

**BAY OF QUINTE MEN'S SOCCER LEAGUE
CONSTITUTION
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ARTICLE 1 NAME:

THE NAME OF THIS ORGANIZATION SHALL BE THE KNOWN AS THE " BAY OF QUINTE MENS'S SOCCER LEAGUE " WHICH SHALL BE REFERRED TO HEREAFTER AS THE " LEAGUE " .

ARTICLE 2 HEAD OFFICE:

THE LEGAL HEAD OFFICE SHALL BE IN THE CITY OF BELLEVILLE, COUNTY OF HASTINGS IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

ARTICLE 3 OBJECTS:

THE OBJECTS OF THE LEAGUE SHALL BE TO PROMOTE, DEVELOP, AND GOVERN THE SPORT OF SOCCER IN THE BAY OF QUINTE AND ITS ENVIRONS.

ARTICLE 4 AFFILIATION:

THIS LEAGUE MAY AFFILIATE WITH THE "SOUTH EAST ONTARIO SOCCER ASSOCIATION ON AN ANNUAL BASIS AND IF NOT IT WILL ACQUIRE APPROPRIATE LIABILITY INSURANCE FOR THE LEAGUE AND EXECUTIVE.

ARTICLE 5 ORGANIZATION:

THE LEAGUE SHALL COMPRISE MEMBERS AS HEREINAFTER SET OUT AND BE ADMINISTERED BY AN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AS CONSTITUTED BY THESE BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE 6 MEMBERSHIP:

1. THE LEAGUE SHALL BE COMPOSED OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES:
 - 1.1 ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP : SHALL BE OPEN TO ALL PROPERLY CONSTITUTED MEN'S SOCCER CLUBS IN GOOD STANDING LOCATED IN THE BAY OF QUINTE REGION.
 - 1.2 OTHER : SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF THE EXECUTIVE.
2. MEMBERS SHALL ACT THROUGH DELEGATES, TWO(2) PER TEAM, DULY APPOINTED BY THEIR PARENT BODY.
3. WRITTEN APPLICATIONS FOR TEAM MEMBERSHIP, ALONG WITH THOSE FEES SET OUT AT THE FIRST MEETING OF THE REGULAR SEASON, SHALL BE IN THE HANDS OF THE SECETARY BEFORE MAY FIRST. EACH YEAR.
4. ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES AND BONDS FOR PLAYERS, CLUBS, AND TEAMS SHALL BE SET BY THE EXECUTIVE AT THE FIRST MEETING OF THE REGULAR SEASON.
 - 4.1 ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP: A LEVY ON EACH PLAYER AND ON EACH CLUB OVER AND ABOVE THE LEVY APPLIED BY THE ONTARIO SOCCER ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE 7 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) :

1. THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING SHALL BE HELD ON THE LAST WEDNESDAY IN THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, UNLESS OTHERWISE AGREED UPON BY MAJORITY VOTE AT A LEAGUE MEETING.
2. ALL MEMBERS SHALL RECEIVE FOURTEEN (14) DAYS NOTICE FROM THE SECRETARY AS TO THE TIME AND LOCATION OF THE AGM. THE POSTAL DATE SHALL BE THE DETERMINING FACTOR.
3. ORDER OF BUSINESS:
 - 3.1 ROLL CALL AND REGRETS
 - 3.2 TRIBUTES AND INTRODUCTIONS OF GUESTS
 - 3.3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS AGM AND ANY SGM HELD
 - 3.4 PRESIDENT'S REPORT
 - 3.5 SECRETARY'S REPORT
 - 3.6 TREASURER'S REPORT
 - 3.7 AUDITOR'S REPORT
 - 3.8 OTHER REPORTS
 - 3.9 UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 - 3.10 AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION
 - 3.11 ELECTION OF OFFICERS
 - 3.12 APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS
 - 3.13 NEW BUSINESS
 - 3.14 ADJOURNMENT

ARTICLE 8 SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING (SGM) :

1. A SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING MAY BE CALLED BY THE EXECUTIVE BY ITS OWN MOTION.
2. A SGM SHALL BE CALLED WITHIN THIRTY(30) DAYS OF RECEIPT OF A WRITTEN REQUEST SIGNED BY NOT LESS THAN ONE-THIRD (1/3) OF THE ACTIVE AND ASSOCIATE MEMBERS.
3. ALL MEMBERS SHALL RECEIVE SEVEN (7) DAYS NOTICE, FROM THE SECRETARY, AS TO THE DATE , TIME, LOCATION AND THE PARTICULAR BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE SGM. NO OTHER BUSINESS SHALL BE DISCUSSED EXCEPT WITH THE UNANIMOUS CONSENT OF THE MEMBERS PRESENT.
4. ORDER OF BUSINESS:
 - 4.1 ONLY THE BUSINESS FOR WHICH THE SPECIAL MEETING WAS CALLED FOR MAY BE DISCUSSED.
 - 4.2 FOLLOW ORDER OF BUSINESS FROM AGM (VII 3 ABOVE) AS APPROPRIATE FOR THE SGM.

ARTICLE 9 RULES OF ORDER:

ALL MEETINGS OF THE LEAGUE SHALL BE CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER.

