

LIWSA Rules and Regulations



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1.0 JURISDICTION

The jurisdiction of the Lower Island Women's Soccer Association (LIWSA) covers all registered women's soccer teams on Vancouver Island south of Port Alberni, including Saanich Peninsula and Saltspring Island.

2.0 PLAYING SEASON

For senior players¹, the winter playing season shall commence on the 1st day of September and terminate on the 31st day of March in the following year, pursuant to the British Columbia Soccer Association (BCSA) Rules and Regulations as amended from time to time.

3.0 REGISTRATION

3.1 Team Registration

- a) Returning and new teams shall register with the LIWSA on forms prescribed by the LIWSA by June 30 of each year
- b) Senior league teams shall be permitted to register a maximum of 24 players, exceptions may be at the LIWSA Executive's discretion.

3.2 Team Fees

- a) New teams entering the League must pay a new team registration fee, set annually by the LIWSA Executive, and the fee must be received with the team registration on or before June 30.
- b) No team shall be allowed to participate in any league or cup game if they have outstanding fees or fines in excess of \$200.
- c) BCSA affiliation fees are due by September 1 annually.
- d) LIWSA league fees shall be paid in two installments at the beginning of each playing season: 50% on or before September 1 and the remaining 50% on or before October 1st

1. If a team folds prior to their first scheduled league game, 90% the LIWSA league fees paid will be reimbursed to the team. League fees will not be reimbursed if the team folds after their first scheduled league game.

3.3 Player Registration

¹ The Canadian Soccer Association defines a senior player as being 18 years or older. Youth players are defined as below the age of 18.



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All player registrations shall be made pursuant to BCSA Rules and Regulations (Rule 5). Rules and Regulations regarding player registration are described below:

- a) Players registering for Divisions other than Over 30 or Over 35 must be a minimum seventeen (17) years of age or older, on or before December 31 of the current playing year.
 - i. Players under eighteen (18) years of age as of December 31 of the current playing year shall be considered “underage players.”
 - ii. All underage players registered in the League in the 2009/10 playing season shall be allowed to continue to register as players in the League regardless of age.
- b) Teams in Divisions other than Over 30 or Over 35 shall be permitted to register a maximum of two (2) underage players subject to Rule 3.3 (a) above.
 - i. Teams with more than two (2) existing underage players registered in the 2009-2010 playing season under Rule 3.3 (a)(ii) may retain all current such players, but will not be permitted to register additional underage players until such time as the total number registered to the teams drops below two (2).
 - ii. Existing underage players can circulate freely among teams within the LIWSA.
 - iii. Existing underage players registered with a team are counted toward the youth quota of that team.
- c) Players registering for the Over 30's Division must be thirty (30) years of age or over, on or before December 31 of the current playing season.
- d) Players registering for the Over 35's (Classic) Division must be thirty-five (35) years of age or over, on or before December 31 of the current playing season.
- e) All players and team officials will be required to have a LIWSA photo identification card, which will be checked by the referee before each League or cup game. Failure to produce the LIWSA photo ID card will result in the player not being able to participate in the league or cup game. The team will also be subject to a fine and/or forfeiture of the game (See Section 13.7).
- f) Senior players may register as Category A players (Premier) or Category B (Divisions 1, 2, 3A, 3B, 0-30, 0-35 and U-21). (BCSA Rule 5cc/dd/ee).
- g) Cost per player registration will be determined by BCSA prior to March 15th annually. (BCSA Rule 5dd/ee)
- h) All player registration shall be completed on-line by the team or club official and is valid only for the current season. (BCSA Rule 5n)
- i) The LIWSA Registrar is the sole authority in determining when a player is properly registered. (BCSA Rule 5f)



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- j) All players must be registered one day prior to taking part in any league game. (BCSA Rule 5s)
- k) All players must be registered seven (7) days before taking part in any cup competition. (BCSA Rule 5r)
- l) No player shall be permitted to register for more than one team at any one time, or play in more than one provincial, district and inter-district cup competition under the jurisdiction of BCSA without first receiving written permit from BCSA. (BCSA Rule 5i)
- m) Players who have been previously registered in another soccer association in Canada must obtain a transfer from their originating association. No player may register unless they have given their previous association seven (7) days notice. Such transfer notice must be received by the BC Soccer Association, prior to the player being allowed to play. (BCSA Rule 4a)
- n) Players who have been previously registered with another soccer association outside of Canada must obtain an International Transfer Certificate (ITC) prior to registering with any Club or Team with this League. The ITC must be received by the BC Soccer Association, prior to the player being allowed to play. (BCSA Rule 4a, FIFA Statute 3).
- o) Playing of unregistered players will result in forfeiture of the game and may result in additional disciplinary action as determined by the LIWSA, including fines and suspension or expulsion of the team from the League.

