

OFF THE WALL SOCCER, INC.

# **COACHES FAQ – YOUTH TEAMS**

January 1, 2010

## **HOW MANY PLAYERS ARE ALLOWED/REQUIRED ON EACH ROSTER?**

18 players is the maximum allowed on each team roster.  
A minimum of 10 players are required on every team roster.

## **WHAT ARE THE AGE CUT OFFS FOR EACH LEAGUE?**

The cut-off date for each age group is July 31. For example, under 10 players may be 10, provided that they turned 10 on or after August 1.

## **HOW MANY PLAYERS ARE ALLOWED ON THE FIELD?**

Under 8 – 7 players plus keeper  
Under 10 – Under 12 – 6 players plus keeper  
Under 14 and up – 5 players plus keeper

## **HOW MUCH ARE PLAYER PASSES, WHEN ARE THEY DUE, AND WHO MUST HAVE THEM?**

Off The Wall has waived all youth player passes for the 2010 season. Coaches will still need to purchase coaches passes for the year.

## **WHEN ARE ROSTERS FROZEN?**

Rosters are frozen by the third scheduled game. No new players may be added after this time. This is done to maintain competitive balance within the league. All players listed must have player passes paid for at this time to be eligible to play. Guest players are not allowed. Boys teams may have a maximum of 2 girl players on their roster. Written approval must be obtained by OTW prior to play. NO comp or select players will be allowed on a recreational division team.

## **WHO MUST HAVE SIGNED WAIVERS SUBMITTED?**

All active players must have signed waivers submitted.  
All coaches, assistant coaches, and parent coaches must also sign waivers.

## **WHEN ARE LEAGUE FEES DUE?**

League fees are due in full by the end of the **second** scheduled game.

## **HOW ARE LEAGUE FEES CALCULATED?**

League fees are calculated at the beginning of the session according to the numbers of games you are scheduled to play, including the semi finals and finals games. (You do **not** pay for weeks that you are given a bye). The rate is \$100.00/game. Refunds will be issued as credit against the following session of play. NO league fees will be refunded to teams who drop out of league.

## **WHAT HAPPENS IF WE PAY LATE?**

Your team will be assessed a \$25.00 **per week** late fee for each week after the second scheduled game that your fees are not fully paid. If your fees are not paid in full by the 3<sup>rd</sup> scheduled game, your team will be dropped from the league. Post-dated checks do **not** constitute payments. A processing fee of \$25.00 will be charged to teams making individual player payments.

## **WHAT IF WE HAVE SCHEDULING CONFLICTS?**

Scheduling conflicts must be submitted at least two weeks in advance of the first week of play. We will make every reasonable effort to accommodate everyone's requests/conflicts. If your team forfeits for a regularly scheduled game with less than 5 days notice, there will be a forfeit fine of \$75.00 imposed. Forfeits include ANY forfeit made after the 5 day notice period, including those made at the beginning of or during any game. Your team may lose placement in the next session as a result of forfeiting games. Opposing teams will be credited for the game ONLY if the field is not used during the scheduled game time. If you play (even for fun), you pay.

As a result of schedule conflicts, your team may be ineligible for semi final and / or final match ups.

## **WHAT HAPPENS IF OUR TEAM DOES NOT HAVE JERSEYS AND/OR ALTERNATE JERSEYS?**

Teams are required to have matching, numbered jerseys (club uniforms are permitted). Players will not be allowed to play without a matching jersey. Vest rentals do not satisfy this requirement. Additionally, alternate jerseys are required. It is recommended to be a white t-shirt.

Discounts are available on jersey/uniform purchases in our pro-shop. Vests are available for rent for \$1.00 each (I.D. required) for alternate jerseys only.

### **WHAT OTHER EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS ARE THERE?**

Indoor soccer or tennis shoes (no turf or cleats allowed), and shin guards are mandatory. Socks must be of length to cover entire shin guard. No casts or braces are permitted during game play. Additional protection, ie. mouthguards, knee pads, elbow pads, etc. are encouraged.

### **DO WE NEED TO PROVIDE OUR OWN SOCCER BALLS?**

No, Off The Wall provides all balls. Please, for insurance reasons, no outside balls are allowed inside or outside the facility; please do not bring them.