ARTICLE 10 PRESIDING OFFICER:

THE PRESIDENT SHALL PRESIDE AT ALL GENERAL, SPECIAL GENERAL AND EXECUTIVE MEETINGS OF THE LEAGUE. IN HIS ABSENCE, THE VICE-PRESIDENT SHALL CHAIR, AND IN THE ABSENCE OF BOTH THESE OFFICERS, THE MEETING SHALL ELECT A CHAIRMAN.

ARTICLE 11 QUORUM:

A MAJORITY OF ACTIVE MEMBERS, IN GOOD STANDING , SHALL FORM A QUORUM AT ALL GENERAL MEETINGS. WHEN SUCH A MEETING FAILS TO ACHIEVE A QUORUM, THE EXECUTIVE IS OBLIGED TO COMPLETE THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

ARTICLE 12 VOTING:

1. THOSE QUALIFIED TO TAKE PART IN AND VOTE AT GENERAL MEETINGS SHALL BE THE DELEGATES APPOINTED BY THE CLUBS OR TEAM - TWO DELEGATED PER TEAM.
2. THE NAMES OF THOSE APPOINTED DELEGATES MUST BE FILED WITH THE SECRETARY OF THE LEAGUE PRIOR TO THE GENERAL MEETING.
3. ALL OFFICERS OF THE LEAGUE SHALL BE ENTITLED TO VOTE, EXCEPT THE CHAIR, WHO SHALL HAVE THE DECIDING VOTE IN CASE OF A DEADLOCK.
4. PROXY VOTING SHALL NOT BE PERMITTED.
5. VOTING SHALL BE BY THE SHOW OF HANDS UNLESS A POLL IS REQUIRED.
6. SUCH A POLL SHALL BE CONDUCTED BY THE SECRETARY AND THE RESULTS REPORTED TO THE CHAIRMAN.

ARTICLE 13 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

1. THE OFFICERS OF THE LEAGUE SHALL BE PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, SECRETARY, TREASURER, REGISTRAR AND MATCH SECRETARY. THE SECRETARY AND TREASURER POSITION MAY BE COMBINED, IF DEEMED EXPEDIENT.
2. THESE OFFICERS OF THE LEAGUE AND THE DULY ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBERS SHALL CONSTITUTE THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.
3. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SHALL MEET MONTHLY FROM APRIL TO NOVEMBER, INCLUSIVE AND AT THE CALL OF THE PRESIDENT, THREE (3) MEMBERS CONSTITUTE A QUORUM.
4. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SHALL HANDLE ALL DISCIPLINE MATTERS ON BEHALF OF THE LEAGUE WHERE AN INDEPENDENT BODY IS NOT AVAILABLE.
5. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE EFFICIENT RUNNING OF THE LEAGUE. TO ACCOMPLISH THIS AIM, THE EXECUTIVE MAY AUTHORIZE EXPENDITURES OF FUNDS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE LEAGUE.

ARTICLE 14 DUTIES OF OFFICERS:

1. THE PRESIDENT - SHALL:
 - 1.1 BE THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE LEAGUE.
 - 1.2 CHAIR ALL GENERAL AND EXECUTIVE MEETINGS.
 - 1.3 BE A SIGNING OFFICER SUBSTITUTE FOR THE SECRETARY BUT WITH THE TREASURER.
2. THE VICE-PRESIDENT - SHALL ACT AS CHAIRMAN IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PRESIDENT AND SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PUBLIC RELATIONS.
3. THE SECRETARY - SHALL:
 - 3.1 KEEP WRITTEN RECORDS OF ALL MEETINGS OF THE LEAGUE
 - 3.2 CONDUCT ALL VOTING THAT REQUIRES POLLS.
 - 3.3 COMMUNICATE TO MEMBERS THE DATE, TIME AND LOCATION OF ALL MEETINGS OF THE LEAGUE.
 - 3.4 RECEIVE, DISSEMINATE AND WHEN DIRECTED TO DO SO RESPOND TO ANY CORRESPONDENCE DIRECTED TO THE LEAGUE.
 - 3.5 KEEP AN ACCURATE RECORD OF ATTENDANCE AT LEAGUE MEETINGS
 - 3.6 BE A SIGNING OFFICER SUBSTITUTE FOR THE PRESIDENT BUT WITH THE TREASURER.
4. THE TREASURER - SHALL:

