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## PARENT GUIDE

A QUICK REFERENCE FOR PARENTS



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### WELCOME TO **CYSA** SOCCER

Welcome to the California Youth Soccer Association's 2007/2008 youth soccer season. **CYSA's** soccer family, with its approximately 250,000 registered players and team officials, tens of thousands of volunteers, and hundreds of thousands of supporting parents and family members, looks forward to yet another highly successful and productive year. **CYSA** will, as always, strive to advance its core value of serving all children by providing experiences that will enable each child to grow, learn, mature, and succeed as adults by becoming productive members of society.

For **CYSA**, every child is an individual of importance, to be nurtured, encouraged, and supported, and to that end

**CYSA** offers something for every child. **CYSA** has programs for the recreational to the most advanced player and everything in between; programs for the disadvantaged, physically and otherwise; programs leading to state-wide competitions for all levels of play in the form of the Foun-



ders' Cup, the Association Cup, the State Cup, the Premier League, TOPSoccer, and the Olympic Development Program. In other words,

**CYSA** is and is very proud to be, all inclusive—it has room for and welcomes all.

**CYSA** is able to thrive and prosper because of the incredible people who volunteer their time, resources, and unbelievable skills to serving children. To the literally tens of thousands of you who make it all possible with your dedication and ability to give of yourselves for the benefit of others, the Board of Directors, Districts, Leagues, and our outstanding and professional State Office, express our deep and continuing gratitude. Your positive contributions make a profound difference in the lives of hundreds of thousands of kids, a positive contribution that will last far beyond this and many other seasonal years to come

### **CYSA** INSURANCE

With a two hundred fifty dollar (\$250) deductible, **CYSA** Excess Accident Medical Insurance covers all registered players in a **CYSA** sanctioned soccer game or practice supervised by an authorized official. In addition, excess accident insurance is provided for injuries sustained while traveling as a

team directly to and from **CYSA** sanctioned activity and traveling under the direct and immediate supervision of a team official.

For more information about **CYSA's** insurance and coverages, go to our web site at [www.cysanorth.org/insurance/insurance.htm](http://www.cysanorth.org/insurance/insurance.htm) or

contact Cindy Pimentel at the **CYSA** State Office by phone or e-mail at [cpimentel@cysanorth.org](mailto:cpimentel@cysanorth.org)

To obtain the **CYSA** Youth Soccer Case Report, please go to the insurance page of the **CYSA** web site.

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## YOUR CYSA

**CYSA's Annual General Meeting (AGM)** will be held on January 27th, 2008 at the Stockton Sheraton, Stockton, California. This most important meeting provides the membership an opportunity to change the **CYSA** rules of play. Each affiliated league and one registered team official has a vote at the Annual General Meeting. For more information on current rule change proposals please visit the **CYSA** web site at

[www.cysanorth.org](http://www.cysanorth.org).

**The Annual CYSA Equipment Show** will be January 26th, 2008 at the Stockton Arena. The Equipment Show is **FREE! FREE! FREE!** to everyone who attends. There will be a FREE gift bag for the first 1,500 attendees. Come for the many workshops, including Coaching, Referee, Registration and others; the Coach of the Year Luncheon; and the Hall of Fame Dinner Dance.

Over 100 vendors will be at the Equipment Show with the latest in soccer apparel, equipment, fund-raising items and general sports-related items. For more information about the **CYSA** Equipment Show please visit the **CYSA** web site at

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## COACHING & REFEREE PROGRAMS

### "SUMMARY OF THE GAME"

TWO OPPOSING TEAMS TRY TO GET A BALL BETWEEN THE OTHER'S GOALPOST ON A RECTANGULAR FIELD. PLAYERS CAN USE ANY PART OF THEIR BODY TO PROPEL THE BALL WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THEIR HANDS AND ARMS (BUT THE GOALKEEPER CAN USE THEIR HANDS). THE TEAM WITH THE MOST GOALS AT THE END OF A GIVEN TIME PERIOD IS THE WINNER.

