

**INTERCITY LEAGUE
INFORMATION AND PROCEDURES**



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The Cal South Intercity League is a recreational program that provides Clubs the ability to form teams in the 2002-2000/17U-19U, 2003/16U, 2005/14U, and 2007/12U age brackets to participate in league play in which either a) the Club does not have their own internal game circuit or b) does not have enough teams to foster quality competition. Intercity promotes skilled soccer, good sportsmanship, fair play and a safe environment.

All games shall be played under the Rules and Regulations of Cal South except as listed in the Intercity League Rules of Play. No League Rule may be adopted which is in violation of these Cal South Rules or in violation of the spirit and intent of the Cal South youth soccer program. Recreation Leagues are administered at the local level that emphasize open participation and player registration and employs a system of rostering players for the purpose of creating a fair and balanced distribution of playing talent among all participating Teams, and where each player plays at least 50% of each game.

A. INFORMATION

1. The Cal South Intercity League is a playing circuit for boy's and girl's teams in the 2007 (12U) – 2000 (19U) age brackets. The Circuit may consider additional or alternate age brackets based on individual circuit or geographic needs.
2. The playing circuit is set in a smaller geographic area in an effort to limit team travel distance. The Intercity League Circuit will encompass a 20 – 30-mile radius within an area. Circuit mileage restraints may be expanded as deemed appropriate.
3. League play shall begin on the weekend following Labor Day and end prior to Thanksgiving for 2002-2000/17U-19U & 2003/16U. All other divisions may end by the first weekend of December.
4. The Circuit will use best efforts to provide a 10-week game schedule. The schedule will depend on total number of teams entered in each age bracket (boys and girls).
5. The primary day for play is Saturday. Friday night and Sunday games will be scheduled as needed for make-up games or rescheduled games.
6. Playing Circuit activities will be conducted and communicated through the official Cal South Intercity League home page. The web site will provide general Circuit information, schedules, bracket standings and periodic updates.
7. Players will be registered as Cal South Recreational players under the Recreational League “Play Type” level within their sanctioned sponsoring recreational league.

B. PROCEDURES

1. Team/Player Eligibility:

- a. Any Cal South Recreational League/Club in good standing may apply for Intercity League teams in the playing circuit. Cal South Online Registration System roster confirmation may include actual Fall recreational league program.
- b. All applying and participating teams must be properly registered with an affiliated Cal South Recreation League per Cal South Bylaws (Balanced teams and 50% play time requirements.)
- c. All teams must be from the fall season team. No borrowing or loaned players allowed.
- d. All players must have played in a Cal South recreational team during the 2016-2017 Fall Season.
- e. All players must be registered and rostered to their current Fall team under the 2018 Fall Season.
- f. Players may only participate for one team.
- g. All Players, Coaches and other Team Administrators must have a Cal South picture ID card printed from the Cal South Online Registration System. ID cards must be stamped, embossed or signed by the league registrar and laminated. Failure to have laminated cards may result in a forfeit.
- h. The head coach, assistant coach and team administrators must each have passed Cal South “Kid Safe” Risk Management Live Scan fingerprint process.
- i. All players must have a medical release form with parent/guardians' signature. The forms must be available to the referee upon request.
- j. Player cards and Medical Releases are required in all Intercity League divisions. Failure to provide either may result in a forfeit. Players or teams without cards and Medical Release forms must not be allowed to play. This also means no scrimmages or pick-up games.
- k. There must be a licensed coach for each team at each game. The coach(s) must possess a minimum of a respective 9v9 or 11v11 “Grassroots” license.
- l. A team without a carded and licensed head or assistant coach will forfeit the match and be subject to Disciplinary Action from Cal South. Note: In an emergency, a team without a coach may be coached by another coach or administrator from any team within the same league of registration as the team they are representing for the match. They must meet the coaching requirements (possess a minimum of an 9v9 or 11v11 “Grassroots” license and be Live Scanned).
- m. Under certain circumstances the Intercity League Director may authorize a team or player to play without player cards. The league representative of said team is responsible to contact the Intercity League Director and explain the circumstances at least 48 hours before their match.
- n. The deadline to add players to any team is September 3rd of 2018.

- o. It is strongly recommended that Head Coaches are rostered to only one (1) team during the season as we will not accommodate coaches' game conflicts.
- p. The Playing Circuits shall provide bracket scheduling, tournament scheduling, posting of bracket scores and standings and handle general activities as outlined in these regulations and playing rules.
- q. The Intercity League Director will review all procedures and rules each year and make modifications and recommendations as deemed appropriate.

C. FEES

1. Playing Circuit Team Entry fee will be \$200.00 per team for the fall playing season. This fee will handle administration costs, web costs, playing tee, and awards for the post-season tournament. This is a non-refundable fee payable to Cal South.

D. FALL SEASON/DEADLINES

1. The fall playing season shall be designated from May 1st until December 31st. This includes pre-season and post-season tournaments. Season games will normally be played on Saturdays on permitted fields. If games are played on Sundays, it is recommended that no game will begin before noon. **Weeknight evening games may be scheduled as needed.
2. League/Club will provide their participating Team Count list by July 25, 2018.
3. Team Registration online applications and team registration fees are due by July 31, 2018. No team fee refunds after August 31st.
4. Team Rosters are to be completed in the Cal South Online Registration Program by August 31.
5. League game schedules for 10 regular season games, depending on total number of entered teams, should be published and distributed the 4th week of August.
7. No new players may be added to the fall season team roster after the September 3rd (12:01am) Intercity League "Roster Freeze" deadline. Players may be added to team rosters following the conclusion of post season play-off games.
8. No games may be rescheduled by the individual league or team once the final schedule is published. **Games will not be rescheduled due to coaching conflicts with Intercity League or other league games. The team or league must find an assistant coach to stand in these instances.** Teams are not permitted to reschedule games directly with other teams. In these instances, these game results will be invalid and the games will be classified as unofficial. Only games cancelled due to official city/school district field closures or rainouts may be rescheduled upon approval from the Intercity Director. Otherwise, the game will not be rescheduled and/or played.
9. The first regular season game will be the first Saturday after Labor Day in September. The regular season will conclude before Thanksgiving. Post season (play-offs) may be scheduled before or after Thanksgiving weekend and conclude before Christmas. No games will be played the week of Thanksgiving Weekend.

E. POST SEASON INFORMATION

1. Playoffs will be limited to top 4 teams in each age group during the regular season and could be more depending on how many in each age group. In combined age brackets, there will be playoffs for the top 4 teams in each separate age bracket. Format shall be: Seed 1 vs Seed 4 and Seed 2 vs Seed 3. The top seeded team shall be the home team after each playoff round. Winners advance to a championship game and will be played following weekend during same time as Commissioners Cup.

F. INTERCITY LEAGUE RULES OF PLAY

1. See Intercity League Rules of Play