4.0 TRANSFER OF PLAYERS

All transfers shall be made pursuant to BCSA Rules and Regulations (Rules 7 and 8). The BCSA Rules and Regulations regarding transfers are described below:

- 4.1 Player transfers for league games must be made at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the game taking place. (BCSA Rule 7m)
- 4.2 Players must be transferred seven (7) days before taking part in any cup competition. (BCSA Rule 7m)
- 4.3 A player is entitled to two (2) transfers during the current playing season. No transfers after January 15 of the playing season. (BCSA Rule 7b,e, i)
- 4.4 Any registered youth players wishing to transfer to a Senior Team during the current playing season must do so on forms supplied by BCSA. (BCSA Rule 8a).
- 4.5 All transfers shall be sent to the BCSA and subject to a transfer fee, to be determined by BCSA, due and payable to the BCSA, and a copy of the transfer form sent to LIWSA, before the transfer can be completed. (BCSA Rule 7k)



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5.0 DIVISIONS

5.1 Divisions are ranked as follows from highest to lowest:

Competitive Teams [Category A]: Premier Division

Recreational Teams [Category B]: Division 1, Division 2, Division 3A, Division 3B, Classics O-30, U-21.

5.2 Clubs having more than one team registered within the LIWSA are only permitted to have a maximum of two teams in any one division. *Exception:* Divisions 3A and 3B, Over 30A and Over 30B.

5.3 At the beginning of each season the LIWSA shall set the number of teams assigned to each Division.

5.4 Each Division shall consist of a maximum of ten (10) teams.

5.5 Any new team wishing to enter the League must enter the League in the lowest division with assignment to Divisions 3A or 3B by the LIWSA Executive to create balanced divisions. The level division is currently Classics Tier B for O-30 and O-35 teams.

6.0 PROMOTION/RELEGATION

6.1 Division winners will be determined on total points earned during the league season. The system of counting points shall be three (3) points for a win, one (1) point for a draw. In the event of two teams being tied on points at the end of the regular season, the position will be decided on a tie-breaker based on the following criteria:

- a) number of wins
- b) number of wins in head to head competition
- c) goal differential (goals for minus by goals against)

If teams are still tied after these criteria, position will be determined by a playoff game to be held before March 31 of the current season.

6.2 The team(s) eligible for promotion will be promoted to the next highest division, for the following season. Failure to accept promotion will result in a club fine of \$500 and the team(s) being relegated to the lowest division, with the following exception:

- a) If the eligible team(s) are part of a club that currently has a team in the higher division, the team will then have the option of remaining in the lower division, with promotion falling to the 3rd place team. Any 3rd place team not wishing to be promoted to a higher division must notify their Division Liaison in writing no later than one (1) week after the completion of the league schedule for that division. On notification to the League of the



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decision not to advance on promotion, a play-off game will be immediately scheduled to determine the division standings for the following season.

The first eligible team who is willing to advance, being no lower than fourth (4) place in the division, will play the 9th place team in the higher division, in a promotion/relegation game, with the winner to advance.

6.3 The League Executive has established the following promotion/relegation policy for each Division.

- a. Premier, last placed team relegated to Division 1
- b. Division 1, first placed team promoted to Premier and last placed team relegated to Division 2
- c. Division 2, first placed team promoted to Division 1 and last three placed teams relegated to Division 3A and 3B.
- d. Divisions 3A and 3 B, first placed team from each Division promoted to Division 2, second placed teams in each Division shall playoff with the winner promoted to Division 2.

6.3 Exceptions to the Promotion/Relegation Rules may be made by the LIWSA Executive at the beginning of the season.

6.4 If a team disbands or changes affiliation and was a member of an established lower island soccer association/club, the team will not be able to take or retain their LIWSA divisional berth. The divisional berth remains with the soccer association/club.

