

RULES AND PROCEDURES OF CHEYENNE SOCCER CLUB
ADVANCED PROGRAM, ALSO KNOWN AS CHEYENNE STING

These Rules and Procedures are applicable to the Advanced Program only and are not intended to supplement or conflict with the Bylaws of the Cheyenne Soccer Club or the Rules and Procedures of any other program of the Cheyenne Soccer Club.

As used herein, the term, “Advanced Program” shall mean the Advanced Program of the Cheyenne Soccer Club, also known as Sting.

As used herein, the term “Board” shall mean the Board of Directors of the Cheyenne Soccer Club.

As used herein, the term “Committee” shall mean the Advanced Program Committee of the Board.

As used herein, the term “CSC” shall mean the Cheyenne Soccer Club, Inc..

As used herein, the term, “CYS” shall mean the Colorado Youth Soccer Association.

As used herein, the term, “USYSA” shall mean the United States Youth Soccer Association.

As used herein, the term, “WYS” shall mean the Wyoming Youth Soccer Association.

INTRODUCTION

The Advanced Program of the Cheyenne Soccer Club is also known as and may also be referred to as Cheyenne Sting. The Advanced Program is organized to provide a competitive soccer experience, promoting the highest standards of youth athletics including player and team development and promote a higher level of fitness. The Advanced Program strives to cultivate a love for the game of soccer among players, coaches, parents, and other interested members of the community.

I. ADVANCED PROGRAM COMMITTEE

A. There will be four (4) Members of the Advanced Program Committee to be selected by the Board pursuant to the Bylaws of CSC.

B. The duties of the Committee are as outlined in the CSC Bylaws.

C. No Committee member shall receive a salary or other compensation for services rendered.

D. No Committee member may make greater than 25% of his/her income in a sports related business where he/she may obtain or be perceived to obtain financial gain for being a Committee member.

E. Each Sting team will provide a representative to serve on the Advanced Program Committee. This representative is expected to attend regular meetings of the Advanced Program Committee as needed and have an active role in Cheyenne Sting.

II. COACHING

A. There shall be a Director of Coaching to be annually approved by the Board.

B. The Director of Coaching shall be the main point of contact to discuss coaching problems and other issues of concern to coaches.

C. A coach can be a head coach of only one Advanced Program team at a time.

D. Assistants are to be selected by the head coach and approved by the Board.

E. The Director of Coaching may select four coaches to assist in the evaluation and determination of issues when deemed necessary. Recommendations will be brought to the Board for approval.

F. Should a player have a concern, the issue should be first addressed to the coach. If concern still exists, it can be brought to the attention of the Director of Coaching for resolution. Any unresolved issues can be brought to the Executive Committee of the Board for resolution, pursuant to the Protest and Appeals Procedure set forth in Section XIV.

III. REGISTRAR

A. The Registrar shall be appointed by the Board. The Registrar will be under contract for the fiscal soccer year to consist of the fall and spring seasons. A copy of the contract will be kept on file with the Secretary of the Board.

B. Responsibilities of the Registrar. The Registrar will provide the following services to the Advanced Program:

1. Administer and coordinate the registration of all Advanced Program affiliated teams;

2. Ensure compliance with all registration requirements for United States Youth Soccer (USYSA), Wyoming Youth Soccer (WYS), and Colorado Youth Soccer (CYS);

3. Collect registration fees as required;

4. Maintain a computer data base with current team rosters for club use;

5. Maintain a record of the number of players registered by age and gender;
6. Provide current rosters of registered players and teams upon request;
7. Keep the Board informed on an annual basis of membership fees for WYS and CYS;
8. Order, receive and maintain an adequate inventory of forms;
9. Maintain open communication with the State Registrars for WYS, CYS, and USYSA;
10. Maintain a computer data base of coaches;
11. Assist members of the club with compliance with all WYS rules, regulations and procedures;
12. Attend State, Regional or National workshops as requested by the Board, subject to availability to travel;
13. Assist with Advanced Program Tryouts.

