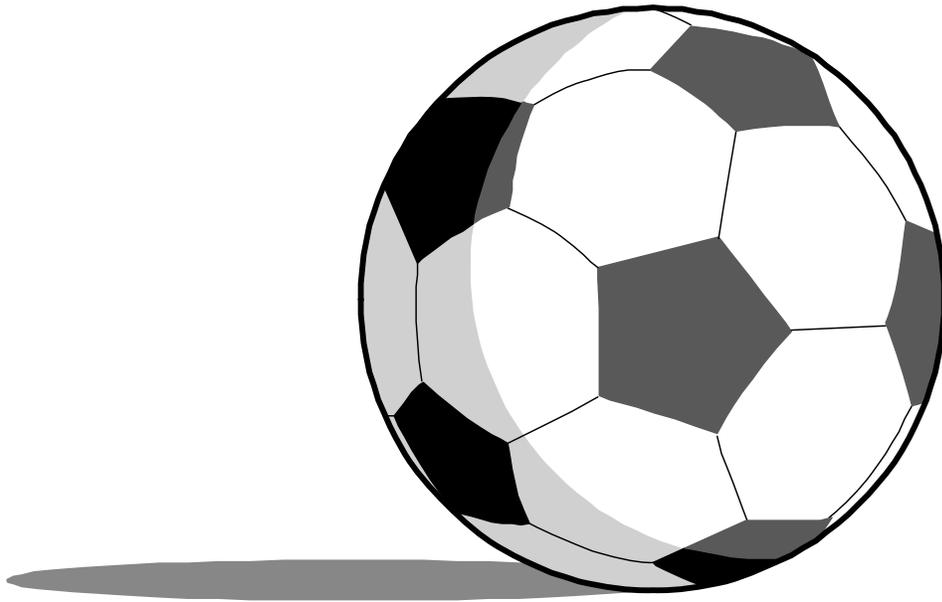


GREEN HILLS SOCCER CLUB'S

RULES OF PLAY

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AGE DIVISIONS

1. The Green Hills Soccer Club will be divided into age divisions that shall be comprised of players who are before the first day of August of the immediately preceding seasonal year: U-19, U-18, U-17, U-16, U-15, U-14, U-13, U-12, U-11, U-10, U-9, U-8, U-7, U-6 & U-5
2. Play-downs will not be allowed under any circumstances. All players must play with their designated age group unless the Green Hills Soccer Club grants specific permission. Requests from parent or legal guardian for "play up" must be submitted in writing to the GHSC Board with any additional information as needed. GHSC Board will conduct a player evaluation and has all authority to approve or deny play-up requests. Team placement of players approved for play-up will be on a space-available basis. Play-up requests must be re-submitted each year. Play-ups into the U5 division will NOT be considered. All U-5 players must meet the minimum age requirement to start play for that division.

AMENDMENTS

The Rules of Play of this Club may be amended by a majority vote of the Board only. All amendments, proposals or motions that carry must be presented in writing to all coaches at the next coaches meeting.

ASSOCIATION

1. All GHSC competition shall be played under the jurisdiction of the Green Hills Soccer Club Rules of Play and the rules of play as described by the United States Youth Soccer (USYS), United States Soccer Federation (USSF), Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA), and Missouri Youth Soccer Association, (MYSA). The Executive Board will administer all affairs of the Green Hills Soccer Club and will be responsible for the financial direction of Green Hills Soccer Club funds. The Executive Board will establish rules, regulations, and general policies for the operation of the Green Hills Soccer Club.
2. Anyone trying to "circumvent" rules could be denied membership into this League for at least one (1) year.
3. Should a situation arise that is not covered in GHSC Rules of Play or by-laws then GHSC may refer to MYSA, USYS, USSF, or FIFA for a ruling. A claim of ignorance of the rules, policies, and procedures, shall not be satisfactory grounds for altering or waiving of such rules, policies, or procedures.
4. Any complaints and/or concerns must be presented in writing to the board within 72 hours of the incident.
5. The Green Hills Soccer Club has adopted the policy on the KidSafe Program instituted by the MYSA.
6. The Green Hills Soccer Board has the ultimate discretion in determining whether any individual is allowed to volunteer, in any capacity, with the Green Hills Soccer Club.
7. Clarification of all rules is subject to definition by the GHSC Board.
8. The Green Hills Soccer Club shall adopt any playing rules that it feels would best benefit this Club.

CANCELLATIONS

1. The Green Hills Soccer Club policy for conflicts with other organizations is: If over 50% of the team is gone with a school function only, then the coaches may reschedule the game with the approval of the board.
2. If a game is postponed due to rain, darkness, wind chill, or any other unusual situations, the board will determine the date of any make up games and will notify the coaches as soon as possible. It is the coaches' responsibility to notify their players.
3. If a game is canceled in the first half, the game will be replayed from the start. If it is canceled after the kick off for the second half has occurred, it shall be recorded as a completed game.
4. A Board appointed authority cancels games. Soccer, like football, is played in all types of weather conditions but games are canceled in the event of severe weather or if field conditions warrant it.
5. Depending on conditions, only part of that day's games may be canceled.
6. The wind chill cancellation temperatures are: 35 degrees for U-06 and 30 degrees for U-8 and up.
7. If you cannot play your scheduled game you are to notify the GHSC League Assignor seventy-two (72) hours in advance or as soon as possible.

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8. The GHSC Assignor has full authority to decide if and when a game will be rescheduled.

CAUTIONS

1. Any player receiving a caution (yellow card) must be substituted, but may reenter the game on the next substitution opportunity.
2. Any player that receives THREE (3) consecutive cautions will be suspended the following game and **MUST** attend that game and sit on the team bench. If the player does not attend the following game the suspension will then carry over until the player has attended a game. Any player that would receive FOUR (4) cautions throughout the season, not consecutively, will also be suspended and the same rule applies as above in regards to attending the next scheduled game and sitting on the team bench. The Referee Assignor and GHSC Board Members will decide upon all suspensions.

COACHES CODE OF ETHICS

1. The primary consideration will be the player and the development of their physical, mental and moral character.
2. The coach's responsibility is to set a good example to the team by their conduct, both on and off the playing field.
3. The coach must have control of their team at all times but should exercise good judgement and tact in disciplining players. The coach is also responsible for the conduct of their assistant coach(s), players, managers, trainers, and parents.
4. Any action deemed detrimental to the Green Hills Soccer Club would be cause for suspension. This applies to coaches, members, players, parents, and spectators at all soccer functions within and outside of this League.
5. Any violation of the rules and regulations of the Green Hills Soccer Club or "Coaches Code of Ethics" will be grounds for the Executive Board to take positive actions to reprimand, suspend or remove the offending member(s).
6. Absolutely no drinking of any alcohol, smoking, swearing or abusive language will be permitted on the playing field or players side of the field by anyone. Violations will be investigated by the Executive Board and penalties assessed.
7. There shall be strict adherence to the rules and regulations set down by this Green Hills Soccer Club.

COACHES LICENSES

1. All coaches, assistants, team managers and trainers are required to have at least a "F" level coach's license to participate in any MYSA League. Exceptions are made for those who take over the position after the session started and/or no clinic is available. They are given until the next available license course in their district to comply. MYSA will only allow them to coach for one (1) session without it.
2. GHSC will pay the full license fee for coaches to get an "F" license. This does not include the cost of lodging, meals, etc.
3. Coaches must agree to requirements set by GHSC for the League paying their license fee.
4. Coaches are to submit a copy of any license they receive, to the GHSC Registrar who is to keep it on file.
5. It's recommended but not required, that all Board Members also have at least an "F" level license.
6. Contact the Board for requirements.

