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# PALM BEACH SOCCER LEAGUE

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Rules and Regulations

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## Section 1: General Rules of Order

- A. The rules contained herein shall govern members of this league in all cases to which they are applicable and are consistent with the articles of incorporation and the by-laws of this league. All competition shall be governed by the rules stated herein, unless the rules of a specific competition determine otherwise.
- B. The league shall adopt and be governed by the applicable rules and regulations of FYSA, except when more stringent rules and regulations are required by the Palm Beach Soccer League, Inc.

## Section 2: Seasonal Concept of PBSL

- A. The seasonal year shall be defined as the period of time between September 1st of each year through August 31st of the following year.
- B. NO CLUB SHALL BE ALLOWED TO PLAY IN ANY SEASON OR TOURNAMENT WITHOUT A FULLY PAID BOND.
- C. The playing schedule of PBSL shall be as follows:
  - **Early Season** may be comprised of club teams (gold, silver and bronze divisions) in age groups 8U through 19U. The season shall begin in September and run through early November.
  - **Regular Season** may be comprised of club teams (gold, silver, and bronze divisions) in age groups 8U through 19U. The season shall begin in early November and run through February/March.
  - **Late Season**, if played, shall run February/March through May and follow the guidelines of Early Season.
- D. At the discretion of the Board of Directors, an Early and/or Regular Season Playoff may be held at the end of each season with trophies or medallions for first and second place.
- E. End of Year Tournament following Regular Season for member clubs in each age division, for any team in good standing within the league. Clubs who have played in the Early, Regular, or Late Season will be invited to play in this Tournament. Other teams may be invited to play to fill roster positions (at the discretion of the Board of Directors).

### Section 3: Levels of Competition

- A. Gold, Silver, and Bronze divisions will be established based on the number of declared teams and playing level of those teams.
- B. If applicable, the Gold Division shall be comprised of the top level competitive travel teams.
- C. If applicable, the Silver and Bronze Divisions shall be comprised of competitive level travel teams.
- D. In all divisions:
  - The President or the Vice President or the VP of Rules and Regulations, shall be responsible for all matters pertaining to the teams in this Division, unless they are of a nature which is solely under the jurisdiction of the VP of Rules and Regulations.
  - The VP of Rules and Regulations shall establish a playing schedule and maintain current standings.
  - The VP of Rules and Regulations shall conduct a mandatory coach's meeting prior to the commencement of the early season. A representative (Coach, Assistant Coach, or Team Manager) for each registered team within each club should attend. Any team that does not have a representative will be incur a fine assessed against the club of \$50 per team.
- E. Team placement will be the responsibility of the club. Clubs are to place their teams in the appropriate divisions of play to ensure fair and equitable competition for PBSL-affiliated youth soccer teams.
  - The VP of Rules and Regulations shall have the right to move teams either in age groups or between divisions should their performance indicate improper placement.
  - All movement of teams will be completed prior to the sign-up deadline of each seasonal year.
- F. Based on direction from USYS/FYSA, our 12U groups will be NON HEADING divisions during Early Season, Regular Season, and Late Seasons. Teams/Clubs are responsible for compliance.

## Section 4: Player and Team Registration and Transfer

- A. All players competing in PBSL scheduled games shall be registered with FYSA per that organization's requirements.
- Each player will have a current verified and laminated FYSA player pass card with their picture on the card or the player shall not play.
  - In the interest of the players, a dual rostered player shall be restricted to only playing one FYSA game per day with the exception of a tournament.  
***Must comply with section 205.5 of FYSA RULES***
  - Clubs with dual rostered players must submit a roster in GotSoccer no later than 48 hours prior to the first game of the playing season. This allows dual rostered players to continue to play out the league season as well as compete in the end of season tournament even though the roster for the FYSA championship series has been turned into the state reflecting their primary team. PBSL will accept the old roster which has their dual registration only for league play.
  - Each head coach and their assistant must be in possession of a verified FYSA coach passes at each PBSL-sanctioned game.
  - The coach pass must be signed, have a picture, be laminated and presented to the referee at game time or the team will not play.
  - Coaches shall be subjected to the same rules as the players during the games and may incur disciplinary actions greater than the players (see Sections 8, 9, and 10).
- B. Each club will notify the executive committee of its team(s)' participation based on the following dates.
- ***Early/Regular/Late Season.*** The deadlines as posted on the PBSL website ([www.palmbeachsl.com](http://www.palmbeachsl.com)) will be followed as the final dates for each of these items: team entry by age group and division, home field location and availability, copy of field permit if required, and the name and contact information of all head coaches. Also, all club and/or team fees, club bond and any outstanding club fines must be submitted by or at this meeting for any clubs entering early season teams.
  - Minimum team requirement. Two (2) teams are for the first two (2) years and three (3) teams after that period are the minimum required by each club for league competition, within a seasonal year, unless waived by the Board of Directors.