IV. FEES AND COSTS

A. The season's fees will be determined by the Board and the Advanced Program Committee.

B. Tournament fees and tournament bond are the responsibility of each team. The Advanced Program Committee may opt to pay some tournament fees.

C. Each team shall be accountable for all funds collected for team expenses. Within one month of the completion of the spring season, the team representative responsible for team finances will present to the parents/team members an accounting of the financial activity for that year. This statement will begin from the start of the fall season to the completion of the spring season, to include state and regionals, if applicable.

D. A team may reimburse a coach for travel expenses. The Advanced Program Committee may reimburse the coach for expenses with the team, (i.e., telephone calls, stamps, copies, etc.).

V. TEAM UNIFORMS

A. The Advanced Program Committee will determine the official club uniform(s). Each player must have this uniform.

B. The Sting logo is the property of the Board and cannot be used without the consent of the Board. This applies to both individuals and/or teams. Uniformity and team image of both the teams and the CSC will be maintained.

VI. COLORS - The representative colors of Sting shall be black, gold and white.

VII. TEAM COMPOSITION

A. If there are more than enough players to form one team, the teams will be called Gold, Black, and White. The Gold team will consist of those players determined by the coaches to be of that ability and capable to be the most qualified to make that team the most competitive.

B. Selection and Player Movement

1. Full tryouts for all Advanced Program teams will be held once a year, at a date(s) set by Advanced Program Committee. The date(s) will allow adequate time for compliance with CYS/WYS registration timelines. *The Advanced Program Committee shall make a commitment to all players selected that they may remain on a team for one year. Each selected player makes a commitment that they shall play on such team for one year*

2. All players must tryout, including those who were already on the team. If a player is unable to attend, including previous team members, written notification by the parents needs to be given to the Advanced Program Committee or its designee at least 7 days prior to the tryouts. Each situation will be considered individually by the Advanced Program Committee.

3. Gold team coach will conduct the tryout, but must discuss with Black (and White) team coaches various ideas. An outside third party will also participate in the tryout to assist with player evaluation. During the tryouts, Gold, Black and White coaches will confer about probable players (attitudes, coachability, attendance at practice, etc.).

4. All players will be given numbers. All coaches will use the evaluation forms developed by the Director of Coaching for decision-making purposes. All players must be critiqued, no exceptions.

5. At the end of the tryout all players must leave the field (go home). Upon the departure of the last player the coaches and third party will begin the comparison of their player evaluations.

6. At the time of selection, coaches are free to select or cut any players, but must retain at least one-half of the players from the previous season roster if the coach wants to keep their division placement.

7. Coaches for each respective age group will determine the gold team based on the athletic ability, coachability, dedication of player and family, and willingness to be a

team player. Upon completion, all coaches must meet with the Coaching Director, for final approval. After approval has been given, Gold team coaches are required to contact each individual trying out. Players will be given 24 hours after notification to make their decision and inform the coach.

8. After the Gold team roster has been set, then the Gold team coach will notify the Black team coach to inform him/her of the players he/she has chosen. At this time the Black team coach can notify his/her team. The same process and timeline as outlined in Rule V.B.7 is followed. *The decision of the team coach and the Director of Coaching is final.*

9. Player movement between Sting teams is designed to form the most competitive team in each age group.

C. Player Movement

1. Movement between Gold, Black, and White teams must be initiated through coaches first prior to contact with a player and parents. The Coaching Director must then be notified of the potential for change. Players are not to be contacted directly until the Coaching Director gives authorization. Movement between the Gold, Black, and White teams must be cleared through the Coaching Director. Final changes are then reported to Committee and the Club Registrar. *Movement between teams must comply with WYS and CYS Rules.*

2. No player signed for a seasonal year with another competitive Club's team or another Advanced Program team, may play for an Advanced Program team *or another team* without obtaining a previously signed release form. The player should ask his present coach for the signed release form. If the coach refuses, this player, not the coach, should take the matter up with the Advanced Program Committee. Movement within an age division must follow USYSA/CYS/WYS guidelines and be approved by the Advanced Program Committee.

3. If a new player arrives during the season, the player will be placed on a team according to his/her abilities as determined by the Coaching Director and all interested age specific coaches. The athlete will be evaluated during a scheduled practice session determined by the Coaching Director and the interested coaches.

