

Troy Soccer...



WHEN ORDINARY SOCCER WILL NOT DO...

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Welcome to the Troy Youth Soccer League

Welcome to the Troy Youth Soccer League and to the world of soccer, a universal sport. People in every country of the world play it. You and your child are joining over 1,200,000 youth soccer players in the USYS (United States Youth Soccer). Go anywhere in the world and you will find someone playing soccer. You can become a part of the local action.

Becoming involved in a new activity can be confusing. At the request of parents and coaches, TYSL has put together this brief explanation of the game which is designed to assist new players and their families with their first season with the Troy Youth Soccer League. It also includes some helpful information for both beginners and returning players with respect to the game of soccer, rules and regulations and additional league operating procedures. If at any time you have questions, concerns, or suggestions please feel free to contact the TYSL office or direct your correspondence to the appropriate board member via our website.

Yours in Soccer,

The TYSL Board of Directors

"In a 90 minute soccer game, a player will run anywhere from 150 to 200 sprints. In that same 90 minutes, he/she will run four to six miles. He/she will also tackle opponents an average of 45 times and will have to make more than 200 decisions. During those 90 minutes of play, he/she will be standing still for only about 50 seconds. All the time he/she will be having fun. I challenge you to find another PT program that can do all that."

Lt. Col. (Ret.) Bill Charlton, former U.S. Army soccer coach.

Troy Youth Soccer League Player Handbook

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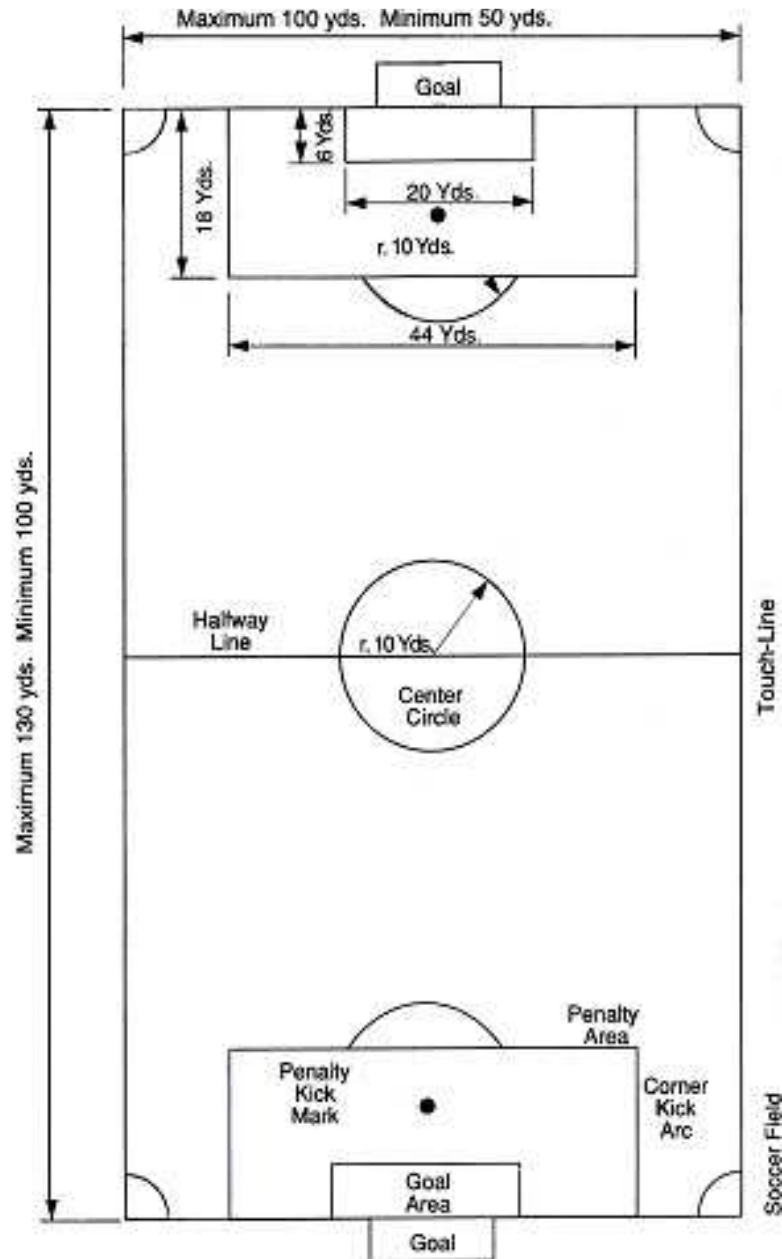
Enjoy! Learn and have FUN!!!

SOCCER: THE SPORT – The purpose is to score goals.

How: Two teams face each other and try to put the ball into their opponent's net.

Where: The game is played on a level field similar to a football field, with goals at each end.

Below are the specific dimensions for a regulation-size 11 vs. 11 soccer field:



TYSL field dimensions and markings are as follows.

Game	Grade	Field Dimensions	Penalty Area	Goal Size	Center Circle	PK Mark
5v5	K thru 2nd	25-35 x 35-45 yd	10-yd across	6 x 12 ft	8 yd	8 yd
6v6	3rd & 4th	40-45 x 50-60 yd	10 x 24 yd	6 x 12 ft	8 yd	8 yd
8v8	5th & 6th	45-50 x 75-80 yd	14 x 35 yd	7 x 21 ft	8 yd	12 yd
11v11	7th & Up	58-70 x 94-120 yd	18 x 44 yd	8 x 24 ft	10 yd	12 yd

Equipment

Soccer is a simple sport. Little special equipment is needed. A ball and open space to play are the only essentials. Soccer shoes with molded rubber cleats or turf shoes and protective shin guards are required in the Troy Youth Soccer League, both at practices and games. Additionally, the official TYSL uniform is required for all game participation.

The Team

Each team is comprised of:

Goalkeeper: (Goalie or Keeper) He/she is unique in that this player may use his/her hands to defend the goal area and to stop the other team from scoring.

