

INTERCITY LEAGUE – SOUTH

INFORMATION AND PROCEDURES

Intercity League Information and Procedures

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The Intercity League is a program that provides leagues the ability to form teams in the 16U/14U/U12 age divisions to participate in league play with other cities/programs for quality competition. (See Birth Year Matrix for 2022-23)

Intercity promotes skilled soccer, good sportsmanship, fair play and a safe environment. All games shall be played under the New Mexico Youth Soccer Association (NMYSA) playing rules. Intercity league playing rule may be modified without the express permission of NMYSA.

A. INFORMATION

1. The “Intercity League” is a game/league circuit open for boys’ and girls’ teams in the (12U) – (16U) age divisions. The League may consider additional or alternate age brackets based on individual or geographic needs. We are using birth years, for example players born 2011 and 2012 would be 12U and players born 2010 and 2009 would be 14U.
2. The playing circuit is set in a smaller geographic area in an effort to reduce team travel distances. League/circuit travel distances may be expanded/changed as deemed appropriate.
3. League play shall begin September 18, 2022, and end prior to Thanksgiving Day.
4. The League will use best efforts to provide an 8-10 game schedule. The schedule will depend on total number of teams entered into each age bracket (boys and girls).
5. The primary day for play is Sunday. Friday night and Saturday games may be scheduled if needed.

6. Home teams are responsible for paying and assigning referees. Assignors must be USSF certified, and referees must be paid within 30 days. If a home team is not able to host their league game, they are still responsible for assigning and paying the referees.

6. League information will be available to participants through the official NMYSA website at www.nmysa.net, Intercity League home page. The website will provide general information, schedules, bracket standings and periodic updates.

7. Players will be registered through their respective NMYSA affiliate League.

B. PROCEDURES

1. Team/Player Eligibility:

a. Any NMYSA registered team in good standing may apply to the Intercity League.

b. All applying and participating teams must be properly registered with an affiliated NMYSA League/Club or directly registered with NMYSA.

c. Players may only participate on one Intercity League team unless prior permission is obtained from the League official.

d. All Players, Coaches and other Team Administrators must have a valid NMYSA pass card printed from the NMYSA Online Registration System. Player Cards must be for the current season and laminated.

e. Coaches participating in any Intercity League games or practices must be licensed.

f. A team without a carded and licensed coach will forfeit the match unless a replacement coach is approved the NMYSA Intercity League official.

g. It is strongly recommended that multiple coaches are rostered to a team, as we may not be able to accommodate coaches' game conflicts.

h. The Intercity League shall administer the league schedule, scoring and Intercity playoffs and manage any schedules and inquiries.

- i. The Intercity League Director and NMYSA Staff will review all procedures and rules each year and make modifications and recommendations as deemed appropriate.

C. FEES

1. Intercity team Entry fee will be \$175.00 per team for the fall playing season. This fee includes administration costs, web costs, referee for the playoffs only and awards for the post-season tournament/playoffs. This is a non-refundable fee payable to NMYSA through the registration portal.

D. FALL SEASON/DEADLINES

1. The fall playing season shall be designated from September 18 through November 13, 2022. This includes pre-season and post-season playoff tournaments. Season games will normally be played on Sundays on permitted fields.

2. Leagues will provide their participating Team Count list by August 22, 2022.

3. Team Registration online applications and team registration fees are due August 29, 2022. No team fee refunds after August 29, 2022.

4. NMYSA will notify each team and league of acceptance or current application status of each team into the Playing League by August 29, 2022.

5. Team Rosters are to be completed in the NMYSA Online Registration Program by September 12, 2022.

6. League game schedules will consist of 8-10 regular season games, depending on total number of entered teams.

7. Players may be added to the Intercity rosters throughout the season so long as the roster maximum of 22 for 14U-16U and 16 for 12U are not exceeded. For 14U-16U only 18 players can be on the game roster and for 12U only 16 can be on the game roster.

8. Games may "not" be rescheduled by the individual league or team once the final schedule is published unless coordinated with League Director. **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 or games not played. Only games cancelled due to field closures or inclement weather may be rescheduled upon approval from the League Official.

E. POST SEASON INFORMATION

1. Playoffs will be limited to top 4 teams in each age group. 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.

F. INTERCITY LEAGUE – South RULES OF PLAY

1. See Intercity League Rules of Play