

# South Region Soccer League Inc.

## Rules & Regulations

January 15, 2011

### Other Provisions

- A. The office staff is not authorized to interpret League Rules and Regulations or to waive disciplinary fines for contravention of League Rules and Regulations without the consent of the League Executive. Excuses for non-compliance with League Rights and Responsibilities, including failure to appear for scheduled discipline hearings, will not be accepted unless previously authorized in writing by the League Executive.
- B. The Executive of the SRSL at their Executive Meeting may modify, add or delete any Rules or Regulations for the betterment of the League. The clubs will be notified within 14 days of any changes.
- C. Any matter not covered by the League Constitution and/or Rules and Regulations, shall be governed by the provisions of the O.S.A. Constitution and Player Policies and Procedures.

### Code of Conduct

- 1. Administrators and team officials must conduct themselves **on or off the field (at all times when dealing with soccer related activities)** in such a manner as to set an example when followed, would enable every player to be a credit to the game.
- 2. Clubs are responsible for teams registered in the SRSL. Any Rules or Regulations not followed by teams, officials or players they will be charged with acting in contravention of Published SRSL Rule.

### 1. Management

- A. The affairs of the League will be conducted by an Executive Committee.
- B. The proposed playing schedule will be as follows: If fields are made available by clubs.

Day	L/3 Elite	L4/Multi-Jurisdictional	L5/Multi-Jurisdictional	L6/PHSA District
Monday	U-12, U-16 & U-17	U-14	U10 Boys	
Tuesday	U-13	U11, U-15, U-18		<b>U9 Boys</b>
Wednesday	U-14	U-12, U-17	U10 Girls	
Thursday	U-15 & U-18	U-13, U-16		U9 Girls
Friday	As Necessary	As Necessary		
Saturday	As Necessary	As Necessary		
Sunday	As Necessary	As Necessary		

\*\*\*Clubs should provide Friday/Sat/Sun field availability to SRSL\*\*\*

## 2. League Fee

A. The annual League fee will be determined at the first meeting in December by the Executive Committee and paid to the League with their application on or before the League Annual General Meeting of each year.

B. For League fee structure, see Appendix "A".

## 3. Team Registration

A. All team registrations must be received by December 15<sup>th</sup> for L3/Regional/Elite and January 15<sup>th</sup> for L4/Multi-jurisdictional and January 30<sup>th</sup> for L5/Multi-Jurisdictional and L6. All registrations are due with entry fees as per Appendix "A".

B. Each team may register a maximum of 18 players for L3 and L4 teams, and a maximum of 14 players for L5/U10 teams and L6/U8 and U9 teams.

C. Each team may dress a maximum of 18 players for L3 and L4 teams, and a maximum of 14 players for L5/U10 teams and L6/U8 and U9 Teams.

D. Each team must notify the League in writing within seven (7) days of any change in team officials, or team official's information (e-mail address, phone numbers etc).

E. A minimum of 11 L3/Regional (Elite) and L4/MJ players must be registered by April 15th of each year.

F. Each team must play in its own age level unless otherwise approved by the League Executive Committee and it must comply with the OSA Policies and Procedures.

G. Any players who are registered in the current season in a league higher than L3/L4 can not play in the SRSL after June 30<sup>th</sup>. **If players from Higher League are transferred to a House League team they are still NOT eligible to be used as a call-up within the SRSL after June 30<sup>th</sup>.**

## 4. Team Regulations

A. All players registered on a team will be so in accordance with the League Constitution and Rules and Regulations and any procedures of the District Association with which they are affiliated.

B. All players and team officials on a team must be in possession of a valid OSA Player Registration Book to be eligible to play/or sit on the bench. (*Player/team official books must bear their signature and district association approval*). Their books and game sheet must be available and checked by the opposing team official(s) fifteen (15) minutes prior to the kick-off. Books must be checked against the game sheet. Game sheets should NOT be signed where "books were checked" if in fact they were not. No "game protest" will be entertained if books were not checked in the proper manner. If it is found that books were not checked but the game sheet indicates otherwise, then the club will be fined as per Appendix "A". It is up to the team officials to ask the referee to make the game sheet available to them at all times so that late arrivals are given the opportunity to place their signature accordingly. If a player's or team official's registration book is not presented the player will not play/or sit on the bench and the team official shall not sit on the bench. A player or official arriving late will be allowed to play or sit on the bench upon presentation of his/her registration book to the opposing team official.

**There is no time limitation as to when player/team official can arrive and participate in the game as long as team officials of both teams are notified.**

- C. Teams who are participating in the SRSL will abide by OSA Rules Policies and Procedures regarding players except as noted in SRSL Rules and Regulations.
- D.
  - 1. Players playing for a team (club) in the SRSL or any other league shall not be permitted after July 31<sup>st</sup> to transfer or re-register to play for another team (club) in the SRSL in the current playing season.
  - 2. No players who are registered in a league higher than L3/L4 can deregister and reregister to play in L3 or L4 of the SRSL after June 30<sup>th</sup>. **If players from Higher League are transferred to a House League team they are still NOT eligible to be used as a call-up within the SRSL after June 30<sup>th</sup>.**
  - 3. A registered player may play a maximum of five (5) games in total per season as a call up in the SRSL. It is the responsibility of the Team Officials calling up the player to be aware of how many times the player has been called up previously in the current season.
  - 4. A team may only use a maximum of five (5) call ups in any SRSL league game.
  - 5. Any player found to have played more than five (5) games as a call up in the SRSL, the team shall forfeit the sixth (+) game(s) played and the team played for shall be fined as per Appendix "A".
  - 6. Any team found to have played more than 5 call ups in an SRSL league game shall forfeit the game and be fined as per Appendix "A"
  - 7. "Call up" – any player who is not registered on the OSA team roster.
- E. All players and team officials participating in a SRSL game must have their registration books present at all times. If player(s) are not in possession of their registration book they are deemed as an ineligible player and not eligible to play. If team official(s) are not in possession of their registration book the team official(s) are deemed as an ineligible official and are not allowed to sit on the team bench. If no books are available for the entire team, the game will not be played and the team will lose the game by default and will be fined as per Appendix "A".
- F. Teams from the same club playing in the same division may not interchange players **in SRSL.**

