

GREATER AKRON AMATEUR SOCCER ASSOCIATION

DEFINITIONS

AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR REGISTRATION AND ROSTERING FOR ALL CLASSIC LEVEL TEAMS IN GAASA

COACH LICENSE: All coaches need to be licensed to coach in GAASA. A new coach to GAASA has a 1-year grace period (i.e. consecutive season fall/spring or spring/fall) to obtain a coach license. **Beginning fall 2011 all coaches must have a minimum of a U10/12 license. All coaches with lesser coach licensed have 1 year from August 1, 2010 to July 31, 2011 to obtain the minimum requirement.**

COACH REGISTRATION FORM: A Coach Registration Form must be submitted at the beginning of fall for the seasonal year or in the spring for coaches that did not coach in the preceding fall.

COACH MANUAL: Available on the GAASA website at www.gaasa.org

DIVISIONS: The Greater Akron Amateur Soccer Association has many divisions available for teams at all levels of ability. There are several levels of competitive for each age group. Girls may play on a boy's team or on a girls-only team. Boys may only play on boy's teams. If girls play on a boy's team, the girl to boy ratio on a boy's team cannot be more than 50% of the total number of players on the team; in the event of an uneven number of players, the ratio is rounded down for the number of girls permitted to play on the team. A player may only be rostered to one declared team in GAASA.

Each level of play offered increases in difficulty, and/or the level of skill of the players. For example: Youth Classic 1 is the very top division, the teams are highly competitive and the players relatively skilled. Classic 2, 3, etc. is still very competitive, but the players are not as experienced or skilled. Please make every effort to place your team according to skill. The league will not tolerate placing teams in lower divisions in order to play on a certain day or to assure a winning record.

For more detailed league policy governing players/teams/divisions please refer to the Coach Manual.

FIELD AVAILABILITY is supplied by clubs registering any team for play in the league and the necessary scheduling information is contained in the team declaration form on the

league website. A field permit letter should be presented on team registration day for each field the club is using. Should a club submit a field for play without a permit and the use of the field becomes compromised as a result, the club automatically forfeits any claim to home games for that season and may be subject to further sanctions, which may include, but not be limited, to monetary fines.

GAME SCHEDULING & RESCHEDULING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES Per league policy, teams will be allowed TWO EXCEPTIONS for dates that they will not be available for league play. See additional game scheduling and rescheduling policies and procedures on the www.GAASA.org.

If a club bond is revoked, the bond must be replenished within the time specified in the notification. Failure to replenish the club bond within the specified time will result in all scheduled games, of all teams for the offending club being recorded as a forfeit from the time of notification until such time as the club bond is replenished.

No reschedule fee is charged for reschedules due to weather, referee no-shows, or schedule conflicts due to a GAASA league or third party problem.

Coaches who reschedule games on their own must understand that the game is not sanctioned (approved by the league), and the insurance provided by Ohio Youth Soccer Association North is NOT in effect. This opens up possible litigation to the coach, the club and the league. **DON'T DO IT!**

INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION occurs only once a year and new player fees are paid only once a year. A nominal processing fee is charged for a player returning for the spring season. New players may be registered either in the fall or the spring. An individual must pay full-year fees even if he/she registers in the spring. A player is considered an official member of a team; on the date he/she plays their first game for that team after registration. The league requires team registration for both the fall and spring seasons. Individuals are not considered registered until the GAASA Registrar receives the player's registration form and payment. The individual will be an official *player* when the individual is listed on the roster, the GAASA Registrar has accepted all documents, and the individual is approved to play by the GAASA Registrar. Until that time, the individual is not considered a player, is not to play or practice, and, if injured, the injuries will not be subject to coverage by insurance. It is the responsibility of every club, coach, manager, team representative, club representative, individual and parent to make sure that registration is timely, correct, and complete prior to practices and games. **Player's age must be within 2 years of the team's declared age.**

LATE REGISTRATION: Players or coaches may be added after Player Registration dates using the updated Late Registration information posted on www.Gaasa.org. Payment must accompany all late registration.