- 4.1 KEEP A RECORD OF ALL FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS OF THE LEAGUE.
- 4.2 DEPOSIT ALL MONEY RECEIVED BY THE LEAGUE IN A FINANCIAL INSTITUTION APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE AND MAKE ALL NECESSARY PAYMENTS, BY CHEQUE, ON THE ORDER OF THE EXECUTIVE.
- 4.3 PREPARE AN ANNUAL BUDGET AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE AGM.
- 4.4 PROVIDE A FINANCIAL OVERVIEW OF THE LEAGUE AT ANY GENERAL MEETING.
- 4.5 BE A SIGNING OFFICER, WITH THE PRESIDENT OR SECRETARY, FOR THE LEAGUE.
5. THE REGISTRAR/MATCH SECRETARY - SHALL:
 - 5.1 RECEIVE ALL REGISTRATION FORMS FOR PLAYERS OF CLUBS IN MEMBERSHIP
 - 5.2 SCRUTINIZE REGISTRATION FORMS FOR POSSIBLE IRREGULARITIES, COMPLETE THEM AND SIGN ON BEHALF OF THE LEAGUE.
 - 5.3 ENTER SUCH REGISTRATIONS IN A REGISTER PROVIDED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
 - 5.4 CONSTRUCT A SCHEDULE FOR LEAGUE PLAY AND KEEP AN UP-TO-DATE RECORD OF GAMES PLAYED, WON, LOST AND TIED.
 - 5.5 PROVIDE LEAGUE STANDINGS MONTHLY TO CLUBS, THE LEAGUE AND THE MEDIA.
 - 5.6 RE-SCHEDULE GAMES POSTPONED OR CANCELED FOR JUST CAUSE.

ARTICLE 15 AUDITORS:

TWO(2) AUDITORS, WHO SHALL NOT BE MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE, SHALL BE APPOINTED, ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE EXECUTIVE, ANNUALLY TO PRESENT THEIR REPORT AT THE AGM.

ARTICLE 16 LAWS OF THE GAME:

1. GAMES PLAYED WITHIN THIS LEAGUE SHALL ABIDE BY THE LAWS OF THE GAME AS AUTHORIZED BY THE INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION BOARD (FIFA).
2. ANNUAL CHANGES SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE UPON RECEIPT OF A NEW ISSUE BY THE OFFICERS OF THE LEAGUE.

ARTICLE 17 RULES AND REGULATIONS:

1. THE LEAGUE MAY ADOPT RULES AND REGULATIONS AS DEEMED NECESSARY TO PROMOTE, DEVELOP, AND GOVERN THE SPORT OF SOCCER.
2. AMENDMENTS TO RULES AND REGULATIONS MAY BE PASSED BY A MAJORITY VOTE AT ANY GENERAL MEETING.

ARTICLE 18 MONIES OWING :

1. ALL MONIES OWING TO LEAGUE SHALL BE DUE AND PAYABLE, WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS OF INVOICING, UNLESS OTHERWISE STIPULATED.
2. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE ABOVE WILL RESULT IN A LOSS OF ALL MEMBERSHIP PRIVILEGES.
3. THE EXECUTIVE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO IMPOSE A SURCHARGE ON ANY OVERDUE ACCOUNT, ACCORDING TO RATES STIPULATED IN RULES AND REGULATIONS APPENDIX 1

ARTICLE 19 AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS :

1. AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS MAY BE MADE ONLY AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.
2. PROPOSED AMENDMENTS SHALL BE FORWARDED, IN WRITING, TO THE SECRETARY AT LEAST FOURTEEN (14) DAYS PRIOR TO THE AGM AND COPIES SHALL BE SENT TO MEMBERS WITHIN SEVEN (7) DAYS BY THE SECRETARY.
3. AMENDMENTS WILL REQUIRE A TWO-THIRDS (2/3) VOTE OF MEMBERS PRESENT AND VOTING AT THE AGM.

ARTICLE 20 REMOVAL OF AN OFFICER :

1. IN THE EVENT THAT AN OFFICER HAS NOT ATTENDED THREE EXECUTIVE MEETINGS WHICH HAVE BEEN DULY CALLED, HE MAY BE REMOVED FROM THE EXECUTIVE UPON THE ACCEPTANCE OF A MOTION TO SO ACT.
2. AN EXECUTIVE POSITION BECOMES VACANT IF THE HOLDER OF THAT POSITION:
 - 2.1 NO LONGER RESIDES WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE LEAGUE.
 - 2.2 IS ADJUDGED BY THE EXECUTIVE TO BE ACTING IN A MANNER DETRIMENTAL TO THE LEAGUE AND ITS OBJECTIVES.
 - 2.3 FAILS TO CARRY OUT THE DUTIES OF HIS OFFICE.

ARTICLE 21 VACANCIES :

1. THE EXECUTIVE MAY FILL VACANT POSITIONS AT AN EXECUTIVE MEETING BY ACCEPTING A MOTION TO ACT SO.
2. SUCH APPOINTMENTS SHALL BE FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE CURRENT SEASON UNTIL THE NEXT AGM.

ARTICLE 22 MATTERS NOT ADDRESSED :

1. ALL MATTERS NOT INCLUDED SHALL BE JUDGED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DISTRICT CONSTITUTION. ALL MATTERS NOT ADDRESSED BY THE DISTRICT CONSTITUTION SHALL BE JUDGED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BY-LAWS, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES OF THE " ONTARIO SOCCER ASSOCIATION "

**BAY OF QUINTE SENIOR SOCCER LEAGUE
RULES AND REGULATIONS**

APPENDIX 1

SCHEDULE OF FEES AND FINES

FEES:

