

Telluride Youth Soccer Club Handbook 2014



Telluride Youth Soccer Club

Mission- To instill and nurture a passion for soccer while developing character, discipline and desire, which encourages young athletes to reach their highest potential.

Vision- TYSC will be the region's premier soccer organization by providing quality coaching, training venues and competition opportunities that allow young athletes to achieve their full potential and to embrace the Club's culture of building lifelong confidence, character and integrity while fostering camaraderie and discipline.

Values- Telluride Youth Soccer club holds the following values as integral to the success of each athlete and to our programs.

- Passion
- Camaraderie
- Club Spirit
- Commitment
- Courage
- Character Development
- Integrity
- Respect
- Sportsmanship
- Leadership

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1. Adding/Transferring Players

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Players may be added to teams to keep their numbers ideal throughout the season. All revisions to the team league roster must be submitted through the TYSC office that then forwards the information to CSA. Coaches must receive approval from the Director of Coaching prior to revising their league roster. The reason for this is to justify the revisions according to other policies, procedures and club philosophies. It is also to insure correct administrative procedures are followed. Tournament rosters and player pass cards are created and signed by the TYSC Registrar.

2. Age Chart

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Please visit Colorado Soccer Association's website at www.csysa.org for the most up to date version of the age chart. Click on Resources, then Bylaws/Rules, then Rules, then scroll to section 2.2.

The soccer year runs from August 1st- July 31st.

Fall 2013 – Spring 2014

U18 8/1/95 – 7/31/96

U17 8/1/96 – 7/31/97

U16 8/1/97 – 7/31/98

U15 8/1/98 – 7/31/99

U14 8/1/99 – 7/31/00

U13 8/1/00 – 7/31/01

U12 8/1/01 – 7/31/02

U11 8/1/02 – 7/31/03

U10 8/1/03 – 7/31/04

U9 8/1/04 – 7/31/05

3. Behavior

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Occasionally problems arise between players, parents, and coaches; every attempt will be made to resolve these problems. It is our objective to work in a positive and constructive manner with our players.

3.1 DISRUPTIVE BEHAVIOR. Players engaged in any behavior which in the opinion of the coach, is disruptive on an on-going basis and causes the coach to spend a disproportionate amount of time with that player at the expense of the quality of the experience for the rest of the team, may be suspended or removed from the program by TYSC.

3.2 PROCEDURES:

3.2.1. The Head Coach will discuss the behavior directly and privately with player, with the assumption that the behavior will be corrected immediately.

3.2.2. If the problem persists, the Head Coach will communicate with the player's parents to discuss the problem and lack of response on the part of the player. Parents will have the opportunity to be involved with the correction of the problem at this time. If a parent should have a problem with the coach, then the procedure to follow would be to approach the coach first, then the Director of Coaching if the issue is not resolved, then finally the Grievance Committee of TYSC. The board president is the contact for each committee. (See Grievances)

3.2.3. If the problem continues, the Head Coach will contact the Director of Coaching to make them aware of the situation. The Head Coach and the Director of Coaching will discuss further techniques and/or courses of action to resolve the matter with parents and player.

3.2.4. The Director of Coaching may recommend to the Board of Directors that the player be reviewed by the Board, with the parents present. At this point, the player may be removed from the Club.

4. Coaches and Coaching

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The Director of Coaching has the authority to suspend a coach.

4.1 Head Coach

4.1.1 Should be 18 years of age or older

4.1.2 Responsible for conducting the team's business.

4.1.3 Certified as USSF "E" Coaching Level

4.1.4 Attend all practices or enlist substitute through the Director of Coaching

4.1.5 Attend all games or enlist substitute through the Director of Coaching

4.2 Assistant Coach

4.2.1 Should be 18 years of age or older.

4.3 Best practices:

4.3.1 Have two adults/coaches at every practice and game.

4.3.2 Create Practice Plan for each practice.

4.3.3 Teach soccer skills, tactics, good sportsmanship, and enjoyment of the game.

4.4 Coach Education Requirements: All Coaches Should

4.4.1 Have a USSF "E" Coaching License.

4.4.2 Attend coaching refreshers once every two years to get new ideas and increase their coaching curriculum options (in order to keep player's interest and to challenge players).

