

Butte Youth Soccer League  
Specific Rules & Policy Interpretation Memoranda (PIMs)

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Authority

Pursuant to Article 5 of the BYSL Constitution and Article 5, Section 3.F. of the BYSL By-Laws, the Board of Directors hereby establishes the following specific rules for league members, affiliated clubs, and all other persons associated with the Butte Youth Soccer League.

The numbering convention for these specific rules is xx:yy:zz, where “xx” refers to the appropriate article of the By-Laws, “yy” is the subsection of the by-laws, and “zz” represents the specific rule number.

The numbering convention for PIMs will be aa-bb, where “aa” refers to the year the Board enacted the PIM and “bb” represents the number of the PIM.

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**Specific Rules**

Offices

01:01:01        The principal office the Butte Youth Soccer League shall be 883 Bille Road, Paradise, CA 95969

Purposes

02:01:01        In addition to traditional youth soccer programs, BYSL will actively work to develop, promote and support “Division 5” soccer for players with physical or mental disabilities.

Directors

05:03:01        Any changes to these Specific Rules or the enactment of Policy Interpretation Memoranda may be adopted at a regular Board meeting by a simple majority.

Fiscal Year/Seasonal Year

08:02:01        Any Tournament sponsored by a club must be approved in advance by the Board. It is the responsibility of the Board to ensure that CYSA or League Tournament rules are followed.

08:02:02        In Butte Playing League competition, the Director of Division 4 Play shall determine the schedule of games, scheduling home and away fixtures on an equal basis.

1. Any coach-initiated changes to the game schedule must be approved by the Director of Division 4 Play, in consultation with the home club’s Director of Referees.
2. In the event of a weather-related change to the game schedule, the affected coaches will re-schedule the game at a time convenient to them, subject to the home club’s Director of Referees. Once the game is re-scheduled, the coaches must notify the Director of Division 4 Play of the rescheduled date and time.
  - a. If the coaches are unable to agree on a rescheduled date and time within seven (7) days of the cancellation, the Director of Division 4 Play shall reschedule the game, in consultation with the home club’s Director of Referees.

3. If a team does not take the field within 15 minutes of the scheduled start time, that team shall forfeit the game. In the event neither team is able to take the field within 15 minutes of the scheduled start time, both teams may be assessed with a loss or the game may be rescheduled at the sole discretion of the Director of Division 4 Play based on the totality of the circumstances.

08:02:03 In Butte Playing League competition, three points will be awarded for a win, one point for a tie, and zero points for a loss. In the event of a forfeiture, the winning team will be awarded a 1-0 victory.

1. Each red card will result in a one point deduction in the standings.
2. Three or more red cards against one team will result in an additional three point deduction in the standings.
3. In the case of two or more teams ending the season on the same number of points, the following tiebreak procedure will be used:
  - a. Head to head results
  - b. Goals Allowed
  - c. Goals For
  - d. Coin Toss
4. Both teams are responsible for reporting the game scores to the Director of Division 4 Play within 24 hours.
5. The home team is responsible for the assignment of the referee team. In the event that a sufficient number of qualified referees do not show up for the game and the game cannot be played within the Laws of the Game, the home team may be assessed with a loss or the game may be rescheduled at the sole discretion of the Director of Division 4 Play.

08:02:04 In Butte Playing League competition, all registered players must play at least half the game. Exceptions may be made for disciplinary reasons only if the parent/guardian and the club age division director are notified. Violations of this rule may be referred to a club-level PAD or may be handled at the league level at the discretion of the Director of Division 4 Play.

08:02:05 In Butte Playing League competition, the number of players on the field shall conform to current CYSA policy with the following exception:

1. If, at the start of the game, one team has fewer than a full complement of players, the opposing team shall be required to play down. Although sporting behavior is encouraged, no team shall be required to play down more than one (1) player.
2. After the game has started, no team will be required to play down due to players leaving or as a result of injury.

08:02:06 In Butte Playing League competition, if one team has a four goal differential, the coach shall take all necessary steps to prevent additional goals being scored (i.e. "running up the score").

1. The league will review alleged violations of this rule on a game by game basis, looking primarily for a good faith attempt on the part of the coach to comply with the spirit as well as the letter of this rule.
  - a. Evidence of a good faith effort includes, but is not limited to:
    - i. Playing weaker players over stronger players.
    - ii. Moving attackers to defense.
    - iii. Requiring a minimum number of touches prior to a shot being taken.
    - iv. Not allowing shots with the feet, or requiring shots to be taken with the player's weaker foot.

## Policy Interpretation Memoranda

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08-01 In cases of undetected misconduct or misconduct detected, but not formally addressed by the team of officials on the field, the League president or his/her designee will use the following criteria to determine whether the matter ought to be referred to the club for resolution or handled directly by the league:

1. The severity of the alleged misconduct.
2. The parties to the alleged misconduct.
3. The location of the alleged misconduct.
4. Whether or not this is a "first offense".
5. The willingness of the club to handle the issue internally.
6. The ability of the club or league to adequately handle the issue impartially.
7. The recent track record of the club administration in dealing with disciplinary issues quickly, fairly, and effectively for all parties.