Defenders: Their primary role is to close down the space and the attack of the opposing team. Their secondary role is to take the ball away and start the attack in their team's favor.

Midfielders: (Half-backs): Play the most complete game in that they must be offensive and defensive players at all times. The midfield (middle ground) is where most attacks begin.

Forwards: They finish (score) in the attack. They must be willing to come back and aid at midfield to start an attack.

All players must develop offensive and defensive skills and every player has the potential to be a scorer. There is no such thing as a fixed space or position in soccer. Players may interchange positions according to the flow of the game.

Officials

An official's role is to enforce the Laws of the Game.

Referee (1) Certified

- ◆ Responsible for acting as timekeeper
- ◆ Keeping record of the game
- ◆ Enforcing laws of the game
- ◆ Stopping, restarting game
- ◆ Cautioning or banishing offenders
- ◆ Ending the game

Assistant Referees (2) Certified

- ◆ Responsible for indicating the ball is out of play and which team has the throw-in.
- ◆ Assist referee as requested to enforce the laws of the game.
- ◆ Raising their flags to indicate any infringement.

Referees are paid by the Troy Youth Soccer League to officiate. They have all received many hours of training and testing to earn their certifications, retesting every year, and they, not coaches or parents, are in charge of the game.

Please note that many of the laws of soccer begin with the phrase "*in the opinion of the referee...*" and he or she calls the game according to his/her opinion of what is occurring on the field.

PLAYING THE GAME

Two teams face each other on a field of play that is equally divided. In standard play, the time is divided into two equal halves.

A player and team control a ball by using six basic skills: Kicking, heading, thigh trap, chest trap, passing and dribbling.

Kickoff: Officially begins the game, or each half, also restarts a game after either team scores a goal. A coin toss decides who kicks off the first half of the game and who defends which goal. The ball must roll forward to start the game.

In Play: The action is continuous until a goal is scored, an infraction (foul) occurs, the ball goes out of bounds or an injury.

To restart play:

- ◆ A **throw-in** is awarded to the team who did not touch the ball last before it goes out of bounds on the long sides of the field.
- ◆ A **goal kick** is awarded to the defense if the opposing team's offense touched the ball last before it goes out of bounds on the goal boundaries.
- ◆ A **corner kick** is awarded when the defense touches the ball last before it goes out of bounds on their goal boundaries.

Infractions: When a foul occurs the referee will stop the play and award the ball to the team that did not commit the foul.

The referee will end a game when an eight (8)-goal difference in game score occurs.

KNOW YOUR SOCCER RULES

Corner Kick: The ball must be inside or on the corner arc before a corner kick is taken. All opponents must be at least 10 yards from the ball when a corner kick is taken. A flag is placed at each corner of the field. It must be at least 5 feet high and have a non-pointed top.

Goal Kick: The ball is not in play from a goal kick until the ball has passed outside the penalty area. When a goal kick is being taken, an attacker may not enter the penalty area until the ball has passed outside the penalty area.

Penalty Kick: If a defender moves into the penalty area before the ball is kicked and a goal is not scored, the penalty kick is taken again and the player is cautioned. If an attacker moves into the penalty area before the ball is kicked and a goal is not scored, the penalty kick is not taken again and the player is cautioned. If both a defender and an attacker enter the penalty area before the ball is kicked, the kick must be taken again and both players are cautioned. You cannot play the ball backwards on a penalty kick.

Throw-in: The whole ball must have passed over the touchline before the ball is out of play for a throw-in. When a throw-in is taken, the thrower must face the field of play and part of each foot must be either on the touchline or on the ground outside the touchline.

Did you know?

- ◆ You cannot score a goal directly from a throw-in.
- ◆ A player should not be penalized if the ball *incidentally* strikes him on the arm.

Indirect Free Kick: Dangerous play or obstruction is penalized by an indirect free kick.


Offside: You are in an offside position if you are nearer your opponent's goal line than the ball, unless you are in your own half of the field, or you are not nearer the goal line than at least two opponents. (One may be the goalkeeper).

- You cannot be offside from a **throw-in, goal kick or corner kick**.
- You cannot be offside if you are in your own half of the field.
- A referee need not penalize a player for being in an offside position unless this player is interfering with the play, or an opponent is trying to gain an advantage by being in an offside position.
- A player, who is even with the second last opponent, or with the last two opponents, is not in an offside position.
- Assistant Referees are appointed to assist the referee.

FOUL PLAY

- A player is cautioned if he/she is guilty of showing dissent, persistent fouling, entering, reentering or leaving the field without permission or unsporting behavior. A player is sent off if he/she uses foul or abusive language, is guilty of violent conduct, or continues to break the laws after he/she has been cautioned.
- A direct free kick is awarded against a player who trips, kicks or jumps at an opponent.
- A direct free kick is awarded against a player who strikes or attempts to strike, holds or pushes an opponent. A direct free kick is awarded against a player who deliberately handles the ball.
- Any penalty foul against the defending team in the penalty area results in a penalty kick. The lines are part of the penalty area.

It is not the responsibility of the referee to blow the whistle for every infraction or foul but only those which result in an advantage for the team or player at fault.

	THE FAIR PLAY CODE:
	<u>R</u> espect your opponents.
	<u>U</u> nderstand the laws of the game.
	<u>L</u> earn to respect the referee's decision without question.
	<u>E</u> ncourage your teammates.
	<u>S</u> how fair play at all times.

GUIDELINES FOR SOCCER PARENTS:

The overall purpose is to enjoy the game and the opportunity to be with your child as he/she learns and participates in the game. Your positive support and enthusiasm is always an asset to your child and his/her team.

