UPSL PRO-PREMIER DIVISION RULES AND REGULATIONS

UPSL Rules and Regulations:

1. Schedule
   • The league executive or appointee shall be the scheduling committee and shall draw up the schedule for all games. All scheduled games are subject to the UPSL Scheduling Policy. Games will be credited as follows: All teams must submit a draft home schedule to the UPSL 45 prior to schedule being released.

   WIN - THREE POINTS
   TIE - ONE POINT
   LOSS - ZERO

   • The league Executive shall arrange for the appointment of all officials for games and those Appointments shall be final.

   • The league schedule shall be played in a manner decided by the league executive (FIFA Rules), utilizing a Maximum of (7) subs. Substitutions Rule, no re-entry at any time during the game once a player has been subbed out. If teams are tied in points at the completion of the regular schedule, first consideration will be goal deferential and then the two teams head to head record.

   The League schedule shall be played once released. All teams are responsible for getting their own home fields. The League must approve home fields. All teams must meet the Pro-Premier Division stadium minimum standards. All teams must submit a draft home schedule to the UPSL 60 prior to schedule being released.

   • Home fields with address, name and kick off times are all due to the division manager and league office.

   • Any home club defaulting a game shall be charged with all expenses incurred in preparation for said game and in addition, will be fined $300.00. If you are the visiting team and you forfeit on the game, there will be a $400.00 fine. There will be no rescheduling of league games and all games are played as scheduled. If a game has to be reschedule due to circumstances beyond the teams control such as the Facility pulling the permit with notice (7 days’ minim), the league must approve the cancelation and fines then would be waived. Game Change form must be submitted to division managers and league office.

   • The league executive will review all clubs’ performance in regards to how they have supported the League in the previous year, and if they have abided by the rules of the League, completing all obligations, i.e.: fielding competitive teams for all games, maintaining discipline over players, team officials and supporters, and including financial commitments. Based on this, the executive will make its recommendations for entry into the League for the next playoff season.
• It is the League Executive's responsibility to continually upgrade the United Premier Soccer League, by venting and inviting quality clubs/teams to compete in the UPSL and also to organize exhibition games and to make sure its members strive for excellence on and off the playing field.

• All teams will be expected to follow league policies as to registration of players and proper paperwork available at each game. (Game operation attached) SEE GAME DAY OPERATIONS

2. Playoffs

League finals will include all Conferences having a quarter final, semi-final. Finalists will then play a UPSL Championship game, for a Regional/National Championship. The playoff format is subject to change.

Registration of all new players is frozen prior to the beginning of playoffs or the conclusion of the season. A official UPSL freeze notice with a set freeze date is sent to all teams in writing. Rosters are frozen to all transferred players as well. All newly registered players must play with the team for at least 3 weeks to qualify to play in the playoffs.

3. Protests

Each protest must be in writing and must contain the particulars of the grounds on which it is founded, within forty-eight (48) hours of the conclusion of the game, to which it relates (Sundays and holidays excluded). The mailing date (postmark) or email date will be taken as the date of the protest. In all cases team protesting must inform the officials that the game was played under protest and asked for them to note it on the referee report. No decision will be made without a report from the officials.

4. Ineligible Players

Any team that is found to of played an ineligible player shall automatically forfeit the most recent game that the player as participated in, the opposing teams shall be awarded the three points and a fine of $100.00 shall be imposed for each game the player as played in. In the event a losing team is proven to have played an ineligible player, the team shall face a loss of points in the standings (number of points to be determine by the league), and a fine of $100.00 for each game the player participated in will be imposed.  See Game Day Operations for additional information

The UPSL Pro Premier League Fees are set at $2000 per playing season plus an annual $1000 UPSL Membership Dues. Referee fees are $100 per game and player registration is $26 per player through Cal South.com, or your local Soccer Association charge, which includes insurance coverage for each player.

The goal for the UPSL is to expand its member teams regionally / nationally. The UPSL has built a league that is a competitive Men’s Pro Development league that is structured with a Promotion/Relegation structure exactly the same set up as in European/South American leagues The UPSL currently has a great mix of quality teams with player age ranges from 17-32 years old.

Please keep in mind that the UPSL currently has two soccer seasons that run in a twelve-month period. 2017 Winter Spring Season Kicking off in February/March and runs through June and the Summer/Fall Season running from September thru December.
5. Clubs

- Each club will be allowed to sign an unlimited number of players to their roster.
- All entries in the league must have coaches who have been registered to the team through the California Soccer Association or respective state associations. Each team must have a coach on the sideline at each game. Teams that have player coach’s may play in the game if he 1) is also registered as a player through the state association and the team has an assist that can take over on the sideline. That assistant must be registered with Cal South/State Association as well and carry the Cal South ID/State card.
  - Each club shall be registered under the U.S. Soccer Federation (USSF)
  - Each club/team must be affiliated with Cal south and U.S. Soccer Federation (USSF) prior to the commencement of any season of play.