TEAM PERFORMANCE BOND (REFUNDABLE)	\$150.00
LEAGUE ENTRY FEE (PAYABLE IN INSTALLMENTS)	1800.00
TEAM FORMS	0.00
GAME PROTEST	50.00
APPEAL OF LEAGUE DISCIPLINE - INDIVIDUAL	100.00
- TEAM	200.00
PLAYER TRANSFER	20.00
TRIAL PERMITS	5.00
PLAYER PASSBOOK	2.00
OUT OF DISTRICT TOURNAMENT TRAVEL	0.00
DISCIPLINE ADMINISTRATION FEE	20.00
REQUEST OF DISCIPLINE ADMINISTRATION FEE	50.00

FINES:

IMPROPERLY DRESSED PLAYERS - FIRST OFFENCE	5.00
- NEXT & SUBSEQUENT	10.00
LEAGUE MEETING NON-ATTENDANCE	
- FIRST OFFENCE	5.00
- NEXT & SUBSEQUENT	Double Last Amount
OVER DUE ACCOUNTS	- LOSS OF PERFORMANCE BOND

- N.B. 1. ALL FINES IMPOSED WILL BE DEDUCTED FROM THE PERFORMANCE BOND
2. BONDS SHALL BE MAINTAINED AT FULL VALUE IF TEAM IS TO BE
CONSIDERED IN GOOD STANDING AND ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN LEAGUE
ACTIVITIES
3. LOSS OF PERFORMANCE BOND AUTOMATICALLY SUSPENDS A TEAM'S LEAGUE
MEMBERSHIP, UNTIL RE-INSTATED BY THE EXECUTIVE.

APPENDIX 2

REGULATIONS OF THE LEAGUE

1. LEAGUE LEVELS

- 1.1 FIRST DIVISION AND SECOND DIVISION TEAMS MAY OBTAIN REGISTRATION FORMS FROM THE REGISTRAR/MATCH SECRETARY ON PAYMENT OF THE APPEARANCE BOND.
- 1.2 THE EXECUTIVE SHALL, SHOULD IT BE DEEMED NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN COMPETITIVE BALANCE, CREATE ADDITIONAL DIVISIONS FOR SCHEDULING PURPOSES.
- 1.3 A NEW TEAM ENTERING THE LEAGUE SHALL BE PLACED IN THE LOWEST DIVISION. ANY TEAM IN A LOWER DIVISION WHICH WINS THE DIVISION, SHALL BE ADVANCED TO THE NEXT HIGHER DIVISION. THE EXECUTIVE SHALL MAINTAIN THE POWER TO ADJUST THE DIVISIONS ACCORDING TO THE NUMBER OF TEAMS ENTERED IN THE LEAGUE.

2. REGISTRATION - TEAMS AND PLAYERS

- 2.1 ALL PLAYERS AND TEAM OFFICIALS IN COMPETITIONS SANCTIONED OR CONDUCTED BY THE LEAGUE SHALL REGISTER EACH YEAR ON FORMS PROVIDED BY THE LEAGUE
- 2.2 REGISTRATION FORMS SHALL BE OBTAINED FROM THE REGISTRAR/MATCH SECRETARY THROUGH THE CLUB/TEAM TO WHICH THE PARTICIPANT BELONGS.
- 2.3 THE COST OF REGISTRATION FORMS WILL BE SET ANNUALLY AT THE FIRST MEETING OF THE SEASON.
- 2.4 COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORMS SHALL BE FORWARDED WITHIN SEVEN (7) DAYS OF THE DATE THEY ARE SIGNED BY THE PLAYER TO THE REGISTRAR/ MATCH SECRETARY, WHO WILL CHECK THE FORMS FOR SATISFACTORY COMPLETION AND THEN IMMEDIATELY SUBMIT THE COMPLETED FORM TO THE DISTRICT REGISTRAR WHO SHALL REGISTER THE PLAYER.
- 2.5 REGISTRATION FORMS ARE ONLY VALID FOR THE YEAR OF ISSUE AND UNUSED FORMS MUST BE RETURNED FOR CREDIT NO LATER THAN JULY 31.
- 2.6 IF THE EXECUTIVE QUESTIONS THE ELIGIBILITY OF A PLAYER, THEY SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO ADDRESS SUCH A PLAYER AND/OR CLUB TO WHICH HE BELONGS, AND HE MUST PROVE TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE EXECUTIVE THAT HE IS PROPERLY QUALIFIED TO TAKE PART IN COMPETITIONS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE LEAGUE.
- 2.7 WHERE A PLAYER APPROACHES THE LEAGUE DIRECTLY FOR REGISTRATION ON A TEAM, THE EXECUTIVE SHALL PROVIDE THE PLAYER WITH A LIST OF CLUBS AND THEIR COACHES.
- 2.8 NO PARTICIPANT SHALL BE DEEMED REGISTERED NOR SHALL HE PARTICIPATE IN LEAGUE COMPETITIONS UNLESS DISTRICT REGISTRAR APPROVED REGISTRATION FORMS ARE IN THE HANDS OF THE REGISTRAR/MATCH SECRETARY , NOT LESS THAN SEVENTY-TWO (72) HOURS BEFORE PARTICIPATION.
- 2.9 A PLAYER SHALL NOT PLAY FOR MORE THAN ONE (1) TEAM IN ANY ONE CUP COMPETITION.
- 2.10 A PLAYER IS BOUND TO THE CLUB WITH WHICH HE HAS REGISTERED, UNLESS OFFICIALLY TRANSFERRED OR RELEASED, UNTIL THE END OF THE LEAGUE'S CURRENT PLAYING SEASON AND MUST OBEY THE REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE MOVEMENT OF PLAYERS - HE MAY PLAY FOR ONLY ONE (1) TEAM AT ONE TIME.
- 2.11 NO TEAM SHALL BE PERMITTED TO HAVE REGISTERED MORE THAN TWENTY FIVE (25) PLAYERS, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF 8 WING TRENTON, WHO MAY REGISTER A MAXIMUM OF TWENTY FIVE (25) PLAYERS AT ONE TIME THROUGH THE SEASON.

