



# CORNWALL & DISTRICT SOCCER LEAGUE

## Constitution & By-Laws

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# CONSTITUTION

## 1 NAME

1.1 The name of the league is “Cornwall District Soccer League”, herein referred to as “The League”.

## 2 TERRITORY

2.1 The territorial of operation is principally the Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry.

2.2 The address of the League is 800 Seventh St W, Box 12, Cornwall, Ontario, K6J 0A3.

## 3 OBJECTIVES

3.1 To establish soccer as a major amateur sport in the territory.

3.2 To improve standard of play.

3.3 To generate public interest and participation.

3.4 To govern the game of soccer in the area under its jurisdiction.

## 4 ADMINISTRATION

4.1 The League shall be administered by the League executive herein referred to as “The Executive” and committees as designated in the By-Laws.

## 5 POWERS OF THE EXECUTIVE

5.1 To direct and manage the business, property and funds of the League.

5.2 To supervise and control the teams and their players as set out in this Constitution and By-Laws.

## 6 MEMBERSHIP

6.1 The membership in this League shall consist of all senior amateur clubs and their players.

6.2 Membership applications shall be considered for clubs, which meet the requirements prescribed, by these Constitution and By-Laws.

6.3 Upon acceptance as a member of this League, clubs that fail to conform to the manner prescribed by this Constitution and By-Laws shall be dealt with by the Executive as provided in the By-Laws.

## **7 BY-LAWS**

7.1 By-Laws for the government of this League shall be enacted and may be amended as hereinafter provided.

## **8 AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION / BY-LAWS**

8.1 This Constitution may be amended only at the Annual General Meeting or at a Special General Meeting called for that purpose, by a resolution, properly placed before the meeting and passed by a three-quarters majority vote cast by the delegates.

8.2 By-Laws may be amended:

At the Annual General Meeting or at a Special General Meeting by a simple majority vote cast by the delegates or

8.3 A resolution shall be deemed to have been properly placed before the Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting if a copy of the proposed amendment has:

A) been received by the Secretary at least 21 days before the date of the scheduled Annual General Meeting.

B) must be duly moved and seconded by the delegates at the meeting (Annual or Special) when called for by the Chairman.

8.4 Unless otherwise stated in the resolution, the amendment shall become effective, at the conclusion of the meeting at which it is passed.

## **9 DISSOLUTION**

9.1 Should the League dissolve, all monies in the General Account shall be made available in full, or in part, to any new senior soccer league in the Cornwall area.

9.2 All monies in the Bond Account shall be returned to the members in good standing.

## BY-LAWS

### 1 EXECUTIVE

#### 1.1 Shall consist of:

- A) President / Elected / Tie Breaking Vote
- B) Vice-President / Elected / Vote
- C) Directors (4) / Elected / Vote
- D) Past President / Succession / Vote
- E) Secretary / Appointed / No Vote
- F) Registrar / Appointed / No Vote
- G) Treasurer / Appointed / No Vote
- H) Statistician / Appointed / No Vote
- I) Referee in Chief / Appointed / No Vote

**1.2 DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE:** shall be those outlined in the following sub-sections which may be added to by the President

- A) The President:
  - shall enforce the policies of the league
  - shall have extraordinary powers to act in special circumstances affecting the well-being of the League without prior approval of the Executive or members of the League
  - shall call Executive or General Meetings at his/her discretion or at the request of a majority of the Executive or members of the League
  - shall have one of the cheques signing authorities for the League
  - shall be an ex-officio member of all committees
- B) The Vice-President:
  - shall in the absence of the President, exercise all duties and powers of the President
  - shall have one of the cheques signing authorities for the League
- C) The Directors (4): shall be assigned duties as per standing and ad hoc committees.
- D) The Past President:
  - shall advise the present Executive
  - may fill in for the President if the Vice-President is unable to perform that duty
- E) The Secretary:
  - shall prepare the agenda for all League and Executive meetings
  - shall keep accurate and detailed minutes of all meetings
  - shall pass on to the Executive all correspondence, appeals and protests

- shall give proper notice of all meetings
- shall distribute all minutes and correspondence to the team reps
- shall accept nominations and candidates for nomination prior to the Fall A.G.M. for Executive positions and prepare a list for the chairman of the elections.

