

# Potsdam Youth Soccer Assoc.

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## 2010 TRAVEL LEAGUE RULES U17 BOYS & GIRLS

1. **League setup** - The boys league consists of 7 teams: Canton, Hermon-DeKalb, Lisbon-Heuvelton, Madrid-Waddington, Malone, Parishville-Hopkinton, Potsdam. The girls league consists of 14 teams: Brasher Falls, Canton, Colton-Pierrepont, Edwards-Knox, Gouverneur, Heuvelton, Lisbon, Madrid-Waddington, Malone, Massena, Norwood-Norfolk, Parishville-Hopkinton, Potsdam, Salmon River. Each team will play a 12-game regular season. Games may be played at neutral sites with approval of the **Referee Coordinator**. It is the teams' responsibility to set up neutral field games.
2. **Playing rules** - Standard NFHS (high school) rules, unless amended herein.
3. **Game time** - Games begin at 6:30 PM. 7 players must be on the field in order to play. Teams are allowed a 15-minute grace period to produce a 7-player team. If a team does not have the required 7 players by 6:45 PM, the game will be declared a forfeit. Coaches MUST communicate with each other the day before or the day of the game (directions, field location, etc.). REGULARLY SCHEDULED GAMES MUST BE PLAYED ACCORDING TO THE SCHEDULE. In an extenuating circumstance, BOTH coaches must agree to a makeup date and get approval from the **Referee Coordinator**.
4. **Clock** - The officials will keep time on the field. **Two, 40-minute halves, running time** will be used. The referees may stop the clock for cards, injured players, penalty kicks, or delay of game.
5. **Overtime** - One, 10-minute sudden-victory period (first to score wins). If the game is still tied after the OT period, the game is declared a tie.
6. **Substitutions** - Unlimited substitutions whenever the ball goes out of bounds.
7. **Timeouts** - One per half (either team, not both). Timeouts will last for 2 minutes, and teams should be ready to play on the referee's whistle at 1 minute, 45 seconds, or the team(s) may be charged with delay of game at the discretion of the referees.
8. **Jerseys** - If a conflict arises pertaining to color, the AWAY team must change shirts or wear pinnies. All jerseys are required to have numbers on the back that correspond to a given player on that team's roster for the duration of the season.
9. **Rosters/Player registration** - All player registrations and roster entries will be done online. To register players, visit <http://pysa.sportssignup.com>. The cost is \$20 per player, and is embedded in the registration process online. This fee includes insurance and processing charges. If a program charges a fee in addition to the signup fee (i.e. for t-shirts-official fees, etc.), then there will need to be a separate fee charged by the program. All player registrations and rosters must be on file by 11:59 PM, **Monday, June 21, NO EXCEPTIONS!** It will not be possible to add players after the deadline, as the online system will lock out after 11:59 PM on June 21. Teams that have not registered players, and have not entered rosters by this date will be left out of the league this season!
10. **Insurance** - After players are registered, insurance information and certificates will be available from the Registrar. If a team is insured under another soccer association or town (i.e. AYSO or hometown recreation dept.), it will still need to provide a copy of a Certificate of Insurance and will still need to complete the roster form. There have been teams in the past that have played without any secondary insurance coverage and this cannot be allowed!
11. **Fields** - Two nets and four flags are required. If no flags are available, cones may

be used. The field must be in playable condition (i.e. mowed and lined). Referees have the right to call a forfeit against the home team if the field is completely unplayable.

12. **Weather** - In the case of games which are pre-empted by weather: if the game has played through the entire first half (40 minutes), then the score stands and the game is considered official. If the game is halted prior to the end of the first half, then the entire game must be replayed (red and yellow cards will be recorded in this case). Thunder and lightning necessitates that all contests be suspended. The occurrence of thunder and/or lightning is not subject to interpretation or discussion - thunder is thunder, lightning is lightning. If lightning and/or thunder is observed, the game will be suspended immediately. Players and spectators shall be directed to report to a shelter. The officials shall make every reasonable effort to resume and complete the contest, with full consideration of the weather and site conditions. The officials shall wait 30 minutes from the time the last boom is heard and/or the last strike is seen before starting or resuming play.