4.4.3 After 2 years as a Level "E", attend the USSF "D" Coaching Course.

4.4.4 Coaches are encouraged to attend the 17-hour Referee Clinic.

4.4.5 Coaches are encouraged to attend the First Aid/CPR course.

5. Coaching Guidelines per Age/Ability Group

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5.1 Club Policy: Children develop physically and emotionally at different speeds, and we attempt to take this into consideration. Club rules are the same for everyone. Effort, attendance at practice, desire and commitment to improve are expectations we have for every child entering the programs. Each child who attends all practices, works hard and makes an earnest effort to improve, has a positive attitude and does not interfere with the progress of others shall play a minimum of 50% of each game (this is CSA policy as well).

In any sport there are young players who have natural ability and those that don't. Our job is to teach those less gifted athletes how to improve and also to help the naturally gifted players improve their game and take it as far as they can. All players, regardless of ability, are expected to regularly attend practice and show the same level of commitment and effort.

The Club strives to delineate the coaching of different age levels as follows:

5.2 Developmental Brackets:

5.2.1 Ages 7 to 10 (U10): Currently part of the Town Parks and Rec Program

The focus is on mastering basic ball skills. Children in this age group are seeking feedback and approval from coaches and parents. This age group begins to develop an understanding of how to kick and run with the ball properly, how to trap and how to pass. Competitive play for this age group is a maximum of 3 v 3 games on small fields to ensure every child has the opportunity for multiple touches on the ball. Coaches are encouraged to play all students regardless of skill level.

5.2.2 Ages 10 to 12 (U12)

U12 athletes are now ready to begin to understand passing and movement, positions on the field and how best to interact with their teammates to score goals. Once they start to understand the game and have the basic skills to enjoy playing, they will develop a lifelong love of the world's most popular sport. Coaches will focus on fun, competitive exercises to both build skills and the physical conditioning needed to play competitive soccer.

5.2.3 Ages 13 and 14 (U14)

At this age physical changes continue to dominate for both boys and girls with girls generally developing musculature and speed before boys. Coaches work with this group on understanding the way to play the game as a TEAM and how to develop a selfless attitude in one's play for the good of the whole. Other finer skills worked on include:

- Heading Shielding
- Chest and Thigh Trapping
- Striking the ball with both inside and outside of the foot
- Bending the ball
- Playing passes behind the defense
- Marking effectively
- Tackling

5.2.4 Ages 15 and above (U16 and above)

At this level our athletes are basically High School players trying to juggle the varied demands on their time of hockey, basketball, skiing, etc. The ones who are still out playing at this point have a desire to improve and/or skills already in place to help them go to the next step – i.e. playing beyond school and into College. Coaches for these groups take an active part in practice and can demonstrate skills the student athletes need to emulate.

5.2.4.1 Practice: All players regardless of ability will be coached with equal attention.

6. Coaches' Code of Conduct

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Coaches are one of the most important components in our organization. Coaches determine the kind of experience our athletes have with sports. TYSC is committed to the principles of Positive Coaching.

6.1 General Policy: A coach will help their players develop the highest standards of character. A coach will have their meetings, practices, and games planned so that they get the most out of each session. A coach will communicate with their players and parents. A coach conducts the team operations with integrity. A coach abides by the TYSC bylaws, policies and procedures. A coach is responsible for the conduct of all team officials, players, and parents on the touchline before, during, and after their team's events.

A coach will not physically and/or mentally abuse any player. A coach will not address remarks to the referee, the opposition, or spectators, unless remarks are constructive. A coach will encourage their team through words and actions to play within the spirit of the game.

6.2 Coaching Philosophy: Positive Coach

(http://www.positivecoach.org/initiatives/mental_model.htm):

6.2.1 Puts players first: A positive coach wants to win but understands that they are first and foremost an educator with the development of their players as the top priority. They understand that children go through developmental stages and use age appropriate coaching strategies.

6.2.2 Develops character as well as skills: A positive coach uses the crucible of competition as a virtual classroom. They want to win but even more want to transmit lessons that will carry over into the rest of their athletes' lives. They are loyal to players and reluctant to "give up" on them, especially "at-risk" athletes who have the most to gain from participating in sports.

6.2.3 Fosters internal motivation: A positive coach encourages players to develop internal motivation with minimal reliance on external punishment and rewards. They listen to and seek information from their players to learn to better tap into their internal motivation.

6.2.4 Coaches for mastery: A positive coach coaches for mastery rather than victory, which they see as a by-product of the pursuit of excellence. They focus on effort rather than outcome, learning rather than comparison to others. They recognize that mistakes are an important and inevitable part of learning and encourage an environment in which players are willing to risk making a mistake.