## **5. Team Officials**

- A. All team head coaches and assistant coaches must have an OSA SENIOR Community Coaching Certification. All L5/U10 team head coaches and assistant coaches must have an OSA SENIOR Community Coaching Certification. All L6/U8 and U9 head coaches and assistant coaches must have a Level 2 Youth Coaches Certification.
- B. A maximum of four (4) carded Team officials shall be permitted to sit on the bench.
- C. All team officials must be registered with their District Association and their ID Book must be presented to the opposing coach before the start of the game. If the book(s) are not available the official(s) name will not be entered on the game sheet and the official(s) will not be allowed to sit on the player bench. Team official's arriving late will be allowed to sit on the player's bench upon presentation of their registration book(s) to the opposing coach and name entered, and signed on the game sheet.

- D. Team officials will not be allowed to smoke while coaching their teams. A team official that does not comply will be subject to disciplinary action by the league.
- E. "Team official" shall mean coach, assistant coach, manager or assistant manager who will be registered and carded by district association.
  - 1. Only carded officials will be allowed on the player's bench.
  - 2. Only carded team officials signed on the game sheet are eligible to be on/at the team bench and are deemed to have coached.
  - 3. Team Official OSA book must bear the team official signature and must have District Association approval.

## **6. Team Responsibility**

Any team not complying with Rules 6 "A" to 6 "N" will be fined as per Appendix "A".

- A. Anyone on the bench entering the field of play without consent of the referee during an altercation will be subject to disciplinary action depending on League Discipline Committee findings.
- B. Teams failing to comply with League Rules and Regulations are subject to fines and/or disciplinary action. Team and club officials will be notified in writing of any fines levied and/or disciplinary action.
- C. Team officials will coach within **the marked technical area or within** one (1) meter of their bench and are not permitted to walk up and down the sideline or obstruct the view of the assistant referee.
- D. A team must field a minimum of seven (7) registered players for L3 and L4 games, and (5) for L5/U10 games and (5) for L6/ U8 and U9 games, and if not, the team shall forfeit the game and be fined as per Appendix "A".
  - i. If the minimum amount of players required in rule 6 D. are at the field by the scheduled game time the referee will start the game at the scheduled time.
- E. If any team fails to appear or appears and refuses to play at a scheduled League game or League Cup game, they shall be fined as per Appendix "A" and the team will forfeit the game. Fines must be paid within twenty-one (21) days of notice. **Forfeits will be recorded as 1:0 loss by default.**
- F. Clubs/**TEAMS** are responsible for the conduct of their players, officials, and spectators on and off the field of play during a game and before and after a game scheduled by the League.
- G. A maximum of eighteen (18) registered players may sit on the bench for L3/L4 games. A maximum of (14) registered players may sit on the bench for L5/U10 and for L6/U8 and U9 games. All players entered on and signed the game sheet, are deemed to have played for L3/L4 only (Players under suspension shall not be entered on the game sheet and will not be at player's bench).

H. A MAXIMUM of three (3) OSA sanctioned tournaments

i) **For All U11 – U13 & U15 – U18 Age Divisions:**

Graduation/Exam will count as one of the 3 tournaments. Graduation/Exams may only be submitted as 1 of the 3 dates. They will be granted a maximum of 7 consecutive days, if approved by the league.

**For All Under 14 Age Divisions Only:**

**There will be no league or league cup games scheduled for all U14 Age Divisions from June 17<sup>th</sup>, to June 30<sup>th</sup>. This 2 week time period has been given for Graduation & Exams.**

ii) Plus Ontario Cup

iii) District ID Camps and Provincial ID Camps will be granted by the Scheduler if 3 or more players are on the OSA roster list from the same team.

iv) OFSAA will be granted if 3 or more players from the same team are on the OFSAA roster list.

Dates must be submitted to the League in writing by March 1<sup>st</sup> of each year to be given consideration for rescheduling games. Tournament dates will be granted travel days according to Map Quest travel time.

0 – 4 hours travel 1 way = Days of Tournament only

Over 4 – 8 hours of travel 1 way = 1 travel day before and 1 travel day after the tournament

Over 8 hours plus travel 1 way = 2 travel days before and 2 travel days after the tournament

Exception dates may only include OSA sanctioned tournaments and graduation/exams up to a maximum of fifteen days. All other rescheduling requests will not be entertained. Unacceptable requests include examples such as vacation, soccer camps, other sporting events, school trips etc. (exception dates, if submitted are used when creating original schedules plus are used throughout the season during the rescheduling process)

A team wishing to go to an international tournament (outside of North America), must have their request in writing to the Board by January 1<sup>st</sup>.

District camps, Provincial ID camps and OFFSAA will be exempt from the March 1<sup>st</sup> deadline.

I. Only the South Region Soccer League or their delegates are authorized to schedule or reschedule games for the League.

J. Any game(s) scheduled or rescheduled by team officials, clubs or persons not authorized per Rule 6 "I" will be declared null and void. Teams participating in a game not authorized by the League will default all points from the game.

