

## **2010 SWRSL Policies**

### **1. Management**

1.1 The Board of Directors shall be empowered to amend Appendix "A" "B" "C" at an executive meeting. The Board of Directors shall give minimum notice of 60 days to all clubs prior to any changes to become effective in Appendix "A" "B" "C".

1.2 All member clubs shall receive fourteen (14) days written notice, or e-mail notice, of the date, time and place of the Annual General Meeting.

(UNLESS IT IS PUBLISHED IN THE COACHES MANUAL AND/OR POSTED ON THE OFFICAL LEAGUE WEB SITE)

1.3 All proposed amendments shall be forwarded to the League not later than September 30th immediately prior to the A.G.M.

1.4 Copies of proposed amendments shall be forwarded to all member clubs not less than seven (7) days and/or posted ten (10) days on the league web site prior to the A.G.M.

1.5 All sections shall applied to the outdoor season except section 28 which shall apply to the indoor season.

### **2. Playing Nights/Division Size**

The Proposed playing schedule will be as follows if fields are made available by Clubs.

L5

Monday: U11,U18

Tuesday: U12, U17

Wednesday: U13, U15

Thursday: U14, U16

2.1 L6

Monday U9B, U12

Tuesday: U10G, U14, U18

Wednesday: U10B, U16

Thursday: U9G, U11

Sunday: open

2.2 The only exception will be for extreme long distance travel. These games will be scheduled on the weekends at the discretion of the League. (120 km or more)

### **|2.3 Division Size/Schedule**

- **4 teams: 5 rounds resulting in 15 games**
- **5 teams: 20 rounds resulting in 16 games, 4 byes**
- **6 teams: 15 rounds resulting in 15 games**
- **7 teams: 21 rounds resulting in 18 games, 3 byes**
- **8 teams: 14 rounds resulting in 14 games, 2 exhibition games**
- **9 teams: 18 rounds resulting in 16 games, 2 byes**
- **10 teams: 18 rounds resulting in 18 games**
- **11 teams: 18 games randomly drawn (unbalanced) (Youth Only)**
- **12 teams: 2 groups of 6, home away in group plus cross over games – 16 games, unbalanced (Youth Only)**

### **3. League Fees**

The Annual Membership Fee shall be set annually at the general meeting and must be paid to the league along with the Team application Form.

3.1 All League fee structure shall be as per list on Appendix “A”.

3.2 All payments must be cash, club cheque or money order, payable to the SWRSL

### **4. Team Registration**

Administrators and Team Officials must conduct themselves in such a manner as to set an example when followed, would enable every player to be a credit to the game.

4.1 Clubs are responsible for teams registered in the SWRSL. Teams, players or officials contravening rules and regulations will be subject to discipline as per section 19

4.2 All youth team registrations must be received by February 15th for level 5 and March 15th for level 6. All registrations are due with Entry fees as per Appendix “A”. Teams entering the open Division (Men’s and Ladies) are due at the AGM, including any increase if any approved.

4.3 L5 Each Youth Team may register a maximum of 25 players (OSA Policy 6.5.17)

L6 Each Youth Team and Each Open team may register a maximum of 25 players (OSA Policy 6.5.17)

Each mini team may register a maximum of 14 players (OSA Policy 6.5.17)

4.4 NO TEAM shall be allowed to dress more players than they have properly registered with the O.S.A.

4.5 A minimum of eleven (11) players must be registered by April 15th of each year to the team. (OSA Policy 6.5.17) (mini – 7)

4.6 Each team must play in its own age level unless otherwise approved by the League Board of Directors and it must comply with the OSA Policies and Procedures.

4.7 Players may only play on a team that they are properly registered to in all league games under the jurisdiction of the SWRSL except that in any League game.

**| 4.8 Youth call-ups will be subject to the following restrictions:**

- **L5 Teams: The player called up is a registered L6 or L7 player at the same age or younger age group or L5/L4/L3 registered player of a lower age group**
- **L6 Teams: The player is a registered L6 player at a lower age group or L7 at a younger or same age.**
- **No more than five can play up for any one team for any one game**
- **No player registered to an L5 or higher division may play in the L6**
- **The maximum number of times a player can play up onto a SWRSL team in League play is a combined total of 4 times**
- **At U11 L5 call ups will not be permitted from a L6 team, at the same age group\*\***

**\*\*2010 outdoor season only.**

Registered Players can play up to a limit of four (4) games in the L5 and L6 Open Division, and unlimited in the L6 Youth Divisions per season with a maximum of Four (4) players for any one game provided that the players are registered with O.S.A. books to a team from within their own club or by a club affiliation agreement as per OSA Policy sec 6.18.1

4.8 No player shall be registered after Aug. 1st. of each year for outdoor competition, (A player is not registered to a SWRSL Team unless his/her book is completed by S.W.R.S.A.)

4.9 Players playing for a team (club) in the league or any other league shall not be permitted after Aug.1st to transfer or re-register to play for another team (Club) in the SWRSL during the current playing season.

4.10 Only registered players may sit on the bench. All players entered on the game sheet, are deemed to have played. (Players under suspension shall not be entered on the game sheet and will not be at Player's Bench.)

