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**NEW YORK CITY SOCCER LEAGUE**

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## OFFICIAL NYCSL LEAGUE GUIDELINES

The New York City Soccer League (NYCSL), is a Not for Profit, Educational Organization formed for the purpose of Organizing competition for its active members at the Local, State, Regional, National and International levels.

NYCSL is a National Soccer League member of U.S. Soccer. All players, coaches & teams registered with NYCSL receive the benefits associated with US Soccer Affiliates.

The New York City Soccer League goals are to aid its members in creating playing opportunities through our league and tournament competition at National and International levels.

As a member of US Soccer, we are afforded educational opportunities in Coaching Licenses, Referee Certifications, and league member development. The league is an association made of active member clubs, teams and academies.

### EXECUTIVE BOARD:

The League Executive Board, through Active Members in Good Standing, is formed by a non-paid volunteer league board. The Board manages all league functions on a non-paid status. Board Members are to remain in good communication with the Board Members, and relay information to Club Members in a timely manner. The Executive Board shall conduct official league business in the best interests of the league members, and manages with sensitivity, discretion, confidentiality, and maintains high moral standards in carrying out duties and responsibilities.

Such functions and responsibilities include communication to league members, creating official league matches and tournaments, collecting league fees, verify player and coach passes, Recording minutes, referee assignments, welcoming clubs, updating league rules and league agenda, as well as, to ensure all official activities have the necessary resources for all its functions. Moreover, the board must be a true example of unbiased leadership for all league members, and to maintain high standards of sportsmanship and Integrity.

The Executive Board principal member is the league founder, and shall act as president. **NYCSL Executive Board, is to cooperate with all league club Affiliated members, board members and accordingly, act as an Official while remaining as a good example to the league.**

**A board member, one must exhibit good and sound judgement regarding all matters at all times. At any point, a Board Member may be removed should any circumstance arise that goes against league standards. Under no circumstance should a Board Member look to harm this league, or any member of this league. All matters are handled by using discretion and good judgement, and hearing shall take place for any issues that may occur. Should Board Member be found abusing privileges, or having secret conversations or meetings without consent of league, or attempting to steal players (Poaching) or teams from this league, shall result to immediate removal from such Board position, suspension of all registered teams, and possible legal action. Lack of discretion by a board member, shall result in immediate removal from such position. Anyone found not acting accordingly, may be subject to removal without prior notice. Board members understand their role in NYCSL, is voluntary and subject to undergo a background check equally like all official league Members and volunteers. A league and club volunteer, is any person Acting officially as a club director, club coach, club trainer, player and Club staff member. Volunteers also includes referees, parents, and all involved in assisting, organizing and managing a program, club, academy, team or acting directly as a league official representing this league.**

Annually, a review is conducted with regard to the league progress. League volunteers, through the league affiliated members, shall assist in league matters. Keep in mind, all final decisions concerning NYCSL, are made by league president. In the event that the league President is not available, a league official will be appointed by the Executive board.

## **EXECUTIVE BOARD POSITIONS**

**NYCSL PRESIDENT  
VICE PRESIDENT  
SECRETARY  
LEAGUE GENERAL MANAGER**

The league shall review all applications prior to being accepted for a League Executive Board position: To apply, a resume to the mailing address of the league.

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DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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NYCSL OFFICIAL SEAL:

<b>DIVISIONAL AGE CATEGORIES 2017-2018 Age Categories</b>			
<b>6U</b>	<b>Jan 1, 2012</b>	<b>13U</b>	<b>Jan 1, 2005</b>
<b>7U</b>	<b>Jan 1, 2011</b>	<b>14U</b>	<b>Jan 1, 2004</b>
<b>8U</b>	<b>Jan 1, 2010</b>	<b>15U</b>	<b>Jan 1, 2003</b>
<b>9U</b>	<b>Jan 1, 2009</b>	<b>16U</b>	<b>Jan 1, 2002</b>
<b>10U</b>	<b>Jan 1, 2008</b>	<b>17U</b>	<b>Jan 1, 2001</b>
<b>11U</b>	<b>Jan 1, 2007</b>	<b>18U</b>	<b>Jan 1, 2000</b>
<b>12U</b>	<b>Jan 1, 2006</b>	<b>19U</b>	<b>Jan 1, 1999</b>

