

Midland Youth Soccer League (MYSL) Rules

Rule 1: Teams:

1. The teams shall be selected by the school grade and be;
Division 1: First (1) and Second (2) grade **Boy's & Girl's**
Division 2: Third (3) and Fourth (4) grade **Boy's**
Division 3: Fifth (5) and Sixth (6) grade **Boy's**
Division 4: Seventh (7) and Eight (8) grade **Boy's**
Division 5: Third (3) and Fourth (4) grade **Girl's**
Division 6: Fifth (5) and Sixth (6) grade **Girl's**
Division 7: Seventh (7) and Eight (8) grade **Girl's**
Division 8: Ninth (9) thru Twelfth (12) grade **Boy's**
Division 9: Ninth (9) thru Twelfth (12) grade **Girl's**
Division 8 and 9 may be split up depending on the count of players in 9 -10th grade and 11 – 12th grade
2. All teams will abide by the rules of the MYSL.
3. The teams in Division 1, Division 2 and Division 5 shall consist of a minimum of 7 and (recommended) no more than 14 players. **(fielding 8)**
4. The teams in Division 3, Division 4, Division 6 and Division 7 shall consist of a minimum of 8 and (recommended) no more than 18 players. **(fielding 11)**
5. In case any team shall exceed the recommended roster size, the representative need to inform the MYSL.
6. Each Township/Club/Military Post is responsible for forming teams, which will be equally balanced by talent. Adjustments will be made if necessary during the season to insure the equitable distribution of talent.
7. Borrowing players to improve the strength of the team is prohibited.
8. Each team shall not have more than **3 travel players** at the same time on the field and no more than **5 travel players** on their roster.
This can be appealed if needed (in writing) and will be ruled on by the league.
9. When not be able to field the minimum required players a team may borrow players (max 3) **from the opponent**, but when players from own team show, borrowed players must return to their own team.
10. Moving players up from lower grades is prohibited, unless player is much older due to staying behind in grades.
The representative needs to inform the MYSL.
11. Team rosters need to be presented to the league prior to the start of the season. Forms will be made available by the league.

Rule 2: Players:

1. All players will abide by the rules of the MYSL.
2. All players will play at least half of each game, unless ill or injured or the opposing coach and referee must be notified prior to the game of the player's nonparticipation for disciplinary reasons.
3. All players must have the following **protective equipment** in order to play; soccer cleats/sneakers, shin guards and safety glasses (for those who need to wear glasses to see).
4. All players will **remove all jewelry** before practice and games.
5. Players who need to wear glasses and do not wish to wear safety glasses must obtain a waiver by their Township/Club/Military post representative in order to play the game.
6. Players who need to wear casts or splints **are not allowed** to play the game (safety reasons and USSF rules) unless they have a **soft casts**. The referee will inspect the casting and make his/her ruling if the player can participate in the game.

Rule 3. Fields:

1. The Recommended dimensions for the fields of play are,

Division 1, Division 2 and Division 5;	Length: 70 yards
	Width: 40 yards
Division 3, Division 4, Division 6, Division 7	Length: 100 yards
Division 8 and Division 9;	Width: 50 yards
2. All Townships/Clubs/Military Posts will provide playing fields for the divisions they participate in the MYSL.
3. All fields should be in good condition (no stones, glass or other objects sticking out the ground).
4. The fields should have adequate marked lines and corner markings.
5. The goals should be sized to the field size and anchored to the ground.
6. If adequate space available **it is required** to put a 5 yard parents/spectators side line on both sides over the full length of the field. **(Yellow)**
(Only coaches and players in the 5-yard area).

Rule 4: Registration:

1. Each Township/Club/Military Post shall provide a list with dates and times when there shall be **no games at their fields**; this list must be into the MYSL on or before July 31 so that game scheduling can be completed on time.
2. Each registered player shall not exceed the age of 18 years old at de date of august 31 or shall not be in de grade higher than 12th grade.
3. Each Township/Club/Military Post shall include with their registration form a **Liability Release** form for wearing glasses on the field, which

will be collected and stored by the township/Club/Military Post Soccer Commissioner.

