

## SMYSL Guideline Changes

Fall 2023

Changed “goalie” to “goalkeeper”  
Change “offsides” to “offside”  
Caution (Yellow Card)  
Send-Off (Red Card)  
Updated font for consistency

### **P. 4**

#### **III Team Membership**

D – Changed 18 to 19

H – Players may be allowed to play up one age ~~group~~ division but cannot play down in age.

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#### **V. Player Eligibility**

Updated table to reflect current birth years.

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**VI Ejections/Suspensions** - Update to minimum 1 match suspension. May be more games pending further review of the incident.

- Tier One: Minimum 1 Match Suspension
- a) A Tier One offense may be issued to any player, parent, coach, or spectator who:
  - Is ejected from a match, asked to leave a match or practice site, or is reported to be involved in any form of harassment, obscene gestures or language, or any other unsportsmanlike behavior by an official or Department of Recreation, Parks, and Tourism staff member. The result of these actions will result in a minimum 1-match suspension, effective immediately, starting with your team’s next scheduled match.
  - After review of the incident by the League Director, additional games may be added to the suspension.
  - Any further ejections may result in suspension from the league.

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#### **VII Administrative Match Rules**

##### **A. Starting The Match**

III – Added Text: “The final score will be recorded as 3-0.”

##### **D. Spectator, player & Coaching Locations/Regulations**

C. Coaching area

II. Added: “A maximum of 3 authorized coaches are allowed on the player/coach sideline.”

## **P. 8/9**

### **H. Equipment**

Removed: "Undershirts can be multi-colored/patterned if they are exactly the same shirt sleeve."

### **L. Uniforms**

III. All Coaches on the sideline must be identifiable by the referee (wearing a club shirt or name badge).

### **I. Mandatory Play & Substitution Rules**

Add: II. "Coaches must have substitute's ready on the midfield line prior to substitution."

Add: III. "Players may not substitute from the bench area."

## **P. 9**

### **Goalkeeper**

The following was moved from Goalkeeper to Injury on Pg. 11.

I. Moved from Goalkeeper - "Player blood rule in effect.

- If bleeding results from an injury.....open wound is bandaged.
- If there is excess blood on the player's jersey, it will have to be changed.

### **I. Head Ball:**

Updated wording: for II. In U6, U8, U10, & U12 age groups...

### **C. Handball**

Removed: "If accidental or inadvertent, dropped ball at the location of the touch."

Added: V. "A red card will be awarded for a handball if the offense presents a clear goal scoring opportunity."

### **D. Slide Tackle**

- Add: II. Yellow and discretion of the referee: Penalty card (yellow) will result for a violation at the discretion of the referee.
- Update wording: III. Legal slide tackling is permitted for U15 and U19 division.

## **P. 11**

### **H. U8 Division Specific Rules**

**XII Build Out Line** – e. Add "and Received": After the ball is put into play by the goalkeeper, and received, the opposing team can cross the build out line and play resumes as normal.

### **I. U10 Division Specific Rules**

II. Build Out Line – e. Add "and Received": After the ball is put into play by the goalkeeper, and received, the opposing team can cross the build out line and play resumes as normal.

### **I, J, K – U10, U12, U15 & U19 Division Rules**

Removed: "Yellow Card – Any player receiving a yellow-card will have to sit out of the match for a minimum of two (2) minutes. Players that receive a yellow card may be substituted."

A player will not be required to be substituted or sit out for 2 minutes if they receive a Caution (yellow card).

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### **XIII Inclement Weather Policy**

**VIII. Thunder and Lightning** – Amount of time to allowed to pass after the last sound of thunder and/or lightning (before the contest may resume) updated to 30 minutes from 15 minutes.