## **NYCSL CLUB AFFILIATION:**

### **CLUB ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP**

**\$100 CLUB MEMBERSHIP IS RENEWED ONCE EVERY YEAR**

## **Team Registration**

### **Youth Divisions**

#### **Per Team**

- I. \$375 Full Year Early Bird Registration paid by August 15
- II. \$500 Full Year Late Registration paid after August 15,
- III. Fall Only \$375
- IV. Spring Only \$375
- V. Academy Developmental League Division \$175 per season

### **Adult Divisions**

#### **Per Team**

- I. As indicated per Tournament or Competition

## **NYCSL Roster Template**

The first step to obtain passes is to complete fully all required information, including Club Name, Age Category, Birthdate, Address, Phone, E-mail for each person. Without accurate complete information, passes cannot be created. **ALL FIELDS MUST BE COMPLETED**

Second step is to pay for passes as indicated below.

## **NYCSL BACKGROUND CHECK**

**ALL COACHES, CLUB ADMINISTRATORS, PARENT-VOLUNTEER, CLUB STAFF**  
**\$12 Plus Credit Card Fees**

## **NYCSL COACH PASS**

**COACH PASS IS PROVIDED AFTER COMPLETION OF BACKGROUND CHECK**

\$12

## NYCSL PASS

### NYCSL PLAYER PASS

- A. PLAYER PASS IS PROVIDED AFTER VERIFICATION OF AGE IS COMPLETED.  
ONLY A BIRTHCERTIFICATE OR PASSPORT PAGE IS ACCEPTED
- B. COACH PASSES ARE PROVIDED AFTER VERIFYING BACKGROUND CHECK

*All Player Passes have a league processing fees added.*

- I. \$12.50 for ALL PLAYERS 7 YRS OLD UP TO 19U
- II. \$25.00 for Adult Player Passes per player

All player passes must have NYCSL Medical Release Form

- III. \$12.00 Coach/Volunteer Passes

All Coach/Volunteer passes created must have verification of approved Background Checks. Background Checks are to be completed annually.

All Coaches, trainers, must also have proof of a minimum of US Soccer E or Grass Roots equivalent license.

All passes take 10 Business Days to process. It is required to create passes early before season.

Replacement passes are \$5 per pass to replace, and only made in case of emergencies.

NOTE: NO PASS - NO PLAY (NYCSL ADMINISTRATION)

### Referees

Assigned Referees are to contact respective clubs for assigned games on no later than Wednesday evening by 10 PM the week of the game. Referee must begin their report Official Referee Report by including the following information:

- I. Scheduled date, time, location
- II. Home team colors, Away team colors
- III. Confirm with both teams that they will be there 30 minutes prior to start to submit Line Up and have passes available
- IV. Ask Home team if they have the required equipment for goals, nets, cones and lines for home game.
- V. Confirm with teams that Referee will be there 30 minutes prior to start to do check in
- VI. Teams are also responsible to record the referee name and phone number at the top right corner of the line-up sheet at time of call.

Results are to be submitted to league within 24 hours of the game. Both Referees are to provide Official Referee Reports to the League, as well as the teams are to report scores as well.

Referee Fees				
Age	Format	Fee	Format	Fee
5U, 6U	4v4; 4x7 Min(1 Ref)	\$15 per team		
7U, 8U	4v4; 2x20 Min(1 Ref)	\$20 per team		
9U, 10U, 11U	7v7; 2x25 Min(1 Ref)	\$20 per team		
12U	7v7; 2x30 Min (1Ref)	\$25 per team	11v11; 2x30 Min(3 Ref)	\$50 per team
13U, 14U	7v7; 2x35 Min (1 Ref)	\$25 per team	11v11; 2x35 Min(3 Ref)	\$60 per team
15U, 16U	7v7; 2X30 Min (1 Ref)	\$30 per team	11v11; 2x40 Min(3 Ref)	\$70 per team
17U, 18U 19U, 20U	7v7; 2x30 Min(2 Ref)	\$50 per team	11v11; 2x45 Min(3 Ref)	\$80 per team
Adult	7v7; 2x20 Min (2 Ref)	\$50 per team	11v11; 2x45 Min (3Ref)	\$90 per team

