

Spring 2017 Rule Changes – Highlights

1. Silent Sunday: May 14. *[See IV.6 on p. 23 and Appendix A.]*
2. Initial deadline for scheduling TBS games is April 21 (Friday before third game). After this date, the away team becomes the home team and has three weeks to schedule the game, failing which the game becomes a double forfeit. *[See VI.1.F on p. 26 and VI.3.E. on p. 29.]*
3. The Sporting Committee may determine that the behavior of a coach, player or parent should be watched, in which case the Committee should inform the appropriate referees (through the Referee Assignor). *[See 7.A on p. 32.]*
4. Coaches passes (other than those of guest teams who are not on the WYSL registration system) should have the WYSL logo. However, if a coach presents a valid, current US Club Soccer pass, that coach can coach that game but the club (by 4 PM on the Monday after the game) and the club will be subject to a \$100 fine. *[See II.2 on pp. 13-14.]* The referee should notify League of the use of such a pass. *[See III.1.C. on p. 18.]*
5. Requirement of hard copy of rosters (Official Lineup Cards for all but guest teams that are not registered on the WYSL registration system) or team forfeits. *[See II.3 on p. 15.]*
6. Change in deadline for submitting Intraclub Borrowing Guest Player Forms from noon on Friday. The form must still be signed by a club official and submitted to the referee before the game. However, the rules have been modified/clarified so that notification to the League shall be accomplished by the Club sending the League an updated spreadsheet with the names of all guest players by 4 PM on the Monday after the game.] *[See I.2.N on p. 10.]* Referees should indicate the use of these Forms in their match reports. *[See III.1.D. on p. 18.]*
7. For the Spring 2017 season, teams consisting entirely of players U8 or younger shall play either in one of our U8 4v4 divisions or one of our specially designated 7v7 U9 divisions. *[See Revised Appendix D.]*
 - a. The U8 4v4 divisions will play according to the same rules as they did in the Fall 2016 except that match play will now consist of two simultaneous 4v4 matches (each with four field players, no

goalkeeper) on side-by-side fields. Squad A1 will play Squad B1 on subfield 1 and Squad A2 will play Squad B2 on subfield 2. Each match shall consist of three (3) 15-minute periods (each separated by a 4-minute break). Revised Appendix D provides the details, including as to which team starts each period with a kickoff and which goal each team attacks, and how coaches should report scores to the League. *[See paragraphs 5-7.]*

- b. The designated 7v7 U9 divisions will play on the same size fields with the same lining and dimensions and the same size goals as our regular U9 and U10 divisions under the same rules except that:
 - i. The match format shall be 7v7, not 8v8.
 - ii. As with our U8 4v4 divisions:
 - 1. the ball shall be size 3.
 - 2. the maximum roster size shall be 12, although the League President may waive the maximum for good cause following application by the club president.
 - 3. the three (3) game per season limit contained in the Intra-Club Borrowing Program rules (I.2.N on p. 10) shall not apply to guest players, provided that in no event shall a U8 player be permitted to play in more than two (2) games on a single day.
- 8. The rules governing the Intra-Club Borrowing Program (I.2.N on pp. 9-10) shall be relaxed, **ONLY FOR GAMES PLAYED ON APRIL 9, 2017**, as follows: (i) on this date, all WYSL teams will be permitted a maximum of five (5) age-appropriate guest players from another team within the same club; (ii) although a player may only participate as a guest player three (3) times during a single season, playing as a guest player on April 9, 2017 will not count against this three (3) game limit and (iii) the requirement set forth in Rule I-2-N(2)(1), applicable to teams in the U12 and older age brackets, that a team using a guest player be in the same or a higher division than the guest player's usual club team, shall be waived.