



Iowa Soccer League Rules and Policies

PART I

GENERAL

101: Name and Composition

The name of this LEAGUE shall be the IOWA SOCCER LEAGUE. It will be referred to as the "ISL". This league shall be an organization structured under the Iowa Soccer Association bylaws.

102: Purpose

Section 1: The purpose of the Iowa Soccer League "ISL" shall be to develop, promote, and administer youth soccer at the premier level in the State of Iowa.

Section 2: The ISL is a competitive state-wide player development league. The league is open to all clubs within Iowa that are affiliated with the Iowa Soccer Association.

Section 3: ISL will strive to provide an enjoyable and satisfying competitive platform for all players at the appropriate competition level.

103: Goals

- Developmentally appropriate
- Meaningful Competition
- Accessible
- Improved competition formats for players to enjoy and develop

104: ISL Standards for Player Development

Section 1: ISL Standards for Player Development U11-U12

- **Learning to train** – Focus on technique and skill development and introduce tactics "FUN IS PARAMOUNT"
 - GOALS: Grassroots player development and competing for enjoyment
 - U11 Age Division Fall 2014: ISL will select test sites for pilot program:
 - Mandatory Drop off line for goal kicks in U11 games to encourage playing out of the back.

Section 2: ISL Standards for Player Development U13-U14

- **Training to train** – increase training loads and soccer specific skills and tactics, begin to identify elite players.
 - GOAL Tier 1: Pursuit of Excellence – State Wide
 - GOAL Tier 2 and below: Advancing Competitive Development – Regional and Local

Section 3: ISL Standards for Player Development U15-U19

- **Training to compete** – Develop players for high level competition
 - GOAL Tier 1: Pursuit of Excellence – State Wide
 - GOAL Tier 2 and Below: Advancing Competitive Development – Regional and Local

105: ISL Club Standards

Section 1: Club Administration – To be eligible to participate in ISL, clubs/teams must meet standardized administrative procedures in place at the club:

- Club must be up to date on all league fees and invoices
- Club must provide a league rep to communicate with league director
- If hosting home games at the club's facility, club must provide one field coordinator to communicate with the league on all issues regarding fields.

Section 2: Coaching Standards – One coach on the sideline of ISL games need to have a US Soccer "E" License or equivalent (Implemented by Spring 2016)

- Iowa Soccer will provide support of this coaching education initiative by increasing more accessible E License courses across the state as necessary.

Section 3: Referees – To be eligible to host ISL home games, clubs must have a designated referee assignor assigned by the league, for their facility and a sufficient referee pool that will cover games at their local facility. (Implemented Fall 2014)

- Iowa Soccer will provide support, in conjunction with the Iowa Referee Committee for clubs looking to build a referee pool by helping organize referee courses.

106: Compliance

This league shall comply with the authority of the Iowa Soccer Association, and those regional, national and international organizations of which the Iowa Soccer Association is an affiliate.

107: Boundaries

The boundaries of the ISL shall be limited to the boundaries of the State of Iowa, as defined by the Iowa Soccer Association. Teams from outside the State of Iowa boundaries may enter the league by approval from the League Committee.

108: Laws of the Game

The "Laws of the Game" as authorized by FIFA, and modified for youth play by the USSF, USYSA, or the ISA, apply to all youth soccer games sanctioned by the ISL.

109: Competition Seasons

- Fall Both genders, U11 to U19 teams
- Spring Both genders, U11 to U14 teams
- The seasonal year of the ISL will begin on August 1 of one calendar year and end on July 31 of the following calendar year.

110: Use of Name and Logo

No one may use the name or initials of the ISL, any of its trade names including Iowa Soccer League and ISL or its logo, except as provided under these Rules & Policies or except with the express written consent of the League Committee.

111: Authorities

This league shall be governed by its rules and policies as presently constituted except in those matters reserved by the Iowa Soccer Association.

Section 1: This league shall be governed by a **League Committee**, whose membership shall be determined and updated each year. Each club with four or more teams participating will have one representative on the committee. The League Committee may choose to include a representative from clubs or teams with less than four teams participating.

Section 2: The league shall be administered by a **League Director** appointed by the ISA Executive Director. When a vacancy in the League Director's position occurs, all League Director responsibilities will be the domain of the ISA Executive Director, who may appoint a temporary director until the position is filled.

112: Robert's Rules of Order and Quorum

Section 1: Except as otherwise provided in these rules and policies, all meetings shall be conducted in accordance with the latest authorized edition of Robert's Rules of Order.

Section 2: A simple majority of the Committee shall constitute a quorum at any Committee meeting.

113: Dissolution

If this league dissolves for any reason, its property and assets shall inure to the ISA for the benefit of youth soccer in Iowa.

114: Fiscal Year Budget

The League Director shall prepare a budget for the ISL for the next fiscal year.

115: Accounts, Books and Records

Section 1: The ISL financial records shall be kept by the ISA Executive Director in accordance with ISA accounting standards.

Section 2: All books and records, including copies of governing documents shall be open to inspection by the League Committee and the league membership.

116: Disclaimer

The ISL shall not assume, nor be liable for, the debts and/or financial responsibilities either implied or incurred, of any player, head coach, assistant coach, trainer, manager, team official, club official or referee from any member team, affiliate or other organization.