

2017-18 Rules of Competition for MVSL

[FIFA Laws of the Game](#) (2017/2018) shall be used with the following exceptions and/or modifications.

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League Rules:

I. Length of game

U10 – 25 minute halves; 5 minute halftime

U11/12 - 30 minute halves; 5 min halftime

U13/14 – 35 minute halves; 5 minute halftime

U15/16 Co-Ed - 35 minute halves; 5 minute halftime

II. Match Balls

Home team will provide 3 match balls acceptable to the referee, although the referee may accept game balls from either team.

U10/U12 – Size 4

U13/U16 – Size 5

III. Field of Play and Equipment

- 1) Field – Field shall adhere to FIFA's standards for minimum and maximum dimensions. Clubs providing fields for league play shall ensure field of play is suitable and does not contain any hazards that could potentially harm any player, match official or spectator.
- 2) Corner Markings – In the absence of flags, disc cones or cones are suitable alternatives to mark the corners of the field of play.
- 3) Goals – Clubs providing fields for league play are responsible for ensuring all goals are properly anchored, nets affixed to goalposts with no gaps or broken netting, and no safety hazard exists with worn out or defective parts (ie: fittings for the crossbar attaching to the posts). In the event the referee identifies a hazard during their pre-game inspection of the field, the home team is required to fix the problem in a timely manner that is suitable to the referee.

IV. Technical Area

- 1) The number of persons permitted to occupy the technical area is defined by the competition rules. For MVSL play, two (2) coaches, one (1) manager, and the Club's primary Director of Coaching (even if he or she is not on the particular team's roster) are permitted within the technical area. Other coaches, whether from a team's own club or not, are not permitted in the technical area. All Coaches must have a proper OYSA card. Only one person at a time is authorized to convey tactical information from the technical area only. For MVSL play, both coaches are permitted to coach their

team, though only one Coach giving instruction at any one time is desired, provided it is actual instruction to their players and is not directed toward the referee or assistant referees.

- 2) The coaches and other officials **MUST REMAIN WITHIN ITS CONFINES**, except in special circumstances, e.g. entering the field of play, with the referee's permission, to assess an injured player.
- 3) The coaches and other occupants of the technical area must behave in a responsible manner. KSC encourages sportsmanship and positivity at all times.
- 4) Space permitting both teams will sit on one sideline, with parents and spectators watching from the opposite sideline. In the case of games being played in stadiums, spectators can sit behind team benches as long as they are not interfering with the management of the game by coaches and referees.

V. Match Management

- 1) Referees are required to arrive at the field with adequate time to inspect the field and playing equipment, as well as check in and inspect players, to give the home team adequate time to tend to any field hazards before the game is scheduled to start.
- 2) Teams are required to have at least seven (7) rostered players and one (1) rostered adult to start a match. Each team must submit valid OYSA roster prior to the game. Each player must be shown on the photo roster. At least one Coach/Adult show on the photo roster as well.
- 3) Players on the field. U10 – 7 Players on the Field; U11/12 – 9 Players on the Field; All other ages, 11 Players on the field.
- 4) Team rosters are permitted up to 12 players for U10, 14 players U11/12, and 18 players U13 and above. Any team using an ineligible player shall forfeit all games in which that player participated.
- 5) A team that fails to provide a photo roster will forfeit the game 0-1.
- 6) If an individual player is not on the photo roster, then the player is not permitted to play until the league director or board member gives the OK. A team using even one player in a game without being on the photo roster will be subject to forfeiture of the match.
- 7) The referee will wait for 15 minutes after the scheduled start time for one or more of the teams to complete pre-game check-in (provide rosters, or provide the minimum number of players to begin the match). Before abandoning the match and for any other emergency situations, the referee and/or the coaches should call the league's emergency number for guidance.
- 8) Teams are permitted guest players provided they are from the same club, have valid OYSA member player cards, and are age eligible to participate.
- 9) Guest players from outside the club are not permitted.
- 10) U15/16 Co-Ed teams must play at least 2 girls on the field at any given time. If a team is unable to field 2 girls, they must play down a player for each missing girl.