4. All player movement between the Fall and Spring Seasons must be completed ten (10) days prior to the Advanced Program Committee's registration deadline. Care should be taken to preserve each team if possible. Player movement must be discussed with the Director of Coaching and the coaches of the teams involved, with approval by the Advanced Program Committee.

VIII. PLAYING UP

1. Players may play up only if grade appropriate. Exceptions can be made if necessary to complete a roster.

IX. PLAYING TIME

1. There is no guarantee of playing time. Coaches should attempt to insure each player plays in each half of each game, provided that player has been responsible in attending practices and games.

X. TEAM RESPONSIBILITIES

A. State Cup

1. All Sting teams are encouraged to represent the Advanced Program in the Wyoming State Cup.

2. If a team chooses not to play in the Wyoming State Cup, they are required to play in at least one (1) full-sided summer tournament.

XI. COACHES GUIDELINES AND RULES

A. Coaches Meetings

1. Coaches meetings are held at the discretion of the Director of Coaching. Notification shall be given by the Director of Coaching in advance of each meeting. The coach and assistant coach are expected to attend. Coaching issues, rule changes, tryouts, and other coaching items, will be addressed. Coaches' concerns will be addressed at coaches meetings. The Director of Coaching will approach the Committee with concerns.

B. Equipment Inventory

1. Each coach is required to maintain an inventory of team soccer equipment, which was acquired for the team through team or Committee funds.

2. Each team shall be provided a first-aid kit by the Committee annually.

C. Behavior

1. While coaches are expected to do their best to field winning teams, it is equally important that they set an example of fairness and sportsmanship for their players, assistants and all team family members. Their conduct at games and practices should be courteous and sportsmanlike toward their players, opponents and referees. Coaches are responsible for assuring that their spectators behave in the same way. If they are dissatisfied with the officiating, coaches will use available channels to voice their

complaints. Any violations of rules of appropriate coaching behavior will result in appropriate action by the Advanced Program Committee.

D. Coaches' Licenses

1. Sting coaches, like players, are expected to learn and improve. A Sting coach must have an "E" license after completion of the first year of coaching, and a "D" license within two years after obtaining an "E" license. Coaches may be removed from positions for failure to comply with this requirement. Coaches should avail themselves of other instructional sources. Assistant coaches are also encouraged to continue their education.

E. Use of Fields

1. The Director of Coaching shall determine rules for practice times and use of soccer fields in Cheyenne in cooperation with the Cheyenne Parks and Recreation Department.

XII. STANDARDS OF CONDUCT FOR PLAYERS

A. The following standards are established by the Committee or WYS/CYS to govern the behavior of soccer players before, during and after soccer matches, including, but not limited to:

1. Do not address remarks to opposing players, coaches, spectators or referees. (Except when remarks convey genuine friendship and respect or in response to questions by the referee).

2. Do not retaliate when fouled.

3. Avoid comments or gestures, which express disagreement with referee's calls. (These are cardable offenses).

4. Never use foul language or obscene gestures.

5. Displays of temper will not be tolerated on the field or in the playing area.

6. Convey a consistently positive attitude toward your teammates and coaches. (Your true strength of character will be displayed on the field when you are under pressure and your team is losing. What kind of person are you in such situations?)

7. Play against your opponents, not the referee. (Worry over referee calls with which you disagree can distract you from playing your best. Fewer than one in one-hundred calls have any influence in the outcome of a game.)

8. Players who persist in violating these standards of conduct will jeopardize their standing as players within Advanced Program or WYS/CYS. Flagrant disregard for rules of play and conduct will result in strong disciplinary action including possible loss of standing, loss of out-of-state travel privileges, or complete removal from the Advanced Program.

XIII. THE RIGHTS OF THE PLAYER

A. While development of the most competitive team in the age division is the goal of Sting, the basic interest and well being of the player must also be taken into consideration.

