

Spring 2018 Rule Changes – Highlights

1. Silent Sunday: April 29. *[See IV.6 on p. 26 and Appendix A.]*
2. Initial deadline for scheduling TBS games is April 20 (Friday before third game). After this date, the away team becomes the home team and has three weeks to schedule the game, failing which the game becomes a double forfeit. *[See VI.1.F on pp. 28-29 and VI.3.E. on p. 32.]*
3. WE RECONFIRM the requirement of hard copy of rosters (Official Lineup Cards), and physical coach and player passes, or the team forfeits. *[See II.3 on pp. 16-17. Note that there are NO exceptions to this rule in the Spring 2018 as all guest teams are registered in SI Play.] Whether or not a coach has electronic passes on his phone, coaches must bring physical passes and hard copy of Official Lineup Cards and present them to the referee.*
4. The rules governing the Intra-Club Borrowing Program (I.2.N on pp. 9-11) shall be relaxed, ONLY FOR GAMES PLAYED ON APRIL 8, 2018, as follows: (i) on this date, all WYSL teams will be permitted a maximum of five (5) age-appropriate guest players from another team within the same club; (ii) although a player may only participate as a guest player three (3) times during a single season, playing as a guest player on April 8, 2018 will not count against this three (3) game limit and (iii) the requirement set forth in Rule I-2-N(2)(1), applicable to teams in the U12 and older age brackets, that a team using a guest player be in the same or a higher division than the guest player's usual club team, shall be waived.
5. In light of several changes that were made over the course of the last nine months to the length and format of the NSCAA 11v11 course, the League has pushed back the requirement that certain coaches take this course by the Spring 2018. The rule (the second full paragraph of II.2. on p.15) has been revised to provide essentially that, starting with the Fall 2018 season, the head coach of any team playing in a U13 or older division will be required to have received an NSCAA 11v11 coaching certification or league recognized equivalent, and that exceptions, limitations and fines for non-compliance will be set forth in the Rules and Regulations for Fall 2018.
6. The rules were clarified to provide that, even where the roster size is allowed to be over 18, (a) teams are urged to dress only 18 players to play in a particular match and (b) starting with the Fall 2018 season, no more than 18 players may be listed on a game day roster. (See IV.3.D. on p. 23.)