6.2.5 Refuses to motivate through fear, intimidation, or shame: A positive coach establishes order and discipline in a positive manner. A positive coach works to remain positive even through losing streaks. They recognize that it is often when things go wrong that a coach can have the most positive impact and teach the most important lessons. They always treat athletes with respect regardless of how well they perform.

6.2.6 Creates a partnership with players: They recognize that communication is the lifeblood of effective relationships and work hard to establish clear and effective two-way communication with their players. They seek to win the cooperation of their players through encouragement and treat them as partners working together to achieve mutual goals.

6.2.7 Honors the Game: A positive coach feels an obligation to the sport they coach. They love their sport and share this love and enjoyment with their players. They respect their opponents, recognizing that a worthy opponent will push them and the team to do their best. They understand the important role that officials play and strive to show them respect even when they disagree with their decisions. A positive coach demonstrates personal integrity.

7. Coaching Selections

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The TYSC Director of Coaching (DOC) will interview and make recommendations to the Board for Head Coaches. The DOC and the Head Coaches will select Assistant Coaches. All hires shall be confirmed by the Board of Directors.

Application for Head Coach: Applications for Head Coach of teams will be submitted to the Director of Coaching according to the dates published by TYSC. All coaches must apply each seasonal year. The application shall specify which age group and gender they are applying to coach. The application for new hires shall include a brief letter of interest, coaching philosophy, and a "soccer resume".

If a coach resigns or is removed during the season, the Director of Coaching will appoint a temporary coach in the interim.

8. Discipline

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8.1. Ejections and Red Cards. The TYSC office and the Director of Coaching shall be notified within 48 hours of any ejection or suspension from a game, receiving a red card and/or serving a suspension for accumulation of yellow cards.

8.1.1 A red card to a player or an ejection of a coach results in the removal of that person from the game they receive the red card in or ejection and a minimum one-game suspension. There are certain circumstances where CSA and TYSC may impose additional suspension. At the discretion of the Director of Coaching, there may be a meeting with the offender. Only the person receiving the red card shall meet with the TYSC Director of Coaching, unless the TYSC Director of Coaching feels it is necessary to have others present.

8.1.2 A suspended athlete must attend the game that they are suspended from before they can commence playing in games again. The player must come dressed to play and will support their team appropriately, while remaining on the bench.

8.1.3 **Cumulative Yellow Cards:** Any participant who accumulates three stand-alone cautions (yellow cards) during a 365-day period shall be suspended automatically for a minimum of one game (the next game).

8.1.4 **Carryover:** A red card in the last game of the season carries over to the following season.

8.1.5 The TYSC Director of Coaching may increase the number of games that the participant is suspended for receiving the red card.

8.2 Other Bad Behavior: All players and parents shall read, sign, and abide by the Code of Conduct agreement prior to the start of each season. Coaches, Team Managers, the DOC and the Board may impose sanctions in accordance with the Code of Conduct as appropriate. See: Section 21 Player's Code of Conduct.

9. Equipment, Field Set-up & Clean-up

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9.1 Safety: the Coach must examine the field before each practice to ensure that it is free from glass, garbage, dog feces and any detritus that could pose a threat to the players. The Coach must also check the goals to ensure that they are secure and properly weighted to prevent tipping during high winds or normal play.

9.2 Equipment: Any damage done to goals may be reason for removal of that goal(s) from that practice site. Any persons who are identified as responsible for goal damage will be held financially responsible to repair or replace the goal(s).

9.2.1 Report any missing and/or damaged goals, nets, & corner flags to the TYSC, Telluride M/H School or Town Parks and Recreation office, as appropriate.

9.2.2 Report any safety concerns on fields such as sprinklers, holes, etc.

9.3 Teams must clean up their touchline at the conclusion of their practices and games.

10. Financial

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10.1 Registration fees shall be reviewed each year when establishing the annual budget.

10.2 Fiscal year shall be August 1 through July 31, beginning August 2014.

10.3 Year-End Financials. The program's year end financial statement for the seasonal year must be prepared and submitted to the TYSC Board of Directors each January for the January TYSC Board Meeting.

10.4 Refund Policy: See: 25. Refunds (below).

10.5 Financial Assistance: Please contact the Program Director or go to Telluridesoccer.net to download a Financial Assistance Form. Financial assistance is offered on a first-come first-served basis. Financial assistance forms must be completed and delivered by the deadline for registration in order to allow for sufficient time to process the paperwork. All financial forms are confidential and will be reviewed by the Financial Assistance Committee.

