



## SPRING 2013 RULES & REGULATIONS

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### ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

All applicants and participants in the ENYYSA Premier League are expected to be knowledgeable of and abide by the rules set forth in this document. Ignorance of the rules will not be an acceptable defense for fines and sanctions detailed in the rules. Therefore, it is recommended that all applicants and participants read the rules thoroughly and immediately, and promptly seek guidance from the Premier League Committee if they have any questions or concerns.

### ELIGIBILITY, APPLICATION PROCESS & ACCEPTANCE

“Pre-Approval” of Teams based on the following criteria:

1. Cup Performance – quarter finalist or better
2. Played in a Regional or Sub-Regional League the prior Spring
3. Division Record – place in the top 3 of division in their home league the prior SEASON
4. Notification of early acceptance will be on a rolling registration basis.

To be considered for ENYYSA Premier League play, all terms stated on the application must be met. The entry fee is only non refundable. Exceptions to the refund policy include:

- There is no division in your age/gender group
- Your team is accepted to the Region I or a Region I Sub-Regional League

**The Premier League Committee will review the applications and determine which teams will be accepted. The Committee’s decisions concerning team acceptance can not be appealed.**

Teams Accepted and teams pre-approved to the ENYYSA Premier League will receive an acceptance letter by mail. Since information on the application is used for determining team acceptance, it is expected that all applications are accurate and are free of any misleading information. If it is determined that an application was submitted with false or misleading information the **minimum** sanction will be a fine of \$1,000.00 to the Club, forfeiture of the application fee (including the performance bond component), removal from the League **and** forfeit fees for any remaining games. In addition, the coach of the team will be suspended for a **minimum** of two months from all U.S.S.F. soccer activities.



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Any mistakes in age group/gender on the application are the responsibility of the submitting team. The Premier League Chairman and Committee will have sole authority in determining whether a team making such an error will be placed in another age/gender group. If the mistake is noted prior to scheduling, the maximum penalty is forfeiture of the application fee (including the performance bond component). An error noted after scheduling will result in a maximum penalty of a forfeiture of the application fee (including the performance bond component) as well as any forfeit fees (see forfeit schedule in the rules). **The Committee's decisions concerning application mistakes by teams and subsequent penalties can not be appealed.**

**Any team withdrawing after the final schedule is announced will incur a maximum penalty of a forfeiture of the application fee as well as any forfeit fees (see forfeit schedule in the rules). The Committee's decisions concerning penalties for withdrawal can not be appealed.**

No partial refund will be granted for any disparity between teams or age/gender groups in games scheduled.

### BONDS

Bonds will not be required and teams will incur a fine for dropping out/ withdrawing from League play, as follows:

1. 30 days prior to first game schedule date = \$250
2. Within 30 days of the first game = \$500

### KICK OFF TIME

All games shall start at or after 9:00AM or at or before 8:00PM. The home team must set the time. Teams traveling in excess of 50 miles are not expected to start play before 10:00AM. Teams traveling in excess of 100 miles are not expected to start play before 12:00 noon or after 6:00PM.

### SCHEDULING

There will be no "Coaches Scheduling Meeting". All coaches will receive a preliminary schedule, with contact information for teams in their division. The "Home" team will coordinate the match with their opponent, based on the Game Date Calendar. ENYYSA encourages teams to play multiple games on any designated weekend as an attempt to alleviate traveling great distances on multiple weekends. However, in the



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best interest of the players only one Premier League game can be played per day. Please be aware of SAT and ACT weekends when scheduling your games. Teams who are within 50 miles or by mutual agreement of both teams can play on SAT and ACT weekends as long as the Saturday games are scheduled at 5:30pm or later. Otherwise the games scheduled for these weeks for U16 to U18's only will be played on Sunday.

The home team is responsible for scheduling the game time, day of the weekend and site for the match. All scheduling information must be completed in its entirety (date, time and field) by the home team online. Failure to provide all schedule information by said time will result in a \$100.00 fine. All completed schedules are due by February 28, 2013.

Once the schedule is posted, any requests for game changes due to extraordinary circumstances must be submitted in writing to the Premier League Chairman at least seven days prior to the scheduled date of the game. Play in other leagues will **not** be considered extraordinary. The Chairman will determine whether the circumstances warrant the change. **The Chairman's decision on such matters is final and cannot be appealed.** If the request is approved, the rules governing rescheduled games will apply.

