

The Thompson Okanagan Youth Soccer League (TOYSL) operates under the Constitution of the BC Soccer Association (BC Soccer).

- TOYSL is an Inter-District Select Level League that includes teams from Clubs in the two Districts located in the Interior of British Columbia - Central Okanagan Youth Soccer Association (COYSA) and Thompson Okanagan Youth District Association (TOYDA) from U13 to U18, male and female.
- COYSA Clubs – Kelowna Youth Soccer Association, Lake Country Youth Soccer Association, Okanagan Football Club, Okanagan United Football Club, Westside Youth Soccer Association, Penticton Pinnacles Football Club, Rutland Youth Soccer Association, and Kelowna City Football club
- TOYDA Clubs – Revelstoke Youth Soccer Association, Vernon United Football Club, Kamloops Youth Soccer Association, Shuswap Youth Soccer Association and Soccer Quest Football Club · TOYSL District Representatives are responsible to ensure that their District Boards and District Clubs are informed of rules, regulations, league schedule and meeting information in time for the start of the season.

SECTION 1 - GENERAL

- a) TOYSL is sanctioned by BC Soccer and abides by all BC Soccer Rules, Regulations and Policies.
- b) Only Clubs who are registered with COYSA or TOYDA can participate in TOYSL.
- c) Two representatives from each participating District will form the TOYSL Board of Directors who collectively shall make decisions on all items regarding the operation of TOYSL. These representatives shall be agreed upon by their Districts each season.
- d) Annual League Fees shall be set on a per team basis by the TOYSL Board and participating Clubs will submit their league fees directly to TOYSL. Each club shall pay for all its Club teams via one cheque or e-transfer to TOYSL **by** March 1st, 2025.
- e) A performance bond of \$500.00 per team participating in TOYSL up to a total of \$5000.00 will be collected from each club. These funds will be used to pay for any fines. Bonds will be held unless they are needed to pay fines and returned at the end of the season.
- f) Any team that withdraws after its application is submitted but prior to TOYSL scheduling will have their league fee returned. Any team that withdraws after TOYSL scheduling (March 1, 2025) will forfeit their league fee. Any team withdrawing from TOYSL after the first



scheduled game and before the completion of the scheduled games shall forfeit all league fees submitted and be subject to a review before acceptance for next season.

g) Districts are responsible for the actions of their teams, players, managers, officials and spectators. They are required to take all precautions to prevent and discourage unruly behavior, threats, and/or assaults on players and officials, before, during and after the conclusion of the game. TOYSL discipline reps may utilise their districts to administer discipline in accordance with their policies.

g) The TOYSL board will hire a general manager(s) to administer the league. They will be responsible for scheduling as well as the day-to-day management and communication between clubs. Clubs must choose one person as their main point of communication, ideally the administrator, or T.D. of that club to communicate with the TOYSL manager.

SECTION 2 - UNIFORMS & FIELD SETUP

a) Clubs will declare the colours of their home and/or away jerseys by January 15th. In the event of a colour clash, the home team is responsible to change their jerseys or wear pinnies.

b) The home Club for each game shall be responsible for the condition of the field of play, the proper field marking and the supply of adequate equipment (i.e., game ball, goal posts, nets and corner flags). Failure to have field setup thirty (30) minutes prior to the start of the match may result in a fine. Multiple infractions are subject to a review and may result in a Club and/or team being refused acceptance in TOYSL for the following season.

SECTION 3 – LEAGUE COMPETITION U13

a. U13 teams will compete in their respective divisions with weekly league games throughout the season.

b. There will be no standings or scores kept as per BC Soccer Regulations.

c. Games will be 9v9 and played on a junior field that complies with BC Soccer Small Sided Regulations.

d. Junior goals will be used that complies with BC Soccer Small Sided Regulations as well as a size 5 ball.

e. Games will be 40-minute halves in length.