- C. Transfer restrictions. PBSL shall not permit any transfer of players between clubs after January 1st for the duration of the regular PBSL season and its matches. Any player who transfers between clubs after Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> shall be ineligible for any PBSL competition, unless their home team is disbanded during the season.
- D. FYSA Roster Policy. Teams will be allowed to maintain a FYSA roster of players for each team registered with FYSA and PBSL with the purpose of allowing guest players to “play up” from ***within their own Club***.
- E. Changes to team’s official FYSA GotSoccer roster. Any changes must adhere to the following:
- Must be approved by Club Registrar.
  - New roster must be sent to VP of Rules and Regulations 48 hours prior to next game.
  - Must provide the new roster, signed by Club Registrar, at next game.
- F. Guest Player Rules. PBSL is committed to enhancing the ability of our member clubs to develop their players in new and innovative ways. As part of this commitment, the use of “Guest” players during the season is allowed in PBSL games.
- Clubs/Coaches may use any age appropriate players in their games provided the following restrictions are met:
    - The maximum number of guest players allowed per team, per game, will be three (3) for 7v7 and 9v9 games, and five (5) for 11v11 games.
    - No player may play on more than one PBSL team the same day.
    - Guest players may only come from within your club and must be age appropriate. No lateral play will be allowed in a competitive season.
    - Guest players name MUST appear as guest players on the game roster with “Guest Team Code”.
    - There will be NO guest players allowed during league playoffs. Cutoff will be 2 weeks prior to the end of the Regular Season Play.
  - As with using players not registered to your team/club, playing inappropriate guest players carries the same types of sanctions as would be found in playing an illegal player (see Section 8).
  - To allow for the use of guest players, all teams are required to use GotSoccer rosters/game cards for all league games 48 hours prior to game time and generate a roster before play, prior to the season and/or prior to the roster freeze date for playoffs. When a new player is registered to your team/club, an updated roster must be completed in GotSoccer 48 hours PRIOR to that player playing in any league games. The most recent roster on-file with the league will be used to determine the registration status of any guest players used during the season. There will be NO guest players allowed during league playoffs.

**NON COMPLIANCE WITH THE ABOVE RULE WILL RESULT IN A \$25.00 FINE TO THE COACH AND A ONE GAME SUSPENSION FROM COACHING ANY TEAM.**

**FAILURE TO MAINTAIN PROPER RECORDS SHALL RESULT IN A FINE OF \$100.00.**

## **Section 5: PBSL FEES**

- A. A performance bond shall be required in the amount of \$400 per club. From this bond shall come any fines charged against the club, any referee fees lost due to the club's failure to show for a game, and fees not paid to Palm Beach Soccer League. Upon a club's written notice to PBSL of its intent to drop out of PBSL, the club's performance bond will be returned to the club minus any outstanding fines or fees.
- B. The Board of Directors shall set the administrative fee (if any) that will be charged to each club per year at the Annual Meeting.
- C. The Board of Directors shall set the team fee for each season at the annual meeting.
- D. Any team that disbands after the publishing of the playing schedule will incur a \$150 fine, assessed to that team's club.
- E. Any club not in good standing will not be allowed to play in any game (in early season, regular season, late season, playoffs, or any PBSL tournament) until they are back in good standing within the league.

## **Section 6: PBSL Coaching Certificates and Licenses**

- A. All coaches (head coaches and assistant coaches) who coach in the PBSL are required to have an FYSA coaching license in accordance to the level of team play. The level of team play is determined by the team's last regional competition.
  - Gold Division coaches are required to have an FYSA "D" coaching license (or equivalent).
  - Silver and Bronze Division coaches are required to have an FYSA "E" coaching certificate (or equivalent).
  - A new coach (head or assistant) that has never coached in the PBSL shall be required to take the appropriate online/field courses during the first year of coaching.
  - Clubs will be required to maintain accurate records of their coaches regarding the status of their licenses and certificates. The clubs will be required to submit said information on an annual basis to PBSL.



- The Board of Directors may make exceptions to this rule.

## Section 7: Referees

- A. Referee assignors. PBSL-sanctioned clubs shall be responsible for assigning a three-person, currently certified, referee team to all scheduled home games.
- A club assignor shall be a currently registered FSR certified assignor, who is hired and paid by the club they are working for.
  - Prior to the beginning of a PBSL playing season, each club shall submit the name of its state-certified referee assignor to the VP of Referees.
  - If a club fails to submit an assignor, then the VP of Referees will assign referees to that club for their PBSL home games. The club shall be responsible for all assignor fees, and any fees not paid within 30 days of an invoice shall be assessed against and taken from the club's bond.
  - The VP of Referees shall be responsible for all PBSL matters pertaining to the club assignor.
  - Club referee assignor must use only currently USSF certified referees or club will be fined **\$50**.
  - Club referees shall have no interest in game outcomes. Referees should never officiate in any game where there is a vested interest. "Vested interest" is defined as when the official or a member of the official's family (spouse, child, or parent) or that person's team may be affected by the outcome of the game/match.
- B. The VP of Referees shall keep records of all matters pertaining to the referees and PBSL.
- C. Assignments and payment shall be made only to currently USSF certified referees for services rendered.
- Referee payment shall be made prior to the game.
  - Payment shall be a fifty-fifty split of the full fee by each team.
  - Referee fees owed to certified referees, for a game that was forfeited, shall be the responsibility of the team that forfeited.
  - Referee fees owed to certified referees, who are assigned to incorrect game times, shall be the responsibility of the home team's club.

