Competition Rules

1. All clubs must complete the relevant entry form and pay the appropriate fees in order to be entered into the SL YSGL competitions. All such forms and fees must be returned by the specified date to the league administrator.
2. Competitions will be organised by the Committee and individual trophies or medals will be awarded to the winners and runners-up in all Competitions.
3. All perpetual trophies are the property of the Committee and are to be returned to the Committee no later than March 1st each year, failure to do so will render those affiliated clubs in possession of such Trophies liable to a fine.
4. Fixtures under the jurisdiction of the League will be published in advance through the newspapers.
5. Clubs will be responsible for payment of a third of the cost of the facility for any games fixed by the committee on neutral grounds.
6. No player can play for more than one affiliated club team in the same season without being properly transferred by means of the official transfer form and re-registered to the new team.
7. No player can be transferred to any other team after the 15th October of the current season. No Player can be transferred to any other team within the same club playing in the same competition after 15th December of the current season.
8. No player may transfer more than once in any one season.
9. All transferred players must be re-registered to their new team at least two (2) days before playing in any competition run by the Committee.
10. Where transfer and registration forms are forwarded through the postal system the date stamp on the envelope shall determine the effective date for rules 5, 6 & 7 above.
11. To be eligible to play in any underage competition a player must not have reached that age before 1st January in the year of commencement of the season.
12. No player who is under 10 years of age on 1 st January in the year of completion of each season will be allowed to play in the under 12 League or the under 12 Development League. Any club which plays a player who falls into the above category will be fined and may forfeit a result or points.
13. Requests for pitch inspections must be requested through the appointed official of the local branch of the Irish Soccer Referees Society before 1 pm on the day immediately before a game when inspections may be required. The Administrator of the League must also be informed that a pitch inspection has been requested at the same time as the official of the Referees Society. Where a pitch is deemed unplayable the game must revert to the opponents' pitch immediately if available and the League Administrator must be informed.
14. Any club failing to comply with the above set procedure for pitch inspections or attempting to call off a game or making any alterations including match time, venue, date set by the League administrator without following the correct procedure will be fined €200.
15. All teams must be properly attired i.e. with a complete set of jerseys, shorts and socks, shin guards and regulation footwear. Jerseys must be numbered 1 to 18.
16. Each team must provide a regulation football in good condition and properly inflated for each game.

    Games under 8,9, Size 3 footballs,
    Games under 10,11 and 12 size 4 football to be used.
    Games under 13,14, 15, 16, 17 and 18 size 5 football to be used.

17. All clubs must ensure that two mentors and a separate linesman, over 16 years of age, must accompany each team and if there are girls playing or in the event of a girls team then one coach or assistant must be a female accompanying the team. In the event of a referee deciding that a game will not proceed because the above is not complied with clubs may be fined and forfeit the game.
18. All games must take place at the appointed time, in order to ensure this all teams should be at the ground at least 10 minutes before kick off.
19. Duration of games for all l I-a-side games shall be:-

Under 11,12 and 13.	30 minutes each way.
Under 14	35 minutes each way.
Under 15 and 16	40 minutes each way.
Under 17 and 18	45 minutes each way.

Extra time and penalties may be utilised where necessary in knock out type competitions.
20. In U12 girls league games the goal kick may be taken from anywhere within the 18 yard box.
21. In all League type competitions, with the exception of U12 development league, three (3) points are awarded for a win, one (1) point for a draw and zero (0) points for a defeat. For U12 development league four (4) points are awarded for a win, two (2) points for a draw and one (1) points for a defeat.
22. The referee's match card must be filled in and signed by the responsible official of each team prior to kick off of all games. Both the christian name and surname of all players and substitutes must be entered in block capitals on the card which shall be handed to the referee before kick off.
23. In the event of a team withdrawing or being removed from the League the results of all their games in the current season, including any knock out type games, played will be declared null and void. Walkovers will be awarded against such teams in any scheduled unplayed games in knock out type competitions.
24. Clubs which withdraw teams from the League after having their entry accepted by the Committee will incur a fine of a minimum of **€100**
25. Substitutes:
    (a) Five (5) substitutes from a maximum of seven (7) named on the match card may be used in all matches run by the Committee.
    (b) All 7 substitutes named may only be used in U12 and U14 matches run by the Committee.
    (c) In the U12 development league only a substituted player may re-enter the field of play. All such changes should be made during a break in play and with the referees permission.
    (d) All competitions run by outside bodies FAI, SFAI, WFAI etc., are subject to the relevant rules of those competitions in all regards including substitutions.
    (e) Once a player is substituted he/she may not re-enter the field of play (Competition rules apply).
26. In all league competitions the team which finishes in the higher position automatically receives home advantage in playoffs.
27. The Committee shall have the power to deal with any breach of these, and any matter not covered by, these competition rules, as they consider necessary for the smooth running of the competitions and to determine whatever sanctions or fines and their amount as the Committee see fit are to be imposed.