## **5. Team Regulations**

All players and Team Officials on a team must be in possession of a current valid OSA ID to be eligible to play or coach. (OSA Sec 6.6) Their Current valid OSA ID must be checked by the opposing team official(s) fifteen (15) minutes prior to the kick-off. If a player's current valid OSA ID is not presented, the player will NOT play. A player or Team Official arriving late will be allowed to play upon presentation of his current valid OSA ID to the opposing team official during a stoppage in play.

5.1 Teams from the same club playing in the same division may not interchange players

## 5.2 YOUTH DIVISIONS:

O.S.A. policy states that an amateur player may register on a maximum of three outdoor teams, only one of which may be a competitive team. If an amateur player is registered as a competitive player, he/she is not permitted to play for any recreational youth team participating in the SWRSL. An amateur player may only register for one team in the SWRSL.

## OPEN DIVISIONS:

O.S.A. policy states that an amateur player may register on a maximum of three outdoor teams, only one of which may be a competitive team. Only (4) four competitively registered players will be permitted, per team in the highest Men's or Women's Division as long as the amateur player is registered as a recreational player in the SWRSL first. These (4) four competitively registered players shall not play in any games against a team from a lower division (i.e. Cup games between premier and 1st or 2nd Division teams). Competitive players are NOT permitted in any other divisions.

An amateur player may only register for one team in the SWRSL unless the second team is an 'over 30' or 'over 35' division team. Since a player is permitted only one player ID book, it is the responsibility of the Club fielding the SWRSL Recreational Team to monitor their player ID Books, and advise the SWRSL in writing as to the name of the player registered recreational SWRSL first and Competitive second. OSA sec6 policy 2

## 6. Team Officials

In L5 Divisions all Team Head Coaches and Assistant Coaches must have an OSA SENIOR Community Coaching Certification.

In L6 Divisions All Youth Team Head Coaches must have an OSA Child Coaching Certification beginning in the 2010 playing year.

In L6 All Youth Team Head Coaches must have an OSA Youth Coaching Certification beginning in the 2011 playing year except U9 to U11 divisions.

6.1 Each member team must provide the League with names, addresses and telephone numbers of their carded coaches and managers, and a map showing the location of fields, along with the team application form. The League must be notified in writing of any change made in team officials during the season within (7) seven days of the change.

6.2 A maximum of four (4) carded officials shall be permitted to sit on the bench.

6.3 In all games no persons without CURRENT identity cards will be allowed on the line with the teams.

6.4 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.

6.5 "Team Official" shall mean Coach, Assistant Coach, or Manager who will be registered and carded by district association. Only Carded Team Officials signed on the game sheet are eligible to be on/at team bench and are deemed to have coached.

### **7. Team Responsibility**

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.

7.1 Team officials will coach within one meter of their bench and are not permitted to walk up and down the touchline or obstruct and/or obscure the view of the assistant referee.

7.2 Games shall not start should there be less than seven (7) players available to each or either team at the kick-off. In U9 – U10 divisions the game shall not start if there are less than 6 players available to each team at the kick-off.

\*Teams fielding less than the prescribed number of players will be considered as a 'NO SHOW'

**|7.3 At all SWRSL youth games, both teams must be positioned on one side of the field with all spectators on the opposite side of the field.**

7.4 Spectators shall not be allowed in or behind the bench area. Team officials shall be responsible for the conduct of their spectators. Spectators must remain two meters back from the playing area.

7.5 If any team fails to appear at a scheduled League game or Cup game, the team will forfeit the game. The said team shall pay all such fees and expenses to be subject to the approval of the Executive Committee. Claims for expenses are to be filed with the league using the Game Opponent No-Show Form. As per Appendix "B"

7.6 Expense and fees must be paid within 21 days of notice.

7.7 The defaulting manager, coach and club may also be subject to further disciplinary action by the Executive Committee.

7.8 Clubs with a team having two (2) or more no-shows in one season may be penalized by forfeiture of their performance bond (if such would apply). At the discretion of the Executive Committee and may also be subject to further disciplinary action.

7.9 Clubs are responsible for the conduct of their players, officials, and spectators on and off the field of play during a game scheduled by the League.

7.10 Any team official withdrawing a team from a game will be subject to disciplinary action.

7.11 The coach of the winning team, or the home team in case of a draw, shall report the game results on the game sheet provided, within forty-eight (48) hours of the game, to the League and/or web site design for such reporting.

7.12 If the League does not receive the game sheets within 2 weeks of the game the game will be withdrawn from the schedule and no points will be awarded, or pay fine per game to have game(s) re-instated.

7.13 Player substitutions shall be permitted with the consent of the referee during a stoppage of play for the following:

Goal Kick

Any Kick-off

Teams own throw-ins.(other team may substitute if the first team does)

Injured player Only

7.14 No Substitution is allowed for any player(s) ejected  
All Substitutions must enter the field at the halfway line.  
All substituted players must leave the field without delay

## **8. Home Club Responsibility**

Home teams will be responsible for the provision of:

A Field and Markings

Goal Nets

Corner Flags

Two properly inflated game balls

Change Rooms (If Available)

Field Lights (When Required)

8.1 The League shall use the following ball sizes:

U 9-10-11-12 size 4

U13 and older size 5

Open size 5

8.2 The home team is responsible for supplying a field and for proper marking of such fields and the placing of regulation corner markers and goal nets.

