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0.0 General

0.1 The general rules and guidelines of F.I.F.A., U.S.Youth Soccer and O.S.Y.S.A. shall be followed except where the rules contained within the M.O.S.S.L. Code of Regulations or these Administrative Bylaws are more restrictive, if not otherwise in conflict with the rules and guidelines of F.I.F.A., U.S. Youth Soccer and O.S.Y.S.A..

0.2 As a participant in any activity associated with M.O.S.S.L., all persons, (players, coaches, trainers, referees, spectators, etc.) agree to comply with and to abide by these Administrative Bylaws.

1.0 Scheduling

1.1 There shall be a Fall season during which 6 to 12 games will be scheduled for all teams during the months of September, October and November.

1.2 There shall be a Spring season during which 6 to 12 games will be scheduled for all teams during March, April, May and June.

2.0 Divisions / Teams

2.1 Prior to each season, every member league shall submit in writing a declaration of intention to play for each team that will be playing during that season.

2.2 Based on the declarations that have been received, the Board of Trustees shall determine the number of divisions, which teams will be in those divisions and the number of games each team will play, at a meeting that shall be held approximately 8 weeks prior to the beginning of each season.

2.3 The M.O.S.S.L. Executive Committee shall establish a date prior to each season after which no new declarations will be accepted.

2.4 No team, U-14 or younger, will be accepted into M.O.S.S.L. unless sponsored by a member league that is associated with an existing and on-going recreational league.

2.5 For all teams, U-17 and older, the maximum number of players on a team's roster shall be 22 and the minimum number of players shall be 13. For all teams, U-16 and younger, participating in an 11 v 11 format, the maximum roster size will be 18 players and the minimum roster size will be 13 players. For all teams participating in an 8 v 8 format, the maximum roster size will be

14 players and the minimum roster size will be 10 players. For all teams participating in a 6 v 6 format, the maximum roster size will be 12 players and the minimum roster size will be 8 players.

2.6 The maximum number of coaches on a team shall be three (3). The minimum number of coaches on a team shall be two (2).

2.7 A player or coach shall not be considered as added or dropped from a team or its roster until all appropriate forms have been submitted.

2.8 A team may transfer between member leagues only if both member leagues agree to the transfer and do so in writing. If the member leagues do not agree, the Executive Committee shall be empowered to resolve the dispute. Such transfers may not take place during either the Fall or Spring seasons.

2.9 All teams, U-14 and younger, must play in their own age group, (i.e., they are not allowed to “play up”), unless a specific exemption is granted on a season by season basis by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Board of Trustees at the preseason meeting outlined in Section **2.2**.

2.10 All coaches are prohibited from being registered as a coach of a team during one seasonal year and then being registered as a coach of a team sponsored by a different member league during the following seasonal year.

2.10.1 This restriction shall only apply in those cases where the team that the coach was associated with and the team that the coach will be associated with are for players of the same gender and the teams are for players who are of the same birth year as defined by U.S.S.F. and/or U.S.Y.S.A.

2.10.2 If a coach is prohibited from changing leagues as outlined in section 2.10, then this restriction shall not apply if the MOSSL Board Member that represents the member league that the coach was registered with during the preceding seasonal year releases the coach to be registered by another member league during the following seasonal year and so notifies the MOSSL office, in writing.

2.11 A team may elect to have up to 4 players participate in M.O.S.S.L. league games only, (see 2.11.5) that are not rostered to their team in the following two circumstances ONLY. Both the team that the players are rostered to and the team that the players will be playing for MUST be sponsored by the same member league. If the member league sponsors teams from more than one club, then the same club must organize both teams for the purposes of this section. If the member league sponsors, a club and also sponsors teams that are not part of a particular club, (i.e. independent of any one club), then those independent teams may act as a single club for the purposes of this section.

a) if those players are rostered to a team that is participating in a younger age division than the team that they will be playing for. (i.e. They are rostered to a team playing in the U-12 division

then they may play for a team playing in a U-13 or U-14 divisions, if both teams are sponsored by the same club.)

b) if those players are roster to a team that is participating in a lower competitive division in the same age division than the team that they will be playing for. (i.e. They are rostered to a team playing in the U-12 'B' division they may play for a team playing in a U-12 'A' division, if both teams are sponsored by the same club.)

NOTE: For Example: A player on a team participating in a U-13 age division may not participate with a team that is playing in a U-12 age division. A player on a team participating in a U-12 'A' division may not participate with a team that is playing in a U-12 'B' age division.

2.11.1 A maximum of 18 players may be on the sidelines and participate in any one game for a U-11 or older team. A maximum of 14 players may be on the sidelines and participate in any one game for a U-9 or U-10 team.

2.11.2 For the purposes of this section, boys may not participate on teams that are registered as a girl's team.

2.11.3 Players may not play up more than two years as outlined in section 3.6.

2.11.4 This section is not applicable while teams are participating in the M.O.S.S.L. end of the season tournaments unless the team that the player is originally rostered to is not participating in that season's MOSSL tournament. All other provisions of this section 2.11, including the requirement that the player and the team that the player would play for during the tournament are part of the same league and/or club, shall apply. No player may participate with more than one team during the entire tournament, including all age divisions. No player may play in more than 2 scheduled games in a single day.

NOTE: The MOSSL end of season tournament is considered one event, spanning two or three weekends, and as such a player whose team played in the MOSSL tournament may NOT participate with any other team playing in the tournament, regardless of the weekend the teams involved played during the tournament.

2.11.5 Teams making use of this rule during M.O.S.S.L. league games must identify the players that are playing up during that game to the center referee and the opposing team's coaches prior to the start of the game. The, head coach or in his absence, an assistant coach, shall verify that the name of all players that participated in the game pursuant to this section when the game card is signed at the conclusion of the game. All players participating in a game under this section must have their player pass at the game.

SPECIAL NOTE TO REFEREES: It shall be the responsibility of the referee, when so notified, to write the names and player numbers of the players who will be participating in the game pursuant to this section on the reverse side of the standard game card.

2.11.6 A player's first playing obligation is to the team that they are rostered to for that seasonal year, i.e. if a player is rostered on Team B that has a game that will be played on Tuesday at 6:00 PM, than that player can not play for Team A, under this section, if Team A also has a game on Tuesday at 6:00 PM.

2.11.7 Players on teams participating in MOSSL that are members of a club that also has teams participating in a statewide premier league, (The statewide premier league must consist of at least 20 teams from each of Ohio South Districts 1, 2, and 3.) may participate with other teams from their club that participate in the league games of that statewide premier league under the Club Guest Player rules. The club guest player rules of the statewide premier league must be determined by the MOSSL Executive Committee to be substantially similar to MOSSL's Club Guest Player rules and the statewide premier league's rules must permit such Club Guest Player usage from another league such as MOSSL.

Players from the statewide premier league may NOT participate in MOSSL league or tournament games under the Club Guest Players rules unless the team the player is rostered to participates in both, the statewide premier league and in MOSSL.