**The CYSA COACHING PROGRAM** provides opportunities throughout the year for all affiliated leagues to conduct workshops, certification and licensing courses. The sequential curriculum exposes our coaches to modern training methods which produce real results. The staff instructors, under the guidance of State Coaching Director Karl Dewazien, are all United States Soccer Federation, NSCAA or **CYSA**

licensed coaches. Courses are offered from the Pre-F through the "F", "E", and "E/D" certificates and lead to the National "D" license. Special courses in goalkeeper training are also available.

The **Referee Program** offers instruction for entry-level officials as well as training and evaluation for advancement. All officials are registered directly with USSF. Registration and reviews are conducted on an

annual basis to ensure that referees are kept abreast of changes in the laws and their interpretations.

Contact your League or District Referee Administrator for further information and course dates.



## CYSA CUP COMPETITIONS AND PROGRAMS

The **CYSA State Cup** is an open competition for any boys' or girls' Division 1, 3 or 4 team. It is the state level qualifier for the US Youth Soccer National Championship series. **CYSA** State Cup culminates with the annual State Championships in the U-11 through U-19 age groups. Winners of the U-12 through U-19 **CYSA** State

Cup competitions go on to represent **CYSA** in the Far West Regional Championships. Winners of the U-14 through U-19 Regionals advance to the National Championships.

Geared toward the Division 3 level teams, the **CYSA Association Cup** is an open competition for any boys' or girls'

Division 3 or 4 team in the U-11 through U-14, U-16 and U-19 age groups. It culminates with the annual State Championships.

## CYSA CUP COMPETITIONS AND PROGRAMS (CONTINUED)

Exclusively for our recreational level teams, the **CYSA Founders' Cup** (formerly American Cup) is an open competition for any boys' or girls' Division 4 team in the U-12, U-14, U-16 and U19 age groups. It culminates with the annual State Championships.

**Olympic Development Program** This program offers training and the opportunity for the most advanced and skillful players to be seen by regional, national and college coaches. District teams are formed in May and June, and participate in September and October playdays. The players are assessed by the

state Olympic Development coaching staff for invitation to participate in tryouts for final selection to the State pools. **CYSA's** ODP pools compete against other state pools so players may be selected into the regional and national program.

**State Premier League** The **CYSA** State Premier League is a playing league for the U-15, U-16, U-17, U-18 and U-19 boys' and girls' teams with the highest level of skill. Quarter finalists in the U-14 through U-16 and Champions in the U-17 and older age groups of the **CYSA** State Cup are invited to participate in this league. All U15-U19

teams from the nine **CYSA** districts may apply for the league and seek to qualify during the annual SPL qualifier tournament.

**Senior Soccer** **CYSA** players may be approved to play an unlimited number of games on a senior team if they file a **CYSA** Youth to Provisional Senior Player form with **CYSA** before they register on a senior team. A player who does not submit a Youth to Provisional Senior Player form before registering with a senior team will be ineligible for further youth play.



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## TIPS FOR PARENTS

**Learn the game together** Be as helpful, understanding and patient as you are when your child is learning other skills in life. You are your child's first and most influential teacher/coach. The stimulation and support you provide can help your child gain the greatest possible benefit from participating in

youth sports and instill a desire to play soccer. Make this learning experience together as much fun as possible so your child becomes self motivated and improves on his/her own.

**Before the Game** Maintain your family's routine as much as possible. Keep family conversation "usual" (focusing on

the game can cause unneeded stress). Dinner the evening before a game should include plenty of fluids and something from each of the five food groups. (Carbohydrates provide muscle fuel and energy.)

## GAME DAY!!!

**Eating Tips**—If possible, eat a light meal three hours before the game for proper digestion. The meal should include the five food groups. To provide the needed energy, eat more carbohydrates.

**Water consumption** – Fifteen to thirty minutes before the game, drink up to 20 ounces of water. Get assurance from the coach that

more than one cup of water will be provided at half time. After the game, drink plenty of water to re-hydrate.