8.3 The home team shall provide the referee with a proper game ball and shall also have an alternate ball available.

8.4 The team benches must be at least two (2) meters back from the touch line

## **9. Uniforms**

All players shall wear regulation soccer equipment as prescribed by F.I.F.A. and O.S.A. for all games.

9.1 All Teams must play all their SWRSL games in their primary registered team colors, subject to sec 9.

9.2 All players shall wear numbered shirts for all games. No two (2) players on the same team shall wear the same number and no player shall change his number during the game without the consent of the referee. Numbers shall be a minimum of eight (8) inches in height and of a contrasting color to the body of the shirt. Such number will be recorded against the players' name, on the game sheet. All numbers must be legible.

9.3 Where registered colors are similar or not sufficiently distinctive, the home team must change.

9.4 Goalkeepers must wear uniforms distinctive from both teams and game officials

## **10. Referees and Assistant Referees**

All Youth home teams are responsible for the payment of game officials either at the game or by a payment schedule as established by the Youth team's club policy. Game Fees are as per Appendix C.

10.1 At all senior games the teams shall split the referee fees for each game. Fees are to be paid to game officials before the beginning of the game. If there is a cancellation of a game before half or at half time – referees are paid ½ the amount, and are obligated to return half the payment to the teams. If a referee does not repay half, file a report and they will be disciplined. If the 2nd half starts – the referees are paid the full amount. Game Fees are as per Appendix C.

10.2 Referees shall be assigned to all age groups. Assistant Referees shall be assigned to all age groups except U9,U10 and U11.

**|10.3 The League or its designate will assign registered officials to games. Unless notified by the League in writing, all Youth home Clubs are responsible for providing a registered Referee and Assistant Referees where required.**

10.4 Game officials TRAVELING DISTANCES TO GAMES AS ASSIGNED BY REFEREE CO-ORDINATOR, SHALL BE RE-EMBURSED FOR TRAVEL BY THE HOME TEAM AT A RATE SET BY EXECUTIVE BOARD

10.5 All Referees must be a Youth Referee or better. A 2 plus (+) age difference must exist between the Referee and the age group of the players. All Assistant Referees must be a youth referee or better. All OSA mini referees shall be allowed to officiate any mini soccer game.

10.6 All clubs that use un-carded referees will be liable to further discipline by the Executive Committee (Except in the case of a referee no show)

10.7 Officiating complaints will only be acknowledged if received in writing by the League. Progress report will be sent within 21 days. For cases of alleged violence, assaults and brawls the SWRSL shall conduct a hearing as per OSA Rules. (Complaints received at the league office are sent to the district association in which the game official is registered for review. The league is not authorized to discipline referees.)

10.8 The game official is responsible for providing the teams with a completed game sheets copy within 15 minutes of the end of the game

10.9 All discipline reports must be submitted along with a game sheet copy, within forty-eight (48) hours of game completion to the SWRSA office by the Referee or Assistant Referee.  
OSA Policy 7 Sec 6

10.10 All game officials must sign all game sheets.

10.11 In the event that the appointed game official is not in attendance within fifteen (15) minutes after a scheduled kick-off, the two teams MUST agree on an alternate game official or person and proceed with the game (Except in Cup rounds). Failure to proceed with the game will result in the game being removed from the schedule and no points awarded. Referee no-shows must be reported to the league using the Referee No Show Form. Shall apply to Level 6 teams only.

10.12 Referee fees for scheduled games where kick-off does not take place:

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

10.13 A The field, in referee's discretion, is unplayable

10.13 B The town's parks department closes the field within 24 hours of kick-off.

10.13 C The referee was NOT personally contacted at least one hour prior to scheduled kick-off of the game by the Referee Scheduler or the DRC designate.

10.13 D One or both teams do not show up after the grace period has lapsed.

10.13 E One or both teams have less than the minimum number of players required to start the game.

10.13 F The half fee will be paid by the home team.

10.13 G In the event that both teams do not show, the league shall pay the game officials half the game fees, provided the game officials reports and request such fees with in 30 days of such game.

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

10.14A The referee collects and completes the game sheet(s) and provides a short written report explaining why the game did not start.

10.14 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).

10.14 C Hand a fully completed and signed copy of the game sheets to the coach/manager of the team(s) that is/are present.

10.15 Team to forward the fully completed and signed original to the SWRSL office within 48 hours.

### **11. Game Start Time**

All games will start promptly and not later than fifteen (15) minutes after scheduled time. Referees are to report any breach of these rules and the teams responsible, to the League. The Executive Board shall decide the outcome of the game.

11.1 Weekday games must commence no earlier than 6:30 p.m. and no later than 7:00 p.m., or 9:00 pm if a lit field is available.

11.2 Only the League can assign other times at their discretion or as required.

11.3 Weekend games must commence no earlier than 10:00 a.m. and no later than 3:00 p.m. if the field is available, except OPEN division.