- 2.12 NO TEAM MAY DRESS MORE THAN EIGHTEEN (18) PLAYERS IN ONE GAME.
- 2.13 THE CURRENT PLAYING SEASON INCLUDING PLAYOFFS SHALL COMMENCE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER MAY 1 AND CONCLUDE NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 15, ANNUALLY.
- 2.14 DEADLINE FOR REGISTERING PLAYERS IS JULY 15. THE ONLY EXCEPTIONS BEING PLAYERS ON YOUTH TRIAL PERMITS, CFB TRENTON AND PLAYERS ON TEAMS THAT HAVE CEASED TO FUNCTION AFTER JULY 15 BUT SEVEN (7) DAYS PRIOR TO START OF PLAYOFFS.
- 2.15 A PLAYER MAY USE ONLY ONE PASSBOOK AT ANY GIVEN TIME, ADDITIONAL PASSBOOKS IN THE POSSESSION OF PLAYER, ANY LEAGUE TEAM OR OTHER BODY, MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE REGISTRAR/MATCH SECRETARY BY THE PLAYER FOR NULLIFICATION PRIOR TO THE VALIDATION OF THE SUBJECT PLAYER'S INTENDED PASSBOOK.

3 TRANSFER OF PLAYERS

- 3.1 A REGISTERED PLAYER WISHING TO TRANSFER SHALL MAKE APPLICATION ON A FORM SUPPLIED BY THE LEAGUE THROUGH THE REGISTRAR/MATCH SECRETARY.
- 3.2 SUCH A REGISTERED PLAYER SHALL NOT BE ALLOWED TO TRANSFER WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF THE CLUB WITH WHICH HE IS REGISTERED. SUCH CONSENT SHALL BE IN WRITING, SIGNED BY THE TEAM OFFICIAL OF THAT CLUB. THE TRANSFER SHALL BE OFFICIAL WHEN THE CONSENT AND THE NEW REGISTRATION ARE IN THE HANDS OF THE REGISTRAR, THEREBY WAIVING THE FULL SEVEN (7) DAYS NOTICE REQUIRED IN 3.6.
- 3.3 EACH TRANSFER IS SUBJECT TO A FEE AS SET FORTH IN APPENDIX 1 AND IS IN AN ADDITION TO THE FEE LEVIED BY THE ONTARIO SOCCER ASSOCIATION.
- 3.4 NO TRANSFER SHALL BE MADE AFTER JULY 31.
- 3.5 REFUSAL BY A CLUB TO ALLOW A TRANSFER MAY BE APPEALED TO THE LEAGUE BY THE PLAYER, WITHOUT A FEE. NO CLUB OR LEAGUE MAY LIMIT, UNREASONABLY, THE RIGHT OF A PLAYER TO TRANSFER TO A CLUB OF HIS CHOICE.
- 3.6 REGISTERED PLAYERS MUST GIVE SEVEN (7) DAYS NOTICE TO HIS CLUB, IN WRITING, OF HIS WISH TO TRANSFER.
- 3.7 A PLAYER SHALL BE ENTITLED TO TWO (2) TRANSFERS DURING THE CURRENT SEASON WITHIN THIS ASSOCIATION AND ONCE TRANSFERRED, CANNOT BE TRANSFERRED BACK TO THE ORIGINAL CLUB UNTIL THIRTY (30) DAYS HAVE ELAPSED.
- 3.8 ANY CLUB WHICH ATTEMPTS TO INDUCE A REGISTERED PLAYER OF ANY CLUB UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE ONTARIO SOCCER ASSOCIATION TO LEAVE THAT CLUB BEFORE THE END OF THE CURRENT SEASON, SHALL HAVE COMMITTED AN OFFENCE TO BE DEALT WITH BY THE OSA AND OR , THE LEAGUE EXECUTIVE.

4 DISCIPLINE

- 4.1 PLAYERS, CLUBS, LEAGUES OR TEAM OFFICIALS REPORTED FOR BREACH OF THE LAWS OF THE GAME AND THIS CONSTITUTION SHALL BE DEALT WITH BY THE EXECUTIVE OF THE LEAGUE THROUGH THE DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE.
- 4.2 ALLEGED PHYSICAL ASSAULT ON A GAME OFFICIAL BY A PLAYER, CLUB OR LEAGUE OFFICIAL SHALL RESULT IN SUSPENSION OF THAT INDIVIDUAL UNTIL THE ALLEGATION HAS BEEN DEALT WITH BY A DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE OF THE ONTARIO SOCCER ASSOCIATION. SUCH A HEARING SHALL BE HELD WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS OF THE FILING OF THE ALLEGATION.