VI. Rosters and Member Passes

Each team must submit an official match roster for the current seasonal year to the referee before each league match.

- 1) The match roster given to the referee at the team check-in must list every person who will play in the match and all adults who will be present on the team sideline, except club pass adults as provided in section IV(2).
- 2) The official roster is printed from OYSA's online Affinity website.
- 3) Club Pass (borrowed) players are permitted, provided that:
 - a) All borrowed players must have a member pass (Club Pass) from the club through which the team is registered.

- b) Club pass players must be the same age as, or younger than, the team's age. For the MVSL, the youngest club pass player on a
 - i) U10 team may be no younger than U8
 - ii) U12 team may be no younger than U10
 - iii) U14 team may be no younger than U12
 - iv) U18 team may be no younger than U14
 - c) For the purpose of using Club Pass players in league play, a team is considered to be the age of the division in which the team is playing (e.g., a U12 team playing in a U14 division will be considered to have a team age of U14 so a U14 Club Pass player will be allowed).
 - d) The name, jersey number, and Player ID number from the member pass of each Club Pass player must be on the match roster before the roster is given to the referee.
 - e) Club Pass player information may be hand-written on the roster.
 - f) Club Pass players must be registered at the recreational play level with OYSA.
- 4) Member Pass Requirements
- a) Individual member passes must:
 - i) Be printed on US Youth Soccer card stock
 - ii) Show the club name matching the club name on the roster
 - iii) Have a photo of the player or adult, and
 - iv) Be laminated
 - b) Only original member passes may be used.
 - c) Player or coach signatures are not required.
- 5) The referee is responsible for verifying that a member pass is presented for each person whose name appears on the match roster as eligible to play. The referee will make a visible check mark next to the name of every player who has completed checking in for the match and make sure that a line is drawn through the name of any person listed on the roster who will not participate in the match.
- 6) A player who is not present for pre-game check-in (i.e., arrives late) must check in with the referee, identify their name on the match roster, and provide the referee with their member pass before participating in the match.

No roster, No cards, No game - **except as follows:**

- a) The official match roster printed from Affinity lists both teams. If one of the teams does not have a match roster for the match, but the other team does, the referee may use the single copy of the match roster to check in both teams. The referee should note in the match report which team did not present an official match roster.
- b) Only the players listed on the match roster that is presented for check-in, including any hand-written amendments to the list, are eligible to participate.
- c) Before abandoning a match because of players not on the photo roster, the referee must call the league's emergency number for guidance.
- d) Even though a match may be played with a team missing an official match roster, the league will still impose a penalty for failing to present a roster as follows:
 - i) 1st offense - warning from league director
 - ii) 2nd offense - warning from league director
 - iii) 3rd offense - \$50 fine
 - iv) 4th and each subsequent offense - \$50 fine and 1 point removed from the team's standings

VII. Substitutions

Unlimited substitutions allowed with the consent of the referee on any dead ball situation. Substitutes must check in at mid-field.

VIII. Player's Equipment

- 1) All players on the field must wear matching, numbered uniforms, with no duplicate numbers. Goalkeepers are required to wear a jersey differing in color to the field players, the referees and opposing goalkeeper.
- 2) Shin guards, covered by socks, and soccer cleats are required of every player.
- 3) It is up to the designated Home team to wear jerseys that do not conflict with the Away team's kit. Should the referee still deem a conflict in the jersey colors, it is up to the Home team to change jerseys.
- 4) A player may not wear or use any equipment that is dangerous to themselves or another player.
 - (a) The referee's decision regarding dangerous equipment is conclusive, although lightweight, padded protective equipment should generally be allowed per FIFA Law 4
 - (b) The referee may withdraw approval for a player to participate while wearing a cast or other protective equipment if the referee finds that the protective equipment is being used in a way that endangers the safety of any players.
- 5) **No jewelry is permitted, even if taped.** Medical alert bracelet/necklaces are allowed, if taped.

