**Burrillville-Glocester Youth Soccer Association**

**Recreational Season Rules and Regulations - 2021 Season**

**Part 1: Registration**

Participation in BGYSA is open to all youths residing in the towns of Glocester, and Burrillville. Any child residing neighboring towns may be allowed to register pending review by the board of directors. The season officially begins with practices in late August and lasts through mid to late October.

Registration period is to extend from April through July 31 of any given year. There is 24/7 on-line registration available through GotSport. Any concerns with registering online can be addressed to the Club Registrar at registrar@bgysa.org. Please familiarize yourself with the refund policy before submitting your registration.

Registration fees (Cost of registration will cover uniforms, insurance and referee fees.):

* Registrations Paid prior to May 31: $90 mandatory fundraising fee (\*Family Maximum $230)
* Registrations Paid June 1 and later: $110 mandatory fundraising fee (\*Family Maximum $290)
* Any registrations not paid by July 31 may have their registration waitlisted.  Waitlist registrations will begin July 31 and team placement cannot be guaranteed.

\*Families registering 3 or more players will be charged no more than the listed family maximum.

**Registration for Fall Recreational Season will be voided if the family owes any outstanding fees to BGYSA.  Once outstanding fees are paid in full, you must re-register for the Fall Recreational Season.**

**Refund policy**

**Any requests received between April 21 and May 31, 2021 will be issued a refund of 90% of the registration fee.  Any requests received between June 1, 2021, and June 30, 2021, will be issued a refund of 50% of the registration fee. No refunds issued for requests received after July 1, 2021.   If a state of emergency is declared causing a season cancellation, then a 70% refund will be given due to operational costs that will be incurred by the club.Maximum**

**Roster Size**

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| **Division** | **Roster Size** |
| **U-4** | 8 players |
| **U-5** | 8 players |
| **U-6** | 8 players |
| **U-7 & U8** | 8 players |
| **U-10** | 13 players |
| **U-12** | 14 players |
| **U-15** | 18 players |

**Age Divisions**

The following chart applies for the next official membership year and is based on the age groupings. Any player whose birth date falls on or between these dates will be placed in the designated division.

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| **Age Guide for 2019-2020 Membership Year** | | |
| **Division** | **Age** | **Born Between** |
| **U-15\*** | 11-14 | 1/1/2007 and 12/31/2009 |
| **U-12\*** | 9-11 | 1/1/2010 and 12/31/2011 |
| **U-10** | 7-9 | 1/1/2012 and 12/31/2013 |
| **U-8** | 6-7 | 1/1/2014 and 12/31/2014 |
| **U-7** | 5-6 | 1/1/2015 and 12/31/2015 |
| **U-6\*** | 4-5 | 1/1/2016 and 12/31/2016 |
| **U-5\*** | 3-4 | 1/1/2017 and 12/31/2017 |
| **U-4\*** | 2-3 | 1/1/2018 and 12/31/2018 |

\*This is a co-ed division.

We understand players in the U15 age division may be competing on their school team. BGYSA understands that your school team comes first.

**Part 2: Equipment:**

* The equipment that is provided to each player from BGYSA is as follows:
  + uniform shirt, shorts, and socks
* All players must wear the official recreational uniform, which will be provided before the first game.
* All keepers will wear colors that distinguish them from the rest of the team, and the opposing team (provided by the player).
* All players must be wearing shin guards before entering the field of play. Players not wearing shin guards will not be allowed to play or practice.
* Player’s socks need to cover shin guard.
* Players must provide their own soccer ball for practice.
* The size soccer ball depends on their age, the specifics are:
  + Under 5, 6, 7, and 8 age division- size 3 soccer ball
  + Under 10 and 12 age division - size 4 soccer ball
  + Under 15 - size 5 soccer ball
* A water bottle should be brought to every game and practice.
* No football or baseball cleats may be worn, only soccer cleats, turf, or tennis shoes/sneakers
* No jewelry may be worn on the field, i.e. watches, earrings, necklaces, bracelets, etc. Medical Alert Bracelets are the only exception and they must be taped down. Taping of ornamental jewelry is not permitted.
* No equipment shall be worn that is considered dangerous to another player as determined by the referee.
* Players wearing a hard cast on their arm will be allowed to play, but the cast must be completely covered with a material such as bubble wrap.

