

STANDING RULES, REGULATIONS AND RULES OF COMPETITION  
OF THE SOUTH MASON YOUTH SOCCER CLUB (SMYSC)

RULE 1: Abide by South Mason Youth Soccer Club Standing Rules, Regulations and Rules of Competition.

RULE 2: The original team will stay intact (including age-change Players) as long as they are pre-registered. The Pre-registration is the date's the club set as official dates for registration. If a player fails to pre-register, then the first available player will be placed on the team according to sign up date. An exception would be if the parents, player or coach requests that a returning player not be assigned to the team due to team chemistry.

RULE 3: SMYSC will assign coaches and players to teams. Rosters are created by club registrars.

RULE 4: Coaches may not recruit players or "save" spaces on teams for players

RULE 5: A coach can request a certain age group, but if his/her team is not full, players (can) will be moved up to fill the team. No players shall be allowed to play in age levels greater than two years up.

RULE 6: If a coach decides he/she wants age-change players, all the original team age-change players must be retained. [Coaches] cannot pick and choose. Age-change players parents can request for their child not to remain with the original team, but rather play with his/her regular age group., A coach can take the issue to the Grievance Committee his/her concern that a player need[s] to stay down if the players parents don't agree.

RULE 7: Teams rosters will be made up with the number of players as per the WSYSA regulation and guidelines. A waiting list will be established once these team totals have been reached. Following are the team sizes being assigned: U5 to U7= [6], U-8= [8], U-9= [9], U-10= [10], U-11= [14], U-12 = [14] U-13 through U19= [18]).

RULE 8: The Grievance committee, which is appointed by the President, will handle player transfer, coach and parent discipline.

The following steps must be followed:

- a) A written notice to the President stating the concern of the individual involved.
- b) President will notify the Grievance Committee, who will then establish a meeting date.
- c) The meeting date will be relayed by the President to the individuals involved. If asked their presence is mandatory.
- d) The Grievance committee's decision is final after review by the Board of Directors.
- e) A grievance must be brought up within 30 days of the offense.

RULE 9: Any individual on the Grievance Committee or the Board of Directors involved in the said grievance must excuse themselves.

RULE 10: A coach or team inducing a registered player to transfer from his/her team shall be deemed to have committed the offense of poaching and shall be dealt with by the Grievance Committee.

RULE 11: Every player will play at least one-half (1/2) the playing time of the game. This rule can be amended by a player being disciplined, or due to injury.

RULE 12: Every coach must participate in fund raising activities of their team and coaches are encouraged to participate in clinics for SMYSC.

RULE 13: Only rostered players may participate in practices and games, unless guests are approved under the Player Pass. If the player pass is used both coaches need to approve and the registrar notified. (See Player Pass rule under the Downloads tab on [www.thurstoncountysoccer.com](http://www.thurstoncountysoccer.com)).

RULE 14: All issues that coaches or parents have with the club, the grounds, or rules and regulations of the Club have to be written and given to the President of the SMYC. The issue will be handled by SMYSC with a full hearing of the issue by all board members.