

## **YCVSC Rules and Regulations**

### Finance

1. Teams may not have their own treasury.
2. Teams may not require additional assessments other than budgeted by the Board of Directors.
3. Teams may not limit participation of those who do not pay additional voluntary assessments, other than adopted by the Board of Directors.
4. If teams elect to attend more than 1 tournament per season, teams may assess player's additional fees to cover the cost of the additional tournament(s) as long as 75% or more of the team families vote to participate.
5. Teams may solicit their own individual sponsors and or benefactors with the approval of the Board of Directors.
6. Teams will not require additional uniforms, warm-ups, or equipment other than budgeted for by the Board of Directors. Teams will not place 33% or less of its membership in the position of not having a voluntary piece of equipment i.e. warm ups or tote bags.

### Team size

7. Maximum team size will be dictated by NCYSA rules.
8. Team membership will comply with NCYSA rules.
9. Teams may hold additional tryouts only with approval of the Board of Directors.
10. Teams may drop a player only with approval of the Board of Directors.

### Playing season

11. The season will extend no more than 3 weeks before the first scheduled game in both the fall and spring seasons.
12. The playing season will end with the last game in the fall, and the end of year TCL Tournament, or other tournament in the spring.
13. U13+ Classic teams may extend the playing season with approval of the Board of Directors.

### Practice and tournaments

14. Teams may not require players to practice more than twice each week during the playing season.
15. Teams may not require players to attend scrimmages other than are scheduled during a regular practice session.
16. U13+ Classic teams may get a waiver from the Board of Directors for Rule 14 and 15.
17. Teams may not require players to practice outside of the playing season.

18. Teams may not require players to attend tournaments other than are approved by the Board of Directors.
19. Teams may contract for additional practice sessions with a skills coach, in as much as the assessment is voluntary, and no player is excluded from the practice session for failure to contribute.
20. Individuals may contract with a skills coach for private sessions. Except that 50% of the team during the same session will constitute a team practice session.
21. Individuals may contract with any skills coach whereas it does not interfere with another member team's practice session.
22. A coaches meeting will be held within 2 weeks of tryouts to determine practice schedules.
23. Teams may arrange for their own practice fields, with the approval of the Field Coordinator, and provided they are not fields assigned to another YCVSC member team.

#### Uniforms

24. Teams must use and only use the Board approved uniform.

#### Games

25. All USYSA, NCYSA, and TCL rules shall be adhered to, failure can place a team "Not in Good Standing" with YCVSC.

#### Playing Time for Academy, Challenge, and U11 and U12 Classic Teams

26. Although there is no specific amount of time a player must play, it is highly recommended that each player average at least half a game's playing time if:
  - a) The player has attended practice sessions on time and on a regular basis,
  - b) The player has been working to his fullest potential,
  - c) The player has maintained a good and cooperative attitude,
  - d) The player is current on his Division assessment.

It is possible, that depending on the competition, playing time will vary for different players in certain situations, but coaches are required to be mindful of the total season's playing time for each player. This is a player development league, and players develop while playing.

27. It is expressly **forbidden to penalize a player by reducing his playing time** for:
  - a) not attending extra, non board approved practices
  - b) not attending a non board approved tournament
  - c) not paying a non board approved assessment
  - d) not purchasing extra non board approved equipment

Violation could be grounds for penalizing the coach for misconduct as outlined in Article XI section of the YCVSC Bylaws.

#### Playing Time for U13+ Classic Teams

28. There is no playing time requirement for these teams, but it is required that parents/players are given clear expectations regarding playing time before they accept a position on a team.

### Tryouts

29. Membership in **YCVSC IS ON A YEAR TO YEAR CONTRACT**. Every player must tryout each year.
30. Tryouts will be conducted according to NCYSA policy and YCVSC procedures.
31. No two season teams will be brought into the Division, as an entity in and of itself, without going through the tryout process.
32. No team will be allowed to join YCVSC after the tryout period unless:
  - a) That team has unanimous approval by the member teams in that age group, and a simple majority vote of the Board of Directors.
  - b) Upon failure to receive a unanimous vote of age group teams, the team may be approved by a three fourths (3/4) majority vote at a scheduled Board meeting.

### Volunteer Coaches

33. Volunteer coaches must be approved by the Board of Directors each year. A simple majority vote is sufficient to continue as coach, or be approved to coach. New coaches are not permitted in the meeting room while their status is under discussion.
34. Possible grounds for not approving a coach would be complaints by the membership of their team, or misconduct.
35. All coaches are required to attain the coaching certification recommended by USYS and NCYSA based on the age/level of team they are coaching within 1 year.

### Grievances

36. Grievances will first be handled by either the Director of Challenge or the Director of Classic. If unresolved the matter will be turned over to the VP of YCVSC, and a recommendation to the Board for a vote.