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KICK OFF TIME

All games shall start at or after 9:00 A.M. The home team must set the time. Teams traveling in excess of 25 miles are not expected to play before 10:00 A.M. Teams traveling in excess of 100 miles are not expected to play before 12:00 noon.

If the home team fails to contact the opposing team and make the necessary arrangements, as requested herein, the home team shall be fined \$50 for the first offense, and for a second, and subsequent offenses, shall be fined \$100.

The home team is responsible for scheduling the game time, day of the weekend and site for the match. The home team is also responsible for providing and paying for a licensed referee(s) for the match.

NOTIFICATIONS

The home team must verify with its opponent the previously agreed upon kickoff time and the most convenient route to the proper game field no less than five (5) days prior to the scheduled game. Failure to provide accurate directions may result in the Home Team's forfeiture.

When the opposing teams discuss the game arrangements, they must discuss their team colors and resolve potential color conflicts at that time. In the event of conflicting team uniform colors at game time, the home team must change their uniform color, (i.e. alternate jersey).

The home team must furnish the game ball

Any game can be played before the scheduled date with the consent of both coaches and written notifications to and approval by the Premier League Commissioner.

WEATHER

The home team must have a responsible, informed person available to answer the visiting team's telephone inquiry concerning weather and field conditions on the day of the match.

For teams traveling sixty (60) miles or more, and where weather conditions are threatening or inclement, and/or field conditions are uncertain, the visiting team must contact the home team by telephone again while en route no later than halfway in terms of geography or time, in order to determine whether or not the match will be played.

In the event a scheduled match is canceled, the home team must contact and inform the Premier League Age Group Coordinator, who will then coordinate rescheduling of the match. In the event a game date, time and / or site can not be agreed upon, the final decision shall be made by the Premier League Age Group Coordinator who shall inform both teams of the decision.

In the event the home team is unable to provide a field for a scheduled match because of poor field conditions, the Premier League Age Group Coordinator, in order to adhere to the schedule of games, may decide to reschedule the match on another field, or reschedule the match on the home field on an alternate available date (including weekdays)

Under adverse weather conditions of cold (i.e. temperatures below 36 degrees), sleet, snow, hail, freezing rain, etc., players shall be permitted to wear such clothing as to ward off the elements (i.e. sweat pants, warm ups, long pants, sweaters, thermal undergarments, mittens, gloves, ski type caps, etc.) provided their uniforms are worn as the outermost layer visible to the Referee without regard as to whether any other, or all players on either or both teams avail themselves of these weather protections.

If at all possible, Games should not be played under severe weather conditions.

GRACE PERIODS

A Fifteen-minute (15) grace period shall be allowed for both teams. Any team not on the field ready to play by the time the grace period expires, will be declared in forfeit for that match, and must be reported by the Referee to the Premier League Commissioner and the ENYYSA Office in writing within forty eight (48) hours of the scheduled game. The offending team, if found to be at fault by the Premier League Committee, shall forfeit that game and be fined in accordance with the penalties identified within these rules.

FORFEITS

Any team intending to forfeit must give advance notice of such intention to the Premier League Age Group Coordinator no less than seven (7) days prior to the scheduled date of the game to be forfeited. Such notice shall include the reason(s) for the forfeit. The Age Group Coordinator will notify the Premier League Commissioner and they shall review each such notice and shall have authority to take such action as is deemed appropriate.

Any team failing to give notice of its intention to forfeit shall, at the discretion of the Premier League Commissioner, be declared ineligible for entry into the Premier League during the next league season.

Any team found guilty of violating any of the rules of the competition shall forfeit the game in which such violation(s) occurred.

If any team forfeits a game, that team's Club, League or Sponsoring Group shall be fined according to the following schedule:

<u>OCCURRENCES</u>	<u>TEAM FINE</u>
First	\$100.00
Second and all subsequent	\$200.00

If the Club, League or Sponsoring Group of any team that forfeits does not pay the subscribed fine, all teams of that Club, League or Sponsoring Group will be suspended from all future ENYYSA Premier

League Competition, and all approvals to host tournaments, and/or travel to other tournaments, will be withheld until such time as the Club, League, or Sponsoring Group is in good standing with Eastern New York Youth Soccer Association.

SPECIFICATIONS

AGE GROUP	SIZE OF BALL	CORNER KICKSLENGTH	GAME
U17 to 19	5	Corner	2 x 45 MIN
U15 & 16	5	Corner	2 x 40 MIN
U13 & 14	5	Corner	2 x 35 MIN

PROTESTS

To be valid and eligible for consideration, each protest, and all attached copies and enclosures must be either typewritten or printed legibly so as to be clearly readable. The protest must be filed with the Premier League Commissioner and must be accompanied by:

- Protest fee in the amount of \$100;
- Two (2) copies of the protest including full particulars of grounds upon which the protest is based upon (one copy is sent to the Premier League Commissioner and the other to the opposing coach);
- Two (2) copies of any information presented by witnesses.