1. In competition, someone always loses. If you win, do it gracefully, not boastfully. If you lose, do not allow your child to become negative.
2. Too much competition, too soon, can slow down a child's progress in skill development. Allow your child to be a child and enjoy the game without pressure from you to perform.
3. Make fun and technical development your first priority.
4. Be a good listener. Make your child feel important and let him/her know he/she is contributing to a team effort.
5. Avoid material rewards. Build an attitude of “the rewards lie in the fun of being able to play.”
6. Be available to kick the ball around with your child when you are invited to do so.
7. It is your and the coach's responsibility to maintain order on the sideline.
 - a. If your behavior is loud, rude, or detrimental to the team, you will be asked to leave.
 - b. If you choose not to behave, the referee may choose to end the game, regardless of the time remaining.
 - c. Please remember your behavior can have a positive or negative effect on the children as well as the outcome of the game.
8. Your child's coach will need all the support and help you can offer.
 - a. Please make yourself available and volunteer any time you can spare.
 - b. Stay and watch practices and lend your support in a positive manner.
9. Be prompt in delivering your child to practice and games in picking him/her up.
10. Disagreements with the coach or officials do not belong on the public soccer field.
 - a. Questions, input, and positive suggestions should be voiced to the coach and/or league in an adult atmosphere.
 - b. The youth player should never be present when any discussion takes place.
11. Please refer to official laws of the game and the **Troy Youth Soccer League Operating Rules** for the TYSL rules of play, disciplinary rules, guidelines, etc. Official laws are available through bookstores, libraries, referee clinics and the internet.

http://www.fifa.com/mm/document/footballdevelopment/refereeing/81/42/36/log2013en_neutral.pdf

Troy Youth Soccer League (TYSL)

PARENTS' CODE OF CONDUCT

By submitting my child's registration to the Troy Youth Soccer League, I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care, and encouragement for my child participating in youth sports by adhering to this Parents' Code of Conduct:

1. I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support and by showing respect and courtesy for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice or other TYSL event.
2. I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my child ahead of any personal desire to win.
3. I will never argue with or complain about a referee's calls or decisions, even if the referee makes a mistake.
4. I will not criticize officials, direct abuse or profane language or gestures toward them, or otherwise question or undermine their authority. I will not intrude onto the field, stand on the sidelines and yell at or to the coaches, referees, players or opposing fans.
5. I will support a sports environment for my child's team that is free of illegal drugs, alcohol, tobacco, profanity, abusive language and conduct, which could be deemed offensive.
6. I will expect my child to treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.
7. I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his/her performance.
8. I will leave any sideline coaching to the coach while attending games and practices.
9. I will remember that the game is for my child and not for me.

GUIDELINES FOR SOCCER COACHES:

Coaches hold a unique position of responsibility. As such, they must be positive role models of character and sportsmanship. The actions of coaches set a standard, high or low, that their players and parents will inevitably follow.

1. Coaches are not to leave players unattended after games and practices, but must make sure each child is picked up or has a ride. Coaches may assign or work this out with team parents. NO child is to be left at the field without adult supervision.
2. Teams and their spectators shall take opposite sidelines; home team has choice of sideline.
3. Minimum playing time is one-half of each half of the game.
4. Respect all referees, young or adult. Never question or argue with the referee.
5. If you are not satisfied with the performance of the referee, please report your concerns to TYSL.
6. The coach is responsible for the conduct of his/her players and spectators.
 - a. You, your players or parents could be ejected from a game for inappropriate behavior.
 - b. If inappropriate behavior continues, the referee may choose to end the game, regardless of time remaining.
7. Coaches must have the official roster for referee review. Disciplinary action may result for any coach using players not on his/her official TYSL roster
8. No coach or substitute player is to be anywhere except on the sideline between the 18-yard lines.
9. Properly completed and signed score sheets must be submitted by both teams to the referee for his/her signature at each game.
10. Each team shall provide one person to serve as linesperson when no league-assigned linesperson has been provided.
11. Calling in the teams Win/Loss/Tie record to division representative must be done by both teams.
12. Coach is responsible to police area and to make sure all debris is properly disposed.
13. Any infringement of these rules shall constitute unprofessional conduct and is subject to disciplinary action by the league.
14. All team officials (The Coach, Assistant Coach, Team Manager and Trainer) are responsible to obtain a risk management card and Heads Up concussion training from the state association.

Troy Youth Soccer League (TYSL)

COACHES' CODE OF CONDUCT

By agreeing to coach in the Troy Youth Soccer League, you agree to:

1. Know and follow the rules of the game.
2. Know and follow the rules and responsibilities in the Troy Youth Soccer League's blue Player Handbook, and affiliate Leagues Rules & Regulations.
3. Set an example of sportsmanship by treating players, opponents and officials with respect.
4. Be more concerned about the well being of one's players than in one's win-loss record.
5. Be responsible for the conduct of players and parents during the game.
6. Attend league meetings and follow league rules.
7. Ensure that all players are given the opportunity to play half of every game at a minimum.
8. Ensure that all players are not left unattended following games or practices.

Remember that the game is for the players and not for me.

Conduct Subject to Discipline

Coaches are specifically prohibited from:

1. Using profanity, abusive language, or illicit hand or body gestures.
2. Negative or haranguing comments towards players during the game.
3. Taunting, derogatory remarks or gestures toward opposing players, coaches or officials.
4. Questioning the honesty or capability of referees; arguing with referees or officials.
5. Playing with ineligible players (full team rosters are available for review at the TYSL office).
6. Inciting players to commit fouls or injure opposing players.
7. Entering the field of play without the referee's permission.
8. Coaching between the Penalty area (18yd line in most cases) and the Goal line, or from behind the goal. (Coaching is to be done between the 18-yard lines.)
9. Use of alcohol or tobacco at TYSL functions.

TROY YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE OPERATING RULES

I. RULES OF PLAY

A. All games shall be governed by the United States Soccer Federation rules, except as hereinafter amended.

B. Playing time and game ball size:

Grade	Length of Game	Minimum Playing Time	Ball Size
K thru 4th	(2) 25 minute halves	13 minutes per half	#4
5th & 6th	(2) 30 minute halves	15 minutes per half	#4
7th & 8th	(2) 35 minute halves	18 minutes per half	#5
9th to 12 th	(2) 45 minute halves	23 minutes per half	#5

Referee will end a game when an eight (8)-goal difference in game score occurs.

