



**CALIFORNIA STATE SOCCER ASSOCIATION-SOUTH
LOS ANGELES FÚTBOL CIRCUIT – 2011 FALL
RULES AND REGULATIONS**

1. TITLE

1.1 The Cal South Los Angeles Fútbol Circuit shall be governed by these rules.

2. Administration

2.1 The Los Angeles Fútbol Circuit Competitions Committee shall be under the direction of the Cal South Director of Competition and act as the Los Angeles Fútbol Circuit Competitions Committee Chairperson. The Cal South Board of Directors reserves the right to any final decisions with regard to the Los Angeles Fútbol Circuit competition.

2.2 The Competitions Committee shall be appointed by the Competitions Committee Chairperson and confirmed by the Cal South Chief Executive Officer.

2.3 The Competition Chairperson shall appoint a maximum of seven (7), and but no less than three (3) representatives to the Los Angeles Fútbol Circuit Competitions Committee.

2.4 The Cal South Los Angeles Fútbol Circuit Competitions Committee shall have the authority to rule on any matter pertaining to this competition.

3. TEAM ELIGIBILITY

3.1 A team entering the Cal South Los Angeles Fútbol Circuit shall meet the following eligibility requirements:

1. The team must be comprised of properly registered and rostered players, coaches and administrators (as defined by the rules of USYS and Cal South). No team may register a player not residing in Cal South to its roster without prior written permission from the Cal South president and the home State or National Association of the player.
2. The team and its affiliate member must be in good standing with Cal South and must be in compliance with, and has not violated, any of the rules of USYS and Cal South.
3. The team must demonstrate continuity of team rosters between the league play and the Los Angeles Fútbol Circuit competition, including subsequent circuit competitions, by maintaining a minimum of seven players common to the rosters of both. Player retention shall be based on the league roster as the previous seasonal year. (Except Under-19 teams).
4. A team's application may be denied by the Competitions Committee if a similar team or club name is utilized by another accepted team or club.
5. A team may not roster any player rostered during the seasonal year to another team, unless a written request stating the reason for this action has been made to and approved by Cal South on the approved forms (Release and Transfer).
6. "Rostering" means assignment of a registered player to a team.

7. Every team shall have a maximum Team roster and Game roster (Cal South Rules & Regulations, 1.3.4.1 Section 3.)

	Team Roster Max	Game Roster Max	Game Roster Min.
U9-U10	14	14	5
U11-U15	18	18	7
U16-U19	22	18	7

8. The team must submit its game roster to the referee crew no later than fifteen (15) minutes prior to each scheduled Los Angeles Fútbol Circuit game. Every player listed on the game roster must be included on the team roster to be eligible to participate with the team.
 9. The team, with at least five (5) players and at least one (1) team administrators must be registered with Cal South to be eligible to enter Los Angeles Fútbol Circuit.
 10. Teams must register in the Los Angeles Fútbol Circuit in the age group in which the team was originally registered for the current seasonal year.
 11. Teams must enter Los Angeles Fútbol Circuit no later than advertised deadlines. All entries must be recorded and paid in full. Acceptance to Los Angeles Fútbol Circuit after this deadline is at the discretion of the Los Angeles Fútbol Circuit Competitions Committee.
 12. Teams agree to play, without complaint, wherever they are assigned to play after the final approved schedule has been published.
 13. Submission of the Los Angeles Fútbol Circuit Team Registration Application is the team and representative's acceptance and compliance with the above requirements. An electronic submission will be considered to have been signed, the same as a paper entry, once the electronic entry has been posted to the Los Angeles Fútbol Circuit.
 14. All changes to team roster, adds, transfers, etc., including electronically posted changes to circuit entries made via Internet must be in prior to the official circuit freeze date.
4. Player Eligibility
- 4.1 Players must be properly registered to their team in order to participate in the Los Angeles Fútbol Circuit. No loan players are permitted. Loan players will be considered ineligible players.
 - 4.2 A player may play for only one team entered in the Los Angeles Fútbol Circuit during a seasonal year, except for players promoted within a club utilizing a Club Player Pass.
 - 4.3 A player who has been suspended may play only after the player's term of suspension has been served.
 - 4.4 Handwritten player names on a game roster are NOT permitted or are considered eligible to play.
5. Form of Competition
- 5.1 Los Angeles Fútbol Circuit competition shall offer the following age groups for boys and girls: U9, U10, U11, U12, U13, U14, U15, U16, U17, U18 and U19.
 - 5.2 The Competitions Committee may choose to consolidate or eliminate age groups if there is a lack of teams registered for a respective age group. Competitions Committee may alter the bracket size and or league competition format for any age.
 - 5.3 A team may be allowed to play up one (1) age group. The team shall be registered under their appropriate Cal South age group for the respective season year.

