



# SUMMER SOCCER LEAGUE POLICY

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1.1 **League Purpose:** The Summer Soccer Season is designed to keep high school players involved in the game during the off season in a fun, family friendly atmosphere. The season is designed to have no practices, just games once a week.

1.2 **GAME DATES AND TIMES**

Games will be played at 5:30 PM or 7:00PM on weekday nights at the Louisiana PepperPlex. Exact Game dates will be emailed prior to the first game.

1.3 **AGE OF ELIGIBILITY**

Players who will be in 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grades in the upcoming school year and at least 13 years of age are eligible to play.

1.4 **LAWS OF THE GAME**

FIFA rules apply except as modified below.

1.5 **FORMAT OF PLAY**

The format of play may be adjusted by league officials to accommodate the number of players at any given game.

- Field of Play: 50 yds x 70 yds.
- Goal Size: 7' x 21' Markings: Goal Box Area, Corner Arc, Penalty Area and Flags.
- Ball Size: Size 5
- Thow-ins
- Free Kicks can be direct or indirect. (Players must be 10 yards away from ball until it is in play.)
- Goal Kick: Must be taken from any point inside the goal box area. Ball is considered in play when it leaves the penalty box area.
- Offside Rules Apply
- No Punting
- Slide Tackling is not allowed
- Duration of Match – 65 Minutes Total
  - Two (2) 30 Minute halves
  - Five Minute Halftime

1.6 **TEAM FORMATION**

Teams will be formed according to High School specified on Registration Form. High Schools without enough players to form a team will be placed on another team.

1.7 **NUMBER OF PLAYERS**

A match is played by two teams, each consisting of not more than eight (8) players, one of whom is the goalkeeper. All players are required to be registered prior to participating.

1.8 **SUBSTITUTION**

Substitutions will be made AT THE DISCRETION OF THE REFEREE at any stoppage and will be unlimited.

## 1.9 UNIFORMS

Teams have the option of wearing matching color shirts/jerseys or wearing ISA pennies that will be available for every game. The goalkeeper shall wear colors which distinguish them from players of both teams and the officials. Cleats for football or baseball which have a toe cleat and are not permitted. Players are required to wear shin guards.

A player shall not wear anything that is dangerous to another player (i.e., watches, necklaces, earrings, rings, unpadded casts, hair clasps, hair feathers with metal clips, hair beads, plastic barrettes, bracelets, rubber wrist bands, etc.). Hair ribbons are allowed as long as they do not have solid clasps or clips.

## 1.10 REFEREE

Each match will have one center official and they will be assigned by the referee coordinator. All rule infractions shall be briefly explained to the offending player. Cards may be shown. If a player is shown a red card (or receives two yellow cards in the same game) he/she will be required to miss the next scheduled match for their respective team.

## 1.11 FOULS AND MISCONDUCTS

Slide tackles are not allowed. Tackles from behind or reckless challenges with cleats showing are cardable offenses. Cursing or abusive language towards opponents, teammates, referees, or spectators will not be tolerated and is considered a cardable offense.

All cardable offenses and ejections shall be explained to the player. An ejected player may not be substituted in for the remainder of the game and will not be allowed to return to play until AFTER the next scheduled game. Because some players may not have jersey numbers, the referee will ask the players name and make note of the ejected player on the game card. In the event that a player refuses to furnish their name to the referee, it is the responsibility of the coach/team captain to furnish the name to the referee. Failure to do so will result in ISA being notified and the possibility of the game being forfeited by the offending team. Failure of an ejected player to leave will cause the game to be suspended and scored a forfeit against the offending team.

Players that are ejected for violent conduct (fighting or intentionally attempting to injure another player or official) will be subject to expulsion from the league. A committee consisting of ISA board members will hold a hearing to determine the length of suspension or expulsion given each particular situation. In the case of referee abuse, ISA will report this conduct to the Louisiana Soccer Association who may impose further suspensions.

Yellow Cards: If a player accumulates 3 yellow cards over the course of a season, he/she will be suspended for the next scheduled game.

Red Cards: If a player receives a red card as a result of 2 yellow cards in the same game, he/she will be suspended for the next scheduled game. If a player receives a straight red card, he/she will be suspended for the next scheduled game.

NOTE: Any player receiving more than one red card in a season will be referred to the League's Discipline and Protest Committee for review, and possibly any additional suspension.

Appeal Process: Any player, who wishes to appeal an infraction that results in match suspension, may do so within 48 hours of the end of the match. An email must be sent to the league (iberiasoccer@yahoo.com) within the 48 hour time frame. All appeals will be considered by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee will take into account the referee's game report and the appellant's account of the incident.

Good Sportsmanship will be expected in every game throughout the season.

1.12 SPECTATOR AREA

Spectators are to stay on their designated side of the field and in the area designated as the spectator area. The purpose of this area is to prevent individuals from interfering with play and to allow the referee an unobstructed view of the game and bench area. Under no circumstances should anyone be standing behind the goal during the course of the game.

1.13 RE-SCHEDULES

Re-schedule requests must be submitted at least 48 hours before game time to the appropriate league representative. Contact opposing coach and agree on a day and time to reschedule. The league will do our best to accommodate reschedule requests based on field and referee availability.

1.14 WEATHER RELATED ISSUES

The referee coordinator and/or league representatives reserve the right to cancel a game due to inclement weather. The safety of the players will always come first. Coaches will be contacted as soon as a possible once a decision is made to cancel games due to inclement weather.