



# RULES

FIFA Laws of the Game apply with the following modifications:

## Age Groups / Field Sizes / Goal Size / Ball Size / Duration

Age	Field Size	Goal Size	Ball Size	Duration	Halftime	Players
U12	70-80 x 45-50	6x18 , 7x21	4	2 x 30 minute halves	5 Minutes	9 V 9
U14	Max 110 x 65	8 x 24	5	2 x 35 minute halves	5 Minutes	11 V 11

**HOME TEAM IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PUTTING UP THE NETS, FLAGS AND HAVE THE FIELD PAINTED**

## Eligibility

The outback league consists of 3 age groups in both boys and girls and is open to IYSA Recreational registered players only. Any team containing both boys and girls is considered co-ed and will be placed in the boys division.

The age groups shall be defined as: U12, U14 and will align with the current IYSA age chart. U15's may play with U14's in the fall but only 3 may be on the field at any one time for each team.

## Game Start Time

Teams are expected to play games at the scheduled time and location.

## Rosters

Each team should carry TWO copies of the IYSA Roster.

1 Copy of the roster is to be handed to the coach of the other team

1 Copy of the roster is to be handed to the referee.

If a team does not have a roster, then the game should still be played but the team failing to produce the roster will be under investigation of IYSA

## Minimum Number of Players

In the U12 division a team must have at least 6 players and one registered adult to start a match

In the U14 division a team must have at least 7 players and one registered adult to start a match

## Guest Players

At the U12 level a maximum of 3 guest players may be used. In the U14 age group 4 guest players are allowed

The guest players MUST be on an approved IYSA Outback roster and belong to the club using that guest player. The guest player(s) must have proof of registration in order to play. Proof is a team roster from the player's primary Outback team or a player card.

## Team Sidelines

If space permits, coaches, spectators, and players not on the field of play must remain at least 6 feet behind the touchline and at least 18 yards from the corners of the field.

A “team” consists of only those GAME ROSTERED players, coaches and managers who are registered with Idaho Youth Soccer Association.

Coaches, players and spectators are not allowed behind the goal line for any reason.

## Substitutions

Substitutions are permitted at any stoppage of play at the referee’s discretion

## Slide Tackling

Slide tackling is not allowed in Outback league games.

## Heading

At the U12 age group there shall be **NO HEADING**. Should heading occur then the following USSF rule shall be followed.

*“When a player deliberately heads the ball in a game, an indirect free kick (IFK) should be awarded to the opposing team from the spot of the offense. If the deliberate header occurs within the goal area, the indirect free kick should be taken on the goal area line parallel to the goal line at the point nearest to where the infringement occurred. If a player does not deliberately head the ball, then play should continue.”*

## Score Reporting

Scores and standings will not be kept. This is a recreational league environment.

## Cautioned or Sent Off Participants

**YELLOW CARDS (CAUTIONS):** Referees will note all cautioned players/coaches in their game report.

**RED CARDS (SEND OFFS):** Referees will be required to submit the ejection report to IYSA within 48hrs. Referees will not show yellow or red cards to coaches as per FIFA rules, but will inform them clearly in conversation why their caution or ejection is taking place. If a coach is sent off (ejected), the assistant coach or an adult that is on the roster will be appointed. If no one is available, the game will be terminated.

When a player is ejected consideration must be given whether to remove the player from the playing field and bench area. If that player would be unsupervised he should be allowed to remain under the control of the coach, but he must remove his jersey and wear a color that distinguishes him (her) from the rest of the team.

## GAME SUSPENSIONS: minimum that will apply

In all cases where there is an ejection, the club Technical Director and President or designated club representative will be notified.

### Player

2nd caution received in the same game (2 yellows) = 1 game

Serious foul play = 1 game

Denying Obvious Goal Scoring Opportunity (DOGSO) = 1 game

Violent Conduct = a minimum of 2 games and will be subject to investigation by IYSA

Foul & Abusive Language = 1 game

Spitting at players, coaches, officials or spectators = 2 games and will be subject to investigation by IYSA

Referee abuse = 2 games and will be subject to investigation by IYSA

Referee assault = A minimum of 3 months per USSF and possible additional IYSA sanctions

### Coach

Coach ejection = 1 game

Refusal to give name to the official after ejection = 1 additional game.