2.12 Teams participating in U-15 and U-16 age divisions may elect to have up to four, (4), additional players as League Guest Players by completing a League Guest Player roster for their team. All players registered as League Guest Players are secondary registered players. Players who elect to participate as League Guest Players must complete a registration form and a player pass. Players may not be simultaneously rostered on a primary roster and on a League Guest Player roster and they may not be rostered on more than one team's League Guest Player Roster at any one time.

2.12.1 League Guest Players cannot take priority over players listed on the official Team Roster, (primary roster). League Guest Players can only participate in games on a one for one basis when players on the official Team Roster do not show up for the game, if the total number of players on the primary roster plus the number of League Guest Players at the game exceeds 18.

2.12.2 Players on a League Guest Player roster may transfer at any time to the official Team Roster of their team or of another team. Players transferring to the official roster of their team or of another team shall count as the transfer of a previously rostered player and no team may have more than three previously rostered players on their roster.

2.12.3 By OSYSA rules, only players on a team's official roster can participate in the OSYSA State Cup. Players on a League Guest Player roster may participate in sanctioned tournaments, as Tournament Guest Players, if the tournament allows for the participation of Tournament Guest Players.

2.13 Coaches may use a Director of Coaching pass as provided in Ohio South Youth Soccer Association bylaw 6.2.15 during MOSSL league and tournament games.

2.13.1 Coaches and other persons may not advertise and/or otherwise refer to themselves as a "Director of Coaching" or other similar name in reference to their activities within MOSSL

unless they meet the criteria of a “Director of Coaching” as established by Ohio South Youth Soccer Association bylaw 6.2.15.

3.0 Player Eligibility

3.1 Players may be chosen at the discretion of the member leagues within the following guidelines:

a) Players should be chosen because of demonstrated skill or playing ability.

b) A team that has only male players or has male and female players shall be registered as a male team. A team that only has female players shall be registered as a female team.

c) No player shall be discriminated against because of their race, religion, creed, or national origin.

3.2 For participation in their respective age groups, (U-19, U-18, U17, U-16, U-15, U-14, U-13, U-12, U-11, U-10, U-9) all players registered must be born on or after August 1st of the birth year for players of the division as defined by US Youth Soccer.

3.3 Players may not simultaneously play on a MOSSL team if they are also currently playing on a high school or middle school team whose team is organized under the rules of the Ohio High School Athletic Association.

If a player plays for a high school or middle school, as defined above, and subsequently ceases to play for a high school or middle school team, then the player may participate on a MOSSL team during the Fall season.

3.4 M.O.S.S.L. does not recognize the primary/secondary rule, except as it applies in rule 2.12.

3.5 No more than ½ of the number, to a maximum of six (6), U-8 players may be on the roster of a U-9 team. No U-8 players may be registered on a U-10 or older team. No more than ½ of the number, to a maximum of six (6), U-9 players may be on the roster of a U-10 team. No more than ½ of the number, to a maximum of seven (7), U-9 players may be on the roster of a of a U-11 team.

3.6 No player U-14 and younger may play on a team that is 3 years or more older than the player’s natural age group, (i.e. a U-9 player can not play on a U-12 or older team, a U-12 can not play on a U-15 or older team, a U-14 can not play on a U-17 or older team, but a U-15 player may play on a U-19 team). This section shall not be applicable to any U-14 player who has competed as a player with a high school team, if they are otherwise eligible to participate in MOSSL.

3.7 A player may be released (dropped by the coach) from a team by the coach only if the player is unable to play for one of the following reasons:

- a) The player has violated a USYSA or OSYSA disciplinary rule.
- b) The player has moved beyond a reasonable travel distance.
- c) The player is injured in such a manner that it is known with certainty that the player will not be able to participate for the remainder of the seasonal year.

3.7.1 Before such a player will be released from the roster, a Voluntary Quit form including the signature of the player and their parent(s) shall be submitted.

3.7.2 If a player refuses or is unavailable to sign the required Voluntary Quit form, the Executive Committee shall be empowered to authorize the release of the player from the team roster upon written request by the team's head coach along with an explanation of the lack of a signed Voluntary Quit form.

3.8 A maximum of four (4) U-15 players may be rostered on a team while participating in the Fall season of MOSSL league play.

4.0 Fields

4.1 Every member league must be able to provide an adequate number of fields proportionate to the number of teams that the member league has agreed to sponsor.

For U-11 thru U-19 teams, there must be at least:

- 1 field for 5 or fewer teams,
- 2 fields for 12 or fewer teams,
- 3 fields for 19 or fewer teams,
- 4 fields for 26 or fewer teams,
- 5 fields for 33 or fewer teams,
- and 1 additional field for each additional 7 teams.

For U-9 and U-10 teams, in addition to the above, there must be at least:

- 1 field for 3 or fewer teams,
- 2 fields for 6 or fewer teams,
- 3 fields for 9 or fewer teams,
- and 1 additional field for each additional 3 teams.

4.2 The fields provided by the member leagues must be available, at a minimum, between 5:45 PM and 7:30 PM on Monday thru Thursday, between 12:45 PM and 7:30 PM on Saturdays, between 2:00 PM and 6:00 PM on Sundays for U-9's and U-10's, and from 12:00 Noon until 6:00 PM on Sundays during the Spring season (for U-17, 18 or 19 teams only).

4.3 For tournament play only, M.O.S.S.L. may chose to rent a minimum of 4 fields from member leagues or from other sources. A rental fee of \$200.00 per field used during the tournament will be paid to any member league whose fields are used for M.O.S.S.L. tournament play.

5.0 Financial Policy

5.1 Each member league shall be financially responsible for all teams that the member league has agreed to sponsor in all fiscal matters relating to M.O.S.S.L.

5.1.1 All fees are to be paid within 40 days of receipt of an invoice. Fees not paid within that time frame shall be subject to a 10% per month penalty.

5.1.2 All checks submitted shall be made payable to M.O.S.S.L.

5.1.3 Any member league that is more than 120 days in arrears in payment of any fees that are due to M.O.S.S.L. shall automatically be placed in bad standing. Any member league that is placed in bad standing shall be subject to the following conditions until such time as their financial accounts with M.O.S.S.L. are paid in full:

1) The member league shall lose their voting rights in all matters.

2) The member league is prohibited from advertising tryouts for any of the member league's current teams or any additional teams that are to be sponsored by the member league.

3) Teams that are sponsored by the member league are prohibited from participating in any tournament, either M.O.S.S.L. or other sanctioned tournaments.

5.1.3.1 Any member league that has been placed in bad standing shall be required to make all payments to M.O.S.S.L. by cashier's check or money order for a period of 2 years following their placement in bad standing.

5.1.3.2 The members of the M.O.S.S.L. Board of Directors shall be notified of any member league that is put in bad standing pursuant to this section.

5.1.3.3 The member league shall have the right to appeal their placement in bad standing pursuant to this section by making an appeal to the M.O.S.S.L. Grievance Committee. The appeal must be made in writing, in a letter addressed to the Vice President of Conduct, within 10 calendar days of written notification of the member league's placement in bad standing being mailed, via certified mail, to the member league's representative to the Board of Directors.