The Premier League Coordinator will consider rescheduling a game to a date earlier than the scheduled date. The request must be made on the Rescheduled Game Form to the Coordinator by both the home and away teams at least seven days prior to the scheduled date of the game. Included in both requests must be the time, date and location of the game. Once the Coordinator verifies with both teams the mutually agreed upon change, the Coordinator will forward the approved Rescheduled Game Form to the ENYYSA office for the game to be changed on the website and played. **The Coordinator's decision on such matters is final and can not be appealed.**

### NOTIFICATIONS

The ENYYSA Website address is [www.enysoccer.com](http://www.enysoccer.com) The League will operate under the assumption that all teams know how to access the League website and will be able to get their schedule and directions to the locations of their matches. At the request of the visiting team, which must be made by telephone call and email to the home team with copies of any request to the groups Age Group Coordinator, the home team must verify with its opponent the previously agreed upon kickoff time and the most convenient route to the proper game field no less than (2) days prior to receiving a request for the scheduled game. If the home team fails to contact the opposing team and make the necessary arrangements, as requested herein, the home team shall be fined \$50 for the first offense, and for a second, and subsequent offenses, shall be fined \$100. Failure to provide accurate directions may result in the Home Team's forfeiture.



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When the opposing teams discuss the game arrangements, they must discuss their team colors and resolve potential color conflicts at that time. In the event of conflicting team uniform colors at game time, the home team must change their uniform color, (i.e. alternate jersey). Additionally, the home team must furnish the game balls.

### WEATHER

The home team must have a responsible, informed person available to answer the visiting team's telephone inquiry concerning weather and field conditions on the day of the match.

For teams traveling fifty (50) miles or more, and where weather conditions are threatening or inclement, and/or field conditions are uncertain, the visiting team must contact the home team by telephone while in route no later than halfway in terms of geography or time, in order to determine whether or not the match will be played.

**In the event a scheduled match is canceled, the home team must contact and inform the Premier League Age Group Coordinator before contacting the opposing team. Upon receiving a call from an opposing coach that a game has been cancelled, the visiting team will confirm this information with their Age Group Coordinator via telephone.**

Under adverse weather conditions of cold (i.e. temperatures below 36 degrees), sleet, snow, hail, freezing rain, etc., players shall be permitted to wear such clothing as to ward off the elements (i.e. sweaters, thermal undergarments, mittens, gloves, ski type caps, etc.) provided their uniforms are worn as the outermost layer visible to the Referee without regard as to whether any other, or all players on either or both teams avail themselves of these weather protections.

If at all possible, Games should not be played under severe weather conditions.

### RESCHEDULING OF GAMES

**The Premier League Age Group Coordinator will coordinate any rescheduling of matches. The home team will have 48 hours following the cancellation to reschedule the match. Whether successful or not in rescheduling the game, the home team must provide the Age Group Coordinator the agreed upon or a reasonable time, date and location for the game within the 48 hour window. Failure to notify the**



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Coordinator in the prescribed timeframe may, at the discretion of the Coordinator, result in a forfeit or loss of the home field as well as an assessed fine. The Coordinator must confirm the rescheduling with the visiting team. In the event a game date, time and/or site cannot be agreed upon, the final decision shall be made by the Premier League Age Group Coordinator who shall inform both teams of the decision.

In the event the home team is unable to provide a field for a scheduled match because of poor field conditions, the Premier League Age Group Coordinator, in order to adhere to the schedule of games, may decide to reschedule the match on another field, or reschedule the match on the home field on an alternate available date (including weekdays)

**All games must be played by June 16, 2013.** Games not played by this deadline may result in a forfeit for both teams unless demonstrated circumstances deem otherwise. Ultimately, the responsibility for scheduling the games resides with the teams.

**Any decision of the Premier League Coordinator concerning rescheduled matches (game schedule, home field and forfeits) is final and can not be appealed.**

### UNPLAYED GAMES

Games not played by June 16, 2013(except those already declared a forfeit) may result in a forfeit for each team unless documented circumstances deem otherwise. Ultimately, the responsibility for scheduling and playing games resides with the teams.