All protests and enclosures must be sent via CERTIFIED MAIL to:

**ENYYSA – Premier League Commissioner
53 North Park Ave. Suite 207
Rockville Centre, NY 11570**

All information must be sent no later than forty-eight (48) hours following the date and time of the scheduled game from which the protest arises. If these conditions are not met in full, a protest will not be considered and the protest fee will be forfeited. Protests will not be accepted, entertained or heard via phone calls or personal discussions.

The following will apply to all protests:

- The team filing the protest will have the opportunity to defend its case, with or without witnesses;
- A lawyer shall NOT represent any league, club or player at the hearing of the dispute or claim unless he is a bona-fide member of the club concerned;
- A plea of ignorance to the rules and regulations of this competition is not sufficient grounds for appeals or protests.

ENYISA PREMIER LEAGUE ROSTERS

All teams will be required to submit to the Premier League Commissioner by March 1st a copy of their league-approved roster and a properly completed Premier League Roster for certification. Only players listed on the certified Premier League Roster for that team will be eligible to compete in contests of the Premier League.

PRE GAME PROCEDURES

Before the match, each team must present to the Referee its laminated player passes and a copy of its current, certified ENYISA Premier League team roster (this will be retained by the Referee and subsequently submitted to ENYISA office). The Referee will check player passes, ENYISA Premier League team rosters, cleats, game equipment, field conditions, field measurements, etc., prior to starting the game.

- Players without league or State Association certified player passes are ineligible to play.
- Players who are not properly listed and certified on a current stamped, approved ENYISA Premier League Roster are ineligible to play (no guest players i.e.: players not listed on the Premier League certified roster for the team competing in the competition).
- A team or player that does not have League or State certified player passes, signed and laminated will not be allowed to play the game. The match will be declared a forfeit and the responsible team will be subject to the appropriate forfeiture fine.
- Only coaches, players and personnel with approved League/State passes may be on the team's side of field. All other personnel and fans must remain with the spectators on the sideline opposite the teams. Both Home and Away teams will share opposite halves of same side of field.

- The HOME TEAM is responsible for the Referee fees and payment shall be made as provided for within their league's guidelines.

UNPLAYABLE FIELDS

If a Referee determines that the playing field is unplayable (except for weather conditions) the home team will forfeit the game.

REFEREES

In the event the Assigned Referee fails to put in an appearance:

- For U15 and younger, the opposing team's coaches, or in their absence, the team managers, must agree to one mutually acceptable Referee for the game. The game will then be played **in its entirety** with that referee. **NO PROTESTS WILL BE ALLOWED CONCERNING THAT REFEREE, HIS/HER QUALIFICATIONS, AND/OR HIS/HER JUDGMENT CALLS MADE DURING THAT GAME.** In the event BOTH TEAMS cannot reach an agreement on a Referee, the matter will be adjudicated by the Premier League Commissioner;
- For U-16 and older, if the assigned referee does not appear, **THE GAME MUST BE RESCHEDULED.**

The Referee shall have the power from the time he/she enters the field of play and until he/she departs from it to deal with any person(s) guilty of violent conduct, unsportsmanlike conduct, or using threatening or abusive language. The Referee shall forward the name(s) of any offender(s) within two (2) days thereafter to the Premier League Commissioner for action.

REPORTING OF RESULTS

All results must be reported by the winning team to the Premier League Age Group Coordinator no later than 8:00 P.M. on the evening of the game. Teams failing to report game results will be fined \$10.00.

GENERAL RULES

Except as otherwise provided herein, FIFA "Laws of the Game" shall apply.

ENYYSA Premier League Competition will be played using: FIFA "Laws of the Game"; these rules and guidelines; and the Rules of the USSF/USYSA. Decisions will be based on only these three (3) sources and no other sources will be used to support a protest, dispute, appeal or decision.

Each team will be required to have a copy of these rules in their possession during their game. The home team will be responsible for providing the referee with a copy of these rules prior to the start of the game.

In order to be considered for an award at the end of the season the team must not have forfeited any games and made a reasonable attempt to play all scheduled games.

VIOLATIONS AND SUSPENSIONS

All red carded players and/or coaches will receive a MINIMUM of a one game suspension. A coach receiving a red card will also be fined a MINIMUM of \$100. If a red carded player competes in a match during the suspension period, the offending team will be given a forfeit for that game and be fined a MINIMUM of \$500.

A player who accumulates three (3) cautions in premier league competition will be referred to the Premier League Commissioner for proper disciplinary action.

All passes of ejected players must be sent to the State Office accompanied by a Referee's Report within forty-eight (48) hours.

The Premier League Commissioner will discipline coaches who are ejected

If a player is suspended from his/her league, that player is also suspended from ENYYSA Premier League Competition.