COACHES RESPONSIBILITIES

1. See also "Cancellations" and "Forfeits."
2. Coaches are to keep in mind that the activities of this Green Hills Soccer Club are designed to promote

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- player participation and sportsmanship while developing knowledge and skills of soccer.
3. The responsibilities of each coach shall include, but not limited to, the following:
 - A. Contacting returning players and parents for organizing team activities.
 - B. Provide one (1) club linesman at each game if USSF registered linesman are not provided.
 - C. Distributing team uniforms. Due to the Board being able to add players at any time during the session to complete a team to roster limit, coaches are to have on hand the amount of uniforms that corresponds to their age division's roster limit.
 - D. Meeting the participation rule. Each coach is urged to keep a practice attendance schedule. See also "Participation Rule".
 - E. Each coach scheduled to play the opening game of the day must put up one (1) soccer net, two (2) corner flags, and one (1) player bench if required to do so on their field of play.
 - F. Each coach scheduled to play the last game of the day needs to take down and put away one (1) soccer net, two (2) corner flags, and one (1) player bench and store them in the game box if required to do so on their field of play.
 - G. Clean up litter around their players' area and spectators bleachers after each game.
 - H. Coaches will be responsible for and held accountable for their players, parents, and spectators' actions. Offending spectators will be dealt with in the following order:
 - 1) coach being issued a verbal warning
 - 2) coach being issued a yellow card
 - 3) ejection of the coach and/or ejection of the offending spectator(s) or stoppage of the game at the Referees discretion.
 - I. No stoppage of the game will occur for the coach to control parents or spectators.
 - J. Coaches should provide one (1) game ball for their GHSC games.
 4. Responsible for providing 72 hour notice if needing to cancel a game by contacting the League Assignor.
 5. Informing parents of any changes in the GHSC rules, schedules, etc.
 6. **To warn all players and parents that there's to be no climbing on, hanging on, jumping off of bleachers, goals, fences, shelters, tables, etc. Liability could fall back on you and GHSC if injury occurs.**
 7. Coaches are given a GHSC coaches manual, which they are responsible for maintaining and keeping updated. If the coach quits, they are to return the manual and all paperwork to GHSC. If someone is taking over the team, the coach is to pass the manual and all paperwork onto the new coach.
 8. Responsible for keeping official MYSA team roster and medical releases with them at all practices and games.
 9. Coaches should carry a first aid kit with them.

COMPETITIVE TEAMS

1. All competitive teams that use GHSC facilities or fields under the control of GHSC must be MYSA registered through GHSC to participate in any shared play league, any affiliated leagues, or any other leagues associated with MYSA. This includes all practices, tryouts, "friendly" matches or practice games.
2. To play on a competitive team within Green Hills Soccer Club is above the privilege afforded to play on a recreational team and because Green Hills Soccer Club will scholarship any player meeting the criteria, to play recreational soccer, the cost to play on competitive teams will be the regular registration fees, unless the player is already registered in Green Hills Soccer Club in which case there will be no additional fees. According to Green Hills Soccer Club Rules of Play, a player, which receives a scholarship, cannot play on a competitive team until the initial fees of membership are paid.
 - A. If a player is already registered through GHSC and have paid the initial registrations fees, these players would register to play on a competitive team and pay the regular MYSA registration fees for the competitive team.
 - B. If a player that is playing on a competitive team and has paid the initial GHSC registration fees then the basic MYSA registration fees will apply to be registered on the recreational team.
3. All competitive teams will follow all rules and regulations of Green Hills Soccer Club and Missouri Youth Soccer Association, including all registration deadlines.
4. All referees will be assigned per Missouri Youth Soccer Association rules through the Green Hills Soccer Club Assignor and referees will be paid standard Green Hills Soccer Club established fees by the competitive team.

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- A. Responsible for providing 72 hour notice if needing to cancel a game. Failure to do so will result in the team being responsible for the referees' fees and not allowed to play until they have been paid.
- B. Payment of referees for any suspended game, other than due to weather or light conditions, will be the responsibility of the team causing the suspension. Fee(s) must be paid before that team can participate in any further games.
5. Competitive teams have the right to assess players any charges or fees to meet expenses for uniforms, league, tournament fees, or any other additional fees. Standard accounting procedures will be followed for teams establishing an independent banking account. To utilize the buying power of Green Hills Soccer Club and use the 501(3c) status, all funds must run through the Green Hills Soccer Club account and Treasurer. Teams may hold individual fund raising events, but those events should be cleared through the Green Hills Soccer Club Board of Directors. The Board will not withhold permission unless it places Green Hills Soccer Club in an unfavorable light or is contrary to the Bylaws and Rules of Play of Green Hills Soccer Club.
6. Competitive teams will follow the procedure outlined by Missouri Youth Soccer Association concerning the selection of teams, tryouts, addition or deletion of players and travel permits, pertaining to the particular level of play that the team choose to play under.
7. Teams wanting to practice or play on fields controlled by Green Hills Soccer Club will submit their practice and play schedule for approval by Green Hills Soccer Club League Assignor at least 72 hours prior to the request.
8. Coaches on competitive teams must be licensed through Missouri Youth Soccer Association and will follow the Missouri Youth Soccer Association Coaches Code of Conduct Guidelines.
9. Administrators or coaches of competitive teams will treat the Green Hills Soccer Club Registrar with respect and submit team paper work on a timely basis and completely filled out so that registration deadlines to Missouri Youth Soccer Association can be met.
10. Coaches of competitive teams will attend coaching meetings called by Green Hills Soccer Club to be kept current with league and club changes.
11. Competitive teams may be assigned tasks or duties for Green Hills Soccer Club functions or events.
12. Administrators and coaches of competitive teams must make themselves familiar with the Rules and Regulations of Missouri Youth Soccer Association and of the Bylaws and Rules of Play of Green Hills Soccer Club. Grievances with rules will first be taken to the Board of Directors of Green Hills Soccer Club, and if unresolved to the Western District Commissioner and if still unresolved to the Board of Directors of Missouri Youth Soccer Association.

EQUIPMENT - see Uniforms

FEEES

1. See also Coaches Responsibilities.
2. The Green Hills Soccer Club sets fees. There are no "team fees".
3. No child shall be denied participation due to lack of financial ability. Any hardship cases (fee waived) should be reported to the Green Hills Soccer Club when submitting their registration form. Any forms requested (i.e.: free school lunch program) to verify hardship cases must be submitted to the GHSC Registrar to be presented to the Board for approval. If other assistance is needed, contact the Board. No child that uses the hardship waiver may participate with a competitive team without paying the complete league and competitive fees.
4. Green Hills Soccer Club will pay to register the coach and one (1) assistant per recreational team. Any assistants, after that are required to pay the current MYSA fee (\$8.00) to register.
5. Any expenses incurred from returned checks will have the bank fee(s) added to the amount due GHSC. Failure to make good on a bad payment will result in suspension of all GHSC activities (practices, games, team meetings) by that player or coach until up to the point it is paid. Your MYSA privileges will be revoked until the matter is corrected.

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1. The field is rectangular with a maximum length of one hundred thirty (130) yards and a maximum width of one hundred (100) yards. Smaller fields may be used for younger players. The field is never to be square. Refer to "Laws of Play" per age division.
2. Players, coaches, assistants, trainers, and managers are to be on the opposite side of the field from the spectators and back six (6) feet from the touchline and between the top of each ends penalty area.
3. No spectators, players or coaches are allowed behind or beside the goal box or end lines. No goalie coaching by anyone is to be done from these areas.
4. Spectators are to remain on the opposite side of the field and six (6) feet from the touchline and between the tops of each ends penalty area.
5. There is to be no more than one (1) coach and one (1) assistant or combination of assistants, trainers, and managers on the player side of the field during the game.
6. No one may enter the field of play, including players, during the game without referee permission.
7. Players may not leave (except through accident) or enter the field during the game without referee permission. This does not apply to U-06 players.
8. There will be **NO PETS** allowed on any of the Green Hills Soccer Club properties. Exception will be those used to assist the Visually Impaired.
9. There will be **NO WARM UPS IN THE PENALTY AREAS** of GHSC fields, during league play, competitive matches or friendly games.