K. Team Officials must confirm the game result **online** once they have received the game report from the Referee via email. If Team Officials do not receive the game report from the referee within 24 hours they must report the game result to the league office within 48 hours by email, phone or fax. If not reported within the period of time stipulated, the club will be fined as per Appendix "A".

L. Player substitution for L3, L4 and L5/U10, and L6/U8 and U9 shall be permitted with the consent of the referee during a stoppage of play for the following:

- I. Goal kick.
- II. Scoring of a goal.
- III. Injury of a player.
- IV. Halftime.
- V. No substitution is allowed for any player(s) ejected from L3/L4 games. Only L5/U10 and L6/U8 and U9 will be allowed to substitute a player for the ejected player.
- VI. All substitutions must enter and exit the field of play at the halfway line.
- VII. All substituted players must leave the field without delay.

For Mini L5 (U10) - Teams own throw in  
 For Mini L6 (U8/U9) - Teams own kick in

- M. Any team official withdrawing a team from a game shall be fined as per Appendix "A" and the team will forfeit the game. **Forfeits will be recorded as 1:0 loss by default.**
- N.
- O. Teams failing to have suspension(s) recorded by their district in the OSA registration book for players or team officials on or before the Thursday of the week in which the decision was rendered will result in an automatic fine as per Appendix "A".
  - a) All players and team officials receiving suspensions for the following season must have their suspensions marked in their books no later than October 31<sup>st</sup> following the end of the current playing season.

## **7. Home Club Responsibility**

- A. Home clubs will be responsible for the provision of:
  - 1) Field markings, as per FIFA Rules. (including Technical Area)
  - 2) Goal nets.
  - 3) Corner flags.
  - 4) A size five (5) game ball plus alternate (size 4 for U8 to U12) plus alternate.
  - 5) Change rooms (if available).
  - 6) Field lights (when required).

## **8. Uniforms**

- A. All players shall wear regulation soccer equipment as outlined by FIFA and OSA Rules.
- B. All teams will register their primary colours for their home and away uniforms, and will wear the appropriate registered uniform for all SRSL games.**
- C. All Players, including goalies, must be identified by a number, minimum size "8" on the back of their shirt and such number will be recorded against the players' name on the game sheet. All numbers must be legible. No two players on the same team may wear the same number. Every player must have a different number**
- D. The home team shall change to an alternate strip if team colours conflict.
- E. Goalkeepers' uniforms must not conflict with that of the game officials or opposing team and must be identified by a number on the back of the jersey. No taped numbers are permitted on any player on the field.

**F. If goalie is substituted the new goalie must have a different number than the original goalie.**

## **9. Referees and Assistant Referees**

- A. The home team is responsible for the payment of game officials in cash, fifteen (15) minutes prior to kick off. For exceptions, see League Cup Rule #16.
- B. Referees and Assistant Referees shall be assigned to all games for L3/L4. The game shall be played if one official is present as per SRSL Rule 9 "F".
- C. Game Officials Fee Schedule & Half Game Fee details; see Appendix "A".
- D. The League or its designate will assign registered officials to all games.
- E. Registered game officials must be present at the game thirty (30) minutes prior to the scheduled start to complete standard field check.
- F. A) All referees for L3 and L4 games must be District level or better. A 2 plus (+) age difference must exist between the referee and the age group of the players. Referee must be at least 16 years old and must have a CSA District Referee qualification.  
  
B) All assistant referees must be District Youth level or better as per OSA Rules. A 2 plus (+) age difference should exist between assistant referee and age group of the players. The assistant referee must be at least 14 years old in the current season. All assistant referees must have a minimum CSA Youth qualification as per OSA rules.  
  
C) For L5/U10 and L6/U8 and U9 games referees must be District Youth level or better. A 3 plus (+) age difference must exist between the referee and the age group of the players. Referee must have OSA Mini Soccer qualification as per OSA rules.
- G. Officiating complaints will only be acknowledged if received in writing by the League. *Progress report will be sent within twenty-one (21) days.* For cases of alleged violence, assaults and brawls the SRSL shall conduct a hearing as per OSA Rules. (Complaints received at league office are sent to the district association in which the referee is registered for review. The league is not authorized to discipline referees).
- H. The game official is responsible for completing the online game report and mailing of the games sheets plus pertinent paperwork to the league within twenty-four (24) hours of a game being completed. All non-compliance will be reported to their district association for disciplinary action. Failure by the game official to mail game sheets to the league office within stipulated time frame does not make the game sheet or any disciplinary reports null and void. The league will process discipline once received.
- I. All game officials must sign all game sheets and record any infraction which occurred for which players or team officials were ejected. All non-compliance will be reported to their district association for disciplinary action.

## **J. Conflict of Interest**

Each Referee is under an obligation to avoid a conflict of interest, whenever reasonably possible. However, conflicts of interest may arise. In such situations, the Referee is required:

1. to absent himself or herself from any game at any time there is the matter giving rise to the conflict
2. to refrain from officiating the game, where involved himself or herself with that age division
3. to refrain from officiating in a game when you are a team official, executive, and/or a player within that club
4. **If Referee uses a Club Linesmen, such person must be identified and agreed to by all team officials. If not approved by all team officials such person cannot be used. However if such person is approved that person will call balls in and out only.**

All non-compliance will be reported to their district association for disciplinary action.