4. Each Township/Club/Military Post shall provide a list with;
 - a. The number of teams in each Division
 - b. The name of the team coach
 - c. The phone number of the team coach
 - d. If available the fax number of the coach
 - e. If available the e-mail of the coach
 - f. The name of the assistant coach (if available)
 - g. The phone number of the assistant coach (if available)This list shall be presented to the MYSL **no later than July 31** so scheduling of games can be completed on time.
4. Each Township/Club/Military Post shall provide the league with a complete team roster for each team playing (names of players with phone numbers) **no later than September 1st**.
5. Each Township/Club/military Post shall provide the league with a copy of the **Players membership / Medical release form** from each player. **This form needs to have the signature and stamp of a Notary** and provided to the league **no later than September 1st**

Rule 5: Games:

1. The time periods for the games are;

Division 1	10min. Quarters	(4 Quarters)
Division 2	25min Halves	(2 Halves)
Division 5	25min Halves	(2 Halves)
Division 3	30min Halves	(2 Halves)
Division 6	30min Halves	(2 Halves)
Division 4	35min Halves	(2 Halves)
Division 7	35min Halves	(2 Halves)
Division 8	40min Halves	(2 Halves)
Division 9	40min Halves	(2 Halves)
2. Game times are as follows;
 - a. Saturday games 9.00AM, 10.30AM, 12.00PM, 13.30PM (1.30PM) and 15.00PM (3.00PM) as a spare time slot
 - b. Weeknight games 18.00PM (6.00PM) and when the dark falls early 17.30 or 17.45PM (5.30PM or 5.45PM) (in agreement with the assignor)
3. The games are played following the FIFA rules with exception of Division 1, which has some minor adjustments.
4. The scoring difference in a game shall not exceed more than five (**5**) goals. (Enforcement must be adhered by the coaches.)

Rule 6: Cancellations of games:

1. In the event that a game needs to be canceled or rescheduled the coaches need to inform Township/Club/Military post representative and the referee assignor.
2. Cancellations of a game need to be reported to the referee assignor 24 hours before the game time; **2 hours, if due to inclement weather.**
3. Rescheduling a referee must be done **48 hours before day of game** to the referee assignor **by the coach of the home team** .
4. **No games will be canceled for travel Soccer or travel Baseball / Softball or any other sport.**

Rule 7: Make-up games:

- A. Make-up games are to be played **within eight (8) days** of the originally scheduled game or the team unable to play will forfeit.
- B. It is encouraged that Sundays be used for make-up games.
- C. The **home team is responsible** for contacting the referee-assignor to cancel a game and for rescheduling a game.
- D. The home team will be **required to inform the League representative** about this change.

Rule 8: No show of Referee's

- A. When a Referee is not present at the scheduled time of the game, **the home team** coach/assistant coach **is responsible to inform the Assignor.**
- B. A no show of the Referee must be reported at the end of the game and no later than the same day.**
- C. The Coach need to have the following information:
 - 1: Game time
 - 2: Team number of home team and opponent
 - 3: Field number
- D. If not reported on time the Referee will be assumed to be present at the Game and paid.

Rule 9: Parents & Spectators Sportmanship

- A. A parent of a participating player in the MYSL program, will be informed by either the coach or the soccer commissioner from their township/club or military post, about sportsmanship and behavior at the sideline.
- B. A parent/ spectator whom is not conducting themselves following those guidelines **can and will be removed.**
- C. A parent/ spectator whom need to be removed from the field of play will **first be asked by the coach** to remove him/herself.
With no positive response **the referee will be the secondary person** to inform those people to remove them selves.
In case of still refusing to remove them selves the local authorities will be called to remove those people.
- D. Parents & Spectators will be on the opposite side of the field from the players, behind the 5 Yards line.

Rule 10: Tournament team forming

- A. When participating in the Midlands Tournament **with the same team as in the regular season** no travel players are allowed on the team.
- B. When **combining two teams** (4 or more players), **travel players will not be allowed** on that team.
- C. When **adding 2 or 3 players** to the team, **none of the added players** can be travel players.
- C. There will be no borrowing players from other teams in the tournament
- D. For the Midlands team the age cut-off dates following the tournament rules will be applicable

Rule 11: Medical releases

- A. Coaches are required to have the player's medical releases when arriving at the field of play.
This Medical release filled out and notarized has to be the original form, not a copy.

Division 1 Adjustments:

One (1) coach from each team is allowed on the field of play.

He / She will not interfere with the referee or overrule the referee.

They can only help their team with instructions and will stay 5 yards away of the ball / play.

Player performing a foul throw in will be allowed to take it over once Penalty kicks will be awarded only when it is obvious a foul in the 16 yard box.

Handling the ball with the hands must be obvious to be awarded a Free kick.