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### Management And Control:

Every affiliated team is responsible to the league for the actions of its players, officials, and spectators, and is required to take all precautions necessary to prevent spectators threatening or assaulting officials and players before, during, or at the conclusion of matches. If any player, official, or spectator uses objectionable language, or engages in objectionable behavior, they may be removed from the grounds under the jurisdiction of this league.

The Directors of this League shall have the power to deal with violations of the laws of the game, the rules, regulations and by-laws of the League and in cases of any infractions of the foregoing, or of any unfair or unsportslike conduct, or any action tending to bring into disrepute or to be against its best interests, to summon before it any team, player, official or member, for the purpose of inquiring into said offense.

It is misconduct for any team, or any player, official or member of any team, to offer, or attempt to offer, either directly or indirectly, any consideration whatever to another team, player or players of any other team, with a view to influence the result of a match. It is misconduct for any team, player or players, to accept such consideration.

In the event of any team, player, official or member being proved to the satisfaction of the Directors to have been guilty of any violation of the laws of the game, the rules and regulations of this league, or of any misconduct, the Directors shall have the power to order the offending team, player, official or member to be removed from membership, suspended for a stated period, or dealt with in such a manner as the Directors may consider proper in the circumstances. No player or member of any such team so removed or suspended shall be eligible for membership in any other team affiliated with this league without the special permission of the Directors. The Directors may also order the offending parties to pay all expenses incurred in hearing the case.

The Directors shall have the power to call any team or players thereof, to produce any books, letters or documents and other evidence the Directors may desire.

In cases of dispute between this league, teams, or players, legal proceed-

ings shall be taken only as a last resort, and then only with the consent of the Directors.

No barrister or solicitor shall represent any such league, team or player at the hearing of any protest, complaint or appeal, unless he/she is an executive officer of the league or team concerned, and has been such for a period of three months immediately preceding the lodging of protest, claim, complaint or appeal and his/her name appears on the printed list of such league or team as an executive officer.

The competitions of this League take precedence over all other competitions.

Each affiliated team shall furnish this League with a list of its responsible officers prior to the commencement of the playing season each and every year.

### **Appeals:**

Appeals from the decision of the Disciplinary Committee under the jurisdiction of this League shall be to the Directors of this League.

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Appeals to this League shall be in writing and shall state the grounds upon which the appeal is based. Triplicate copies of the appeal, together with an appeal fee of Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) shall be sent to the Administrator of this League within four (4) days from the time the decision is given. The operation of such decision shall not be suspended pending the hearing of an appeal. Appeals shall not be withdrawn except by consent of this League. The Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) appeal fee shall be refunded only if the appeal is upheld.

Appeals of any league game must be made within twenty-four (24) hours of the completion of the game in dispute.

Appeals of any Play-off or Cup Competition game, including all tournament games, must be made immediately (within fifteen (15) minutes) following the completion of the game.

A decision of this League on any appeal shall be final and binding.

A decision of this League on an appeal from any Cup competition game played in the territory under the

jurisdiction of this League shall be final and binding.

In dealing with a protest, the League may take into consideration the possession by the protesting party of any knowledge which if properly used, might have obviated the protest.

Appeals disputing a referee's interpretation of the laws of the game shall not be heard. The referee's decision in all matches shall be final.

The League, Disciplinary Committees, or Tournament Committees shall not be required to offer a reason for its decisions. Only the decision shall be given.

### **Amendments Of General Rules And Regulations, And The Laws Of The Game:**

The laws of the game, and the rules and regulations of this League may be amended, altered or repealed in whole or in part at any meeting of the Board of Directors. Active members of the Board of Directors may propose changes to the laws of the game, and the rules and regulations by submitting them in writing to the Administrator of the League for consideration of the Board of Directors.

### **Regulations Regarding Players And Teams:**

Player and Team registration fees may be determined at any meeting of the Board of Directors.

All players must be registered in order to play in the B.C. Indoor Soccer League.

### **Bond Money**

A minimum performance bond of One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00) shall be required from each team affiliating with the league.

The league may also, at its discretion, impose an increased performance bond at any time for individual teams, whenever deemed advisable; and may also impose other conditions or requirements in addition to the performance bond.

The bond shall be returned to each team at the end of the season upon the team's satisfactory completion of the league schedule and provided the team has met all other obligations to the League. However, fines or levies applied against a team or players for violation of the laws, rules and regulations of the League may be collected from this bond. The performance bond

must be maintained at the original amount designated to that team throughout the entire season.