1. U-8 teams or younger will not be accepted into the Los Angeles Fútbol Circuit. U-8 or younger players may not play up an age group in order to participate. Any special requests must be reviewed and approved by the Los Angeles Fútbol Competitions Committee.
- 5.4 Los Angeles Fútbol Circuit competition shall be a league format of complete round robin from which teams the top four teams will advance to a single-elimination playoff format of semi-final and final matches. The playoff teams will be seeded according to final bracket standings.
- 5.5 Regular season round robin games may end in a tie.
- 5.6 Playoff Games
 1. All Semi-final games ending in a tie at the end of regulation time will go straight to penalty kicks.
- 5.7 Championship Games
 1. U9 to U12 Championship games ending in a tie at the end of regulation time will go straight to penalty kicks.
 2. U13 to U14 Championship games ending in a tie at the end of regulation time will play overtime two 10-minute periods (Cal South Rule 2.4). If game is still tied after overtime periods, teams will go straight to penalty kicks.
 3. U15 to U19 Championship games ending in a tie at the end of regulation time will play overtime two 15-minute periods (Cal South Rule 2.4). If game is still tied after overtime periods, teams will go straight to penalty kicks.
- 5.8 Teams will be awarded points for games in regular league competition:
 - Win = 3 Points
 - Tie = 1 Point
 - Loss = 0 Points
- 5.9 If more than two (2) teams are tied at the end the round, including the regular season competition, the circuit shall use the following tiebreaker rules in order:
 1. Goal Differential
 2. Least Goals Allowed
 3. Most Goals Scored
 4. Head-to-Head Competition
 5. Most Shut Outs
 6. Most Total Wins
 7. FIFA Penalty Kicks
- 5.10 Teams shall be notified of final league schedule a minimum of ten (10) days prior to their first seasonal game.
6. Precedence of Games
 - 6.1 Los Angeles Fútbol Circuit scheduled games shall take precedence over all other sanctioned tournaments or competitions.
7. Playing Rules
 - 7.1 CAL SOUTH/USYS/USSF Rules apply except as modified below:
 - 7.2 Game Length:

<u>Age Group</u>	<u>Game Length</u>
U9	Two (2) 25 min. halves
U10	Two (2) 25 min. halves
U11	Two (2) 30 min. halves
U12	Two (2) 30 min. halves
U13	Two (2) 35 min. halves
U14	Two (2) 35 min. halves

U15	Two (2) 40 min. halves
U16	Two (2) 40 min. halves
U17	Two (2) 45 min. Halves
U18	Two (2) 45 min. Halves
U19	Two (2) 45 min. Halves

1. During the regular season teams playing up in a combined age bracket will play the game length of the older age group.

7.3 Referee Fees: Three man referee system is mandatory in the fall season for U11 through U19.

1. Each team is responsible for paying their referee fees on the field. Referees are to be paid before the start of the match.
2. The referee rates will be published three (3) weeks prior to the start of the season.
3. If a referee(s) does not appear for the game and the entire game is played with 1 or 2 referees, the team will pay publish rate for each referee.
4. If a team is playing up in age group or an older combined bracket, the referee rate of the older age group shall apply.
5. If a team does not show up for a game and the game is ruled a forfeit, payment for the entire referee fees (both teams) is the responsibility of the “no-show” or “forfeiting” team. The opposing team that appeared for the game shall not pay any referee fee.

7.4 Substitutions

1. During regular league play and playoffs, there are free player substitutions.

7.5 Ball

1. Age groups U9 to U12 shall use a size 4 soccer ball. Age groups U13 and older shall use a size 5 soccer ball.
2. Each team must provide at least one (1) game ball for each match.

7.6 Uniform

1. All team and administrator uniforms may feature sponsor logos. Uniforms that feature any logos or trademarks that promote tobacco, hard liquor, and adult content or offensive trademarks are prohibited. Teams may submit their uniforms to the Competitions Committee Chairman prior to the season for review and approval. Failure to comply with this rule may result in a fine and or forfeiture of games.
2. Authentic and replica professional (domestic or international) soccer team uniforms featuring team sponsor’s logos are permitted.
3. Compression shorts **must** be the same color as the color of the team shorts or not visible.