XIV. STANDARDS OF CONDUCT FOR SOCCER SPECTATORS

A. The explosive increase in the popularity of soccer in the United States is partly due to spectator enjoyment of the free form continuous play, which characterizes the game. This is in marked contrast to other sports where play is stopped frequently, often giving time for abusive and destructive comments from spectators. Unfortunately, there are a limited number of people who derive personal satisfaction from those situations. We do not need such persons in soccer.

B. The following standards are set forth to govern spectator conduct before, during and after soccer matches:

1. Take a position on the opposite end of the field from the other team's supporters.
2. Do not address remarks to referees, opposing players or opposing fans. (This, of course, does not apply where remarks express genuine friendship and encouragement).
3. Never use foul language or obscene gestures.
4. Avoid remarks toward your own team players that make mistakes. If you are aware of the error, you may rest assured that the player is even more aware.
5. Applaud superior play by both teams.
6. Give consistent support to coaches and managers whether winning or losing. Coaches are contributing hundreds of hours to your players and are committed to their own continued improvement as a coach. In winning, they deserve your congratulations; in losing, your encouragement.
7. Always stay two (2) yards or more from the playing field.
8. Cooperate immediately with any referee request.

9. Avoid comments and gestures, which express disagreement with referee calls. Prolonged remarks or abusive disagreement with referees' calls may result in a cardable offense chargeable to your team's coach or manager.

10. Persons who cannot conduct themselves in the above manner are not welcome at Advanced Program, WYS/CYS soccer matches. Individuals who persist in violating these standards will be asked to leave the playing area and play will be suspended until they do. Failure to respond to such a request within two (2) minutes will result in forfeiture against the offending spectator's side.

XV. MISCONDUCT

A. All participants in Advanced Program activities shall be subject to all misconduct rules contained herein or in the Rules and Procedures of WYS/CYS, regardless of whether a yellow or red card was displayed by the referee.

B. Misconduct may include use of profanity, acts of violence, disrespect for referees, or as otherwise defined in the CSC Bylaws or the Bylaws or Rules of the WYS or CYS.

C. Misconduct may be reported directly to the Committee. Allegations of misconduct shall be handled in conformance with the Advanced Program or WYS/CYS rules on misconduct including disciplinary procedures and penalties and the protest and appeals procedure.

XVI. ALCOHOL, DRUGS OF ABUSE/CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE

A. The possession, consumption or use of any alcoholic beverage, drug of abuse or controlled substance at the field area by any player, coach, referee, team or Advanced Program official or spectator immediately prior to (including travel), during or after the playing of any Advanced Program soccer game or function is prohibited. Any individual who violates this prohibition shall be subject to disciplinary action by the Advanced Program Committee as set forth herein.

XVII. WYS/CYS

A. The Advanced Program is governed by the By-Laws of the Cheyenne Soccer Club and, where applicable, the WYS and CYS Bylaws and Rules. Pursuant to CSC/ WYS/CYS rules, the Committee may adopt Guidelines and Policies that differ from CSC/ WYS/CYS rules for "the purposes of "in-house team play".

XVIII. CHANGE

A. These Rules and Procedures are established, reviewed and published by the Advanced Program Committee and are subject to change by the Advanced Program Committee, at its discretion. Notice of any changes shall be distributed to all participants in the Advanced Program.

XIX. PROTEST AND APPEALS PROCEDURES

A. The Executive Committee of the Board will serve as the Protest and Appeals Committee, which shall have jurisdiction to hear and determine the following, matters:

1. Appeals from censuring, suspending or removing participants, directors, coaches or players from CSC. Notices of appeal must be submitted to the Protest and Appeals Committee within fourteen (14) calendar days following a decision by the Advanced Program Committee.
2. The Protest and Appeals Committee may hold a hearing and receive evidence.
3. A decision must be issued within seven (7) calendar days from the date of the hearing, or, if no hearing is held, within seven (7) days from the date the Protest and Appeals Committee holds its meeting.
4. The decision of the Protest and Appeals Committee is binding.

XX. CHEYENNE STING REFUND POLICY

1. \$150 Refund if player does not play at all.
2. \$100 Refund after the first game.
3. No refund after the second game.
4. For special circumstances the player or parent is to make a written request to the board.