**At the Field**—When the coach arrives and takes charge, assume the role of spectator and **remain behind the spectator line** (unless otherwise requested by the coach or manager).

**Let Coaches Coach & Referees Ref!** Sideline instructions may conflict with what the coach has taught and may confuse the players. Your child mirrors your actions and reactions, so set a good example. If you want to raise a good sport, be a good sport. If you feel you cannot be an exemplary spectator, consider not attending.



## AFTER THE GAME!!!

Have your child remain with the coach and the team for any post-game routines.

### Do:

- 🏈 Adopt an attitude of support and caring
- 🏈 Be positive and calm
- 🏈 Point out areas of improvement
- 🏈 Let the child lead the conversation
- 🏈 Stress effort made rather than results

### DON'T

- 🏈 Be disappointed if your child does not want to talk about the game
- 🏈 Be negative
- 🏈 Brag
- 🏈 Be critical
- 🏈 Make up excuses

*Remember that body language and voice inflection can send both positive and negative messages. Help your child realize that the importance of playing soccer is **participation, learning, developing** and having **FUN!***

## CODES OF CONDUCT

### PARENT'S CODE

1. Children have more need for example than criticism.
2. Make athletic participation a positive experience for your child and others.
3. Attempt to relieve competitive pressure, not increase it. A child is easily affected by outside influences.
4. The opponents are necessary friends; without them, your child could not participate.
5. Applaud good plays by your team and by members of the opposing team.

Between the exuberance of the winner and the disappointment of the loser, we find a person called a referee. They all follow the same creed—to watch every move of every player and to call the game to the best of their ability. Do not openly question their judgment, and never the honesty of that judgment. Referees are the symbol of fair play, integrity and sportsmanship.

Be kind to your child's coach and officials. The coach is pro-

viding a valuable community service by volunteering personal time and money for your child's recreation, often without reward other than personal satisfaction in having served the community.

Parental attitudes at games towards their child, the opposing team, the officials and the coach, influence the child's values and behavior in sports. Sometimes overly anxious or protective parents bent on immediate success rather than long-range benefits criticize officials and opponents and show disrespect. This inappropriate behavior devalues the sport and creates unnecessary stress for the player. It is not in keeping with the spirit of the game.

### PLAYERS CODE OF CONDUCT

1. Play the game for the games sake.
2. Be generous when you win.
3. Be gracious when you lose.
4. Be fair always no matter what the cost.
5. Obey the Laws of the Game.

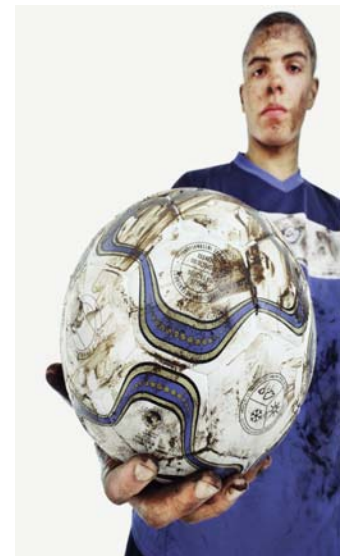
6. Work for the good of your team.
7. Accept the decisions of the officials with good grace.
8. Believe in the honesty of your opponents.
9. Conduct yourself with honor and dignity.
10. Honestly and wholeheartedly applaud the efforts of your teammates and your opponents.

### COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT

1. Soccer is a game for happiness.
2. The Laws of the Game should be regarded as mutual agreements, the spirit of which should be respected and unbroken.
3. Visiting teams and spectators are honored guests.
4. No advantages except those of superior skill should be sought
5. Officials and opponents should be treated and regarded as honest in intention.
6. Official decisions should be accepted without anger no

matter how unfair they may seem. Winning is desirable, but winning at any cost defeats the purpose of the game

7. Losing can be a triumph when the team has given its best.
8. The ideal is the greatest good to the greatest number.
9. In soccer, as in life, treat others as you would have them treat you.