5.2 Each member league will be charged a flat rate fee for each team that the member league declares for participation in MOSSL league play. This flat rate fee includes the cost of; registering all players and coaches with MOSSL, the addition of all players and coaches that are added to a team's roster, all player transfers and all League Guest Players. It does not include the cost of any MOSSL tournament entry fees or any penalties that may be assessed for a team's failure to complete their commitment for tournament play

5.2.1 For the first season that a team is declared to participate in MOSSL during each seasonal year, the member league that sponsors the team will be charged a per team fee of \$300.00, if the team is a U-9 or U-10 team, and \$380.00, if the team is a U-11 or older team. This fee includes

the cost of registering the team's players and coaches with Ohio South Youth Soccer Association for the entire seasonal year. This per team fee shall be paid to MOSSL on or before September 10th for teams participating the Fall season and on or before April 10th for teams participating in the Spring season.

5.2.2 For the second season that a team participates in MOSSL during each seasonal year, the member league that sponsors the team will be charged a per team fee of \$150.00, if the team is a U-9 or U-10 team, and \$190.00, if the team is a U-11 or older team. This per team fee shall be paid on or before April 10th.

5.2.3 All fees due from member leagues for the tournament entry fees and for team drop penalty fees shall be paid to MOSSL on or before December 10th for teams participating the Fall season and on or before July 10th for teams participating in the Spring season.

5.3 All teams who participate in the Fall season of league play are expected to play in the league tournaments at the end of the Fall season. All teams, U-14 and younger, who participate in the Spring season of league play are expected to play in the league tournaments at the end of the Spring season. A tournament participation fee of \$150.00 will be assessed all teams who participate in the tournament

5.3.1 A team must provide written notification to M.O.S.S.L. prior to October 1st for the Fall tournament or by May 1st for the Spring tournament of their intention not to play in that season's tournament. If a team does not provide written notification of their intention not to play in the end of the season tournament and then fails to compete in the tournament, then that team's member league will be assessed a penalty as per the schedule shown below. This penalty shall be in addition to the fee established in Section 5.3 which shall also be assessed as if the team had participated in the tournament.

5.3.1.1 If a team fails to provide written notification, as required above, prior to October 1st / May 1st but does provide notification 11 days or more prior to the first day of the tournament for that teams age group the penalty shall be \$200.00.

5.3.1.2 If a team fails to provide written notification, as required above, 11 days or less prior to the first day of the tournament for that team's age group, the penalty shall be \$400.00.

5.3.1.3 If a team fails to provide written notification, as required above, 10 days or less prior to the first day of the tournament for that team's age group and the team participates in another soccer event, (other than the OSYSA State Cup), the penalty shall be \$600.00.

5.4 In addition to the fees outlined in Section 5.2, a Field Development Fund fee of \$150.00 per U-9 and U-10 team and a Field Development Fund fee of \$190.00 for each U-11 and older each team shall be assessed each season to each team that participates in MOSSL league play. These fees shall be paid to MOSSL on or before December 10th for the Fall Season and on or before July 10th for the Spring Season.

5.4.1 All of the funds collected by means of this assessment shall be kept in a fund separate from the general operating funds of the league. This fund shall be known as the Field Development Fund. The Treasurer of M.O.S.S.L. shall maintain a separate accounting of the money received from each member league and shall report on the status of the fund on a semi-annual basis.

5.4.2 If after January 1, 2003, the Board of Directors determines that the continuation of the Field Development Fund is no longer in the best interest of M.O.S.S.L., the Board of Directors may by a 2/3 affirmative vote of the entire board, vote to disband the Field Development Fund. If the fund is disbanded, all of the money collected through the assessments provided for under Section 5.4, shall be returned to all of the member leagues existing at that time, plus all accumulated interest, less all accumulated expenditures, in the same proportion as those member leagues had contributed to the fund.

5.4.3 A Field Development Advisory Committee shall be established to facilitate the development of land into soccer fields for use by all member leagues. Following the Annual General Meeting, the President shall appoint up to 7 members of the Field Development Advisory Committee with the Vice President of Administration and Planning as one of the members and serving as the Chairperson. The other members of the Field Development may either be Trustees of the Board or other persons who have either an interest or experience in construction or other endeavors that would facilitate the development of land into soccer fields. Members shall be appointed annually to the Field Development Advisory Committee and may be reappointed.

5.5.4 All expenditures from the Field Development Fund shall only be made with the approval of the majority of the Field Development Advisory Committee.

5.5.5 Prior to the Field Development Advisory Committee entering into an agreement regarding the development of fields, the Field Development Advisory Committee shall submit the overall plans for the development, including engineering plans/drawings, cost estimates, and construction timeline, to the Board of Trustees of M.O.S.S.L. for their approval. Such approval shall be granted upon an affirmative vote of the majority of the trustees.

6.0 Conduct

6.1 All member leagues are required to hold the teams that they sponsor, the players and coaches on those teams, the parents and supporters of the players on those teams, to the highest standards of fair play, good sportsmanship and ethics.

6.1.1 Member leagues shall be responsible for maintaining supervisory control of the players and coaches of the teams that they have agreed to sponsor.

6.1.2 Head coaches shall be responsible for the conduct of themselves, their assistant coaches, their players and their team's supporters.

6.2 In recognition of the fact that rules are not always followed and that to have effective rules, a method of imposing sanctions must be established, the following three levels of sanctions are established:

6.2.1 Minor infractions are offenses or occasions of objectionable conduct for which sanctions ranging from a letter of reprimand to a suspension of up to 4 games or two weeks may be imposed. Minor infractions are acts such as, but not limited to the following:

- a) A player or a coach receives a second red card during a single season,
- b) Failure to attend the mandatory preseason coaches meeting,
- c) Having an improperly registered player participate in a game,
- d) Extreme use of profane, vulgar, threatening or abusive language.

6.2.2 Major infractions are those offenses or acts of misconduct for which sanctions ranging from a suspension of 1 or more games to a suspension from all M.O.S.S.L. sponsored activities for the balance of the current season or the following season of play may be imposed. Major infractions are acts such as, but not limited to:

- a) A player or coach receives a third red card within a single season.
- b) Severe verbal abuse of a referee or Assistant Referee,
- c) Extreme verbal abuse of a coach, player or spectator,
- d) Threats of violence, whether directed against a player, coach, referee, Assistant Referee or spectator,
- e) Recruiting or attempting to recruit a player,
- f) A team receives 4 red cards or a total of 8 yellow and/or red cards,
- g) Improper removal of a player from a team roster during the seasonal year, (i.e. cutting a player from the team roster), as outlined in Section 8.1

6.2.3 Serious infractions are grievous offenses or acts of gross misconduct that threaten the integrity of the sport of soccer for which sanctions ranging from a multi-game suspension to a multi-year removal from some or all activities associated with M.O.S.S.L. can be made. Serious infractions are those acts such as, but not limited to:

- a) Physical assault of a referee, player, coach or spectator.
- b) Deliberate submission of or use of a fraudulent birth certificate, player registration form, coach registration form, team roster, travel permit, player pass, coach pass, or other US Youth

Soccer or OSYSA document for the purpose of providing false information regarding the player's age. Such individuals, if they are adults, shall be suspended for a minimum of five (5) years. Any player, for whom such a fraudulent birth certificate, player registration form, coach registration form, team roster, travel permit, player pass, coach pass, or other US Youth Soccer or OSYSA document is submitted or used, shall be suspended for a minimum of 6 months.

c) A second offense of recruiting or attempting to recruit a player.