- No two players on the same team in any game shall use the same jersey number. Any player using the same number shall be considered an ineligible player and the team shall forfeit the game.

- Each team must have a minimum of fourteen players registered to the Team under the UPSL before facility insurance can be issued.

- A player once released may not be re-signed by the releasing club for a period of at least five (5) days from the date of his unconditional release.

- Any club or member guilty of inducing or attempting to induce a bona fide player of another club in the League to leave his club and join them, without first giving seven (7) days’ notice by registered mail, to the club with which the player is registered, shall be deemed guilty of misconduct, and shall be liable to expulsion or such other punishment, as the League executive may consider proper in the circumstances. Team must release a player in writing to the league prior to that player being allowed to play for another UPSL Club.

- When club colors conflict: the visiting team must change.

- Each club shall be responsible for seeing that every player is properly dressed and equipped, and will be expected to do everything possible to make the game attractive from a spectator’s point of view.

- Team game day rosters containing the names and correct numbers of players taking part in a game, shall be properly filled out, in triplicate, the team game day roster must be signed by each player and by the club official. The game day rosters are the distributed in the following manner:
  - The original copy of the game day roster shall be handed to the referee for check in, the second copy is to be given to the opposing team.

Both teams prior to the commencement of the match will pay all referees fees.

- Any player selected to play in a representative match or any other match, arranged by the league, and without good and sufficient cause, refuses to comply with the arrangements of this league, to play the match or fails to play in a said match, be adjudged to have been guilty of misconduct. Any club official proven to have encouraged or instructed a player to commit a breach of instruction or rule shall be deemed guilty of committing an offense.

- Each team is responsible for having 11 starters and 7 subs dressed and ready for play.
6. Game Officials & Game conduct.

1) Referees must send the official lineup sheet, game results and goals scored to the league office.
2) Referees are to be paid ($120.00 each team) at time of team check in.
3) Any game suspended by the referees due to misconduct by players, coaches or fans will be awarded to the opposing team in terms of points. If both teams are cause of the game suspension, the league will determine the disciplinary action and or fines or both.

Players

- All players in the United Premier Soccer League must be registered on both Cal South Soccer Association, (Registrar) AND THE UPSL SITE UNDER ROSTER TAB.
- Player registration must be done online with Cal South / State Association @ www.calsouth.com (scroll down to United Premier Soccer League and then select your team)
- Players shall be eligible to take part in any League game, on the day of the date of registration with the League/State Association.
- Clubs must declare not more 18 players on the game day roster 11 starters and 7 subs
- Completed transfer forms and the required transfer fees must be filed with and recorded by the league registrar, who in turn, will forward same to the Cal South Registrar, not later than (2) days after receipt of the completed transfer forms.
- Transferred players shall be eligible to take part in any league game the day following the date of registration with the League. (Any Transfers must be approved by the league)
- No lump sum, bonus or inducement to transfer, shall be offered to any player. If a team violates this standard. The team shall be fined $300,00 dollars and will be penalized 6 points off their standings.
  If the team does not have 6 points to deduct it will show as a minus (-) until the points are available to be deducted.
- An active player shall not be eligible for appointment to the board of directors of the United Premier Soccer League.
- Referee fees are $ 120.00 per game per team.
- Referee fees are to be paid at the start of each game at the time of team check in.
- If referee fees are not paid prior to kickoff the game will become a forfeit and the teams short of the fees will be fined additional $200.00 and will be suspended from play until fees are paid.

7. League Ranking

During the League season, the ranking of teams/clubs shall be determined as follows:

- Greater number of points obtained in all matches
- Goal difference in all matches
- Greater number of goals scored in all matches
- If two or more teams are equal on the basis of the above three criteria, their place shall be determined as follows
- Greater number of points obtained in the matches between the teams concerned
- Goal difference resulting from the matches between the teams concerned
- Head to Head when faced each other in league play.
- A play-off on neutral ground
11. Annual General Meeting

At least one representative from each club is to attend the United Premier Soccer League AGM Conference. Clubs unable to attend are required to notify the League prior to the AGM in writing or a $300.00 fine will be issued.