11. Fundraisers

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Individual teams may do their own fundraising in accordance with the TYSC guidelines. Fundraising shall be done in a safe and tasteful manner. Individual teams are responsible for all occurrences related to their fundraisers, including but not limited to personal and property liability taxes. The team, TYSC, and the program may not be

misrepresented in any way. The TYSC Board shall approve all fundraisers over \$100. Teams wishing to use the TYSC name and logo must receive written approval from the TYSC Board of Directors.

12. Game Day

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12.1 Official Roster: Coach must have the official roster at each game. Program Director shall prepare the official roster for the coach. This roster is to be presented to the referee prior to the game. No changes or corrections are to be made on the roster unless approved according to TYSC, SWL and CSYSA bylaws, regulations, policies and procedures. All competing players must be on the official roster or the game will be forfeited and the coach subjected to disciplinary action.

12.2 Those items that are, "In the opinion of the referee", dangerous to the player wearing the item or to the other players in the game, will not be allowed and must be removed before the player will be allowed to participate.

12.3 Uniforms: Jerseys as determined by the TYSC Board of Directors will be required. Players are responsible for bringing both home and away jerseys to all games. TYSC shorts and socks are required on game days as well. Cleats must be worn. Shoes will not have a "toe cleat" that protrudes and is deemed by the referee to be unsafe. Shoes with metal cleats must be deemed safe by the referee or they are not allowed.

12.4 Goalkeepers: Goalkeeper must wear a shirt colored different than either of the two teams, the referee, and opposing goalkeeper. Coach shall ensure that opposing Goalie also wears a shirt colored different than either of the two teams and the referee.

12.5 Arrival: Coaches and teams shall arrive at their field at least 45 minutes prior to the scheduled start of their game for warm-up, check-in by the referees, and field set-up (in case the field is not ready when you arrive). Referees will inspect each player for proper uniform and equipment.

13. Game Make-Ups

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Games should be made up at the earliest possible date. The Head Coach or Team Manager must contact the TYSC Program Director as soon as possible to arrange a field date and time. The Coach or Team Manager then contacts the opposing coach or manager to confirm the field date and time. The coach must then confirm the make-up with the TYSC Director of Coaching. Lastly, the DOC will notify the TYSC referee of the new field date and time.

14. Game Postponement

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The referee in accordance with the most current CSA Rules and Procedures will evaluate field conditions. If the field is deemed unplayable, the referee will inform the coaches prior to the start of the game. If the Director of Coaching deems the field(s) unplayable the day before the game, that person shall notify both coaches. Every effort will be made to see that a team traveling to Telluride plays a game. The Director of Coaching will inform the Head Coach and/or Team Manager when game cancellations occur, or vice versa, as soon as possible. Games canceled by the Telluride Parks and Rec Department may occur and are solely their decision. Team Managers and Head Coaches will attempt to notify traveling teams of cancellations ASAP.

15. Grievances

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15.1 General Policy: There will be a “cooling off period” of a minimum of 24 hours between interested parties in which all involved in the grievance need to take 24 hours to think about the event of concern before reacting. This may include parents, athletes, referees, coaches and spectators. Remember to “Think before you act.”

For day-to-day problems, players are encouraged to discuss all team issues regarding play, practice etc. first with their coach or team manager depending upon the situation. Parents may follow the same protocol but must contact the coach outside of practice and game times. If the issue is one that can't be resolved with the coach, the issue should be brought to the attention of team manager, DOC or TYSC Board member in that order. Other administrative issues should be addressed first to the team manager. If the administrative issue is one that can't be resolved with the team manager, it should be brought to the attention of the TYSC Administrative Director.

Emotional laden e-mails sent to entire teams, parents or players are a deterrent to solving problems and will not be tolerated. If the problem is not resolved through the above process, a formal grievance may be submitted in writing to the TYSC office within three days of the incident. **Grievances will not be accepted by e-mail.**

15.2 The Board of Directors will serve as the Grievance Committee and will review Grievances.

15.3 Decisions of the Grievance Committee shall be final.

15.4 The Grievance Committee shall respond to the grievance within two weeks of receiving the grievance.

15.5 Loss of Player: Anytime a team loses a player (moves out-of-town, quits, injury, etc.), the coach must contact the parents or guardians to determine why and must notify the Director of Coaching.