6.3 In those cases in which a serious infraction is alleged to have occurred and the President determines that it is in the best interest of the integrity of M.O.S.S.L., the President shall be empowered to immediately suspend the person(s) involved until such time as a Grievance Committee hearing can be held to review the allegation.

6.4 If the President or the Vice President – Administration and Planning deems that a matter should be reviewed, a Grievance Committee hearing shall be held within 30 days of the receipt of written notification of an alleged violation, (or within 60 days of an violation that is alleged to have occurred during the Fall or Spring seasons), of any portion of either the Code of the Regulations or the Administrative Bylaws, either in the letter or spirit of those rules, except as follows:

a) A person has been suspended pursuant to Section 6.3, in which case the Grievance Committee shall meet within 10 days to review the matter.

b) A person alleged to have violated either rule 6.2.1 (a) or 6.2.2 (a) shall be immediately and automatically suspended for either 2 or 6 games, respectively. If all of the red cards that were issued to the person were for either violent conduct and/or serious foul play, then this suspension shall be for 4 or 8 games, respectively. Upon receipt of a written request for a hearing, addressed to the Vice President - Conduct, the suspension shall be stayed until a hearing can be held before the Grievance Committee.

c) One or more of the persons who are alleged to have violated one or more portions of either the Code of Regulations or the Administrative Bylaws submits a written request to the Vice-President of Conduct for a postponement of the proceedings before the Grievance Committee. When such a request is received, the Vice-President of Conduct may grant a postponement of those proceeding for up to 30 days.

6.4.1 During a hearing held by the Grievance Committee, the order of the hearing shall be:

a) Statement by the committee chairman as to the nature of the dispute under consideration by the committee and the names of the parties to the dispute.

b) Identification of witnesses that will be present testimony for the committee's consideration.

c) Opening remarks by the complaining party.

d) Opening remarks by the party who is the principal of the dispute.

- e) Presentation and questioning by both parties of relevant witnesses and documentation.
- f) Question of the parties to the dispute by the members of the Grievance Committee.
- g) Closing remarks by the complaining party and the principal to the dispute.

6.4.2 Only those persons identified at the beginning of the hearing as a potential witness may present testimony at the hearing. Persons identified as potential witnesses shall not be present in the hearing room while testimony is presented to the committee by other witnesses.

6.4.3 The chairman of the committee shall have the authority to rule on all matters relating to the relevancy of testimony and the submission of documentation. The chairman of the committee shall also be empowered to resolve any administrative matter that may come up during the hearing in order to provide that all parties have the opportunity to receive an open, fair and impartial hearing of the dispute. If during the course of the hearing, an administrative ruling by the chairman is contested by any party to the hearing, the Grievance Committee, as a whole, will take up the matter. The decision of the Grievance Committee, when taken as a whole, shall be the final and binding.

6.4.4 The parties to the dispute shall be notified, via certified mail, of the decision reached by the Grievance Committee within 14 days of the conclusion of the hearing.

6.5 These rules of conduct are applicable during the entire seasonal year, including league play, M.O.S.S.L. tournament play, other tournament play, State Cup play, Olympic Development Training, and at all functions in which the persons are participating based on their registrations as player or coaches within M.O.S.S.L.

6.6 In those matters referred directly to O.S.Y.S.A., M.O.S.S.L. reserves the right to impose sanctions in addition to any sanctions that may be imposed by O.S.Y.S.A.

6.7 In those matters in which the member league who sponsored the team, player or coach involved, chooses to impose sanctions, M.O.S.S.L. reserves the right to impose such additional sanctions as are deemed appropriate by the Grievance Committee.

6.8 In those matters involving misconduct at tournaments, the sanctions imposed may include a prohibition against participation in subsequent in-town or out-of-town tournaments, by the coach, player, or team involved.

6.9 In all cases, the sanctions that may be imposed by M.O.S.S.L. are in addition to any sanctions that may have been imposed by a referee on the field.

6.10 All complaints, whether made by a coach, player, referee, parent, spectator or any person, must be submitted in writing to the attention of the President in care of the M.O.S.S.L. office. The complaint must provide the date, time, location of the occurrence, the name(s) of the person(s) involved and sufficient details as to the nature of the occurrence in order that an

informed decision can be made in the matter. Complaints received more than 365 days after the date of occurrence shall not be reviewed.

6.11 Any player or coach who is issued a red card during any game, whether a league game, tournament game, or State Cup play, shall not be permitted to play or coach in the next scheduled game for that team during the current season or, if necessary, during the subsequent season. The term “during any game” as used within these bylaws shall include the time from when the referee and/or the assistant referee(s) arrived at the game site until the referee and and/or the assistant referee(s) leave the vicinity of the game site including any adjacent parking lot.

6.12 If a person is registered as a coach for more than 1 team, the sanctions imposed, depending upon the nature of the occurrence, may impact on her/his association with 1 or more of the teams.

6.13 If during the course of a league game or league tournament game, a dispute arises as to whether the game should continue and the question of the dispute involves the Laws of the Game, conduct of the participants or the spectators, or any other issue under the general authority of the referee, the referee may order the game terminated or continued as the referee deems appropriate. If a team refuses to resume playing a game when so instructed by the referee, the Vice-President - Competition shall be empowered to declare that game as a forfeit. In addition, the Vice-President - Competition and Conduct shall be empowered to suspend the head coach or other person who refused to continue the game for up to 3 games. If within 7 days of the being notified of the suspension, the person being suspended submits a written request addressed to the Vice President - Conduct, the suspension shall be stayed until a hearing can be held before the Grievance Committee.

6.14 The use of any tobacco product, including but not limited to cigars, cigarettes, pipes, snuff and chewing tobacco, by coaches, trainers, players and referees while engaged in any M.O.S.S.L. function that involves youth soccer players is prohibited. Under this rule, a M.O.S.S.L. function is defined as any of the following activities; team or individual practices, league games, tournament games, tryouts. A violation of this bylaw shall be deemed a minor infraction as defined in bylaw 6.2.1.

6.15 The use of, the possession of, or being under the influence of, alcohol or illegal drugs by coaches, trainers, players or referees while engaged in a M.O.S.S.L. function that involves youth soccer players is prohibited. Under this rule, a M.O.S.S.L. function is defined as any of the following activities; team or individual practices, league games, tournament games, tryouts. A violation of this bylaw shall be deemed a serious infraction as defined in bylaw 6.2.3.