13. **Referees** - A two-referee system will be used during the season. If a shortage of referees exists, one official will be assigned to a game. All referees' decisions are final.

14. **Yellow/Red cards** - A player who receives two yellow cards in one game must sit the remainder of the game, but may participate in the next regularly scheduled game. The carded player's team will not play a player down. A player that receives a "soft red" (yellow & red cards held together) must sit out the remainder of the game, and MAY NOT participate in the team's next regularly scheduled game. Red cards follow standard NFHS rules, with the carded player sitting out the remainder of the game and the team's next regularly scheduled game, and the player's team will play one player down the rest of the game. The accumulation of 5 yellow cards in the season will warrant a one game suspension. Any red card received will result in a one-game suspension; 2 red cards = 2 game suspension, 3 red cards = suspension from the league (for a period decided upon by the Board of Directors, at least for the remainder of the season). Dissenting by word or action against the referee's call(s) may result in a yellow or red card, as well as possible suspension as deemed necessary by the Board of Directors. There are no team red cards—if a team is deemed sufficiently out of control by the referee, the game may be terminated.

**All cards must be reported by the coach of the team receiving the card - VIA EMAIL OR PHONE - to the Referee Coordinator the evening they occur, along with the reason for the card.** If a player or coach receives a card and it is not reported to the Referee Coordinator by the end of the evening, the player/coach will be **SUSPENDED FROM THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED GAME, NO EXCEPTIONS!**

15. **Shin guards** - Mandatory for all players, and must be age/size appropriate. Players found to be competing with illegal equipment will be yellow carded and sent off the field.

16. **Equipment** - All players will be checked for jewelry, shin guards, and proper cleats before the game starts.

17. **Payment of referees** - Will no longer be done at the field before the game. A lump sum payment must be paid to PYSA before the season begins. Teams are still responsible for paying for 6 of their 12 games. Referee fees will be held in a checking account under the Potsdam Youth Soccer Association - Officials Division. Full payment of referee fees must be received by the Referee Coordinator by **June 21**.

18. **Offensive language** - Will not be tolerated. Any vulgarity or fighting may result in suspension from the league as adjudicated by the Board of Directors, without further appeal.

19. **Alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs** - Public facilities, including high schools and colleges in New York state, are drug-free zones. No alcohol, tobacco, or any other drugs are permitted on school grounds under any circumstances.

20. **Suspension** - Players may be suspended for accumulating yellow/red cards, or for serious offenses, as determined by the Board of Directors. Suspension for the remainder of the season is the usual result of an accumulation of cards, although the Board of Directors may assign a more serious penalty. In the cases where players accumulate enough cards for suspension for the remainder of the season AND no additional penalty is assigned, players are usually eligible to return to the league the following year with a probationary status.

21. **Reinstatement into the league** - Players suspended due to an accumulation of cards are usually eligible to return to the league the following year on a probationary basis. Players that are suspended due to serious infractions (fighting, inappropriate language, exposure of body parts, etc.) will be suspended for a minimum of one calendar year. After one calendar year, players may appeal for reinstatement. Players wishing to be reinstated must send a formal letter requesting reinstatement to the President. The Board of Directors will review cases for reinstatement before the season begins. A majority vote of the Board of Directors will determine whether or not the player will be reinstated. In the case where a reinstatement request is rejected, the player may request reinstatement again one calendar year from the decision.

22. **Probation** - All suspended players returning to the league will be held to a high standard of sportsmanship. Accumulation of cards for probationary players is as follows: 3 accumulated yellow cards = 1 red card, 1 red card = 2 game suspension, 2 red cards = season suspension. Additionally, the Board of Directors may review the player's probationary status at any time before, during, or after the season.

23. **League Web site** - [www.nacswimming.org/pysa](http://www.nacswimming.org/pysa). All team information, schedules, and rules will be posted for easy reference.

24. **Contact info.** - President, Carl Normandin (315-265-0380, [cnormandin@sllboces.org](mailto:cnormandin@sllboces.org)); Registrar, Kate Cruikshank (315-268-9115, [kcruikshank@ymail.com](mailto:kcruikshank@ymail.com)); Referee Coordinator, Andy Devins, (315-344-4052, [adevins@watertowncsd.org](mailto:adevins@watertowncsd.org)).