



## MIDDLE SCHOOL RULES OF PLAY

1. Coaches MUST have at minimum, an "F" license
2. Coaches MUST be volunteer only; accepting no monetary compensation with strict adherence to the Coaches Code of Ethics
3. NO CUTS (All students shall play unless a player has violated Springfield Public Schools Citizenship rules)
4. All teams (Coaches and players) must adhere to Citizenship Rules
5. All players SHALL play for the school which they attend or the school where they are geographically located, unless designated otherwise by LCS. MALE only teams will play in the fall. FEMALE only teams will play in the spring. Teams outside the boundaries of R-XII system MUST adhere to all guidelines established by LCS
6. All players pay a flat fee as set by LCS which includes a T-shirt uniform. This is the only uniform that will be allowed for all teams. The current fee is \$65 per player. Scholarships are available for those players who meet scholarship guidelines. Scholarship applications for those under financial hardship can be downloaded from our website.
7. Sixth graders ARE allowed to participate in the Middle School Program
8. If a school has 2 or more teams, the school must enter a team in the Varsity division; unless circumstances warrant an exception to this as determined by LCS
9. All games shall be played in accordance with FIFA's "Laws of the Game" ([www.fifa.com](http://www.fifa.com)) as published by US Soccer ([www.ussoccer.com](http://www.ussoccer.com)) and subject to modifications for your allowances as publicized by US Youth Soccer ([www.usyouthsoccer.org](http://www.usyouthsoccer.org))
10. Players may participate on their US Youth Soccer affiliated club team or any other LCS program
11. There will be no rescheduled games due to team/club/personal conflicts. ALL games will be played as scheduled, except in the case of adverse weather/field conditions. LCS reserves the right to cancel/reschedule/move games at its sole discretion.
12. Missouri Youth Soccer Membership registration form and Medical Release forms MUST be completed in full and submitted to the team coach prior to any player's first practice with the team.

13. Each school shall be limited to one varsity team per middle school ( except in extenuating circumstances which may justify a school have more than one varsity team)
14. Each school team may have a minimum of 14 players for one team, 24 players for 2 teams, 35 players for 3 teams and 13 players for each additional team
15. SWING PLAYERS shall be allowed subject to the following restrictions:

\*Locked Varsity players may not play down on any other team: 11 players MUST be locked for each varsity team:

\*The remaining seven (7-or more) players not locked on varsity may play down on JV1, but may NOT play down on JV2

\*JV1 players may “Play up/Swing Up” on a varsity team or “Play Down/Swing/Down” on a JV2. JV1 players must play in at least 50% of each JV1 game

\*JV2 players may “Play Up/Swing/Up” on a JV1 and/or varsity team

\*JV2 players MUST play in at least 50% of each JV2 game

1. If a school fields only a JV1 and JV2 team...the JV2 team CANNOT take more than ½ of the JV1 players to play in a JV2 game. Violations of this rule will result in a forfeit charged to the offending team (Adopted 8/09)

\*Varsity League-MOST COMPETITIVE

\*Junior Varsity 1-INTERMEDIATE COMPETITIVE LEAGUE

\*Junior Varsity 2-RECREATIONAL LEAGUE

16. ALL ROSTERS (Varsity, JV1, and JV2) MUST be submitted to the referee prior to each game. Blank roster forms can be downloaded from the league information page. VARSITY ROSTERS will be posted on the league information with the names of the 11 locked varsity players. The “11” varsity identified players shall be “locked” for the season and ARE NOT eligible to “swing/play down” at any time during the season

17. Violations of Rule #15 and/or Rule #16 shall result in a forfeit charged against the offending team, regardless of the approval of the opposing team coach

18. For MALE teams: Once school starts, no mandatory practices will be scheduled on Friday, Saturday, or Sunday

19. For FEMALE teams: Once the spring middle school season starts, no mandatory practices will be scheduled on Friday, Saturday, or Sunday

20. Team rosters must be submitted to the referee prior to each game. Players shall be identified by (a) jersey # AND (b) LAST NAME and (C) FIRST NAME. Player's names SHALL be submitted in alphabetical order by Last Name.

\*Varsity Rosters will be created by LCS which shall note permanently, the "11" "locked" Varsity players. The coach shall complete the remainder of the roster spots manually for each game. The Varsity Players shall be listed in alphabetical order by last name and corresponding jersey number.

21. A single elimination tournament shall be played at the conclusion of the season, to determine a champion for the Varsity division.

\*Any regular season game not played prior to the commencement of the tournament will not be rescheduled.

\*Each varsity team is automatically entered into the tournament

\*Tournament seeding SHALL be based solely on regular season standings

\*If a team forfeits 2 or more games for any reason, 2 points shall be deducted for each forfeit and factored into the final results and final standings for seeding placement for the Varsity end of season tournament