

# Logan County Soccer Association Bylaws and Rules of the Game

## The Technical Area

1. Each coach and player is to remain on the end of the field that their team occupies and shall not cross the halfway line into the opposing team's side.
2. Players and coaches are restricted to one side of the field, with spectators on the other side.
3. Coaching shall not take place from the spectator side.
4. Goal ends are to be clear at all times of all people.
5. Only 3 coaches are permitted on the side line at a time. All are permitted to communicate with the players.
6. Coaches may not interfere with a game in any way. The referee will ask him to stop. If he/she refuses, the referee may eject the coach from the game. The facts will be reported to the neutral League Representatives for review.
7. The League can assess penalties such as suspension from coaching or expulsion from the League.

## Spectator Guidelines

(Items 1-6 taken from Coaching Kids to play soccer by Jim San Marco and Kurt Aschermann published by Simon & Schuster)

In an effort to increase understanding and enjoyment of the sport, the Logan County Soccer Association has adopted the following guidelines for our league play

1. The primary reason children play is to have fun, not so much to win or to be with their friends.
2. Demand that your child play fairly, within the rules of the game.
3. Help the coaches and referees in any way possible. Remember, they are volunteers too.
4. Don't make negative comments to any child, especially your own. Understand that when one of the players makes a mistake, he or she didn't do it on purpose; your method of correction should reflect that.
5. Praise the effort of every player; remember, the lesser skilled players are just as important as superstars.
6. Be a parent who leads by example. Don't say one thing and do another.
7. No profanity.
8. No fighting.
9. Spectators are to remain off of the field and a minimum of 3 feet away from the touch lines (side lines).
10. Coaching and watching from behind or the sides of the goals is not permitted.
11. There is to be no conversation with the referees. Please address any concerns with your coach before or after the game.
12. Enjoy the fun!!!

## The Logan County Soccer Association accepts the Bylaws and rules of the Game as Amended August 2009

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### Law 15 The Throw-in

1. U6 teams will be permitted two chances to perform a correct throw in. Possession is lost after the second unsuccessful attempt. Only 1 throw will be permitted during tournament play.
2. Players need to have both feet on the ground when throwing in the ball. U6, U8, U10 and U12 can drag (1) foot on ground with (2) hands on ball throwing it over head.

### Law 16 The Goal Kick

1. Adopted (see USSF rules)

### Law 17 The Corner Kick

1. Distance from the ball shall be per the following table in yards.

	U6	U8	U10	U12
Distance	5	6	8	10

### Procedures to determine the winner of a match

During season play, if two teams end in a tie, the game will be stopped. The coaches will have 2 minutes to talk to their team, a coin toss will be held to determine ball possession, and the teams will then play an additional 5 minute segment (not sudden death). If it is still tied after the 5 minutes, the game will end in a tie (no shootout will occur during the regular season play).

### Tournament Play

1. Tournaments are single elimination unless other provisions are made by League Representatives.
2. There is no seeding for tournaments. Brackets are determined by luck of the draw.
3. Tournament brackets will be filled by a drawing conducted by League representatives.
4. The League will provide trophies for first and second place tournament teams and other awards to any team as determined in League meetings
5. Procedures to determine the winner of a match in Tournament Play, if two teams are still tied at the end of the game:
  - ★ An extra period of 5 minutes will be played
  - ★ If the game is still tied after the 5 minutes of play, a shootout will occur:
    - Both teams take 5 kicks. Only players who are on the field of play at the end of the match, which includes the extra time, are allowed to take kicks. The kicks are taken alternately by the teams
    - If, after both teams have taken 5 kicks, both have scored the same number of goals, kicks continue to be taken in the alternating format until one team has scored a goal more than the other team from the same number of kicks (in other words, it is 1 player versus 1 player until one scores and the other does not). Each kick is taken by a different player and all eligible players (those on the field at the end of the game) must kick before any player can take a second kick.