- The Board of Directors shall set forth the referee fee schedule for each season at the annual meeting (See Section 8, Pre-Game).
- D. The VP of Referees shall be the link between the club assignors and the referee association in regards to referee clinics and the assignor clinics.
- E. Referee misconduct. All reports of referee misconduct shall be reported in writing, within forty-eight (48) hours of the misconduct, to the VP of Referees. The VP of Referees shall forward such reports of misconduct, if proven valid, to the State Referee Administration's office within forty-eight (48) hours.
- F. All club assignors must keep a game log, which shall be produced upon request by the VP of Referees. Failure to produce a game log, or a correctly-maintained game log, will result in a \$100 club fine and the assignor will be reprimanded.

## Section 8: Standing Rules of Competition

### *General/Introductory Information*

- A. Except where modified herein, rules of play shall be FIFA "Laws of The Game". Competition sanctioned by the league shall abide by the "Laws of The Game" and any modifications specifically published by the FYSA, unless further modified by the PBSL.
- B. All contests sanctioned by the league shall abide by the official rules, and the modifications as published by PBSL, unless otherwise amended by the Board of Directors.
- C. Behavior. Officials, Directors, and Coaches of both clubs/teams are directly responsible to ensure that teams, coaches, fans and spectators conduct themselves in a proper and respectful manner. PBSL may impose sanctions/suspensions on the PBSL affiliated club, until the hearing board meets and has resolved the issue, for conduct which is detrimental to the team, club or league.

### *Roster Size*

- A. Players 9U, 10U, 11U and 12U shall play soccer under the auspices of USYSA, FYSA and PBSL in accordance with rules of the Developmental Player Program Modified Playing Rules for 10U and 12U.
- 9U and 10U will play 7v7. Maximum roster size is 12. Minimum number to play is 5.
  - 11U and 12U will play 9v9. Maximum roster size is 16. Minimum number to play is 6.
  - 13U and UP will play 11v11. Maximum roster size for is 22. However, only 18 may play in any one game. If a roster contains more than 18 players, the roster given to the referee

prior to the game must indicate which players will NOT be playing by crossing out the player names until the roster size of 18 is reached.

- Requirements of roster size may be waived by the Board of Directors.

### *The Field*

Field requirements shall adhere to the following:

- The designated home team shall be responsible for the conditions of the grounds, field marking and equipment, unless the field is a regional site, then the responsibility belongs to the host club.
- Nets and corner flags are required.
- A crowd line five feet parallel outside the touch line on both sides of the field is recommended.
- It is the position of PBSL that all goals must be padded. No “square” goals shall be used without padding.
- It will be the responsibility of both teams to have an appropriate game ball.
- The referee assigned to the center for the game will determine the playable conditions of the field.
- Modified field size for 9U – 12U. The field size for 9U-12U will be as follows:
  - 9U and 10U will play on a 45 X 60 yard field equipped with a 6 x 18 ft or 7 X 21 ft goals.
  - 11U and 12U will play on a 50 x 80 yard field equipped with a 6 X 18 ft or 7 x 21 ft goals.

### *Length of Games, Overtime and Ball Size*

These items shall adhere to the following:

<u>AGE GROUP</u>	<u>LENGTH OF GAME</u>	<u>BALL SIZE</u>
19U/17U	2-45 MIN HALVES	5
16U/15U	2-40 MIN HALVES	5
14U/13U	2-35 MIN HALVES	5
12U/11U	2-30 MIN HALVES	4
10U/9U	2-25 MIN HALVES	4

Overtime is not allowed during the season. Tournament rules may vary.

### *Player Passes*

Should a player participate in a league game with a team to which they are not properly registered (must have team specific player pass with the proper team code on it) or if the player is currently under suspension from said team, the team shall automatically forfeit the game 3-0, and the player may be subject to further disciplinary action.

- The coach or team manager shall present laminated player pass cards to the referee prior to the start of the game. Any player not present at the start of the game shall present him/herself and pass to the referee prior to entering the field. No pass=no play.
- Player pass cards are to be returned to the team's manager or coach at the conclusion of the game.
- If a player does not present a laminated player pass to the referee prior to participation, they shall not play in that game. Exceptions to this may include the following: prior approval obtained from an Officer of the PBSL Board of Directors based on verification that the player is registered with FYSA and proper notification to the referee by the PBSL Officer.
- Player pass or roster requirements for a pre-season jamboree may be amended by the Board of Directors prior to the pre-season jamboree.

### *Player Uniforms and Equipment*

Player uniforms and equipment shall adhere to the following:

- Contrasting colors. When colors of competing teams are identical or similar, the designated home team must affect a change to colors distinct from their opponents. All teams must travel in their club's primary colors.
- Goalkeepers Uniform. The uniform or jersey of the goalkeeper must be distinctly different in color from the basic colors of either competing team.
- Uniform Numbers. Player's uniform numbers are to be affixed to the back of the uniform shirt. No two players from one team may have an identical uniform number while both are playing on the field at the same time.
- Cast and/or braces. Players wearing an orthopedic cast shall not be eligible to participate in any game. Orthopedic braces may be worn only if they are soft and with no hard parts. For players wearing an orthopedic brace, a doctors' written permission must be obtained to play and this document must be made available to game officials/referees upon request.
- All players shall be required to wear protective shin guards (to be worn beneath their game socks) at all times while actively participating in the game. Such shin guards shall be of the type and style of protective athletic equipment specifically designed to protect the player's lower leg (shin bone).