## **10. Game Start Time**

- A. The referee will endeavor to start each game at the scheduled time designated by the League. An allowance of not more than fifteen (15) minutes from the scheduled time shall be made if either team has less than seven (7) players in attendance for L3/L4 games, and (5) players in attendance for L5/U10 and L6/U8 and U9 games. No exceptions will be allowed by the referee.
- B. Weekday games must commence by 9:00 p.m. and no earlier than 7:00 p.m. if the field is available. Only the League can assign other times at their discretion or as required.
- C. Weekend games will be scheduled at the Leagues discretion to commence no earlier than 10 a.m. depending on field availability. Only the League can assign other times at their discretion or as required.

## **11. Game Duration**

The length of games will be:

- U-8: Two (2) twenty-five (25) minute halves
- U-9: Two (2) twenty-five (25) minute halves
- U-10: Two (2) twenty-five (25) minute halves
- U-11: Two (2) thirty-five (35) minute halves
- U-12: Two (2) thirty-five (35) minute halves
- U-13: Two (2) forty (40) minute halves
- U-14: Two (2) forty (40) minute halves
- U-15: Two (2) forty-five (45) minute halves
- U-16: Two (2) forty-five (45) minute halves
- U-17: Two (2) forty-five (45) minute halves
- U-18: Two (2) forty-five (45) minute halves

## **12. Game Sheets**

- A. Only SRSL Online Game Sheets as supplied by the League on the SRSL Online game sheet module are official game sheets and must be completed by the teams in full and given to the referee prior to kick-off. Only official completed game sheets issued by SRSL are valid game sheets. No facsimile game sheet will be accepted as valid. If a team cannot provide valid completed game sheets prior to the start of the game, the team will forfeit the game.
- B. All players and team officials must be identified on the game sheet. All names and OSA registrant numbers must be legible at all times.
- C. Only players whose signature appears on the game sheet for L3 and L4 games are eligible to play and all are deemed to have played. Players who did not sign game sheets are ineligible to play. A team official(s) (**that is present at the game**) must sign all team sheets; the signature

shall verify the eligibility and participation of the players in the competition. L5/U10 and L6/U8 and U9 players are not required to sign the game sheet.

- D. Completed game sheets accompanied by any Disciplinary Reports, Trial Permits or Temporary Registration Permits must be mailed to the League office by the game official within twenty-four (24) hours of the final whistle. Game sheets and reports must be completed online within (24) hours of the final whistle. Non-compliance will be reported to their district association for disciplinary action. Failure by the game official to mail game sheets to the league office within stipulated time frame does not make the game sheet or any disciplinary reports null and void. The league will process discipline once received and reviewed.
- E. Teams using players on a Temporary Registration Permit or Trial Permit must submit the authorized signed copy with the game sheet. All players playing for teams under Rule 12 "E" will be governed by Policies and Procedures of OSA and SRSL. The referee is to add any player's name(s) manually into the online game report that are not shown and participated in the game.

### **13. Cancellation Of Games**

- A. The game shall begin and/or continue to be played unless, in the opinion of the referee, the safety of the players and/or the quality of the field is in jeopardy.
- B. The game will be replayed in full if less than fifteen (15) minutes of the second half has been played for L3 and L4 games and (10) minutes for L5/U10 and L6/U8 and U9 games, after which time the results of the match at the time of the stoppage shall stand. The referee shall be the sole judge of time elapsed.
- C. When fields are closed due to weather conditions, the league will notify affected teams of any cancellations as soon as notification has been received in the league office. Rules for rescheduling will be used when rescheduling games.
- D. SRSL League Games and Cup Games may be cancelled at the discretion of the SRSL Executive.

### **14. Rescheduling Of Games**

- A. Unless for conditions stated in Article 13 "A", "B", "C", or "D" no game will be rescheduled unless otherwise approved by the SRSL Executive.
- B. All postponed games will be rescheduled by the South Region Soccer League or their delegates. The League will notify the teams a minimum of 48 hours in advance of any rescheduled game unless time does not allow the 48 hours advanced notice.
- C. Home club must provide a date for rescheduling of a game to the SRSL within fourteen (14) days upon request of the SRSL. Failure to provide the required information will result in the game being scheduled at the away team's location.  
**If game is reversed to away team's location the home club is responsible for all costs: Field cost and referee fees and will be added to Clubs invoice.**
- D. The league will not schedule or reschedule a game twenty-four (24) hours prior to or after an Ontario Cup scheduled game for any team who must travel 200KM (one way) or more.
- E. The SRSL shall notify the team and receive acknowledgment first by e-mail and secondly by phone (if e-mail was unsuccessful). Notification will be deemed to have occurred after

acknowledgement of the change by the team. If the team does not confirm, a final notice will be sent to the club and the team will be considered notified.

- F. After the release of the SRSL schedule at the coaches kick off meeting in May a team may enter a maximum of 3 additional OSA sanctioned tournaments on dates that are open for their team in the original published SRSL schedule. The league must be notified within thirty (30) days of the release of the set schedule about a team's intent to enter such tournaments. The team shall provide written proof of acceptance to these tournaments fourteen (14) days prior to the tournament's scheduled date. Please note that league cup weekends are not considered open. Therefore, League Cup weekends cannot be requested, after the coaches kick-off meeting. League cup dates will be published by February 15<sup>th</sup>.