7.0 Games.

7.1 Games shall be played using the following standards for each age group:

(Effective for Fall 2007) (U-15 & U-16 and U-17 /19 rates are for Spring only.)

	U-9 & 10	U-11	U-12	U-13 & 14	U-15 & 16	U-17 / 19
No. of players on field	6 v 6	8 v 8	11 v 11	11 v 11	11 v 11	11 v 11
Min. Goal size In Feet	18 x 6	21 x 7	24 x 8	24 x 8	24 x 8	24 x 8
Max. Goal size In Feet	21 x 7	21 x 7	24 x 8	24 x 8	24 x 8	24 x 8
Min. field size In Yards	40 x 60	45 x 75	50 x 100	55 x 100	55 x 100	60 x 110
Max. field size In Yards	40 x 60	50 x 80	80 x 130	80 x 130	80 x 130	80 x 130
Penalty box In Yards	26 x 10	34 x 14	44 x 18	44 x 18	44 x 18	44 x 18
Goal box In Yards	20 x 6	20 x 6	20 x 6	20 x 6	20 x 6	20 x 6
Circle & arcs In Yards	8	8	10	10	10	10
Penalty spot from goal line	8	10	12	12	12	12
Length of halves in minutes	25	30	30	35	40	45
Halftime interval in minutes	10	10	10	10	10	10
Ball size	4	4	4	5	5	5
Min. Center Referee pay w/ 2 Asst. Ref.	\$24. @ U-9 \$24. @ U-10	\$ 28.	\$ 28.	\$ 32.	\$ 36.	\$ 40.
Min. Center Referee pay, with 1 AR & 1 club Asst. Ref.	\$24. @ U-9 \$24. @ U-10	\$ 28.	\$ 28.	\$ 32.	\$ 36.	\$ 40.
Min. Center Referee pay with 2 club Asst. Ref.	\$ 24. @ U-9 \$ 29. @ U-10	\$ 33.	\$ 33.	\$ 37.	\$ 41.	\$ 45.
Min. Asst. Ref. pay	N/A @ U-9 * \$16. @ U-10	\$ 19.	\$ 19.	\$ 22.	\$ 25.	\$28.
Min. Asst. Ref. pay with 1 club Asst. Ref.	N/A @ U-9 * \$16. @ U-10	\$ 19.	\$ 19.	\$ 22.	\$ 25.	\$28.

As a point of clarification:

- If a team chooses to use 1 or 2 certified Assistant Referees in a U-9 game, (they are not required to do so), the minimum pay for the certified Assistant Referees is \$16.00. As always, club Assistant Referees, (uncertified), are NEVER to be paid.
- All games, U-9 through U-19, must always use a three person system of control, i.e. 1 center referee with two assistant referees, The assistant referees can either be certified referees or club assistant referees. See Bylaw 7.5

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Max. Goal size In Feet	19 x 7	21 x 7	24 x 8	24 x 8	24 x 8
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7.1.1 The following special rules shall apply only in U-9 games played in a 6 v 6 format.

- a) The standard offside rule shall not be applicable in U-9 SSG games.
- b) Games may be officiated with a single center referee and 2 club assistant referees.

7.2 Scoring: For the purpose of scoring in league and tournament play, points shall be awarded as follows: a win = 3 points; a tie = 1 point; a loss = 0 points; a forfeit = -3 points.

7.2.1 A game shall be considered as a forfeit for a team when;

- a) the team plays with an ineligible player or
- b) the team fails to report to the designated field within 15 minutes (after) the schedule kickoff time with the following minimum number of players:
 - If playing in an 11 v 11 format, the minimum number of players is 7.
 - If playing in an 8 v 8 format, the minimum number of players is 6.
 - If playing in a 6 v 6 format, the minimum number of players is 5.
- c) the home team's field is not equipped as outlined in Section **7.5 (b)** and as such the game could not be played or
- d) the home team allows a person to act as a center referee who is not currently not registered as a U.S.S.F. referee or
- e) a game is not rescheduled to be played within 14 days after it has been canceled as outlined in Section **7.7** in which cases the game may be considered as a forfeit for both teams.

7.2.2 The Vice President - Competition shall make the final determination if the game in question shall be declared a forfeit. If game is declared a forfeit, the non-forfeiting team shall be awarded a win and shall be scored as if the non-forfeiting team scored three (3) goals and the team that forfeited scored zero (0) goals. If a game is declared a forfeit for both teams, then the game will be recorded as a zero (0) to zero (0) tie with each team receiving -1 points, as provided in section 7.2

7.2.3 Pursuant to OSYSA State Cup Championship rules, any team charged with two forfeits during the seasonal year, is ineligible for the current year's OSYSA State Cup Championship.

7.3 At the conclusion of every game, the coach of the winning team shall be responsible for mailing the game card to the M.O.S.S.L. office. In case of a tie, the home team coach shall be responsible for mailing the game card to the M.O.S.S.L. office.

7.4 Standings will be determined on the basis of game cards received and the results from the online score recording system, using the points system as outlined in Section 7.2. If at the end of the season, there is a tie in the point standings, the results of head to head competition will

determine the champion. If the teams remain tied, the teams will be declared co-champions. No team that has been assessed a forfeit loss may be declared champion or co-champion of their respective division.

7.5 Prior to the kickoff of a scheduled game, the home team coach shall be responsible for:

a) confirming the presence of all three referees, all of whom must be currently registered as referees with U.S.S.F and M.O.S.S.L. This must be done at least 48 hours prior to the game.

b) insuring the field is properly equipped with goals that are adequately secured to the ground, nets, corner flags, at least 2 game balls and that the field is properly and adequately lined. The game balls shall be hand stitched of either leather or synthetic leather. Molded balls shall not be permitted.

c) paying the referees according to the schedule as outlined in Sections **7.1 & 7.5.1**.

7.5.1 If in the event 3 certified referees are not available, one or two club Assistant Referees may be used, but are not to be paid. If 1 club Assistant Referee is used, the center referee is to be paid the normal rate of pay. If 2 club Assistant Referees are to be used, the center referee is to be paid \$5.00 more than the normal rate of pay.

7.5.2 No team or coach shall refuse to accept any referee assignment made by M.O.S.S.L.

7.5.3 To be considered as a certified referee, the referee must currently be registered with U.S. Soccer Federation.

7.5.3.1 In addition, all referees working during M.O.S.S.L. games must be able to have a demonstrable ability to use basic English verbal and written skills as those skills would relate to working as a referee of youth soccer games within M.O.S.S.L. The Executive Committee shall develop the necessary procedures by which the required minimum level of English verbal and written skills is to be determined.

7.5.4 No M.O.S.S.L. team shall participate in any game that is officiated using the 2 referee system of control. All games must have a single center referee with either certified or club Assistant Referees.

7.6 The away team coach shall be responsible for contacting the home team coach at least **72** hours prior to the game to confirm the date, time, and place of the scheduled game.