### GRACE PERIODS

A Fifteen-minute (15) grace period shall be allowed for both teams. Any team not on the field ready to play by the time the grace period expires, will be declared a forfeit for that match, and must be reported by the Referee to the Premier League Office in writing within forty eight (48) hours of the scheduled game. The offending team, if found to be at fault by the Premier League Committee, shall forfeit that game and be fined in accordance with the penalties identified within these rules.

### FORFEITS

Any team intending to forfeit must give advance notice of such intention to the Premier League Age Group Coordinator no less than five (5) days prior to the scheduled date of the game to be forfeited. Such notice shall include the reason(s) for the forfeit. The Age Group Coordinator will notify the Premier League Chairman and they shall review each such notice and shall have authority to take such action as is deemed appropriate.



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Any team failing to give notice of its intention to forfeit shall, at the discretion of the Premier League Chairman, be declared ineligible for entry into the Premier League during the next league season.

Any team found guilty of violating any of the rules of the competition shall forfeit the game in which such violation(s) occurred.

If any team forfeits a game, that team's Club or League shall be fined according to the following schedule:

#### OCCURRENCES

#### TEAM FINE

- 1<sup>st</sup> Offense – 3 pts from overall standings + \$100 fine
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense – additional 3 pts from overall standings + \$150 fine
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Offense - additional 3 pts from overall standings + \$250 fine + possible removal from league

If the Club or League of any team that forfeits does not pay the subscribed fine, all teams of that Club or League will be suspended from all future ENYYSA Premier League Competition, and all approvals to host tournaments, and/or travel to other tournaments, will be withheld until such time as the Club or League is in good standing with Eastern New York Youth Soccer Association.

#### SPECIFICATIONS

<u>AGE GROUP</u>	<u>SIZE OF BALL</u>	<u>GAME LENGTH</u>
U17 & U18	5	2 x 45 MIN.
U15 & 16	5	2 x 40 MIN.
U13 & 14	5	2 x 35 MIN.
U12	4	2 x 30 MIN.



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### PROTESTS

To be valid and eligible for consideration, each protest, and all attached copies and enclosures must be either typewritten or printed legibly so as to be clearly readable. The protest must be filed with the **ENYYSA Premier League Office – 53 North Park Avenue – Suite 103, Rockville Center, NY 11570** and must be accompanied by:

- Protest fee in the amount of \$250.00
- Two (2) copies of the protest including full particulars of grounds upon which the protest is based upon and any information provided by witnesses (one copy is sent to the Premier League Office and the other to the opposing coach);

All protests and enclosures must be sent via **CERTIFIED MAIL**.

All information must be sent no later than forty-eight (48) hours following the date and time of the scheduled game from which the protest arises. If these conditions are not met in full, a protest will not be considered and the protest fee will be forfeited. Protests will not be accepted, entertained or heard via phone calls or personal discussions.

The following will apply to all protests:

- A protest will be considered only for (1.) a decision of the referee that violates the laws of the game or procedures of the ENYYSA Premier League or (2.) a decision of a Coordinator that is inconsistent with the rules of the ENYYSA Premier League or the authority provided in the rules to the Coordinator. The disputed decision must also be meaningful and have a realistic impact on an outcome, or involve financial penalty or future participation.
- Referee or Coordinator discretion can not be protested.
- The Premier League Chairman, or designee, will review the protest and may render a decision with or without a hearing.
- The team filing the protest will have the opportunity to defend its case, with or without witnesses;



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- A lawyer may be present, but shall NOT represent any league, club or player in the filing of a protest or at a hearing of the dispute or claim unless he/she is a bona-fide coach of the team or an officer of the club concerned;
- A plea of ignorance to the rules and regulations of this competition is not sufficient grounds for appeals or protests.

### PREMIER LEAGUE ROSTERS

It is agreed that the “Club Pass” rules as per USYSA, apply to the ENYYSA Premier League.

All teams will be required to submit their Premier League Rosters online. Premier League Rosters can be printed after you have entered it onto your on-line registration account. The Premier League Roster will then be approved on-line and you will download the necessary copies for the season. Approved rosters will state “approved”. Only players listed on the “approved” Premier League Roster for that team will be eligible to compete in contests of the Premier League. Failure to submit the required rosters by the deadline will result in a \$25.00 fine.