## **15. League Standings**

- A. The League Champion shall be the team which accumulates the greatest number of points, based on the formula of three (3) points for a win and one (1) point for a tie, in all games provided for by the SRSL schedule of that age group.
- B. In the event of a tie for first place between two or more teams at the end of regular season, the following criteria will be used to determine the League winner:
  - I. If two teams tie for first place in the SRSL, a game will be played and kicks from the penalty mark will be taken if tied after regulation time as per league cup rules, and FIFA Law Rules on penalty kicks.
  - II. If three or more teams tie for first place, a round robin will be played and each game must have a winner, as per Rule "B (1)" and the team with the most points will be declared the champion. If the teams are still tied in points the team with the best goal difference (goal plus against goal minus) will be declared the winner.
  - III. The game(s) L6/U8 and U9 will be played on a neutral field, if possible as decided by the League Executive. Costs of referee(s) fees will be split between teams involved.
- C. If teams are tied for the same position in any part of final standings except for first place, the results between the teams will be determined by:
  - a) Head-to-head results.
  - b) Total goal difference for the season.
- D. **Promotion/Relegation**
  - a) First place team to be promoted.
  - b) 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> place team may be promoted depending on standing and at the discretion of the SRSL Executive. **Clubs will be notified before season starts.**
  - c) Last place team to be relegated.
  - d) 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> place team may be relegated depending on standing and at the discretion of the SRSL Executive. **Clubs will be notified before season starts.**
  - e) No team may refuse promotion or relegation. **Under SRSL Rules**
  - f) This applies to all age division levels except the youngest level.

- g) L5 Under10 will have a separate sheet outlining promotion and relegation given out at the Coaches Kick off Meeting, if approved by the league management committee at that time. If not available at the Coaches Kick Off meeting, the league will provide to everyone as soon as it has been approved.

## 16. League Cup

- A. For the competition, eligibility shall be defined as the following:
  - a) A player may only play for the club to which he/she is registered, subject to Player Registration Policy 3.0 of the OSA Published Rules.
  - b) A player shall be deemed registered for the competition if his/her registration form has been properly registered by his/her District Association (*in accordance with OSA Published Rules*) one (1) day before a game in which he/she plays in the competition.
  - c) A player shall NOT play for more than one team in **SRSL** league cup
  - d) Unless the player can provide proof to the contrary, a player whose name appears and signature on the team sheet shall be deemed to have played in the game.
  - e) Trial Permit Forms (T.P.F.'s) and Temporary Registration Permits (T.R.P.'s) shall not be permitted in the competition.
  - f) A transferred player shall be deemed registered for the competition if his/her transfer form has been properly registered by his/her District Association (*in accordance with the OSA Published Rules*) one day before a game in which he/she plays in the competition.
  - g) A player who has been a professional or non-amateur player and who has been reinstated by the Canadian Soccer Association shall be eligible to participate in the competition provided that he/she has been a registered amateur player with his/her club for a period of thirty days prior to the game. The player may not register as an amateur player until his/her reinstatement has been approved by the Canadian Soccer Association.
  - h) Any players who are registered in the current season in a league higher than L3 can not register to play in the SRSL after June 30<sup>th</sup>.  
**If players from Higher League are transferred to a House League team they are still NOT eligible to be used as a call-up within the SRSL after June 30<sup>th</sup>.**
- B. If the game is tied after regulation time, kicks from the penalty mark as per FIFA Law will apply. No over-time periods, go straight to penalty kicks from the penalty mark.
- C. 1) Each player is Cup tied to the first team he/she played a League Cup game with, in the current season.  
2) If a player plays for a second team the team will automatically lose the game (if won) and disciplinary action will be taken.
- D. League Cup Fees:  
Games official fees are to be split equally between teams and paid in cash fifteen (15) minutes prior to the start of the game. Field costs are to be paid by the home team except for quarter-finals, semi-finals, and finals when booked by the League for L3, L4, L5 and L6.
- E. Regulation Time:  
All League cup games, if fifteen (15) minutes or more for L3 and L4 are played, and ten (10) minutes or more for L5/U10 and L6/U8 and U9 in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half the result of the game will stand. In

the event of a tie the cup game will be replayed in full. If game is called during penalty kicks please see rule 16”F”.

F. Penalty Kicks:

All League cup games, if the game is called during penalty kicks a new date will be scheduled to replay the game completely **from beginning**.

17. Discipline

**The SRSL follows OSA Discipline Policies which is governed by the CSA and all discipline will be applied under OSA and SRSL Rules – See Appendix C.**

- A. All discipline matters (except appeals) and protests shall be handled by the League Discipline Committee – see Appendix “B”.
- B. Scheduled hearing days will be Fridays for L3 and L4, starting with the first Friday in June, and ending with the last Friday in October. The exception will be Fridays of the long weekends of Canada Day, Civic Holiday, Labour Day, and Thanksgiving, where hearings will be held on a Thursday.  
Alternate hearing days will be Wednesdays and Thursdays if necessary at the discretion of the Discipline Committee.  
Scheduled hearing days for L5/U10 and L6/U8 and U9 will be Friday.
- C. Discipline in the case of alleged referee assault will be handled by the District Association in which the player or team official is registered. The accused is automatically suspended from all soccer related activity, as per OSA Rules, until the case has been disposed of.
- D. All discipline reports must be mailed along with the game sheet within twenty-four (24) hours of game completion to the South Region Soccer League office by the referee or assistant referee. Game sheet reports must be completed online within (24) hours of the final whistle. Failure by the game official to mail game sheets to the league office within stipulated time frame does not make the game sheet or any disciplinary reports null and void. The league will process discipline once received and reviewed.
- E. Any team official, who for whatever reason during a game pulls his/her team off the field, will be subject to disciplinary action depending on League Discipline Committee findings.
- F. Requests to reschedule any SIR or DBH hearing will not be entertained if the request is received less than **Ninety-Six (96) hours (4 Days)** before the hearing date. Request to reschedule hearing dates will only be granted once per case and will be subject to a seventy-five dollar (\$75.00) administration fee. **Written request shall be in the form of a “Request for a Reschedule” of hearing together with the reschedule fee of \$75.00.**
- G. **Except in cases of OSA misconduct Type 1.3, 1.5, and 1.6, an individual who is subject to the D.B.R system shall have the right to request to be disciplined by the D.B.H. system. The accused shall submit a written request to the league within 3 days of receiving the dismissal. Written request shall be in the form of a “Request for A Hearing” together with the appropriate request for hearing fee of \$50.00 dollars. If found not guilty the fee of \$50.00 will be returned.**
- H. **The accused is required to present their OSA Registration Book at all disciplinary hearings.**
- I. **When required by SRSL, a club representative (Executive Member) must be present for a discipline hearing (DBH). If club representative does not show for the hearing the club will**