### **12. Game Duration**

The length of games will be as follows

12.1 U9 Two (2) thirty (30) minute halves

12.2 U10 Two (2) thirty (30) minute halves

12.3 U-11: Two (2) thirty-five (35) minute halves

12.4 U-12: Two (2) thirty-five (35) minute halves

12.5 U-13: Two (2) forty (40) minute halves

12.6 U-14: Two (2) forty (40) minute halves

12.7 U-15: Two (2) forty-five (45) minute halves

12.8 U-16: Two (2) forty-five (45) minute halves

12.9 U-17: Two (2) forty-five (45) minute halves

12.10 U-18: Two (2) forty-five (45) minute halves

12.11 OPEN Two (2) forty-five (45) minute halves

### **13. Game Sheets**

Official game sheets as supplied by the League will be completed by the teams, and then turned over to the Referee 15 Minutes prior to the start of the game

13.1 It is both coaches responsibility to assure that the game number, date, time, location, field conditions, referee names, player names and numbers, goal scorers and cards are correctly marked on the game sheets.

13.2 Only players listed on the game sheet are eligible to play and all are deemed to have played. A team official(s) must sign all team sheets; the signature shall verify the eligibility of players on his/her team

13.3 Players are not required to sign the game sheet.

13.4 Completed game sheets accompanied by any Disciplinary Reports, Trial Permits or Temporary Registration Permits must be mailed to the District office by the game official within forty-eight (48) hours of the final whistle. OSA Policy 7 Sec 6

13.5 Teams using players on a Temporary Registration Permit or Trial Permit must submit the authorized signed copy with the game sheet to the game official. All players playing for teams under OSA Sec 6 Policy 9 will be governed by SWRSL and OSA Policies and Procedures.

13.6 The game sheets shall consist of 4 copies, top copy to the league, 2nd copy to the referee (SWRSA copy), 3rd copy is the home team copy, 4th copy is the visiting team copies.

### **14. Cancellation of Games**

If a game has been stopped by the referee before the completion of the time specified in the By-laws, for reason of inclement weather, ground conditions, failing light, etc., it must be replayed in full if less than fifteen (15) minutes of the second half has been played, after which the result of the match at the time of stoppage shall stand.

14.1 The game official shall be the sole judge of time elapsed.

14.2 In the event that a game cannot be played or completed on the designated date, because of unplayable field conditions, the game shall be rescheduled within 5 days (but not necessarily played) and the League Convener notified. If the home team is unable to provide a suitable venue within that period, the game shall be rescheduled by the League. Field expenses to be incurred by the home team. Game official fees to be handled as normal. Failure to notify the convener of the game cancellation within 48 hours will result in a forfeit by the home team.

## **15. Rescheduling Of Games**

Any team postponing a league game without permission of the League shall forfeit the game and may be subject to further disciplinary action. The game will be awarded to the opposing team and the score shall be recorded as 3 - 0. If permission to postpone the game is given, it is the responsibility of the League Convener to reschedule the game within two (2) weeks of the original game. Teams not abiding by this decision will forfeit the game, and may be liable to further disciplinary action from the Executive Committee. Any additional expenses resulting from the reschedule are to be incurred by the requesting team.

15.1 Any team requiring rescheduling of any game for any reason other than (15) above, shall request the change in writing using the appropriate form without fee at least 30 days prior to the scheduled date, or, with an enclosed fee of \$50 (plus a reimbursement of field if required by the visiting team to the home team) within 14 days previous to the scheduled date. This request must be signed by the Official Club Representative. The requesting team must contact the opposing team and attempt to negotiate a date before requesting the reschedule. The League shall without delay give an answer. If either team is uncooperative in setting a date, The League shall set a date for the game without further delay. A team is limited to 2 requests per season.

All requests will include:

1. Game number.
2. Date of scheduled game.
3. At least two (2) possible dates for rescheduling. (Home games only).

15.2 The Game Change Form is meant for changes to fixtures greater than 14 days. Any change required within this time frame must be called into the Division Convener for authorization and entry of the game change.

15.3 Weather and Field related problems will not incur a fee nor any ancillary costs.

15.4 All games will be scheduled to be completed by the end of August; rescheduled games must be completed by the 14th day of September

15.5 Unless twenty-four (24) hours' prior notice is given to the visiting team, only the referee can determine if unplayable conditions exist. Should a private club determine that unplayable conditions exist with less than twenty-four (24) hours notice, then the game will be rescheduled by the League. The home team (Club) must obtain a written notice from the private club and provide a copy to the appropriate Convener.

15.6 The league will not reschedule a game within 24 hours prior to an Ontario Cup game in which either team are involved.

15.7 It is the responsibility of the Clubs to notify the League of any Ontario Cup conflicts. Failure to notify the League within ten days of the conflict will result in a default of the League game.

15.8 Any game(s) scheduled or rescheduled by team officials, clubs or persons not authorized by the League will be declared null and void. Teams participating in a game not authorized by the League will be subject to discipline.

## **16. League Standings**

The League Champion shall be the team that 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 SWRSL schedule of that age group.