- Additional shirts (under the jersey) and long pants (under the shorts and socks) are allowed for younger players during cold or inclement weather.
- Outside of these items as noted, decision-making authority regarding player uniforms and equipment at a PBSL game resides with, and is at the discretion of, the primary referee.

### *Pre-Game*

The pre-game procedure shall be as follows:

- Each coach or team manager shall present to the referee copies of the GotSoccer Game Card. The team designated as the “home” team shall provide two (2) copies, and the team designated as the “away” team shall provide one (1) copy. At the end of the game, a copy of the Game Card will go to each coach and one will be kept by the referee.
- The referee shall verify the identity of each player by his/her player pass and also each team's coach and all assistant coach passes and/or the team manager. Only carded coaches and team managers are allowed on the player (bench) side of the field.
- The referee shall check and make certain that each player's equipment and uniform is proper.
- Referee Fees. Referee fees shall be paid by both teams prior to kickoff. Referee fees are based on age groups:
  - 9U-10U: \$45.00 PER TEAM (CENTER=\$38.00, AR1=\$26.00, AR2=\$26.00)
  - 11U-12U: \$53.00 PER TEAM (CENTER=\$46.00, AR1=\$30.00, AR2=\$30.00)
  - 13U-14U: \$60.00 PER TEAM (CENTER=\$52.00, AR1=\$34.00, AR2=\$34.00)
  - 15U-19U: \$70.00 PER TEAM (CENTER=\$64.00, AR1=\$38.00, AR2=\$38.00)
- The referee's judgment with regards to the physical condition of the field and its acceptability for play, and to the actual happenings and occurrences relating to the conduct of the game, and to those prerogative or judgments inherently granted to the referee by the Laws of The Game as published by FIFA shall not be challenged.
- A team that is not ready to play 15 minutes past the scheduled game time shall forfeit the game. In the event of a forfeited game, the referee must report the incident to the home team assignor who in turn shall notify the VP of Rules and Regulations. The team that forfeits shall be responsible for the full referee fee. The referee shall not ask for the fees from the team present.
- In cases of rainouts or lightning where the referee or the parks and recreation personnel calls the game prior to its start, a courtesy amount of \$5 per team shall be given to each referee.

- A game completed to half-time shall be considered a complete game if the game has to be stopped based on a rainout, lightning, or other unforeseen circumstance. Referees shall be paid the full game fees.
- Schedule changes are allowed during the free schedule change period. Once this period has passed, any schedule change must be mutually agreed upon by both the home and away teams. These schedule changes are facilitated through GotSoccer. Schedule changes shall be made at least 72 hours in advance.

Note: It is the intent of the PBSL to limit schedule change requests. If the free schedule change period has passed and the teams cannot reach a mutually agreed upon date if a team is asking to reschedule a game, then these requests should be escalated to the Vice President.

- No Referees. The procedure when no referee shows up within 30 minutes of scheduled start time shall be as follows:
  - No official game shall be played.
  - Home team shall be fined.
  - Game must be rescheduled.
  - If game is not rescheduled it shall be recorded as a forfeiture by the home team.
- Single Referee. If at least one referee is present, the procedure will be as follows:
  - The single referee will assume the position of Center Referee
  - The game may be played and will count.
  - The home team shall be fined \$100 for not providing 3 referees.
  - Club linesmen may be used in this case.
- A \$200 fine shall be assessed against the club of any team responsible for a forfeit.
- A \$150 fine shall be assessed to both teams for failure to reschedule a game. Rescheduling must be done within 48 hours of the cancelled game.
- A forfeit is considered a game played, a postponement is not.

### *Substitutions and In-Game*

Procedures during the game shall be as follows:

- Substitutions. Players may be substituted only during stoppage of the game. The number of substitutions shall be unlimited unless a competition superseding PBSL jurisdiction specifically determines otherwise. Substitutions may be made at the following times:
  - Prior to a throw-in in your favor
  - Prior to a goal kick, by either team
  - After an injury, by either team, when the referee has stopped play.
  - For a player who has just received a yellow card, when the referee has stopped play.

- Between periods.
- The referee shall be made aware of each time the goalkeeper is changed.
- The referee's permission is necessary, in any situation, before a substitution can be made. A substitute player may not enter the field of play until he/she has been so instructed by the referee.
- No player from any team or club may play 2 games in 1 day within the PBSL seasonal play. The penalty shall be the forfeiture of both games in which the player played.
- Mercy Rule is hereby eliminated. All games shall be played to their normal conclusion time. The reasoning regarding the mercy rule elimination is that teams have driven a long distance and should play the full game. We recommend, as a practice of good sportsmanship, that coaches use a lopsided matchup as a teaching moment for their team and not rack up the score as all games are scored with a maximum 3 goal differential. You can also set up skill challenges in this situation such as "x" number of passes prior to shooting, etc.
- In order to give the 9U-10U players an opportunity to develop their passing skills, no punting directly from goalkeeper to goalkeeper will be allowed. Throwing and passing to other players shall be encouraged. Any player guilty of this offense shall have an indirect kick, placed at half field, awarded against him/her.