C-1. TYSL Field Playing Rules – for all ages

1. Substitution:

- a. The referee must acknowledge a substitute before entering the field of play.
- b. Substitutes must enter from the mid-field line.
- c. There is no limit on the number of substitutions.
- d. Substitutions can be made only at these times:
 - 1) After a goal is scored.
 - 2) Goal kick by either team.
 - 3) Throw-in by team in possession (substitution can be made by both teams if team in possession elects to substitute).
 - 4) Limited substitution by either team when play stops for an injury.
 - 5) At half time.
- e. Any time a goalie is changed, the referee must be notified.

2. Goal Kicks

- a. All 6v6 age groups and up will take goal kicks from within the goalie box (6 yard line).
- b. When a goal kick is being taken, an attacker may not enter the penalty area until the ball has passed outside the penalty area.

3. Corner Kicks

- a. All age groups will take corner kicks from the designated corner of the playing field.

4. Free Kicks

- a. For all age groups up to U13, all free kicks taken by the defending team occurring within the penalty area shall be taken from the penalty area line; the offensive team must be 8 yards from the ball.
- b. U13 age groups and up shall follow FIFA Rules (Law #8).

5. Keeper (Goalie) Punts

For 8v8 age groups and up, after keeper makes a save, the keeper has 6 seconds to punt or throw the ball from anywhere in the penalty area.

1. Players must retreat 10 yards on keeper punts.
2. Keeper cannot go beyond the penalty area line with the ball in his/her hands.

6. Keeper-Player Rules

- a. Obstructing or charging the keeper is not permitted.
- b. Goalkeepers must wear colors which distinguish them from the other players and referees.

7. Drop Balls

For all age groups and up, drop balls for incidents that happen within the penalty area should be taken on the penalty area line closest to the spot.

8. Injury

When a player is injured so that he/she cannot continue play, the play shall not be stopped until the injured player's team has secured possession of the ball; if the player's team is in possession of the ball at the time of the injury, play shall be stopped immediately, unless his/her team is in a scoring position. In the case where, in the opinion of the referee, a player has sustained a serious injury, the referee should stop the play immediately.

C-2. Field Playing Rules – MODIFICATIONS for 5v5 and 6v6

1. The offside rule is not enforced.
2. When the ball crosses a goal line and was last touched by an attacker, the game is restarted with the goalkeeper in possession. Possession is defined as the goalkeeper holding the ball in his or her hands. The goalkeeper can throw, kick, punt, or dribble the ball back into play. Goalkeepers cannot be impeded while in possession in this penalty area.
3. The pass back rule is not enforced.
4. When the ball crosses a sideline, the game is restarted with a kick-in for 5v5 and with a throw-in for 6v6.
5. The goalkeeper cannot punt or drop kick the ball over half-way on the fly. For 5v5, the goalkeeper also cannot THROW the ball over half-way on the fly, but for 6v6 and up this is allowed. The restart for an infringement is a kick-in, at the nearest intersection of halfway line and sideline.
6. All players must be eight (8) yards from all restarts.
7. All free kicks are indirect, except for kick-off, corner kicks and penalty kicks. A penalty kick is only awarded for a foul that takes away an obvious goal scoring opportunity.

D. Home Team Responsibilities

1. Bring nets and corner flags to the field if first game of the day and return to designated storage box if last game of the day.
2. Put up nets at one end of the field and take down if necessary.
3. Home team wears red jersey.
4. Provide a game ball that is properly inflated.

E. Visiting Team Responsibilities

1. Must help put up and take down nets and corner flags at one end of the field.
2. Allow the home team to select their sideline.
3. Visiting team wears blue jersey.

F. Players Responsibilities

1. No jewelry (including pierced earrings) may be worn. Hard casts or body protection may be worn by players at the referee's discretion.
2. All players must wear shin guards and appropriate soccer shoes. No shoes with replaceable cleats can be worn; no steel studs may be showing.
3. Must be at field in ample time to be checked by referee; preferably 20 minutes before game time.

G. Forfeitures

1. All games shall start at the scheduled time.
2. If, after 15 minutes, a team fails to field the appropriate number of players (four (4) for 5v5 and five (5) for 6v6 games, six (6) for 8v8 and seven (7) players 11v11 games), it will be considered the losing team and the opposing team awarded the points; the score shall be 1-0 in favor of the team that was at the field.
3. A team failing to field an appropriate number of players at any time during the game shall forfeit the game.

H. Abandonment of Game

1. In the event a game is prematurely terminated by the referee because of weather conditions, the following shall apply:
 - a. If half time or later has been reached, the score shall stand as final.
 - b. If less than one 1/2 has been played at the point of interruption, the game may be rescheduled per item I.
2. In the event a game is prematurely terminated for reasons other than weather, the Board of Directors shall have the power to either reschedule the game, order the game to stand as played, or have the remaining minutes played off at a later date; depending on the cause of the game not being fully played.

I. Rescheduled Games

Please understand that *rescheduling should be avoided at all costs*, as every rescheduled game will force a change of plan to MANY MORE people: the entire opposing team, part of requesting team, and assigned referees. Pre-season or early requests should also be avoided, because TYSL needs to be fair and consistent to all coaches at all times.

Requests to reschedule games will be CONSIDERED for the following circumstances ONLY: [a] a DIRECT conflict resulting from coaching 2 teams, or [b] *school/religious/scout* activities that cause the team to not have 5/6/8/11 players for a game. For [b] a team can make no more than 1 request, and can be the opponent in no more than another 1 request (maximum of 2 total).

[Rescheduling guidelines](#) and procedures are posted on the www.tysl.org website for the current season.