16. Incident Reports/First Aid Reports

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Coaches must complete an accident report for injuries requiring medical assistance.

PROCEDURES:

The accident report of the incident is to be made and turned into the DOC within 72 hours. CSA maintains insurance on all players registered in TYSC Insurance claim administration forms; copies of all pertinent bills and receipts should be mailed to CSA.

17. Inclement Weather

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17.1 Games:

17.1.1 Teams are to show up at their field ready to play.

17.1.2 League Games: decisions regarding whether to play, cancel the game or shorten the game shall be determined by the referee pursuant to the rules of the Colorado Soccer Association (Southwest League or other applicable league in which the TYSC team is participating).

17.1.3 Non-league Games: the referee shall determine (at the field) whether to play, cancel the game or shorten the game.

17.2 Practices: Practices will not be cancelled except for lightning. If fields are closed due to wet conditions, coaches will organize alternate practices that may include running. Send you children with running shoes and cold and wet weather clothing to every practice.

18. Non-discrimination Policy

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With respect to all operations of the Telluride Youth Soccer Club the club shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion (creed), gender, age, national origin (ancestry), disability, marital status, sexual orientation, or military status, in any of its activities or operations. These activities include, but are not limited to, admission of club members, hiring and firing of staff, selection of board members, selection of volunteers, selection of vendors, and provision of services.

19. Olympic Development Program

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All interested players are encouraged to attend the tryouts.

The Western Slope Olympic Development Program is run each fall for a series of four or five sessions, generally occurring on Sundays in Grand Junction, CO. Any committed youth soccer players who fall in the given age range may attend. Registration forms can be found on the Colorado Soccer Association website, coyouthsoccer.org (select Players, then ODP). The Olympic Development Program aims to identify, train and provide competition for the top players in Colorado. Many players attend training sessions for a few years before they make the team. The tryouts can provide valuable experience.

20. Player Cards

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All players, coaches, and assistant coaches of teams in TYSC who attend tournaments shall have a player cards in accordance with USYSA regulations.

20.1 PROCEDURES: Player card completion (signature and picture) is the responsibility of the Registrar. All TYSC members shall provide the Registrar with an updated photo at the time of registration for the season. Player cards for each season shall be held by the coach for the duration of the season and returned to the TYSC Registrar promptly at the end of the season. The coach and team manager of any player that has withdrawn from a team are responsible to make sure the player card is returned to the Registrar.

21. Player's Code of Conduct

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Players will at all times conduct themselves in a manner that represents the high ideals of soccer and TYSC. Each year, every player will sign and abide by the signed Code of Conduct. Disciplinary action for violations of this agreement or any other activity deemed to be inappropriate shall be addressed as specified in the agreement. Any player who received a red card shall contact the TYSC Director of Coaching within 72 hours of the incident. If the Director of Coaching deems a meeting is necessary, this meeting must take place before the player can compete again representing TYSC.

22. Playing Up

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Players must try-out for their own age group. A player may be moved up to an older age team if approved by the TYSC Director of Coaching with input from the releasing and receiving coaches. The DOC will select players by age, ability, motivation, sportsmanship

and maturity. The player's position on a team can change if their performance changes throughout the season.

Players may practice with an older age team if approved by the TYSC Director of Coaching. TYSC wants to foster soccer in general and give kids opportunities to play. If a child wants to participate in extra practices with other teams it is encouraged. In order to participate in extra practices, the child must be registered with the TYSC, attend all of his or her home team practices, attend all of his or her home team games, and be well-mannered while participating as a guest. The child does NOT become part of the other team and does not get priority when the other team needs an extra player for games. The coach of the visiting team is free to accept extras but is not obligated to do so and may choose on a daily basis whether to allow a visitor to attend practice. If several kids want to join in, the coach may rotate them in as space allows. If the coach to athlete ratio is low, the coach should not accept guests at practice. The receiving team players take priority in practice and games. The home team coach should be contacted to ensure the child is in good standing.

23. Practices for TYSC Teams

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23.1 Attendance at practice, effort, and commitment to improve are expectations we have for every participant. Each child who attends all practices, works hard and makes an earnest effort to improve, has a positive attitude and does not interfere with the progress of others shall play a minimum of 50% of each game.

