



## North Shore Interlock League

### **NSIL Objective:**

The NSYSA Interlock league (NSIL) is a district-wide league that facilitates inter-club small-sided game play for U8-U10 teams and U11-U12 Div 3 teams.

This is a voluntary league that welcomes any team meeting the requirements below (between U8-U12). The league is open to all NSYSA full-member clubs, and these clubs must comply with the requirements below each season to be eligible to participate.

League play commences in September and concludes at the end of February or early March. The season is usually divided into three blocks. Flights may be re-aligned in Block 2 and 3 to better balance the level of play.

- Block 1: September-mid-October for boys and September to December for girls.
- Block 2: mid-October-Christmas break for boys.
- Block 3: January-March for boys and girls.

### **Participant Club Requirements:**

All requirements below are mandatory to be eligible for inclusion in the Interlock League:

1. Must be a full member of NSYSA District in good standing.
2. Must provide adequate home field assignments for all teams that are submitted prior to the start of the scheduling process.
3. Must follow and adhere to NSYSA Interlock scheduling deadlines for submission and review of schedules when requested.

### **NS Interlock League Overview & Process:**

The North Shore Interlock Scheduler is the contact point person for entry into the League and creation of the game schedules. ([interlockscheduler@nysa.ca](mailto:interlockscheduler@nysa.ca))

#### **NSIL League Overview:**

- The goal is to provide the best playing experience and as such, groups in this League are to be balanced. However, there may be tiering and/or re-tiering as necessary in consultation with club technical leads only.
- Match play follows BC Soccer Small Sided Soccer Development Policy rules for each age group. These rules are intended to support players, teams, and referee development.
- The field of play must be a wholly natural or artificial playing surface. Some examples of these playing surfaces include grass, turf, and gravel.
- Game start times are dependent on the field allocation times secured by each Club, under the following guidelines:
  - No Saturday/Sunday games will start after 7:00pm onward
  - Where there are teams traveling more than 60 kms (one way) or that require a ferry for travel the following is applicable unless teams mutually agree:
    - No games will be scheduled on Fridays.
    - No games will be scheduled on Fridays. Are not to have a scheduled kickoff game prior to 9:30am or after 5pm for teams that require ferry travel and 7:00pm for teams located in the Lower Mainland on Saturday or Sunday.



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### **Process for League entry:**

- Interlock scheduler will circulate League information to Clubs in summer.
- Participating Club must complete the team submission template with all required information, including the following key information:
  - Club & Team contact(s).
  - Age & Level of play (if required) for each team.
  - Home playing field and time for each team.
- The Interlock Field Scheduler will collect, compile, & re-circulate information to all participating Clubs & teams prior to beginning the scheduling process.

### Scheduling Timeline:

#### **Information collection:**

##### **Late July:**

- Interlock club rep meeting with the interlock field scheduler – if required.
  - Clubs will provide their team submission document including - club and team names, contacts, home playing fields and times.
  - This meeting will be used to receive any additional specific parameters that individual clubs may have that will be factored into the schedule creation.

##### **August:**

- Field Scheduler: compiles team submissions to create the flights, assign fields and times, and enter all into the scheduling grid.
- Clubs: continue to update the scheduler with any new or missing information.

##### **Late August:**

- Field Scheduler: finalize team submissions and any further information required to create a draft schedule.
- Clubs: continue to update the scheduler with any new or missing information.

#### **Draft Schedule Review:**

##### **Late August:**

- Field Scheduler:
  - Distribute the Phase 1 draft schedule for clubs to check.
  - Publish the final schedule to the NSYSA website.
  - Games schedules are uploaded to Referee Scheduling software.
- Clubs: Inform scheduler of any errors and changes needed in the draft schedule.

##### **September:**

- Games: Phase 1 play begins the first or second weekend following Labour Day.
- Field Scheduler: Make any necessary changes.
- Clubs: Inform Scheduler of any errors and changes needed in schedule.



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### **September – December Holiday break:**

- Games: Continue until shut down the second week of December.
- Field Scheduler:
  - Make any necessary changes to schedule, including adjusting flights where teams are incorrectly placed or moved in from or out to BC Coastal.
- Clubs:
  - Track scores of all games to monitor possible changes to flights. Inform scheduler of any necessary changes.

### **December:**

- Field Scheduler:
  - Consult with Clubs to evaluate the team's performance in Phase 1 and then make any necessary changes to the flights in preparation for creating the Phase 2 schedule.
  - Distribute the Phase 2 draft schedule for Clubs to check.
  - Publish the final Phase 2 schedule to NSYSA website.
  - Phase 2 games schedules are uploaded to Referee Scheduling software.
- Clubs:
  - Assist Scheduler in evaluating Phase 1 with respect to making changes for Phase 2.
  - Inform Scheduler of any errors and changes needed in Phase 2 draft schedule.