**be fined and the club standing will be reviewed by the discipline committee. Club may be suspended by the SRSL until the club attends hearing.**

### **18. Playing an Ineligible Player or Ineligible Team Official**

- A. Any club charged with playing an ineligible player in a game sanctioned by the League will be subject to a disciplinary hearing. Upon being found guilty, the team will forfeit all points in games in the league or league cup game in which the ineligible player participated and will be fined as per Appendix "A".

An ineligible player is a player who is:

- i) Not registered under OSA Policies & Procedures.
- ii) Registered under a false name.
- iii) Playing under any suspension.
- iv) Played under a different name (used card of another player).
- v) Registered as an OYSL player.
- vi) As per Rule 4B.
- vii) Player played without an OSA Registration book.
- viii) As per Rule 4 "D". **1 to 7**
- ix) Players not signed on the game sheet are deemed ineligible
- x) As per 4"D" – exceeded call-up maximum in a season

- B. Any team official(s) charged with playing ineligible players shall attend a discipline hearing and if found guilty shall be disciplined and fined as per Appendix "A". **A suspension of 4 games will be applied.**

C. Player Suspension:

Any player suspended by the League for games in the SRSL is not allowed to play for other teams in the League or in any other league during the time period of his suspension of one or more games. Failure to abide by this rule will result in notification to the league the player participated in.

- D. Any club charged with an ineligible team official in a game sanctioned by the league will be subject to a disciplinary hearing. Upon being found guilty, the team will forfeit all points in games in the League or cup game in which the ineligible team official participated and will be fined as per Appendix "A".

An ineligible team official is a team official who is:

- i) Not registered under OSA Policies & Procedures.
- ii) Registered under a false name.
- iii) Under discipline suspension.
- iv) Under a different name (used card of another team official).
- v) As per Rule 4 "E".
- vi) Participated in a game without OSA Registration book.

- vii)** Signed game sheet but did not participate in game **as team official**
- viii)** **Not Registered to Official Team Roster**

### **19. Game Abandoned**

Clubs will be held responsible if a game is abandoned because of the actions of its players, officials or spectators and will be subject to disciplinary hearing. If the club is found guilty its team shall forfeit the game and the club will be fined as per Appendix "A". **Forfeits will be recorded as 1:0 loss by default.**

## 20. Protests

- A. Protests based on decisions of the referee's interpretation of FIFA Law will not be acknowledged.
- B. No protests will be entertained by the SRSL regarding players(s)/team official(s) eligibility if the team making the protest has not conformed to SRSL Rule 4 "B".
- C. The protest must be submitted in writing within forty-eight (48) hours of the game being terminated. A fee of Three Hundred dollars (\$300.00) in cash or club cheque must be mailed within five (5) working days. Protests can only be heard if any rules of the SRSL or OSA have been violated. **All protests must be signed by an official team representative and a Club Executive.**
- C. The SRSL will review protests and send a response within fourteen (14) days- **Once all relevant information is received by the SRSL.**
  - i) If protest is ruled out of order – fee will be returned minus admin fee of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00).
  - ii) Hearing scheduled, if protest upheld fee will be returned.
  - iii) Hearing scheduled, if protest denied fee will be forfeited.
- D. Clubs or teams protesting the outcome of a game based on the SRSL or OSA rules being broken – The protest to reverse the game result will be decided by the Discipline Committee of the protest hearing. The Discipline Committee will have the right to reverse the result of the game **by default and issue fine applicable to the case.**

## 21. Appeals

- A. Any discipline hearing decisions of the League may be appealed to the OSA League Management Committee at the following address along with a cheque for FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00) appeal fee:

OSA LEAGUE MANAGEMENT  
Ontario Soccer Association  
C/O Discipline and Appeals  
7601 Martin Grove Rd.  
Vaughan, ON L4L 9E4

- B. Persons appealing a decision of the League Discipline Committee are subject to the decision rendered until the appeal has been disposed of.

## 22. Annual General Meeting

- A. The SRSL Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held in the second week in the month of January every year.
- B. Each club is required to attend the SRSL AGM, non attendance will result in a fine as per Appendix "A".
- C. All proposed amendments must be received by the SRSL in writing not less than ninety (90) days prior to the Annual General Meeting.