7.0 *PLAYER PERMITS*

7.1 Youth Permits

Youth permits will be made in accordance with the BCSA Rules and Regulations as amended from time to time. The Rules and Regulations regarding permits are described below:

a) A registered youth player shall have permission to play up any number of times with a senior team in any one season providing the player has the consent of the affiliated youth team and approval of the LIWSA. (BCSA Rule 10a)

b) A permit shall allow a registered youth player to play for a senior team in a league or senior Category A cup competition without affecting her status. However, a player shall not play in both youth and senior provincial cup competition in any one competition season. (BCSA Rule 10b)

c) Application for permission to play up must be made at least 48-hours prior to the game for which the permit is to be issued. (BCSA Rule 10e) (See Section g below)

d) A permit is valid only for the day and game stated on the permit application form. (BCSA Rule 10f)



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- e) Any disciplinary action applied while playing in a game under permit shall apply to all future games. (BCSA Rule 10g)
- f) Senior teams shall not play more than three (3) youth players on permit in any one senior league or Category A cup game. Youth players may play up on permit an unlimited number of times in a given season. (BCSA Rule 10h)
- g) Youth permit forms shall be obtained from the Lower Island Soccer Association (LISA) Registrar. Permit forms must be completed by the team requesting the player and include consent from the affiliated youth team releasing the player.

Permit requests must be presented to LISA for validation Monday to Friday between the hours of 8:30 am and 3 pm and within 48 hours of the game date. Two (2) copies of completed and signed permit are to be attached to the referee line up sheet.

7.2 Intra-Club Player Permits

- a) Any club with more than one (1) team in the league may bring up players from a lower division team to play in a league game. Each individual player may move up for a maximum of five (5) games within a current playing season. A maximum of two (2) Intra club players may be used in league games at any one time.
- b) Any O-30 or O-35 teams that belong to a club that has Division 2 or lower Division teams registered shall be allowed to intra-club permit those players which meet the divisional age requirements. All other intra-club permit rules, as stated above, shall apply.
- c) Intra-club permits are valid for league games only and not permitted for cup or play-off games.
- d) Permit copies are to be distributed as follows:

copy (original) to be mailed or faxed to the LIWSA Registrar within 48 hrs of the game being played; date of post mark will be taken as the official date

copy given to referee with team list

copy given to opposing team with team list

8.0 CUP COMPETITION RULES AND REGULATIONS

Cup competition will be in accordance with the BCSA Rules and Regulations governing cup play. However, exceptions may be made at the discretion of the LIWSA Executive.

BCSA Rules and Regulations are described below:

- 8.1 Teams are only permitted to participate in one League or provincial cup competition.



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- 8.2 No Intra-club permits are permitted in cup competition.
- 8.2 A League and BCSA cup competition for senior Category A players shall allow only players who are registered as senior Category A players and registered youth players (in accordance to youth rules) to participate. (BCSA Rule 14i)
- 8.3 League cup competition for senior Category B players shall only allow players who are registered as senior Category B players to participate.
- 8.4 BCSA cup competition for senior Category B players shall only allow players who are registered as senior Category B players and no registered youth players are permitted. (BCSA Rule 14j)
- 8.5 Divisions 0-30, 0-35 and U-21 are a Category B Divisions and only players meeting the age requirements can participate.
- 8.6 Players must be registered or transferred at least seven (7) days before taking part in any Cup Competition. (BCSA Rule 27g)
- 8.7 No player shall be allowed to play for more than one team in any one cup competition. (BCSA Rule 27h)
- 8.8 A transferred player shall not be eligible to play for the new team in any cup competition in which the player has already competed in during the current playing season. (BCSA Rule 7o)
- 8.9 BCSA or the League as the case may be having jurisdiction, over a cup competition, shall decide the venue of all games. (BCSA Rule 27k)
- 8.10 The duration of each LIWSA round robin cup game shall be two halves of forty-five (45) minutes each. Points shall be awarded as follows:
- a) 3 points for a win in regulation time
 - b) 1 point for a tie in regulation time
- 8.11 Standings shall be decided by points won at the completion of the round robin with the tie breaking as outlined:
- a) If two (2) or more teams have an equal number of points on completion of the round robin, the following criteria shall be used to determine the final standings:
 - 1) Previous Match Results – The winner of the match between the two teams tied in points shall be awarded the higher position;
 - 2) Goal Differential -shall be calculated by goals for minus goals against.



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3) Penalty Kicks -If two (2) or more teams are still tied under the previous criteria, then the higher standings shall be decided by kicks from the penalty spot mark as per FIFA Laws of the Game at a time and place decided by a LIWSA Representative.