FORFEITS

1. See also "Fees" and "Passes."
2. Player participation in competition under false identity (name, age, etc.) will result in the player being deemed ineligible and the team forfeiting, if not already lost, whether that player played or not, for every line up card their name appears on and the game was played.
3. No unrostered player may be listed on the game card. Any unrostered or unregistered player listed, whether they played or not, will cause the team to forfeit each game where they were listed on the line up card and the game was played.
4. Noncompliance to any rules shall result in the game being forfeited, if not already lost.
5. Striking or verbally abusing a referee will result in the game being forfeited, if not already lost.
6. If a team's coach(s), manager, parents, players, or spectators cause game suspension and/or abandonment, the game will be forfeited, if not already lost.
7. Participation by a suspended coach, assistant coach, manager, trainer, or player will result in the game being forfeited, if not already lost.
8. Participation by an improperly registered or unregistered player or coach for games will result in the game(s) being forfeited, if not already lost.
9. If a team disbands and that fact is officially recognized, acknowledged, accepted and noted by Green Hills Soccer Club, then all games played or remaining to be played shall be forfeited to the opposing team or teams.
10. Any team not meeting the requirements to start playing ten (10) minutes after the scheduled game time will forfeit that game. This includes having the required and completed line up card.
11. If games are running late, it shall be ten (10) minutes from the time designated by the referee.
12. Players that do not have their registration money or fundraiser money turned in to the League may not participate in game(s) until it is. If they do, they will cause their team to forfeit each game they participated in or their name appeared on the line up card and game was played, until the money is in.
13. Persons failing to leave the playing area as instructed by the referee will cause the game to be declared a forfeit to the opposing team.
14. Teams without a coach that is registered, on record as the coach for the team will forfeit.
15. Teams with fewer players than the number shown for that age division to start play will forfeit.
16. Teams with fewer players than the number shown for that age division to finish a game will forfeit.
17. Are subject to review by the GHSC Board if requested.
18. Games will not be rescheduled unless the forfeiting team agrees to pay the total amount of referee fees due for the rescheduled game and the team that received the win wishes to replay.
19. Games are not forfeits if it is found to be a scheduling error on the League's part.
20. Coaches accepting forfeits in place of playing a game will not be scheduled additional games to

compensate.

GAME OFFICIALS

1. See also "Coaches Responsibilities", "Passes", "Start of Play", "Suspension of Game", and "Suspensions."
2. No one shall officiate as a referee or neutral linesman in any match under the sanction or jurisdiction (direct or indirect) of the USSF or MYSA who is not registered or in good standings with the USSF. Any referee or assistant referee not able to provide proof of being registered to the Board, prior to the season / session, will not be allowed to participate in the League until such proof is provided. This does not apply to club linesman.
3. Decisions of the referees are final. No one, including the Board, may override the referees' decision.
4. Anyone wishing to officiate in this League must be at least twelve (12) years old the session they referee.
5. If registered linesmen are not provided, each team will provide one (1) club linesman. This person should report to the referee for instructions before the start of the game. Club linesman may only call out of bounds.
6. If the use of one (1) club linesman is needed, the other line will also be a club linesman as to not give one team an advantage over the other.
7. All referees must be certified according to the Executive Board of the GHSC, MYSA, USYS, and USSF.
8. Responsible for correctly reporting scores and other required information on official game cards to the referee assignor within twenty-four (24) hours of the game.
9. In case the official referee(s) fail to appear, a referee may be appointed, by mutual consent, of the two (2) teams concerned.
10. If a referee should become incapacitated during the progress of a game from any cause that would prevent them from continuing, they may, if so choose, turn the game over to another person acknowledged GHSC game official who shall conduct the game to its' conclusion.
11. The Executive Board sets fees for the referees.
12. The primary responsibility of the referee is to maintain control of the game and consideration for the welfare of the players.
13. Referees shall have control thirty (30) minutes prior to and after each game.
14. All games, except U-06, are to be officiated by a three (3) man system.
15. A two (2) man system may only be used in the event of an emergency, and if both coaches agree.
16. Referees shall immediately note on the game card, the time and score of any game that is being
17. A \$5.00 penalty per game can be deducted from their pay for improper dress.
18. Referees may wear black baseball style hats, those who wear contacts or have sensitive eyes may wear sunglasses, and they may wear black clothing suitable for cold weather conditions as long as it does not prevent them from properly performing their job.
19. Referees shall have the right to stop any game and remove any offending person(s). The game will not be restarted until the offender(s) have left the playing area as instructed under suspensions.
20. Referees are to check player's passes on all levels of play as instructed.
21. Referees are to check all players and field equipment and playing surface before the start of each game.
22. Referees are not to retain the pass of a person suspended from play but are to note it on the game card. They are not to retain the player's passes at all during the game. Once passes have been checked, return them to the coach.
23. Teams, coaches, and players must have the correct player's pass and/or sticker. Players are not to be allowed to participate in any practices, team meeting and or games until they have the correct pass and/or sticker.
24. Unless otherwise approved by the GHSC Board, all referees must be older than the division playing. This also applies to linesman.
25. Are not to referee a game or division that would cause a "conflict of interest" situation.
26. Except in an emergency, are required to give at least a forty-eight (48) hour notice if they cannot referee his or her scheduled game.
27. Referees are to explain all infractions and be helpful and instructional to all recreational players and coaches.

INJURIES

1. Play will be stopped in the event of an injury and restarted with a drop ball when the injured player is removed.
2. Stoppage of play and removal of an injured player fall under FIFA guidelines.
3. If stoppage of the game occurs for an injured player, that player must be removed and a substitute can be put in. The injured player may reenter on the next substitution opportunity. Injured goalies do not have to be removed.
4. Improperly registered or unregistered players participating in practices or games who receive an injury will not be covered by insurance thus the coach can be held liable.
5. No one may enter the field to attend to an injured player until instructed so by the referee.
6. A player must be substituted if they are bleeding, has an open wound or blood on the uniform. The player shall leave the game for the appropriate treatment. The player may return at the next legal substitution opportunity.
7. If blood is present on the jersey, or any article of clothing worn by the participant, the blood must be removed. The participant may replace that article of clothing in order to reenter the game. Clothing substitutes do not have to match the uniform. **NOTE:** Coaches must have some form of rubber gloves available before treating or touching the blood or open wound.

INSURANCE

1. All players, coaches, assistants, trainers, managers, and Board members must be registered with Green Hills Soccer Club and/or MYSA in order to be covered by insurance. Insurance coverage is medical with a \$1,000,000.00 liability for the players and coaches, assistants, trainers, and managers.
2. MYSA insurance provides secondary coverage. Your primary insurance will pay first. After all primary claims are settled; a claim will be presented to the MYSA insurance carrier.
3. If you are not covered by other insurance, the MYSA insurance is primary. In order to keep insurance costs low, MYSA instituted a \$100.00 deductible in 1990.
4. Insurance covers all parties in item # 1 at all sanctioned games, practices, and meetings.
5. Nonmember clubs, sponsors, third party tournament/camp groups and unregistered coaches/players, etc. are not covered.
6. Players, no matter what age division they are playing up to, are insured.
7. Activities at indoor houses are not covered.
8. Play at regional and national levels are covered by insurance provided by others.
9. If an injury occurs, obtain an accident claim form from the League Registrar. Complete the form and submit it within thirty (30) days to MYSA. They will contact your primary insurance company, if you have one, and the hospital, etc. and check their records to make sure the applicant is eligible. Once everything is verified, MYSA will forward it to the insurance company.

