

## **NYSWYSA Fall League FAQ's**

The Fall League will be similar to the Thruway League with many of the same processes, although the competition is open to anyone who is interested in registering. This is a traditional league where standings will be held and awards will be provided to the divisional winners. It is expected to be a competitive league as opposed to just friendly scrimmages. Since this league is open to all member organizations, teams may have the opportunity to play other teams from across the state that they would not traditionally play in their local leagues.

### **What is the competition level?**

- We anticipate that there will be a variety of competition levels. We do ask for standings from previous seasons as well as the division played upon registration and any additional comments that will help us determine placement.
- We will do our best to separate all teams into an appropriate level of competition however it will be dependent on the number and level of teams that register.

### **Following is the process that will be followed:**

- Teams register to join the league
- NYSWYSA will review/ accept applications and divide the teams into divisions (if applicable depending on number of teams registered)
- A preliminary competition schedule will be developed (excluding dates/times)
- The home team is responsible for scheduling a date/ time/ field that will work for both teams by communicating with the visiting team. There are not restrictions regarding when games can be held.
- The home team will email NYSWYSA with the game # and confirmed date/time/location
- NYSWYSA will publish the schedule and have referees assigned to each game
- Teams will receive an invoice to cover the cost of the referee fees. Referees will not be paid at the field.

### **When will games be held?**

- Since this is a self-scheduled league, you have the flexibility to select a day/ time that will work best for your team and the team you are playing against.
- The games need to be played between October 1 – November 15

### **What if our club doesn't have fields available to play on in our location?**

- We recommend working with the team that you will be playing against to determine a field location. It is possible that the team you are playing may have fields available.
- You would be the "home" team at their location and responsible for any applicable field rental fees.

### **How far will we need to travel for games?**

- The current COVID-19 guidelines do allow for teams to travel to other areas within the state to play a single game so your competition may be anywhere within the NYSW region depending on teams that register.
- Following is a link to NYSW region map: <http://nyswysa.org/association-info/map-of-nysw>

### **What do the registration fees cover?**

- The low registration fee covers the administrative fees of NYSWYSA for overseeing the league (Standings, Website, Referee Assigning) and awards to the Divisional winners.
- The registration cost does not cover field rentals or referee fees.

**What are the referee fees? Teams will be invoiced based on the total number of games being played. In the case of the need to combine age groups, the referee fee will be based on the age group of the division not the team.**

- U9/U10 Referee and mentor - \$45/team
- U11/U12 Referee + 2 A/R's - \$50/team
- U13/U14 Referee + 2 A/R's - \$56/team
- U15/U16 Referee + 2 A/R's - \$70/team
- U17/U18 Referee + 2 A/R's - \$80/team

**All NYS COVID-19 travel restrictions will need to be followed. The current guidelines that apply to this league are as follows:**

- Tournaments of multiple games, matches, or scrimmages that require travel outside of your (COVID) region or beyond counties that border the one you are in (irrespective of region) are prohibited.
- Individual games or league play: No restrictions on a single match in a single day that does not require an overnight stay.

**Refund available if the League is unable to operate due to State Government restrictions related to COVID-19.**

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