

2010 CSL Rights and Responsibilities

CENTRAL SOCCER LEAGUE 2010 RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. MEMBERSHIP

A. A Club entering a team to the league without a team already in the league in the previous year, must post a bond (See Appendix B) refundable at the end of the season upon the club being in good standing and all outstanding amounts being paid to the league. This bond is due January 15th .

**B. All coaches will receive a copy of the League Constitution and Rights and Responsibilities. A waiver form provided by the League is to be signed by all coaches. This waiver states that the coach has read and understood the rules of the League, and that they agree to abide by the rules.
The completed waiver form is to be returned to the League office by May 31. Failure to comply with this deadline will carry a fine (See Appendix A) to the Club for each team in default.**

**C. A Level 3 Division will be formed for the Under-12 to Under-18 age classifications and each division shall be comprised of eight teams.
Entry to the Level 3 Division will be determined using criteria established in the OSA Pyramid for Play and subject to adherence to the stated application deadline.**

**D. A Level 4 Premier Division will be formed for the Under-12 to Under-U18 age classifications and each division will be comprised of eight teams.
A team wishing to play in the Level 4 Premier Division for the Under-12 to Under-18 age classifications, must have earned the right to do so, based on performance in the League during the previous season.**

**E. Level 4 Divisions 1A and 1B will be formed for the Under-12 to Under-U15 age classifications and each division will be comprised of eight teams. These divisions will be horizontal divisions.
A team wishing to play in the Level 4 1A and 1B Divisions for the Under-12 to Under-15 age classifications, must have earned the right to do so, based on performance in the League during the previous season.**

**F. A Level 4 Division 1 will be formed for the Under-16 to Under-18 age classifications and will be comprised of eight teams. This division will be a vertical division.
A team wishing to play in the Level 4 Division 1 for the Under-16 to Under-18 age classifications, must have earned the right to do so, based on performance in the League during the previous season**

**G. Level 4 Divisions 2, 3 and 4 will be formed as needed for the Under-16 to Under-18 age classifications and each division will be comprised of eight teams.
A team wishing to play in the Level 4 Divisions 2, 3 and 4 for the Under-16 to Under-18 age classifications, must have earned the right to do so, based on performance in the League during the previous season.**

H. The League reserves the right to amend or balance the divisions based on ability

and number of teams who apply and subject to the approval of the Central Region League Management Committee of the Ontario Soccer Association.

I. The League reserves the right to establish sub-divisions, subject to the approval of the Central Region League Management Committee of the Ontario Soccer Association.

2. APPLICATIONS

A. Application by a Club to have a team play in the Central Soccer League must be received on a form provided by the League by January 15th of each year. The Application must be complete with full registration fee (See Appendix B).

B. Any team application submitted by a Club after the deadline will be accepted at the discretion of the League Executive Committee and will be subject to a special League fee (See Appendix B) set by the League Committee. Such team will be entered in the lowest level of the applicable age classification.

C. Any team application received without full payment including the special league fee for late applications will be deemed to be incomplete and will not be added by the League.

D. Teams withdrawing from the League after March 1st will forfeit the entire League fee.

E. Teams withdrawing from the League after April 1st will forfeit the entire League fee and will be fined. (See Appendix A)

F. Teams withdrawing from the League after the schedule is published will forfeit the entire League fee and will be fined. (See Appendix A)

G. Notice of withdrawal must be in writing on club letterhead.

H. Teams must submit with their application or by February 15th, no more than three time periods when they require time blocked from the schedule up to a total maximum of 15 days. No additions or changes will be accepted after February 15th. Failure to submit or if submitted with more than 15 days will result in no time blocked for that particular team.

3. LEAGUE SEASON

A. The playing season shall commence as early as possible in May and shall conclude with the final scheduled (re-scheduled) games of the League which must be completed by September 30th unless otherwise agreed to by the Executive Committee.

B. League Cup and Playoff competitions must be completed by September 30th or as determined by the Executive Committee.

C. Teams failing to meet their obligations to play a game will be subject to a fine. (See Appendix A)

Notification of forfeiture must be received in writing from the Club.
Scores for a forfeited game will be recorded as 3-0. .

4. LEAGUE GAMES

A. The age divisions formed by the League shall be as initiated and ratified by the O.S.A. Ages are to be computed as of January 1st in the current year as follows:

B. The duration of all League and Cup Games will be as follows:

Under 12 2 x 35 minutes

Under 13 to 14 2 x 40 minutes

Under 15 to 18 2 x 45 minutes

The half time intervals shall be 5 minutes.

C. A grace period of twenty minutes will be allowed for ALL CSL Games in the event that a team has less than seven players at the appointed kick-off time. The defaulting team shall forfeit the game and the points will be awarded to the opposing team. In the event that both teams have less than seven players, no points will be awarded.