7.7 If a game cannot be played due to a scheduling conflict, (See Section 7.7.1 below), the coach of the team that can not play the game as scheduled must notify the opposing team's coach a minimum of 72 hours prior to the scheduled game. Failure to provide the required notification and a resultant confirmation may result in forfeiture of the game. The home team coach must notify all of the referees of the cancellation.

7.7.1 For the purpose of bylaw 7.7, the definition of "scheduling conflict" shall not mean one or more of the following reasons:

- a) The unavailability of a certain coach for a particular game.
- b) The unavailability of players, where the number of players that are available for the game meets or exceeds the standard number of players on the field for a game, (6 players for a 6 v 6 contest, 8 players for a 8 v 8 contest, 11 players for a 11 v 11 contest).
- c) Attendance at any tournament where the team applied to the tournament more than 30 days prior to the scheduled league game. Coaches should take advantage of the pre-season opportunity to block out known tournament dates, as well as other known conflicts, and to reschedule games as needed during the pre-season scheduling process.

7.7.2 The reasons listed in bylaw 7.7.1 are NOT sufficient reasons to request the re-scheduling of a league game.

7.7.3 Both coaches must make every attempt to reschedule the game at a mutually acceptable time and date. If the coaches can not agree as to when to reschedule the game, either coach may contact the Vice President - Competition for assistance to avoid having the game declared as a forfeit as outlined in Section **7.2.1 (e)**.

7.8 Each team shall be responsible for its own uniforms. In addition:

7.8.1 All players must wear shinguards throughout every game.

7.8.2 If, in the opinion of the center referee, the jerseys of the two teams are too similar, the home team shall be responsible for changing to an alternate color.

7.8.3 A player who is either bleeding or has blood on her/his uniform shall be required to be removed from the field and allowed to return only when the bleeding has stopped and the uniform cleaned or changed.

7.8.4 Players may wear either flat soled shoes or shoes (soccer shoes, not football, rugby, baseball, etc.) with either molded or screw-in studs made of rubber, plastic or metal, provided the studs are not sharp nor present a hazard to other players. All elongated studs shall have the long axis of the stud run the length of the shoe. Studs shall not be more than 3/4" (the height of a penny) in length.

7.9 Both teams, including a maximum of three coaches for each team, shall be on one side of the fields and all spectators will remain on the other side. Each coach shall stay on his/her team's half of the field and at least 10 yards from the half-line during the entire game.

7.9.1 Only those persons who are registered as players and coaches for the teams involved in the game may be on the teams' side of the field. In the absence of a coach for a team, a substitute coach may be on the teams' side of the field as provided in Section **7.9.2**

7.9.2 In the event that one or more coaches for a team cannot be at a game, a replacement may be selected. The referee must be notified of the change before the game begins and the replacement(s) must be properly identified. Only one replacement is permitted per coach's card. In the event that a replacement is ejected from a game, (red carded), the registered coach is to serve any suspension issued by the league for the actions of the replacement coach. No replacement is permitted for a coach that has been ejected and is serving his/her suspension or is otherwise prohibited from participating as a coach for the team to whom he/she is registered.

7.10 Players may be substituted during a game as follows:

- a) After a goal is scored for either team.
- b) Prior to a goal kick by either team.
- c) Prior to the kick off of the second half.
- d) After receiving a yellow card.
- e) Prior to a throw-in that is in the favor of the team that will be substituting a player.
- f) If a player for the opposing team is at the mid-field flag waiting to be a substitute when the team that is awarded a throw-in has a substitute to enter the game, the substitute for the opposing team may also enter the game. If the team that has been awarded a throw-in does not have a substitute, then neither team may substitute a player.

7.11 The center referee shall be able to issue either a caution (yellow card) or a send off (red card) to a coach during a M.O.S.S.L. game, so as to document the coach's action. Upon request of the Referee, the head coach and/or assistant coach shall immediately turn over to the referee, the coach pass or player pass of any coach or player who receives a red card. Yellow cards and red cards issued to coaches and/or players shall be reported by the referee to the M.O.S.S.L. office via the game card report. The term "during a MOSSL game" as used within these bylaws shall include the time from when the referee and/or the assistant referee(s) arrived at the game site until the referee and and/or the assistant referee(s) leave the vicinity of the game site including any adjacent parking lot

7.12 Upon stoppage of play due to an injury of a player, the referee shall have the discretion to award an indirect free kick to restart play if, in the opinion of the referee, one side had clear possession of the ball at the time of the stoppage.

7.13 Should play be stopped for an injury, substitutes already at the mid-field flag at that time may be freely substituted by either team without limitation to the number of substitutes, in addition to a substitution for the injured player, if so desired by the coach.

7.14 At the conclusion of every game, unless excused from doing so by the referee due to inclement weather or other appropriate reason, all players and coaches are expected to congratulate the members of the opposing team in a sportsmanlike manner. (i.e. "good game").

7.15 The use of artificial noisemakers, i.e. air horns, tambourines, bells, whistles, bugles, horns, etc. during any MOSSL league or tournament game by players, coaches or spectators is prohibited.

7.16 After receiving or accepting any assignment to officiate any MOSSL league game, a referee must contact the home team coach or home team - team contact as soon a practical after the referee becomes aware that he/she is unable to fulfill his/her commitment to officiate that game. Time permitting, the home team coach or home team - team contact must be notified not less than 72 hours prior to the scheduled start of the game.

7.17 Any game in league or tournament play that has begun and has proceeded to the conclusion of the first half shall be considered a complete game, if the remainder of the game can not be played in a timely manner, due to inclement weather, including but not limited to, the presence of lightning, the immediate threat of lightning or other circumstances beyond the control of the game's participants. The score of the game at the time that the game is declared a complete game shall stand as the final score for the game.

7.17.1 If the first half of the game has not concluded and the game must be terminated due to inclement weather or other circumstances, then the game is an incomplete game and when rescheduled, must be replayed in its entirety.

7.18 If the center referee in any game believes there is a hazardous condition present, the center referee shall immediately suspend play. If there are hazardous weather related conditions present and the center referee does not immediately suspend play and if the coaches of the teams involved in the game mutually agree that the game should be suspended due to those hazardous conditions, then the game shall be suspended. If any game is suspended, either as a completed game or as an incomplete game, due to a hazardous condition, then the center referee and the coaches are required to complete a post game report and submit that report to the MOSSL office within 48 hours on the game.

7.18.1 A game or practice shall be immediately suspended if lightning is seen or if thunder is heard. Any game or practice that is suspended due to lightning or thunder shall not be restarted until at least 30 minutes has passed after the lightning has moved away or that thunder is heard.

7.19 If an assigned or scheduled referee or assistant referee arrives at a game field prior to the designated start time and the game can not be played due to inclement or hazardous weather conditions, unplayable field conditions, closed fields, or any other reason, or is an incomplete game, the referee and assistant referees shall be paid their full game fees as outlined in section 7.1. This section shall not be applicable if the home team has made a reasonable and timely attempt to contact the referee or assistant referee to report the cancellation of the game. Any dispute arising in reference to this section shall be referred to the Vice-President – Competition for his determination as to the proper resolution of the matter.