J. Trophies

1. Teams, U8 and above, winning regular league division championship shall be awarded trophies.
2. In the event that two teams are tied for their regular league division championship, both teams will be considered co-champions and trophies will be awarded to both teams.
3. Ranking for spring division placement will be in accordance with the procedure for determining division standings.

K. Procedures for determining division standings

1. Number of points (win = 2, tie = 1, loss = 0).
2. Most wins.
3. Records against each other.
4. Goals against.
5. Toss of a coin.

II. DISCIPLINARY RULES

- A. Only the Board of Directors may suspend a player, coach, assistant coach, manager, parent or spectator from further participation in the league for words or actions deemed detrimental to the league or its activities.
 - 1. Persons guilty of fighting before, during or after games shall receive a minimum of two (2) game suspensions and possibly brought before the Board of Directors for disciplinary action.
 - 2. Persons guilty of using profanity by word or action, or spitting, or threatening gestures against players, coaches, spectators, referees or any league official shall receive a minimum of one (1) game suspension.
 - 3. Persons guilty of pushing or striking any person shall be suspended from league activities and brought before the Board of Directors for disciplinary action.
 - 4. Any person sent off the field by the referee shall receive a minimum of a one (1) game suspension.

- B. Anyone may request disciplinary action of a person from league activities by sending a letter to the league president stating the specific reason why the person should be disciplined.
 - 1. Upon receipt of a request for disciplinary action, but no later than the next scheduled board meeting, the President shall call a board meeting to decide on a course of action.
 - 2. Should the letter request the disciplinary action of a member or members of the Board of Directors, the member (s) shall lose the right to vote on the Board of Directors until the matter of the member's suspension is settled.

- C. The President shall have the authority to suspend any person from league activities until a meeting of the Board of Directors. The suspension by the President shall not exceed thirty (30) days in length.

- D. Any person suspended by the league shall immediately return all league property and/or records.

- E. Yellow Cards
 - 1. Any person receiving a yellow card will be noted in the league records.
 - 2. Three (3) yellow cards received during a season will be reviewed by the Board of Directors.

- F. Red Cards
 - 1. One (1) red card - next league game suspension.
 - 2. Two (2) red cards - review by the Board of Directors.

- G. If persons receiving red cards or suspension as above do not leave the field of play and continue to harass the referee, the game shall be abandoned and the final outcome will be determined by the Commissioner for the approval by the Board of Directors.

III. REFEREES

A. All games under the jurisdiction of this league shall be refereed by properly registered referees approved by the TYSL Board of Directors and the Troy Soccer Referees Association (TSRA).

B. Substitution of game referee:

1. If the game referee fails to show - attempt to obtain a properly registered referee at game site, and contact the TYSL office to inform them of the DATE, TIME, and FIELD.
2. In the event that a properly registered referee is not available - a third party may be asked to referee with the concurrence of both coaches and the game shall be official.
3. Should the game referee become incapacitated during the progress of a game from any cause that would prevent him/her from continuing the game, follow procedures listed above.

C. Referee Equipment

1. Official uniform with official emblem.
2. Whistle.
3. Watch.
4. Referee flags.

D. The game referee shall be the sole judge on the field of play and his/her decision shall be final. No protests based on referee judgment calls shall be allowed.

E. Troy Youth Soccer League Weather Rules

1. Make sure that referees, players, and everyone else gets off the field if there is lightning or thunder.
2. In case of lightning or thunder, the referee will stop the game. If he/she does not, you should ask him/her to do so. The referee will wait 20 minutes after last time thunder is heard or lightning is seen before resuming the game.
3. NO ONE SHOULD STAND UNDER TREES IN THE EVENT OF LIGHTNING AND THUNDER. SEEK SHELTER.
4. The coaches DO NOT decide if it is OK to resume the game or to call the game. The referee DOES.
5. If the delay will cause resumed play to extend into the next scheduled game, the referee will call the game. For example, thunder is heard with 10 minutes left in a game. The game should be stopped, and the game is complete.
6. If it appears that play will be unable to resume in time to play at least half a game, the referee will call the game. For example, for a game with 30 minute halves, play is stopped at 20 minutes and it appears that it will not be able to play at least more 10 minutes before the start of the next scheduled game and/or onset of dusk.
7. If the game is called before halftime TYSL will allow coaches to request the game to be rescheduled for a full game (the called game's score shall be nullified). In such case, it will be the responsibility of the coaches to initiate the rescheduling process per TYSL's Guidelines for Game Rescheduling Requests (http://www.tysl.org/uploads1/TYSL_Recheduling_Guidelines.pdf).
8. If the game is called at or after half time, the game/score will stand as a game played.

F. Hazardous Playing Conditions

1. A game will automatically be cancelled when there is a tornado warning, or a thunderstorm warning at **game time** in Troy.
2. The referee, at the field of play, shall determine if a game is not to be played if the following conditions exist:
 - a. Thunder and lightning.
 - b. Severe wind conditions.
 - c. Extreme heat and/or humidity.
 - d. Icy field conditions.
 - e. Heavy rain showers.
 - f. Extremely wet, slippery, muddy or dangerous fields.
 - g. Tornado watch.
 - h. If excessive damage to the fields may result.

G. Referee fees and league assigned Assistant Referee fees

Fees shall be set by the TYSL Board of Directors and approved by the Troy Soccer Referees Association.

IV. AMENDMENTS

- A. Any member desiring to make an amendment to these operating rules shall submit his/her proposal in writing to the Board of Directors.
- B. After review by the Board of Directors, the amendment will be presented to the league membership at the next regularly scheduled league meeting.
- C. Discussion and voting on the proposed amendment will take place at the next regularly scheduled league meeting.
- D. The amendment will either pass or fail by a simple majority vote of the eligible voting members present - one vote per person, maximum of two (2) votes per team, by official ballot.

V. MISCELLANEOUS

- A. If occasions arise that are not fully covered by these rules, the Board of Directors has absolute power to decide such cases.
- B. In case of dispute between teams, players and/or officials, legal proceedings cannot be taken without the consent of the league.

