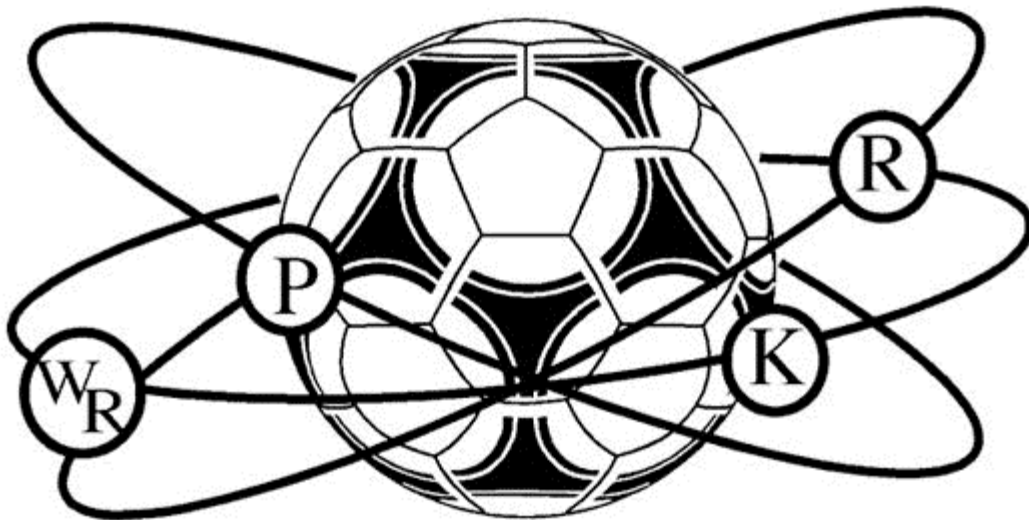


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## Operating Policies Rules, & Regulations



Adopted and Approved by the  
Tri-City Youth Soccer Association  
Board of Directors

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### **Mission Statement**

The purpose of this organization shall be to develop, promote, and administer the game of soccer in the T-CYSA district and its surrounding areas. T-CYSA achieves its purpose by:

- Encouraging the development of both the recreational and competitive divisions and ensuring that soccer is made available to all through the seamless soccer model.
- Encourage the development and practice of good sportsmanship
- Develop the principles of fair play and building good character.
- Promoting the growth of soccer
- Instructing, training, and educating players, coaches, referees, managers, administrators, league, and club officers to develop and improve their abilities.

### **Procedures for Creation and Amendment of Operating Policy, Rules, and Regulations**

1. The Board of Directors has the sole authority to create or amend provisions of this document.
2. Changes to said document require a majority vote by the Board of Directors.

### **I. Recreational and Competitive**

1. All coaches are to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner, whether coaching a game, watching a game, or at practices. Inappropriate behaviors include but are not limited to: smoking, swearing, inappropriate dress, fighting, unsporting conduct, dissent towards referees, players or other coaches.
2. Inappropriate dress for coaches includes clothing that is torn, has drug, alcohol, or tobacco logos or diagrams. Clothing should not be suggestive in nature. Proper dress can be viewed as soccer themed sports apparel, associated club gear, T-CYSA gear (Jamboree/Training, Center of Excellence shirts, etc.). T-CYSA coaches are not to wear the gear of another competitive club and/or association while in the role of a T-CYSA member.
3. All players are to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner, whether playing in a game, watching another game, at practice, or anywhere they appear in their uniform.
4. Spectators are to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner at all soccer games. Inappropriate behavior includes but is not limited to: smoking, swearing, fighting, unsporting conduct, dissent towards referees, players, coaches or other spectators. Spectators who are not behaving appropriately may be told to leave by the coach, referee, board member and/or official of the Association. There may be disciplinary action taken by the board depending on the offense or for multiple offenses.
5. T-CYSA will comply with the Washington Youth Soccer, US Youth, USSF soccer rules and regulations.

6. All teams must be supervised by an adult-age, appropriately registered and risk-management cleared person who is deemed suitable by the home club/association to discharge the responsibilities of such position. The coach must be at least three years older than the age group of the team. Teams may have an assistant coach who is not yet eighteen years old but all practices/games must be supervised by the designated adult or an alternative adult who is registered and risk-management cleared.
7. The use of noisemakers, cow bells, horns or other such devices at fields is prohibited.
8. Training individual players **only** are not allowed at the T-CYSA complex. Private lessons cannot take place at the T-CYSA facilities.
9. It is unethical for a coach to take extra payment to privately train one of the members of his/her team.
10. All coaches, assistant coaches, team managers, fundraisers, and employees/volunteers must submit a RMA through the T-CYSA.