### *Coach, Player, and Spectator Requirements*

These requirements are as follows:

- Bench area. Coaches and players must remain on the bench or bleachers or within the immediate vicinity of the team's bench (10 yards) while the game is in progress. A maximum of 3 coaches can remain in the bench area. Each coach is required to have a verified coach pass.
- Coaching from the bench area, the purpose of which is to provide direction to one's own team on positioning and points of strategy only, is conditionally permitted. Even this should be kept to a minimum. CODE OF ETHICS WILL BE ENFORCED.
- Mechanical devices. Coaches, players, and spectators may not utilize mechanical devices, such as voice amplifiers, whistles, bells, rattles, noise makers of any kind, etc.
- Unsportsmanlike conduct. Coaches, players, and spectators shall not use profanity, or make insulting or otherwise derogatory remarks or gestures to their own team, the opposing team, the referee, or to other spectators. USE OF PROFANITY WILL INCUR A \$50.00 FINE.
- Enticing ill-behavior. Coaches, players, or spectators shall not, by their remarks or gestures, in any manner, entice disruptive behavior. CODE OF ETHICS WILL BE ENFORCED.
- Punitive action. Coaches and players violating the above rules will be subject to ejection, as well as to further disciplinary action deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors. Any

spectators violating the above rules will result in action against the team and club associated with said spectator, including suspension from league play until the spectator problem is solved or board action is taken.

- A coach who receives RED CARD and therefore ejection or send-off for his/her actions during any PBSL activities throughout the seasonal year shall be fined \$100.00 and given a 2 (two) game suspension + 12 (twelve) month probation from the date of violation.
- If a coach receives a second ejection or send-off for their action during the probationary period, the coach may be subject to immediate suspension from all league activities for a period of one year, pending a disciplinary hearing. The Board of Directors may reduce the severity based upon a hearing.
- Field Marshall. Each club shall appoint a club representative to be present at every home game sanctioned by the PBSL. They shall be responsible for reporting any problems to the Club representative, who will in turn report it to the VP of Rules and Regulations (by emailing pbslscheduling@gmail.com). Failure to provide a Field Marshall shall result in a \$25 fine to the club.
- There will be no alcohol or tobacco products used at the game site.
- It is the responsibility of both coaches to keep the parent/spectator conduct under control.

## Section 9: Disciplinary Actions, Protests and Appeals

A. Procedures/requirements regarding disciplinary actions are as follows:

- When discipline/sanctions are imposed, they shall meet the required minimums. The disciplinary body shall evaluate the incident as to the intent, severity and past misconduct to determine the appropriate disciplinary action/sanctions. More severe disciplinary action/sanctions shall be imposed for multiple red cards during a season and for misconduct directed towards officials or administrators.
- One game suspension. A one game suspension results from the following: a second caution where misconduct is neither violent or with intent to harm or injure, persistent infringement, or stopping an imminent goal. Verbal abuse in the form of dissent or foul language, non-directed.
- Two game suspension. A two game suspension results from the following: serious foul play. Verbal abuse in the form of foul language (in any language) which is directed. Obscene gestures--all gestures made with any part of the body, which implies visual profanity and/or exposure of the anatomy considered lewd and lascivious.
- Four game suspension. A four game suspension results from violent conduct, threatening gestures, fighting, spitting.



- Six game suspension. A six game suspension results from entering a fight in progress and/or any actions which result in law enforcement being called.
- Referee assault. Penalties for referee assault include a minimum one (1) year suspension. If serious injuries are inflicted there is a minimum five (5) year suspension.
- Referee abuse. The penalty for referee abuse includes a minimum three (3) scheduled matches.
- PBSL shall publish monthly a list of all red cards in conjunction with this league (during the months of our league season) and shall seek to obtain additional information on red cards issued from other affiliates and tournaments.
- Two or more red cards for the same offense (other than a one game suspension) issued to a player may subject that player to a doubling of the minimum guidelines. This standard shall also apply if the player receives said red cards while playing in another affiliated league or in a tournament (during FYSA calendar year).
- When a red card has been issued, both coaches shall be responsible for sending the game report to the VP of Rules and Regulations (via pbslscheduling@gmail.com) no later than 5 P.M. Tuesday following the game. Failure to report, as noted, will result in a fine of \$100 to each club and a suspension of both coaches for 1 game. (moved this from pre-game).
- In all cases where red cards are issued, or send-offs occur, the VP of Rules and Regulations shall forward a copy of the applicable referee report to the club president and/or representative upon request from the club president and/or club representative.