VI. GUIDELINES

- A. The Troy Youth Soccer League, Inc. was formed to provide intra-city play for youngsters as extra recreation for school age youth. Any time you can donate and devote time to the league, coaches and parents are very much appreciated needed.
- B. All representatives of the league should keep in mind that youth soccer is a service to the community. It can only prosper if we keep the welfare of the boys and girls in mind first.
- C. A coach is expected to teach the boys and girls the rules and regulations of soccer and good sportsmanship. Swearing is strictly not allowed. Fair discipline is important to a growing boy or girl. Disputes on the field are to be discouraged.
- D. Coaches should stress that ungentlemanly/unladylike conduct will not be tolerated.
- E. Never belittle a boy or girl for not being a good player. He/she will lose confidence in himself/herself if they are not able to compete with the rest of the boys/girls on the team.
- F. Leading a team to victory should not be foremost in the mind of a coach if it is done in such a manner that denies any boy/girl the right to play. This league will not sanction this type of conduct.
- G. All persons must restrain from drinking alcoholic beverages while being responsible for boys/girls during coaching hours or league games. Remember, no alcoholic beverages are allowed at the field per City of Troy ordinance.
- H. A referee is a vital person to the league, therefore, should be treated with respect. He/she whistles a better game if he/she is not under pressure. Honor his/her decision and teach your team to do likewise. Harassment by players, coaches and spectators is strongly discouraged. Verbal abuse of referees will not be tolerated.
- I. If parents offer their help, accept it and make use of it. Encourage your parent's participation.
- J. Coaches establish rules governing practice and individual team policy, but not to conflict with league rules.
- K. All coaches and managers must be at least 18 years of age.
- L. All teams shall send at least one (1) representative to the membership meetings.
- M. Coaches are not to leave players unattended after games and practices, but must make sure each child is picked up or has a ride. Coaches may assign or work this out with team parents. No child is to be left at a field by himself/herself.
- N. It is the coaches' responsibility to police area and to make sure all debris is properly disposed of.
- O. Teams and their spectators are to park only in the designated area.
- P. Every coach is responsible for the action of his/her players and spectators, and is required to take all precautions to prevent spectators and players from threatening or assaulting referees or each other, during or after conclusion of the game.

TYSL UNIFORM POLICY

The Troy Youth Soccer League sells uniforms consisting of, 1 red and 1 blue shirt (required – red for home, blue for away games), 1 blue pair of short, and a pair of blue socks. Cleats and shin guards are mandatory and are also purchased by players. It is highly recommended that each player has a soccer ball (Size-4 for Under-12 and younger, Size-5 for Under-13 and older). Players in all age groups will be required to have their shirts tucked in and socks pulled up over their shin guards at all times during the game. Referees will enforce this rule for all age groups.

THE REGISTRATION FEE COVERS THESE ITEMS AND SERVICES

Balls for teams, goalie bibs, Michigan State Youth Soccer Assn., United States Youth Soccer Assn., United States Soccer Federation, and FIFA affiliation, supplementary medical insurance for players and coaches at games and practices, replacement of nets, corner flags, publicity, publications, postage, general printing, payment of qualified referees and Assistant Referee's, trophies, SoccerFest for U6 players, coaching clinics, office equipment, and Field Maintenance fees from the City of Troy.

COACHING LICENSES

“G”, “F”, “E”, and “D” coaching license clinics are put on by the MSYSA. Our Vice President is the representative to the MSYSA, and will make clinic information available at the TYSL office. “C”, “B”, and “A” licenses are USSF clinics. These licenses are progressive and require the preceding level of training.

REFEREE CLINICS

Referee class information is available at the TYSL office after the first of the year. If you are interested in eligibility, when, fees, where, please call the TYSL office (248-524-0170) or look at the website: <http://www.michiganreferee.org/>

ARE YOU MOVING?

If you are moving within the City of Troy or changing your phone number, and/or address it is your responsibility to notify the TYSL in writing so the changes may be made in our computer records.

GRANDFATHER POLICY

If a player moves out of Troy, he/she may continue to play in the TYSL as long as continuous registration is maintained in the league. The player's last Troy address will be the basis for team assignment.

REFUND POLICY

It is the policy of the TYSL to issue refunds of registration fees in the following instances:

- If requested in writing prior to August 1 for the fall playing season
- If requested in writing prior to April 1 for the spring playing season
- If for any reason the child is not placed on a team
- Recruited for the High School team
- Relocation
- Medical

Refund application forms are available at the TYSL office. Approved refunds will be paid less a minimum of \$20 administrative fee.

TYSL REGISTRATION AND TEAM FORMATION

Recreational or “House” Teams: All teams from U6 (kindergarten grade) through U19 (high school), boys, girls and coed, are formed on the basis of school grade and where the player resides and not on the basis of skill, experience, or ability. Participation is limited to City of Troy residents and children who are enrolled in the Troy School District's “School of Choice” program. Proof of residency or Troy School attendance and birth certificate or passport is required for first time players.

When you first register your child to play in the TYSL, you were asked to identify exactly where you live on a map of the City of Troy, Section (square mile) and Quadrant (1/4 square mile). This section number, 1 – 36, and quadrant letter, A, B, C, or D, are the code that determines your child's team assignment. It is your responsibility to notify the TYSL of change of address and/or phone number in writing as soon as possible.

TYSL REGISTRATION AND TEAM FORMATION (cont.)

