

CHAMPIONS AND TOURNAMENTS RULES

33. Division Champions (Spring Season only)

a) A section champion will be the team that has the most points in the standings, at the end of the season, as determined by the Age Director.

Points will be awarded as follows:

- Win (or forfeit by an opponent) 3 points
- Tie 1 point
- Loss (or forfeit) 0 points

b) Note: After a team has accumulated four (4) or more red cards for serious offenses (serious foul play, violent conduct, spitting at an opponent or any other person and using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures.) will result in elimination from post season play. For other offenses to be considered serious, the Commissioner must obtain the concurrence of at least three (3) impartial members of the MYSL Executive Committee.

c) If two teams are tied in points, the following tie-breaker rules will be used, in order:

- head to head competition by points
- least goals allowed head to head
- goal differential head to head - maximum differential of 3 goals per game
- least goals allowed – all regular season games
- goal differential, - all regular season games – maximum differential of 3 goals per game
- tie-breaker game.

d) If more than two teams are tied, the tie breaker rules will be used to determine a clear winner or eliminate one or more teams. If more than one team remains, the tie breaker rules will be applied again, starting from the top with the remaining teams to determine the clear winner.

e) The Age Director will organize all tiebreaker and playoff games in order to determine a division champion. Tiebreaker and playoff games shall be played on neutral fields (whenever possible).

f) The Age Director has complete authority in these matters and shall use his/her best judgment in complicated matters taking into account that tournament bound teams shall be determined at least three (3) days before the tournament starts.

g) The MYSL will give an award to each player and coach of the *Champion team* of each Under-12 and above division. The MYSL will award a ribbon to each player and coach of *the section* winner of each Under-10 division.

34. Massachusetts Tournament of Champions

Participants in the Massachusetts Tournament of Champions will follow the rules set by MYSA. Since this tournament may change from year to year, interested coaches may obtain the appropriate information from the MYSA office.

35. Post Season Eligibility

- a. Four teams in each Division will be eligible for post season play in either the Championship Playoffs or the Commissioners' Cup at the conclusion of the Spring Season, based on the final standings.
- b. Eligibility
 - i) A Division with a single section: top 4 finishers make the postseason
 - ii) A Division with 2 sections: top 2 finishers in each bracket
 - iii) A Division with 3 sections: winner of each section qualify for the postseason. The 4th playoff spot will be determined by a playoff of the three 2nd place teams.
 - Rankings for play in games to determine who plays in which games follow the standard tie breaking procedures (see rule 33c.). Once determined, the 2nd place team with the most points will have a bye. The other two 2nd place teams will play on the Monday following the last game of the season, weather permitting. The winner of that game will play the team with the bye on Wednesday of that week, weather permitting. Both of these dates are subject to change; your team must be available every day of the week following the end of the season.
 - iv) A Division with 4 sections: winner of each section qualifies for postseason
- c. Any variations of eligibility must be agreed upon by the Age Director, Vice President of Development and MYSL President, and clearly communicated to all the teams in that division at least 30 days prior to the beginning of the tournament.

36. Championship Playoffs for Divisions 1 and 2 (Grade 5/6-U12 and older)

- a. The MYSL will hold playoffs among the top finishers in each division for Grade 5/6-U12 through Post H.S.-U19 in Divisions 1 and 2. The winners of these playoffs will represent the MYSL in their respective age groups at *MTOC*.
- b. Additional teams may be included according to the eligibility rules established by the MYSL.
- c. Town Player Pass is not allowed for Championship Playoff games

37. Play-in/off Proceedings

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1. Grade 3/4-U10's - play 25 minute ½'s – normal time
Overtime: [2] equal 5 minute ½'s with coin flip
[if still tied] play additional 5 minute periods until there is a winner.
Extra periods shall be played in full.
2. Grade 5/6-U12's - play 30 minute ½'s -normal time
Overtime: [2] equal 10 minute ½'s - with coin flip
[if still tied] then kicks from the penalty mark - [5] vs [5] best of [5] wins if
still tied then [1] vs [1] sudden death
3. Grade 7/8-U14's - play 35 minute ½'s -normal time
Overtime: [2] equal 10 minute ½'s with coin flip
[if still tied] then kicks from the penalty mark - [5] vs [5] best of [5] wins if
still tied then [1] vs [1] sudden death
4. Grade 9/10-U16's - play 40 minutes ½'s - normal time
Grade 11/12-U18's - play 45 minute ½'s - normal time
If match tied at end of regulation: [2] equal 15 minute ½'s with coin flip.
If still tied (with only the players on the field) at the end of the 2nd overtime
- kicks from the penalty mark – [5] vs [5] best of [5] wins if still tied then
[1] vs [1] sudden death

38. Commissioner's Cup Tournament for Grade 5/6-U12 and Grade 7/8-U14 Divisions 3, 4 and 5

- a. The MYSL will hold a Commissioner's Cup Tournament among the top finishers in each division in Divisions 3, 4 and 5.
- b. Additional teams may be included according to the eligibility rules established by the MYSL.
- c. In determining final standings of Commissioner's Cup when teams are tied in points following conclusion of their games, the following tie breakers rules will be used to determine the champion, in the following order:
 - i. Head to head competition
 - ii. Least goals allowed in all tournament games
 - iii. Goal differential, maximum of 3 goals per game
 - iv. If more than two teams are tied, the tie breaker rules will be used to determine a clear winner or eliminate one or more teams. If more than one team remains, the tie breaker rules will be applied again, starting from the top with the remaining teams to determine the clear winner.

- v. If teams are tied at the end of all the tie breaker rules, they will be declared tied for that position in the standings.
- d. Town Player Pass is not allowed for Commissioners' Cup games.

39. Commissioner's Cup Tournament for Grade 3/4-U10, all divisions

- a. The MYSL will hold a Commissioner's Cup Tournament among the top finishers in each division
- b. Additional teams may be included according to the eligibility rules established by the MYSL.
- c. The Grade 3/4-U10 tournament will be for enjoyment and fun – no champion will be crowned
- d. Town Player Pass is not allowed for Commissioners' Cup games.