16.1 If the League, for any reason, awards points for an un-played game, the team deemed to be the winner shall receive three (3) points for a win and the score shall be recorded as 3 to 0.

16.2 The team having the most points at the end of the regular schedule will be declared the League Champion. In the event that more than one (1) team has the same number of points at the end of the regular schedule, the team with the best regular season record in games between the two teams shall be declared the League Champion. The head to head comparison shall be based on (1) lowest number of forfeited games, (2) wins, (3) goal against.

16.3 In the event of the teams still being tied, a Play-Off game will be played on a field selected by the Executive Committee and all costs will be split equally between the teams involved and paid at the time of the game. (if more than two teams are tied at this point, 3 teams will be round robin, 4 teams a single knockout, with the two winners playing off against each other).

16.4 The Game(s) will be played on neutral field as decided by the League.

16.5 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:

16.6

i) Head to Head Results

ii) Most Wins

iii) Least goals against – League standings

iv) Goal difference – League standings

16.7 In youth divisions, the LEAGUE CHAMPION will receive a trophy.  
In senior divisions, a monetary prize will be awarded

## **17. SWRSL Cup**

Each youth team in the League will participate in the SWRSL CUP Competition. L5 and L6 teams shall only compete amongst their own level of competition.

17.1 Each senior team in the League will participate in the SWRSL CUP Competition unless they play in a conference division, over 30 divisions or over 35 divisions.

Senior teams may opt out of the cup provided they state their intention by March 1st of current year.

Conference teams may opt in provided they state their intention by March 1st of current year.

17.2 To be eligible to play in a cup game scheduled after June 30th, a player must have played a minimum of three regular season games with the team. Only players properly registered to the team (OSA rosters) may play in the cup – call ups are not permitted. A player may only play for one team in the cup competition

17.3 A draw will be made at the start of the season to determine the schedule.

17.4 No changes will be made to schedule without League approval. The home team must notify the division convener and the opposing team of the time and location of the game at least 5 business days before the game date. Failure to notify either the league or the opposing team may result in a forfeit and /or fine.

17.5 Changes in venue may be made by the Executive Committee as the need arises.

17.6 All results will be telephoned in to the League within 24 hours by the winning team. The game sheet shall be forwarded as normal.

17.7 All games shall have 2 or 3 registered Officials, If less than (2) two officials, the game shall proceed only if both coaches agree. If not a re-scheduled game shall occur within (7) days.

17.8 Overtime in cup games will be as follows:

All games with 45 min. halves will play 2 full periods of 15 min each, all games with 40 min. halves or less will play 2 full periods of 10 min. each. If still tied, Kicks from the penalty mark as per FIFA rules shall take place, till a winner is declared.

17.9 The League will ensure that field selection for cup finals will be in keeping with size generally used by the various age groups during the season in question.

#### **17.10 Senior Cup:**

Away team to pay to home team half the field cost up to a maximum of \$40.00 before the match begins. Game Officials fees to be handled the same as a League Game.

17.11 SENIOR CUP GAMES: FRIDAY EVENINGS

WE SUPPLY THE DATE, TEAMS SUPPLY FIELD AND TIME BY MARCH 26th.

YOUTH CUP GAMES WILL BE PLAYED ON SATURDAYS BETWEEN 10 A.M. AND 7 P.M. UNLESS OTHERWISE ARRANGED BY LEAGUE. IN ALL GAMES INVOLVING NORTH DIVISION TEAMS, OR ANY OTHER CLUBS OF SUCH DISTANCE SHALL BE SCHEDULED ON SATURDAYS UNLESS A LIT FIELD IS AVAILABLE.

### **18. Promotion/ Relegation**

L5 Youth Divisions

The SWRSL will operate a Level 5 League in the OSA "Pyramid of Play" operating age divisions U11 through U18 where sufficient teams are available. The SWRSL will operate a Level 6 Youth League in the OSA "Pyramid of Play" operating age divisions U11 through U18 where sufficient teams are available.  
OSA sec 5 Policy 7

18.1 Some teams from the Level 5 League will be eligible for promotion into the WOYSL L4 League, and some L4 League teams may be demoted to the SWRSL L5. Promotion/Relegation Rules will be developed with WOYSL respecting the OSA guidelines. OSA sec 5 Policy 7

18.2 Winners of the SWRSL L6 Youth Divisions will be encouraged to accept promotion to the L5 division.

18.3 The SWRSL will operate a Level 6 Open League with men and ladies divisions competing.

18.4 If the number of teams are sufficient to running multipliable levels within a division they shall be as follows:

Premiere,  
First,  
Second,  
Third, etc...

18.5 Each of the above levels shall be subject to promotion and relegation between each level.

18.6 The top 2 team of each lower level shall be promoted to the next higher level, with the 2 lowest team from each level being relegated to the next lower level.

18.7 A team may request to be placed in a lower level for the following year, subject to the approval of the board of directors. Such request must be received by March 15th of such year.

18.8 If a team is moved to a lower level as per sec 18.7 the Board of Directors may promote an additional top team to keep the levels in balance.