## **12U and older games Offside Rule Applies**

### **NYCSL SAFETY REGULATIONS**

The NYCSL requires all members to abide by all safety regulations of all facilities that are utilized for league functions. Additionally, we request that all members operate all equipment with a safe manner. Equipment, including portable goals, must be sustained as per manufacture standards, including proper installation, use of counterweights, etc.

Secondly, fields must remain clean after every use. Members are to ensure players, coaches, volunteers, families, and supporters do not leave any trash or garbage on the ground.

Thirdly, theft is prevalent in parks. We request that each club inform their members and supporters to designate someone to monitor their belongings during the entire match.

Additionally, in outdoor facilities or fields, where permissible, facility doors or gates are to remain closed to non-participants. Each week, at open spaces, theft has been occurring, and we ask all our members and supporters to be vigilant and watchful of anyone not a member of your teams or families. League requires the Referee Officials to indicate where families and supporters may stay to observe the league matches, to ensure ONLY active participants are present on the field.

Typically, families and supporters are to remain at designated areas opposite the active member benches. Furthermore, no person may step onto field area at any point during the match, unless they are an active member, including referee official, player, coach, or medical personnel.

The New York City Soccer League respectfully follows all regulations of US Soccer, FIFA, and all members are to abide by local, state, national, and international laws where any member activity may be taking place. The league requires all members to have validated passes for each season. Passes for youth member players, must be renewed starting in July of each calendar year, in order to have active secondary insurance for member practices, official league competition, or US Soccer Member Affiliate Non-Restricted tournaments.

### **US Soccer Safety**

#### **Concussion**

US Soccer requires all members to observe safety practices regarding youth players in the 11 and Under (11U and younger) age categories. They regulate that heading the ball for players 11 and younger are no longer permitted at these ages. Referees are instructed only in 12U and older, headers are permitted.

**It is the responsibility for member clubs to provide a home field, including providing goals, nets, field marking, and to ensure field is playable.**

**In case of referee no-show or lateness, teams may mutually agree to play the game with a volunteer, within 15 minutes, otherwise game may be postponed.**

**Weather Cancellations are subject to replay, unless second half has started.**

**Forfeited games will result in 3 points taken away, plus fine.  
2 forfeits within a season shall disqualify team from play.**

### **Registration Dates**

**The NYCSL shall designate the following dates for registration periods:**

- I. Annual Registration July 15<sup>th</sup>-August 1<sup>st</sup>**
- II. Spring Season New Teams January 15<sup>th</sup> – February 10<sup>th</sup>**

**All registrations must be taken prior to play.  
Official Rosters are to be used for all games.**





## **BACKGROUND CHECK**

Teams that register to in NYCSL sanctioned activities must have all adults involved in volunteering, coaching, assisting, in any way must complete a Background Check. Coach Passes are separate fee from Background Check. Failure to perform Background Check will prohibit you from being present on the sideline of your team.

We encourage parents (*and guardians*) who determine the team for a youth team participant, the adult team participants (*such as team coaches or team sponsors*) of a team, the community organizations who are involved in the organization, creation or management of such teams to thoroughly investigate and screen the background and character of the individuals who coach, manage, volunteer or otherwise come into contact with such teams and their minor participants and to vigilantly supervise any and all activities of any youth team with which they are associated. Background checks are available on the league website for a small fee, and it is encouraged those actually responsible for team activities and the parents (*guardians*) of youth athletic team members to utilize such tools to limit the exposure of youth athletes to those who might pose a danger.

Anyone found to not pass a background check will be prohibited from participating in any or all activities involving League events.