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**AGE GROUPS**

| <u>AGE</u>      | <u>Birthdates Between:</u> |
|-----------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Under-6</b>  | 08/01/2001 - 07/31/2003    |
| <b>Under-8</b>  | 08/01/1999 - 07/31/2001    |
| <b>Under-10</b> | 08/01/1997 - 07/31/1999    |
| <b>Under-12</b> | 08/01/1995 - 07/31/1997    |
| <b>Under-14</b> | 08/01/1993 - 07/31/1995    |
| <b>Under-16</b> | 08/01/1991 - 07/31/1993    |
| <b>Under-19</b> | 08/01/1988 - 07/31/1991    |

**PLAYER POSITIONS**

- (G) GOALKEEPERS** PREVENT THEIR OPPONENTS FROM PROPELLING THE BALL THROUGH THE GOALPOSTS
- (B) BACKS** HAVE ONLY THE GOALKEEPER BEHIND THEM FOR SUPPORT AND COVER AT ANY PARTICULAR MOMENT.
- (M) MIDFIELDERS** HAVE BACKS BEHIND THEM AND FORWARDS IN FRONT OF THEM FOR SUPPORT AND COVER AT ANY PARTICULAR MOMENT
- (F) FORWARDS** HAVE NO TEAMMATES IN FRONT BETWEEN THEM AND THEIR OPPONENT'S GOAL

**CYSA GAMES PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES**

- ◆ Fun, enjoyment and recreational satisfaction.
- ◆ Achievement, recognition and the pursuit of excellence relative to the skill potential, personal and competitive goals, and physical/psychological needs of the participants.
- ◆ The development of physical, mental, social and emotional fitness.

**CYSA** neither supports nor tolerates:

- ◆ That which brings the game into disrepute.
- ◆ That which results in physical or mental violence.
- ◆ That which is morally indefensible.

**CYSA POLICY**

The California Youth Soccer Association (**CYSA**) discourages tobacco use within 25 yards of any **CYSA** affiliated activity involving youth players





# PARENT AND LEAGUE AGREEMENT

For use by leagues and their parents to agree upon a mutually beneficial arrangement in which the players are supported and receive the best both parties have to offer.

## “KIDS FIRST”

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**Name of player(s) whose best interests we support:**

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CYSA soccer is about and for the kids. Therefore, the parent and the league willingly enter into this agreement with the shared goal of providing the player(s) the opportunity to participate in youth soccer in a fun and productive environment.

The parent/guardian hereby confirms that their family actively supports the league’s efforts to provide a safe and fun experience for the players. To that end they will abide by the following codes of conduct:

- ✓ Respect the game and the players at all times
- ✓ Set a positive example and refrain from negative and unsporting behavior and comments
- ✓ Encourage the player to obey the Laws of the Game and participate in fair play
- ✓ Encourage the player to be gracious upon a loss and generous upon a win
- ✓ Respect opponents and celebrate both teams for their efforts
- ✓ Conduct oneself with honor, dignity, and good sportsmanship at all times
- ✓ Provide a positive attitude and actions towards the game, players, coaches and referees at all times
- ✓ Refrain from activity that is detrimental to the game, referees, coaches, and especially the players
- ✓ Remember that the game belongs to the players and the spectators are guests

The league confirms that it will foster an environment that will enable its members to honor their commitment. This includes, but is not limited to the following codes of conduct:

- ✓ Provide clear and reasonable expectations
- ✓ Take actions that are consistent with stated expectations
- ✓ Provide information in a timely manner
- ✓ Provide reasonable conduits where others can become informed and ask questions
- ✓ Listen to the membership with compassion and an open mind
- ✓ Provide timely responses to inquires

By signing this agreement, both parties agree to honor the commitments above with the player’s best interest in mind at all times. Both parties agree to encourage safe and fun play for everyone. Both parties agree to support each other with their commitments. Both parties agree to allow the **player** to enjoy the game and also be the **first** consideration at all times.

Player’s Parent/Guardian:

League Representative:

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date agreed: \_\_\_\_\_

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