

Eatonville Youth Sports Association (EYSA)

Policy Manual

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SECTION 1 - GENERAL INFORMATION

Policy Manual Overview

The goal of this manual is to combine the policies, procedures, and philosophies of EYSA into a single document. It explains the general policies utilized by EYSA while administering our programs and outlines the framework by which those programs are designed and executed.

The policies and procedures outlined in this manual have been developed using established best practices and professional standards in youth sports administration.

While rare exceptions to these policies may occur, the spirit of this manual is to provide the community with clear, transparent guidance on how EYSA programs are run.

In accordance with its bylaws, EYSA reserves the right to modify this manual as deemed necessary.

Nonprofit Status

EYSA is a volunteer-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to providing youth with safe and enjoyable opportunities to participate in organized sports. The association is governed by the EYSA Board of Directors, an all-volunteer body with full authority to administer and manage operations, as necessary.

A copy of the EYSA bylaws is available on the association's website at www.eysaeatonville.com.

Board Meetings

EYSA holds regularly scheduled board meetings, with dates, times, and locations posted on the homepage of its website. While meeting details are subject to change, EYSA strives to maintain up-to-date schedule information for the public.

Board meetings focus on key topics regarding the overall administration and management of the association. EYSA welcomes community interest and encourages public input.

Insurance

While EYSA maintains general liability insurance, this policy does not cover personal injuries sustained by players participating in EYSA programs. Parents and guardians are responsible for ensuring that their athletes have adequate medical insurance coverage prior to participating in any EYSA activity.

SECTION 2 - PLAYER AND PROGRAM SAFETY

Participant safety is a primary concern for EYSA. If you believe a safety issue/concern exists, please contact the Director of Safety immediately and report the concern.

SECTION 3 – EYSA PROGRAM CONTACTS

Families will interact with various board members, volunteers, and officials throughout the EYSA season. Each role carries specific responsibilities. Understanding these designations ensures that parent questions and concerns are directed to the correct individual efficiently.

Board Members

EYSA board members are regularly present at games and practices. Each member oversees specific operational areas and serves as a direct resource for organizational information. To maintain clear operational boundaries and efficiency, board members respect individual areas of oversight and do not interfere in another director's designated domain.

Game Officials

Game officials are often local youth and young adults, many of whom are completing community service requirements for high school graduation. EYSA provides a safe, supportive, and developmental environment for all referees and umpires. The association enforces a zero-tolerance policy regarding any mistreatment, public criticism, harassment, or verbal abuse of game officials.

Coaches

Coaches are responsible for team management, conducting practices, and ensuring play strictly adheres to sport rules. Intentional rule violations will result in formal disciplinary action. Parents should direct all day-to-day questions regarding team operations, schedules, and playing time to their head coach.

Important Communication Rule: Parents must route any concerns regarding officiating exclusively through their team's head coach. Game officials will discuss game rulings and field/court matters only with head coaches.

SECTION 4 – REGISTRATION

Age Requirements & Eligibility

Program enrollment is open to children ages 3 through 14 for soccer, and ages 4 through 14 for all other sports. Player eligibility is determined by the athlete's age as of the first scheduled game of the season:

- **Maximum Age:** Players who turn 15 prior to or during the active season are ineligible to participate.
- **Minimum Age:** Children who reach the minimum eligible age (3 for soccer, 4 for other sports) during an active season may begin participating on their birthday.

Program Enrollment

EYSA utilizes Team Sideline for online program registrations. To register, a parent or legal guardian must create an account and complete the enrollment process via the Team Sideline portal. Only a parent or legal guardian may enroll a participant.

All information submitted during registration must be accurate. Parents/guardians are required to review and accept all program terms and policies; compliance with these terms is a condition of participation. Intentionally providing incorrect names, birth dates, contact information, or other falsified details may result in disciplinary action, up to and including a permanent ban from all EYSA programs.

Coaches receive team rosters the weekend prior to the first scheduled practice and will contact team families shortly thereafter with roster and schedule details.