B. Administrative Game Conduct. Procedures/requirements regarding administrative game conduct are as follows:

- Any Coach/Assistant Coach/Manager who sends a player onto the playing field with the intent to play or participate in that or any game, or any youth who is not registered, or is suspended, or is over age or is not a rostered member of the teams playing, and/or does not have a verified player pass, shall be suspended the remainder of the seasonal year plus one year.
- Any player who enters a game that he/she is not registered to, and/or rostered to either of the teams, shall be suspended for the remainder of the seasonal year.
- Any Coach/Assistant Coach or player who participates in a game before completion of suspension shall have, at a minimum, the original suspension renewed. Refer to the FYSA rules section 503 for additional disciplinary actions regarding ineligible players/coaches.
- Any Coach/Assistant Coach/Manager who removes their team from the field shall be suspended for one game.
- Suspensions. Red cards/ejections/send offs issued must be served as follows:

- If issued during the District, Regional or President's Cup, must be worked off during the remainder of the competition.
  - If no competition remains, the suspension must be worked off in the next scheduled league and/or tournament game(s).
  - If issued during a tournament game--if the suspension is not completed during the tournament, the tournament director will send game reports to the Review and Disciplinary Committee for possible additional disciplinary action. This committee will review and send the decision to the appropriate additional disciplinary committee(s) for action.
  - If issued during State Cup, the player will not be allowed to participate in the next State Cup game played by the player's team. A player may receive more than a one game suspension. Local club/league may issue additional disciplinary actions to be served in other non-State Cup games.
- A red card issued for referee assault shall require the following:
    - Player pass, game report and other document sent to state office within 48 hours. (Referee will send report to the State Office for determination of assault. Decision will be sent to the state office and forwarded to appropriate commissioner within FYSA.
    - Disciplinary hearing held with (30) days of the incident.
    - Player/Coach suspended immediately.
  - The VP of Rules and Regulations must be notified when suspensions were served by players or coaches by emailing the game report signed by the referee indicating that the aforementioned suspension had been served.
  - For purposes of this documentation, use of the word scheduled is not intended to mean "scheduled to work off the suspension".

C. Offenses related to Administrative Misconduct are as follows:

- Affiliation. Failure to comply with affiliation procedures per FYSA rule 102/104.
- Registration. Failure to register players and coaches per rule section 200/211 and 400/404.
- Fees. Failure to pay required fees or fines according to rule section 300/303.
- Discipline and Sanctions. Failure to comply with or administer rule section 500/505.
- Protest and Appeals. Failure to provide due process according to rule section 600/611.
- Misfeasance. Failure to perform duties and responsibilities according to the rules.
- Malfeasance. Failure to perform duties and responsibilities intending to circumvent the rules.

- Nonfeasance. Failure to perform duties and responsibilities.

D. Protest and Appeals. Requirement/procedures are as follows:

- Limitations. Only violations of PBSL’s constitution, by-laws, rules and regulations, or specifically published rules of a competition, or the misapplication of the "Laws of The Game" shall be subject to protest and appeals.
- Purpose. The purpose of this rule is to establish a body of procedures and regulations to be followed in all matters of the PBSL, as administered by the VP of Rules and Regulations. Such matters include:
  - Protest(s) directed to PBSL by members arising from violation of the rules.
  - Appeals directed to the Board of Directors by members arising from rulings issued by the VP of Rules and Regulations and/or the VP of Referees
  - Request for disciplinary action arising generally from, but not limited to, cautions and ejections issued to a player(s) and or coach(es) in a game situation.
- Method. Protests and appeals are to be in writing and are to be sent to each officer of the Board of Directors within the time limitations established (see below).
- Procedures and Regulations. For the purposes of this rule, all organizations will be referred to as:

Federation Internationale de Football Association	FIFA
Florida Youth Soccer Association	FYSA
United States Youth Soccer Association	USYSA
Palm Beach Soccer League	PBSL

All references to rules mean the rules, regulations, and laws, etc. of PBSL, FYSA, USYSA, and FIFA. All references to submissions in writing means that written documents must be transmitted via email to all board members.

E. Protest. Protests must be submitted in writing within 48 hours of the completion of the specific event in which the rule violation allegedly occurred. The following items apply:

- The protest must be submitted and signed by one of the following on behalf of the member claiming the rule violations: the Club President, the Club Representative to PBSL, the Club Alternate Representative to PBSL, or the Agent of Record for the Club.
- A fee of \$25 (refundable if the protest is upheld) must accompany the filing.
- Only rule violations can be protested. Protests must state specifically the rule(s) violated citing the following:

- Rule source - FIFA, USYSA, FYSA or PBSL.
- Book or document where the rule can be found including the page number, rule number and subsection (if applicable).
- Protests must completely but briefly state the events and facts supporting the contention that rules were violated.
- Procedure upon receipt. Upon receipt of the protest, the following will take place:
  - The VP of Rules and Regulations will review for completeness and conformity to items noted above.
  - If the protest does not comply, the protest is rejected and the fee is returned to the filer. Rejections may be appealed to the Board of Directors by following the appeal procedures.
  - If the protest complies, the VP of Rules and Regulations will convene a hearing board within 14 days of the receipt of the protest. A 7-day notice must be given as to the date, time, and place of the hearing.
- The burden of substantiation or defense with respect to a protest will rest with the members involved. It is not the responsibility of the VP of Rules and Regulations, PBSL or any of its designees to gather facts or to solicit statements or testimony.
- The protest will conclude, with respect to the PBSL, with the decision of a hearing board. Appeals of such decisions must begin with the FYSA District Commissioner.