7.7 Equipment

1. No unsafe knee braces. No “hard casts” or metal cleats are allowed. Shin guards must be worn and covered by socks. The center referee is responsible for rule enforcement and the final authority for on-field decisions.

7.8 Home Team Responsibilities

1. Complete field set up and take down (nets, flags, field markings) must be completed within 10 minutes of game time or home field forfeits. Failure to properly set up the home field may result in additional home team sanctions and or fines. Teams leaving trash on their half of the field after a game may be fined.
2. Home Team shall change to an alternate color jersey if colors conflict with the Visiting Team jersey.

3. Home Team has choice of sidelines. When both teams must share the same sideline, the Home Team has first choice which half side of the field (up to center line).
4. Each team is responsible for providing a home field for a minimum of two consecutive games to be scheduled by the Competitions Committee. If a team cannot provide a home field for two consecutive games, teams may not be provided with home games or accepted to participate in the competition.

7.9 Visiting Team Responsibilities

1. Visiting teams must clean up their side of the field before leaving. Teams leaving trash or vandalizing the field or facilities may be disciplined and fined for cleaning or damages.

7.10 Coaching from the sidelines.

1. All divisions shall coach from their side only. Teams, administrators and spectators, where possible, shall be on opposite sides of the field. Team administrators, players and spectators shall position themselves no less than five (5) feet from the field sidelines in order to avoid interference with the assistant referee. Teams shall position unlicensed or non-credentialed Cal South team administrators and spectators a minimum of eight (8) feet away from the team bench.

7.11 Cal South Player/Coach/Administrator Cards

1. All Player and Administrator Cards must be official Cal South Member Cards with a printed or permanently applied photo. Cards must be stamped, embossed or signed by a certified league registrar and laminated.
2. Players must have a current medical release form with a parent/guardian's signature at each game. Forms shall be provided to the referee or competition representative upon request. Medical releases are required for all age groups and divisions.
3. The licensed coach must have a current Cal South ID Card. A team without a licensed coach will forfeit the match. Note: The licensed replacement or substitute coach must be from any team within the same league of registration as the team they are representing for the match.

7.12 Game Roster/Match Reports and Results.

1. Each team will supply two (2) copies of the official match report to the referee prior to the game. The match reports shall be downloaded and printed by each team prior to their scheduled match to ensure the most current game rosters.
2. Teams that do not present a referee with two (2) printed game rosters will be fined \$50.00 per game occurrence.
3. Teams that do not provide player jersey numbers online and on the official game rosters will be fined \$50.00 per game.
4. The head coach or team manager is responsible for final verification of team goal scorers, cards and signing the official match report prior to leaving the field. Teams must post their final game results via the Los Angeles Fútbol Circuit online competition manager within 24 hours of the completion of their match. Any final game results discrepancies will be resolved by the designated flight administrator based on the official referee match report. Goal scored or cards awarded on the match report will not be changed after the coach or manager has signed the official match report.
5. The referee or competition official shall fax or mail the official match reports to Cal South within 24 hours after the game. The match report shall contain the official record of all goal scorers, cautions, ejections, injuries, team administrator signature and other pertinent match information. The referee may attach an additional referee report to the match report. The match reports are the final official record of the Los Angeles Fútbol Circuit.

