

## LEAGUE RULES AND STRUCTURE

- For the inaugural season, the TEYSL will be divided into Four Regions (East, West, South, North) and each region will have 10 academies.
  - Each academy will have three teams (Under U18, Under 16 and Under14)
  - Each academy will play 18 league games.
  - Top 4 finishers in each region will qualify for national tournaments held in Dar es salaam.
    - Standings will be determined by the standard point system. 3 points for a win, 1 point for a tie and 0 for a loss. Tie breaker will be determined by Goal differential.
- Eligibility:
  - Players must be 13-18 years old and registered with one team. Players may not play with multiple academies.
  - Players may play age up on their academies but not age down. For example, a player on the U16 team may play on the U18 team but not U14. To ensure fair play, age will be strictly enforced.
  - Teams must be registered with the league and play all league scheduled games.
    - Any academy, school or a community may register to join the League.
    - League fee \$3,000 per academy
- Gameday Operation
  - All games will be played on a regular size pitched by all levels.
  - All games shall begin on time.
    - Each time will be allowed one hour of warm-up
  - Game duration
    - Under U14 shall play two 35-minute halves with 10-minute halftime
    - Under U16 shall play two 40-minute halves with 10-minute halftime
    - Under U18 shall play two 45-minute halves with 10-minute halftime
    - There will be unlimited substitutions. Players may go back in the game once subbed out.
      - This rule promotes more opportunities for players to play and prevents injuries
- Player/Team conduct
  - All players and teams are expected to practice good sportsmanship.
  - Each team is expected to maintain a sportsmanship rating of 7/10 or higher.
    - Conduct that may affect your team rating includes but limited to Abusive language toward Referees, opponents, yellow and red cards, lack of punctuality, no shows, etc.
  - Yellow/red cards
    - A player shown yellow card must exit the field of play for 5 minutes for cooling period. A team may have a replacement player for those 5 minutes.
    - A player receiving yellow card in back-to-back games will be suspended for the following game.

- Teams receiving 5 or more red cards in the season will not qualify for national tournament
- Coach Responsibilities
  - Coaches shall provide necessary paperwork to referees on game days including player roster.
  - Coaches shall make sure all players are properly equipped and ready to play on time.
  - Coaches shall rate officials per performance after each game. These rating will be used for training and also select the best officials for national tournaments.
- Referee responsibility
  - Referees shall make sure all games start on time and teams comply with age requirements.
  - The referee shall make sure everyone is properly equipped.
  - All referee decisions are final.
- TEYSL reserves the right to dismiss any program with no refund that fails to adhere to these rules.
  - Physical alterations by a player or toward an official will result in an automatic dismissal from the league.
  - All other FIFA rules will govern the game.