F. Appeals. Procedures/requirements are as follows:

- Decisions of the VP of Rules and Regulations or other designee may be appealed to the Board of Directors. Decisions of a hearing board can only be appealed to the FYSA District Commissioner.
- Appeals must be submitted in writing to the President of PBSL within 48 hours of the receipt of the ruling being appealed. A \$25 non-refundable fee must accompany the filing. Copies of all documents relative to the original ruling must also be included.
- The appeal must be signed by one of the following on behalf of the member claiming the rule violations: the Club President, the Club Representative to PBSL, the Club Alternate Representative to PBSL, or the Agent of Record for the Club.
- Upon receipt, the President of PBSL will schedule a hearing of the appeal for the next regularly scheduled PBSL meeting. In any event, appeals will be heard within 30 days of the date of the appeal. All parties to the matter will be sent copies of the relative documents.

They will be notified of the date, time and place of the hearing at least 7 days prior to the established date of the hearing.

G. Discipline. Procedures/requirements are as follows:

- Requests for disciplinary action by the league against a member can be initiated either through a written referee report filed by the VP of Rules and Regulations or a written request from a PBSL member to the VP of Rules and Regulations.
- The submission of a written referee report will automatically result in a conference among the VP of Rules and Regulations, the VP of Referees, and the referee filing the report.
- Based on the conference and in accordance with the rules, the VP of Rules and Regulations will issue a decision to the representative of the club involved within 24 hours of the decision. Disciplinary action involving assault requires the VP of Rules and Regulations to hold the player/coach pass for the duration of the suspension. Other suspensions that do not involve assault will result in the player being struck from the roster/Game Card in GotSoccer, indicating the player is not available to play. Decisions of these matters may be appealed to the Board of Directors.
- A written request by a PBSL member will be handled per the procedures established for protest with the following exceptions:
  - No fee is required for requests submitted by the VP of Rules and Regulations or for those submitted by a member involving claims of involuntary transfers.
  - A non-refundable \$50 fee is required for a request submitted by a member for all other situations.
  - Under certain conditions, a rule may be referenced in general terms rather than cited specifically.
- Decisions of a hearing board convened to hear such request cannot be appealed to the PBSL Board of Directors.

## Section 10: Coach's Code of Ethics

A. Introduction. General information/tenets regarding the Coach's Code of Ethics are as follows:

- The intent of the coach's code of ethics is to outline the expected behavior of a coach whose team participates in the PBSL. All coaches must sign and will be provided with a copy of this code of ethics.

- PBSL cannot possibly oversee the conduct of every coach. Adherence to the code of ethics must depend upon voluntary cooperation. Participation in the PBSL constitutes acceptance of this code of ethics.
- Some sections of the code include specific minimum penalties. Additional penalties may be invoked for repeated violations. Suspensions may be for one game up to expulsion from the PBSL.
- Violation of any part of the code of ethics will be determined by the VP of Rules and Regulations after an evidential hearing. A coach must be given the opportunity to appear at the hearing and may present evidence in his/her behalf.
- There is a PBSL Board of Directors appeal option for a determination that a coach has violated the code. Length of suspension more than one game can be appealed to the PBSL Board. Written notice of intention to appeal must follow the appeals procedures as outlined in this document. The penalty will be abated pending the appeal.
- The evidential hearing will occur according to the protest procedures as outlined in this document. Any appeal will be heard at the next available Board of Directors meeting.

B. On-The-Field. On-the-field behavior shall adhere to the following:

- No coach will physically abuse a player, spectator, another coach or official. Violation will result in a suspension.
- No coach will use abusive or profane language directed towards a player, spectator, another coach or official. Violation will result in at least a written reprimand and 6 months' probation and/or a 3 game suspension.
- A coach is responsible for the behavior of his/her players and spectators and will maintain order at the field before, during, and after the game.
- No coach will openly or persistently argue with an Official's decision or permit his/her players or spectators to do the same.
- No coach will knowingly permit or intentionally direct an ineligible player to participate in a PBSL game.

C. Off-The-Field. Off-the-field behavior shall adhere to the following:

- No coach will offer money, or other inducement to entice a player to join his/her team. Violation will result in a suspension.

- No coach, either directly or through another person, shall contact a player who is signed with or "bound" to another soccer club or organization without first having consent in writing from the affected club. Violation will result in the coach being suspended from coaching in PBSL for a one-year period.
- If a coach is contacted by a player or his/her parents and that player is signed with another soccer club or organization, the coach should be cognizant of FYSA poaching rules. There is to be NO improper contact between the prospective team and the player/parents of the currently registered team and/or rostered players. Any coach or member of a team having contact with a player after a player is registered and/or rostered, without first obtaining written permission from that player's coach, will be construed as having had improper contact with a player, and such action can result in a charge of poaching (FYSA rule 401.5)
- Violation of any Code of Ethics item may result in a minimum \$50 fine.