Roster changes can be made through March 17, 2013. It will then be re-approved on-line and you may download your new approved roster. Rosters will be frozen on Mar. 18, 2013.

**Players on an approved roster of another Premier League team are ineligible for transfer.**

The maximum roster size for U13 and younger teams is eighteen (18) players and twenty-two (22) players for U14 and up teams. For U14 and up teams, only eighteen (18) players are eligible to compete in any one match. The eligible players for the match must be designated on the line up form for that game. Once the line up form is submitted to the referee, no further changes to the line up for that match will be accepted. Only teams that participate in the 8v8 State Cup will be allowed to designate four (4) additional players on their Premier League roster. Those players will be locked in on the freeze date as alternates. Only coaches, players and personnel with approved League/State passes may be on the team’s side of field.

**There is no limitation to the number of registered adults on a Premier League Roster, but only four (4) rostered may be on the team bench during the game. All rostered adults must have been certified by the ENYYSA Risk Management Committee.**



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#### NATIONAL OR REGIONAL PLAYER CONFLICTS

Teams that have more than four (4) National or Regional ODP player that has a National or Regional team conflict for the scheduled match may petition the Premier League Commissioner in writing to reschedule the match. Documentation must be provided verifying the conflict. The Commissioner has the authority to change the game date, time and location. The decision of the Commissioner shall be final and not subject to protest or appeal. Home teams with these players have the responsibility of avoiding these conflicts at the time they schedule their games.

#### PRE GAME PROCEDURES

Before the match, each team must present to the Referee its laminated player passes and two (2) copies of its approved Premier League team roster (this will be retained by the Referee and subsequently submitted to ENYYSA State Office). The Referee will check player passes, Premier League team rosters, cleats, game equipment, field conditions, field measurements, etc., prior to starting the game.

- Players without league or State Association certified player passes are ineligible to play.
- Players who are not properly listed on a current, approved Premier League Roster are ineligible to play (no guest players i.e.: players not listed on the Premier League certified roster for the team competing in the competition).
- A team or player that does not have League or State certified laminated player passes will not be allowed to play the game. The match will be declared a forfeit and the responsible team will be subject to the appropriate forfeiture fine.
- Only coaches, players and personnel with approved League/State passes may be on the team's side of field. All other personnel and fans must remain with the spectators on the sideline opposite the teams. Both Home and Away teams will share opposite halves of same side of field.

If an ineligible player competes in a match, the offending team will be given a forfeit for that game and be fined a MINIMUM of \$1,000.00. **The coach of the team with the ineligible player will receive a MINIMUM suspension of one month from all U.S.S.F. activities. Maximum fines can/will be determined by the Supervisory Committee.**



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## UNPLAYABLE FIELDS

If a Referee determines that the playing field is unplayable (except for weather conditions) the home team will forfeit the game.

## REFEREES

To the best of the “Assignors” ability, referees will not be assigned to their club games. **Referees and Assistant Referees will be paid on the field before the game.** Each team will be responsible for bringing their half of the referee game fee to the field. A team that fails to pay their half of the referee fees will be fined \$250. If the fees for the game officials are erroneously or deliberately not paid on the field, the home team will be assessed a \$250.00 fine in addition to being responsible for the referee fees. **Referees are Sub Contractors for CJSA and ENYYSA. As such, records of payment to game officials and any IRS reporting associated with these payments are the responsibility of the payee.**

Unless unavailable, a three (3) man certified referee system shall be used in all age groups

## REFEREE FEES

<u>Age Group</u>	<u>Referee</u>	<u>Assistant Referee</u>
U17 & U18	\$78.00	\$39.00
U15 & U16	\$68.00	\$34.00
U13 & U14	\$54.00	\$27.00
U12	\$44.00	\$22.00

In the event the Assigned Referee fails to put in an appearance:

- For U14 and younger, the opposing team’s coaches, or in their absence, the team managers, must agree to one mutually acceptable Referee for the game. The game will then be played in its entirety with that referee. Failure to play the game may result in a forfeit to one or both team(s). **NO PROTESTS WILL BE ALLOWED CONCERNING THAT REFEREE, HIS/HER QUALIFICATIONS, AND/OR HIS/HER JUDGMENT CALLS MADE DURING THAT GAME.**
- For U15 and older, if the assigned referee does not appear, **THE GAME MUST BE RESCHEDULED.**

The Referee shall have the power from the time he/she enters the field of play and until he/she departs from it to deal with any person(s) guilty of violent conduct, unsportsmanlike conduct, or using threatening or abusive language. The Referee shall



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forward the name(s) of any offender(s) within two (2) days thereafter to the Premier League Chairman for action.

