

Aliso Viejo Region 889

Winter Soccer Rules and Regulations

1. Teams

Teams may consist of up to 8 but not less than 6 players who are current registered AYSO Fall players.

Winter ball is a developmental league.

AYSO Plus players may not participate. NO EXCEPTIONS.

All Star players may participate. One All-Star player per four roster players are allowed on a team. Players voted to the All-Star team who subsequently decline All-Star participation will be considered All-Stars for this rule.

Currently registered AYSO players who also play for a club team may participate in Winter ball program if they played in a minimum of 5 AYSO current Fall season games and are not an AYSO Plus player.

No player may play on more than one team.

Teams may not be co-ed.

Teams may practice twice a week, two weeks prior to the start of the season. Once the season starts, practices are optional with only one practice per week.

2. Games

Games will be of the following lengths (with a five-minute half time, whistle-to-whistle):

Under 8	2 fifteen (15) minute halves
Under 10	2 seventeen (17) minute halves
Under 12	2 twenty (20) minute halves
Under 14	2 twenty-three (23) minute halves

Playing time must be distributed equally amongst all players.

There are no overtimes and games need to start on time and end on time regardless of the score.

Rainouts will not be rescheduled. (Sorry, no refunds). No games will be played when AVCA has closed the fields. AVCA Rain line number is: 362-5890 x210.

Coaches are responsible for trash pick-up on their side of the field during and after the game.

Sportsmanship is to be encouraged and taught by the coaches, but will not be scored. Referees will discipline and deal with problem players, coaches and/or spectators. Problems must be noted and will be referred to the RC and the Winter ball Coordinator (game cards are not being used).

3. Fields

The fields will be configured as follows:

Size:	40 x 60 yards overall size
Goal Arc:	5-yard arc
Goals:	small goals (Under 6)

Other markings: a halfway line with a center circle, corner arcs with a 1-yard radius.

First teams scheduled to play will jointly setup the fields. Last teams scheduled will jointly take down the fields.

4. Referees and Discipline

The referee's main objective is to control the game and to insure the players' safety.

Red Cards: Each Red Card will be immediately followed by a two game suspension. Two Red Cards to the same player will result in suspension for the rest of the season. Any Team with 3 Red Cards will be subject to a disciplinary hearing.

Yellow Cards: Every two Yellow Cards will equal one Red Card during the game and the season.

Referee Review: Both referees must agree on the card. If there is a disagreement or the player in question is the referee's child, the Field Marshal shall resolve the conflict.

Each team must have it's own certified referee(s).

Certified asst. referee for U08 and U10, only one referee at a time will be on the field.

More than one referee per team is strongly recommended!

U12 and older divisions must have a certified regional referee, (only one certified regional referee will be on the field)

The home team will provide a referee for the first half; the visitor team will provide a referee for the second half.

No coaching from referees will be allowed!

The referees shall be objective, as this program is for learning, not winning.

5. Winter Ball Rule Modifications

The games will follow the standard FIFA and AYSO rules with the following exceptions:

No Offside

No Goal Keepers

No Defenders

No players are permitted to use their hands or to enter the Goal Arc area to play the ball.

Teams are not allowed to position players in their defensive half of the field unless the opposing team also positions players in their defensive half of the field or the ball enters their defensive half of the field.

All players are to be encouraged to participate in play on both halves of the field.

Referees will take action to enforce this. For violating the Goal Arch rule, the referee, will give a warning. Continued violation will result in penalty kick.

Penalty Kicks.

Penalty kicks will be taken from the midfield line at an open goal.

All players will remain behind the halfway line. The ball will travel to or miss the goal. A missed kick will result in a goal kick for the opposing team.

For U-8 games the penalty kick will be taken from the midfield circle in the defender's half of the field.

All fouls will result in an indirect kick.

Goal Kicks

Taken from anywhere on the goal line outside the Goal Arc.

Goal Arc

Each goal will have a “keep-out” area in front of it formed by a five-yard radius from the goal that intersects with the goal line.

Players are allowed to run through the arch, however they are not allowed to play the ball while in the arch.

If an attacking player plays the ball in the arc, a goal kick will be awarded to the defending team.

If a defender player plays the ball in the arc, a Penalty Kick will be awarded to the attacking team.

In case of a stopped ball inside the arc a player must get permission from referee to enter the arc.

A ball that stops inside the arc shall be restarted with a Goal Kick for the defending team.

Substitutions

Each team may substitute on any restart. Substitution may be done, with referee permission, on throw-ins, or any stoppage of play. Substitutions may not occur less than 90 seconds following the previous substitution. There will be no substitution the last 60 seconds of the game except for injury, Constant substitutions may be interpreted as wasting time and will be dealt with by the referee.

FIELD LAYOUT

