Presidents’ Symposium

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USSF/USCS Mandates
Implementation by NCSA

- Ban on heading U11 and younger
  Spring 2016

- Birth Year
  Fall 2016

- Field and Team Sizes
  Fall 2017
U8 AGE GROUP

- Play 4 v 4 within club
- Play 4 v 4 against NCSA teams
- Play up at U9
Build out Line for U9-U10

• DISCUSSION ON FALL 2017 SEASON IMPLEMENTATION
5.10.1 Build Out Line for U9/U10, 7 v 7 Group Play
The build-out line as defined by US Soccer promotes playing the ball out of the back in a less pressured setting.

The build out line is subject to the following rules within NCSA:

MARKING THE BUILD OUT LINE:
The build out line is to be placed halfway between the center line and the penalty area line. It may be (a) painted at the touchline or extended by a dashed line across the field (preferably in a different color than the field lines) or (b) marked by low cones, flat sob and pliable markers or flags at least one yard off the field from the touchline. If no markers are provided by the host club, then the referee shall designate the build out line in any reasonable manner other than paincng.

OFFSIDE
The build out line on the adacking part of the field replaces the halfway line as the point behind which a player cannot be in an offside position.
Build out Line for U9-U10

GOAL KICKS:
The team not taking the goal kick must retreat behind the build out line on a goal kick. The team taking the goal kick may not take the goal kick until the opposing team has moved behind the build out line. The opposing team may not come past the build out line until the ball is in play, meaning the ball has left the penalty area.

KEEPER SAVES – NO QUICK RELEASE
The opposing team must retreat behind the build out line on a keeper save. The keeper is permitted to wait until the opposing team does so and the 6 second limitation on keeper possession does not start until the opposing team retreats behind the build out line. The opposing team, having moved behind the build out line, may cross the build out line once the keeper releases the ball from in hand possession.
Build out Line for U9-U10

KEEPER SAVES – QUICK RELEASE
The opposing team must always make a good faith effort to retreat behind the
build out line on a keeper save. The keeper is permitted to release the ball
from in hand possession before the opponents retreat behind the build out
line. In such cases, the opponents may not challenge the ball until (a) the
keeper has placed the ball at his or her feet or (b) the keeper has released the
ball to a teammate and the teammate has had an opportunity to receive the
ball without pressure.
In such cases, the opponent need not retreat behind the build out line before
becoming involved with play.

VIOLATIONS BY OPPOSING TEAM
If an opponent violates the prohibitions above on a goal kick or keeper release,
the referee must stop play and award an IFK at the spot of the infraction to the
team entitled to the protections of the build out line rule.
Build out Line for U9-U10

KEEPER SAVES – LIMITATION ON KEEPER
The goalkeeper may not punt or drop kick the ball. If the keeper does so, the referee must stop play and award an IFK to the opposing team from the spot of the infraction, subject to Law 13.

DEFENSIVE TEAM FREE KICKS WITHIN BUILD OUT LINE
Normal FK distance rules apply. The build out line is not applicable to free kicks.
Summary LOTG & Rule Changes
CURRENT NCSA RULE

• 5.12.1 Zero Tolerance Policy Under Law 12 of FIFA Laws of the Game, dissent or disagreement with any calls or non-calls by the officials in any manner is not only prohibited, but also results in a cautions to the offending player (and under NCSA ROC, to a coach for his/her behavior and that of the team’s spectators). ***Any comments or demonstrations that a call should or shouldn’t be made is prohibited.
All coaches sign a Match Day Form which contains the following: “I have discussed at least once this season with my players .... I have discussed at least once this season with, and given a copy of this code of conduct to, all parents and team supporters of players participating in this game concerning proper behavior as spectators at a youth sports event, including: *** Treat the officials with respect; FIFA rules prohibit dissent of any type, by word or action, even if you are right.”
Summary LOTG Changes 2017/18

....The decisions of the referee, and all other match officials, must always be respected
• Referee decisions must always be respected,
• be respected, even when incorrect
2.2 COMPETITION BY GENDER

While it is recognized that the Northern Counties Soccer Association (NCSA) has separate competition for boys and girls, there may be occasions where the mixing of genders within a given team will be permitted. Teams of mixed gender will play in the boy's flight of their appropriate age group level or higher. Teams of one gender will not be allowed to play against teams of a different gender. (Girls teams will not be flighted with boys teams.) As stated in USSF policy, 601-5, section B, and listed in part herein, For the purposes of registration on gender-based amateur teams, a player may register with the gender team with which the player identifies, and confirmation sufficient for guaranteeing access shall be satisfied by documentation or evidence that shows the stated gender is sincerely held, and part of a person’s core identity.

Note: If USSF adopts policy updates/changes, NCSA will mirror and adopt the USSF policy.
4.5 TEMPORARY "PLAYING UP"

• The player may not play for a team for more than three games without the player losing his/her eligibility to return to his/her original team for the balance of the season; “Friendly Games” (including Cross-Flight Play), as described herein, do not count towards this three game play-up maximum before a player loses their eligibility to return to lower flight/age team, but all other conditions to the play-up rule as detailed in section 4.5 shall apply.