### **WHAT SIZE BALLS ARE USED FOR EACH LEAGUE?**

Under 8	#3
Under 10 – under 12	#4
Under 14 and up	#5

### **WHERE CAN I FIND OUT ABOUT GAME TIMES?**

Team captains will be contacted via e-mail only regarding any schedule changes. A valid e-mail address must be provided as contact for each team. All contacts by e-mail must be confirmed by return e-mail to: [soccer@offthewallextreme.com](mailto:soccer@offthewallextreme.com)

Game times can be found on our web site:

[www.offthewallextreme.com](http://www.offthewallextreme.com)

It is the team's responsibility to monitor when their game times are.

### **WHY ARE THERE NO GAMES LISTED FOR THE LAST WEEK(S) ON THE SCHEDULE?**

Semi final (when applicable) and final match ups are set after reviewing the session's cumulative standings. These appear on the schedule as "TBA" until set. Playoff games will be scheduled during the prime time slots. If your team cannot make your final or semi-final games, then the next placed team will be moved up in your spot.

### **WHERE CAN I FIND OUT ABOUT OUR STANDINGS? HOW ARE THEY CALCULATED?**

Point totals are awarded as follows: 3 points for each win, 1 point for each tie, and 0 points for each loss. The criteria used to calculate the standings are as follows (and in this order): Point Total, Head to Head, Goals Against, Goals For. Standings are

posted at the arena as well as on our web site. Occasionally, the total number of completed games may vary among teams – we have a system to evaluate teams in this situation that allows us to fairly arrive at the correct standings and playoff match ups.

### **WHAT HAPPENS IF WE NOTICE AN ERROR IN OUR GAME RESULTS OR STANDINGS?**

Call 383-4200 or email [soccer@offthewallextreme.com](mailto:soccer@offthewallextreme.com) to report any errors. Teams are responsible for reporting any scorekeeping errors/concerns within one week of the game in question. Once completed, playoff schedules are final. Please note that goals scored will be capped at 10 for all youth leagues.

### **WHERE CAN I FIND OUT ABOUT OFF THE WALL'S INDOOR SOCCER RULES?**

Off The Wall's Indoor soccer rules can be downloaded from our web site at [www.offthewallsoccer.com](http://www.offthewallsoccer.com)

### **WHO IS ALLOWED IN THE TEAM BENCH AREA?**

2 Coaches per team and only players with signed waivers are allowed in the bench area. Coaches must be 18 years or older. Non rostered players or coaches are not permitted due to insurance requirements

Each team must have 1 coach on the team bench at all times during game play.

### **WHAT ABOUT OUR SPECTATORS?**

Due to liability concerns, no persons will be allowed to cross over the painted red spectator boundary line. Remember- no standing on the benches at any time. No animals are allowed in the facility at any time. Spectators may not bring disrespect to the game- a team is responsible for its fans. Children must be supervised by an adult at all times. Suspensions will be assessed to players receiving a second warning regarding their unsupervised children in or outside of the facility. Off The Wall is a club where sportsmanship, following rules, player development, and enjoyment of the game is a prime directive. If fans and/or players cannot abide by these simple directives, they may be asked to leave the facility. No outside food or beverages allowed in the facility. No alcohol allowed anywhere on the property, including the parking lot.

## **WHEN MUST I CONFIRM THAT OUR TEAM IS RETURNING FOR THE NEW SESSION OF PLAY?**

You must confirm by the third to last week of play whether or not your team will continue in the following session. Any unpaid fees or fines must be paid in full before the start of a new session. If you have not confirmed your return, you will **not** be included in the next session. OTW reserves the right to move teams between divisions to build and maintain competitive league play.

## **HOW DO I FILE AN INCIDENT REPORT?**

Incident reports on referees, facility, and other teams can be mailed or submitted via e-mail 48 hours after incident has occurred.

## **HOW DO I CONTACT OFF THE WALL SOCCER, INC.?**

The arena phone number is 383-4200

Our email address is [soccer@offthewallextreme.com](mailto:soccer@offthewallextreme.com)

To report issues pertaining to refereeing, complete and submit an Incident Report Form to the administration desk.

## **WHERE CAN I FIND MORE INFORMATION ?**

Call (916) 383-4200 or (916) 669-1303 for more information

Or visit us at [www.offthewallextreme.com](http://www.offthewallextreme.com)