1. If it is necessary for sections to be split to form approximately equal size teams, the sections will be split by quadrants, but quadrants will not be split. (We do not form teams by school boundaries or subdivisions, but by sections and quadrants, which are clearly lined on maps of Troy, which are available from the City Treasurer's office).
2. New teams are formed every summer, during July, based on the players who are registered for the Fall season.
3. Teams are formed to play together for the fall and spring seasons, and cease to exist at the end of the spring season every year. If a player is assigned to a fall team, which is the teams he/she will play on during the spring. The only exceptions are:
 - a. Fall team is disbanded
 - b. Fall team is filled for spring before a returning fall player registers late for spring season.
4. Late registrants will be added to newly formed or existing teams on a "space available" basis.
5. All players will be assigned to teams based on their school grade, not upon size, or physical ability. No exceptions can be made.
6. Coaches are assigned by the Director of Coaching, generally from among team parents who volunteer to coach. In the absence of parental volunteers, we may assign former TYSL players (also volunteers) to these positions. No changes from one team to the other will be made because of disagreements with volunteer coaches. Your options are "to play" or "not to play."
7. No team assignments can be changed for assistant coach participation.
8. Refunds must be requested before August 1 for the fall season, and before April 1 for the spring season. The only exceptions for this are medical, moving out of town, and high school varsity and junior varsity soccer participation.
9. The State of Michigan requires every sport participant to have a Heads Up Concussion form signed and on record at the TYSL office.
10. TYSL requires a signed Parents Code of Conduct every season.

Ability League Teams: (Top Soccer)

1. For mentally and physically challenged players throughout southeastern Michigan.
2. Players are assigned to teams on basis of physical ability, limitations, size and age. Please contact the TYSL for League Secretary's phone number.

Ability League Teams: (Top Soccer)(cont.)

To our knowledge, TYSL's Ability League is the first soccer league in Michigan for youth with physically or educationally certified difficulties. Our goal is to provide a positive and supportive environment for our members and to promote exercise and having fun. TYSL provides player uniform, fields and field equipment, and referees, at reduced costs. There are no Troy residency requirements for our Ability League.

US YOUTH SOCCER RECOMMENDATIONS

- Opposing parent/coaches and players shake hands after each game
- Participation awards for ALL – No trophies or awards just to the best team
- Parent/Coaches, non-playing players, parents and spectators should be there to enjoy and encourage the activity of the youngsters
- No Alcoholic beverages will be consumed or allowed near the playing field

TYSL ANSWERS YOUR QUESTIONS:

Q. How do we find out what team our child has been assigned to?

A. A coach will contact the players on his/her team about the second week of April (Spring) or second week of August (Fall). If you have not received a call by the middle of April or August, we will be able to give you the coach's name and phone if you call the TYSL office.

Q. Who are the coaches?

A. Your coach is a volunteer who is typically the parent of another player on your team. TYSL called to locate these coaches as soon as teams were formed. If there are not enough volunteers, an email /postcard explaining the situation is sent to all team parents. If asked about coaching, talk to us about it. TYSL provides coaching support and clinics for new coaches. Additionally, an experienced ex-coach or an older player can help you learn the ropes. Call the Director of Coaching to inquire about volunteering and assistance.

TYSL ANSWERS YOUR QUESTIONS: (CONT.)

Q. Where does our team practice and when?

A. Your coach will decide where and what time for practice. Generally coaches chose a park or school grounds in your team area, or at a team member's home with a large yard. **ALL TEAMS CANNOT PRACTICE ON PLAYING FIELDS.** Most coaches have full time jobs, so practices are usually after 5:30 or on weekends.

Q. When and where are our games?

A. Play begins and ends when the city of Troy allows TYSL to utilize the soccer fields in the city's parks.

- Spring: Games will typically begin in late-April or early-May. Final games are typically finished by mid-June.
- Fall: Games begin after Labor Day and end the first weekend in November.
- Games are played on Saturdays, Sunday afternoons, weekday evenings.

Your coach will prepare a game schedule from the TYSL master schedule to be handed out. The games are on different fields on the TYSL field map. Some fields are larger than other, and teams are assigned to the appropriate size of fields for their age group.

Q. What about uniforms, etc.?

A. Uniforms (1 blue pair of short, 2 jerseys and a pair of socks) will need to be purchased by all players at the soccer office. Soccer shoes and shin guards are required at all practices and games (available at local soccer, sporting goods, and shoe stores). Each player should have his or her own ball for practice (size #4 for players under 12).

Q. Who are the TYSL Board of Directors and what are the responsibilities?

A. TYSL Board members are volunteers, parents and coaches. Troy Youth Soccer League is a registered Michigan nonprofit corporation affiliated with the Michigan State Youth Soccer Association, the United State Youth Soccer and the Federation of International Football Association (FIFA) and is governed by an unpaid Board of Directors elected by the voting members of the Troy Youth Soccer League, your coaches. The positions are:

Executive Committee	Five Positions	
President	Vice President	Secretary
Treasurer	Commissioner	
Director's	Up to Six Positions	
Coaching	Registration	Game Scheduler
Equipment	Promotion & Recruitment	I T Director

Q. How can you contact TYSL if you have questions that we have not answered here?

A. TYSL can be reached by the following methods:

- Check our web site at <http://www.tysl.org/>
- Send an e-mail to TYSL@tysl.org
- You may leave a message at (248) 524-0170 and someone will return your call.

Q. What is a good reason to contact TYSL?

A. Any of the following are good reasons to contact TYSL:

- To find out if your child is registered and has been assigned to a team if other children in your neighborhood have already heard from their coach. We can easily get your team name, coach's name, and phone number for you.
- To withdraw a player or to request a refund application.
- To inquire how you can volunteer to work with TYSL, to run for a board position, to volunteer to coach, or to become a referee or linesman.
- To report your change of address or phone number, guardian status or correct our data entry errors.
- To inquire about purchasing your child a new uniform if needed.
- To report if a referee does not show up for your game!
- Have the date, time, field, and your team name. Report this information on the TYSL voice mail (248) 524-0170, or by e-mail TYSL@tysl.org. A pattern of absences will affect continued assignment to TYSL games.

TYSL ANSWERS YOUR QUESTIONS: (CONT.)