SECTION 3 - LEAGUE COMPETITION U14 to U18



- a) TOYSL will consist of weekly league games against opposition in each respective division.
- b) All teams declaring A-Cup Provincials must inform TOYSL of their decision to do so by January 15th and play up a division if able to do so. (U17/18 don't have any higher divisions)
- c) Divisions will be determined by the discretion of the TOYSL Board. If limited teams in any given age group divisions may be combined to make for a league which must have a minimum of 4 teams. (generally, in the U17/18 age groups)
- d) All games in each respective division will count towards that divisions league standings.
- e) The TOYSL standings of teams in each division shall be calculated by points with three (3) points awarded for a win and one (1) point awarded for a tie. Goals scored and goals conceded shall be recorded for each league game to establish goal differential, which is maximum of +5 per game. If teams are tied on points in the league, position will be determined by the following FIFA criteria:
- 1) Overall Goal Differential
 - 2) Overall Goals Scored
 - 3) Greatest Number of Points obtained in Head-to-Head games
 - 4) Head-to-Head Goal Differential
 - 5) Head-to-Head Goals Scored
 - 6) Team Conduct - Fewest Yellow cards and Red cards obtained during the season
 - 7) Drawing of lots by TOYSL

SECTION 4 – PROVINCIAL CUP QUALIFICATIONS

- a) The TOYSL Cup playdowns will be held immediately following the end of TOYSL league play.
- b) All teams participating in TOYSL leagues will be seeded for Provincial qualification based on the final standings in their respective divisions against other teams in their own age group and Provincial Cup declaration status.
- c) Team(s) declaring “A” Cup for BC Soccer Provincials will not play against “B” Cup declaring team(s) in Provincial Qualifications. If there is more than one A Cup team



declared in an age group, then the teams will have their own playoff. If there are 2 teams then there will be a 1 game final. 3 teams will have the 2nd and 3rd highest seed play each other in a semi final to earn the place in the final against the 1st team. The team that finishes highest in the league will be the home team for any such games. Whoever wins the final will be our regions representative. They may still have to playoff against other interior regions (Kootenay/Prince George) if those regions declare A Cup challenge for provincial qualification.

d) The top two (2) teams in the Provincial Qualifiers will represent the Region in the BC Soccer Provincial Championships.

e) In instances where a TOYSL Club is hosting the Provincial B Cup, the host club has the right to acquire 1 of the two provincial berths. If the host club decides to take the host berth, then the hosting Club team along with the winner of the Provincial Qualifiers winner will represent the Region.

f) Provincial Qualifiers must allow for determination for 3rd and 4th place as BC Soccer reserves the right to add additional teams from each Region.

g) If a TOYSL club is hosting and the host club wishes to accept the automatic berth for the Provincial B Cup then:

- The host club will automatically be given the #2 seed from the Region
- Host club does not participate in the B Cup Provincial Qualifiers EXCEPT in situations where they will not be accepting the host berth (which they declare on Jan 15 or by dispensation from TOYSL after that date). Ex. a club has TWO B Cup level teams in the same age, one takes the host berth and the other participates in the Provincial Qualifiers.
- All teams in the Provincial Qualifiers are competing for the # 1 seed (and # 2 seed in divisions where the host club has not accepted a host berth).

SECTION 4 - GAME FORMAT

a) All matches shall be played under the current International Football Association Board (IFAB) Laws of the Game and are subject to specific league and playoff rules determined by BC Soccer.

b) A team is determined to be ready to start a game if they have a minimum of seven (7) registered players, who are in good standing, on the pitch within fifteen (15) minutes after



the scheduled game start time. If a team is not ready by the end of the grace time, they are considered to have forfeited the match and may be subject to a TOYSL fine.

c) Late player arrivals shall be allowed to play, provided that the referee is aware of the late arrival prior to the start of the game and the late player(s) is on the game roster.

d) In the event that a game is suspended prior to the second half, the game will be rescheduled and played in its entirety from start to finish. If the game is suspended anytime after the second half has begun, the game will be considered a full game - unless there was a purposeful misconduct or misuse of this regulation.

e) Both the Home and Away teams will be located on the same side of the field with their spectators on the opposite side of the field. Sides of the fields shall be decided upon by the home team. Coaches shall have the right to request the referee to enforce this rule during the game. Failure to comply with this rule shall, at the referee's discretion, result in game suspension, a match forfeit for the team failing to comply and/or a TOYSL fine.

SECTION 5 - GAME REPORTS and ID CARDS

a) All game reports must be issued in a manner approved by TOYSL.

b) Players in attendance must have BC Soccer ID Cards and be noted on the game report by the referee.

c) For physical game reports, the coach or manager for each team along with the referee shall sign the game report verifying the scores and the accuracy of the game report after the conclusion of the game. Both teams are responsible to provide a game report along with player ID cards before the start of the match.

d) The Home team is responsible to file the game report with TOYSL within 24 hours of the match.

e) If a player and/or team representative is issued a Yellow and/or Red card, the referee will note the infraction on the game report. They will complete a caution or send off report as per the BC Soccer website and submit it to the TOYSL manager within 24 hours.