- 7.13 Club Player Pass. Teams are allowed to call up a maximum of three (3) players per week using the Club Player Pass option during the season and playoffs. Players must be properly registered and rostered onto the team roster using the competition's online system.
1. Players will only be able to play up 2 age groups (i.e. BU11 player will only be able to play as high as BU13).
 2. Both teams and players (giving or receiving) must be properly registered in the L.A. Fútbol Circuit in order to qualify for a Club Player pass.
 3. Players are permitted to play with another club team from within their same organization in the same age group.
- 7.14 Season. League play shall commence in September and conclude by mid-November. Youngers may conclude by mid-December. The primary day for play is Saturday. Weekday or Sunday games will be scheduled as approved by the Competitions Committee.
- 7.15 The Circuit Team Roster Freeze date will take place on October 23, 2011 (12:00:01am). The Competitions Committee will publish these dates. Players added to the team roster beginning on this date are in are ineligible for the remainder of the LA Fútbol Circuit regular season and post-season games.
- 7.16 ID Cards. Referees must return all ID cards to the respective coaches following the match except when there is a Referee Assault or for a Violent Conduct violation on the field.
- 7.17 CONDUCT/SUSPENSIONS/DISCIPLINARY ACTION
1. COACHES AND TEAM ADMINISTRATORS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL CONDUCT ON THEIR SIDELINE.
 2. The safety of all participants and maintaining an atmosphere of good sportsmanship is the responsibility of all Cal South members (players, team officials and administrators), referees and spectators. All bench players, team officials and spectators are prohibited from stepping onto field during a game or as permitted by referee.
 3. Any member player, administrator or team official promoting violence, enticing team dissent or in general violation may be brought before LA Fútbol Circuit Competitions Committee for disciplinary action subject to Cal South and USYS Disciplinary Guidelines and Procedures.
 4. Any member who instigates violence that leads to harming an opponent, spectator, official, referee or teammate, in addition to any action defined above, may be subject to criminal prosecution. This type of conduct will not be tolerated and will be pursued by Cal South and the LA Fútbol Circuit Competitions Committee
 5. Yellow Cards.
 - a. Any player, coach or administrator of the team receiving a yellow card (caution) during a game shall be noted by the referee in the official match report.
 - b. Any player, coach or administrator of the team receiving a second yellow card in the same game, shall be suspended for the remainder of that game and the team's next scheduled game.
 - c. Yellow cards and suspensions will be posted for public viewing on the LA Fútbol Circuit website.
 - d. Any player, coach or administrator of the team receiving four (4) yellow cards will be suspended for the next's next scheduled game. Once the one game suspension is served, the count of yellow cards is reset to zero (0). A second offense of the "four yellow card" rule, during the same season, will result in a minimum of a two (2) game suspension.

- e. Any outstanding game suspensions received during the regular season shall be served in the post-season or subsequent season.
 - f. All yellow cards accumulated during the regular season will be cleared for post-season play and the following season.
6. Red Cards.
- a. Any player, coach, administrator or spectator receiving a red card or sent off by the referee, must leave the field of play and shall be suspended for the remainder of that game and their team's next scheduled game. Red cards and suspensions will be posted for public viewing on the LA Fútbol Circuit website.
 - b. Any player, coach, administrator or spectator of a team receiving a red card or sent off for Violent Conduct violation shall serve a minimum of a two-game suspension or greater as determined by the LA Fútbol Circuit Competitions Committee and or Cal South PAD Committee.
 - c. Any player, coach, administrator or spectator receiving a second red card or sent off during the season will be required to attend a LA Fútbol Circuit Competitions Committee hearing.
 - d. Any outstanding game suspensions received during the regular season shall be served in the post-season or subsequent season.
 - e. Any unserved or uncleared player or administrator game suspensions shall be served in the following active LA Fútbol Circuit season.
 - f. **Players, team administrators or spectators ejected or receiving a red card shall be suspended for a minimum of one (1) game to six (6) games. The LA Fútbol Circuit Competitions committee will review each case individually and make the final suspension determination**
 - g. The league of registration/club, head coach and team manager shall be responsible for enforcing player, administrator and spectator disciplinary actions or suspensions.

7.18 Forfeits.

- 1. A team that does not field a minimum of seven (7) game rostered players after the fifteen (15) minute grace period will officially forfeit their game. The game will appear as a loss (0-1, 0 points). The forfeiting team must pay both team referee fees. The referee fees will be deducted from the team's bond.
- 2. Once a forfeit game is official, the referee may not referee a friendly game. If both teams fail to field a team, the final result will be a forfeit for both teams.
- 3. Any team that does not appear for their scheduled game will be scored as 0-1 forfeit loss. The forfeiting team shall also forfeit their full team bond immediately. The team must replenish their team full bond 48 hours prior to the next scheduled game or the next scheduled game will be recorded as another forfeit loss.
- 4. Any team with two (2) forfeits will result in immediate disqualification and withdrawal from the competition. In addition, the team shall forfeit its team bond and registration fees. Additional disciplinary action against the team administrator(s) and the club shall be pursued by the Competitions Committee and presented to the Cal South PAD Committee.
- 5. Any player/team found responsible for promoting violence, instigation, or enticing a team disturbance, causing the referee to suspend play prior to the completion of regulation time, will forfeit the (0-1) game, even if the team is winning the game at the time of the incident. If both teams are found to be equally at fault in the suspension of a game, then both teams will receive a forfeit (0-1) loss. All such incidents will be reviewed by the LA Fútbol Circuit Competitions Committee for additional disciplinary action.

