

Approved JUNE 2007

By-Laws

1. All team information (i.e. number of teams, coaches' names, addresses and phone numbers, and team colors) must be turned in at the designated date by the Five Points Board.
2. District Representatives are responsible for distributing information to their District Boards and Coaches.
3. All rosters will be approved by members of the Five Points Board who are on the team formation committee before schedules will be released to that District.
4. All player fees will be paid two weeks before start of practice so team packets can be ordered.
5. All coaches' clinics will be approved by the Five Points Board.
6. District Referee Coordinators must be certified referees.
7. All protest and grievances must receive Due Process by the individual District, then, if necessary, the Five Points Board, and, if necessary, the National S.A.Y. office.
8. No use of tobacco or alcohol products on the playing field or the team's side of the field during games and practices by players, coaches, referees or spectators.
9. The District will be responsible for the payment due for the items the District ordered; orders are not to be billed through Five Points..
10. Any area not complying with rules of the National S.A.Y. rule book or Five Points Soccer Assoc. guidelines and Code of Ethics will be placed on probation (i.e. not eligible for tournaments, fund raiser kick-backs, etc.) until the situation is corrected permanently or time deemed appropriate by the Five Points Board. The person or persons will be dealt with as to the offense, according to the National S.A.Y. rule book and/or Five Points Soccer Assoc. rules. Continued failure to comply with National S.A.Y. Or Five Points Soccer Assoc. guidelines or Code of Ethics will lead to eventual expulsion from the Five Points Soccer Assoc. Additional disciplinary actions & probationary periods will be discussed and voted on by the Five Points Board at a future meeting.

PENALTIES TO DISTRICTS

1. The Five Points Soccer Assoc. Coaches', Players, and Spectators Code of Ethics, guidelines, and By-Laws, along with the National S.A.Y. rule book is the basis for disciplinary action of any District, Coach, Player, or Spectator under the Five Points Soccer Association for Youth.
2. Any continuing or flagrant violation by a District in regard to the above will be dealt with by the following disciplinary action:

FIRST OFFENSE

Written warning to the District Representative

SECOND OFFENSE

A vote of probation for 1 year for the District

1. Any district on probation is not eligible to host the end of season Five Points tournament, semi-finals or finals held by Five Points Soccer.

THIRD OFFENSE

Suspension from Five Points Soccer Association league for the rest of the current season and the next full season.

FOURTH OFFENSE

Permanent suspension from all Five Points Soccer Association leagues.

Addendum #1

August 7, 2001

During the monthly meeting of the Five Points Soccer Assoc. for Youth on the above date, a motion was brought before the Board regarding Rule 12 – Participation, Page 20, and Item #1 (hereafter referred to as 'The Rule', of the Soccer Assoc. for Youth 2001-2002 rule book Tom Wilhelm, Referee Coordinator for Five Points S.A.Y., was concerned about the wording provided in The Rule regarding “***given the opportunity to play***”, concerned that this wording would give an excuse or an 'out' to a coach if he chose not to play a particular player for any reason. With the theology of Five Points S.A.Y. being 'every player plays half a game', he felt that it was necessary for the Five Points Board of Directors to revise The Rule to read as follows:

1. It is the intent of this rule to assure that every player is allowed maximum participation. Every player must be allowed to play at least the equivalent of approximately one-half of

every game, as closely as possible.

This would omit the phrase “given the opportunity to play” from the rule. There was discussion and a motion was made to accept the above wording to replace the current wording in the S.A.Y. 2001-2002 rule book. A Second was received. The Five Points President called for a vote. The Rule change was passed unanimously, 10-0 in favor of the change, making Addendum #1 to the By-Laws, approved June 2000, of the Five Points

Addendum #2

It is the intention of Five Points SAY to provide the players with the best possible environment to safely learn and play the game of soccer, with this in mind we must set forth guidelines for referee training and testing.

Referee Qualifications:

1. All referees must complete a Five Points SAY approved referee clinic and achieve a passing score in order to referee games.
2. Prior to the start of the season, any District that has hosted or individual that has taken an approved clinic must provide Five Points SAY with the name, birth date, phone number, address, and score from each participant in order for those referees to officiate any games.
3. Each District will identify a Referee Coordinator on the District Board List. This person will be at least twenty-one years old. An individual who is appointed referee coordinator for the first time must score at least 80% on the referee test to be eligible. After the first year, all coordinators must pass the test with 90% or better.
 - A. Any District who cannot meet this requirement will have referees assigned by the Five Points SAY referee coordinator or that coordinator's designate.
4. The requirements to become a referee are outlined below.
 - A. In order to become a qualified referee you must score at least 80% on the test. Second year referees who score 90% or higher will be classified as a certified referee. Anyone who meets certified status for three consecutive years will be waived from attending the standard clinic and must only attend refresher clinics as offered due to rule changes, etc. Those who score between 70% and 79% will be considered Probationary referees and only officiate Instructional level games alone or Passers level games with a Qualified referee until which time that they pass the test with a qualifying score of 80% or higher.
 - B. All first year minor (under 18 years of age) will take the modified 50 question test. In order to become a qualified referee you must score at least 45 on the test. Those who score between 40 and 44 will be considered Probationary referees. Those who score between 40 and 44 will be considered Probationary referees and only officiate Instructional level games alone or Passers level games with a Qualified referee until which time that they pass the test with a qualifying score of 45 or higher.