- 8.12 LIWSA cup quarter-final, semi-final and final games shall go into overtime if tied after regulation time. Overtime will consist of an extra two halves of fifteen (15) minutes each for a total of thirty (30) minutes. If the game is still tied after the overtime, then a winner shall be decided by penalty kicks in accordance with FIFA Laws of the Game.
- 8.13 Playing of Ineligible Players
- a) Any team proven to have played an ineligible player, (i.e. unregistered with team or league, registered in another League outside of British Columbia, disqualified, not eligible for cup play, wrong age, suspended), shall be disqualified from further participation in cup competition. (BCSA Rule 27i)
 - b) All of the disqualified team's victories will be reversed in favour of the opposition with a score of 1-0.
- 8.14 When official referee assistants are not appointed, team linesmen may be used, but no registered player shall be used in this capacity. (BCSA Rule 27r)
- 8.15 *Terry Price Cup*: The LIWSA will be represented at the Provincial Cup competition by the Premier Division winner, followed by the Terry Price Cup winner, then by Premier Division second place team. If any subsequent positions are granted, they will be determined by divisional final standings.
- 8.16 *Doug Day Cup*: The LIWSA will be represented at the Provincial B Cup competition by the Division One League winner, followed by the Doug Day Cup winner, then by the Doug Day Cup runner up.
- 8.17 *President's Cup*: The O-35 Division will only compete for the President's Cup. The LIWSA will be represented at the BC Classic Cup competition by the O-35 Division winner, followed by the President's Cup winner, then by O-35 Division second place team. If any subsequent positions are granted, they will be determined by divisional final standings.
- 8.18 *Shephanie Shergold Memorial Cup*: All teams eligible to compete in Doug Day Cup and who are not, will compete in the Stephanie Shergold Memorial Cup. This is a League recreational cup and the winner will not go on to represent the LIWSA at a provincial cup competition.
- 8.19 *Frank Leversedge Community Cup*: This is League Recreation cup for teams not wishing to compete in the Stephanie Shergold Memorial Cup. The winner will not go on to represent the LIWSA at any provincial cup competition.



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- 8.20 All teams winning seeds in the BC Provincial Cup, BC Recreational Cup and the BC Classic Cup must participate in the cup competition. Teams failing to participate in these provincial cup competitions may receive a fine, penalty and/or sanction imposed by the LIWSA Executive. Fines will not be less than the LIWSA costs for purchasing the seed in the Provincial Cup and could be up to \$500.
- 8.21 Any team unable to fulfill a scheduled League cup game without just cause shall forfeit the game and be subject to a fine. A score of 1-0 will be awarded to the opposing team. The team will automatically be suspended from the current season cup competition and for the following year's cup competition. The club that the team is affiliated with will also be fined a minimum of \$250.
- 8.22 Teams travelling off the Island to a BCSA sanctioned cup competition are entitled to a travel grant as determined by BCSA, providing the team meets their tournament commitments. Claims for travel to BCSA sanctioned cup competitions may be submitted to the LIWSA for consideration. In addition to the BCSA Travel Grants, this Association will disperse a maximum of \$1,500.00 per year amongst all eligible teams applying for travel costs. Teams must submit a travel expense claim within thirty (30) days of completion of cup competition to receive any reimbursements.
- 8.23 Protests of any kind during cup competitions must be made in writing and hand delivered, along with a fee of \$50, to the LIWSA President or another LIWSA Executive member, within twenty-four (24) hours of the protested incident. LIWSA Executive will make a ruling within forty-eight (48) hours. Funds will be reimbursed if the LIWSA Executive rules in favour of the protesting party



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9.0 DISCIPLINE

Discipline Rules are pursuant to the BCSA Rules and Regulations (Rule 14).

9.1 The LIWSA Executive shall have the authority to inquire into the conduct of any player or team official and may take disciplinary action where it is determined that the player or team official has:

- a. violated FIFA Laws of the Game and/or the BCSA game rules.
- b. violated rules established from time to time by the BCSA regarding the conduct of members on and off the field .
- c. conducted themselves in a manner considered by the LIWSA to be unbecoming of a member registered with the League.
- d. conducted themselves in a manner considered by the LIWSA not to be in the best interest in the game of soccer or the BCSA.