**APPENDIX "A"**  
**2011 Fee Structure**

**League Fees:**

Per Team L3/L4	\$550.00
Per Team L5 (U10)	\$400.00
Per Team L6 (U8/9)	\$400.00
Bond per Club L3/L4	\$500.00
Bond per Club L5 (U10)/L6 (U8/9)	\$400.00
Late Registration Fee: Applicable per team for L3/Regional/Elite after Dec.15 <sup>th</sup>	\$75.00
Late Registration Fee: Applicable per team for L4/ Multi-jurisdictional after Jan. 15	\$75.00
Late Registration Fee: Applicable per team for L5 (U10) after Jan. 30 L6/U8 and U9.	\$75.00
Late Registration fee: Applicable per L3 ,L4 , and L5 (U10), L6 U8 and U9 after March 1 <sup>st</sup>	\$150.00

**Discipline Fees:**

First Game No Show by Team, <b>Forfeit</b> , Refuses to play (Rule 6"E")	\$ 300.00
Second Game No Show by Team <b>Forfeit</b> , or Refuses to play (Rule 6"E")	\$ 500.00
Third Game No Show by Team <b>Forfeit</b> , or Refuses to play (Rule 6"E")	max. \$ 700.00
Club/Team Official Admin fee:	\$ 75.00
Game Protest Fee:	\$300.00

**Hearing Fees:**

Discipline by Hearing (Club <b>Bond /Player Bond Money</b> )	\$ 20.00
Discipline by Review (Club <b>Bond /Player Bond Money</b> )	\$ 20.00
Request of Discipline by Hearing (Player/ <b>Team Official</b> ) <b>Payable as per Rules</b>	\$ 50.00
Request of Hearing for No Show (Player) Non Refundable <b>Payable as per Rules</b>	\$ 75.00
Request to reschedule a Hearing <b>Payable as per Rules</b>	\$ 75.00

**Fines:**

Code of Conduct <b>Administration/Official</b> (Rules & Regulations)	\$200.00
<b>Code of Conduct Club</b> (Rules & Regulations)	\$200.00
Club/Team failing to comply with league rules	\$250.00
Team Regulations (Rule 4A to 4G)	\$250.00
Team Officials (Rule 5D & 5C)	\$100.00
Game Result not reported (Rule 6"K")	\$ 50.00
Suspensions not recorded by district in OSA Player Book (Rule 6"N")	\$ 50.00
Team Responsibility(Rule 6"A" to 6"M" except 6"K & 6E)	\$250.00
Home Club Responsibility (Rule 7"A" 1 to 6) <b>No Hearing required</b>	\$100.00
Game Sheet (Rule 12 A – E)	\$300.00
Club Playing ineligible Player (Rule 18"A")	\$300.00
<b>Team Official Playing ineligible Player (Rule 18"B")</b>	<b>\$300.00</b>
<b>Club Playing ineligible Team Official (Rule 18"D")</b>	<b>\$300.00</b>
Game Abandoned (Rule 19)	\$300.00
Club Executive no show <b>at required hearing (DBH)</b>	\$300.00
Non-attendance at Annual or Special General Meeting	\$100.00

**Accumulation of Cards**

In The Event That a Team Accumulates a Total Of	
1. Four (4) Dismissals (Red Cards); or	\$100.00
2. Eight (8) Cautions (Yellow Cards); Or	
3. A Combination of Ten Discipline Reports (Red Or Yellow Cards)	

The Management of that team may be required to attend a discipline hearing of the league. If brought before the League there will be an appearance fee charge payable by the team, and the team may be subject to further discipline.

**In The Event That a Team Withdraws From the League:**

**A) Team is not registered until completed application and fees are received by league.**

B) A club registering a team and pulling the team from the league will forfeit the League fee.

C) Between March 1<sup>st</sup> - **May 1st**, such clubs will forfeit its League fee and will be subject to a fine. \$ 500.00

C) After **May 1<sup>st</sup>** the club will forfeit the League fee and will be fined \$1500.00  
Non-attendance at Annual or Special General Meeting: \$ 100.00

- All payments must be cash, club cheque or money order, payable to the S.R.S.L within 21 days.
- All hearing fees and fines for DBR & DBH for players will automatically be deducted from the Club Bond **unless specified with SRSL.**
- Clubs are responsible for all fees and fines **of team officials and players.**

- Clubs not paying discipline hearing fees or fines within the stipulated time will be declared not in good standing and their District Association and OSA will be notified.

## **APPENXIX “A” GAME OFFICIALS FEES**

### **Game Officials Fees:**

These fees are paid for **by the home team.**

<b><u>Age Division</u></b>	<b><u>Referee - Assistant Referee (x2)</u></b>
U- 8	20 (Assistant Referees are not used in any U 8 games).
U- 9	20 (Assistant Referees are not used in any U 9 games).
U-10	25 (Assistant Referees are not used in any U 10 games).
U-11	30 - 25
U-12	35 - 25
U-13 & U-14	40 - 30
U-15 & U-16	45 - 35
U-17 & U-18	50 -40

These fees are split equally between the two teams in all Cup rounds.

### **Referee fees paid by SRSL for scheduled games where kick-off does not take place:**

The referee and assistant referees shall be paid a half-game fee for games that are not started due to the following situations:

1. The field, in referee’s discretion, is unplayable.
2. The town’s parks department closes the field prior to kick-off.
3. The referee was NOT personally contacted at least one hour prior to scheduled kick-off of the game.
4. One or both teams do not show up after the grace period has lapsed.
5. One or both teams have less than the minimum number of players required to start the game.

The half-game fee noted above shall be paid only if:

- a) The referee collects and completes the game sheet(s) and provides a short written report explaining why the game did not start.
- b) The appointed referee and assistant referees, who were present at the field, shall include their names, OSA Registrant Number and signature(s) in the space provided on the game sheet(s).
- c) Hand a fully completed and signed copy of the game sheet(s) to the coach/manager of the team(s) that is/are present.
- d) Forward the fully completed and signed original to the SRSL office within twenty-four (24) hours.