Program Withdrawal

Parents may withdraw a player at any time by completing the online withdrawal request form on the EYSA website. Refunds for withdrawals are processed in accordance with the refund policy below.

Team Sideline Account Support

EYSA administrators do not have access to account login credentials. Parents needing help with usernames or passwords must contact Team Sideline for technical support.

Payments

All registration fees must be paid online via credit card at the time of enrollment. EYSA does not accept cash, personal checks, or money orders.

Refunds

Refund requests submitted prior to the close of registration may be issued in full, minus the cost of any customized equipment or uniform items already ordered for the player. Refunds requested after registration closes are subject to approval by the EYSA Board President. In the event of a program cancellation caused by circumstances beyond EYSA's control, the Board of Directors will determine refund amounts, if any.

SECTION 5 - BUILDING DIVISIONS

Building Divisions

EYSA organizes program divisions by age. A player's division of placement is determined by their age on the date of the first scheduled game of the season.

- Age Calculations: Division labels represent the maximum age permitted as of the first game day. For example, a player in an "8U" division can be no older than 8.99 years old on the date of the first game, while a player in a "10U" division can be no older than 10.99 years old on that date.
- Coed Play: In some instances, divisions may be offered as coed depending on registration numbers.

EYSA determines division offerings based on player enrollment demographics to ensure appropriate placements for all participants. If a division cannot be formed due to low enrollment, parents will receive a full refund.

Team Roster Building & "Playing Up"

EYSA forms teams through a roster-building process overseen by the Board of Directors. Teams are structured based on age as described above, with every attempt made to create balanced, competitive divisions to the best of the board's ability.

In limited circumstances, players who demonstrate exceptional ability relative to their division may be permitted to "play up" into the next available division.

Players may not play up to more than one division level and are prohibited from "playing down" into a lower age division.

Evaluations and team placements conducted by board members are strictly confidential and shared only with individuals directly involved in the team-building process.

Substitute Players

If an EYSA team cannot meet the minimum player requirements due to medical injury, player relocation, abandonment of the team, or any other roster shortage, the coach may request substitute players from the Director of Coaches. The Director of Coaches will attempt to provide the needed number of players for a team to field a full team, plus one bench player.

When selecting a substitute player, the Director of Coaches will select players who have an equivalent level of skills as those players for whom they are replacing. The Director of Coaches has final say on selecting the substitute player and will coordinate parent approval prior to the player serving as a substitute. Requests for substitute players must be made to the Director of Coaching no less than 48-hours before the scheduled game, when possible

Nothing in this player policy entitles a coach to a replacement player. EYSA will do its best to find a replacement player. However, there may be instances where a replacement player is not able to be located.

During the final game of the season—which determines division standings in the 6U and above divisions—all substitute player requests are subject to heightened scrutiny and must be jointly approved by the Director of Coaches and at least two (2) Board members.

Team Equipment

EYSA gives coaches basic team gear needed for official practices and scheduled games. Head coaches must check out their assigned equipment bag prior to the start of the season.

Coaches should maintain equipment in good condition. All issued items—excluding equipment damaged through normal wear and tear—must be returned to EYSA immediately following the final game of the season.

Coach registration refunds will be held until season completion and will only be disbursed once all issued team equipment has been returned and inventoried.

If a team requires supplemental, replacement, or re-sized equipment during the season, the coach should contact the Director of Coaches promptly.

Equipment Assistance Program (Loaner Equipment)

EYSA believes financial constraints should never prevent a child from playing. EYSA maintains a limited inventory of equipment available for temporary loans to families in need during the season.

Parents and guardians seeking equipment assistance are encouraged to contact the Director of Equipment to inquire about available inventory and request loaner gear. Loaner items are distributed on a first-come, first-served basis and must be returned at the end of the season.

SECTION 6 - PLAYER PHILOSOPHIES

Program Divisions

Programs are designed and administered to ensure that every child, regardless of ability, can enjoy a positive youth sports experience. EYSA establishes division guidelines based on developmental philosophy and goals. All standards apply across sports offerings and remain subject to adjustment as needed.