Fines may be levied for:

- playing an unregistered player or players,
- a team being non-cooperative or delaying of scheduled game starting time,
- default of game,
- player receiving a red card,
- a team receiving its fifth or more consecutive yellow card,
- any reason deemed appropriate by the Directors.

The league may also, at its discretion, impose a personal performance bond for individual players at any time and whenever deemed advisable. The league may also impose other conditions or requirements in addition to any performance bonds.

No team will be allowed to participate in league functions until all financial and other obligations to the BC Indoor Soccer League are met.

All team and player financial obligations are the responsibility of the team manager.

Any team not in good financial standing with the league shall default any scheduled games until their financial obligations have been met.

Any team that plays a game or games while not in good standing shall forfeit those points from said games and may be subject to further disciplinary action from the league.

Any team defaulting a game shall be fined \$75.00. (see Defaulted Games section below for details)

Any game abandoned during play shall first have the reason for abandonment looked at by the disciplinary committee before the final score shall be determined. It may or may not be recorded as whatever score was in effect at the time of abandonment. Any game abandoned during play shall be replayed only following approval by the League (dependant on the reasons for abandonment).

If, in the opinion of the referee, the team uniform colors will create a problem for officiating a game,

the HOME team (listed first on the schedule), MUST change to colors distinct from those of their opponents and the referee.

### **Defaulted Games:**

If a team does not have enough players on hand to start the game (i.e. 3 players + 1 goalie) then the game is defaulted and a \$75 fine will be levied without exception.

Any defaulted game shall be recorded as a 1-0 score for the non-defaulting team.

### **Discipline:**

In all cases the party complained against shall have the right to appear and offer a full answer or defense to charges against him/her when the case is heard.

Where the control of discipline has been delegated to an affiliated organization or committee, all cases of players ordered off the field of play as well as players and/or officials reported for misconduct shall be dealt with by the organization or committee within ten (10) days of the incident.

These suspension guidelines will apply to all regularly scheduled league games and league cup playoff games.

### **Punishments:**

#### **Cautions (Yellow Cards)**

Teams shall be fined Ten Dollars (\$10.00) for each subsequent Yellow Card received after the fifth offense. (That is for the 6th, 7th, 8th and so on, yellow card received the team will be fined \$10.00 for each.) This fine must be paid before the team can resume playing in any league games. This fine is in addition to any and all suspensions the player may have received regarding the Yellow Card offense.

- A player receiving 3 cautions during the current season or playoffs shall be suspended for 1 game.
- A player who receives another 3 cautions (six total) during the same season or playoffs shall be suspended for 2 consecutive games.
- A player who receives a further 3 cautions (9 total) during the same season or playoffs shall be suspended for 3 consecutive games.

**Ejections (Red Cards)**

Teams shall be fined Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) for each Red Card offense. This fine must be paid before the player who received the Red Card can resume playing in any league games. This fine is in addition to any and all suspensions the player may have received regarding the Red Card offense.

**Team Fines**

Teams whose players have received a total of 6 red cards in the current season and play-offs shall be fined \$50. In addition to any suspension and fines the red carded players may have received.

Teams whose players have received a total of 7 red cards in the current season and play-offs shall be fined \$100. In addition to any suspension and fines the red carded players may have received.

Teams whose players have received a total of 8 red cards in the current season and play-offs shall be fined \$250. In addition to any suspension and fines the red carded players may have received.

Teams whose players have received a total of 9 red cards in the current season and play-offs shall be fined \$500. And shall be suspended from all league and tournament activities for a period of 1 year.

**Ejections (Red Cards) for actions against other players or team officials:**

The following suspensions represent the minimum suspension length for the type of infraction noted. Further disciplinary action may also be taken. A disciplinary hearing will only be called if further action is deemed necessary, or if a player or team appeals the disciplinary ruling.

**For persistent misconduct, or foul or abusive language:**

- First Offence - 1 game suspension
- Second Offence - 3 game suspension
- Third Offence - 6 game suspension
- Fourth Offence - 1 year suspension

**For serious foul play:**

- First Offence - 2 game suspension

- Second Offence - 6 game suspension

- Third Offence - 1 calendar year suspension

**For striking, spitting, kicking or any form of violent conduct, or attempted violent conduct against a player or team official:**

- First Offence - 6 game suspension

- Second Offence - 1 year suspension

- Third Offence - 5 year suspension.