F) The Registrar:

- shall ensure that all members are registered in accordance with the By-Laws
- shall maintain an accurate record of all player showing registration dates, transfers and disciplinary actions

G) Treasurer:

- shall have one of the cheques signing authorities for the League
- shall maintain an accurate record of the revenues and expenses of the League
- shall assure that the League approves all expenses

H) The Statistician:

- shall receive all game reports
- shall maintain an up-to-date standing on a weekly basis and report it to the local media
- shall ensure that all players on the game sheets are registered and in good standing
- shall report and record all team and player fines and discipline
- shall provide a list to the Treasurer of the monies owed to the officials

I) The Referee in Chief

- shall act as a liaison between the Executive and the game officials
- shall sit on the committee to assign game officials
- shall be responsible to find substitutes for cancellations by game officials
- shall instruct the referees how to fill out game sheets
- shall be responsible for providing a list of the appointed officials for each game to the Executive

### **1.3 Elections, Nominations and Appointments**

1.3.1 The Executive offices whose positions are open to election are deemed to have resigned prior to the elections. The President or Vice-President, depending of the year, will act as Chairman for the elections. If neither is available a chairman of elections must be appointed by a majority of the delegates present.

1.3.2 Candidates for nomination will:

- A) be accepted prior to the A.G.M. by the Secretary and a list will be given to the Chairman prior to the elections.
- B) be accepted from the floor when called for by the Chairman.
- C) not be accepted without verbal consent (written if absent) of the nominee.

### 1.3.3 Elections shall be by sealed ballot

### 1.3.4 Election of officers:

- A) shall be in descending order
- B) shall require a majority vote for officers other than directors
- C) if a majority is not reached in the first ballot between two or more candidates for an office, the candidate receiving the least votes will be dropped and the voting will resume until a majority is reached
- D) for directors the required number of candidates receiving the largest number of votes shall be elected. If a tie prevents this, an additional vote will be taken between the tied candidates.
- E) A minimum of one member from each Division (gender) must be elected based on accepted nominations. The individual with the highest number of votes from each gender will be elected. The individuals with the highest number of votes from the remaining candidates will be elected. Should one gender not have an accepted nomination, the elections will proceed based on the accepted nominations.

### 1.3.5 Appointments:

- A) Past President shall automatically be the immediate Past President of the League whenever possible.
- B) The Secretary shall be appointed by the Executive.
- C) The Registrar shall be appointed by the Executive.
- D) Treasurer shall be appointed by the Executive.
- E) The Statistician shall be appointed by the Executive.
- F) The Referee-in-Chief shall be appointed by the Executive.

## 1.4 Vacancies in Office

1.4.1 Any member of the Executive who, without valid reason, misses (3) consecutive Executive meetings may be the subject of review of suitability to continue in that office and may be expelled.

1.4.2 If a vacancy occurs for any reason, the Executive has the power to appoint a replacement for the balance of the term.

1.4.3 Notwithstanding 1.4.2, if the President and Vice-President resign at the same time, a Special General Meeting shall be held to elect the new officers.

## 1.5 Term of Office

1.5.1 Elected Officers shall serve a term of two years with the President and one half of the Directors elected one year and the Vice-President and the other half of the Directors elected the following year. The President will begin to manage and supervise the League for the upcoming even year, but due to the League structure will be elected at the Fall A.G.M. of the preceding odd year. Vice versa will apply for the Vice-President.



1.5.2 The Past President shall serve until replaced or resigns.

1.5.3 The Secretary shall serve until replaced or resigns, with yearly reviews by the Executive.

1.5.4 The Registrar / Treasurer, Statistician, and Referee-in-Chief shall serve a term of one year.

## **1.6 Remuneration**

Appointed positions may be compensated for performance of their duties. Such compensation shall be determined prior to the Spring AGM for approval by the membership at the AGM. Compensation will be subject to review by the Executive at the conclusion of the season based on the performance provided by the individuals in these appointed positions.

## **1.7 Executive Meetings**

1.7.1 The Executive shall meet:

A) As often as required

B) At the request of the President for immediate concerns of the League.

C) At the request of 50% plus one or more of the voting officers in writing stipulating time/place/reason delivered to the Secretary who will perform the other executive members.

1.7.2 Quorum is 50% plus one or more of voting members.

## **2 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

### **2.1 Time and Place**

There shall be two A.G.M.s as determined by the Executive prior to the season, before April 15th and at the conclusion of the season before September 30<sup>th</sup>.

### **2.2 Purpose of A.G.M.**

To receive such reports and transact business as outlined in the Agenda.

### **2.3 Notice of A.G.M.**

The Secretary shall notify the League through at least 30 days in advance of the place and time of the A.G.M.

### **2.4 Delegates**

2.4.1 The meeting shall be open to all members of the League.

2.4.2 Only teams in good standing are entitled to vote and a list of voting delegates shall be determined by the roll call at the start of the meeting.

2.4.3 All individual teams who fail to send a delegate associated to the team to an A.G.M. shall be fined \$50.00.

## **2.5 Quorum**

A simple majority of the voting teams.