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LAWS OF PLAY

1. See also "Field of Play."
2. The Green Hills Soccer Club has adopted all of the following laws and/or information regarding each age division. FIFA and/or USYS will govern any subject not covered under an age division.
3. Law numbers correspond to the FIFA Laws. Again, a claim of ignorance of the rules, policies, and procedures shall not be satisfactory grounds for altering or waiving of such rules, policies, or procedures.

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4. Teams involved with the GHSC Program will receive rules that may vary from FIFA rules. If playing a GHSC game, you are to follow those rules. Always refer to both GHSC and FIFA rules when looking up something.
5. Length of games may be shortened to accommodate weather, light conditions, or as otherwise needed to keep games on schedule. When possible this should be done equally for each quarter or half and declared before the start of the game.

UNDER 06 DIVISIONS

1. This is a complete list of playing rules for the U-06 division. This program is designed to expose this age division to a team environment. Emphasis will be placed on recreation, cooperation, participation, and sportsmanship. Do not emphasize winning!
2. Coaches may enter the field of play to assist or set up players or as otherwise instructed by the referee. No goal line coaches will be allowed.
3. Any coach caught deliberately obstructing the opposing team's players will forfeit these rights.
4. Standings are kept to determine each team's level of play for the next session.
5. No protests are allowed.

LAW 1 - THE FIELD

- A. Dimensions: The field of play shall be rectangular, its length not more than 30 yards nor less than 20 yards, its width not more than 20 yards nor less than 15 yards. The length in all cases shall exceed the width. U S Youth Soccer Recommendation: Length 25 yards Width: 20 yards.
- B. Markings:
 1. Distinctive lines not more than five (5) inches wide.
 2. A halfway line shall be marked out across the field.
 3. A center circle with a three (3) yard radius.
 4. Four corner arcs each with a two (2) foot radius.
 5. Goal area: Two (2) yards from each goal post and two (2) yards into the field of play joined by a line drawn parallel with the goal line.
- C. Goals: The size of the goal will be four (4) by six (6) feet.

LAW 2 - THE BALL

The ball is a size three (3).

LAW 3 - NUMBER OF PLAYERS

- A. Maximum number of players on the field at any one time is three (3).
- B. Maximum number of players on the roster is six (6).
- C. Minimum number to start or finish the game is three (3).
- D. Substitutions:

Allowed anytime ball is out of play- with the referees permission.
- E. Playing time: Each player **SHALL** play a minimum of 50% of the total playing time.
- F. Teams and games may be coed.
- G. There are NO Goalkeepers.

LAW 4 - PLAYERS EQUIPMENT: Conform to FIFA with the following exceptions:

- A. Footwear: Tennis shoes or soft-cleated soccer shoes.
- B. Shin-guards: **MANDATORY**.

LAW 5 - THE REFEREE:

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- A. Associate referee.
- B. Parent/Coach or assistant.
- C. All rule infractions shall be briefly explained to the offending player.

LAW 6 – ASSISTANT REFEREE: Not applicable.

LAW 7 - DURATION OF THE GAME:

- A. The duration of the game shall be four (4) equal periods of ten (10) minutes each.
- B. There shall be a two (2) minute break between quarters one and two and another two (2) minute break between quarters three and four.
- C. There will be a half-time break of five (5) minutes.

LAW 8 - START OF PLAY: Conform to FIFA, with the following exception:

- A. Opponent must be three (3) yards from the center mark while kick-off is in progress.

LAW 9 - BALL IN AND OUT OF PLAY: Conform to FIFA.

LAW 10 - METHOD OF SCORING: Conform to FIFA.

LAW 11 - OFF SIDES: No Offsides.

LAW 12 - FOULS AND MISCONDUCT: Conform to FIFA, with the following exception:

- A. No caution or ejection shall be issued to players except by an independent neutral Referee.

LAW 13 - FREE KICK: Conform to FIFA with the following exceptions:

- A. Opponents must be three (3) yards away before kick is allowed.
- B. Shall be classified under one heading: **INDIRECT.**

LAW 14 - PENALTY KICKS:

- A. No penalty kicks are to be taken during these games.

LAW 15 - THROW-INS:

- A. When a throw-in is used a second throw must be allowed if the player commits a foul on the initial attempt. The referee shall explain the proper method before allowing player to rethrow.

LAW 16 - GOAL KICK: Conform to FIFA, with the following exception:

- A. Opponents must be three (3) yards away from the ball.

LAW 17 -. CORNER KICK: Conform to FIFA, with the following exception:

- A. Opponents must be three (3) yards away from the ball.

UNDER 08 DIVISIONS

LAW 1 - THE FIELD

- A. Dimensions: The field of play shall be rectangular, its length being not more than 50 yards

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nor less than 40 yards and its width not more than 30 yards nor less than 20 yards. The length in all cases shall exceed the width. U S Soccer Recommendation: Length 50 yards Width: 30 yards.

B. Markings:

1. Distinctive lines not more than five (5) inches wide.
2. A halfway line shall be marked out across the field.
3. A center circle with a five (5) yard radius.
4. Four corner arcs each with a two (2) foot radius.

5. Goal area: Three (3) yards from each goal post and three (3) yards into the field of play joined by a line drawn parallel with the goal line.

C. Goals: The size of the goal will be six (6) by twelve (12) feet.

LAW 2 - THE BALL

The ball is a size three (3).

LAW 3 - NUMBER OF PLAYERS

- A. Maximum number of players on the field at any one time is five (5).
- B. Maximum number of players on the roster is ten (10).
- C. Minimum number to start or finish the game is five (5).
- D. Substitutions:
 1. Prior to throw-in, in your favor.
 2. Prior to a goal kick, by either team.
 3. After a goal, by either team.
 4. After an injury, by either team, when the referee stops the play.
 5. At half time.
- E. Playing time: Each player **SHALL** play a minimum of 50% of the total playing time.
- F. Teams and games may be coed.
- G. There will be NO Goalkeepers.

LAW 4 - PLAYERS EQUIPMENT: Conform to FIFA with the following exceptions:

- A. Footwear: Tennis shoes or soft-cleated soccer shoes.
- B. Shin-guards: **MANDATORY**.

LAW 5 - THE REFEREE:

- A. Registered or associate referee.
- B. All rule infractions shall be briefly explained to the offending player.

LAW 6 - ASSISTANT REFEREE: Use club AR's.

LAW 7 - DURATION OF THE GAME:

- A. The duration of the game shall be four (4) equal periods of twelve (12) minutes each.
- B. There shall be a two (2) minute break between quarters one and two and another two (2) minute break between quarters three and four.
- C. There will be a half-time break of five (5) minutes.

LAW 8 - START OF PLAY: Conform to FIFA, with the following exception:

- A. Opponent must be five (5) yards from the center mark while kick-off is in progress.

LAW 9 - BALL IN AND OUT OF PLAY: Conform to FIFA.

LAW 10 - METHOD OF SCORING: Conform to FIFA.

LAW 11 - OFF SIDES: No Off sides

LAW 12 - FOULS AND MISCONDUCT: Conform to FIFA, with the following exception:

- A. All fouls shall result in an indirect free kick with opponents five (5) yards away.
- B. The referee/coach/parent must explain **ALL** infractions to the offending player.

LAW 13 - FREE KICKS: Conform to FIFA with the following exceptions:

- A. Shall be classified under one heading: **INDIRECT**.
- B. Opponents must be five (5) yards away from the ball.

LAW 14 - PENALTY KICKS:

- A. No penalty kicks are to be taken during these games.

LAW 15 - THROW-INS:

- A. When a throw-in is used a second throw must be allowed if the player commits a foul on the initial attempt. The referee shall explain the proper method before allowing player to rethrow.