**Ejections (Red Cards) for actions against game officials (referees):**

**Persistent criticism or disputing of decisions:**

- First Offence - 1 game suspension

- Second Offence - 3 game suspension

- Third Offence - 6 game suspension

- Fourth Offence - 1 year suspension

**Use of foul, abusive or insulting remarks:**

- First Offence - 2 game suspension

- Second Offence - 5 game suspension

- Third Offence - 1 year suspension

**Deliberate physical contact (i.e. pushing, pulling, charging, etc.) or attempted physical contact or threatening:**

- First Offence - 1 year suspension

- Second Offence - 5 year suspension

**Striking, spitting, kicking, or any forms of violent conduct, or attempted violent conduct:**

- First Offence - 5 year suspension

- Second Offence - lifetime suspension.

Red card suspensions received during BCISL hosted or sanctioned tournaments may be carried over to the league if deemed appropriate, and vice versa.

**Registration Of Players And Teams: Age Limits:**

All players in the "Adult" divisions shall be at least 16 years of age on or before December 31st of the year registering.

The league may make exceptions to the age limit rules from time to time or for special circumstances, at its discretion and when deemed appropriate.

Players in the "Master's" division shall be at least 40 years of age on or before December 31st of the year registering.

**Registration:**

Team registration deadline dates will be determined by the Board of Directors, and may change from year to year.

Team rosters will have a maximum of eighteen (18) players registered at any one time. Additional players will be allowed to be signed if:

- a player transfers to another team (provided the rules of transfer are met),
- a player quits,
- a player is suspended by the BCISL for the duration of the season, or,
- the BCISL Board of Directors allows special cases.

All changes to a teams roster must be registered with the league Administrator, in writing, before they become official.

All forms can be obtained from the League Administrator.

It is the responsibility of the team manager to submit all changes to the League Administrator.

Players must sign a minimum of twenty-four (24) hours before a game before they will be eligible to play.

Players must play a minimum of three (3) league games with a team to be eligible to play for that team in the playoffs.

A team list, with correct names and numbers, of each player playing in that game ONLY, must be presented to the referee or the designated official before the start of each game, or at halftime if agreed to by the referee or official.

**Team Registration Fees:**

Team registration fees will be determined by the Board of Directors and may change from year to year.

For the 2009/2010 season the per Team registration fee is \$200.00. Except for the Men's Division 1, which shall be \$250.00

**Player Registration Fees:**

Player registration fees will be determined by the Board of Directors and may change from year to year. For the 2009/2010 season the per player registration fee is \$150.00. Each team must pay for a minimum of 12 players but may register fewer players if desired.

After January 15th, 2010 the player registration fee for the remainder of the season shall be \$75.00 for new players registering on or after that date.

For players registering in a second division (such as coed, or Master's, etc.) in addition to their primary division, the registration fee is an additional \$75.00 per additional division.

**Refunds of Registration Fees**

All refunds regarding team or player registration fees, or performance bonds, will be handled by the BCISL Board of Directors.

Managers or players requesting a refund shall submit such requests to the League Administrator in writing.

Refunds will only be considered for medical reasons or such other special circumstances that the BCISL Board of Directors deems appropriate. Requests for refunds may or may not be approved. The BCISL Board of Directors reserves the right to refuse a refund request for any reason.

Approved refunds will be pro-rated based on the number of games remaining unplayed in the season, less a non-refundable \$25 administration fee, and a \$5 insurance fee. No refunds shall be considered after half the season has already been played.

**Transfer of Players:**

Transfer of players may occur during the season if both team managers agree, however, if both managers do not agree, a mandatory three (3) game waiting period will be implemented before that player is eligible to play for his/her new team.

Transfers must be registered with the League Administrator.

Transfer forms are available from the League Admin-

istrator.

A transfer fee of Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) will apply.

Official notification to teams involved will be given by the League Administrator.

A player is permitted only one (1) transfer per season.

A player may only transfer to a team whose roster is not already full.

It is the responsibility of the manager of the team who the player is transferring to, to complete the appropriate forms and submit them to the League Administrator.

### Postponement Of Games:

The league reserves the right to postpone or reschedule a game for any reason it deems necessary and will provide the teams and the referees involved with a minimum of twenty-four (24) hours notice.

A team wishing to postpone a scheduled game must give the league seven (7) days notice, in writing.

If, in the opinion of the League, the reason given for the postponement by the team is satisfactory, the League will inform all parties concerned and make the appropriate arrangements to reschedule the game if time is available.