IX. Safety

- 1) A player who is bleeding or has blood on his or her uniform must leave the field and may be substituted at the coach's discretion. A uniform with blood on it must be changed. After the bleeding is stopped and the wound is covered, the player may return to the game when beckoned onto the field by the referee.
- 2) A player who demonstrates signs of concussion as a result of an observed or suspected blow to the head or body must leave the field and may not return to play in that match. Referees will include in their match report information about any player required to leave the field because of a suspected concussion. A player who has been removed from a game by a referee because of a suspected concussion is ineligible to play until the league director has received a copy of a medical release signed by a health care professional that authorizes an unrestricted return to competition.
- 3) Coaches should be aware that SB 721, enrolled as [2013 Oregon Laws Chapter 489](#), and codified as ORS 417.875, became effective January 1, 2014 and applies to all competitions sanctioned by OYSA. If a player exhibits signs of concussion following an observed or suspected blow to the head or body, a coach is prohibited from allowing that player to participate in any competition, including practice, until the player has been cleared to return to play by a health care professional.
- 4) No players U12 and under shall do headers. In the event a player heads the ball, it will become a turnover and possession goes to the other team and becomes an indirect kick back into play.

X. Participant Discipline

- 1) Yellow cards (Cautions) and red cards (Send Offs) are given at the discretion of the Match Referee. Cards may be given to players or substitutes. Referees should not show yellow or red cards to coaches or other team officials. In the case of parental misconduct, the Coach will be cautioned that failure to control the behavior may cause abandonment of the match and report of the circumstance to the league for action.

- a) It is extremely important coaches manage their team parents to not interfere with or verbally abuse the referee and his/her assistants. If, in the opinion of the referee, this occurs then he or she is well within their rights to caution the team bench or in extreme cases abandon the match.
- b) Referees will book the cautioned player or coach and report all bookings on the match report and to the League Director; the League Director will note and record all offenses, track potential player suspensions, notify clubs of player suspensions, and track aggregate club disciplinary points.
- c) Referees will not withhold or retain member passes under any circumstances.

2) Participants Sent Off or Dismissed

- a) If a player is sent off or dismissed from a match, either through a straight red card or a double yellow, the player is not permitted to re-enter the match. The player may remain on the team's bench however, in cases of violent conduct, referee abuse or assault, the referee WILL require the player leave the playing facility. Any player sent off or dismissed is the responsibility of the coach, assistant coach and/or team manager, and will remain under the direct supervision of these people for the duration of the match.
- b) The player should be directed to his/her parents, a team official, or another responsible parent from the player's team. If no responsible adult is available to take charge of the sent off player, the player may remain on the team sidelines under the supervision of the team coach. Any irresponsible behavior by a sent off player may result in additional penalties.
- c) If a coach is dismissed from a match, they are required to leave the playing facility. If there is no other adult with a member pass available to continue coaching the match, then the match is abandoned and subject to the forfeiture rules of the League.
- d) Players who have been sent off (received a red card) and coaches or team officials who have been expelled have mandatory game sit outs of at least one match

3) Discipline Procedures

- a) Yellow Cards – An individual player or coach who accumulates three (3) yellow cards throughout the course of the league play will be required to sit out the first match after his or her third yellow card. Furthermore, any player who has received five yellow cards throughout the course of the season will be suspended the next TWO (2) games following the fifth yellow card.
- b) Red Cards – Players and/or Coaches dismissed from the Field of Play in the MVSL (according to the below), having previously, in the same season, been sent off in a MVSL sanctioned match, will be suspended for one extra match for each such previous sending off or suspension in addition to the automatic suspension applicable to the dismissal.

4) The following game suspensions will apply for automatic red cards:

- a) 2nd Caution received in the same match – 1 game
- b) Denying goal by handling the ball – 1 game
- c) Denying goal by committing a foul – 1 game
- d) Abusive and Offensive Language – 1 game
- e) Serious Foul Play – 1 game
- f) Violent Conduct – immediate suspension, length TBD by League Director
- g) AOL towards a specific person (other than the referee) – length TBD by League Director