LAW 16 - GOAL KICK: Conform to FIFA, with the following exception:

- A. Goal kick may be taken anywhere within the goal box.
- B. Opponents must be five (5) yards away from the ball.

LAW 17 - CORNER KICK: Conform to FIFA, with the following exception:

- A. Opponents must be five (5) yards away from the ball.

UNDER 10 DIVISIONS

LAW 1 - THE FIELD

- A. Dimensions: The field of play shall be rectangular, its length being not more than 80 yards nor less than 70 yards and its width not more than 50 yards nor less than 40 yards. The length in all cases shall exceed the width. US Youth Soccer Recommendation: 8v8 Length: 70 yards Width: 50 yards.
- B. Markings:
 - 1. Distinctive lines not more than five (5) inches wide.
 - 2. A halfway line shall be marked out across the field.
 - 3. A center circle with an eight (8) yard radius.
 - 4. Four corner arcs each with a two (2) foot radius.
 - 5. Goal area: Five (5) yards from each goal post and five (5) yards into the field of play joined by a line drawn parallel with the goal line.
 - 6. Penalty area: Fourteen (14) yards from each goal post and fourteen (14) yards into the field of play joined by a line drawn parallel with the goal line.
- C. Goals: The size of the goal will be seven (7) feet high by twenty-one (21) feet wide.

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LAW 2 - THE BALL

The ball is a size four (4).

LAW 3 - NUMBER OF PLAYERS

- A. Maximum number of players on the field at any one time is eight (8). One of who may be goalkeeper.
- B. Maximum number of players on the roster is sixteen (16).
- C. Minimum number to start or finish the game is six (6).
- D. Substitutions:
 - 1. Prior to throw-in, in your favor.
 - 2. Prior to a goal kick, by either team.
 - 3. After a goal, by either team.
 - 4. After an injury, by either team, when the referee stops the play.
 - 5. At half time.
 - 6. If a Goalkeeper is substituted, the referee must be notified prior to the substitution.
- E. Playing time: Each player **SHALL** play a minimum of 50% of the total playing time.
- F. Teams and games may be coed.

LAW 4 - PLAYERS EQUIPMENT: Conform to FIFA with the following exceptions:

- A. Footwear: Tennis shoes or soft-cleated soccer shoes.
- B. Shin-guards: **MANDATORY**.

LAW 5 - THE REFEREE:

- A. Registered referee/new referee program.
- B. Associate referees.
- C. All rule infractions shall be briefly explained to the offending player.

LAW 6 – ASSOCIATE REFEREES: Use Associate referees.

LAW 7 - DURATION OF THE GAME:

- A. The game shall be divided into two (2) equal halves of twenty-five (25) minutes each
- B. There will be a half-time break of five (5) minutes.

LAW 8 - START OF PLAY: Conform to FIFA, with the following exception:

- A. Opponent must be eight (8) yards from the center mark while kick-off is in progress.

LAW 9 - BALL IN AND OUT OF PLAY: Conform to FIFA.

LAW 10 - METHOD OF SCORING: Conform to FIFA.

LAW 11 - OFF SIDES: Conform to FIFA

LAW 12 - FOULS AND MISCONDUCT: Conform to FIFA, with the following exception:

- A. No cautions or ejection shall be issued to players except by an independent neutral Referee.
- B. Any Player (except the goalkeeper in his own penalty area) that deliberately handles the ball to stop a goal or goal scoring opportunity in the penalty area will be issued a Yellow card(not a Red card as the FIFA rules of play state). **The yellow carded player will have to leave the field of play until the next substitution and the Penalty Kick will be awarded.**

LAW 13 - FREE KICKS: Conform to FIFA with the following exception:

- A. Opponents must be eight (8) yards away before kick is allowed.

LAW 14 - PENALTY KICKS: Conform to FIFA with the following exception:

- A. Opponents must be eight (8) yards away before kick is allowed.

LAW 15 - THROW-INS: Conform to FIFA

LAW 16 - GOAL KICK: Conform to FIFA

LAW 17 - CORNER KICK: Conform to FIFA, with the following exception:

- A. Opponents must be eight (8) yards away from the ball.

UNDER 12,14, 16 DIVISION

LAW 1 - THE FIELD

- A. Dimensions: The field of play shall be rectangular, its length being not more than 130 yards nor less than 100 yards and its width not more than 100 yards nor less than 50 yards. The length in all cases shall exceed the width.
- B. Markings:
 - 1. Distinctive lines not more than five (5) inches wide.
 - 2. A halfway line shall be marked out across the field.
 - 3. A center circle with a ten (10) yard radius.
 - 4. Four corner arcs each with a one (1) yard radius.
 - 5. Goal area: Six (6) yards from each goal post and six (6) yards into the field of play joined by a line drawn parallel with the goal line.
 - 6. Penalty area: Eighteen (18) yards from each goal post and eighteen (18) yards into the field of play joined by a line drawn parallel with the goal line.
- C. Goals: The size of the goal will be eight (8) feet high by twenty-four (24) feet wide.

LAW 2 - THE BALL

For U-12 the ball is a size four (4).
U-14, U-16 the ball is a size five (5).

LAW 3 - NUMBER OF PLAYERS

- A. Maximum number of players on the field at any one time is eleven (11) of which one shall be the goalkeeper.
- B. Maximum number of players on the roster for U-12, U-14, U-16 is eighteen (18).
- C. Minimum number to start and finish play is seven (7).
- D. Substitutions:
 - 1. Prior to throw-in, in your favor.
 - 2. Prior to a goal kick, by either team.
 - 3. After a goal, by either team.
 - 4. After an injury, by either team, when the referee stops the play.
 - 7. At half time.
 - 8. If a Goalkeeper is substituted, the referee must be notified prior to the substitution.

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LAW 7 - GAME DURATION

- U-12 duration of the game shall be two (2) equal periods of thirty (30) minutes each with a five (5) minute half time between periods.
- U-14 duration of the game shall be two (2) equal periods of thirty (30) minutes each with a five (5) minute half time between periods.
- U-16 duration of the game shall be two (2) equal periods of thirty (30) minutes each with a five (5) minute half time between periods.

LAW 8 - START OF PLAY: Conform to FIFA.

LAW 9 - BALL IN AND OUT OF PLAY: Conform to FIFA.

LAW 10 - METHOD OF SCORING: Conform to FIFA.

LAW 11 - OFF SIDES: Conform to FIFA

LAW 12 - FOULS AND MISCONDUCT: Conform to FIFA, with the following exception:

- A. No cautions or ejection shall be issued to players except by an independent neutral Referee.
- B. Any Player (except the goalkeeper in his own penalty area) that deliberately handles the ball to stop a goal or goal scoring opportunity in the penalty area will be issued a Yellow card(not a Red card as the FIFA rules of play state). **The yellow carded player will have to leave the field of play until the next substitution and the Penalty Kick will be awarded.**

LAW 13 - FREE KICKS: Conform to FIFA.

LAW 14 - PENALTY KICKS: Conform to FIFA.

LAW 15 - THROW-INS: Conform to FIFA.

LAW 16 - GOAL KICK: Conform to FIFA.

LAW 17 - CORNER KICK: Conform to FIFA.

LEVELS OF PLAY

The following is a brief description of the three (3) types of teams' players may participate on. At times, based on the number of teams in a level, it may be broken down even further: i.e. Recreational A & B, Developmental A & B, etc.

RECREATIONAL (Level C)

Also referred to as instructional. Is available to players of all ages. This level is for new or weaker teams/players. Teams have the choice of sharing play with other Leagues or not. Coaches cannot refuse players nor may they sign them up. The Board assigns players to teams from the pool. Players may request a team but no guarantee is given they will be placed on that team. Players requesting a team are placed on a first come, first served basis. Players may request to be placed with another player(s) in the pool to in turn be placed together on the same team.