### Game Points, Standings & Tie Breakers

A team shall receive three (3) points for each game won and (1) point for each game that results in a draw. No points will be awarded for a loss.

If a teams' position in the league standing is not clearly decided by points the tie-breaker rules shall follow in this order:

1. The team's total Goal Difference (Total Goals For minus Total Goals Against).
2. The team's total number of Games Won (not including games that resulted in a draw).
3. The team's Total Goals For in all head-to-head competitions between the teams involved in the tie.
4. The team's Total Goals Against in all head-to-head competitions between the teams

involved in the tie.

5. If a team's position is still not decided there will be a coin toss.

### Referees:

All referees shall be under the control and jurisdiction of this League.

No person shall officiate as a referee in any competition under the sanction or jurisdiction of this League who is not on the official list of referees of this League, but if from unforeseen circumstances a referee on the official list is unable to act, teams or combinations shall agree on some other person in the emergency.

In order to be considered for placement on the Official List of Referees for the B.C. Indoor Soccer League all persons must meet the following requirements:

1. Must be at least 17 (seventeen) years of age.
2. Must have at least a valid "Class 4" level BCSA referee certification.
3. Must attend the BCISL indoor soccer refereeing clinic, and must perform satisfactorily on exams.
4. Must be committed to the development of the B.C. Indoor Soccer League, and must be one or more of the following:
  - a. A player on a team in the league.
  - b. A manager of a team in the league.
  - c. A coach of a team in the league.
  - d. An Executive Board Member of the league.
  - e. Agree to volunteer in some capacity at one or more league functions.
5. Must show competency in refereeing indoor soccer.
6. Must be willing to officiate for an apprenticeship period to establish competency.

All referees must apply to the league at the commencement of each season.

All persons wishing to be placed on the official list of referees shall, in the first instance, make application to this League's administrator, and if successful in

passing the examinations provided for, and if otherwise approved of, shall be recommended for inclusion in the official list.

This League shall reserve the right to refuse application to be placed on the official list of referees to any person whom, in the opinion of the Board of Directors of this League, does not meet with the requirements of the league or is otherwise unsuitable for duty as a referee in any and all games sanctioned by or under the jurisdiction of this league.

This League has the power to remove from its official list, or require to be re-examined, any referee when deemed advisable.

Complaints by or against referees shall be made in writing to the Administrator of this League.

All candidates for referees may be examined as to their suitability for duty by this League. Such examinations may include oral, written, and field tests.

Referees shall be paid \$25 per league or playoff game for the 2009/2010 season. Payments for tournament or other games may be less and will be announced prior to the tournament or other event.

The referee shall have the power to decide the fitness of the playing area or pitch in all matches, and his/her decision shall be final.

Referees are required within twenty-four (24) hours of conclusions of a match at which they officiate, to forward to the Administrator of this League a report in writing with the result of the game and team lists, on a form provided for this purpose.

Referees shall, within twenty-four (24) hours of the conclusion of the match at which they officiate, forward to the Administrator of the league or Disciplinary Committee, as the case may be, the names of players charged with misconduct, on a form provided for this purpose. Any referee not conforming with this rule is liable to suspension.

Referees shall be fined the equivalent of the refereeing fee for all games that they do not show up to and for which adequate notice was not given to the league scheduler.

If a referee cannot attend an assigned game he/she must inform the league scheduler with as much

advance notice as possible, at least 24 hours prior to the game/s in question. The league scheduler shall be responsible for reassigning all games.

If a referee must trade a game with another referee for whatever reason, they may do so, but only after getting approval from the league scheduler.

### **Honorary Life Membership**

From time to time the league may award Honorary Life Memberships to persons who have rendered valuable service to the BCISL for over 15 years.

Nominations for Honorary Life Membership may be made by any member of the League. The Board of Directors upon reviewing the credentials of each candidate, will vote and approve this honorary position. The final award will be given at the BCISL Annual Awards ceremony.

A Honorary Life Member shall have a voice but no vote at General Meetings of the League.

A Honorary Life Member shall be entitled to receive all information as is received by any other member of the League.

### **Associate Memberships**

Any individual over the age of 16 may apply for Associate Membership in the league by filling out the appropriate forms and paying the twenty-five dollar (\$25.00) Associate Membership fee and, if approved by the Board of Directors shall be deemed Associate Members of the league.

Associate members will have a vote at the Annual General Meeting and, if over the age of 19, may stand for election to the Board of Directors.

Please see the Constitution and Bylaws of the BC Indoor Soccer League Society for more information regarding memberships.