Any passes lost and needing to be remade after the final deadline will incur a \$25 late fee per pass.

MEDICAL INSURANCE CLAIMS: Please be aware for both youth players/coaches that your fees provide for secondary medical insurance. If a player is injured in a GAASA team practice or game, contact the OYSAN at 330-659-0989 to have a claim form mailed to you.

No GAASA player is permitted to participate in any other outdoor soccer activity that is not affiliated with and sanctioned by Ohio Youth Soccer Association North or recognized United States Youth Soccer State Association. Any player participating in any unaffiliated soccer activities may be required to submit a sworn, notarized affidavit with any insurance claims stating that the injury for which the claim is being filed was actually sustained while participating in a GAASA activity.

NEW UP TO DATE INFORMATION must be supplied on all forms used for registration.

NO PASS / NO PLAY / NO APPEALS: This is an absolute and can only be circumvented as the result of a league oversight and only then with proper documentation from the league authorizing the player to participate in league activities.

OFFICIAL PASSES, ROSTERS and REFEREE GAME ROSTER/REPORTS: In order to be official for USYSA play rosters must be stamped by the GAASA Registrar or a GAASA Deputy Registrar. Deputy registrars may be appointed by the GAASA Registrar to verify individuals listed on rosters. These Deputy registrars may sign a roster but only the GAASA Registrar signature and League stamp is valid on a player pass. Only color pictures accepted. Every player must have stamped laminated player pass to participate in any GAASA sponsored game. No referee will permit a player to play without a pass, no matter what the reason. The referee has the final authority on this matter on the field and his decision cannot be appealed or questioned. In addition, there must be a registered coach with a coach's pass present for each team for the entire duration of each game. The league strongly advises that each team roster the maximum number of coaches.

The GAASA stamp must appear on the Referee Game Roster / Report to be valid. A forfeiture of the game may occur without this stamp on the report.

PLAYER DATA – If you have a player that played for another club last season (and you will know this when you add their name to your SoccerWorks database) and SoccerWorks tells you that the player is currently registered with another club. You must email the Registrar to have the data transferred to your club. DO NOT ADD THIS PLAYER’S DATA IF THE PLAYER IS ALREADY IN THE SYSTEM

PLAYING UP ON YOUTH TEAMS: Please see the Playing Up chart on Gaasa.org website for a visual description.

Definition 1: No player may register or be rostered on more than one Greater Akron team at any one time. Younger players may roster on an older team (maximum 2 years) for the season but older players may never be rostered on a team younger than their age group.

Definition 2: Playing Up. See www.gaasa.org for new rules effective for Fall 2010.

If a player is caught playing up against the rules then consequences apply.

PLAYOFFS: For ALL teams qualifying for playoffs, additional fees apply.

REFEREE NO-SHOWS IN A SCHEDULED OR RESCHEDULED GAME: In an effort to deal with referee no-shows in a timelier manner, both coaches are asked to notify their division commissioner (ON THE SAME DAY THAT THE GAME OCCURRED) in the event of a scheduled referee no-show or if a volunteer referee is used. The division commissioner is to record this information when submitting the game scores on the league website in the appropriate box. A volunteer referee will be paid the normal referee fees for the game.

RISK MANAGEMENT PROGRAM: All coaches (whether head coaches, assistant coaches or managers) must register annually for the risk program using the OYSAN website. Confirmation of registering must be presented the League Registrar at the time of registering with a team in GAASA.

ROSTER / TEAM NAME: A roster is submitted for the fall season and the **TEAM NAME** must follow through to the spring season. Each roster must have the name of the CLUB in the space provided and the name of the TEAM in the space provided. No Team name duplication is permitted. If this occurs, the registrar will **assign** a new name at the on-site registration table. **Team names cannot change between the fall and spring seasons.** If for some reason for the Club or Team name changes, then new player fees and new team fees will apply for that team during the spring season.