7.20 All referees, by accepting assignments to officiate MOSSL league and tournament games, agree to abide by all MOSSL league bylaws. This requirement includes but is not limited to

those bylaws in reference to the use of bylaw 2.11 players, substitutions, number of players on the field, ball size, etc.

8.0 Tryouts.

8.1 Players can be added during the seasonal year from any recreational programs. Players cannot be “cut” from team rosters. However, tryouts may be held during the year to fill vacancies on rosters. The guidelines for recruiting must be adhered to when advertising tryouts.

Tryouts after the Spring season to form teams for the following seasonal year shall not be held until the following dates:

To form U-9 teams:	The Monday before Memorial Day.
To form U-10 teams:	The Monday before Memorial Day
To form U-11 teams:	The Tuesday after Memorial Day
To form U-12 teams:	The Tuesday after Memorial Day
To form U-13 teams:	The first Monday after Memorial Day
To form U-14 teams:	The first Monday after Memorial Day
To form U-15 and older teams:	The first Monday after Memorial Day

A calendar of events shall be distributed yearly that specifies the exact day after which tryouts can be held for each age group.

In order to allow players and their families the ability to choose the best select team for their situation, the following fair play guidelines must be observed:

a) Coaches may not deter, by any means, players from attending whatever tryouts the player’s desire. This would include the scheduling of mandatory team functions or imposing sanctions against those players.

b) Coaches may not place unreasonable demands on players to join a team after tryouts. This would include immediate response, large cash payments or other coercive measures. Specifically, no offer to participate with a particular club or team during the following seasonal year may be extended to a player for any reason until after 8:00 AM on the Saturday following the beginning of the tryout period for that particular age group.

8.1.1 If any member league or team holds a tryout for any youth soccer team, regardless of the intended USSF affiliation for that team, prior to the time established in Section 8.1, or otherwise violates the provisions of Sections 8.0 and/or 9.0 that member league or team will be prohibited, for a period of one year, from sponsoring or declaring any team in the gender and age division(s) for which the tryout was held. This specifically includes, but is not limited to, making an offer to participate with a team that may / will be playing in another OSYSA or US Youth Soccer or USSF affiliated league where the offer to participate is made prior to the time specified in Section 8.1 (b) above.

8.1.2 If any coach or other person acting on behalf of a coach violates the provisions of Section 8.1, the coach may be found in violation of a Minor Infraction as defined in Section 6.2.1 and subject to the sanctions as provided in that section. A second violation by an individual of

Section 8.1 may be deemed a Major Infraction as defined in Section 6.2.2 and subject to the sanctions as provided in that section.

8.1.3 If any coach or other person acting on behalf of a coach violates the provisions of Section 8.1, the member league that is sponsoring the team or authorized the tryout shall be assessed a \$500.00 penalty.

9.0 Recruiting

9.1 It shall be deemed recruiting if any coach, manager, trainer, player, or parent of a player, entices, encourages, cajoles, and/or facilitates, in any manner, a player to transfer from another team to his/her team or club. The coach(es) of the team that the player wishes to transfer to, may only refer the player to the MOSSL office, Executive Committee members or members of the Board of Directors to obtain assistance in the completion of the transfer process. In all cases, the Head Coach may be held ultimately responsible for all actions of his/her subordinates, players, or families. A player shall be considered a member of the team from the time the parent or guardian signs the player's USYSA membership form.

Examples of what may be done (but not limited to):

- a) Advertise team tryouts in any commercial media service such as the Dispatch or the Suburban News.
- b) Advertise team tryouts on a poster or flyer placed in public use locations such as stores or indoor soccer arenas.
- c) Distribute or locate posters or flyers about team tryouts in schools, churches or with other non-soccer organizations.

Examples of what may not be done (but not limited to):

- a) Have any contact with another team's player that attempts to entice that player to come to his/her team or team tryouts. Statements like "come play for me", "I have a uniform for you", or "I can make you a better player" are all improper when made to a member of another team.
- b) Make verbal or written contact with a registered player about switching teams.
- c) Use Olympic Development, tournament applications, or other such information to target certain players or teams for recruitment purposes.
- d) Use his/her position in a school or community to influence an individual player's choice of a team.
- e) Files or assists in the filing of a transfer request with M.O.S.S.L., which, if approved, would allow the player to transfer to her/his team or club. Files or assists in the filing of an appeal of a

denial of a transfer request which, if approved, would allow the player to transfer to her/his team or club.

f) Using any advertising or promotional material that refers to any other soccer club or organization that participates in MOSSL, by name.

g) Posting or distributing tryout notices or other promotional material at any M.O.S.S.L. sponsored tournament or event, except that the member league that is hosting the tournament or event may post, but not distribute, tryout notices.

Violation of this section shall make the head coach of the team(s) involved and/or other persons involved subject to the sanctions as outlined in Section **6.2.2 (e)** or **6.2.3 (c)**.

9.2 The Administrative Bylaws relating to recruiting apply only to players who are currently registered as players within M.O.S.S.L.

9.3 The administrative bylaws relating to recruiting applies to all players in M.O.S.S.L. except for players who will be participating on a U-15 or older team during the coming seasonal year and provided that the recruiting of a U-15 or older player only takes place during the month of June.

9.3.1 The exemption from these recruiting rules contained in Section 9.0, as provided in bylaw 9.3, only permits coaches and their representatives to contact players who will be U-15 or older in the coming seasonal year during the month of June. All of the other bylaws governing the holding of tryouts, including the dates that tryouts can be held and the timing of when offers to join a team can be made, as well all of the other bylaws prohibiting recruiting in other circumstances remain applicable.

10.0 Transfers and Changing Teams

10.1 Any player rostered to a team prior to October 1st is bound to that team for the entire seasonal year unless a transfer is requested and received by M.O.S.S.L. prior to October 1st or the request meets one or more of the exceptions listed below in paragraphs a) through j) and the request is submitted prior to the deadlines listed in rules 10.1.1.1 or 10.1.1.2. If the player is rostered to the team on or after October 1st, the transfer request must be received by M.O.S.S.L. by May 1st. For the purposes of this Section 10.0, the date that a player is “rostered” shall be the date that the player was first rostered to a team during the current seasonal year.

A player shall be considered rostered to a team when the player’s parent or guardian signs the player’s USYSA membership form. Transfer requests, when submitted on a completed USYSA Inter-Team Player Transfer Request form prior to the applicable dates, will be approved unless the M.O.S.S.L. bylaw on recruiting has been violated or the number of players on the player’s current team would fall below the required minimum number of players.

