



MIDDLE SCHOOL RULES OF PLAY

1. Coaches **MUST** have at minimum, an "F" coaching 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 in every game unless a player has violated Citizenship Rules)
4. All teams (coaches and players) **MUST** adhere to the Citizenship Rules
5. Players **SHALL** play for the school which they attend or the school where they are geographically located, unless designated otherwise by LCS, Inc. *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 will 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 \$60.00 per player. Scholarships are available for those players who meet scholarship guidelines.
7. Sixth graders **ARE** allowed to participate in the Middle School Program.
8. If a school has two (2) or more teams, the school **MUST** enter a team in the Varsity division.
9. All games **SHALL** be played in accordance with FIFA's "Laws of the Game" (www.fifa.com) as published by US Soccer (www.ussoccer.com) and subject to the modifications for youth allowances as published by US Youth Soccer (www.usyouthsoccer.com).
10. Players **MAY** participate on their US Youth Soccer affiliated club team or any other Lake Country Soccer 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.
14. Each school team **MUST** have a minimum of fourteen (14) players for one team, twenty-four (24) players for two (2) teams, thirty-five (35) players for three teams and thirteen (13) players for each additional team.



15. Swing players shall be allowed subject to the following conditions:
 - Locked varsity players MAY NOT swing down.
 - The varsity team shall identify (LOCK) no fewer and no more than eleven (11) players.
 - The remaining seven (7) players not locked on varsity, may play down on JV 1, but may NOT play down on JV 2.
 - Junior varsity 1 players MAY “swing / play-up” on a varsity team or “swing / play-down” on a JV2 team. Junior varsity 1 players MUST play in at least 50% of each Junior Varsity 1 game.
 - Junior Varsity 2 players MAY “swing / play-up” on a JV1 and/or varsity team.
 - Junior Varsity 2 players MUST play in a least 50% of each Junior Varsity 2 game.
 - Varsity players MUST play at least 50% of each varsity game. (Adopted 8/2007)
16. ALL ROSTERS (Varsity, Junior Varsity 1 AND Junior Varsity 2) MUST be submitted at the by the published deadline date. No fewer than AND no more than eleven (11) players MUST be identified as VARSITY players at that time. 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 and 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. Players' names SHALL be submitted in alphabetical order by Last name.
 - Varsity Rosters will be recreated by LCS which shall note permanently, the eleven (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. Each season (boys AND girls) shall consist of no more than seven (7) games. A single elimination tournament shall be played at the conclusion of the season, to determine a champion for each division (Varsity, JV1 and JV2).

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 competition
- Tournament seeding SHALL be solely based on regular season standings
- If two (2) teams play each other twice in the league, only the 2nd game will count toward the tournament seeding
- If a team forfeits two (2) or more games for any reason, two (2) points shall be deducted for each forfeit and factored into the final results and final standings for seeding placement.