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### Law 7 The Duration of the Match

1. Game halves and breaks shall be per the following table in minutes.

	U6	U8	U10	U12
Half	15 minute halves	20 minute halves	25 minute halves	30 minute halves
Break	5 minutes	5 minutes	5 minutes	5 minutes

2. The game clock will run continuously with the exception of penalty kicks, injuries, and deliberate and/or excessive attempts to delay the game.

### Law 8 The Start and Restart of Play

1. The winner of the toss may elect to kick-off or choose which goal to defend.

### Law 9 The Ball In and Out of Play

1. Adopted (see USSF rules)

### Law 10 The Method of Scoring

1. Adopted (see USSF rules)

### Law 11 Offside

1. Offsides will not be called in U6
2. Offsides will not be called in U8, however, no “cherry picking” is permitted. A free kick will be awarded in the case of cherry picking. This is at the referee’s discretion.
3. Offsides will be called in U10 & U12.

### Law 12 Fouls and Misconduct

1. Slide tackling is not permitted in U6 & U8 play. It is permitted but discouraged in U10. It is permitted in U12 play at the player’s risk for proper execution and penalization.

### Law 13 Free Kicks

1. Distance from the ball shall be per the following table in yards.

	U6	U8	U10	U12
Distance	10	10	10	10

### Law 14 The Penalty Kick

1. Distance from the goal line to the penalty spot shall be per the following table in yards.

	U6	U8	U10	U12
Distance	5	6	8	10

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4. A player may play up one age group at the parent's/guardian's discretion.
5. A team may have players from the next younger age group play up to complete a roster for season play.
6. No player may be on more than one League roster.
7. No player may move up for tournament play. A team must compete in the tournament with its submitted roster.
8. If a team can not field the required number of players (max), the opposing team shall field the same number of players, down to the minimum. (as outlined in Law 3.2 above). At no time will a team be allowed to play with less than the minimum number of players. If the team cannot field the minimum number of players, the team shall forfeit the game.
9. Team rosters shall be submitted to the county secretary by the second season game. It shall include the following.
  1. Elementary School attended
  2. Age group and indicator if more than one team for age group
  3. Each coach's name and phone number
  4. Each players name, birth date and jersey number
10. The age division of a player is determined by their birth date as of December 31 of the current calendar year. For example, if a player turns 6 on December 31 of this year, they will play on the 6 & Under team. If they turn 7 on December 31, they will play on the 8 & Under team.
11. Participants shall play for the community for the school they attended. Athletes that wish to play for another community shall obtain a release from their home community. This is to discourage the building of elite teams.

### **Law 4 The Players' Equipment**

1. The uniform color approved for each community is as follows. Variations to this must be approved by the League officers and may not conflict with another community's colors.

Calvary Christian	Green/White
Huntsville	Royal blue
Indian Lake	Red
North Logan	Gold/Black
West Liberty	Orange/Black

2. Jerseys shall have a number on the back to aid officials.
3. Pants, sweat pants, sweat shirts, hats are permitted in inclement weather provided there is no danger to the himself/herself or any other player. If there is inclement weather, it is at the coach's discretion whether jackets can be worn.
4. For the player's protection, jewelry is not permitted on the field.

### **Law 5 The Referee**

1. The referees must meet with both coaches prior to the game to discuss the basic rules.
2. The referee also has authority and responsibility to enforce the rules and regulations as agreed upon by the League as contained within these bylaws
3. Referees should be of high school age and knowledgeable with the laws of the game and the bylaws of the League.
4. There is no provision for protests against the referee or wrong procedures.

### **Law 6 The Assistant Referee**

1. Adopted (see USSF rules)

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**The LCSA has adopted the following exceptions, additions and modifications to the USSF Laws of the Game.**

## **Law 1 The Field of Play**

- The field of play shall conform to the dimensions shown in the table. All units are in yards unless called out otherwise. Refer to diagrams in the USSF Laws of the Game for graphic layouts.