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Game day Operations:

1) All teams must arrive one hour before each game.
2) Home team must have an itinerary of game day with copy of the home team game day roster THREE DAYS PRIOR TO MATCH.
3) Visitors must present a copy of their game day roster upon arrival.
4) Both teams must have their game score cards signed by each player 45 min before each game.
5) Cal South ID card for each player or valid picture ID for any player whose picture does not appear on game card.
6) Must have printed copy of Cal South team roster available if asked by either the officials or opposing team for verification of players not on the Cal South Player Game Card (Players not on official Cal South Roster may not play). New reg. players must be on game card but must be on the Cal South / States issued official roster or player is not able to play.
7) Game day rosters are limited to18. 11 starters and 7 substitutions per game.
8) Check in: All players are to be checked in by the officials before each game. Starter must be checked in with Cal South Game Card, each player that is to play must sign the game card.
9) Substitutions must have ID (sub pass) upon entering the field. Must present ID to sideline official.
10) Teams starters are to enter the field from the center sideline with subs on the benches. Proceed to midfield line up with officials in the center. Captains are to do the coin toss at this time.
11) National Anthem must be played before each game and an American Flag must be present throughout the game.
12) Home team must provide game balls and a system of retrieving lose balls so not to cause a stoppage in game play.
13) Home team must provide water and ice for visitors and officials. Home team must also have ice available for injury as well.
14) HOME TEAM MUST PROVIDE A CASE OF WATER TO VISITING TEAM

Substitution Rule:
1) Each team is allowed a total of 7 substitutions per game.
2) Any player substituted out may not reenter.

Officials Payment:
The payment to the officials MUST BE made PRIOR TO KICKOFF and that payment is $120 per team.

Home field Payment:
It is the responsibility of the home team unless both teams have made other arrangements. Ultimately it is the home team’s responsibility to have a field secured and ready for the scheduled game. See home stadium minimum standards.
Score Reporting:

It is the home team’s responsibility to report the game score within 45min of the end of each home game. Report scores via web site or Ryver UPLSL Communication Platform or text at 714-631-5431 or email at leonel@upsoccer.com

For better reporting, give the home team name and score first then the visitors.

At the end of each game, sign the game score sheet (official has) and review all information to make sure it is correct. At this time, make sure you get the ID cards for your team returned.

FOR ALL OTHER LEAGUE RULES AND REGULATIONS REFER TO LINK http://www.upsoccer.com/rules/

PRO-PREMIER DIVISION Minimum Standards

Team Regulations:

1) All teams must carry a roster of no less than 20 registered players throughout the season.
2) All teams must have a game day roster of no less than 7 no more than 18. UPSL requires a full game day roster of 18 but can play with as little as 7 less than that the game will be called for a forfeit and fine and penalty kick will apply.
3) All teams must have two sets of uniforms completely numbered on the back of jerseys and on the front leg of shorts. All jerseys must have the league patch on left sleeve.
4) Home team is required to send travel information sheets no later than 5 days before the upcoming weekend game. Home team has first choice of uniform color, if they match; visitors are required to change and must have other kits available or prior information from travel paperwork of uniform colors. Officials will make determination if uniforms need to be changed.
5) All teams are required to have with them at all games a list of contact information with both phone number of contact person of the apposing team at all times. (List will be provided)
6) All teams are required to travel in order to participate in the Pro-Premier division. Travel will be determined by the schedule. Travel is required to compete at a higher level of competition and to increase the level of the league and the players.
7) All teams at the Pro-Premier level is required to have and maintain an updated team website. If a website is needed by any team the league sponsor will design one for you for the monthly fee of $40.00 per month.
8) All teams may take advantage of league sponsor Admiral the official uniform supplier who offers a special discount and free product to all UPSL teams. (More information available)
9) All teams must operate and maintain a Facebook and Tweeter accounts.
10) All teams are required at their home games to have on site a doctor, athletic trainer or some form of first aid for any minor injuries that may accrue at the game.
11) Home team to maintain stats on both teams and it is to be emailed to the league following the end of each game.
12) All teams to do a recap of each game and send to league within 24 hours of the game. Photos are always great to send but should be of high resolution and of good quality.
PRO-PREMIER DIVISION HOME STADIUM MINIMUM STANDARDS
Home Stadium or close venue Requirements

1) Home stadium must seat at least 500 fans.
2) Home stadium must have an operating PA system.
3) Home stadium must have press box available for local and league media
4) Home stadium must have a playing surface of a min. of 68 yards’ x 120 yards
5) Home stadium must have goals with nets in good condition free from holes or tears and meet the rules of FIFA.
6) Home stadium must have locker rooms for both home and away.
7) Home stadium must have a separate room for the use by Referees.
8) Home stadium must have working scoreboard.
9) Home stadium must have corner flags, (corner flags are a standard and without them officials may call the game as a forfeit and forfeit penalties and fines would apply.)
10) Home stadium must have a controlled entrance for fans and ticket sales.
11) Home stadium must have benches for both home and visitors on the sidelines both teams must be on the same side of the field.
12) Home stadium must have a device in which to play over the PA system the National Anthem before each game.
13) Home team must have sufficient lighting for any and all night games. Games are not allowed to be scheduled earlier then 2:00 PM and that would be under approval of the league otherwise 4:00pm would be the earliest kick off time per league policy.)