## Section 11: Season Scoring and Playoff Rules

- A representative from each club or each team shall report the scores for all of their team(s)' games via GotSoccer. Scores must be recorded within GotSoccer by 5:00 PM on the Tuesday following the Saturday or Sunday game. Failure to do so shall result in a \$25 fine (assessed against the home team) for each offense. Failure to move a game that was not played by this same timeframe off of the schedule from that weekend will result in this same fine and may be subject to additional penalties.
- League champions shall be determined by a point system devised by the Board of Directors prior to the start of each season. The point system shall be as follows: 3 points for a win, 1 point for a tie, and 0 points for a loss
- Tie breakers will be as follows:
  - Head to head.
  - Positive goal differential. (Maximum of 3 per game)
  - Goals against. (Maximum of 3 per game)
  - Goals scored. (Maximum of 3 per game)
  - Number of shutouts.
  - Playoff Match.
- Division champions and runner up at the end of the regular season shall receive a trophy or medallion for each player.
- Participation in the league playoff and/or tournament shall be as noted (see Section 2), or as determined by the Board of Directors.

F. Playoff format and positional rounds will be determined by the Board of Directors.



## **Addendum-FYSA Rule 205 Rostering**

### 205. ROSTERING

205.1 All players must be rostered to a team in order to compete in any FYSA sanctioned event. Any player competing in any competition shall be considered immediately rostered to said team.  
Note: Rostered players may guest play with proper permission in any FYSA sanctioned event, if allowed by the rules of competition, and not affect their original rostered status

205.2 An official FYSA roster is the roster generated by the current FYSA registration system. A player is rostered to a team when the rostering process is completed or as defined under FYSA Rule 205.1. All matters of dispute shall be governed by the official state roster. A copy of the official roster is valid for all events requiring a roster.

205.3 FYSA sanctioned competitions (league play and tournaments) may adopt rules to allow the use of Club Pass players up to the maximum roster size:

A. U13 – U19 teams – Total roster size, including club pass players, is capped at twenty-two (22). Teams shall name eighteen (18) eligible players for each game.

B. U11 – U12 teams – Total roster size, including club pass players, is capped at sixteen (16).

C. Club pass players may only participate with one (1) team per day. (Player may play more than one (1) game per day in the competition with the same team, but not with two different teams in the same day.)

205.4 Leagues and tournaments may create internal pass and or event roster forms allowing properly FYSA registered players to participate within their rules of competition without changing the Official FYSA Roster. These event rosters must list the players full name, pass number, rostered team, DOB and birth verification status. Prior to the use of these internal event rosters, for all inter-club games, leagues and tournaments must have on file the team's official FYSA roster with appropriate guest player forms or FYSA Event Rosters, as verification of players' credentials and that guest players have proper permission to participate.

205.5 Dual Rostering is permitted and a player may be rostered to multiple teams at one time during a seasonal year. Regulations concerning dual Rostering are as follows:

A. Player's Cup eligibility is the player's primary team. A player's primary team shall be the first team to which the player is rostered.

B. Release from the primary team in no way transfers primary status to the secondary team. To transfer primary status requires a completed transfer. This player will then be considered a previously rostered player if not registered to a team within the same affiliate.

C. Primary team schedules will take precedence in all issues or conflicts. If player is registered to two (2) affiliates, all matters regarding registration will be decided by the primary team's affiliate.

205.6 Regional Cup rosters for all competitions leading to the determination of President's Cup participants shall be the official state roster as generated by the FYSA State Office or the Regional Cup Committee.

205.7 State Cup and Regional/Recreational Cup rosters simultaneously is not permitted.

## Fines/Fees Listing

R & R	MISSED MANDATORY SEASONAL/COACH MEETING	\$ 50
R & R	IMPROPER FILING OF ROSTERS IN GOTSOCCER	\$ 25
R & R	IMPROPER GAME DAY PAPERWORK	\$100
R & R	CLUB BOND FEE	\$400
R & R	ADMINISTRATIVE FEE	TBD
R & R	TEAM FEE	TBD
R & R	TEAM DISBANDS AFTER SCHEDULE PUBLICATION	\$150
R & R	CLUB FAILURE TO USE FSR CERT. REFEREE ASSIGNOR	\$ 50
R & R	REFEREE FEES	(AS NOTED)
R & R	COURTESY REFEREE FEE FOR RAINOUTS	(AS NOTED)
R & R	FAILURE TO PROVIDE PROPER REFEREE TEAM	\$100
R & R	FAILURE TO ADHERE TO REFEREE NON-AFFILIATION	\$100
R & R	FORFEITURE OF GAME	\$200
R & R	FAILURE TO RESCHEDULE A GAME (BOTH TEAMS)	\$150
R & R	FAILURE TO SEND RED CARD REPORT (EACH CLUB)	\$100
R & R	USE OF PROFANITY	\$ 50
R & R	EJECTED COACH	\$100
R & R	FAILURE TO PROVIDE A FIELD MARSHAL	\$ 25
R & R	ACCUMULATION OF 4 RED CARDS (ONE TEAM)	\$200
R & R	EACH ADDITIONAL RED CARD (SAME TEAM)	\$100
R & R	PROTEST OR APPEALS FEE	\$ 25
R & R	OTHER APPEAL OR PROTEST FEE	\$ 50
R & R	CODE OF ETHICS VIOLATIONS	\$ 50
R & R	FAILURE TO REPORT SCORES (PER GAME)	\$ 25