- h) AOL directed towards a referee – immediate suspension, length TBD by League Director
 - i) Referee Abuse/Assault – immediate suspension, length TBD by League Director
 - j) Irresponsible Behavior (expulsion of a coach or other team official) – 2 games
 - k) Refusing to give name to official when a card is recorded (added to any suspension for the card) – 1 game
- 5) Any game where a red card is given is automatically reviewed by the League Director; they will review the referee’s match report, speak with the appropriate parties, so the nature of the incident can be determined. The League Director can impose further suspension on the participant and/or fines on the Club.
- 6) The MVSL will not tolerate any verbal or physical abuse toward match officials, whatsoever. Any incident that is reviewable by the league committee with regard to misconduct toward a referee on the part of a player, coach or parent is subject to suspension and/or fines imposed on the club of the participants. The MVSL will review each and every instance on an individual basis to assess each of these instances for potential disciplinary procedures.

XI. Match Reports

Referee match reports are required to be filed on oregonsoccercentral.com or turned into the League Director within 48 hours of the match’s completion, along with the official rosters collected at the match. Referees are required to confirm the match score with a rostered coach or manager.

XII. League Scoring

- 1) 3 points for a win
- 2) 1 point for a tie
- 3) No points for a loss.
- 4) Forfeited games are recorded as 0-1 losses for the team who forfeits.
- 5) In the event that teams are tied on points at the end of league play, placement is determined in the following order:
 - a) head-to-head competition
 - b) goal differential (up to 3 goals MAX per game)
 - c) goals against
 - d) goals for
 - e) fewest disciplinary points
- 6) If only two teams are tied, tie breakers are applied in order beginning with (5) (a) until the tie is broken.
- 7) If three or more teams are tied in points, tiebreakers are applied beginning with (5) (a) until one team is either advanced or eliminated. If a tie still remains, the remaining teams will be compared using the criteria in order beginning with (5) (b) until only 2 teams remain tied. When only 2 teams remain tied, criteria are applied beginning with (5) (a).
- 8) If a tie remains after all tie breakers have been applied, the tie in league standings will remain in effect while a coin flip will determine seeding for the MVSL playoffs.

XIII. Protests, Appeals, and Hearings

- 1) A protest is a complaint arising out of the misapplication of the Laws of the Game or misapplication of a league rule. The protest must be based upon violations of these league rules or FIFA Laws of the Game.
- 2) Procedures for submitting a protest:

- a) Protests may only be submitted by the head coach of a team, or the acting head coach of a team, who is present at the match being protested.
 - b) The person submitting the protest must verbally notify both the referee and the opposing coach within 15 minutes following the end of the match that the game will be protested.
 - c) A written protest that clearly states the league rule or FIFA Law that was violated must be submitted to the League Director by the end of the first business day following the protested game.
 - d) The protest may be submitted using the protest form on the OYSA website, but an email to the League Director that provides the same information as the form will also be accepted.
 - e) A protest fee of \$100 must be delivered to the League Director not later than 5:00pm on the 2nd business day following the game being protested.
 - f) If the protest fee is not received, the protest will be summarily dismissed.
 - i) If the protest is upheld, the protest fee will be returned.
- 3) An individual may appeal a sending off (player) or expulsion (team official) from a match by following these steps:
- a) Send an email to the League Director with the following information:
 - i) The name of the individual appealing
 - ii) The game number, date, time, home team, and visiting team of the match from which the person was sent off or expelled
 - iii) A description of the incident that led to the individual being sent off or expelled; and
 - iv) A citation of the specific league rule or Law of the Game that is alleged to have been improperly applied by the referee.
 - b) The written appeal must be sent to the League Director not later than 5:00pm on the first business day following the match from which the individual was sent off or expelled.
- 4) Referee judgment decisions during the game are final (not subject to Protest or Appeal).
- 5) The League Director will review and decide all protests and appeals.
 - a) The League Director may hold such hearings as the League Director deems appropriate, or may determine issues based on written documentation.
 - b) The League Director will provide a written notice of decision to the person who submitted the protest or appeal.
- 6) A decision of the League Director regarding protests or appeals is final.
- 7) A decision of the League Director regarding imposition of disciplinary suspensions is not subject to appeal unless a suspension would extend to an individual's right to participate in competitions beyond the end of the specific competition for which the disciplinary measure is imposed.