### REPORTING OF GAME RESULTS

All results must be reported by the home team online no later than 11:00 P.M. on the evening of the game. Teams failing to report game results will be fined \$25.00.

### GENERAL RULES

Except as otherwise provided herein, FIFA "Laws of the Game" shall apply.

ENYYSA Premier League Competition will be played using: FIFA "Laws of the Game"; these rules and guidelines; and the Rules of the USSF/USYSA. Decisions will be based on only these three (3) sources and no other sources will be used to support a protest, dispute, appeal or decision.

Each team will be required to have a copy of the ENYYSA Premier League Rules & Regulations in their possession during their game. The home team will be responsible for providing the referee with a copy of these rules prior to the start of the game.

In order to be considered for an award at the end of the season the team must not have forfeited any games and made a reasonable attempt to play all scheduled games.

Final Standings will be determined using the following criteria in order:

1. Greatest Number of Points (Win = 3, Tie = 1, Loss = 0) with no forfeits.
2. Head to Head Competition when 2 teams are tied.
3. Least Number of Goals Against.
4. Greatest Number of Goals For.
5. Most Wins.



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### EJECTIONS

Each State Association will administer their teams, coach and player ejections.

#### **Coaches:**

If a coach is ejected by an official during a Premier League game they will receive an automatic 2 game suspension from "like competitions"

#### **Players:**

Any player sent off /ejected by the referee from a game played under the jurisdiction of ENYYSA Premier League for committing one of the following offenses, will be suspended from his or her team's next scheduled game of the same competition:

1. Denies the opposing team a goal or an obvious goal-scoring opportunity by deliberately handling the ball (this does not apply to a goalkeeper within his own penalty area)
2. Denies an obvious goal-scoring opportunity to an opponent moving towards the player's goal by an offense punishable by a free kick or a penalty kick
3. Receives a second caution in the same match

Any player sent off /ejected by the referee from a game played under the jurisdiction of ENYYSA Premier League for committing one of the following offenses, will be suspended from his or her team's next scheduled two (2) games of the same competition:

1. Is guilty of serious foul play
2. Is guilty of violent conduct
3. Spits at an opponent or any other person
4. Uses offensive, insulting or abusive language

The Premier League Chairman or designee, will decide the sanctions for all carded players and coaches unless it is deemed a hearing should be held or another entity has jurisdiction over the matter.

Reports of inappropriate conduct by players, coaches or spectators before, during or after a Premier game that does not result in the issuance of a card will be referred to the appropriate entity for adjudication.

Coaches have adult supervisor cards that imply responsibility for the overall behavior of their players. Depending on circumstances they may have responsibility for their spectators' actions. Therefore, when there is a report of general or team-wide misconduct or disrespect, the supervision of the coaching staff is to be reviewed, and if found deficient, sanctions may be assessed to the coaching staff as well as those directly involved in the misconduct.

If a player or coach is suspended from his/her league, that player or coach is also suspended from ENYYSA Premier League Competition.



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### **APPEALS**

- State Association will administer their own teams' appeals.
- All game decisions are final and cannot be appealed

### **FINES**

- First offense: -3 points from overall standings and a \$100 fine.
- Second offense: - 3 points from overall standing and a \$150 fine.
- Third offense: - 3 points from overall standing, \$250 fine and possible removal from League.

### **AUTHORITY**

The Premier League Chairman and Committee are the final authority as it relates to the interpretation and implementation of rules and regulations of the League. As such they have jurisdiction and the right of final say over all Coordinator decisions. The Chairman and the Committee may also modify the rules at any time to provide further clarification or if it is in the best interest of the Association, League and/or the participants. Any such changes will be communicated to each team participating in the ENY YSA Premier League.