18.9 The Board of Directors may run a level of competition know as a Conference Level. The conference level shall be the lowest level of competition and NOT subject to Promotion or Relegation. However a team from this level may request to be move to the next higher level subject to the Board of Directors approval.

**18.10 In the senior leagues, no division shall have more than 10 teams. Each team in these divisions shall play a minimum of a home & away game against all other teams in the division.**

## **19. Discipline**

Disciplinary action shall be taken in accordance with the OSA Published Rules and the SWRSL Discipline Procedures. (OSA sec 9 Policy 3) The following guidelines will apply:

19.1 All red and yellow cards or ejections shall be handled by the S.W.R.S.A. or their designate.

19.2 In cases where the violation relates to an OSA published rules, discipline shall be handled by the SWRSA Discipline panel following SWRSA published discipline dates and times. OSA sec 9 Policy 3

19.3 In cases where for the violation relates to league rules, discipline shall be handled using Discipline by Review (DBR). The accused player or Team/Club Official does not have to appear for a hearing. If the accused person does not request a hearing or does not file an appeal within forty (48) hours of the game where the offence occurred, not including weekends or statutory holidays, he/she will be found guilty and the applicable penalties and/or fines established by the league for the offence for which he/she has been charged shall apply. Where the league issues a suspension, Player ID booklets must have the League SPECIFIED SUSPENSION RECORDED BY THE DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. (OSA sec 9 Policy 3) Must be stamped before next game being played.

19.4 Any player or Team Official committing an assault on a game official shall be automatically suspended from all soccer activities until such time as his case is dealt with by OSA or their designate. (OSA sec 9 policy 10)

19.5 Any player receiving three (3) cautions in one season will be dealt with at the next Disciplinary Period by SWRSA.

19.6 Results of SWRSL Discipline Hearings or Reviews shall be advised to the clubs upon the handing of the decision. Discipline decisions of the SWRSA. are available from SWRSA. office.

19.7 All players or team officials coming before Discipline must bring their OSA ID's with them to the hearing. OSA sec 9 Policy 8.

19.8 Any request for a hearing shall be submitted on the appropriate form and accompanied by a Hearing Fee. The hearing fee shall be reimbursed only if the Discipline Panel finds the accused not guilty. An accused who has requested a hearing and fails to appear for the hearing shall forfeit the Hearing Fee. OSA sec 9 policy 8.

19.9 Any player or Team Official ordered off in a League or Cup game may continue to play in succeeding games until the next scheduled Discipline period, except as per OSA sec 9 policy 10.

19.10 Where league disciplinary action results is a suspension, the suspension shall not commence prior to seven (7) calendar days from the issue of the notice of discipline. For example, a player issued with a suspension notice on Friday would serve the suspension for the game(s) SPECIFIED BY THE LEAGUE on or after the following Friday.

19.11 If a hearing is requested, failure of an accused player or Team Official to appear at a Disciplinary Hearing will result in the immediate suspension of the accused and fines as per Appendix B. The suspension will continue to be in effect until the accused appears before the Disciplinary Committee. OSA sec 9 policy 8.4.6.

19.12 Any player receiving a RED or 3rd. YELLOW Card for discipline. The case will be handled at the next scheduled Discipline period. Anyone not requesting a hearing will automatically be disciplined as per OSA DISCIPLINE Policy and Procedures. OSA sec 9 Policy 8.

19.13 If a hearing is requested, all youth players attending a Disciplinary Hearing must be accompanied by an adult who shall act as an advisor, failing which the hearing will not proceed and the player shall be suspended until the hearing is held. OSA sec. 9 policy 8.

19.14 If a hearing is requested, clubs shall ensure that accused players and Team/Club Officials appear for their Disciplinary Hearing. If upon being advised of the failure of the accused to appear for their hearing, the Club fails in meeting its responsibility within 30 days of the date of the original hearing, the fine specified in APPENDIX B shall be assessed against the Club.

19.15 Accumulation of Cards: In the event a team accumulates a total of:

19.16 Five (5) Dismissals (Red Cards); or

19.17 Ten (10) Cautions (Yellow Cards); or

19.18 A Combination of Ten Discipline Reports (Red or Yellow Cards),

19.19 The Management of that team will 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 will be subject to discipline.

19.20 Teams failing to have suspension(s) recorded by their district in the current valid OSA ID for players or team officials will result in an automatic fine as per Appendix "B".

## **20. Playing an Ineligible Player**

An Ineligible Player is a Player who:

20.1 1. Not registered under OSA Policies & Procedures

20.2 2. Registered under a false name

20.3 3. Under Discipline Suspension

20.4 4. Played under a different name (Used card of another player)

20.5 5. Player not eligible for call up under pyramid of play rules

20.6 6. Player played without an OSA Registration book

20.7 Any club charged with playing an ineligible player in a game sanctioned by the League will be subject to a disciplinary hearing. Of the above list, items 1-5 fall under SWRSA discipline. Item 6 falls under league discipline. Upon being found guilty, the team will forfeit all points in games in the league or cup game in which the ineligible player participated and, in the case of item 6, will be fined as per Appendix "A".

20.8 Any team official(s) charged with playing ineligible players shall attend a discipline hearing and if found guilty shall be disciplined. If the discipline is league based, they will also be fined as per Appendix "B."