23.2 Absence: Let your manager know if you are unavailable any given weekend or practice.

23.3 Shin guards are to be worn by all players at every practice and game.

23.4 Practices are planned for rain, snow or shine (but not lightning), bring rain jacket, gloves, hat cleats and indoor/running shoes, water, healthy snacks and no junk food.

23.5 Roster Priority. TYSC policy for league games gives priority to those who registered by the registration deadline, who have attended the practices, had a good attitude and displayed a good work ethic. All kids who are rostered for a game and have attended the practices, had a good attitude and displayed a good work ethic will play 50% of a game regardless of ability.

23.6 Behavior Issues: An act punishable by a red card or two yellow cards at practice may result in a coach suspending the player from the next game. Examples may include, but are not limited to: players using profanity, fighting, spitting, violent conduct, etc. Violations should be reporting to the DOC to set up a meeting with the parents.

24. Protests

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Protests are discouraged. However, if a Team wishes to file a protest with CSA for a league game or Cup play, they will contact the TYSC Director of Coaching first. The Team will follow the procedures as outlined in the Rules and Procedures of CSA. If a Team wishes to file a protest within a tournament, they will follow the procedures as outlined by the tournament rules and/or procedures. The Team filing the protest will incur any and all expenses related to the filing of their protest.

25. Refunds

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25.1 Any refund request granted shall have \$40 deducted as a non-refundable administrative fee.

25.2 All refund requests must be made in writing by the parents/guardians to be submitted to the TYSC Board.

25.3 No refund shall be made when a player withdraws from soccer to participate in another sport.

25.4 Refund requests must be made before the end of the 1st week of practice.

25.5 A refund may be requested for a season ending injury occurring during the first half of the season. A physician's note must be provided. A refund may be granted on a prorated basis, less the administrative fee. No refund will be made for injuries in the second half of the season.

25.6 After the 1st week of practice petitions by the parents/guardians to the TYSC Board may be considered at the TYSC Board's discretion for extenuating circumstances.

25.7 Tournament fees will be refunded or credited if the TEAM does not travel to the tournament. If the child is not rostered due to poor attendance or poor attitude-NO Refund shall be granted.

25.8 Overpayment shall be refunded only after a written request from the issuer of the check.

26. Registration

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26.1 Registration forms for spring and fall season and summer camps shall be provided by TYSC in English (and Spanish when feasible) and are available on the website at

telluridesoccer.net. All registration shall be done on-line. Seasonal soccer fees are payable in full at the time of registration.

26.2 Only players with signed waivers and fees paid in full shall be allowed to practice or play in games.

26.3 In the case where coaching or refereeing hours will be arranged to offset seasonal fees, a check for the full amount will be held until such hours are fulfilled.

26.4 CSA birth date definitions of divisions shall be used. Current birth date cut off is July 31. A photo, and a copy of the official birth certificate (issued by the State Health Department) for players registering for the first time will be required for player cards.

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26.5 No registration shall be processed without all fees paid. Any late fees must be paid before the registration will be processed.

26.6 If a team is short on players, the TYSC Board may waive the late registration fee to add players to a team until the team has 4 subs on the roster.

27. Removal of a Coach

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The basis of removal of a coach includes, but is not limited to abusing the standards of conduct for coaches and/or breaking the TYSC policies and procedures. The removal process may be initiated either by a TYSC Board member or a written letter of complaint (signed by a parent on the affected team and submitted to the TYSC Director of Coaching) outlining the complaints against the coach. Each case is unique. The TYSC Director of Coaching and the Board of Directors will investigate the situation.

28. Reporting Game Scores

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Coaches are responsible to review and abide by the CSA Rules and Procedures for reporting game scores. CSA rules may be found at: <http://www.coyouthsoccer.org>. Most leagues require the Center Referee to submit scores to CSA. The coach should verify the Center Referee's score following the team handshake. In addition to any League requirements, coaches shall report all game scores to their team managers and the Program Administrator within two (2) days of any match.

29. Rosters

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Maximum roster size is often limited to 18 for league play. TYSC policy for rosters gives priority to those who registered by the registration deadline, who have attended the practices, had a good attitude and displayed a good work ethic. Tie breaker: In the event two or more athletes are otherwise in equal standing for roster spots, the coach and manager shall rotate players into the available spots, taking into consideration personal schedules, siblings and other commitments by the athletes.

All kids who are rostered for a game and have attended the practices, had a good attitude and displayed a good work ethic will play 50% of a game **regardless of ability**.