Refusal to leave the field when asked by an official = Additional 1 game suspension

Using an illegal player= forfeit of the game and will be subject to investigation by IYSA

Coaches who are suspended cannot participate in any game activities related to the team from which they were suspended. Coaches are prohibited from participating in any pre-game activities. The use of cell phones for team contact is expressly prohibited unless it is for medical information or attention is required by a team member.

Players who are serving suspensions may sit on the team bench during the game(s) from which they have been suspended. They must wear non uniform apparel and must conduct themselves in an appropriate manner. Misbehavior may result in removal from the team area at the request of the game and/or league officials and additional sanctions are possible

## Sanctions

All referee reports and violations of the Outback league rules are subject to investigation by IYSA and the Judicial and Ethics Committee. Sanctions may include, but are not limited to, suspensions, fines, termination of league membership. The amount of each fine will depend on the circumstances and severity of the infraction(s) and in all cases will be determined by IYSA

All forfeits will be subject to investigation by IYSA. Additional club and/or team sanctions may also be imposed for failure to comply with IYSA rules, bylaws, policies or procedures relating to a competition. Failure to pay fines within 30 days of receipt of the official notice may result in a club being removed from "league good standing" and could affect the club's eligibility to participate further in the league.

Forfeits will result in a 1-0 win being awarded to the opposing team.

## Players Equipment

1. All players on the field must be attired in matching uniforms (except the goalkeeper) to the satisfaction of the referee. The goalkeeper will be attired in an outfit that is different from the opposing keeper, all other players on the field and the referee.

2. Each team must have alternate color of jersey or training vest. In cases of color similarity, the designated home team (listed first) will change jerseys.

3. **No equipment shall be worn that is dangerous to another player.** The game referee shall have final say over any equipment that he/she may deem safe or dangerous.

4. Shin guards, covered by socks, are mandatory in all IYSA sanctioned games. Players not wearing shin guards will not be allowed to play.

5. **No jewelry is permitted.** Taping of jewelry is not permitted. Medical alert and religious bracelets/necklaces must be allowed by officials but are required to be taped to the body.

## Responsibilities of Coaches

1. Each coach is responsible for the conduct of his/her team players, staff and spectators

2. Coaching is permitted from the touchline for a temporary amount of time, but otherwise coaching is to be accomplished from the team technical area. All valid coaches/managers must be on the team's roster.

3. Coaching is understood as giving directions to one's own team on points of strategy and position--no mechanical or electronic devices are permitted. The tone of voice must be informative. No coach is to make derogatory remarks or gestures to the referee, players or spectators or opposing coach and players.

4. The following are considered irresponsible behavior and can result in dismissal from the match:

- \* Throwing objects in protest
- \* Speaking insulting words or making offensive gestures
- \* Kicking chairs
- \* Making unwanted or unnecessary contact with opponent
- \* Persistently and flagrantly protesting decisions of an official
- \* Interfering with the performance of assistant referee or fourth official duties
- \* Entering the field of play without the permission of the referee
- \* Making threatening remarks

## Excessive / One sided scores

Blow outs will not be tolerated, therefore a goal difference of 6 is reached by either team, at the coach's discretion they may modify the game to help create balanced play. This includes **but is not limited to**

- Adding or Taking players off the field
- Mixing the teams up with each other
- Implementing scoring requirements

## Safety

In the interest of everyone's safety, please observe the following: no one may play if they are bleeding or there is blood on their uniform. The player must leave the field and may be substituted at the coach's discretion. The player may return to the game after any bleeding is stopped, the wound is covered and the uniform cleaned appropriately of blood.

If a referee suspects a concussion has occurred, they may remove the player from the game field. All suspected concussions will be reported to IYSA by the referees.

Consumption of alcoholic beverages and any use of tobacco products are strictly prohibited at all League game sites.

## Lightning

In the event of lightning prior to or during the game, the game will be stopped immediately and will be delayed for 30 minutes. **Should more lightning occur within that 30 minute delay then the game will be abandoned.** In the event that the game is abandoned after the second half has begun then the score will stand. If the game is abandoned prior to, or during the first half, every effort will be made to reschedule the game, which will need to be replayed in its entirety.

## Protest and Appeals

All protests will be investigated by IYSA. Referee judgment decisions during the game are final and may not be appealed. **To be valid and eligible for consideration, each protest must be:**

1. Must be made the designated club's league representative.

2. Filed in writing, clearly citing the law of soccer, league or IYSA policy rule violated.
3. Must be received no later than 72 hrs after the game has taken place.