9.2 Disciplinary action may include any or all of the following:

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a disciplinary hearing to be held when necessary pursuant to the BCSA Disciplinary Guidelines:

- a. a reprimand
- b. suspension from playing coaching, or managing for one or more league or cup games or for one or more playing seasons
- c. suspension of the member for an indefinite period
- d. expulsion of the member from the LIWSA

The LIWSA Executive may also impose a fine or may make any other disciplinary decisions that it considers just.

9.3 Every association, league and team, is responsible for the actions of its players, officials and spectators, and is required to take all precautions necessary to prevent spectators threatening or assaulting officials and players during or at the conclusion of matches. (BCSA Rule 11h)

9.4 Players and/or officials reported for misconduct in a league, cup competition, tournament, exhibition or training game, may be allowed to continue to participate in all soccer activities until their case is dealt with, except (BCSA Rule 11i):

- a) A player with a red card or team official sent from the field of play will automatically be suspended for one (1) game. Suspensions shall apply to the player's next regularly scheduled league or cup competition game whichever comes first. The player or team official, having served the one (1)



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game suspension, shall be eligible to resume play unless notified by the League that further disciplinary action is being applied. The one game suspension shall be carried from one season to the next if not served prior to the completion of the season in which is issued.

b) A player who accumulates three (3) cautions (Yellow Cards) within a period of one playing season shall be automatically suspended without hearing or appeal following league game or cup game. After having served the one-game suspension, the player shall be eligible to resume play unless notified by the LIWSA that further disciplinary action is being applied. The one-game suspension shall be carried from one season to the next if not served prior to the completion of the season in which it was accumulated.

c) Having accumulated the cautions as per (b), players receiving a further two (2) cautions (Yellow Cards) in the current season shall be automatically suspended without hearing or appeal following league or cup game. After having served the one-game suspension, the player shall be eligible to resume play unless notified by the LIWSA that further disciplinary action is being applied. The one-game suspension shall be carried from one season to the next if not served prior to the completion of the season in which it was accumulated.

d) Having accumulated the cautions as per (c), players receiving a further single caution (Yellow Card) in the current season shall be automatically suspended without hearing or appeal from the player's following league or cup game. After having served the one-game suspension, the player shall be eligible to resume play unless notified by the LIWSA that further disciplinary action is being applied. The one-game suspension shall be carried from one season to the next if not served prior to the completion of the season in which it was accumulated.

e) Players or officials reported for violent misconduct, or for assault of Referees and/or Game Officials, shall stand suspended from all soccer activities within the jurisdiction of the LIWSA until their case has been heard, and dealt with by the LIWSA.

9.5 The LIWSA Executive will deal with all matters of discipline within ten (10) days of the incident.

10.0 PROTESTS

10.1 A registered team may lodge a protest to the LIWSA in a manner specified by BCSCA Rule 12. Protests may be sent by fax or e-mail but the original must be mailed to the LIWSA, with a cheque attached, according to the rules outlined below and must state the grounds upon which the protest is lodged.

10.2 The protest shall be signed by the team coach or manager, and shall be sent to the Secretary of the LIWSA. The fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) shall accompany the protest when filed.



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- 10.3 A protest must be submitted within 48 hours of the date of the match to which it relates. In the event that the protest is mailed, the post-mark shall be taken as the official date of submission.
- 10.4 A protest will only be considered on the grounds of misinterpretation of FIFA Laws of the Game, on the eligibility of players, or on breaches of the LIWSA Rules and Regulations.
- 10.5 The protest fee shall be refunded in the event that the LIWSA upholds a protest. The protest fee shall be retained in the event that the protest is denied.
- 10.6 Opposing teams will be notified of the protest within two (2) days after the LIWSA has received the protest.
- 10.7 Any protest relating to the ground, goal posts, bars or other appurtenances shall not be entertained by the LIWSA, unless notice of particulars has been given to the referee before the commencement of the match. The referee shall require the responsible teams to remove the cause of the objection, if this is possible, without delaying the commencement of the match. (When an objection has been lodged with the referee, a protest must be made in writing to the LIWSA Discipline Chair.)
- 10.8 In dealing with any protest, the LIWSA Executive will take into consideration the actions of any team(s) not providing full disclosure of the incident. The LIWSA may consider levying a fine of up a maximum of \$100 against the offending team(s).