DEVELOPMENTAL (Level B)

The Board may form teams but not through tryouts. Coaches may ask players to be on a developmental team but the player(s) must still sign up through the League and are placed on a first come, first served basis. Available to players of all ages. Coaches may not refuse players. Teams share play with other Leagues. This level is for stronger recreational players/teams and weaker competitive teams.

COMPETITIVE (Level A)

Currently, per MYSA, only available to U-11 and up players. Teams are formed by tryouts or coaches pick. Players may request to play on but no guarantee they will be picked. Coaches may refuse players. Teams share play with other Leagues. U-10 and below players may not play up to participate on these teams.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Recreational games can be called before time runs out if there is at least a ten (10) goal difference, the losing coach agrees, and the game is in the second half.
2. Girls, like the boys, are not allowed to cross their arms or use their arms during play except when making a wall.
3. Though not a rule, the following is strongly recommended:
We are here to set good examples to players regarding sportsmanship and fair play. If a team is short field players, other than from being carded out, then your team should be considerate enough to play with the same number of field players.

PARTICIPATION RULE

1. Recreational coaches are responsible for playing all players the equivalent of one-half (1/2) the total game time **IF** practice requirements for that week have been met.
2. Competitive coaches are not required to play their players any set length of time, or at all, but "for the sake of the game" should try and allow all players to participate each game.

PASSES

1. Any team other than recreational, participating in games in the girls division, U-12 and up boys divisions, are required to have the current MYSA passes which must be completed as instructed and laminated.
2. All teams participating in the GHSC program must have the current MYSA passes and if not yet available they must have the passes issued by the GHSC program which must be completed as instructed and laminated.
3. Teams with the correct MYSA pass participating in the GHSC program must also have the GHSC approved sticker affixed to the passes.
4. GHSC passes are only good for League play. Teams participating in tournaments or Leagues not involved with GHSC must have the correct MYSA passes.
5. Teams not participating in summer tournaments are required to turn their passes in to the League Registrar at the end of the spring session.
6. Due to problems with passes not being returned, referees are not to hold onto the passes during the game; they remain with the coach.
7. If a red card or suspension is issued, the pass still remains with the coach. The suspension is to be noted on the game card and information concerning the red card forwarded on the game day to Referee Assigner.

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8. Passes are to be checked before the start of the game per divisions as outlined. If not available that team has until the end of the game to provide them or forfeit. Players must remain until passes have been checked.

PAYMENTS

1. Anyone receiving payment for services rendered must have the paperwork required by the League and the Division of Employment, on file with the League Treasurer before:
 - A. They will be allowed to perform the work
 - B. They will receive payment
2. If failure to comply results in the League paying an additional fee or penalty, it will be passed on to the person(s) causing it.
3. Payments are usually issued at the end of each session.

PRACTICES

1. Each team must schedule at least one (1) official practice per week, weather permitting.
2. Competitive teams set the number of additional weekly practices and players are required to attend unless otherwise excused.
3. Any unexcused recreational player who fails to attend any four (4) official practices or two (2) games may be dropped from the team with Board approval. Player(s) are to remain as a team member until the Board authorizes such removal.
4. Any improperly registered or unregistered player participating in practices that receive an injury will not be covered by insurance thus the **coach** could be held liable.

PROOF OF AGE

1. Proof of age shall consist of a birth certificate or birth registration, issued by an appropriate government agency, Board of Health records, passport, alien registration card issued by the U.S. Government, a certificate issued by the Immigration and Naturalization services attesting to age or a certification of an American citizen born abroad issued by the appropriate government agency.
2. Hospital, religious or baptismal certificates will not be accepted. Foster children must have a legal document from the court stating full birth name and birth date. If none of the acceptable items can be provided, that person cannot play.
NOTE: GHSC will accept items in #2 but on a temporary basis only. The required proof as outlined must be obtained and turned in to the League Registrar ASAP. Coaches going to tournaments need to obtain the correct copies to have on hand in case they are questioned. If not, the coach and this League could have strict actions taken against them.
3. If the League has accepted a temporary "proof of age" for a playing session, that player may not participate in the next session, or any other session(s), until the correct proof of age as outlined in item # 1 is on record with the League Registrar.

PROTESTS

1. See also "Game Officials."
2. To lodge an official protest about a game, the coach wishing to dispute the game must, immediately following GHSC game, submit a \$50.00 protest fee to any available League official stating the fact that they are protesting.
3. You are then to contact the Chairman of the Referee Committee and submit a letter by mail or in person,

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- to any Board Member within seventy-two (72) hours of the protested game.
4. The letter must contain all information regarding the dispute, who was involved, and what actions you are seeking from the Board.
 5. A meeting will be scheduled with all parties concerned and the Executive Board members within seven (7) days of receiving the written protest.
 6. If a protested game is upheld, the remaining time and score logged by the referee at the time game was protested will be the starting point for completing the protested game.
 7. If the protest is not upheld, the fee is forfeited.
 8. Only the charges brought out in the protest letter will be discussed.
 9. The Executive Board's decision is final.
 10. Any decision by a referee that is considered a judgment call cannot and will not be heard by the Board.
 11. No protests will be allowed for the U-06, U-08, U-10, U-12, U-14, and U-16 recreational divisions.

RAINOUTS - see Cancellations

RECRUITMENT CHARGES

1. With the new MYSA rule regarding players being on multiple teams, recruitment charges are hard to prove.
2. All alleged recruitment charges must be referred to the Executive Board in writing.

REFEREE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

1. Financial assistance is available for anyone wishing to obtain his or her referee license. The two (2) methods available are:
 - A. People that need financial assistance can apply but must be able to provide proof (same requirements as the fee-waived players). The League will provide funds towards the clinic, licensing, and one (1) uniform (shirt, short, socks). In exchange the applicant must sign an agreement to referee in this League for one (1) year. The amount of \$300.00 is available to applicants each year, September 1 to August 31, with no more than \$75.00 being available to each applicant. The Executive Board will approve applicants. Applicant must agree to referee for one (1) year in this League.
 - B. Anyone may apply for assistance. The League will provide funds towards the same as in item #1 but these applicants will repay the loan by having a portion deducted from each pay until it is reimbursed in full. Applicants must agree to referee in this League until payment in full is received.
2. Anyone receiving assistance that fails his or her first attempt must make a second attempt. If they fail to pass the referee course on their 2nd attempt they will be responsible for reimbursing the League all money paid to or for the applicant within thirty (30) days of failing the 2nd test. The 2nd test must be taken within sixty (60) days of this first test. If no test is available within this time period, they must take the first available test offered in our District.

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REFUNDS

1. See also "Teams."
2. Refund request must be submitted to the Registrar who in turn approves and submits them to the Treasurer.

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3. Once registered with GHSC, but not with MYSA, a player requesting a refund will receive the amount paid less a \$5.00 processing fee.
4. Anyone requesting a refund during the two (2) weeks before the first game will receive the amount paid less the \$5.00 processing fee and the MYSA fee for their age division. Since the MYSA fee is non-refundable to GHSC, we cannot refund it to the player.
5. No refunds are issued once the session starts.
6. Refunds are approved and issued once a month usually being done at the monthly Board meetings.

REGISTRATION – see also Teams

1. Rules for registering members with this Green Hills Soccer Club and MYSA will be determined by the registration rules as adopted by the GHSC Board and in compliance with MYSA and USYS with the following additions:
 - A. Each player, coach, assistant coach, trainer, manager, and Board member must submit a completed registration form and the registration fee as set by the Green Hills Soccer Club. This form, fee, proof of age (required) must be on file with the League Registrar.
 - B. Players, coaches, trainers, and managers will not be allowed to participate in any League game or practice until all registration requirements are completed and on file.
 - C. Registration requirements for players returning with their competitive team must be turned in by their coach by the end of the sign up date for that session.
 - D. All players must sign up on their own except players joining a competitive team.
 - E. Players signing up after the last registration date for that session will be placed on a team provided they do not force a team over the roster limit for that age division.

