Welcome! 2013

NYSWYSA Expressway League

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NYSWYSA thanks you for joining us this evening. The following outline is meant to provide you with a quick summary of key points to the new Expressway League to facilitate this evening's discussion. The official Policies & Rules will appear on the league website at:

Expressway.demosphere.com

WHAT THE EXPRESSWAY LEAGUES OFFERS YOUR DISTRICT:

- Provides over 40 current NYSWYSA member and non-member clubs and their communities a sanctioned, competitive, state cup qualifying league for an affordable per team fee that is comparable to other equivalent Region I qualifying leagues.
- Uses certified USSF referees who are members of the WNY Referees Association.
- Allows smaller rural communities to combine players into stronger more competitive teams that can play to equivalent skill sets found in teams within larger urban or suburban communities.
- Provides members teams a means and a venue with which to advance to the NYS Thruway Cup and State Cup qualifying rounds.
- Provides a stable league supported and administered by the state association that handles registration, scheduling, scoring and standings along and offers active training and coaching resources.
- Provides players and teams the necessary competitive exposure to help them build their collegiate application resumes.
- Provides players and teams increased exposure to college scouting through organized and officially recognized venues.
- Most importantly, provides the region's young players a progressive, technically developmental environment through a consistent and higher level of competitive play.

General Policies and Procedures

The Expressway League is chartered by the New York State West Youth Soccer Association, and affiliated with US Youth Soccer, the United States Soccer Federation, and FIFA. Only teams affiliated with Expressway League member clubs can play in the league.

Teams from non-member clubs may apply for consideration to the league and must follow the process outlined in the Rules & Regulations.

Teams must be registered with New York State West Youth Soccer Association (NYSWYSA) or an approved National State Association affiliated with the United States Youth Soccer Association (US Youth Soccer).

The participation fee for the inaugural season of the Expressway League is $50.00 per team.

The league entry fee must be paid within 10 days of the close of entry which is February 28th of the current calendar year. Failure to pay this fee within 10 days of the closing date will result in a fine.

All games will be officiated by referees who are registered with USSF. The Expressway League will pay the assigning fees for all league games.

The inaugural season will run from May 1st through June 30th or as close as possible to this time frame calendar year permitting.

Eight (8) game schedule played on Saturdays and Sundays with flexibility built in. Three (3) block-out dates available to each team.

Age Groupings

Each age group will have a boys and girls conference and begin with two (2) competition levels:

Competitive Intermediate

Competitive Advanced

The age groupings will consist of: U10, U12, U14, U16 & U19.

All teams are required to play in the age appropriate group.

Team Registration

Final acceptance and placement of the entry will be at the discretion of the League.

This is a state qualifying travel league. New teams of member and non-member clubs should consider this factor before choosing the appropriate competitive level.

Clubs MAY combine player resources to form more competitive teams.

Teams MUST appear under one club umbrella and MAY use member regional club registration resources to achieve this goal if there is a preference to maintain club neutrality.

Division Structure

Age group divisions may be established as deemed necessary.

The 1st place team from each age group for U12 and higher will automatically qualify for consideration to play in the Thruway League.

Team Rosters

Team Rosters are required by rule and must be:

a) Submitted for team registration with player passes
b) Correctly filled out
c) Certified by NYSWYSA or an official certified roster of another NSA
d) Submitted to the League Administrator by the published date. If not received by this date, the team may face a fine or suspension by being placed in bad standing with the league.
    a. NYSW team rosters will be considered submitted when they are entered into the Expressway League in RosterPro©.

The roster limit for U10 teams is 14 players.

The roster limit for U12 teams is 18 players.

For all other age groups the limit is 22 players (however no more than 18 may check into any game).

Rosters will be frozen at midnight, April 1. Changes must follow proscribed rules.

It is solely the responsibility of the team to ensure that the League Administrator receives their certified roster.

Playing Up (Players)

Each player on the team must be (A) of the age of the age group competition in which the team is participating in that seasonal year, or (B) of the age in either of the next 2 younger age groups of that age group competition in which the team is participating in that seasonal year.

All teams must have 50% + 1 players of the age group competition in which the team is participating in that seasonal year.

Secondary Rostering

A player shall be rostered to one team and one team only in their age group in this league.

A player can carry either a primary or secondary player pass, however if the player carries two passes, the other pass must be for a roster in another age group or another league.

Coach's on the Sideline

A maximum of three coaches/trainers will be allowed on the team side of the field.

Any adult on the team side MUST have a risk management pass.

A player from an older team acting as a coach MUST have a risk management youth coaching pass and cannot be on the sideline in a coaching capacity unless there is an adult (over 21 years of age) with a risk management pass on the sideline as well.

Player's/Coach's Passes

All player's and coach's MUST have a laminated player's pass or coach's pass, signed and sealed by the league/district registrar or State Risk Management officer, with a recent photo, in order to participate in any Expressway League game and/or to be on a team sideline.

There are no exceptions to this rule.

This rule is not to be interpreted and must be strictly enforced by all referees at all league games.

In addition the team must present the referee crew with an original certified roster listing all players and coaches who are members of the team.

Referees will check to be certain that the passes and certified roster match.

Team Performance

Teams will not be required to provide performance bonds to NYSWYSA however it is recommended that participating clubs establish bond rates for their teams in the event of incurring fines.

The Expressway League encourages clubs to collect bonds from those teams the club feels are at risk for incurring forfeit charges.

The final responsibility for all fees and fines lies with the Club.

Guest Players

Guest players will be permitted by the league for all teams. The intent of using guest players is for player development.

Guest players MUST be registered members of the club they are guest playing for and hold an appropriate club pass.

Any incorrect use of a guest player will be treated as an ineligible player.

Player Eligibility

All players must have a valid US Youth Soccer player pass and must appear on the team's certified roster.

