

SFUYSA Challenge League 2013

General Rules for Challenge Division

- 1) Division of Clubs into North and South designation
 - a. The SFUYSA executive board will designate each of its member clubs into a North or South group.
 - b. The designation of North or South will be made primarily upon geographical location with a goal to equate the clubs so that the number of players in each division is equitable as possible
- 2) Teams
 - a. "North" and "South" teams will be comprised from players in the following initial age groups
 - i. U13-14
 - ii. U15-16
 - iii. U17+
 - b. Anticipated Team Identification codes
 - i. Club, Upper Age Group, "CL" designation, N or S for North or South and the team number
 - ii. Examples:
 1. SFU14CLN01 (SFU Challenge League U13-14 North Team)
 2. SFU14CLN02 (SFU Challenge League U13-14 North Team)
 3. SFU14CLS01 (SFU Challenge League U13-14 South Team)
 4. SFU14CLS02 (SFU Challenge League U13-14 South Team)
 5. SFU16CLN01 (SFU Challenge League U15-16 North Team)
 6. SFU16CLN02 (SFU Challenge League U15-16 North Team)
 7. SFU16CLS01 (SFU Challenge League U15-16 South Team)
 8. SFU16CLS02 (SFU Challenge League U15-16 South Team)
 9. SFU19CLN01 (SFU Challenge League U17+ North Team)
 10. SFU19CLN02 (SFU Challenge League U17+ North Team)
 11. SFU19CLS01 (SFU Challenge League U17+ South Team)
 12. SFU19CLS02 (SFU Challenge League U17+ South Team)
- 3) Coaches
 - a. Coaches will be provided by the Fort Lauderdale Strikers from their players, coaches or staff.
 - b. NO SFUYSA COACHES will be allowed to coach the North or South Teams.
- 4) Player Eligibility
 - a. Players MUST be currently playing in SFUYSA (currently or registered and rostered to a SFUYSA team)
 - b. For age groups not currently registered and playing, players must have played in the previous SFUYSA season.
 - c. Players must not have received a 4-game major Violent Conduct Red Card or 3-game Foul and/or Abusive Language Red Card during the previous 2 years.

- d. Players must have never received a Red Card for Referee Abuse or Assault
 - e. Players may not have played in a SFUYSA Challenge League Game during the current Challenge League season.
- 5) Player Selection
- a. Players will be selected from a pool of players nominated by coaches from teams in the respective age groups
 - b. Players nominated for the teams will be placed into groups by position and will then be voted on by the Directors of Coaching from the clubs representing their respective region. (DOC's will not be allowed to vote for players from their own club?)
 - c. The SFUYSA Challenge League Committee or Executive Board will review the voting and may randomize a selection in case of a tie.
 - d. The SFUYSA Challenge League Committee or Executive Board may make selections in the event the DOC selection process is unable to complete the review within prescribed time deadlines.
- 6) Player Requirements
- a. Players must agree to abide the rules of the SFUYSA Challenge League
 - b. Players must agree to allow for the publication and promotion of their photos and video by SFUYSA and/or the Fort Lauderdale Strikers
 - c. Players must create an online profile and submit a personal biography a minimum of 1 week before the game that will be used by the Strikers promotion department at the game.
 - d. Player participation is voluntary and as such all waivers and agreements made prior to the participation will be deemed enforceable and required.
- 7) Game Format
- a. All games are subject to FYSA rules and regulations
 - b. Challenge League games will be played in two 40-minute halves.
 - c. A one-minute water break will be allowed during a stoppage in play at the approximate halfway point of the period.
 - d. Games will provide for unlimited substitution at any stoppage in play.
 - e. Games can end in a tie. There will be NO OVERTIME
 - f. Red Cards received in Challenge Games will be honored and/or served with player's Primary Team failure to abide by this will cause player to be deemed ineligible for future participation.
 - g. No player may play for a club not represented on his official FYSA player Pass.
 - h. No Pass No Play, rule IS IN EFFECT. Presentation of Player Pass at District Game site will constitute the unequivocal permission of all parties, especially primary club and coach's permission, to participate.
 - i. Alternative means of player pass presentation may be allowed prior to the game at the discretion of the Challenge League Committee.
- 8) Game Schedules are listed on the SFUYSA.com site in the Event Calendar and are subject to change.
- 9) Uniforms and Equipment
- a. SFUYSA and or its sponsors will provide uniform jerseys, shorts and socks for the participants just prior to the match.
 - b. Players will be required to return the uniforms at the end of the match

- c. Players will be required to provide their own shin guards, shoes and any other necessary equipment (i.e. keeper gloves, compression shorts, etc.)
- 10) Fees
- a. SFUYSA will provide the participant and one guest with a ticket to the SFUYSA Challenge League game and its accompanying Fort Lauderdale Strikers game.
 - b. SFUYSA has a limited supply of discounted tickets that may be made available in advance of the game for those requesting them.
 - c. There is no charge to the participant for the Challenge League.