General Practice Standard

Except for the Pee wee division, all age divisions (6U through 14U) are allocated up to two hours of practice time per week (Monday-Friday only). Coaches may structure this as two 1-hour practice sessions or one 2-hour practice session weekly or shorter sessions as deemed appropriate.

Division Standards

Pee wee Division (Ages 3–4)

Basic motor skill development, fundamental motor patterns, and an introduction to the sport. Offensive and defensive schematics are not taught.

Coaches are permitted on the field or court to guide and instruct players directly during play.

Practices are conducted at the coach's discretion, subject to field or court availability coordinated through EYSA. Proposed practice schedules must be reviewed during the pre-season coaches' meeting and require consensus among team parents before final times are confirmed.

Total time for practices or games will not exceed 1 hour, or shorter practice sessions as deemed appropriate.

Scores and standings are not tracked.

6U Division (Ages 5–6)

Basic skill development, game fundamentals, introductory rules, and foundational offensive and defensive concepts.

Coaches must instruct from the sidelines only.

Standard 2-hour weekly limit (two 1-hour practices or one 2-hour practice) or shorter practice sessions as deemed appropriate.

Games are limited to a maximum of 90 minutes.

Scores and standings are typically recorded.

8U, 10U, & 12U Divisions (Ages 7–12)

Progressive skill refinement, deeper understanding of offensive and defensive schematics, and an introduction to competitive gameplay. Coaches are encouraged to rotate players through various positions and situational scenarios.

Sideline coaching only.

Standard 2-hour weekly limit (two 1-hour practices or one 2-hour practice).

Games are limited to a maximum of 90 minutes.

Scores and standings are recorded.

14U Division (Ages 13–14)

Advanced skill refinement, position specialization, and tactical offensive and defensive execution in a competitive environment.

Sideline coaching only.

Standard 2-hour weekly limit (two 1-hour practices or one 2-hour practice).

Games are limited to a maximum of 90 minutes.

Scores and standings are recorded.

Season Structure & Game Allocation

All EYSA sports programs for divisions 6U and older are structured around an 8-game season:

Teams will play seven (7) regular season games.

The 8th and final game of the season determines final division standings and place medals.

As Pee wee divisions focus purely on motor skill introduction and do not track scores or standings, all Pee wee participants receive standard participation medals at the end of the season and will play 8 total games.

Playing Time

EYSA expects coaches to make every effort to make available an equal amount of playing time for their players. There may be instances where a player does not want to play, or where playing them may pose a risk to themselves or other participants. In those instances, coaches may deviate from the equal playing

time policy. It is expected that players will participate in team practices to earn the opportunity for an equal amount of playing time.

SECTION 7 - SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

EYSA offers financial assistance through a scholarship program administered by the EYSA Fundraising Committee and overseen by the Board of Directors. Scholarships are funded through community donations and are available for soccer, basketball, baseball, softball, and T-ball programs, subject to fund availability.

Application Process & Eligibility

Applications must be submitted online exclusively by the player's parent or legal guardian.

Scholarships are available for a limited window during open registration. All applications must be submitted by the posted deadline to be considered.

Applicants are encouraged to complete the application thoroughly, as awards are evaluated based on the information provided and available for funding.

Selection & Authority

Once the application window closes, the Fundraising Committee, led by the Director of Fundraising, reviews all submissions. The committee holds sole discretion in determining scholarship eligibility, recipient selection, and individual award amounts based on demonstrated need and total available funds. All decisions rendered by the committee are final.

SECTION 8 - RULES OF THE GAME

Rules for EYSA programs are adapted and compiled from various governing sports organizations. Prior to the start of each season, proposed rules are distributed to head coaches for review. Coaches are provided in a specified window to submit modification requests or feedback to the Director of Rules.