SoccerWorks® ONLINE SOFTWARE: SoccerWorks Online Software is made available for member club use. Clubs no longer need to have additional software to run this program. SoccerWorks Online has been designed by Keri Sarver for GAASA and is available by accessing the GAASA.org website. This online version will be the only version accepted for use by GAASA. This software will be populated with your club's current season of declared data.

TEAM DISBANDMENT: If a youth team disbands between the fall season and the spring season it is the ruling of the State office that all of these players must complete transfer forms when moving to a new club or any new team for the spring season.

TEAM PLACEMENT: GAASA reserves the right to move any teams within classic levels. Past records of teams and coaches, the ways in which a club conducts tryouts, the number of players available in the base from which the club draws players, the number of players on the team who are younger than the age group and other such factors, along with the recommendations of the club all play a role in determining where a team will be placed.

Do not attempt to form your teams or request placement based on tentative play days, which may be changed by the league during the scheduling process without notice.

TEAM REGISTRATION Team registration will commence on the date posted as long as the team has been declared on the GAASA website during the designated dated announced. The team shall have declared its intention to play for the season, announced team play day conflicts, home field and field conflicts. With proper notice, reschedules are allowed for USSF activities, but teams will be charged a reschedule fee if they fail to declare a conflict at the time of registering the team(s).

TEAMS PLAYING WITH GAASA AND ANOTHER LEAGUE and DUAL CARDING: Any team wishing to play in another League in addition to GAASA is permitted as long as 75% of the team has been together for at least two consecutive outdoor seasons. Rosters from both seasons must be submitted to the appropriate Vice President prior to the start of the regular GAASA season. Please note and understand that under no circumstances will GAASA league games be rescheduled in order to accommodate the dual-carded player if there is a conflict.

Only Classic 1 teams are permitted to have dual carded players. Classic 2 teams can only have up to 49% dual carded players.

TRANSFER RULES: The GAASA rule states that no more than 5 players can be dropped and/or replaced from a fall registered team from one club to another, and requires

a completed transfer form. However, players can always be added to open roster spaces up to the roster limit. There are no limits on changes within a club. No players may be added after the final registration deadlines for each season. If your team plans to enter State Cup or tournaments, then the OYSA-N transfer rules apply. Contact Pam Menick, OYSA-N registrar for direct rules. Any player that changes teams between fall season and spring season must have a transfer form completed. If a player chooses to not return to the spring team then a transfer form must be completed stating that the player is released.

Any transferred player must also have a new pass made to reflect the new club he/she has transferred to. The pass that reflects the club where the player came from is to be sent to the registrar with the signed transfer form.

USSF and US Youth Soccer rules are followed by GAASA as to seasonal year and player registrations. Registration and rostering are two different acts; registration is the act of signing up to play and paying money, rostering is the assignment of players to a team. USYSA and OYSAN rules state that a team rostered in the fall is considered a team for one full seasonal year (both fall and spring playing seasons) and that players belong to that team for the whole year unless transferred according to GAASA and OYSAN rules. In addition, the rules forbid players who have been rostered on a team in the fall from trying out for new teams during the seasonal year without prior permission.

U9-10-11-12 RULE: It is the rule of GAASA that all U9, U10, U11 and U12 players be rostered so as to play age appropriate on the small field. However in some cases, it is necessary to roster these players on an older team. GAASA has adopted the small-sided U9 and U10 teams of 6v6, and U11 and U12 teams of 8v8. The league also reserves the right, in the interests of competition, to allow younger teams to play above their age designation (i.e. U10 to U11 or U12 to U13).

U15 PLAYERS PLAYING ON A U14 TEAM is permitted for the fall season. As a reminder, those U15 players may continue on the U14 team they were assigned to from fall to spring of the same seasonal year. The U15 player may not transfer to another U14 team, but may transfer to a U15 team or higher. New U15 players must register on a U15 or higher age team for spring. **A TEAM WITH A U15 PLAYER MUST BE DECLARED AS A U15 TEAM. The limit is 5 and the U15 player is only eligible if in the 8th grade.**

These definitions may be modified or clarified at any time during the soccer seasonal year.

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