

SASA RULES AND REGULATIONS

2009

1. MEMBERSHIPS

a) General Membership Requirements

i) All members will respect the objectives, and comply with the Constitution of the District Association. Members shall maintain a Constitution in conformity with that of the District Association. Deviations from the Constitution of the District Association to accommodate local needs must be approved by the Board of Directors of the District Association.

ii) Application for membership in the District Association shall be made annually on a form to be provided by the District Association. The application must be accompanied by the required membership fee, together with a copy of the applicant's constitution, and a list of current Officers.

iii) Each Member will hold an Annual General Meeting.

iv) Each Member shall notify The District Association in writing of any change of Officers or any change of address, within seven (7) days of any change.

v) Membership fees shall be in addition to any fees levied by The Ontario Soccer Association.

b) Active Members - Clubs

i) All Clubs under the jurisdiction of The District Association shall place their players at the service of The District Association.

ii) Playing Out Rights

Clubs wishing to enter a team(s) in a league affiliated with another District Association may do so only with the permission of both District Associations concerned.

Clubs wishing to enter a team(s) in a regional league must have permission of the District Association and the OSA as required

c) Associate Members - Leagues and Other Organizations

The District Association will consider accepting into Associate Membership, Leagues and other organizations, which have the following terms of reference:

i) Leagues and other organizations such as coaches and referees associations shall comply with the "General Membership Requirement" Rule 1 a).

ii) Voting Rights

Voting rights shall be as described in the District Association By-Laws.

d) Life Members

The District Association will consider accepting into Life Membership, individuals who have been associated with The District Association or one of its members, and who have rendered special service to the game, to an extent beyond normal participation. Provided the nominee has fulfilled the requirements in the criteria.

2. BONDS

a) Each club in membership of The District Association shall maintain a performance bond of five hundred dollars (\$500.00). This bond is to remain with The District Association during the term of membership.

b) Bonds will be forfeited at the discretion of the Board of Directors, however the club can only be expelled from The District Association following a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote at a General Meeting.

c) Clubs that cease to operate shall have six (6) months to claim repayment of their Bond. If such a claim is not made, the District Association shall be deemed the owner of the bond and shall direct it to be

i) Placed in an account for soccer development

ii) Donated to a children's charity.

3. Registration

a) General

i) An individual or organization must register with the District Association prior to participating in any soccer program under the jurisdiction of the District/OSA.

ii) Registrations must be made in accordance with procedure laid down by the District Association and the OSA.

a) Clubs entering teams in senior leagues must register 11 players by May 15 for the outdoor season and 8 players by October 15 for the indoor season.

b) After June 30 for the outdoor season and December 15 for the indoor season, senior players will be deemed to have played or practiced with their Club. After that date, player registrations will be terminated upon request. That is to say that the SASA player fees will be charged to the Club. Note: The termination of a player registration is not the deletion of that player from Club membership.

4. REFEREES

a) No person shall officiate as a referee in any competition under the jurisdiction of The Ontario Soccer Association, unless he is on the Official List of Referees.

i) However, if in unforeseen circumstances a referee fails to show up for a game or is unable to act, Leagues, Clubs or Teams shall have the right to agree on some other person to officiate, however that person must be a SASA registrant. The teams shall agree on a person(s), not necessarily on the official list, to act in his/her stead. In youth or mini-soccer age divisions, the two coaches shall decide on a person (spectator) to referee the entire game or they shall agree to referee half a game each or they shall agree to have one coach referee the entire game.

ii) Procedure for Reporting Referees that miss game assignments:

1. If the game is one where there are a Referee and Assistants (AR) then it is the responsibility of the Referee, if an AR misses, to report this directly to the DRC or if it is the Referee who misses it is the responsibility of the senior official to report to the DRC.
2. If the game does not have AR's, then the home team coach should report this to the SASA office, who in turn will inform the DRC.
3. In cases of SYSL games, all missed games should be reported by the home team coach to the SYSL office, who in turn will inform the DRC.
4. The reporting of missed games should include specifics of the game - League, date, Game number and venue which the game occurred.
5. Once the missed game has been reported to the DRC, he/she will contact the referee and inquire as to the reason for the missing of a game assignment.
6. The DRC will make a decision if further discipline action is required and if it is, then it is up to a Discipline Panel to determine guilt. The fine for senior game officials is \$100.00 - \$200.00 and for youth aged game officials officiating in a youth or mini competition the official should be provided an "alternative education program" for first time offence as per OSA Discipline Procedures Section 9.0 Policy 9.7, 9.71

b) Fees

i) Referees may only be paid game fees and expenses at rates set in advance by Leagues under whose jurisdiction the games are played. It is an offence to offer, or for an official to ask for, or receive, more than the set rates.

ii) Referee remuneration shall be the responsibility of the individual Leagues.

c) Appointments

1. Appointments shall be made in accordance with recommendations of the DRC, regarding the competency levels of Referees.