After the review deadline, the Director of Rules reviews feedback and finalizes the rulebook. EYSA publishes all official sport rules annually on the association website, ensuring year-round access for participants. Any mid-season rule adjustments will be communicated to coaches as needed.

Parents and spectators should review program rules to ensure a smooth, positive season. Spectators are prohibited from confronting officials, interrupting gameplay, or disrupting events based on rule interpretations. Parents with questions or concerns regarding rules must route them through their head coach or follow the formal grievance process outlined in this manual. Individuals who disrupt an EYSA event are subject to immediate ejection from the facility.

Authority to Eject Visitors and Volunteers

EYSA game officials, referees, field marshals, and Board members have the immediate authority to eject any coach, volunteer, parent, spectator, or visitor from EYSA-managed practices, games, or events for unsportsmanlike conduct, verbal abuse, failure to follow facility rules, or failure to comply with official directives.

Any ejected individual must immediately leave the venue premises (out of sight and sound of all playing fields) within five (5) minutes. Failure to vacate the premises upon request will result in immediate suspension of play and potential contact with local law enforcement to issue a formal trespass warning. Ejected individuals are automatically suspended from attending EYSA events pending a formal review by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 9 – PHOTOGRAPHY & MEDIA

EYSA contracts with third-party photography vendors to offer families individual and team photo packages. Photography vendor selections are evaluated periodically and may vary by sport or season.

Photo Disclaimers & Media Release

Order processing, photo distribution, and customer support are handled directly by the contracted photography vendor. EYSA is not responsible for order fulfillment, digital deliveries, or photo quality. Inquiries or complaints regarding photo packages must be directed to the vendor.

By participating in EYSA programs, parents/guardians grant EYSA permission to capture and use photographs or video footage of participants taken during EYSA-sanctioned practices, games, and events for promotional materials, the association website, and official social media channels.

SECTION 10 – END-OF-SEASON AWARDS & CELEBRATIONS

At the conclusion of each season, EYSA provides official participation medals to all enrolled players across all divisions.

End-of-Season Team Celebrations

Coaches are required to schedule an end-of-season team party. Through a community partnership, Varsity Pizza generously sponsors team celebrations by providing complimentary pizza and beverages for all rostered players and coaches at their local locations:

Eatonville Location: (253) 846-9999

McKenna Location: (360) 400-3100

Note: Complimentary items apply exclusively to rostered players and coaches. Parents, family members, and guests are responsible for purchasing food and beverages.

SECTION 11 – CODES OF CONDUCT

Creating a safe, positive, and character-building youth sports environment requires the full cooperation of all participants—defined as coaches, athletes, parents, spectators, and volunteers. Compliance with all applicable codes of conduct is a mandatory condition of participation in EYSA activities.

Each participant must adhere to the standards outlined in their respective code of conduct.

Parents/guardians are responsible for the conduct and sportsmanship of any guests or spectators attending events on their behalf.

Disciplinary actions, ejections, and facility removals are enforced strictly in accordance with Section 8 *Authority to Eject Visitors and Volunteers* and Section 17 *Complaints and Dispute Resolution*.

SECTION 12 – NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

EYSA is committed to maintaining an inclusive environment free from discrimination. EYSA welcomes all participants and prohibits discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, national origin, age, marital status, military status, or disability, in compliance with applicable state and federal laws.

SECTION 13 – ZERO-TOLERANCE POLICIES

To safeguard young athletes and ensure a healthy sports environment, EYSA strictly enforces zero-tolerance standards across all activities and facilities:

Physical violence, verbal abuse, public criticism, harassment, bullying, or acts of child abuse directed toward any player, official, coach, or spectator will result in immediate removal and potential permanent revocation of participation privileges.

The use, possession, or influence of alcohol, tobacco products (including vapes and e-cigarettes), and illegal substances on school grounds or at any EYSA-sanctioned practice, game, or event is prohibited.

Discrimination in board appointments, volunteer selection, or service delivery is prohibited.