- C. The minimum age to officiate games will be thirteen years old. Anyone turning thirteen during the current season could be eligible as determined by the Five Points Referee coordinator.
 - D. Referees may only officiate games in which they are three years older than the group that is playing. Example: U8 Passers must be at least 13 years old; U12 Strikers must be at least 15 years old and a second year referee.
 - E. Any first year referee who is a minor (under 18 years of age) will only officiate Instructional or Passers games. Referees who have two or more years experience may officiate any game, provided they comply with the other qualifications stated above.
5. Referees will be assigned to games as follows:
- U6 Instructional: One referee (any qualification)
 - U8 Passers: Two referees. Minimum one Qualified
 - U10 Wings: Two referees. Both at least qualified
 - U12 Strikers: Two referees. Minimum one Certified
 - U14 Kickers: Two referees. Minimum one Certified (Preferably one adult)
 - A. Use of three referees on Strikers and Kickers games is acceptable where possible.
6. Any District that fails to comply with all these requirements will be subject to disciplinary action.

Addendum #3

Team Formation and Roster Verification

The following rules will be followed for all player draws and the subsequent roster verification.

- 1. These rules will apply to the spring and fall seasons.
- 2. No “core teams” are permitted within the Five Points SAY Area.
- 3. All teams that exceed the maximum number of players permitted on a roster will be split by the Team Formation Committee, with the exception of the Instructional (U6) age group. The District Rep and the Coaches Coordinator may split Instructional teams for their District.
 - A. When Instructional teams are drawn, it will be done in the same manner as the remainder of the teams. Oldest players’ first, then younger players with the players being equally distributed between teams in regard to age and sex.
 - B. Any District being found to have withheld players from a team draw **will** be subject to disciplinary action. All teams affected by a split in that District will be redrawn by the Team Formation Committee.
- 4. Players who are not subject to the team draw are the Head Coaches child(ren).
 - A. The child(ren) of **one** Assistant Coach will also be exempt from the draw, as long as that assistant is named prior to the time of the draw. If no assistant is named **no** player will be moved after the teams are formed.

- B. Personal conflicts between Coaches and assigned players will be dealt with on a case by case basis by the Team Formation Committee.
 - C. All written requests for specific team assignment will be handled on a case by case basis by the Team Formation Committee.
 - D. All players will be assigned to teams with players of the same gender.
 - 1. The Instructional division will be formed with an equal mix of boy and girl players.
 - 2. In the event that there are too few players to form single gender teams, then the two may be combined to play together. However, if there are enough players to form a boys or girls team then the players will not be combined unless deemed necessary by the Five Points Board (see #13) . During the Spring Season teams will play Coed at the discretion of the Five Points SAY Board. (also see section 12).
5. At the time of the draw all players' age group assignment will be verified in accordance to the current seasons SAY Birth Date Matrix.
- A. The current year's birth date matrix will determine age group assignment for the fall season.
 - B. Age groups for the spring season will be determined by prior years' birth date matrix.
 - C. All players will be separated and drawn in the following manner at each age group in order to best balance each team.
 - 1. Group 1: second year prior players
 - 2. Group 2: first year prior players
 - 3. Group 3: second year new players
 - 4. Group 4: first year new players
 - a. A prior player is one who has played in a past season and a new player is one who has never played and has no experience.
 - D. No player shall play in an age group below their current level.
 - E. Justification must be given for any player being moved up to the next age group. No move is allowed if it causes a team to split or the original team to be short of players.
 - F. No player shall be moved up more than one age group. Player must be in their second year of the current age group.
 - G. Players shall not be moved up to the next division if that move causes that team to split or causes a shortage of players for the lower division team.
6. The draw will be preformed using a number system. Each player registration will be assigned a number by the Team Formation Committee. Cards will then be drawn with corresponding numbers for team assignment.
7. All Head Coaches are encouraged to attend the draw.
8. At the time of the draw all registration forms must be completed and legible, including parent/guardian's signature.
9. If a District presents any registrations that are questionable they will be required to present birth certificates for each player before their teams are drawn.
10. In the event that additional players must be added a member of the Team Formation Committee will instruct the District which team that player is to be assigned.
- A. In the event that several players are to be added after teams have been drawn, the

players to be added will be drawn to teams in accordance to item 5 by the Team Formation Committee.

11. Districts are required to provide four (4) legible copies of rosters and a copy of the birth certificate for each player.
 - A. If no birth certificate is provided for a player that roster ***will not be approved*** until such time as a birth certificate is provided to a member of the Team Formation Committee.
12. All final rosters will be compared to draw rosters to verify that players have not been reassigned without prior approval.
 - A. Any district is found to have reassigned players without prior approval will be subject to disciplinary action.
13. Any District that cannot form a team consisting of all male or female players may place male and female players on the same team; however that team will play in the boys division regardless of the number of boys on the team.
14. Once a player is registered and fees are paid, they may play any season in the current calendar year without additional fees to Five Points and SAY. All second season rosters must have an "S" placed beside the name of each player that participated in the first season of the same year to prevent fees from being charged for the additional season of play.