REMOVAL OF PLAYERS

1. See also "Competitive Teams" and "Practices."
2. Coaches are required to submit the required paperwork and fees (recreational teams returning players only) for that session at the first sign up date of that session. Any missing items must be in by the end of the second sign up date. Failure to do so could result in the player(s) being removed from your team and re-assigned to another team for that session.
3. Players who do play one (1) session with missing items must turn them in before the first game of the next session they play or they will be removed by the Board from the team.
4. Recreational coaches may not remove player(s) from the team without Board approval. This does not include those players that are asking to be removed.
5. Competitive coaches may only remove players from the team during July 1 to August 31 or as outlined in the MYSA rules.
6. The Board may remove players that have not met registration requirements or upheld their obligations.

RULES OF PLAY

1. The rules of play shall be according to USYS "Laws of the Game" or FIFA with the variations shown in the "Laws of Play" section of these rules.
2. If ejection or injury results in the reduction in the number of eligible players, a minimum of two (2) less than the number showing per age division to start play will be allowed to finish the game except in U-06 and U-08 where the minimum to start will also be the lowest number accepted to finish.
3. All of the laws and/or information regarding each age division in GHSC's rules have been adopted by Green Hills Soccer Club. Any subject not covered will be governed by FIFA.
4. A claim of ignorance of the rules, policies, and procedures, shall not be satisfactory ground for altering or waiving of such rules, policies, or procedures.
5. Games are normally scheduled for Saturdays.

SCHEDULES

1. See also "Teams."
2. Coaches, not assistants, with more than one (1) team need to make sure the Scheduler is aware of this fact so there are no conflicts on the schedules between the teams but we cannot guarantee that the request will be met.
3. Requests are to be turned in to the Scheduler by the appointed date each session.
4. Requests submitted after the appointed date cannot be guaranteed.
5. Coaches with work schedules, etc. that require them to play their games at certain times need to be sure and include this on their request.
6. GHSC will do their best to honor requests but cannot guarantee they will always be able to.
7. No games are scheduled for Easter or Labor Day weekend so there's no need in requesting these off.
8. Should you need to request a weekend, day, etc. off after the start of the session, you need to give at least a two (2) week notice to your League Scheduler.
9. Schedules are given out at each pre season coaches meeting.

SPONSORSHIP

1. Sponsorship will be accepted from any individual or organization whose activity is not detrimental to the welfare of our youth. Sponsor's fee shall be a non-refundable \$200.00 per season payable to the League.
2. Any amount received above the sponsor fee due the League is for the team to use for their benefit. The sponsors will be listed on all game schedules for the year, sponsors banner, and a "thank-you" ad will be placed in the local City newspaper each spring. Coaches are responsible for any "thank-you" to the sponsor.

STANDINGS

1. Though scores should not be kept in the recreational division, this League will record them as a method of determining what level of play each team should be at.
2. Standing are determined by points and points will be awarded as follows:
+2 for a win, +1 for a tie, +0 for a loss, -1 per red card or ejection
3. League standings are determined by regular session play only. The standings are finalized at the end of each regular session and are not changed by post session play (play-offs).
4. In the event of a tie at the end of a session, the following will be used to break it:
 - a) head to head competition
 - b) total goals allowed
 - c) goals scored minus goals allowed
 - d) shoot out
 - e) coin toss
5. If there are more teams in an age division than playing weeks in that session. The game results between teams that did not have byes and played each other will not count in the standings.
6. The procedure for tiebreakers during GHSC tournament semi-finals or finals/GHSC play-off games is:
 - a) An overtime period of five (5) minutes shall be played. The overtime period is to be played in full meaning it is not stopped due to one team scoring (sudden death).
 - b) If at the end of the first period the score is still tied, there shall be a two (2) minute half time followed by a second period of five (5) minutes to be played in full.
 - c) If at the end of the second period the score is still tied, then FIFA rules regarding the taking of kicks from the penalty mark shall be applied to break the tie. See FIFA manual for instructions.
7. If time is a factor, the Board may change the method or order of tiebreakers.

START OF PLAY

1. See also "Passes."
2. The minimum number of players as outlined is required.
3. The correct line-up card is to be given to the referee before the start of the game which must be printed or typed, contain full first and last name, be in numerical order by jersey number, and be done in either blue or black ink. No felt-tip or pencil. Follow the instructions at the top of the cards.
4. Teams not having the line-up card, or done correctly, must do so and the time it takes will count towards their forfeit time.
5. MYSA team rosters are required and are to be checked for all teams.
6. Players not able to be checked in before the start of the game may not enter the game until they have been properly checked in by one of the referees involved with that game. Game will not be stopped to check players in.
7. Players are to have shirts tucked in at the beginning of each quarter or half. Referees are to remind players if they do not meet this rule. If a player refuses to comply as instructed, they will be cautioned for dissent.

SUBSTITUTIONS

1. When a player receives a yellow card, they must be substituted. The 1-for-1 substitution rule, which allows the opposing team to also sub, will apply.
2. Teams are not allowed to put a substitute in for a player that's been suspended (ejected) during the game.
3. Free and unlimited substitutions shall apply to all games.
4. Players may only re-enter the game on the next legal substitution opportunity if they've been removed from the game to make an equipment correction.
5. No substitution can be made for equipment infractions until the next legal substitution opportunity.
6. Substitutes may not enter the field of play during the game without the permission of the referee.
7. Substitutions may be made on any goal kick, after a goal, between halves or when their team possesses the ball prior to a throw in.
8. U-06 teams may substitute at any time. There's to be no stoppage of the game for their substitutions.
9. If the game is stopped for an injury, the injured player (except the goalie) must be taken off the field and a substitute be played. Again, the 1-for-1 rule applies.
10. Standard League substitution rules shall apply to any GHSC overtime periods.
11. Coaches must inform the referee of a goalie substitution.

SUSPENSION OF GAME

1. See also "Coaches Responsibilities."
2. Games may only be suspended by an adult referee, head referee or League official
3. If the game is being officiated by a minor (under 18), they must confer with one of the individuals in item # 1 for a decision before they can suspend the game. Once a decision has been made, the center referee (even if a minor) is the only one that can announce the suspension.
4. Games may be stopped to handle the situation.
5. Suspended games shall be recorded as a completed game only if the GHSC Board upholds the suspension. If not, the game shall be played from the point it was stopped (time and score). Referee is to note this information on the game card.
6. If it is a GHSC game involving two (2) teams from GHSC, then GHSC has jurisdiction.
7. The referee is to submit a written report within seventy-two (72) hours to GHSC. A determination is

to be made within seven (7) days from receiving and verifying the report.

SUSPENSIONS

1. See also "Participation Rule"
2. Players participating in a game they are to be suspended from will serve an additional suspension of at least one (1) game. Coaches will also be given at least a one (1) game suspension.
3. Coaches, assistants, managers, trainers, participating in a game they are to be suspended from will serve an additional suspension of at least one (1) game.
4. Striking or verbally abusing a referee could result in being suspended for one (1) year minimum.
5. Any player, coach, assistant, manager, trainer suspended from a game will also be suspended from play for that teams next game played. In addition to this automatic suspension, the Executive Board may enforce a more stringent penalty.
6. Any player receiving two (2) yellow cards in a game (equals a red) is suspended from the remainder of that game and their next game played.
7. Falsifying any paperwork, birth certificate, etc. Will result in the guilty parties being suspended from this League and MYSA for at least one (1) year.
8. Coaches playing unrostered / unregistered player(s) will be suspended for at least two (2) games. Further charges could be brought against the coach and offenders resulting in at least a one (1) year suspension.
9. Anyone suspended from a game will leave the playing area immediately, going to the parking lot and cannot return to the playing area during that teams game until their suspension is served for that team.
10. Suspensions apply to the next game played no matter what field that game is at.
11. If the game the suspension applies to is canceled, the suspension carries over to the next scheduled game.
12. Suspensions do not apply to tournament games. Leagues do not have jurisdiction over tournaments nor do tournaments have jurisdiction over Leagues.