SECTION 14 – MANDATORY REPORTING OF CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN

The protection and well-being of young athletes is EYSA's highest priority. Any volunteer, coach, or board member who suspects or receives information indicating that a crime, physical assault, sexual assault, or abuse has been committed against a child during an EYSA activity or involving an EYSA participant must immediately report the incident to local law enforcement.

Following contact with law enforcement, the reporting individual must promptly inform the EYSA Board President and Director of Safety.

SECTION 15 – VOLUNTEER POLICIES

Volunteer Appreciation

Volunteers are the foundation of EYSA. The association relies entirely on the generosity, dedication, and character of community members who donate their time to coach, organize, and administer youth athletics.

Background Checks & Screening

To protect player safety, all head coaches, assistant coaches, board members, and official volunteers must undergo a comprehensive criminal background check prior to commencing volunteer duties. Background screenings are required at least once every 24 months (about 2 years). EYSA reserves the right to request annual or supplemental background checks at its discretion.

Disqualifiers

The board reserves the right to disqualify a volunteer application if the board concludes that the applicant is not suitable for the applied position. A person will be automatically disqualified from volunteering if they have any of the following convictions or documented offenses:

- Any physical or psychological harm of a child
- Any violent felony
- Any type of sex offense
- Any domestic abuse
- Any court order violation
- Any firearm violation
- Any misdemeanor or felony assault
- Any physical intimidation, attempted assault, or threat of violence directed toward any player, referee, official, coach, volunteer, spectator, or member of the public

If a volunteer is disqualified, the Athletic Director will notify them in writing. Volunteers may appeal the decision during the next regularly scheduled board meeting.

Volunteer Status & Authority to Suspend or Revoke

Volunteering with EYSA is a privilege, not a right. EYSA reserves the right to suspend, restrict, or permanently revoke the volunteer status of any coach, official, board member, or other volunteer at any time, with or without cause, at the sole discretion of the EYSA Board of Directors. Grounds for immediate suspension or revocation include but are not limited to conduct detrimental to the mission or reputation of EYSA, violation of any Code of Conduct, failure to pass background screenings, or any formal charge or conviction involving violence, assault, or child endangerment.

SECTION 16 - PARENTS

Parental Engagement & Team Support

Parents play a vital role in creating a positive youth sports environment and are encouraged to take an active part in their child's experience. Beyond coaching, parents can support their teams by serving as team parents, organizing schedules, coordinating snacks, or planning end-of-season events. Assisting with logistical tasks allows coaches to focus their time and energy directly on player development and safety.

Spectator Conduct & Sportsmanship

EYSA encourages enthusiastic, positive cheer for all participants. However, spectators must maintain self-control and appropriate sideline decorum. EYSA enforces strict zero-tolerance policy regarding public criticism, verbal abuse, or harassment directed toward players, coaches, or game officials. Spectators must contribute to a safe, positive environment and avoid disrupting the peaceful flow of the event.

All parents and guardians are required to review and sign the EYSA Parent Code of Conduct as a mandatory condition of player registration.

Parental Attendance & Supervision

EYSA athletic programs are not childcare services, and coaches are not responsible for supervising unattended players outside of team instruction. A parent, guardian, or designated adult must remain present at the facility for the entire duration of all practices, games, and events until the coach formally releases the players.

SECTION 17 – COMPLAINT & DISPUTE RESOLUTION

EYSA categorizes complaints into two distinct administrative tracks: **Rule Complaints** (sporting and rule violations) and **Administrative Complaints** (operational, policy, or conduct violations). This section outlines the intake, investigation, appeal, and enforcement processes for each track.

Track 1: Rules Complaints

Rule complaints address constitutional interpretations (excluding subjective, game-time calls made by officials).