**Part 3: Coaches**

* Any person interested in coaching for BGYSA Recreational league must register as a coach through online registration.
* All persons submitting registration will be notified no later than the last day of August whether their registration has been approved.
* BGYSA Board of Directors will have final decision on selection of coaches.
* Coaches are assigned to teams by 1) experience 2) enthusiasm 3) children playing 4) licensing
* Assistant Coaches may be selected by the Recreational Director or Head Coach and approved by the Board.
* Coaches are responsible to hold at least one practice a week (U7-U15), and to abide by the rules as set forth in the Coaches Code of Ethics, and to abide by BGYSA game rules.
* It is the coach’s responsibility to relay important information to their players. This includes notification of team assignment.
* The decision of the referee is final. Any opinion about referee performance can be discussed with the Referee Director or a board member after a game. ***Under no circumstances is a coach to directly question a referee about a call***.
* Any indiscretion by a coach can be means for immediate dismissal after review by the Board of Directors.
* Coaching resources can be found on the[BGYSA website](about:blank).
* Please contact the Coaching Director of coachingdirector@bgysa.org with any additional questions regarding coaching.

**Part 4: Team Selection**

* To ensure parity in each division, players will be divided amongst the teams by competitive experience, years played, and age.
* Siblings within the same age division will be assigned to the same team (unless otherwise specified in registration).
* Parent’s coaching in their child’s age division will automatically have their child assigned to their team (unless otherwise specified in registration).
* No relatives other than a child will be assigned to a specific coach, unless the coach does not have a child playing, then a niece, nephew, or grandchild can be assigned.
* There will be absolutely no switching of players for any reason, unless approved by the Board of Directors.
* If, during the course of the season, an adverse number of players may resign from a particular team, the BGYSA board may switch players from other teams to that one in order to keep parity in that division.

**Part 5: Sponsorship of Teams**

* The cost of a team sponsorship is $175.00 per team (3 teams will cost $450 with each additional team $125).
* Sponsorships are awarded on a first come first served basis. Forms to be distributed at time of registration, and will be accepted through 7/1.
* Sponsors may request that a child be on their team. Requests for specific coaches are not accepted, unless the coach is the sponsoring person, or it’s their company.
* Sponsorships include, name on jersey, picture plaque of team, and Thank You advertisement in the Bargain Buyer.

**Part 6: Duties of Recreation Director and Committee**

* Coordinate player registrations.
* To obtain team sponsors
* Coordinate any advertisements concerning fall rec. activities.
* Schedule all games and playoffs for fall season
* Coordinate Player Picture Day, Summer Soccer Camp, Trophy/Medal Distribution, and Concession Stand
* Schedule Referee and coaches clinics
* Oversee games, and preparation of fields
* Submit list of coaches, and rosters to Board

**Part 7: The Referee**

* Any person, age 11 or older may referee or assistant referee BGYSA recreation games.

**Requirements:**

* Attend Referee clinic held throughout the year - watch for available classes on the state referee website[http://www.risrc.net/](about:blank)
* Pass with a grade of at least 70% on the referee test.
* There is no guarantee that an individual will be given games on a regular basis. Games are assigned depending on the amount of referees available Assistant Referees and Referees will be assigned approx. 2 to 3 games per weekend, in order to minimize travel time to and from the fields.
* Referees and Assistant Referees are required to report to Referee check-in location a minimum of 15 minutes before game time. They are then to report to their assigned field a minimum of 5 minutes before game time. Failure to report on time will mean forfeiture of refereeing that game. A substitute referee will then fill in.
* The referee's decision during play shall be final. The referee should clearly communicate all calls made during the game. The referee should explain the call to the younger players. Play shall be stopped for all serious injuries.
* Coaches, players and spectators shall not argue or dispute a referee's decision during the game. Any opinion about referee performance can be discussed with the Referee Director or a board member after a game. ***Under no circumstances is a coach to directly question a referee about a call***. It is not the responsibility of the referee to explain calls during the game or to instruct the coaches on the rules of the game.
* It is the responsibility of the referee to see to it that the game bags are at the fields before the start of the games.