TEAMS - see also REGISTRATIONS

1. Maximun roster limits are and may be adjusted by the GHSC Board at the beginning of each year.
2. Recreational players wanting to register after the last sign-up date will be placed onto a team that is not at roster limit starting with the team needing the most players.
3. All recreational players must sign up through GHSC; they cannot sign up through the coach. No exceptions will be made. We cannot guarantee placement on any specific team.
4. Teams will remain intact during a seasonal year, August 1 through July 31.
5. Players may quit their team at any time. They must return their uniform to their coach. No refund will be issued. Any player that plays the fall season and decides not to play the spring season must return uniform or a \$25.00 fee will be assessed.
6. **Teams will not be allowed to go over roster limit to accept players.**
7. Recreational coaches may not hold spots open for requests, can't guarantee players or lead them into thinking they will be assigned to their team and can't supply names of players they do or do not want to anyone on the Board.
8. Recreational rosters are frozen with the first game. With Board approval though, players may be added to a team at any time during the playing session, but the team many not go over roster limit in doing so.
9. There will be no inter-team or inter-League trading of players.
10. Players must not accept an award for competing in any Green Hills Soccer Club game except the awards given by the Green Hills Soccer Club, their coaches, or their sponsor.
11. Teams are allowed a maximum of one (1) assistant coach.
12. Players are allowed to be on unlimited recreational and two (2) competitive teams. The highest level of play takes precedence in case there is a scheduling conflict (i.e.: (1) competitive, (2) developmental, (3) recreational). If on two (2) competitive teams, the team the player signed up with first takes precedence.

Rules of Play

Green Hills Soccer Club

13. The Executive Board will handle the future of GHSC players affected by teams that have disbanded.
14. The Board reserves the right to place teams or players accordingly, including moving them up to the next level of play, or age division if necessary, in order to maintain equal level of play and to help advance players.
15. Teams are: all girls or boys/co-ed.
16. For scheduling conflict purposes, all teams are required to have at least one (1) registered assistant coach that is qualified to coach the team if the head coach is absent.
17. Recreational players will be assigned to teams in the following order:
 - a) coach/assistant coach/sponsors
 - b) geographical area
 - c) age/gender
 - d) miscellaneous requests
18. If a problem arises from trying to "equally" place players, the GHSC Board will have final say.

TOURNAMENT TEAMS

1. See also "Tournament Teams."
2. These will only be available if (1) there are enough players and (2) there are willing coaches. The GHSC Board decision is final.
3. Each team should consist of at least 15 players, but not more than nine (9) players from the same team at the same time.
4. Players must be on and remain on at least one (1) GHSC recreational or competitive team for that year.
5. If a player quits their regular team, they automatically forfeit their spot on the GHSC tournament team.
6. Coaches' permission is not required to become a member of these teams.
7. No player currently registered to two (2) competitive teams is eligible to tryout or become a member of these teams unless they quit one (1) of their current competitive teams.
8. No one U-10 or younger may play up to be on the U-12 tournament team nor may anyone U-11 or U-12 play up to be on the U-14 tournament team. Players must play on the tournament team that corresponds to their correct age. This means that anyone currently playing up to the U-12 division may not try out and any U-11 or U-12 player playing up to U-14 must tryout for the U-12 team.
9. GHSC tournament teams are the primary teams and take precedence over any recreational or competitive team should there be a scheduling conflict.

TOURNAMENTS

1. See the "Registration Handbook" section of the coach's manual for further information and forms.
2. Coaches will use the MYSA "Player Loan Agreement" form when desiring to use a player from another team in tournaments. Penalties will consist of at least a two (2) game suspension for the first offense and at least a one (1) year suspension for the second offense when not completing this form, with proper signatures, for using a player from another team in tournaments, whether sanctioned or not. The Board may impose a stiffer penalty than outlined.
3. Coaches must have the correct "proof of age" as outlined in that section, with them at all tournaments. They must also have the correct players passes completed as instructed and their official "state" roster completed as instructed and any other paperwork the tournament requires.
4. Notarized MYSA "Medical Releases" are required for each player. Copy of the form is in the coaches' manual.
5. Those teams interested in attending tournaments need to check with the GHSC Registrar to get further information, requirements, and instructions.
6. The Registrar does not usually have information on when tournaments are or what their requirements are.

UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT

1. See also "Coaches Responsibilities."
2. Teams are responsible for their own uniforms and equipment. Inform the parents up front whether the uniforms are theirs to keep or are to be returned to the team.
3. Each recreational team must have numbered shirts of a like color and style, color of socks and shorts which are selected by the uniform committee prior to the fall season.
4. Soccer shoes are not required but advisable. No toe or metal cleats allowed.
5. Players wearing glasses are advised wear glass straps.
6. No jewelry may be worn during a game. Players with newly pierced ears that can't remove the earring must tape it to the referee's satisfaction.
7. Goalies shall wear a color that distinguishes them from the rest of the players and referees.
8. Sliding/compression pants must be above the players' knees. Color is of no bearing in GHSC or MYSA but may be at other places.
9. Full length jogging pants may be worn over the players' shorts, which makes it easier for a player to remove during a game if they desire. Pants must not have hardware that could cause a safety problem.
10. Sweatshirts/coats are allowed but must be worn under the jersey/shirt, as the number must be visible at all times. No hooded sweatshirts.
11. Earrings, headbands, hair beads, dreadlocks, ponytails, etc. being allowed each game are up to each individual referee. If they deem them to be dangerous, unnecessary, or possibly being used as a weapon, that referee may instruct the item to be removed, taped or pinned up. The measures taken to correct the problem must meet the referee's satisfaction. Failure to do as instructed will result in the player(s) being removed from the game until the matter is taken care of.
12. Home team is responsible for color change.
13. Team name and color(s) are to be reported to GHSC Registrar.
14. All players must wear FIFA approved shin guards. The style, size and quality are up to the individual. Shin guards are required for all players.
15. Goalie helmets are optional for all GHSC teams.
16. Goalies are allowed to wear baseball style hats to keep the sun out of their eyes.
17. All players, including the goalie, are allowed to wear gloves and stocking hats on those days when the weather would require it and with referee approval.
18. Should a player be sent off the field to correct, get or change any part of their uniform, equipment, etc., they shall not be allowed back onto the field until approval by the referee is given.
19. If an equipment problem cannot be corrected to the referees' satisfaction, the player(s) shall remain out the remainder of that game.
20. **Play will not be stopped for equipment changes, removal or corrections.**
21. Casts, knee braces or anything except shin guards made of rigid material must be covered to meet the Center Referee's approval. All edges must be completely covered so they do not show.

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IF YOU'RE NOT SURE ABOUT ANY GHSC, MYSA, FIFA, USSF, OR USYS RULE OR POLICY, BE ADVISED; IT IS SAFER TO ASK QUESTIONS AND DO THINGS RIGHT, RATHER THAN TO ASSUME WRONGLY AND BE PENALIZED.

“AT LEAST” INDICATES THE MINIMUM ACTION(S) THAT WILL OR ARE TO BE TAKEN OR PENALTY THAT WILL BE IMPOSED.