D. Teams found in default of 4C will be fined. (See Appendix A)

E. In the event a team has its compliment of players reduced to less than seven(7) players during a game for whatever reason, the team shall be subject to a fine (See Appendix A)

F. Substitutions will be allowed only at a kick-off, goal kick, injury or your own throw-in. The referee must be advised of all substitutions.

G. Home teams must ensure that corner flags and goal nets are in place for all games, at all age groups, prior to the scheduled kick-off time. Failure to comply will result in a fine. (See Appendix A)

H. The use of shin guards is mandatory at all ages for ALL GAMES.

5. TEAM ROSTER

A. The OSA roster will be printed on May 15. Teams that have not entered their roster will be subject to a fine. (See Appendix A)

Amendments to the roster, covering players or transfer of players added or deleted after May 15th must be advised in writing to the League on the appropriate form (CSL Roster Addition/Deletion Form). Changes in team official(s) or player(s) must be advised to the league office within 5 business days of the change. Failure to comply will result in a fine. (See Appendix A)

6. TEAM OFFICIALS

A. Team officials must be registered on OSA Roster and must possess valid OSA Registration Book.

B. All coaches must have a minimum Senior Community coaching certificate.

C. Changes in team official(s) or player(s) must be advised to the league office within 5 business days of the change. Failure to comply will result in a fine. (See Appendix A).

7. PLAYER IDENTIFICATION

- A. Team officials must carry OSA player registration books to all games.**
- B. The inspection of OSA player books by the opposing team is mandatory prior to the start of the game and must not delay the scheduled kick-off.**
- C. Failure to produce the OSA player books will result in forfeiture of the game and fine as per 4 D.**
- D. Only players for whom books are made available for inspection may have their names entered on the game sheet and be eligible to play.**
- E. Once a game has been started, team officials forfeit the right to investigate player books, excluding late player arrivals only, whose books/documentation must be checked prior to entering the field of play and must refer to Rights and Responsibilities 21 should they wish to initiate a protest.**
- F. Failure to inspect the OSA player's books will result in a fine. (See Appendix A)**
- G. Any player arriving after the start of the second half, is not eligible to play in that particular game.**

8. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- A. All players shall be duly registered in accordance with OSA Policies and Procedures and must be covered by health, medical or similar insurance.**
- B. A player must be registered at least the day prior to a League or League Cup Game in order to be eligible to play.**
- C. A player who is registered with a team in the CSL will not be eligible to play in a game for any other CSL team if he has been added to the team roster after July 1**
- D. A player registered to a club after July 1 will not be eligible to play in a CSL Game as a registered player, trial player or call up.**
- E. ANY Player added to an OSA Roster after August 1 is not eligible for CSL Competition.**
- F. A team may have no more than eighteen (18) players registered at any one time. Eighteen (18) players may be named (dressed) and played in any one game. A player named on the game sheet is deemed to have played.**
- G. All rules and regulations as set out in the O.S.A. Policies and Procedures regarding the signing and transfer of players shall apply.**
- H. Teams found to have used an ineligible player(s) or deemed to be an ineligible team, shall default the game(s) to its opponents, provided a protest is made according to By-Law 21 of these By-Laws or at the discretion of the Executive**

Committee. In the event that both teams are found guilty of using ineligible players, no points will be awarded. A team found guilty of using ineligible players will subject its Club to a fine. (See Appendix A)

9. TRIAL PLAYERS/ CALL UPS

A. Teams may only use players on trial(call ups) from their own club. Players on trial(call ups)may be used provided:

- 1. The player is a recreational player at the same age group or younger.**
- 2. The player is a competitive player in a younger age group.**
- 3. The player is a competitive player in the same age group at a lower competitive level.**
- 4. The player has not already played in six trial games in the current season.**
- 5. Not more than three players are playing on trial for any one team, in any game.**
- 6. They are not being used in a cup game.**
- 7. All players on trial must carry a validated OSA player book.**

B. Teams may not use players from another club under any circumstances.

C. A player registered to a club after July 1 will not be eligible to play in a CSL Game as a registered player, trial player or call up.

10. REFEREES

A. GAMES REQUIRING MORE THAN ONE OFFICIAL MUST BE PLAYED PROVIDED AT LEAST ONE MINIMUM LEVEL 3 OFFICIAL HAS ARRIVED. NO GAME SHALL BE PLAYED WITHOUT THE MIDDLE REFEREE BEING A LEVEL 3 OFFICIAL. IN THE EVENT THAT NO GAME OFFICIAL HAS ARRIVED AFTER A TWENTY MINUTE GRACE PERIOD, THE GAME SHALL BE RESCHEDULED BY THE LEAGUE.