• Teams are allowed to have as many players playing up at any given game subject to an overall player limitation of 18 players for U13 to U19 game, 16 players for U11/U12 game and 14 players for U9/U10 game.

• NO roster moves will be allowed after the first 7 weeks of each season unless there are extraordinary circumstances which must be approved by NCSA Board Committee.
5.3.7 TBS Games

“To Be Scheduled" games (TBS) will be granted if they are requested online within the time frame established and published by the Board each season. A club will be allocated one TBS for each team they have registered with the NCSA for the season in which they are requesting a TBS. The club may divide this allocation as it sees fit. In other words, a club could distribute all of its TBS games to a single team. If a club needs more than its allocated share of TBS games, it can purchase additional games at a cost of $25 each.

All TBS games listed in the initial NCSA Schedule are to be scheduled within 2 weeks from the first game played of the season. Additionally, all games marked as (TBS) during the season due to changes to schedule as detailed in section 5.3 must be scheduled within 2 weeks from game becoming a (TBS).

After 4 weeks from TBS date on schedule, the games will be automatically scheduled by NCSA Games Chair, except games becoming TBS in last 4 weeks of season. All TBS games not scheduled within 2 weeks will incur a fee of $100 per incident. All such TBS games must be played no later than 7 days before MBOS or Position Play if MBOS or Position Play is part of the schedule. If MBOS or Position play is not part of the schedule, then the TBS must be played by the end of the applicable season.
5.5 FRIENDLY GAMES/SCRIMMAGES

Any other games using an official and scheduled by NCSA shall be deemed as a "friendly games." However, all of the Rules of Competition shall apply.

Scrimmages are permitted if allowed by US Club rules; only proof of US Club registration is required for scrimmages.

5.7.5 Cross Flight Play

At the discretion of the Games Chair(s), teams may be scheduled to play opposing teams in other flights or age groups. The sole purpose is to provide a full season of play and prevent byes in flights with a limited number or odd number of teams. These games do not count toward the standings within either team’s flight and no points are awarded. These games are regarded as "friendly games" only. However, all of the Rules of Competition shall apply.

Furthermore, if a team does forfeit a scheduled cross flight game, it will be ineligible for award competition within their flight and will receive other fines associated with a forfeit.
9.1 REGISTRATION FEES:

9.1.a US Club Soccer Guidelines
Note: A team is considered to be a “new team” that must register for the Spring season if the team is registered in a new age group (unless moving up an age group with same team solely for higher level competition based on Fall results), change in gender, or more than 50% of the players are new players added to team roster. If Club feels a team should not be considered as a new Spring registration, they must submit formal letter to Board detailing their position at the time of registration. Any team that withdraws from competition for Fall season per section 3.4, would be considered a new team for spring season and must pay registration fee per above for play in the Spring season.
Scheduling
SCHEDULING

- **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1**: Registration fees must be postmarked for early credit for new teams.
- **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9**: Registration closes.
- **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15**: Flights done/ appeals open.
- **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18**: Appeals closed.
- **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26**: TBS requests due.
- **MONDAY, MARCH 5**: Field availability due.
- **THURSDAY, MARCH 15**: Target date to open schedule.
SCHEDULING

• SUNDAY, MARCH 25  
  SEASON OPENS

• SUNDAY, APRIL 1  
  EASTER/PASSOVER  
  (NO NCSA GAMES)

• MARCH 30---APRIL 7  
  PASSOVER

• SUNDAY, MAY 27  
  MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND  
  NO NCSA GAMES (MAY 27, 28)

• SUNDAY, JUNE 3  
  LAST DAY OF SCHEDULED  
  GAMES (Flights of 8 and 10)

• SUNDAY, JUNE 10  
  LAST DAY OF SCHEDULED  
  GAMES (Flights of 6 and 11)

• THURSDAY, JUNE 26  
  LAST DAY OF SPRING SEASON
NCSA CUP
NCSA CUP - SUMMARY

• Single Elimination Tournament open to all teams in good standing
• Ages U9---U15
• Limit of 32 teams per age group
• Games scheduled on your own (similar to TBS)
• Cannot interfere with league game
• Applications accepted on first---come first---served basis
• $100 registration fee + ref fees
• Championship ref fees covered by NCSA
NCSA CUP – GENERAL RULES

- Game length is same as regular NCSA game
- If non-championship game is tied – goes right to PK’s
- Championship game will have two 5-minute OT’s, then PK’s
- Cannot dual roster – player may only participate with 1 team
# NCSA CUP SCHEDULE

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**ROUND 1:** Play by 4/2  
**ROUND 2:** Play by 4/27  
**ROUND 3:** Play by 5/14  
**Semi---Final:** Play by 6/1  
**Championship:**
# NCSA CUP CHAMPIONS HISTORY

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