30. Service Learning

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TYSC offers middle and high school age students the opportunity to gain service learning hours through a variety of tasks such as but not limited to refereeing, sorting and managing equipment, assisting coaches, stuffing envelopes, web design or graphic design, and more. Please contact the Director of Coaching throughout the year to see how you can help.

31. Sportsmanship

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30.1 Club Policy:

30.1.1 Coaches, players and parents are required to abide by the codes of conducts signed upon hiring and registration.

30.1.2 Coach is responsible for good sportsmanship of players and spectators.

30.1.3 Coach and players (Team) shall be on the same side of the field as the opponents.

30.1.4 Spectators shall be on the opposite side of the field and must stay six feet back from the touchline.

30.1.5 No coaches, players, or spectators are allowed behind the goals or goal lines.

30.1.6 No parents, friends or coaches of other teams are allowed on the bench or side of the Team.

30.1.7 No excessively loud noisemakers are permitted.

30.1.8 PETS must be on leashes at fields where they are allowed.

30.1.9 Coaches shall NOT bring pets to any game.

30.1.10 No alcoholic beverages or smoking is allowed at any games or practices.

30.2 PROCEDURES:

30.2.1 Referees: Referees have the final say on all points of law. Please respect the referees. Do not communicate with referees during the game. Team Captains and Head Coaches may discuss points of the law at half time and at the end of the game with the referee.

30.2.2 Handshake: At the end of each game both teams and coaches will line-up at the half-line and shake hands with one another. All Athletes and Coaches shall be respectful. Referees will oversee this procedure.

30.2.3 Discipline of Spectators: Fans asked to remove animals, alcoholic beverages, or tobacco products and refusing to do so, will cause their coach to be disciplined and may be barred from attending future TYSC games. The TYSC Director of Coaching will be notified in cases of poor sportsmanship by coaches, players, or spectators.

32. Team Donations and Sponsorships

Reviewed: February 2014

Donations and Sponsorships are vital to maintenance of affordable registration fees. TYSC Board members and teams are encouraged to solicit donations and sponsors according to an approved donor form. Sponsor names may be placed on uniforms, warm-ups, flags, banners, tents, coolers and/or bags. Donations by businesses and special interest groups must be approved by TYSC Board of Directors in advance. Placement of sponsor names on literature, uniforms, flags, tents, etc., shall be determined by TYSC Board of Directors. Individual teams may not place sponsor logos on uniforms other than those approved by the Board.

33. Team Manager

Reviewed: February 2014

32.1 Each team shall have a Team Manager.

32.2 The Director of Coaching and the Head Coaches select team managers.

32.3 Responsibilities:

32.3.1 The manager is responsible for the off-the-field management of the team which may include communication with parents, ensuring and forecasting attendance for upcoming games, assisting in player registration, tournament registration, game scheduling, financial management, travel arrangements, publicity, team newsletters, roster maintenance, first aid kit, reminding players and parents of upcoming games, organizing water, and half-time snacks, etc.

32.3.2 The manager may delegate tasks to parent volunteers.

32.3.3 Team Managers may request a waiver of program fees for one child for one season less the \$50 minimum administrative fee.

32.3.4 At the end of the season, the Team Manager is responsible to organize the Team Party and may arrange for an appropriate memento for the coach(es).

34. Tournaments

Reviewed: February 2014

33.1 Club Policy: Tournaments present great opportunities for team bonding and player development. Tournaments are expensive for the club and for the parents. Players and parents should commit fully to any tournament. Players who commit and later withdraw may be excluded from game rosters later in the season or the following season. TYSC can adjust to needs of teams by adjusting age groups and creating co-ed teams when appropriate.

33.2 Rosters: Minimum roster size is 14, Maximum roster size is 18. TYSC policy for rosters gives priority to those who registered by the registration deadline, who have attended the practices, had a good attitude and displayed a good work ethic. All kids who are rostered for a game and have attended the practices, had a good attitude and displayed a good work ethic will play 50% of a game regardless of ability.

33.3 Pre-registration for tournaments is required. Late registrants may not be accommodated on the roster.

33.4 All players attending in or out-of-town tournaments, games and scrimmages must sign and abide by the Code of Conduct. This agreement shall be available for coaches/team manager(s) to pick up from the Director of Coaching.