For players who are rostered to a team prior to October 1st and for whom a transfer is requested after October 1st, a transfer shall only be approved if one or more of the following conditions exists and the transfer is submitted prior to the deadlines specified in bylaw 10.1.1.1 and 10.1.1.2;

a) The player is a female player and she requests to transfer from a team that is registered as a male team to a team that is registered as a female team. The teams involved do not have to be sponsored by the same member league.

b) The player is registered on a team that is registered in an age group older than the player's natural age group and the team that the player is requesting to transfer to is in the player's natural age group. The teams involved do not have to be sponsored by the same member league.

c) The player is registered on a team that played in a lower or same competitive division during the Fall season than the team that he/she is requesting to transfer to play in and both teams are sponsored by the same member league. If a member league sponsors more than one organization within their league (i.e. clubs), then both teams must belong to the same organization, (i.e. club).

d) The player is registered on a team that played in a younger age division during the Fall season than the team that he/she is requesting to transfer to play in and both teams are sponsored by the same member league. If a member league sponsors more than one organization within their league (i.e. clubs), then both teams must belong to the same organization, (i.e. club).

e) The player is a U-15 player and is registered on a team that played during the Fall season in a U-15 age division and the player's current team has or will declare to play in a U-14 age division during the Spring season, provided that the team that the player is requesting to transfer to, is a U-15 or older team. The coach(es) of the player's current team may not pressure the player or otherwise attempt to force the player from his/her current team.

f) The player is registered on a team that played in a higher competitive division for the player's age group during the Fall season than the competitive division that the team the player is requesting to transfer to play in during the Fall season. The teams involved do not have to be sponsored by the same member league.

g) The primary residence of the player is changed by a distance of ten (10) miles or more as measured in a straight line and the player's current primary home team fields are a greater distance to the player's new residence than to the player's former residence. Documentation in the form of bills of sales, rental agreements or other similar documents must be provided.

h) There has been a significant change in the parental custodial rights of the player, (i.e. divorce by the parents, change from joint custody to single parent custody, issuance of a restraining order, etc.) Documentation in the form of a court order or other similar documents must be provided.

i) The player did not participate as a member of his/her current team, by attending practices and/or M.O.S.S.L. league games, from the date of the first M.O.S.S.L. league game for the

player's current team and beyond. If there is a dispute as to whether or not a player stopped participating as a member of his/her current team prior to the team's first M.O.S.S.L. league game, the representation by the head coach, club or member league in this matter shall be considered factual unless the player and/or her/his parent's provide documentary information to the contrary.

j) The player was a member of a team during the current seasonal year that subsequently disbanded. Under this exception only, a player may transfer to another team at any time during the seasonal year.

10.1.1 All players and/or their parents who request to transfer between teams based upon one or more reasons listed in bylaw 10.1 must submit a completed transfer request along with any additional documentation, if required, to the M.O.S.S.L. office prior to the following deadlines.

10.1.1.1 If the reason for the player transfer is shown in paragraphs 10.1 a) and e), above, then the transfer request must be received in the MOSSL office on or before March 20th.

10.1.1.2 If the reason for the player transfer is shown in paragraphs 10.1 b), c), d), f), g), h), i), and/or j), above, then the transfer request must be received in the MOSSL office on or before May 1st.

10.1.2 A player may not use Section 10.1 (f), (which allows a player to switch clubs and play down a competitive division), and then subsequently use Section 10.1 (c), (which allows a player to transfer to a higher competitive division but within the same club), during the same seasonal year.

10.1.3 During the current seasonal year, a player that has transferred from a MOSSL team to a team participating in different US Youth Soccer sanctioned league, may transfer back to the player's original team in MOSSL or the player may transfer from the team in the non-MOSSL league to a different MOSSL team than the one the player previously played for provided the above paragraphs (a) through (j) are applied as if the player never transferred from the player's original MOSSL team to the non-MOSSL league.

10.1.4 Incomplete player transfer requests and player transfer requests received in the M.O.S.S.L. office after the above dates shall not be approved.

10.1.5 A request to transfer between teams will only be considered a valid request if it is submitted by the player and/or his/her parent(s) or guardian(s).

10.1.6 If a player transfer request is submitted that contains false information or if the supporting documentation is false, a violation of bylaw 6.2.3 (b) may be deemed to have occurred. Following a determination by the Grievance Committee that a violation of bylaw 6.2.3 (b) did occur, the player who requested the transfer or on whose behalf the transfer was requested, as well as the persons who submitted the transfer request shall be placed in bad standing and suspended as a participant in youth soccer for a period of one year.

10.1.7 A coach may not withhold a player's pass or the completion of the transfer request when submitted, in order to coerce or compel the payment of any outstanding fees that may be due to the team, club or member league.

10.1.8 All players who transfer between teams during the seasonal year, regardless of the reason(s) given or the timing of the transfer, shall be counted toward the maximum of five (5) previously carded players that may be rostered to a team at the moment the team's roster is frozen for the current seasonal year's OSYSA State Cup Championship. This restriction on the limit of 5 previously rostered players shall only be applicable to those teams that will be participating the current seasonal year's OSYSA State Cup Championship. Teams that are not participating in the current seasonal year's State Cup Championship may have an unlimited number of transfers.

10.2 It is the spirit and intent of these Administrative Bylaws that during the tryout process, between the Spring and Fall seasons, players should be given wide latitude to select or be selected by teams or coaches that best suit that player's development. Once that decision is reached by a player and his/her family, persons other than the coach of the team selected must respect that decision and not attempt to change the decision that the player has made.

Coaches must understand that once a player has been selected for a particular team, the coach has made a commitment to that player for the entire seasonal year.

Likewise, once a player has made a commitment to play for a particular team, the player should be prepared to be a member of the team for the entire seasonal year.

11.0 Coach Licenses

11.1 All persons who desire to be registered as coaches within M.O.S.S.L. must have the following minimum level of coaches' license and/or experience in the designated age groups before they are registered as coaches:

	As of:	8-1-03
	Age Group	
Head coaches	U-11 thru U-19	Level 3
Head Coaches	U-9 & U-10 age groups	Level 4
Asst. coaches	All ages	Level 4

11.2 The various coaches' licenses and/or experience shall be divided into the following categories, (with Level 1 being the highest):

- a) Level 1: U.S.S.F. "A", "B", or "C" license, or
NSCAA Advanced National or National diploma, or
Any recognized foreign National "A" or "B" license
- b) Level 2: U.S.S.F. "D" license, or
NSCAA Regional diploma, or
4 years collegiate coaching experience, or

6 years high school varsity coaching experience

c) Level 3: U.S.S.F. "E" license, or
NSCAA State diploma, or
NSCAA National Youth diploma, or
2 years collegiate coaching experience, or
3 years high school varsity coaching experience

d) Level 4: U.S.S.F. "F" license

11.3 The Vice President - Competition shall be authorized to grant a six (6) month waiver of the above requirements on a case by case basis.

12.0 Risk Management Program

12.1 M.O.S.S.L. shall comply with and assist as required in the Ohio South Risk Management program.

12.2 The President shall appoint one person to act in the capacity of the Local Risk Management Coordinator, (Local RMC) and one person as the Alternate Risk Management Coordinator, (Alternate RMC) and to perform the duties of those positions as defined by the Ohio South Risk Management program.