	<b>U6</b>	<b>U8</b>	<b>U10</b>	<b>U12</b>
Length (max)	50	70	80	120
Length (min)	40	50	70	100
Width (max)	30	50	50	75
Width (min)	20	30	40	55
Center circle	5	6	8	10
Corner arc	2 ft	2 ft	1	1
Goal area	3	6	6	6
Penalty area	7	10	14	18
Goal (max)	5ft x 10ft	6ft x 12ft	7ft x 21ft	8ft x 24ft
Goal (min)	4 ½ft x 8ft	5ft x 10ft	6ft x 12ft	7ft x 21ft
Penalty spot	5	8	10	12
Penalty arc	5	6	8	10

- Flag posts are required.
- Teams hosting season and tournament games must provide adequate fields with correct measurements.
- League Representatives have official say over all dimensions above.

## **Law 2 The Ball**

- The size of the ball used shall be per the following table.

	<b>U6</b>	<b>U8</b>	<b>U10</b>	<b>U12</b>
Size 3	X	---	---	---
Size 4	---	X	X	X

- Each team will present a game ball for the referee who will determine which ball to use.

## **Law 3 The Number of Players**

- Substitutions are unlimited.
- U6 can substitute anytime there is a start of play (goal kick, throw-in, corner kick). U8 through U12 can always make substitutions during a start of play if they are in possession of the ball. If the opposing team has possession at the start of play (goal kick, throw-in, corner kick), then the team without possession cannot make a substitution unless the team with possession makes a substitution.
- The number of players on the field shall be per the following table.

	<b>U6</b>	<b>U8</b>	<b>U10</b>	<b>U12</b>
Min	7	8	8	8
Max	9	11	11	11

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### **Part IV – Meetings**

#### Bylaw 401 - Meetings

The Officers shall meet at least three times during each season of play and one during June.

The President may call a special meeting as is required to transact League business.

A quorum shall consist of 50% of the Officers.

#### Bylaw 402 - Order of Business

The President shall establish and maintain meeting agendas.

It is recommended that all League meetings be in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, Revised, Latest Edition.

### **Part V - Amendments**

#### Bylaw 501 – Amendments

Amendments to the Bylaws of the League and adopted Rules of the Game may be proposed, in writing, by any Officer. Amendments may be adopted at any League meeting provided that official notice of the proposed amendment, by copy, be given to each Officer at least 14 days prior to the meeting. A two-thirds majority of the Officers quorum shall be required to amend.

#### Bylaw 502 - Voting

Each Officer (Community/Organization Representative) may have only one vote in determining changes to the League bylaws.

### **Part V – Rules of the Game**

#### Bylaw 501 – Rules

The rules of the Logan County Youth Soccer Association are the United States Soccer Federation Laws of the Game, including the decisions of the International F.A. Board.

#### Bylaw 502 - Application

The League lists these requirements which are applied to all individuals including coaches, referees, players, parents, spectators, and League officers and representatives. It is the responsibility of the League board of directors to enforce the rules of the USSF and League requirements and to protect honest teams from attempts by those who wish to ignore or to stretch the rules and requirements for their own benefit.

#### Bylaw 503 – Knowledge of the Bylaws and Laws of the Game

By coaching within the League all coaches agree to abide by the rules and guidelines established within these bylaws.

**It is the responsibility of each coach to know the rules of the USSF and the county League's requirements. Ignorance of the rules is not a valid excuse for ignoring or disobeying the rules.** USSF rules are available at [www.ussoccer.com](http://www.ussoccer.com). Each coach is responsible for getting his/her own copy prior to the season and must learn of new League requirements from his/her appropriate League/community representative.

These can be changed as needed by the League representatives. Unless changed, the preceding year's policy will extend into future years.

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The Officers shall adopt and approve an annual budget for the League and set dues on a seasonal basis, in direct relation to the budget.