33.5 Registration: Teams attending tournaments are responsible for properly completing and submitting the necessary forms and fees in conjunction with the Program Director. Coaches and Team Manager(s) will contact the TYSC office to inform TYSC of their intent to attend a tournament and to verify requirements for entry into tournaments.

33.6 Out-of-state Tournaments: Additional forms are required to travel out-of-state. Certain forms must be submitted at least 30 days prior to the tournament. The TYSC Program Director has these necessary forms available.

33.7 Competitive Tournaments: TYSC teams may attend tournaments outside of the regular season. In such cases TYSC may hold tryouts and combine efforts with other clubs. Fees and expenses for those tournaments will be in addition to regular club dues.

35. Travel

Reviewed: February 2014

34.1 Drivers of any vehicle carrying players not in their immediate family must be 21 years of age, unless parents/guardians of the player(s) riding in the vehicle have given written permission. Each person driving must have a valid driver's license in good standing and a current insurance certificate, as required by Colorado Law.

34.2 Out-of-State Travel: Any team wishing to travel outside the jurisdiction of CSA shall submit the appropriate forms in accordance with CSA Rules and Procedure.



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DONATE HERE

Support the youth of Telluride. We welcome and greatly appreciate your contribution to the Telluride Youth Soccer Club. **Please complete this form and mail it with your check to:** TYSC, P.O. Box 1799, Telluride, Colorado 81435

Name(s) _____

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FUNDING RAISING GOALS 2014

The Telluride Youth Soccer Club fundraising goals for 2014 are to expand its present budget. We are pursuing a **\$40,000** target for our fund raising goal for 2014. Our fundraising objectives are:

- ☉ Raising Director of Coaching salary ☉ Raising all coach's stipend
- ☉ Training aids, cones, small goals, ☉ Creation of an indoor soccer league
- ☉ Support underprivileged children with scholarships ☉ Start a local tournament
- ☉ Create a traveling tournament team ☉ Increase club membership
- ☉ Perk package for coaches and team volunteers ☉ Increased tournament play

Enclosed is my donation of:

 \$100__  \$250__  \$500__  \$1,000__

 \$5,000__  other__

Your tax-deductible contribution is payable to: Telluride Youth Soccer Club, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, Federal Tax ID # 84-1569268, 970.708.8378 (phone).

Please include your mailing address, so we can mail you a tax-deductible donation receipt.

TYSC Drug and Alcohol Athlete Responsibility Contract

(To be read and signed by all 5th through 12th grade athletes in order to participate in any TYSC programs)

Athlete Statement of Understanding: I understand that representing Telluride Youth Soccer Club (TYSC) and participating in soccer activities under TYSC is a privilege and that I must adhere to the requirements of the TYSC Handbook, Drug and Alcohol policy, as a condition of participation. As an athlete, I understand and agree that participation in athletics often involves heightened risk of physical harm that may be increased by the use of illegal drugs, alcohol or tobacco products. I agree to refrain from alcohol, drugs, tobacco and other behavior detrimental to myself and my team or organization during my season of participation. Further, I have a responsibility to myself, my team, my team's organization, my parents, my school and my community to conduct myself in an appropriate manner as an athlete, which means refraining from using drugs, alcohol and tobacco. I understand that my failure to comply with TYSC Drug and Alcohol Student Responsibility Contract during my season of participation may result in restrictions on my continued participation in the athletic activity.

Infractions: An infraction is any type of TYSC Student Responsibility Contract violation.

First Violation- I understand and agree that a first infraction will result in immediate loss of eligibility for two games to be designated by the head coach. I understand that I must practice and attend games "on the bench".

Second Violation- I understand and agree that a second infraction will result in my loss of eligibility for three games to be designated by the head coach, which loss of eligibility will be imposed in the following season if there are not three games remaining in the current soccer season. If I commit a second infraction, I will also be required to meet with a substance abuse counselor and follow recommended solutions to the problem. Athletes will be assigned 2 hours of service to TYSC.

Third Violation- I understand that a third infraction during the season will result in my loss of eligibility for one calendar year, with eligibility regained at the beginning of the season following the season in which the offense occurred. I understand that a follow-up substance abuse assessment will be required, and that I will be required to participate in a treatment plan as a condition to return to participation in TYSC soccer programs the following year. Athletes will be assigned 4 hours of club service.

The above outlined violations and consequences are not negotiable.

Please sign below, make one copy for your records, and return the original to TYSC with registration forms.

Student's Name _____

Student's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent's Name _____

Parent's Signature _____ Date _____