### **21. An Ineligible Team Official**

An Ineligible Team Official is a Team Official who:

21.1 1. Not registered under OSA Policies & Procedures

21.2 2. Registered under a false name

21.3 3. Under Discipline Suspension

21.4 4. Under a different name (Used card of another team official)

21.5 5. Participated in a game without OSA Registration book

21.6 Any club charged with an ineligible team official in a game sanctioned by the league will be subject to a disciplinary hearing. Of the above list, items 1-4 fall under SWRSA discipline. Item 5 falls under league discipline. 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, in the case of item 5, will be fined as per Appendix "B".

### **22. 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 action, and will be fined as per Appendix "B" if found guilty. OSA sec 9 policy 9

### **23. Protests**

Protests based on decisions of the referee's interpretation of FIFA Law will not be acknowledged.

23.1 Protests will be handled as per SWRSL Rules and Regulations. The Protest must be submitted in writing within 72 hours of the game being completed. A fee of \$250.00 in cash or club cheque must be mailed within 7 (seven) days. Protests can only be heard if any rules of the SWRSL or OSA have been violated. If the protest is ruled out of order the fee minus \$75.00 is to be returned.

23.2 In all protests, the protesting team must send to the team protested against, by registered delivery, within two (2) days (SATURDAY, SUNDAY AND LEGAL HOLIDAY EXCEPTED) of the game being protested, a copy of the protest submitted under paragraph A.

23.3 The SWRSL will review the protest and send response within 14 days (including weekends)

23.4 Hearing scheduled, if the protest upheld fee will be returned

23.5 Hearing scheduled, if protest is denied fee will be forfeited

## **24. Appeals**

Any Discipline Hearing decisions of the League may be appealed to the Southwest Region Soccer Association (SWRSA), at their published address, along with any fees specific by SWRSA for such an appeal.

24.1 Appeals against the decisions of the Leagues Conveners shall be submitted in writing to the SWRSL Executive, by Registered Mail or recorded Delivery with-in five (5) days (SATURDAY, SUNDAY AND LEGAL HOLIDAYS EXCEPTED) of the decision being protested, accompanied by a protest fee of SEVENTY FIVE DOLLARS (\$75.00) together with a receipt for the copy sent in accordance with paragraph B, or a copy thereof. Loss of protest shall result in the loss of the protest fee. Any requests not submitted in accordance with the policy shall be 'ruled out of order' and shall not be heard.

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

## **25. Other Provisions**

The office staff is not authorized to interpret League Rules and Regulations NOR to waive disciplinary fines for contravention of League Rules and Regulations without the consent of the Board of Directors. 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 Board of Directors.

25.1 The Executive of the SWRSL 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.

25.2 Any matter not covered by the League Constitution and/or Rules and Regulations, shall be governed by the provisions of the OSA Published Policies.

## **26. Bonds**

A performance Bond will be posted with the League by each Youth club or Open team registered to play in the League. (as per Appendix A)

26.1 Any Club's having their performance bonds forfeited will have seven (7) days to replace such bond or further action will be taken by the Executive Committee.

26.2 The Board may request an additional bond from any clubs who have had excessive amounts of Discipline in the previous season. ADDITIONAL DISCIPLINARY FEE ON PROBLEM TEAMS or CLUBS: \$ 500.00

26.3 The SWRSL reserves the right to hold a hearing, for any Club, Team Officials or Player who does not abide by the SWRSL Rules & Regulations and the OSA Published Policies

26.4 The bond is payable to the League by separate cheque along with the Team Application Fee.

26.5 At the end of each outdoor season a club may request in writing the return of all posted bond or it shall to be deemed to remain for the following year or season. Any club or team that request the return of their club bond shall lose all club standing as to Division placements for following years and would have to reapply to join the league.

26.6 A bond can be held from the outdoor season to the indoor season and/ or indoor season to the outdoor season

### **27. Fair Play**

Each team will be assigned penalty points based on the number of cards they get (regardless of eventual guilt or innocence) and the number of games they forfeit. In the outdoor season, these points will be 1 for a yellow, 2 for a forfeit, 3 for a red. In the indoor season, these points will be, 2 for a yellow, 3 for a red. At year's end, all teams within a division will be given a Fair Play Rating (FPR): the seasons points divided by the penalty points plus 1 (as dividing by zero doesn't work)). The team with the highest FPR is the Fair Play Award winner for the division.

### **28. Indoor Competition**

The SWRSL shall run an indoor recreational L6 competition starting in November of each year and ending in March

28.1 The SWRSL shall follow the Laws of the games as per Ontario Soccer Association,

28.2 All indoor team registrations must be received by September 15th. All registrations are due with Entry fees.

28.3 The entry fees shall include referee fees and field times. The fee shall be set by the league board.

28.4 No player shall be registered after January 31st for indoor competition.. of each year, (A player is not registered to a SWRSL Team unless his/her book is completed by S.W.R.S.A.)

28.5 In the event a team withdraws from the League after September 15, such clubs will forfeit its League fee for that team.