### **January – March:**

- Games: League play resumes after the Holidays. Usually this is the first weekend after New Years Day.
- Field Scheduler:
  - Make any necessary changes.
- Clubs:
  - Track scores of all games to monitor possible changes to Flights. Inform Scheduler of any necessary changes.
  - **Note:** Boys Interlock will have Phase 1 (Sept – Oct), Phase 2 (Oct – Dec) and Phase 3 (Jan – Feb/Mar). An email will be sent to all clubs from the interlock scheduler to report their wins/losses in October and December. Teams will be re-tiered accordingly to allow for a balanced schedule once the data is collected.

### **Games:**

#### **Expectations of Clubs and teams:**

- Fulfill all scheduled games.
  - This includes games involving ferry travel or vehicle travel along the Sea to Sky corridor.  
Note: teams from Bowen, Squamish, Sunshine Coast, Whistler, and Pemberton travel some distance almost every other weekend to play games.
  - It is not acceptable to forfeit games scheduled in these communities because your team does not want to travel.
- Abide by the schedule as posted.



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- Teams are not allowed to make changes to the schedules. Referees, field resources, and other issues must be taken into consideration when making changes. Please leave changes in the hands of the Field Scheduler and Club Coordinators.
- Arrive at least 30 minutes prior to your game and have your team ready to go at kickoff time.
- Have the correct equipment.
- Teams may be required to supply nets, corner flags, cones, game balls, pinnies, and linespersons, to facilitate game play. These requirements will be outlined prior to commencement of League play.
- Team coaches are expected to employ alternative skill challenges during an uneven scoring game.
- This means at no time should there be a score differential of 5 or greater.
- Manage your parents and spectators.
- Parents and spectators must respect the field of play and will only view games from designated areas.

### ***CANCELLING A GAME***

#### ***U9-10 & U11-U12 Div. 3 (Interlock league games)***

***The cancellation of games will occur only if one/any of the following occur:***

1. The assigned Referee
  - a. If he/she/they show up to a field and determines it is unplayable.
  - b. In West Vancouver, both the coach and referee are required to agree on the cancellation at the field. If there is doubt, the referee will forward a photo of the field to the referee assignor to make the final decision.
2. A coach/team
  - a. May cancel at least 24 hours before the game by forfeit that is NOT weather-related or travel related (i.e. not enough players). The North Shore home team **MUST** email:
    - i. [refereeassignor@nsysa.ca](mailto:refereeassignor@nsysa.ca) – to ensure referees are advised to avoid penalty to the team and their home club.
3. Referee Scheduler
  - a. Can cancel games if fields are closed or weather conditions dictate.
  - b. Will contact the field coordinator who will send an email notification to the team coach and manager designate in the field coordinator distribution list.

### **ID Cards and Match sheet Rosters:**

- **Coaches and Managers Lan-Cards:** Interlock Team Officials are required to wear a supplied Lan-Card ID after October 1<sup>st</sup>. Only Carded Officials will be in the Team bench area.
- **Players:** No ID Cards required.
- **Match sheet Rosters:** NS Interlock ***may*** implement a printed Match sheet Roster for U11 & U12 games. If so, NSYSA will provide a formatted document for this purpose.



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### **Sample Email from Interlock Scheduler**

Note: below is email sent on July 5,2025 to NSYSA members for Interlock...

Dear Clubs,

I am beginning the Interlock Game Scheduling Process. To participate in this NSYSA Interlock League and to be included in the schedule for the first block of the season (September – October), the following process will be followed to ensure a timelier delivery of the schedule for your players.

1. Team/Contact Submission – August 10, 2025
2. Schedule Draft sent to Clubs for review – August 25, 2025
3. Club review and approval deadline – August 28, 2025
4. NSYSA Schedule Published – September 1, 2025
5. Contact update submission – September 8, 2025 (1 form per Club only; ie. not individual separate emails)

\*\*The following information MUST be received by me ([interlockscheduler@nysa.ca](mailto:interlockscheduler@nysa.ca)) by August 10:

1. TEAMS – in the provided template
  1. COMPLETE listing of team names by age group with associated game field or field time block per the template example.
2. CONTACTS – in the provided template
  1. Club Name
  2. Team Name
  3. Position
  4. Name
  5. Email
  6. Phone

If all the above information is received complete for all Clubs, the schedule can then be created and sent for review.

If this information is not provided by the deadline your Clubs participation is NOT GUARANTEED for the first schedule block.

If any teams are withdrawn or any changes to the information provided after team submission date (August 10), your club will be fined \$100.

If any teams are withdrawn or make any changes to the information provided after the schedule has been published, your club will be fined, and the result will be leaving the opponent of the withdrawn team with a BYE until the next block is scheduled.



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**Important note; NVFC and WVFC U8's will be in-house only this year, meaning that each club's U8 teams will only play themselves.**

Thanks, Kristine