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## 1. LEAGUE

The executive shall determine the schedule and divisions as they see fit for the maximum benefit of the league and its members.

## 2. SEASON

The outdoor playing season will run from the end of May to mid September. Actual opening and closing dates will vary and will be set by the executive. The season will consist of regular league and playoff matches, the format to be set by the executive.

Indoor playing season will be determined as the executive deems fit. The season will consist of regular league and play-off matches, the format to be set by the executive.

## 3. MEMBERSHIP AND TEAM REPRESENTATIVES

Every team shall have a team representative who will act as the main contact for the league. They must provide the league with contact information including phone number and email address.

Team representatives are responsible for ensuring all required registration forms are properly filled out and remitted with payment at least one week in advance of competition start date. Player start date is at the discretion of the administrator

Team representatives are to ensure every player from their team submits an OSA player book for authorization. In the absence of a player book, a passport sized photograph must be submitted to create a player book.

Team representatives are required to attend all league meetings and vote on behalf of their team.

All members shall:

- Comply with the constitution to remain in good standing.
- Remit all outstanding fees owed to the league as required.
- Ensure their OSA player book is with them at every game.

A team rep is to pay one half of the membership fee prior to the beginning of the league. A team rep who is able to comply with the following tasks during the course of the outdoor season will be awarded the fee paid, minus the ECOSA administrative fee, at the end of the season:

- Attend all team rep meetings or send a team representative in his absence. Must attend
- Maintain a good team reputation with league officials in regards to having their team ready to start their games on time (includes having their team net, game-sheet, and corner flags ready)

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## 4. REGISTRATION

- (a) The KSSL operates as a level II district league as defined by ECOSA, thereby all players must be registered as recreational.
  - (b) In the interest of providing soccer to as many players as practical, while reducing conflicts with other groups, each team is permitted to sign a maximum of six competitive level players during the indoor season and four for the outdoor season:
    - i. Teams may increase the number of competitive players per team in equal increments. In other terms, teams may add one additional competitive player at a time only after all teams have reached the same number of competitive players.
    - ii. Any team may waive their right to an equal allotment of competitive players. In the case in which a team chooses to waive their right, teams may continue to increase the number of competitive players\* as per clause (i).
- \* a competitive player is defined as any player registered in the OSL, or CSL within a calendar year who is of the age of 19 or older.
- (c) Players must be 16 years of age or older as of time of registration.
  - (d) All players will sign official forms as supplied by the OSA, providing all pertinent data.
  - (e) Each team may sign up to 25 players

## 5. FEES

All fees will be set by the executive and paid on dates set by the executive.

## 6. TRANSFERS

- (a) Transfer will not be permitted after July 15.
- (b) If a player has not played for 7 days and wishes to transfer to another team, he may apply to the executive for such a transfer in writing. The executive will make a decision within 7 days of receipt of the application.
- (c) Any transfer fees that apply will be paid by the new team to the old team from which the player is transferred from.

## 7. PLAYER MOVEMENT

- (a) Movement from premier division players to a first division team will not be permitted, except with executive council approval.
- (b) Movement from first division teams to premier division will be permitted.

## 8. GENERAL LEAGUE RULES

1. In league matches, final game results stand unless changed by successful appeal to the executive.
2. A game in the outdoor season is considered played if 60 minutes or more has elapsed.

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3. In the event that a winner must be determined the following will be taken into consideration:
  - Indoor – 2 x 5 minute halves of overtime will be played. First team to score will be declared the winner. If teams are still tied, then penalty kicks will be used to decide. 3 kickers from each team shall be the first round, consisting of any player from that team. If teams are still tied then single shooters will decide the outcome, rotating between teams until one team scores and the other does not. Shooters must make a full rotation through team before a second shot may be taken.
  - Outdoor – 2 x 10 minute halves of overtime will be played, sunlight permitting. The full time will be played and the result will stand. If teams are still tied, then penalty kicks will be used to decide. 5 kickers from each team shall be the first round, consisting of any player from that team who was on the field at the conclusion of the overtime. If teams are still tied then single shooters will decide the outcome, rotating between teams until one team scores and the other does not. Shooters must make a full rotation through team before a second shot may be taken. All shooters must have been on the field of play at the conclusion of the overtime.
4. In the event of a point tie when deciding league standings, the tie breaking format is as follows:
  - (a) Head to head record
  - (b) Goal Difference
  - (c) Fewest goals against
  - (d) Most Wins
  - (e) Play a Game
5. No team may intentionally forfeit a match. If a forfeit does occur, the forfeiting team will be noted as conceding 3 goals while scoring zero. If the lead, in favour of non-forfeiting team, is larger than 3 goals at the time of a forfeit, the score shall stand.
6. The referee will make a final decision as to the safety of the playing surface at kick-off, unless already determined by the executive.
7. Requests to change the schedule must be made at least seven days prior to the date of the fixture.
8. Every team may request a maximum of two schedule changes per season.
9. Players are deemed eligible to play regardless of arrival time to the field.
10. Substitutions are allowed on own throw-ins. Piggy-backing on opponent throw-ins if they make substitutions is allowed as well.
11. During kickoff or after a goal, the ball can be kicked directly backwards; it does not have to go forward first

## 9. DISCIPLINE

1. All red cards are reviewed by the executive and may lead to member probation.
2. If leading to probation, the probation period shall be set at no less than one calendar year from the members restart date.
3. Red cards acquired during probation will be reviewed by the executive and further disciplinary action may be taken, beyond the actions taken by ECOSA.

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4. Dissent – members will follow the rules stated below for dissent towards a match official, above the fees or disciplinary actions handed down by ECOSA.

Yellow Cards – The **FIRST** yellow card for dissent, cumulative over a TWO year period, will see the offending player remit a fee of no less than \$25 to the club before the player is permitted to play their next game.

The **SECOND** yellow card for dissent, cumulative over a TWO year period, will see the offending player remit a fee of no less than \$50 to the club before the player is permitted to play their next game. The offending player must complete the “Respect in Sport”, or equivalent, course. Certificate of completion is to be submitted to the league secretary before the player is permitted to play their next game.

The **THIRD** yellow card for dissent cumulative over a TWO year period, will see the offending player remit a fee of no less than \$100 to the club before the player is permitted to play their next game and serve a **1-game**, league-initiated suspension.

The **FOURTH** yellow card for dissent, cumulative over a TWO year period, will see the offending player sacrifice the remainder of the season. The offending player will remit a fee of no less than \$200 to the club before the player is permitted to play in their next game. The club will not reimburse the offending player for games missed. The offending player must complete the “Respect in Sport”, or equivalent, course. Certificate of completion is to be submitted to the league secretary before the player is permitted to play their next game.

The **FIFTH** yellow card for dissent, cumulative over a TWO year period, will see the offending player banned permanently from the league.

Red Cards – The **FIRST** red card for verbal abuse and/or gestures towards a match official will see the offending player complete a “Respect in Sport”, or equivalent, course. The fee for the course will neither be paid by the club nor reimbursed by the club. Certificate of completion is to be submitted to the league secretary and the offending player will remit a fee of no less than \$100 before the player is permitted to play their next game. The offending player is suspended until an executive meeting can be held to discuss further action. All red cards will be reviewed by the executive.