11.0 APPEALS

Appeals from a decision of this league shall be made pursuant to the BCSA Rules and Regulations (Rule 13) regarding appeals and are described below:

- 11.1 Any party may, with leave of the BCSA Appeals Committee, appeal the decision of the LIWSA or BCSA Committee made against that party, provided that the set appeal involves only an interpretation of the By-Laws or Rules and Regulations of the BCSA or LIWSA. In all other cases the decision of the LIWSA shall be final and binding.
- 11.2 Appeals made to the BCSA shall be filed with the Executive Director within ten (10) days after issuance of the LIWSA decision. (BCSA Rule 13 c(i))
- 11.3 Appeals must be in writing, setting out the decision sought to be appealed, a concise statement of the facts and a concise submission stating the By-Law, Rule or Regulation that has been contravened. (BCSA Rule 13 c(i))
- 11.4 The appeal shall be signed by the team coach, manager, registered player or official. (BCSA Rule 13 c(ii))



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- 11.5 The appropriate appeal fee is to accompany the appeal. The fee will be set annually by the BCSA.

12.0 SPECIFIC LEAGUE REGULATIONS

12.1 Home Team Responsibilities

- a) Teams, which are designated as the home team, shall be responsible for reporting the score and the referee's name or ID number for all games played during the week by 5:00PM on the Sunday of that week to the appointed division liaison.
- b) Home teams are responsible for marking the field or liaising with the appropriate authority for marking the field, for checking on the condition of the field and to be aware of possible closures. Home teams are also responsible for obtaining alternate fields when closures occur and advising the opposing team and the division liaison of such field changes as soon as an alternate field has been confirmed.
- c) Home teams are responsible for supplying a properly inflated size 5 game ball and a back-up inflated size 5 game ball.
- d) Home teams are responsible for changing jerseys, when team colours conflict.

12.2 Team Responsibilities

- a) Each team must ensure that all players on the team are registered in accordance with Regulation 3.3 which includes possession of valid LIWSA Player ID Cards.
- b) Each team is responsible for sending a team representative to the AGM and to all scheduled coaches and managers meetings. A team representative is only permitted to represent one team.
- c) Each team is responsible for supplying two (2) corner flags, one (1) goal net and appropriate goal anchors.
- d) Each team must supply the LIWSA Registrar with a list of its coaches and managers including all contact information (e.g. phone, address, email, etc.). It is the responsibility of the team to ensure the list is up-to-date when contact information is changed.
- e) Team Line Up Lists:
1. Team lists, in duplicate, must be handed to the referee at or before half-time, and must be signed by the team coach or team manager.
 2. Team lists are to include first and last name and jersey numbers of all players taking part in the game.



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3. It is the responsibility of a team who requires the opposing team's line-up to request such of the referee or the opposing team manager.
4. Failure to submit a team list or to list all players played on the line up sheet will result in forfeiture of the game, providing a protest on that point is lodged.

f) Every team is responsible for securing a home field for their scheduled home games.

g) When an annual trophy is in the possession of a team and it is destroyed, damaged or lost, it shall be the responsibility of that team to pay the LIWSA for its replacement or repair. Any team withdrawing from the LIWSA shall return all annual trophies to the LIWSA Secretary immediately. All trophies shall be returned to the LIWSA at the Cup Draw Meeting. Engraving is the responsibility of the LIWSA.

12.3 Game Regulations

a) A game is deemed to be complete when a minimum of 60 minutes of play has been completed, (i.e. 45 minute half plus 15 or more minutes of the second half). Decision to call the game after the minimum amount of minutes has been played will be at the discretion of the referee. This rule is only to be applied under exceptional circumstances (e.g. serious injury of player, hazardous weather conditions or Acts of God).

b) All games shall be played in accordance with FIFA Laws of the Game and the Universal Guide for Referees.

c) Unlimited substitutions are allowed in regular league play.

d) No overtime shall be played in regular league play.

e) A match should not be considered valid if there are fewer than seven players on either of the teams. (Ref.: FIFA -Law 3: Number of Players).

f) No substitution is allowed for a carded player ordered from the field by the referee.

g) Substitutions can normally only be made during a stoppage of play and with the referee's consent.

h) A team must be given twenty (20) minutes from the scheduled start of the game to field a team or else default and forfeit the game. Common sense should prevail when applying this rule.

i) Teams must mutually consent to postpone a scheduled league game no later than 72 hours before the scheduled start of the game. Both teams are required to advise



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the Divisional Liaison of their mutual decision no later than 72 hours prior to the scheduled start of the game. Only the LIWSA Executive may waive this requirement for unexpected field closures or severe weather conditions. .

j) It is the responsibility of the team(s) requesting the game postponement to reschedule and play the game with 21 days of the original scheduled date. Games not rescheduled within the 21 days will be rescheduled by the Division Liaison to a time and location of the League's choosing.

k) Any team defaulting a League game shall be subject to a League fine and the cost of game officials and field rental expenses if applicable. The defaulted game will result in 1-0 score being awarded to the opposing team.