2. A Referee shall, within forty-eight (48) hours of the conclusion of the game, submit all necessary paperwork in reference to the game to the District office.

Footnote to Appointments; With reference to the above, please refer to the “SASA Referee Game Appointments Policy”

d) Authority to Cancel a Game

The City of Sault Ste. Marie has the right to cancel games with respect to the fitness of the city-owned soccer fields, or the Referee shall decide on the fitness of the ground for play, and the Referee’s decision shall be final.

7. TOURNAMENTS

All tournaments shall operate in accordance with O.S.A. Policies and Procedures. In addition to the required OSA fee, there will be an administration fee of \$25.00 with each tournament host application.

8. EXHIBITION GAMES

a) Definition

An exhibition game is a game arranged between two teams of registered players, which is neither a scheduled league nor play-off game nor a cup game.

b) Authorization

i) All Clubs affiliated with this District Association are authorized to hold exhibition games with teams from within the District.

ii) All other exhibition games must be held in accordance with O.S.A. Policies and Procedures.

c) Hosting

i) Hosting shall be done in accordance with O.S.A. Policies and Procedures.

9. TEAM TRAVEL

Team travel shall be done in accordance with O.S.A. Policies and Procedures.

10. PLAYER REGISTRATION

a) Initial Registration

i) The District Association will appoint a Registrar from whom the clubs shall obtain their registration forms.

ii) Completed registration forms shall be forwarded to the District Registrar by the Club/League Registrar, except in cases where Clubs have the authorization. The District Registrar shall validate the registrations, however the player is only registered after the registration has been data entered in the OSA's computerized registration system. The effective date of registration for an amateur player shall be the day after the registration has been data entered in the OSA's computerized registration system. The District will issue an updated roster. The District shall invoice the Clubs the required fee.

iii) Providing that there are teams in the player's age group, no youth player shall register with a team in a higher age group, unless written permission is obtained from the Club.

iv) In the interest of player development, Clubs with Youth players shall be permitted to sign affiliation agreements with Clubs/Leagues that register only senior teams.

v) Youth players must fulfill their obligations to their youth team first. Failing to do so, will result in losing playing up privileges for the remainder of the season.

vi) Teams who bring up youth players contrary to (v) above shall have access to all youth game privileges withdrawn for the remainder of the season.

b) Registration Changes

i) Any player registered with any team may transfer such registration to another team, as allowed for in O.S.A. Policies and Procedures

ii) The fee payable for the transfer of a player shall be twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars payable to the District by the receiving Club.

c) Change of Registration across Age or Competition Class shall be in accordance with SASA and O.S.A. Policies and Procedures.

11. DISCIPLINE

a) Any person reported for misconduct shall be dealt with by The District Association according to OSA Policies and Procedures.

12. APPEAL PROCEDURES

a) Appeals against decisions made by a Club or League shall be submitted in writing, by registered mail, email, or recorded delivery by a member of the Executive or staff of The District Association and a copy of the letter of appeal shall be sent by registered mail, email or recorded delivery to a member of the League Executive.

b) Registrants and/or registered organizations who wish to seek leave to appeal a decision will have seven (7) days from the date on which they received notice of the decision, together with their rights appeal, to submit in writing notice of the following:

i) their intention to appeal

ii) grounds for the appeal

iii) all evidence that supports these grounds, including all documentation

iv) the remedy or remedies requested

v) a copy of the written decision being appealed or the Appellant's understanding of the decision (If the decision has not been received in writing)

c) Further appeals must be made in accordance with O.S.A. Policies and Procedures.

13. PROTESTS

Protests shall be dealt with by the individual League executive except protests resulting from O.S.A. cup games.

14. GENERAL RULES

a) All games shall be played under current F.I.F.A. rules or approved League rules, unless specified in this section.

b) The District Association's competitions shall take precedence over all games, except O.S.A. competitions. Teams wishing to participate in any other games must follow OSA Policies and Procedures.

c) All clubs under the jurisdiction of this District Association shall place their players at the service of the Association for any District representative team.

d) The District Association shall be the custodian for all trophies awarded for District soccer activities within the geographic boundaries of the District. The persons who win individual trophies shall be the custodians of these trophies and are responsible for their condition.

e) The Officers and Life Members of The District Association shall be admitted to the games of all affiliated clubs and leagues without charge.

16. TRIAL PERMITS AND TEMPORARY REGISTRATION PERMITS

a) A player may play for a team to which he/she is not registered under the O.S.A.'s Policies and Procedures.

17. ONTARIO SOCCER ASSOCIATION RULES AND REGULATIONS

Any item not covered by the preceding Rules and Regulations shall be referred to The Ontario Soccer Association Policies and Procedures.

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