6. Any suspended or disqualified team will forfeit all schedule games with a score of (0-1) until the suspension is fully served.
- 7.19 Teams Dropped or Withdrawn from Competition
 1. If a team withdraws once the season has begun, the team will be suspended from future LA Fútbol Circuit competitions. All official games played up to this point will be either scored as 1-0 forfeits or removed (no game), depending on the revised game schedule. The final decision will be made by the Competitions Committee.
- 7.20 8v8 Play Format: Is limited to the U9 and U10 divisions
 1. The U9 and U10 divisions will play the 8v8 format of play.
 2. The 8v8 format will be refereed by one referee during the regular season, and with a three man referee system during playoffs.
8. Protests
 - 8.1 If a coach deems it necessary to protest a game because of misapplication of FIFA LAW, not a judgment call, the coach must notify the center referee of the intent to protest, write a brief statement on the match report card and or a separate written protest to the Competitions Committee. A \$50.00 protest fee will be deducted from the team bond. A one page explanation of the protest, including citation of the FIFA, Cal South or Los Angeles Fútbol Circuit rule, the protesting team feels was misapplied. The Competitions Committee representatives will review the written protest and make a final determination or hold a hearing. No judgment call protests will be accepted.
9. Appeals
 - 9.1 The decisions of the Los Angeles Fútbol Circuit Competitions Committee ("Level 1") may be appealed to the Cal South Protest, Appeals, and Disciplinary Committee ("Level 2"). Contact your District Commissioner, the Cal South office or refer to the PAD Manual of Operations for the proper procedures.
 - 9.2 Filing an appeal shall not stay the Los Angeles Fútbol Circuit competitions committee decision.
 - 9.3 The Los Angeles Fútbol Circuit will refer all assaults, either referee assaults or non-referee assaults, overage player violations, and falsification of document cases directly to the Cal South PAD Committee.
10. Plea of Ignorance
 - 10.1 Any claim of ignorance to these rules and regulations shall not be grounds for protest or appeal.
11. Cancellation Policy
 - 11.1 Teams that withdraw their team application on or before July 15, 2011, in writing, receive a refund, minus a \$100.00 application processing fee.
 - 11.2 Teams that withdraw their team application on or after July 15, 2011, in writing, will receive a 50% refund of their bond and team registration fee.
 - 11.3 Teams that withdraw or are dropped by the Competitions Committee after the published schedule shall forfeit their full bond and registration fee.
12. Pre-Season Mandatory Meeting
 - 12.1 All participating teams are required to have a coach or team administrator attend a mandatory pre-season team manager meeting. Failure to attend this meeting will result in the \$75.00 fine.
13. Rule Changes

13.1 The Los Angeles Fútbol Circuit Competitions Committee may revise the rules and regulations at anytime during the regular and or postseason and shall notify teams in writing via electronic email and or by publishing rule changes on its website.

14. Appendix: Definitions

Except as otherwise noted, the following definitions apply to the Los Angeles Fútbol Circuit.

Administrator or Coach – A properly registered and risk managed Cal South Coach or Administrator listed on the official Team Roster.

Club – Two (2) or more teams that form an organization under a singular name and registered under the same Cal South Affiliate Member.

Club Player Pass – The opportunity for a LA Futbol Circuit rostered player to participate in regular season or playoff game on another team from within the same club registered in the L.A. Fútbol Circuit.

Disqualification – A team ruled ineligible and official withdrawal from the competition.

Eligibility to play - registered and not under suspension.

Game Roster – means the list of registered and active players and administrators who appear on the game roster and eligible to participate in a scheduled game.

Gold Boot Award – Is awarded to the players with most goals scored during the regular season in each division.

Gold Glove Award – Is awarded to the team (GKs) with the fewest goals allowed during the regular season in each division.

Ineligible Player – A player not properly registered to a team, on the game roster or serving disciplinary action.

No Show – A team that does not appear for their scheduled game and fails to notify the Competition Committee and their opponent in advance.

Roster Freeze Date - The starting date which teams may no longer roster new players to the Game Roster for participation in the LA Fútbol Circuit.

Team Roster – means the list of registered players and administrators on a team, active and inactive.

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