### Bylaw 303 – Officers & Roles

The officers are President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Equipment Coordinator.

President – The president shall preside over all meetings of the League. He/She shall have general direction of the business of the League.

Vice President – The Vice President shall assist the President and succeed to the powers of the President in his absence or resignation

Secretary – The Secretary shall keep accurate record of all proceedings of the League and keep all records as required by the League.

Treasurer – The Treasurer shall keep an accurate record of and have custody over all monies of the League. He/She shall render all just bills, receipts and disbursements at each League meeting in the form of a report. He/She shall pay all bills as directed by the President or League representatives. At the expiration of his/her term, he/she shall turn over all books, monies, records, and other property of the League in his/her custody to his/her successor and receive a receipt therefore.

Equipment Coordinator – The Equipment Coordinator has the responsibility to acquire paint, awards or other items as the Officers see fit.

### Bylaw 304 – Officer rotation

Establishment of the offices is by community rotation in the following order rotating from top to bottom. Once a community representative serves as President they drop to the bottom of the list and all others shift up to the next office.

President - North Logan  
Vice President – Calvary Christian  
Secretary – Indian Lake  
Treasurer/ Equipment Coordinator – Huntsville

Each community representative shall hold an office. The rotation may be postponed if deemed appropriate by the officers. An example for exercising this is to compensate for new county representatives/officers that are unfamiliar with the positions, responsibilities and operation of the League.

### Bylaw 305 - Removal of Office

If at any time it is felt by at least three officers that any elected official is not conducting himself/herself with the best interest of the League, this officer can be removed from office with a two-thirds majority vote of the officers. The Vice President will take charge of this proceeding if the President is the officer in question.

### Bylaw 306 - Communication

The effective line of communication from the League to the individual coaches is the responsibility of each community's League representative. Each representative is to attend the League meetings or send a replacement in his/her place. The League secretary will make a copy of the minutes for each community for their records. It is the representative's responsibility to notify all teams and coaches in his/her community of the League's decisions.

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## Part I – General Provisions

### Bylaw 101 Name

The name of the association shall be the Logan County Soccer Association and will be known as the League for all purposes hereafter enumerated.

### Bylaw 102 Purpose

The purpose of this League shall be to develop, promote and administer the game of soccer among the area's youth and adults. The League will support teams for children ages 4 through 12. The League shall promote good sportsmanship and educate all concerned through scheduled soccer competition and other activities as shall be deemed appropriate to the promotion of soccer.

### Bylaw 103 Seasonal & Fiscal year

The fiscal and season years of the League shall be July 1 through June 30 or in conformance with that of any parent organization with which the League may affiliate.

## Part II – Membership and Members

### Bylaw 201 Memberships

The League may become a member of any association as the officers deem appropriate.

### Bylaw 202 Members and Fees

Membership in the League will be available to all qualified individuals, upon payment of dues as set forth in these bylaws.

### Bylaw 203 Members

The recognized members are the communities/organizations of:

- Calvary Christian
- Indian Lake (Lakeview & Russells Point)
- Huntsville
- North Logan (Belle Center)
- West Liberty

### Bylaw 204 Territory

The territory of the League shall be the Logan County area.

### Bylaw 205 Dues

Dues shall be as required by the budget and as enacted by the League officers.

## Part III - Officers

### Bylaw 301 – Officers term length

Officers shall serve for one year beginning July 1 and ending the following June 30.

### Bylaw 302 – Officer responsibility

The officers shall transact all business of the League and shall have the power to enforce the Laws of the Game, the rules of any parent organization, and the Bylaws, Rules and Regulations of any parent organization or the League. It shall have the power to settle all disputes, appeals or protests which develop from League games. In this capacity the board has full range or options in the restriction of further participation of an individual including, in extreme cases seasonal suspension. All decisions will be final, however, Officers may ask any parent organization to assist or intervene.