28.6 The League shall secure all indoor fields and schedule such games as necessary for the indoor season.

28.7 Each youth team may register a maximum of 18 players (OSA Policy 6.5.17)

Each Open team may register a maximum of 25 players (OSA Policy 6.5.17)

Each mini team may register a maximum of 14 players (OSA Policy 6.5.17)

28.8 A minimum of five (seven) players must be registered by October 1st of each year to the team. (OSA Policy 6.5.17) (mini – 5)

28.9 Games shall not start should there be less than five players available to each or either team at the kick-off. In U9 – U10 divisions the game shall not start if there are less than 4 players available to each team at the kick-off.

\*Teams fielding less than the prescribed number of players will be considered as a 'NO SHOW'

28.10 The League shall use the following low bounce ball sizes:

U 9-10-11-12 size 4

U13 and older size 5

Open size 5

28.11 Unlimited Player substitutions shall be permitted as per laws of the game for Futsal

28.12 The length of all games will be 2 x 25 minutes non stopped time.

28.13 The following outdoor sections shall apply to the indoor season:

Section 1, All

Section 3, 3.2

Section 4, 4.0, 4.1, 4.4, 4.5, 4.6, 4.7, 4.8, 4.10

Section 5, All

Section 6, All

Section 7, All except 7.2, 7.13, 7.14

Section 8, 8.3

Section 9, All

Section 10, All except 10, 10.1, 10.2, 10.4, 10.7

Section 11, All

Section 13, All

Section 14, All

Section 15, All

Section 16, All

Section 19, All

Section 20, All

Section 21, All

Section 22, All

Section 23, All

Section 24, All

Section 25, All

Section 26, All

Section 27, All

Section 29, 29.4, 29.5

Section 30, 30.5, 30.6, 30.7, 30.8, 30.9, 30.10, 30.11, 30.12, 30.13

## **APPENDIX "A"**

### 29 2009 Fee Structure

29.1 L5 Youth Teams \$350.00, L6 Youth Teams \$300.00

29.2 L6 Mini Teams \$250.00

29.3 L6 Open Teams \$350.00

29.4 The amount of the bond shall be: TWO HUNDRED (\$200.00) DOLLARS per youth club, or ONE \$100.00 HUNDRED DOLLARS per Open Team,

29.5 Fee after due date shall be regular fee plus \$100.00 late fee.

29.6 The indoor league fees shall be set by September 1st of the current year.

## **APPENDIX "B"**

### 30 2009 League Discipline Fees Structure

30.1 In the event a team withdraws from the League:

30.2 Club registering a team and pulling the team from the league prior to March 15th, will forfeit the League fee.

30.3 Pulling a team from March 15 to May 15, such clubs will forfeit its League fee and bond, and will be subject to a fine of \$ 300.00

30.4 After May 16 the club will forfeit the League fee and bond and will be subject to a fine of \$1,000.00

30.5 First league or cup Game No Show by Team \$150.00 (per season)

30.6 Second Game No Show by Team \$300.00 (per season)

30.7 Third Game No Show by Team. \$500.00 (per season)

30.8 Club/Team failing to comply with league rules in section

6.1, 6.2, 6.3, 6.4, 6.5, 7.1, 7.2, 7.3, 7.4, 7.11, 7.14, 8.0, 8.1, 8.2, 8.3, 8.4, 9.1, 9.2, 10.2, 10.3, 10.5, 10.15, 11.0, 13.0, 13.1, 13.2, 17.6, 17.8

The Fine is \$50.00

30.9 Club/Team failing to comply with league rules in section

3.0, 4.0, 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, 4.5, 4.6, 4.7, 4.8, 4.9, 4.10, 7.5, 7.6, 7.9, 7.12, 7.13, 9.0, 9.3, 9.4, 10.0, 10.1, 10.6, 10.9, 10.13, 13.4, 13.5, 14.2, 15.0, 15.7, 15.8, 17.2, 17.4, 19.11, 19.14, 19.19, 26.1, 28.9

The Fine is \$100.00

30.10 Club/Team failing to comply with league rules in section

5.1, 5.2, 6.0, 7.0, 7.8, 7.10, 19.4, 19.7, 19.20, 20.0, 20.1, 20.2, 20.3, 20.4, 20.5, 20.6, 20.7, 20.8, 21.1, 21.2, 21.3, 21.4, 21.5, 21.6, 22.0

The Fine is \$200.00

30.11 Club/Team failing to comply with league rules in section not listed in any above, the Fine is \$300.00

30.12 Request of Discipline by Hearing \$50.00

30.13 Request of Hearing for No Show \$75.00 Non-refundable

## **APPENDIX "C"**

### **31 GAME OFFICIALS FEES**

31.1 Age Division Referee Assistant Referee (x2)

31.2 U9 \$20.00

31.3 U10 \$20.00

31.4 U11-U12 \$30.00 \$15.00 \$15.00

31.5 U13-U14 \$35.00 \$20.00 \$20.00

31.6 U15-U16 \$40.00 \$25.00 \$25.00

31.7 U17-U18 \$45.00 \$25.00 \$25.00

31.8 Open: \$50.00 \$25.00 \$25.00