- 4.3 PLAYERS, OFFICIALS, AND SPECTATORS ARE ALLOWED TO TAKE PART IN OR ATTEND GAMES ON CONDITION THEY ABIDE BY THE CONSTITUTION OF THIS LEAGUE AND THE ONTARIO SOCCER ASSOCIATION. EVERY CLUB IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ITS PLAYERS, OFFICIALS, AND SPECTATORS AND IS RESPONSIBLE TO TAKE THOSE MEASURES THAT WILL ENSURE THE PREVENTION OF FOUL AND ABUSIVE LANGUAGE TOWARD ANYONE, BETTING, THREATENING, OR ASSAULTING OFFICIALS OR PLAYERS.
- 4.4 IN ALL DISCIPLINARY HEARINGS, THE PARTY COMPLAINED ABOUT SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO APPEAR, AT HIS OWN EXPENSE, AFTER BEING DULY NOTIFIED OF THE TIME AND PLACE OF THE HEARING.
- 4.5 ANY PLAYER OR CLUB OFFICIAL WHO RECEIVES THREE (3) CATIONS IN ONE SEASON SHALL BE SUSPENDED FOR TWO (2) GAMES, AND HE MAY BE REQUIRED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE. IN THIS INSTANCE, THE CLUB SHALL BE NOTIFIED BY THE MATCH SECRETARY AT LEAST FORTY-EIGHT (48) HOURS BEFORE THE HEARING UNLESS OTHERWISE STIPULATED BY THE LEAGUE.
- 4.6 PLAYERS, CLUBS, TEAM OFFICIALS OR REFEREES SUSPENDED BY THIS LEAGUE OR THE O.S.A. SHALL NOT TAKE PART IN ANY SOCCER ACTIVITY UNTIL THE COMPLETION OF THE SUSPENSION.
- 4.7 THE DISCIPLINE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES OF THE ONTARIO SOCCER ASSOCIATION'S ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDE WILL BE FOLLOWED IN DETERMINING DECISIONS WITH RESPECT TO REFEREE REPORTS OF PLAYERS, CLUB OR LEAGUE BREACHES OF LAWS OF THE GAME.

5 PROTESTS

- 5.1 ALL PROTESTS AND MATTERS OF DISPUTE UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE LEAGUE SHALL BE HANDLED BY THE EXECUTIVE.
- 5.2 PROTESTS MUST BE SENT IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY OF THE LEAGUE WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR (24) HOURS FOLLOWING THE GAME (SUNDAYS EXCLUDED) AND ACCOMPANIED BY A DEPOSIT AS SET FORTH IN THE FEE SCHEDULE (APPENDIX 1). THE DEPOSIT SHALL BE FORFEITED IF THE PROTEST IS LOST.
- 5.3 A COPY OF THIS PROTEST MUST DE DELIVERED TO AND A RECEIPT ACKNOWLEDGED BY, IN WRITING, THE CLUB AGAINST WHICH THE PROTEST IS MADE.
- 5.4 FORFEITURE OF GAME AND RESULTING LOSS OF POINTS IN LEAGUE STANDING SHALL BE JUSTIFIED ONLY IF THE BAISIS FOR PROTEST IS ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING:
- OPPOSING TEAM KNOWINGLY USED PLAYER(S) UNDER SUSPENSION.
 - OPPOSING TEAM CONSISTED OF ONE OR MORE UNREGISTERED PARTICIPANT.
 - REFEREE CANCELLED GAME BECAUSE HOME TEAM DID NOT PROVIDE SUITABLE CORNER FLAGS AND/OR GOAL NETS.
 - GAME COULD NOT BE COMPLETED SINCE OPPONENTS ARRIVED LATER THAN THE ALLOWABLE GRACE PERIOD AND REFEREE ALLOWED GAME TO BE PLAYED.
- 5.5 PROTEST BASED ON OTHER RULE VIOLATIONS SHALL RESULT IN SANCTIONS AS DETERMINED BY THE EXECUTIVE AND PERMITTED BY THE RULES.

6 APPEALS

- 6.1 APPEALS OF DECISIONS BY CLUBS OR INDIVIDUALS SHALL BE SUBMITTED, IN WRITING, BY REGISTERED MAIL OR RECOGNIZED COURIER SERVICE, TO THE ASSOCIATION WHICH NOW ACTS, IN THIS INSTANCE, AS THE DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.
- 6.2 THE LETTER OF APPEAL SHALL BE ACCOMPANIED BY THE APPROPRIATE FEE AS OUTLINED IN APPENDIX 1.