1. First defaulted game: \$300
2. Second defaulted game: \$600
3. Third defaulted game: \$1,000 and suspension of the team.

l) Any team defaulting a Cup game shall be subject to a League fine and the cost of game officials and field rental expenses if applicable. The defaulted game will result in 1-0 score being awarded to the opposing team.

1. Defaulted game: \$350 and suspension from further Cup play in the current playing season and the following playing season.



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- m) Any team with fines outstanding after 30 days shall be suspended until all fines are paid. Interest shall accrue to outstanding fine at the rate of 20% after 30 days.
- n) No team with outstanding fines in excess of \$300 shall be permitted register for the next playing season.
- o) Any team proven to have played an ineligible player in a league game shall forfeit the game. Points will be awarded as 1-0 to the other team.
- p) Players' Equipment: (Ref.: FIFA -Law 4: Player's Equipment)
1. The basic compulsory equipment of a player shall consist of a matching jersey or shirt, shorts, stockings, shin guards and footwear.
 2. A player shall not wear anything that is dangerous to themselves or to other players, (jewellery, visible body piercing, beads, watches etc.).
 3. Shin guards, which must be covered entirely by the stockings, shall be made of suitable material (rubber, plastic, polyurethane or similar substance) and shall afford a reasonable degree of protection.
 4. Goalkeepers shall wear colours that distinguish them from the other players and from the referee.
 5. Knee braces shall be covered at all times during play with a suitable soft material, (cloth, athletic bandage, foam, etc.).
- q) Visible undergarments such as thermo pants (cycling shorts) are authorized. They must, however, be of the same colour as the shorts of the team of the player wearing them and not extend beyond the top of the knee. If a team wears multicoloured shorts, the undergarments must be of the same colour as of the predominant colour of the shorts. (Ref.: FIFA -Laws of the Game -Instructions to the Referees: Memorandum 1992)
- u) Team uniform jerseys must be numbered and match in colour and style. No two uniforms can have the same number.



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13.0 FINES

- 13.1 Failing to send a team representative to an AGM or CoachesManagers Meeting: \$25/per occurrence.
- 13.2 Failing to comply with R 12.2(c) Game Fee.
- 13.3 Failing to notify the Division Liaison of a field change, R 12.1 Game Fee.
- 13.4 Failing to have properly numbered jersey, R 12.3(p): \$75.
- 13.5 Failing to report game scores: \$15/per occurrence.
- 13.6 Failing to produce player ID Cards:

First Offence Game Fee Second Offence & all subsequent offences Forfeiture of Game & Game Fee .

14.0 REFEREES

- 14.1 The Referee Scheduler shall schedule referees for all games.
- 14.2 Referee Assistants shall be appointed for Premier games only.
- 14.3 Referees shall report to the appropriate authority misconduct or any misdemeanor on the part of spectators, officials, players, substitutes or other persons which take place either on the field of play or in its vicinity at any time prior to, during, or after the match in question so that appropriate action can be taken by the Board. (Ref.: FIFA -Law 5: Referees)
- 14.4 If for any reason a referee does not appear or is unable to complete a game, it is the responsibility of the two teams to mutually agree on a substitute referee. The home team shall notify the Division Liaison of the appointed referee's name, address and phone number the same day of the match.
- 14.5 In order for an unscheduled referee and/or referee assistant to be paid, they must complete a game report and submit this report to the LIWSA. (Note: Game report forms can be found on the LIWSA web site).
- 14.6 Unless the grounds are ruled unplayable prior to the game by the appropriate regulatory authority, the teams must appear and await the decision of the referee.
- 14.7 The referee shall have the power to decide the fitness of the ground in all matches, and their decision shall be final.
- 14.8 The referee shall check all LIWSA ID Cards prior to the start of the match. Failure to produce LIWSA ID Cards will be noted on the game report.



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Note: A match may be called immediately prior to the start of the game due to field or weather conditions. by mutual agreement of both team coaches in the absence of a referee.