## **II. Recreational**

1. Recreational teams are formed each fall season and may or may not remain together for the following year. Competitive teams get 2 picks and that includes the coach's children.
2. Practices for recreational teams will not start until rosters have been given out to respective coaches.
3. Information provided on the player application may be not falsified.
4. Recreational coaches are expected to play each player at least 50% of the game, unless for disciplinary reasons.
5. Coaches are expected to follow the age – level rules for their particular division.
6. Players are to wear the approved T-CYSA uniform for their age-level.
7. To participate or practice with T-CYSA all players must be registered, fees paid, and a liability waiver on file.
8. Practices for U6 are once a week for a maximum of 1 hour. Practices for U7-U10, is a maximum of 2 hours per week. Practices for U11 and up is a maximum of 3 hours a week. Maximum length of practice on any day is 1 ½ hours.
9. Players who receive a red card in a game will be suspended or the next game if it is the first red card received in the season. For the second red card received in the season the player will be suspended for the next two games. Suspensions received at the end of the season will be carried over to the next season. If it is the third red card received in the season the penalty will be determined by the T-CYSA Board of Directors.
10. Coaches who are asked to leave the game the first time in a season will be suspended for the next game. The expulsion will be reviewed by the T-CYSA Board of Directors to determine if further penalties will be incurred. If the expulsion occurs in the last game of the season, the suspension will be served in the next season. Coaches who are asked to leave the game the second time in a season will be removed as a coach for a period of time to be determined by the T-CYSA Board of Directors.

11. Parents/Adults who are asked to leave the game the first time in a season will be suspended for the next game. If the expulsion occurs in the last game of the season, the suspension will be served in the next season. If behavior continues the child of the Parent/Adult can be removed from the team or the adults can be sanctioned to be determined by the T-CYSA Board of Directors.
12. Teams, coaches, and families are to remember that they are representatives of T-CYSA when attending tournaments, jamborees, academies, et. al., and to conduct themselves appropriately.
13. There is no competitive play or play up's below U11, with the exception of the RCL policies.
14. There is no dual registration between recreational league and competitive league.
15. If nets and flags are left on U-11 and above field after the last game of the weekend, the team will be issued a \$50.00 charge.
16. Any coach may be removed as a coach by the T-CYSA Board of Directors with cause at any time by a vote of 2/3 of the members of the committee present at a regular meeting or at any special meeting called for the purpose.
17. Each team should have an individual available to take the Referee class to act as a Referee as needed.
18. Player safety is our first priority. If a player on a team goes down with an injury, it is a show of good sportsmanship for the team in possession of the ball to kick the ball out of bounds intentionally to stop play so that the injured player may be attended. On the re-start of play, the team in possession should intentionally play the ball to a player on the opposing team.
19. It is imperative for coaches to recognize they are responsible for their players. Adults who are not transporting a child should not stay or be allowed to provide gifts to participants, this is a possible liability. No one should have access to the youth without an RMA clearance.

### **III. Competitive**

1. Competitive coaches are to abide by the try-out policy of T-CYSA
2. Competitive teams are to abide by the uniform policy of T-CYSA
3. Presidents of clubs are to submit to the T-CYSA Board of Directors their budgets by September 1 for the following year.
4. Competitive teams, coaches, and families are to remember that they are representatives of T-CYSA when attending tournaments and to conduct themselves appropriately.
5. Competitive coaches, players, and spectators are also to abide by the rules and regulations of the league in which they participate.
6. Each team is financially responsible for the jamborees/tournaments in which the team participates. At the option of the club, the team may reimburse the expenses for the coach's attendance at such tournament. The types and amounts of travel expense

reimbursement are left to the club. In addition, each team should resolve any individual hardship cases (e.g., coach, family, and player).

7. Players cannot play on another team without written waiver from their current coach.
8. If nets and flags are left up on the fields, the clubs will be charged \$50.00.
9. Girls should not wear colored sports bras under their white jerseys.

#### **IV. Administrative**

1. No vehicle may be rented in the name of T-CYSA and used for transportation to and from tournaments.
2. Fundraising for the recreational club is prohibited from engaging in non T-CYSA sanctioned fund raising activity. Fund raising activities include all solicitation of goods and services.
3. Coaches will be reimbursed costs by T-CYSA for taking the 'E' license with proof of payment and certificate of completion, as well as register to coach a recreational team for at least 1 year.
4. Referees will be reimbursed classroom costs by T-CYSA with proof of payment and certificate of completion, as well as be signed up to referee for a specific recreational team for at least 1 year.
5. Parent's not volunteering a minimum of four (4) hours to the Association will donate \$40.00 instead and will be payable at registration.
6. Refunds will be given minus a 25% surcharge if a child has been placed on a team, if they have not played any portion of the year. If the child has not been placed on a team 100% refund will be given.
7. Any expenditure that are not budgeted items, that are over \$1,000.00, must have approval by majority vote of the T-CYSA Board of Directors, present at a general meeting, via e-mail vote, or at any special meeting called for the purpose.

#### **V. Penalties**

Penalties are at the discretion of the T-CYSA Board of Directors and may include any and all of the following and may be concurrent or consecutive on each charge: suspension of up to 10 years, probations of no more than 10 years, fines up to \$5,000, denial of the team/club, coach, manager, or player to travel for a period of time, and placement in bad standing, pursuant to T-CYSA and USSF bylaws.