

ICSL Competition Rules



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The intent of this document is to ensure a fun/fair environment for all players, coaches, parents, and referees involved with the league. As our league is intended to be a friendly league, we rely heavily on the integrity of the coaches and referees to uphold these rules.

If you have an issue with a rule, communicate this in writing to your Community Coordinator using the Suggestions / Concerns Form (see website). The League Board will review the recommendations at the next meeting or earlier if needed.

Our League's rules are based on the following leagues rules, unless specifically noted within this document:

1. United States Soccer Federation (USSF) Laws of the Game,
2. Illinois Youth Soccer Association (IYSA),
3. Illinois High School Association (IHSA).

Code of Conduct

All coaches and assistant coaches are required to have a: 1) signed Code of Conduct, 2) a current Background Check through IYSA (see website for details).

League Status

Players, Coaches and Communities need to be in good standing to compete in ICSL.

ICSL Statuses:

1. Good Status
2. Probated Status (can include a ban for up to the remainder of the season)
3. Suspended Status (one or two season ban)
4. Banned Status (permanent dismissal from league)

Items which can lead to a change in status:

1. Not attending Community Coordinator's meeting.
2. Using illegal players.
3. Forging, using, or submitting illegal player information.
4. Violent or abusive conduct.
5. Other occurrences can be deemed serious enough to warrant a change in status.

Each violation can result in a change in status.

Status levels may be skipped, depending on the severity of the violation.

During the season, the League President has the authority to place anyone on Probated Status and may impose a ban for up to the remainder of the current season.

A league vote is necessary to place anyone on Suspended or Banned Status.

Random Checks

Random checks will be performed by Field Marshalls to ensure that coaches are in possession of proper documents; additional details can be found on the ICSL website.

If coach is found to NOT have paperwork in their possession at the time of the check the 1st Infraction = Warning, and the 2nd infraction the head coach will be suspended for the next scheduled game. The coach will not be allowed to participate in the game.

Documents - Coaches must have these completed documents: Team Roster, Medical Release Form / Waiver of Liability, Goal Safety Checklist, Statement of Understanding, Coach's Code of Conduct, and a valid IYSA Background Check on file.

Seasons

Spring and Fall seasons are played. Each year the ICSL Board and Community Coordinators review and adjust the Rules and League guidelines as needed.

Scoring

Scoring will be as follows for games played:

1. Win 3 Points
2. Tie 1 Point
3. Loss 0 Points

Scoring Tie-Breakers for tournament and end of season seeding:

4. Head-to-Head Play
5. Fewest Goals Against
6. Coin Flip

Tie-Breakers

Normal season games do not have tie-breakers; games will be marked as a Tie.

Referees

1. All games will be refereed by (1) patched center referee and (2) assistant referees. The assistant referees should be patched, but if this is not possible, "club referees" may be used.
2. In all cases, the center referee must be patched and must be older than the players that are being refereed.
3. Referees have the authority to stop a game for reasons that they deem necessary, including, but not limited to:
 - a. Unsafe field or equipment conditions, including weather and/or darkness.
 - b. Violent or abusive conduct by players, coaches or spectators.

Goals Safety

1. All goals must be anchored.
2. IYSA will fine an organization \$1,000 and each coach \$200 for allowing a game to be played on a field where the goals are not securely anchored.
3. Additional Safety concerns and details can be found in the ICSL Safety document.

Game Cancellations

1. Rescheduled games are the responsibility of the coach, who must contact the opposing coach and referees coordinator.
2. Teams who need to cancel / reschedule must do so by 10pm, at least 2 nights prior to the scheduled game. Failure to do so will be considered a “no-show.”
3. Canceling teams are responsible for contacting referees and rescheduling games and referees within 10 days of the cancelled game. The games can be played at any mutually agreeable location.
4. If the team which needs to cancel / reschedule cannot reach an agreed upon make-up date with the opposing coach, the canceling team will be forced to treat the game as a forfeit (a 0-1 loss) and the opposing team will receive the 3 points associated with a win.

Infractions + Issuance of Penalty Cards

1. 2 yellow cards will result in a red card.
2. A red card will result in the penalized player missing the remaining time of the current game as well as all of the next game.
3. If a head coach or assistant coach is ejected by the center referee, field marshal, or league representative, the game is terminated immediately and a forfeit granted. The ejected coach is also suspended for the following game.
4. Incidents which require review by the league coordinators will be relayed to the board by the referees. Any decision made by the board, when disciplinary action is deemed necessary, will be final.

Coed Teams

1. All league games, unless specifically labeled “girls,” are Coed.
2. There is no requirement for a minimum number of girls or boys either on the team or on the field, for coed games. In other words, all-boy or all-girl teams are acceptable in all age groups with the exception of the U18 Division.
3. The U18 Division will be Boys in Spring, and Girls in Fall – ensuring no conflict with High School seasons.