- 6.3 THE LETTER OF APPEAL MUST BE POSTMARKED, OR DELIVERED, NO MORE THAN FIVE (5) WORKING DAYS AFTER THE RECEIPT, IN WRITING, OF THE DECISION BEING APPEALED.
- 6.4 EVERY APPEAL OF A DECISION INVOLVING AN INDIVIDUAL MUST BE MADE BY THAT INDIVIDUAL, ACCOMPANIED BY THE APPROPRIATE APPEAL FEE AS PER APPENDIX 1.
- 6.5 EVERY APPEAL OF A DECISION INVOLVING A CLUB MUST BE MADE BY A MEMBER OF THE CLUB'S EXECUTIVE AND ACCOMPANIED BY THE APPROPRIATE APPEAL FEE AS PER APPENDIX 1.
- 6.6 THE LETTER OF APPEAL MUST SPECIFY THE RATIONALE FOR APPEALING.
- 6.7 ANY APPEAL NOT IN COMPLIANCE WITH ALL THE ABOVE REGULATIONS WILL BE RULED OUT OF ORDER AND DISALLOWED.
- 6.8 THE APPEAL SHALL BE HEARD WITHIN TWENTY (20) WORKING DAYS OF RECEIPT BY THE ASSOCIATION AND ANY SUSPENSION SHALL REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL THE HEARING IS HELD.
- 6.9 WHEN AN APPEAL IS UPHELD, THE APPEAL FEE SHALL BE REFUNDED IN PART OR WHOLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DECISION.

7 RULES OF THE LEAGUE

- 7.1 IN ALL GAMES PLAYED UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THIS LEAGUE, EVERY PLAYER SHALL WEAR A DIFFERENT NUMBER ON HIS SHIRT WHICH IS READILY VISIBLE TO THE GAME OFFICIALS AND APPROPRIATELY RECORDED ON THE GAME SHEET. NO PLAYER MAY CHANGE THAT NUMBER ONCE THE GAME HAS STARTED, EXCEPT IN UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES AND WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE REFEREE.
 - 7.1.1 IDENTIFICATION CARD/BOOKS
TO BE ADOPTED FOR ALL PLAYERS AND OBTAINED FROM THE REGISTRAR/ MATCH SECRETARY.
 - 7.1.2 REQUESTS FOR PLAYER IDENTIFICATION MUST BE MADE PRIOR TO THE START OF THE GAME. IT IS THE COACHES' RESPONSIBILITY BUT SHALL BE SUPERVISED BY THE REFEREE. THE PROCEDURE WILL BE AS FOLLOWS: EACH PLAYER AT CENTER FIELD DISPLAYS TO THE OPPOSING COACH HIS OWN PLAYER IDENTIFICATION CARD; PLAYERS ARRIVING LATE AFTER CARDS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED, WILL PRODUCE SAME FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE OPPOSING COACH AND NEUTRAL LINESMAN. REQUESTS AND/OR PROTESTS MADE AFTER HALF TIME WILL NOT BE ACKNOWLEDGED OR UPHELD.
 - 7.1.3 IN THE EVENT OF A CHALLENGE TO A PLAYER'S ELIGIBILITY BY THE OPPOSING TEAM, THE REFEREE SHALL HAVE THE SAID PLAYER SIGN THE BACK OF THE GAME REPORT IN THE PRESENCE OF THE OPPOSING TEAMS COACH, ALSO LISTING THE PLAYERS NAME AND NUMBER.
 - 7.1.4 PLAYERS MUST REGISTER AT LEAST SEVENTY-TWO (72) HOURS PRIOR TO LEAGUE AND SEVEN (7) DAYS PRIOR TO CUP GAMES.
- 7.2 WHERE A POSTMARK IS A QUALIFYING REQUIREMENT, IT SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO MEAN A POSTMARK AFFIXED BY CANADA POST OR A RECOGNIZED COURIER.
- 7.3 AT THE TIME OF APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP, EVERY CLUB MUST DENOTE THE COLOUR OF ITS STRIP. GOALKEEPERS MUST WEAR A DISTINGUISHING COLOR ACCEPTABLE TO THE REFEREE. WHERE TEAM COLORS ARE TOO SIMILAR, IN THE REFEREE'S OPINION, UNLESS PRIOR ARRANGEMENTS REGARDING WHO CHANGES HAVE BEEN MADE BETWEEN THE SUBJECT TEAMS, THE AWAY TEAM MUST CHANGE TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE

- REFEREE. ALL PLAYERS OF THE SAME TEAM MUST WEAR SHIRTS OF THE SAME COLOUR AND SHORTS OF THE SAME COLOUR.
- 7.3.1 CLUBS PLANNING TO SECURE NEW OR REPLACEMENT UNIFORMS MAY DO SO ONLY WITH THE PRIOR WRITTEN APPROVAL OF THE LEAGUE EXECUTIVE.
- 7.4 IN THE EVENT OF DEFAULTING A GAME, THE DEFAULTING TEAM SHALL PAY ALL EXPENSES, INCLUDING THE GAME OFFICIAL'S FEES. A DEFAULT IN A CUP COMPETITION SHALL RESULT IN THE ELIMINATION OF THAT TEAM.
- 7.5 THE EXECUTIVE MAY FINE MEMBER TEAMS FOR FAILURE TO ATTEND GENERAL MEETINGS, ACCORDING TO APPENDIX 1 FINE SCHEDULE AS SET BY THE EXECUTIVE AT THE START OF THE SEASON.
- 7.6 ALL MATCHES SHALL BE PLAYED AS SCHEDULED, UNLESS THERE ARE EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES AND THE MATCH SECRETARY HAS APPROVED THE CHANGE.
- 7.7 LEAGUE STANDINGS WILL BE ARRIVED AT BY ALLOWING THREE (3) POINTS FOR A WIN AND ONE (1) POINT FOR A DRAW. TO BREAK A DEADLOCK BETWEEN TWO (2) OR MORE TEAMS, THE FOLLOWING FORMULA WILL BE USED:
- I- RESULT OF HEAD TO HEAD PLAY (UNLESS THREE (3) OR MORE TEAMS ARE TIED),
 - II- MOST WINS,
 - III- GOAL DIFFERENCE (GOALS FOR MINUS GOALS AGAINST),
 - IV- LEAST GOALS AGAINST,
 - V- COIN TOSS
- 7.8 IN THE EVENT OF WITHDRAWAL OF A TEAM BEFORE THE END OF THE SEASON, IF THE FIRST HALF OF THE SCHEDULE HAS BEEN COMPLETED, ONLY THOSE GAMES PLAYED IN THE SECOND HALF SHALL BE STRUCK. OTHERWISE, ALL RECORDS WILL BE STRUCK FROM THE STANDINGS.
- 7.9 WHENEVER A GAME IS CALLED OFF FOR JUST CAUSE BY A REFEREE AFTER THE SEVENTY-FIFTH (75th) MINUTE, THE SCORE SHALL STAND UNTIL CONSIDERED BY THE EXECUTIVE.
- 7.10 EACH TEAM SHALL BE ALLOWED SEVEN SUBSTITUTES IN EACH LEAGUE OR CUP GAME WITHOUT RESTRICTION AS TO THE NUMBER OF TIMES THEY MAY BE USED. SUBSTITUTION MAY BE MADE DURING A STOPPAGE IN PLAY CALLED BY THE REFEREE FOR A GOAL, GOAL KICK, INJURY OR HALF-TIME.
- 7.11 THE FEES FOR GAME OFFICIALS WILL BE NEGOTIATED BY THE EXECUTIVE. NON APPEARANCE OF AN OFFICIAL, WITHOUT JUST CAUSE, WILL RESULT IN A FINE EQUAL TO THAT GAME'S FEE AND PAYABLE TO THE LEAGUE. REFEREES WILL BE EXPECTED TO DELIVER GAME REPORTS AND ANY CAUTIONS AND EJECTIONS TO THE MATCH SECRETARY WITHIN FORTY-EIGHT (48) HOURS OF THE GAME. FAILURE TO COMPLY IS GROUNDS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE EXECUTIVE.
- 7.12 THE HOME TEAM SHALL PROVIDE AND ENSURE THAT CORNER FLAGS AND NETS ARE IN POSITION AS WELL AS A SUITABLE GAME BALL TO THE REFEREE BEFORE EACH GAME COMMENCES.
- 7.13 THE REFEREE SHALL REPORT ANY INFRINGEMENTS OF RULES 7.1 AND 7.1.3 ON HIS GAME REPORT. FIRST OFFENCE AND SUBSEQUENT OFFENCES WILL BE ASSESSED A FINE AS LAID OUT IN APPENDIX 1.
- 7.14 ANY REGISTERED CLUB MUST OBTAIN EXECUTIVE APPROVAL FOR ANY CONTEMPLATED LOCAL SPONSORED TOURNAMENT.
- 7.15 THE HOME TEAM SHALL PROVIDE THE REFEREE, PRIOR TO KICK-OFF, WITH COMPLETED LEAGUE GAME SHEET.
- 7.16 EACH TEAM SHALL PROVIDE THE EXECUTIVE WITH A COMPLETED

- GAME EVALUATION ON A FORM PROVIDED BY THE LEAGUE. NO ACTION SHALL BE TAKEN ON CONCERNS THAT ARE NOT IN WRITING AND FOR WHICH NO GAME EVALUATION REPORT WAS FILED.
- 7.17 NO MATCH OFFICIAL MAY BE RELATED (RELATIVE, IN-LAW ETC.) TO A PLAYER/MANAGER/COACH/TRAINER OF A TEAM PARTICIPATING IN THE SUBJECT MATCH. NO MATCH OFFICIAL MAY BE A MEMBER OF, OR SOMEHOW AFFILIATED WITH, A PARTICIPATING TEAM, OR THAT TEAM'S CLUB. NOTWITHSTANDING THE ABOVE, PERMISSION FOR EXEMPTION TO THIS CLAUSE MAY BE APPLIED FOR VIA WRITTEN REQUEST TO THE EXECUTIVE, WHO SHALL REPLY IN WRITING. A COPY OF SUCH WRITTEN SPECIAL PERMISSION MUST BE MADE AVAILABLE BY THE OFFICIAL, UPON VERBAL REQUEST FOR TEAMS TO REVIEW IN APPLICABLE SITUATIONS PRIOR TO KICK-OFF. DISPUTES TO BE RESOLVED BY THE EXECUTIVE.
- 7.18 MATTERS NOT ADDRESSED IN THESE BY-LAWS AND REGULATIONS SHALL BE DEFERRED TO THE CONSTITUTION, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES OF THE ONTARIO SOCCER ASSOCIATION.

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