinator may result in the team being eliminated from the West Valley Program.

19. Any complaints about incompetent or unfair referees should be reported to the Referee Coordinator, Mr. Gus Castro. Repeated complaints from multiple sources may result in the rescheduling of all of the remaining games for the offending league, club, or team as away games. Failure to forward a referee's report to Mr. Gus Castro in either a protest or disciplinary case may also result in the rescheduling of all of the remaining games for the offending league, club, or team as away games.

20. Each player playing through the West Valley League Play-Through Program must play at least half of the game at which he/she attends, unless a coach is exercising disciplinary action. Disciplinary action may be exercised when a player is disruptive at practices and/or at games, or missing practices without coach's approval. Tardiness is to be handled between the coach and the parents.

21. **Off-sides** will be enforced at all age levels. The referee should whistle a play dead if a fallen goalie creates a dangerous situation.

For U8 games only:

If a goal-keeper takes more than 6 seconds to put the ball back into play, a warning will be issued to the goalie; thereafter the rule will be enforced. Each and every goalie should receive a warning following each and every first violation by a goalie. Failure to enforce these rules at one or more fields does not entitle a coach to complain to a referee at a field where they are enforced.