Q. What things can TYSL not assist you with?

A. The following are examples of items TYSL cannot help you with:

- We cannot change teams
 1. Because you or your child does not get along with the coach or other players.
 2. Because your child's best friend is on another team.
 3. Because it is too far to drive for practices.
 4. Because he/she is bigger, smaller, or in a different grade or school than the other kids on the team.
 5. Because the team is not the same as last spring or what you expected it to be.
- Players will only be moved at the discretion of the board in order to arrange for a parent to coach a team.

The following are examples of items TYSL cannot help you with:

- We cannot tell you when practices or games are. Please ask your coach.
- We cannot guarantee placement with the same coach each season even though players register through the coach.
- We are not medical advisors, social workers, child psychologists, but simply volunteers elected by your coaches to do these jobs.
- We will not do for you something that we are not prepared to do for every person, parent and player in the league. If you have questions concerning policy, which are not stated here, please address your inquiry to the TYSL Registration Director.

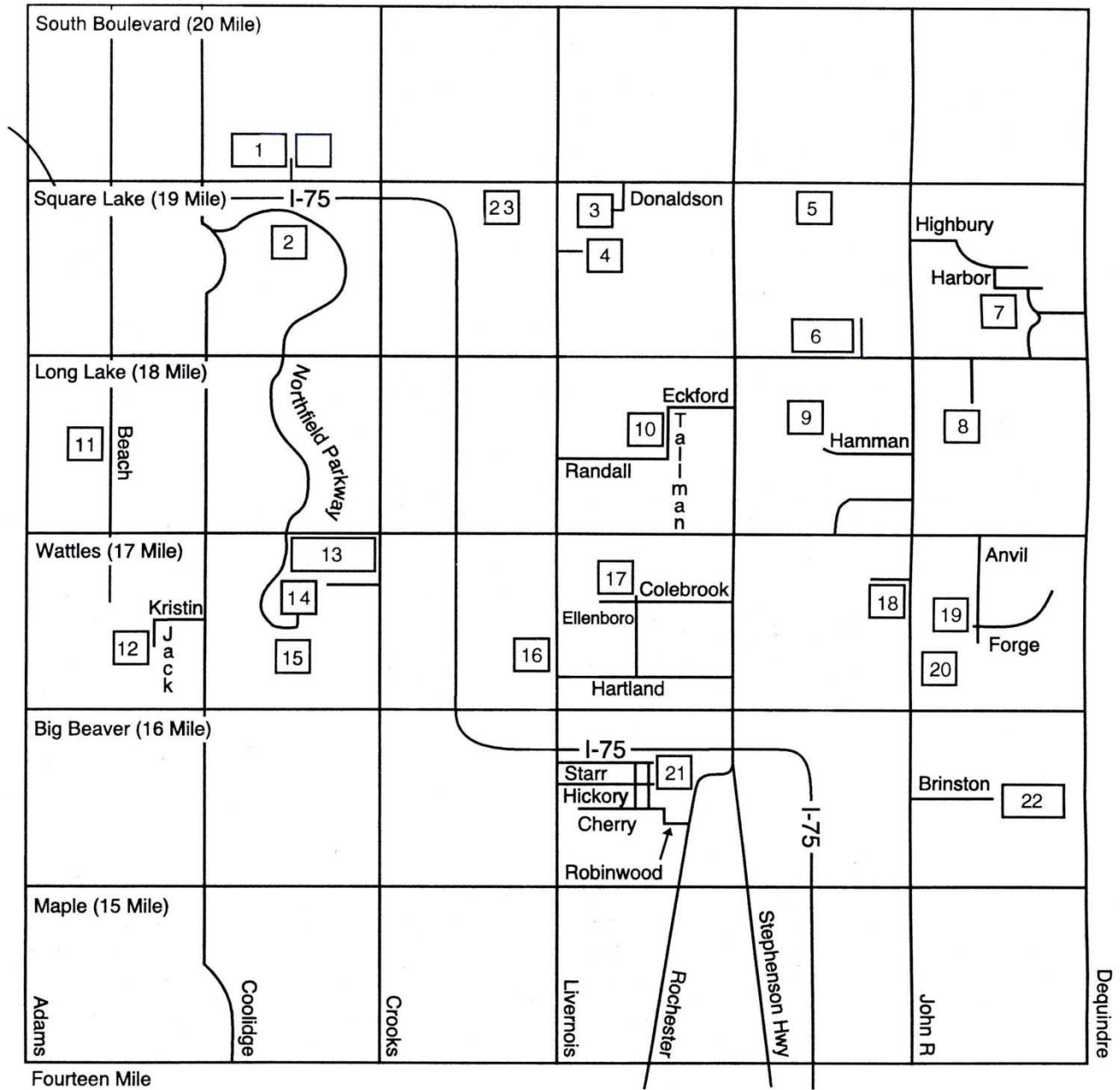
You may call the TYSL Office (248-524-0170) anytime, day or night, and leave a message on our voice mail, stating clearly your name, phone number and briefly the nature of the call, and we will try to return your call within two days.

Office hours are limited and are always posted on the door, on the website www.tysl.org and on our voice mail message.

If you wish to file a complaint, fully detail your problem and sign it. It will be referred to the appropriate board member for action. Please write to:

Troy Youth Soccer League –
ATTN: TYSL Board Member (if needed)
1977 E. Wattles, Suite H
Troy, Michigan 48085

City Map of Troy Fields



# 1 Firefighters Park	# 9 Costello School	# 17 Wattles School
# 2 Hamilton School	# 10 Leonard School	# 18 Raintree Park
# 3 Martell School	# 11 Beach Park	# 19 Barnard School
# 4 Fire Station No. 2	# 12 Schroeder School	# 20 John R Park
# 5 Troy Union School	# 13 Boulan Park	# 21 Morse School
# 6 JayCee Park	# 14 Boulan Middle School	# 22 Brinston Park
# 7 Wass School	# 15 Bemis School	# 23 Niles Center
# 8 Larson Middle School	# 16 Troy Comm. Center	