1. **Intake & Initial Review:** A coach must notify the Board President of a rule complaint as soon as practicable. The President will forward the complaint to the Director of Rules for investigation and evaluation.
2. **Standard Resolution:** If the Director of Rules determination does not involve player, coach, or official suspension or eligibility sanctions, the Director's decision is final and binding.
3. **Disciplinary Recommendations:** If a rule of violation warrants suspension or eligibility sanctions, the Director of Rules will submit a formal recommendation to the Executive Committee.
 - a. The Executive Committee will review all available evidence, gather witness testimony as needed, and deliberate in the executive session.
 - b. The Executive Committee may dismiss the matter, adopt the Director's recommendation, or impose alternative sanctions. The President will notify the impacted party in writing of any imposed sanctions.
4. **Appeals Process:**
 - a. A sanctioned individual may appeal the Executive Committee's decision by submitting a written notice of appeal to the Board President within **48 hours** of receiving notification.
 - b. The Board President will convene the Administrative Board to schedule a formal appeal hearing and receive testimony from relevant parties.
 - c. Executive Committee decisions remain binding and in effect until officially overturned by the Administrative Board.

Track 2: Administrative Complaints

Administrative complaints pertain to policy violations, conduct concerns, or operational disputes not governed by sporting rules.

1. **Intake & Informal Resolution:** Administrative complaints must be submitted directly to the Board President in writing as soon as practicable. The President will first attempt to resolve the matter informally between the involved parties.
2. **Formal Hearing:** If informal resolution is unsuccessful, the President will escalate the complaint to the Executive Committee.
 - a. The Executive Committee will conduct a formal hearing, taking testimony from the complainant, the respondent, and relevant witnesses.
 - b. Decisions require a majority vote of a committee quorum.
3. **Appeals Process:**
 - a. Either party may appeal the Executive Committee's decision by submitting a written request to the Board President within **48 hours** of notice.
 - b. The Administrative Board will convene an appeal hearing, receiving testimony from the accuser, the accused, and relevant witnesses.
 - c. Sanctions and decisions remain binding throughout the appeal period until overturned by the Administrative Board.

General Dispute Governance Policies

When reviewing escalated complaints or appeals, the Administrative Board will adjourn for a cooling-off and review period of no less than **3 business days** and no more than **30 calendar days** before reconvening in executive session. Emergency proceedings under the *Right to Immediate Governance* are exempt from this timeline.

Rulings rendered by the Administrative Board represent the final authority of EYSA. There is no further administrative appeal mechanism beyond the Board's determination.

While EYSA strives for complete transparency and procedural fairness, the Administrative Board reserves the right to suspend standard timeline or hearing protocols under exigent circumstances requiring immediate intervention to protect participant safety, organizational security, or legal compliance.

All coaches, volunteers, parents, and participants are required to cooperate fully with EYSA investigations. Uncooperative individuals forfeit their rights under this dispute resolution framework and may be subject to immediate disciplinary sanctions or eligibility revocation.

All complaint records, witness statements, investigative notes, and board deliberations are strictly confidential. EYSA does not publicly disclose dispute details, findings, or internal disciplinary actions.

SECTION 18 - PLAYER SAFETY, INJURIES, & SEVERE WEATHER

Protection of Players

EYSA prohibits a 'walk it off' approach to player injuries. Coaches must always prioritize player safety, prevent further injury, and never encourage or pressure an injured athlete to continue playing. Coaches hold full authority to remove any player from a practice, game, or event due to an injury or suspected injury.

Injury Classifications

- **Non-Emergency Injury:** A temporary, minor injury that does not require professional medical treatment.
- **Emergency Injury:** An injury requiring professional medical attention, including emergency medical services (911). For emergent injuries, coaches must immediately ensure medical assistance is summoned, contact the player's parents if they are not present, and then notify the Director of Safety.
- **Concussion:** In accordance with Washington's Zackery Lystedt Law, any player exhibiting signs or symptoms of a concussion must be immediately removed from play by coaches or game officials. The incident must be reported immediately to the Director of Safety, and the player may not return to activities until formally cleared by the Director of Safety and a qualified medical professional.