B. The referee fee, payable 50% by each team, shall be collected by the home team and presented to the referee with the completed game sheets, before the start of the game.

11. SCHEDULE

A. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL TEAMS BE ALLOWED TO POSTPONE GAMES

B. All games will be played as scheduled unless:

- 1. At the discretion of the referee, postponement is necessary due to bad weather or field conditions.**
- 2. A game is postponed at the discretion of the League.**
- 3. A game is postponed at the discretion of the Parks official.**
- 4. Requests to reschedule games other than for the blocked times submitted to the League will not be entertained.**

C. A game is deemed to be complete if 25% or less remains unplayed when called by a game official due to weather or playing conditions. All games not completed will be replayed in full from the start.

12. RESCHEDULING

A. Every attempt will be made to play postponed games within three weeks of the scheduled date. The home team shall provide reschedule fixtures to the league within 10 days of scheduled date; otherwise the league will reschedule the game unilaterally if fields are available.

13. CSL CUP

A. The Cup Draw will be made at the League meeting held in April of each year.

B. All rounds of the Cup will be scheduled as not to coincide with Ontario Cup and included in the coaches packages handed out before the start of the season.

C. The home team is responsible for providing a field no later than 5 days prior to the scheduled Cup Date where applicable. Failure to do so will result in the opposing team being asked to provide a field. The league will assign the fields for all Quarterfinal, Semifinal and Final Round Games.

D. Failure to play Cup Games will result in forfeiture of game and a fine to the club. (See Appendix A) If both teams are responsible for forfeiting a game, they will each be subject to a fine. (See Appendix A)

E. Players must be registered with their Club and District the day prior to any Cup Game in order to be eligible to play.

F. A player is deemed to be "Cup tied" to a team once he has played in a CSL Cup game and may not play for any other team in subsequent rounds of the Cup competition in any division of the League.

G. Teams may only use players registered to their team for ANY Cup Game.

H. In all rounds of the Cup, if the game is tied at the end of regulation time, the game will go straight to kicks from the penalty mark in accordance with FIFA Law.

14. UNIFORMS

A. Teams must provide each player with identical sweaters with differing numbers on their back.

B. At the discretion of the league committee, teams will be required to wear a league crest on their main club sweaters, which may or may not include a league sponsor name and/or logo. Failure to comply will result in disciplinary action against the team-and club, including a monetary fine.

C. The goalkeeper must wear a contrasting sweater, which also must be different from the opposing team.

D. The home team will be designated on the league schedule. When uniform colours are similar, the home team must change to distinct colours at the discretion of the referee. Failure to comply will result in a fine of \$100 to the Club.

15. GAME BALL

A. The home team will be responsible to provide the game ball. A size 4 ball will be used for all age divisions up to and including U-12. A size 5 ball will be used for ages from U-13 and up.

16. GAME SHEETS

A. All teams shall furnish a complete list of players and team officials on the game sheet provided/generated, showing the full names of all players participating in the game and their OSA number. The top portion of the game sheet must be fully completed by the team. Incomplete game sheets will be subject to a fine. (See Appendix A)

B. The game sheet, bearing the names of the players and the team officials must be handed to the referee before the start of the game. Coaches are required to print their names on the game sheet in addition to signing game sheet. The home team will collect the game sheet and 50% of Officials fees from visiting team and give them to the referee prior to the game starting.

17. REPORTING SCORES

A. Both coaches shall be responsible to report the score of the game online within twenty-four (24) hours of completion of the game. Failure to report the result (score) as described will result in a fine. (See Appendix A)

18. DISCIPLINE

A. The League will follow the Discipline By Review process for all cases as outlined in OSA Published Rules. In some cases a Hearing will be required and as such the appropriate parties will be notified. A detailed explanation of the DBR, DBH and Special Incident Report systems are included in the Coaches package and can be found in the League Handbook

B. The player has a right to request a hearing (DBH). There will be an administrative fee (See Appendix B) to those that want to request a hearing for a DBR case. The request for a hearing (in writing) and the fee must be received no later than 48 hours from the date of the game. If the party is found not guilty then the administrative fee will be returned.

C. The league will follow OSA Standard Penalties for Misconduct. This can be found in the Coaches Package, League Handbook and League Website.

D. The OSA Player Book must be presented at all hearings otherwise there shall be no hearing held and the player shall be considered as having missed the hearing. Failure to appear for a hearing will result in an immediate suspension from All Soccer Activities. The accused must then request a discipline hearing and pay the appropriate fee. (See Appendix A)

E. The OSA Player Book must be marked at the CSL Office for all suspensions within 7 days from the notification of suspension. Failure to do so will result in a fine of \$25.

F. All suspensions handed down will commence immediately. In the event sufficient games do not remain, the book will be marked for games that are to be missed the following outdoor season.