Rescheduling Games – Changes to the Preliminary Schedule

The preliminary Expressway League schedule will be published to the website during the month of March.

Each team coach/manager will have 2 weeks (free grace period) to review the preliminary schedule with their team and notify the League Administrator of any changes to this schedule.

Rescheduling Games – Changes to the Final Schedule

After the 2 week grace period, only 3 changes can be made as long as they are changed at least 14 days prior to that scheduled game to be changed.

Game reschedules requested less than 14 days from the original scheduled date consist of a late game cancellation fee and a late game rescheduling fee.

Game reschedules will be conducted as per current league rules.

Make-Up Games (Rain outs)

Coaches are expected to work with each other and the League Administrator to arrange whatever convenient times may be available to make up their games.

All make-up games must be scheduled for a specified date within 2 weeks from the date of the decision to cancel or rainout.

The game does not have to be played within the 2 weeks, but a new date must be established and recorded with the League Administrator within 2 weeks of the original game date.

Cancellations

Teams must play all games and be willing to travel. If a team refuses to travel to a game site, that team may be subject to sanctions and fines.

Scoring System

The following will be used to determine a winner for each division within an age group:

Win = 3 points, Loss = 0 points, Tie = 1 point

League standings will be kept for the U12 – U19 age groups. There are no standings for U10 age groups.

Both team coaches are responsible for filing a game report online for each match in a timely manner.

End of season tiebreakers will be handled per current league rules.

Teams assessed any forfeits are ineligible for a League Championship consideration.

Divisional Champions will receive Championship T-Shirts.

Fields

Each member club must provide an active field coordinator for scheduling purposes.

The league will use this person as a liaison between the club and the league on issues pertaining to the fields use.

All games will be played at the designated regional field facilities established by the Commission in order to minimize the distance of travel necessary for clubs and to make overall league management more efficient and effective.

Member clubs may apply to have their facilities considered for use as regional league facilities.

The League Commission will determine which facilities will be used for official league use.

The clubs responsible for the approved facility are also responsible for proper preparation of their fields per current league rules.

Cautions and Send Offs

1) All rules covering cautions and send offs are covered by the FIFA Laws of the Game. The Expressway League has also added to these laws with additional rules that appear in the current league rules and regulations.

2013 Expressway League Schedule of Fees and Fines

2012 Team Registration Fee - $50.00

Referee Game Fees (Per match - 8 game schedule) Pending Final Approval

Age Group	2013 Referee/Asst. Referee	Responsibility per match for each team
U19 (3 officials)	$60/$30	$60
U16 (3 officials)	$52/$26	$52
U14 (1 official)	$48	$24
U12 (1 official)	$40	$20
U10 (1 official)	$30	$15

Late Game Cancellation Fee – paid by the team responsible for cancellation

Age Group	1-24 Hours	25-48 Hours	49-72 Hours	73-96 Hours	97-120 Hours
U19	$120.00	$96.00	$72.00	$48.00	$24.00
U16	$104.00	$83.20	$62.40	$41.60	$20.80
U14	$48.00	$34.80	$28.80	$19.20	$9.60
U12	$40.00	$32.00	$24.00	$16.00	$8.00
U08/U10	$30.00	$24.00	$18.00	$12.00	$6.00

Late Game Scheduling Fee

Age Group	1-24 Hours	25-48 Hours	49-72 Hours	73-96 Hours
U19	$48.00	$36.00	$24.00	$12.00
U16	$41.60	$31.20	$20.80	$10.40
U14	$19.20	$14.40	$9.60	$4.80
U12	$16.00	$12.00	$8.00	$4.00
U08/U10	$12.00	$9.00	$6.00	$3.00

*PLEASE NOTE – All game reschedules consist of a game cancellation fee and a game scheduling fee.

Fines

Forfeit **$75.00**

Charged to team unable to prove to the assigned referee that they are fielding a legal team or who do not show up at the scheduled game site within 15 minutes of game time. *All forfeits are also considered late game cancellations.*

Failure to Make a Timely Game Report **$5.00**

Charged to any team not making a game report by 9:00PM, Monday following the game date.

Send Off (Player) **$25.00**

Charged to any team that has a player shown a red card. This fine is per person *and* per occurrence.

Spectator or Team Staff Ejection **$25.00/$50.00**

Charged to any team that has a spectator or affiliated coach, assistant, or manager asked to leave a game site. This fine is per person *and* per occurrence. The higher fine is for team staff.

Physical Assault **$250.00**

Charged to any team that has an affiliated coach, assistant, manager, or spectator with assault. USSF mandates minimum suspensions to be enforced nationally for assault. These can be up to 5 years or longer! Please take all appropriate actions to prevent this from happening.

Failure to produce an original certified roster **$5.00**

Charged to any team which shows up at a game with player passes only but no original certified roster.

Improper Maintenance or Marking of Field **$25.00 [per game]**

Charged to any approved regional facility if a referee reports that a field is not appropriately marked or equipped.

Early Withdrawal/Expulsion **$200.00**

Charged to any team which withdraws or is expelled from the league after the final schedule has been released.

If the fees/fines are not paid within 30 days of the invoice, the team will be deemed 'not in good standing' which will prevent that team from playing in any Expressway League game until the fine is paid. Clubs are liable for all penalties incurred by their teams. If the club does not pay the fine, then the club is put in bad standing. This will prevent all teams from that club from playing in the Expressway League until the fine is paid.

NYS WEST Youth Soccer Association Zero Tolerance Policy

The Expressway League will abide strictly with this policy. There are no exceptions.

REGISTRATION OPENS ONLINE on DECEMBER 12, 2012 at:

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Registration questions?

Email League Administrator Mike Kozak at: mkozak@nyswysa.org