SECTION 6 - SCHEDULING

a) All Clubs will confirm and submit their teams by January 15th.

b) League will start play on or as close to April 1st as possible and finish prior to the end of the school year & BC Soccer Provincial start dates, subject to weather conditions and District field availability.



c) The first draft of the TOYSL Schedule is to be submitted to Districts to fill in the date, time and field for each game by February 1st with the intention to have the full schedule completed as of March 1st. Once the schedule is finalized, games will only be rescheduled for reason of field conditions or availability, inclement weather conditions, school commitments, health outbreak or if both teams agree in writing to reschedule more than fourteen (14) days prior to a scheduled game. Any rescheduled game shall be placed into the schedule within fourteen (14) days of the originally scheduled game.

d) Schedules will include a contact list of coaches and managers for each team for emergency use only (late for traffic, etc).

e) Teams must assume all games shall be played as scheduled unless they are advised otherwise by TOYSL in advance of game day.

f) Matches related to league standings or Provincial Cup Qualification take precedence over any other soccer activity including participating in tournaments.

g) Home teams/Hosting teams are responsible for payment of the referee and assistant referees.

h) In the event of a field change, Club representatives for both teams must notify TOYSL. i) Rescheduling requests must come from the appointed club representative and be made to the TOYSL manager. Club reps may contact each other directly to reschedule a game but must be approved by the TOYSL manager.

SECTION 7 - GAME FORFEITURES

a) Teams may be subject to TOYSL fines and/or forfeiture of games (where the score will be recorded as 3-0) if:

1) League fees are not paid in full prior to the start of a league game.

2) A team cancels a scheduled game without intention to reschedule.

3) A team fails to show for a scheduled game.

4) A team refuses to continue a scheduled game.

5) A team is found using ineligible players including the use of players found playing under suspension due to red card violation or otherwise.

6) Team or team representatives commit misconduct that causes the termination of the game.



b) In the event of a game forfeiture, the team determined responsible for the forfeit shall be responsible for all field and referee costs, even if they are the Away team.

SECTION 8 – PROTESTS, APPEALS & DISCIPLINE PROCEDURES

a) All team protests must be made in writing to the TOYSL manager and be accompanied by a \$100 protest fee within 48 hours of the completion of the game. This fee will be refunded only if the protest is successful.

b) The referee's Game Report shall be the basis for assessing all offenses where predetermined penalties are applicable. Other offenses shall be reviewed and administered by TOYSL.

c) Red card and/or two Yellow cards that earn a Red card suspension will carry over into TOYSL Cup play and BC Soccer Provincials.

d) Any player accumulating 3 yellow cards in a season will be suspended for 1 game. 5 yellow cards will be an additional 2 games.

e) Yellow cards will be cleared before provincial cup qualification but suspensions will carry over.

f) All District Discipline decisions shall be guided by the district policies and BC Soccer Discipline Policies.

g) Appeals of TOYSL decisions may be made directly to BC Soccer in accordance with BC Soccer policies.

SECTION 9 - BONDS AND FINES

a) TOYSL Clubs shall be subject to the following fines for violations of:

Home team fails to report a game result within 48 hours \$25.00

Club failing to schedule games more than 14 days prior \$100.00

Playing an Ineligible Player \$250.00

Scheduled game forfeited without prior notice \$250.00

Club failing to meet TOYSL deadlines \$250.00

b) Continued violations may result in the club or team being sanctioned or removed from the league as determined by the TOYSL board.



2025 Season Calendar

January 15th, 2025 All Clubs submit their teams to TOYSL including Provincial A or B Cup declaration, declare Home/Away kits

February 1, 2025 First Draft of League Schedule to be sent to TOYSL Clubs

March 1st, 2025 Final Schedule to be completed and sent to all TOYSL Clubs.

March 1st, 2025 – Final date to have all fees and bonds into the TOYSL office.

June 1st - new player and transfer deadline for provincials.

June 15th- Final day of U14+ TOYSL Scheduled games, followed by playdowns the following week.

July 3rd – Provincial B Cup player pickup deadline

July 3rd - 6th – Provincial A Cup

July 10-13 – Provincial B Cup