The League shall insure that all of the requirements herein were met prior to issuing the said half-fee payment to the referee/assistant referees in question. Furthermore, the referee or assistant referees shall NOT collect any amount from the participating team(s) if the game is not started. Should such fees be collected, and the game does not kick-off, then those fees must be returned to the team(s) they were collected from.

Wherever within this Constitution, Rules & Regulations the masculine term is used, it is deemed to be in the feminine if such would apply at the time.

## APPENDIX “B”

### Discipline Procedures

Disciplinary action shall be taken in accordance with OSA **and SRSL** Discipline Policy and Procedures (**Appendix C is a copy of OSA Discipline Policy**). The following guidelines will apply:

### Discipline By Review (DBR)

Player’s dismissals for Violent Conduct, Foul or Abusive Language directed at the Game official Serious Foul Play, Serious Foul Play (hand ball), Foul or Abusive Language Directed at Anyone Other Than Game Officials, Third, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth or more yellow cards in a season, shall be dealt with by a Discipline By Review. The player or team official may request a hearing if he/she wishes to do so **within seventy-two (72) hours** of the game finishing. The request shall be in a form of a request for a hearing together with the fifty dollars (\$50.00) cash hearing fee. Cases will be given specific date/time. Anyone representing an accused must provide a signed proxy from the accused before being allowed to participate at the hearing. DBR decisions cannot be appealed - **if found not guilty the fee of \$50.00 will be refunded.**

An accused may choose to be accompanied by another adult who may act as an adviser. An adviser may not act as a witness nor provide any testimony at the discipline hearing. An accused person less than eighteen (18) years of age must be accompanied by an adult. The Player’s Official Card must be presented before the start of the hearing - If no card is presented the hearing will not proceed.

### Discipline By Hearing (DBH)

A team official or player may request a hearing for any dismissal under the DBR System except, third, fifth, sixth, seventh or more yellow cards. The request must be received **within seventy-two (72) hours** of the game ending, weekends excluded. **Written request shall be in the form of a “ Request for A hearing” together with the appropriate request for hearing fee of \$50.00 dollars. If found not guilty the fee of \$50.00 will be refunded. As per Rule 17”H”:** The accused is required to present their OSA Registration Book at all disciplinary hearings.

### Team Officials

Any team official(s) reported by the game official (ref, asst. ref) and charged with the offence of Persisted in Misconduct. OSA 2.13, 2.14, 2.15, 2.16, 2.25 will be dealt with as Discipline By Review (DBR).

Team Officials dismissed from the game must request a hearing **within seventy-two (72) hours** of the game being terminated or the case will be dealt with via the DBR system. **Written request shall be in the form of a “ Request for A hearing” together with the appropriate request for hearing fee of \$50.00 dollars. If found not guilty the fee of \$50.00 will be refunded. As per Rule 17”H”:** The accused is required to present their OSA Registration Book at all disciplinary hearings.

### Hearings

A Discipline Panel will meet once a week. The discipline decisions will be sent to the District Association and to the clubs in which the accused are registered by fax or e-mail the same night of the meeting if possible.

The accused or club must inquire by Thursday no later than 4:00 P.M. following the Friday on which the discipline decision was rendered, as to whether or not he has been found guilty or not guilty. The inquiry must be made to the South Region Soccer League.

All suspensions for the outdoor season will be by game numbers (example game #4321, #456) and the player is suspended for those games only. The game numbers will be entered in his Player ID Book by either the District Association or the South Region Soccer League in the cases handled by Discipline By Review or in cases handled by Discipline By Hearing.

All player and team officials receiving suspensions for the following season must have their suspensions marked in their books at the league office or District Association no later than October 31<sup>st</sup> following the end of the current playing season.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

1. Each club will post a discipline bond of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) at the time League fees are due. This bond will be reduced by the hearing fee imposed on each player by the Discipline Board. If the player is found not guilty, no fees will be deducted from the bond.
2. If the Club bond money is reduced to fifty percent (50%) of the initial sum, an additional fund must be sent to the League within fourteen (14) days of a notice sent to the club. A report from the Discipline Board will be sent to the club every thirty (30) days if necessary.
3. The Executive may request an additional bond from any clubs who have had excessive amounts of discipline in the previous season. See article 2 "G".
4. The South Region Soccer League reserves the right to hold a hearing, for any club, team officials or player who does not abide by the SRSL and OSA Constitutions, Rules and Regulations.

### **SCHEDULED HEARINGS DATES**

All discipline shall start the first Friday of the month of June and shall end with the last Friday of the month of October, with the exception of the long weekends of Canada Day, Civic Holiday, Labour Day, and Thanksgiving Day.

All hearings shall be in accordance with OSA and SRSL Policies and Procedures. The accused must follow the guidelines of S.R.S.L. regarding dismissals and Special Incidents Reports. If these guidelines are not followed the accused person shall be notified and further disciplinary action may be taken.

**All Hearings for players and team officials will be scheduled by the SRSL will specified date/time.**

South Region Soccer League  
3150 Ridgeway Dr. Unit # 44  
Mississauga, Ont. L5L 5R5  
Phone # 905-608-1300 Fax # 608-8340  
Toll Free: 1 866 862 –7775 (SRSL)

In all cases of an alleged referee assault, the player and/or team official is suspended on notification from all soccer related activity until the case has been dealt with by the District Association in which the member is registered. Said persons will be notified in writing of when and where to appear.

If an accused has been suspended and appeals a League or District Association decision, said persons remains suspended until the Appeals Committee has disposed of the case.

## APPENDIX “C”

### Appendix C - OSA Discipline Policies:

<http://www.ontariosoccer.net/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=dBM2hCVeVwA%3d&tabid=4517&language=en-US>