G. Any player or team official listed on a game sheet is deemed to have participated in that game. Players or team officials participating in a game while under suspension will be subject to disciplinary action which could include forfeiture of game and/or fine. (See Appendix A)

H. A team using a player in a game that is not listed on the game sheet will be

subject to disciplinary action which will include forfeiture of the game and/or fine.
(See Appendix A)

19. CLUB CONDUCT

A. The coach and players shall confine themselves to the players' bench which shall be deemed to be an area ten (10) yards long commencing five (5) yards, and finishing fifteen (15) yards from the centre line on either side of the field.

B. Any game abandoned by a game official will be dealt with by the League discipline committee. A team found guilty of causing abandonment will forfeit the game and be subject to a fine. (See Appendix A)

In the event that both teams are found guilty, no points will be awarded, and both teams will be subject to a fine. (See Appendix A)

The score to be recorded is the higher of 3-0 or the score at the time of abandonment.

C. The Club is responsible for all its players and spectators at all times, and shall conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner in accordance with the laws of the game.

A player, coach, team official or spectator impeding, harassing, or otherwise intimidating a game official, opposing coach, members of the League Executive, or opposing players, will be subject to severe disciplinary action, including a fine. (See Appendix A)

D. If a misconduct(s) occurs after the final whistle, and any players have removed their game jersey, that team will be disciplined and fined. (See Appendix A)

20. FEES AND FINES

A. Any League invoice for fees or fines not paid within twenty-one days of issue may result in a suspension of League privileges to all teams of the offending Club, until the invoice is paid. Any games scheduled during the suspension period will be forfeit, and the points awarded to the opposing team. No applications will be accepted for the following season while a Club is in bad standing.

21. PROTESTS AND APPEALS

A. Protests must be received in writing by the League Secretary by mail, postmarked to the League office by courier service, or delivered in person. All such conveyances to be made within forty-eight hours (not including weekends or statutory holidays) of the completion of the game. A copy of the protest must be sent by registered mail to the other team involved in the protest and a copy of the receipt of such registered mail, must be included in the protest copy sent to the League office.

B. Protests must be accompanied by a protest fee (See Appendix B) in the form of a cheque or money order payable to the League.

C. The protest fee will be refunded if the protest is upheld.

D. Correctly submitted protests will be heard at the next scheduled executive committee meeting. In the event that a decision is required prior to the next executive meeting, the protest will be heard by a committee of three, appointed by the League President.

E. No protest pertaining to the decision of a game official will be heard.

F. Appeals will be in accordance with the Constitution of the League.

22. LEAGUE STANDINGS

A. A team shall be awarded three points for a win, and one point for a tie. In the event of a two way tie for first or second place in the League standings at the end of the season, the following shall apply:

1. The team with the most points from head to head competition will be declared the winner.

2. The team with the least goals against for the season will be declared the winner.

3. The team with the higher goal differential (goals for minus goals against) for the season will be declared the winner.

4. If still tied, a game will be played as scheduled by the League. If the game is tied at the end of regulation play, the game will go straight to penalty kicks from the penalty mark in accordance with FIFA Law.

B. In the event of a tie for first and/or second place by more than two (2) teams, the order of finish will be determined by applying A2 then, if necessary, A3. If still tied, then the taking of sudden death penalty kicks will apply. The drawing of lots will be used to determine which team receives a bye through the first round of these penalties. Scheduling of these penalties will be determined by the League.

C. Tie Breaking rules, as listed in A1, A2, A3, and A4 will be used to determine standings for applicable relegation.

23. PROMOTION/RELEGATION

A. Promotion and Relegation to be determined by Central Region League Management Committee.

B. At the discretion of the Executive Committee and subject to the approval of the Central Region League Management Committee of the Ontario Soccer Association, a relegated team may be reinstated in the division from which it was relegated, if there are some available team positions in that division due to (a) team(s) not returning to play in that division of the league.

24. MEETINGS

A. All participating clubs must send a representative to all League meetings. Clubs failing to attend will receive a fine. (See Appendix A)

B. Club representative is only deemed to be present if the attendance sheet is signed.

25. AMENDMENTS

A. Amendments to the Rights and Responsibilities can be made at any league meeting provided:

1. A proposed amendment is submitted to the Executive Committee in

writing, and signed by at least five members in good standing.

2. The Executive Committee have provided thirty days notice that the amendment will be put to a vote.

3. A majority of members present vote for the amendment.

B. Amendments to the Rights and Responsibilities may also be made at the AGM following the same requirement for notice period as amendments to the Constitution but not requiring approval by the Associations.

26. OTHER MATTERS

A. All matters not included in these by-laws shall be judged in accordance with the constitution and by-laws of the O.S.A.

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