**Part 8: Rules of Game Play**

·         **Structure**

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| **Division** | **Ball Size** | **Game Length** | **Field Play** |
| **U4** | 3 | 60 min -  30 min practice  30 min game | vary |
| **U5** | 3 | 60 min -  30 min practice  30 min game | vary |
| **U6** | 3 | 60 min -  30 min practice  30 min game | 4v4, no keeper |
| **U7** | 3 | 4/10  min quarters | 4v4, no keeper |
| **U8** | 3 | 4/12  min quarters | 4v4, no keeper |
| **U10** | 4 | 4/12  min quarters | 7v7, with keeper |
| **U12** | 4 | 2/25  min halves | 9v9, with keeper |
| **U15** | 5 | 2/25  min halves | 11v11 with keeper |

* **Halftime:**

o    U7, 8, & 10's:  5 minutes. (2 minutes at quarters)

o    U12 & 15:  5 minutes at half

NOTE: Start of each game will start no later than 5 minutes past the hour to keep schedule on time.

* **Substitutions:**

o    All divisions may substitute on the fly, or at any stoppage of play.

\*\* If opposing team is unable to field a complete team, coaches have the option of either sharing players or playing down. **UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES** will a team be allowed to field more players than the opposing team.

* **Fairness in Playing Rule:**
  + Each player MUST play at least 50% of the playing time.
  + Goalkeepers are not to play 100% of the playing time in net.
  + In the U10 and U12 division, a player may not play in the same position for all his/her playing time. Positions must be changed throughout the game.
* **Red Cards:**
  + A red card issued to a coach will result in ejection from the game and property, and also the following game.
  + A second card in a season may result in suspension from the league pending a review
  + A player receiving a red card will be ejected from the game
  + A second red card during the season will result in ejection from that game, and suspension for the next game.
* **Infractions:**Any infraction in the U6 through U8 division will result in an indirect kick. Infractions in the U10 through U15 divisions can result in either a direct or indirect kick.
* **Spectators:** In the event of an unruly spectator, the referee will inform both coaches. At that point, the coaches will approach the spectator to calm them down. If the disruption does not cease, they will be asked to leave the property.
* **Side of Field:**The coaching staff, and players, will be the only ones allowed on their side of the field. Coaches in the U4-U6, division may be on the field with their players. All other coaches must remain on their half of the field.
* **Endlines:** No spectators are allowed to sit within 10 feet of the endlines.
* **Touchlines:**Spectators and players must sit at least 3 feet away from touchlines.
* **Game Results**: **No standings** will be kept in the recreational league.
  + **Playoffs:**
  + A round-robin type tournament will be held at the end of the season to determine division winners in the U10, U12 and U15 divisions only. There are no playoffs for the U4, U5, U6, U7, and U8's.
  + Goalkeepers **MUST** be changed at the start of each new game.
  + Full playoff procedures will be released prior to playoffs.

**Offsides**: There is no offside rule in the U6, 7, and 8 divisions. U10, 12 and 15's will adhere to rules set forth by FIFA.

**Pre-game Warm-ups:** Each team must warm up prior to taking to the field. Time constraints do not allow any practice time before the game.

**Start Times:**All games will start no later than 5 minutes past the hour, whether each team is ready or not.

**Injured Players**: Any player injured must leave the field, including the keeper. Players can be brought back into the game after injury has been assessed

**Slide Tackles:**Absolutely forbidden in the U6 through U12 divisions. Infraction will result in an immediate yellow card, and a penalty kick. A second infraction will result in a red card, and penalty kick. Slide tackles are permissible in the U15 divisions, providing that coaches instruct players in the proper way to tackle. Laces up and to the ball only. Infraction to this rule will result in an immediate yellow card.

**Trash:** All coaches are to see to it that all trash is picked up on both sides of the field at the conclusion of their games.

**FIFA Rules:** Except for league rules as listed above, allrules of play as set forth by FIFA will be implemented by BGYSA staff, and referees during match play.

**Inclement Weather:** In the event of inclement weather, cancellations will be posted on[www.bgysa.org](about:blank) and on our facebook page. Coaches will be notified also by email, as soon as possible. Coaches are to notify their players. Make-up games may be scheduled for a later date, but cannot be guaranteed.  If games are cancelled due to inclement weather, BGYSA has the option to use Sundays as a make-up day.

**Supervision of Rec. League Events:**All board members are required to supervise at least one Recreation league activityduring the course of the season (games, photo day, trophy/medal distribution, round robin, etc.)