Player Brackets

1. Players will not be allowed to play on more than 1 team within an age bracket.
2. In the event a team is short of players, they may bring in lower division “guest players” but they must be registered on a younger team within the ICSL.
3. Under no circumstances will a player be allowed to “play up” 2 age divisions, e.g. a Jr. High team will not be allowed to use U10 players to complete their roster.
4. Players must be at least 8 years old, or in 2nd grade to play in the U10 age bracket.
5. Players must be at least 7 years old, or in 1st grade to play in the U8/U9 age bracket.
6. Players in the “Jr. High” age bracket are allowed to be 15 years old as long as they are still in Junior High.
7. Players in the “High School” age bracket are allowed to be 18 years old as long as they are still in High School.

General Field / Game Information

| | U8 / U9 | U10 | U12 | U14 Jr. High U18 High School |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| Ball | 4 | | | 5 |
| Team | 6 v 6 | 8 v 8 | 11 v 11 | |
| Field | 45-60 yd x 35-45 yd | 70-80 yd x 40-50 yd | Full Sized | |
| Goal | 6.5 ft x 12 ft | | 8 ft x 24 ft | |
| Game Length | 4 x 12 min. quarters | | 2 x 25 min. halves | 2 x 30 min. halves |
| Referee Fees per Team per Game | \$20 | \$35 | | |

Age Brackets

| Birthdate | Fall 2011 Spring 2012 | Fall 2012 Spring 2013 | Fall 2013 Spring 2014 | Fall 2014 Spring 2015 | Fall 2015 Spring 2016 | Fall 2016 Spring 2017 | Fall 2017 Spring 2018 | Fall 2018 Spring 2019 |
|----------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 8/1/93 & Later | U18 | | | | | | | |
| 8/1/94 & Later | U17 | U18 | | | | | | |
| 8/1/95 & Later | U16 | U17 | U18 | | | | | |
| 8/1/96 & Later | U15 | U16 | U17 | U18 | | | | |
| 8/1/97 & Later | U14 | U15 | U16 | U17 | U18 | | | |
| 8/1/98 & Later | U13 | U14 | U15 | U16 | U17 | U18 | | |
| 8/1/99 & Later | U12 | U13 | U14 | U15 | U16 | U17 | U18 | |
| 8/1/00 & Later | U11 | U12 | U13 | U14 | U15 | U16 | U17 | U18 |
| 8/1/01 & Later | U10 | U11 | U12 | U13 | U14 | U15 | U16 | U17 |
| 8/1/02 & Later | U9 | U10 | U11 | U12 | U13 | U14 | U15 | U16 |
| 8/1/03 & Later | U8 | U9 | U10 | U11 | U12 | U13 | U14 | U15 |
| 8/1/04 & Later | U7 | U8 | U9 | U10 | U11 | U12 | U13 | U14 |
| 8/1/05 & Later | | U7 | U8 | U9 | U10 | U11 | U12 | U13 |
| 8/1/06 & Later | | | U7 | U8 | U9 | U10 | U11 | U12 |
| 8/1/07 & Later | | | | U7 | U8 | U9 | U10 | U11 |
| 8/1/08 & Later | | | | | U7 | U8 | U9 | U10 |
| 8/1/09 & Later | | | | | | U7 | U8 | U9 |
| 8/1/10 & Later | | | | | | | U7 | U8 |
| 8/1/11 & Later | | | | | | | | U7 |

Sidelines

1. Parents and other spectators must sit on the opposite side of the field from the players.
2. There is a limit of three coaches on the player's side of the field. Each coach must have their annual Background Check on-file.
3. No one is allowed to stand at the end of the fields while play is in progress, including teams awaiting their games. This is highly distracting to both the players on the field and the referees.

Equipment

1. Players who must wear glasses, are required to wear specifically designed sports glasses or goggles. Players will under no circumstances be allowed onto the field in "street glasses".
2. All players must have shin guards, covered completely by socks.
3. Soccer specific cleats are not required, but any cleats worn must NOT be metal cleats or have cleats at the end (toe) of the shoe.

Substitution Rules (same as IHSA rules)

Substitutions (in an unlimited number) can be made by either team at:

1. End of period
2. Goal
3. Goal kick
4. Caution (player must go out)
5. Injury (must leave if treated or referee deems player injured)
6. Disqualification (but not for disqualified player)
7. Blood on player or uniform

Substitutions (in an unlimited number) can be made by the team in possession at:

1. Throw-ins or corner kicks
 - a. If the team in possession substitutes, then the other team may also substitute.

Throw-in Rules

1. U8/U9, U10 Divisions - if a throw-in does not come into the field of play, it is re-thrown, per USSF rules.
2. U12, U14, U18 Divisions - if a throw-in does not come into the field of play, a throw-in is awarded to the other team, per IHSA rules.

Revisions

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|-------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| 13 MAR 2011 | Change to Age Brackets. |
| 23 JAN 2011 | Scoring Rules, Layout. |
| 25 AUG 2011 | Addition of U8/U9 information. |
| 29 JAN 2012 | Addition of U18 information and Spring Meeting changes. |