Mandatory Injury & Incident Reporting

When in doubt, report! Coaches are required to submit an online injury report form to the Athletic Director within 24 hours of any incident. Mandatory reporting is strictly required for:

- Severe or uncontrolled bleeding
- Joint dislocations or suspected bone fractures
- Any loss of consciousness or hits/impacts to the head
- Any incident involving EMS response, ambulance transport, or external medical follow-up

Disclosing Medical Conditions

Parents and guardians are strongly encouraged to disclose any pre-existing medical conditions (such as severe allergies, required emergency medications, asthma, or physical impairments) during the online registration process.

To safeguard participant safety, the Director of Safety will confidentially notify the head coach of any relevant medical considerations. This ensures coaches are prepared to provide appropriate care and can supply vital health information to emergency medical personnel should an incident occur. All disclosed medical information is maintained strictly in accordance with EYSA privacy guidelines.

Severe Weather & Environmental Safety

EYSA prioritizes player safety while avoiding unnecessary program disruptions.

Air Quality

EYSA tracks the Air Quality Index (AQI) via official sources (AirNow, WA Dept of Ecology, Washington Interscholastic Activities Association, and WA Department of Health).

EYSA will use AirNow AQI from the Eatonville Monitoring Station (found at [AirNow.gov](https://www.airnow.gov))

AQI Level	Guidance & Action
0–100	Normal Activity.
101–150	Caution. Additional water/rest breaks are required. Reduce exertion and monitor for respiratory symptoms. Sensitive athletes may opt out without penalty.
151–200	Cancel / Move Indoors. Outdoor activities canceled or moved to filtered indoor facilities.
201+	Mandatory Cancellation. All outdoor activities prohibited.

Parents decide on player participation during poor air quality days. No player will face penalties or loss of playing time for opting out.

EYSA may modify or cancel activities on short notice as conditions change and will make every effort to communicate updates through established EYSA channels at least three hours before the first scheduled game.

Lightning

If thunder is heard, outdoor play is suspended immediately. All must clear fields and shelter in enclosed buildings or hard-topped vehicles (dugouts and pop-up tents are forbidden). Play may resume 30 minutes after the last thunderclap or lightning flash.

Excessive Heat

Activities are adjusted based on the local National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Comprehensive Heat Index:

- **90:** All outdoor games and practices will be canceled or postponed if the forecasted heat index reaches 90 or higher at least three hours before the first scheduled game.

EYSA will use temperature obtained from the Eatonville Monitoring Station (found at NOAA.gov).

Parents decide on player participation during hot days. No player will face penalties or loss of playing time for opting out.

Final Authority

The EYSA Board or designated field official holds sole discretion on field clearances, modifications, and cancellations.

SECTION 19 – FACILITY USE & COMMUNITY STANDARDS

EYSA partners with the Eatonville School District to utilize local school grounds and athletic facilities, including:

- Weyerhaeuser Elementary School
- Eatonville Elementary School
- Columbia Crest A-STEM Academy
- Eatonville Middle School
- Eatonville High School

Maintaining positive relationships with school district officials and property caretakers is essential to preserving access to these facilities. All participants, coaches, parents, and spectators must treat school grounds with respect and leave all areas clean and undamaged. Trash receptacles are located throughout all venues; please ensure bleachers, dugouts, sidelines, and parking areas are clear of litter before departing.

School District & Facility Rules

Pets (except service animals), smoking, vaping, alcohol, and firearms or weapons of any kind are prohibited on Eatonville School District grounds.

Food and flavored beverages (including sports drinks and sodas) are prohibited inside gymnasiums. Plain bottled water is the only permitted beverage.

If a field or diamond has been lined and prepared for gameplay, teams and individual players must stay off the active playing surface until their scheduled game time to maintain field conditions.

SECTION 20 – POLICY MANUAL AMENDMENTS & ANNUAL REVIEW

The EYSA Board of Directors shall review this policy manual at least once per fiscal year to verify operational relevance, legal compliance, and organizational applicability.

Proposed amendments, additions, or policy repeals must be presented to the Board of Directors and approved by a majority vote of a board quorum. Updated manuals will be posted to the official EYSA website.