## **2.6 Agenda**

2.6.1 The following order of business shall be conducted at the Spring A.G.M.

- A) Roll Call
- B) Correspondence
- C) Old Business
- D) Committee Reports
- E) Financial Report
- F) Proposed Budget
- G) New Business
- H) Roll Call
- I) Adjournment

2.6.2 The following order of business shall be conducted at the Fall A.G.M.

- A) Roll Call
- B) Correspondence
- C) Old Business
- D) President's Report
- E) Elections
- F) New Business
- G) Roll Call
- H) Adjournment

## **2.7 Special General Meeting**

2.7.1 Special General Meeting shall be convened in the event that there was no quorum attained at an Annual General Meeting.

2.7.2 A Special General Meeting may be convened:

- A) At the request of the President.
- B) At the request of the Executive.
- C) Upon request of a majority of the League members.
- D) To discuss matters that could not otherwise be dealt with at the Annual General Meeting.

E) Unless there is unanimous consent of the members present, only the business for which the S.G.M. was called for may be discussed.

### **3 FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING**

#### **3.1 Fiscal Year**

Fiscal year shall commence the 1<sup>st</sup> of January in each year.

#### **3.2 Budget**

The Executive shall present a Budget for the upcoming fiscal year for ratification by the members at the Spring Annual General Meeting.

#### **3.3 Financial Report**

The Executive shall present a financial report to the members at the Spring Annual General Meeting.

#### **3.4 Liability of Debts**

No liability of any nature shall be valid as against the League unless authorized by the Executive.

#### **3.5 Revenues**

3.5.1 Revenues for the League shall be generated by the collection of:

- A) Fees as set in the budget
- B) Interest off the bond account
- C) Fines

##### **3.5.2 Bonds**

All teams:

- A) Must post a performance bond with the League, as set by the membership.
- B) May be required to post a good behavior bond, the amount and duration to be set by the Executive.

3.5.3 Fines are set by the Executive, subject to appeal by the members. For a full list of set fines see discipline.

#### **3.6 Accounting**

The Executive shall maintain an efficient book keeping system that shall be audited at the request of a majority of the members.

## **4 MEMBERSHIP, REGISTRATION, RESIGNATION, WITHDRAWALS, CALL-UPS AND TRANSFERS**

### **4.1 Membership**

4.1.1 Admission to, renewal of, rejection of, suspension of, and revocation of membership in the League shall be duly considered by the Executive and shall be effective upon a three-quarters vote.

4.1.2 The Executive shall consider any objection by an existing team that a new team will be detrimental to the existence of that team, before the new team is admitted into the League.

4.1.3 No club / team Player shall be eligible for membership to the C.D.S.L. if under disciplinary action from any other soccer League. The Executive will review at the request of the membership based on the information available at the time.

4.1.4 New team application forms may be picked up from the Secretary. Forms properly filled out and accompanied by the appropriate fees shall be delivered to the League for approval.

4.1.5 Renewal forms shall be delivered to the members prior to the A.G.M. Completed forms accompanied by the appropriate fees shall be submitted by the date of the Spring A.G.M.

### **4.2 Responsibilities of Members**

4.2.1 All teams are responsible to the League for the actions of their Members.

4.2.2 No member shall be represented at any League Hearing by a lawyer, unless the lawyer is a current member of the club of at least three months standing.

4.2.3 Members within the C.D.S.L. shall place their players at the service of the League for any League representative games.

4.2.4 All team colors shall be registered with the League. In the case of a color clash, the team with the least seniority with respect to jersey color shall be responsible for the changing jerseys.

### **4.3 Registration**

4.3.1 The signature or signatures on the team application form shall be considered the contact person or persons for that team and shall be accountable for all team discipline until that team's players are registered.

#### **4.3.2 Player Registration**

A) Prior to the commencement of the current season, player registration forms shall be returned to the Registrar properly completed and accompanied by the appropriate fees.

B) The League will not accept new player registration after July 15<sup>th</sup>.

C) Player registration forms must be received by the Registrar 24 hours before the player's first game. (This is to allow 24 hours for inputting.)

4.3.3 After commencement of the season, new players must be registered with the League in accordance to 4.3.2, prior to playing their first game.

4.3.4 Registration shall be for the current season only and provided there are no irregularities the player shall be eligible to play following registration.

4.3.5 Any club / team which attempts to induce a registered player of any team under the jurisdiction of the League to leave that team before the end of the current season of the League in which his/her team plays, with the indoor and outdoor as separate entities, shall be deemed to have committed an offense.

#### **4.4 Resignations and Withdrawals**

4.4.1 Resignation: A club/team which resigns from the League outside the current season, for whatever reason e.g. Lack of players; moving to a new League; being in good standing having paid all monies owed to the League shall upon request be entitled to their bond, may apply for reinstatement at a later date.

4.4.2 Withdrawals: A club/team which withdraws from competition during the current season, for whatever reason e.g. Lack of players; disciplinary action by the League or a higher authority shall forfeit all fees and bonds. Such club/team will not be permitted to apply for reinstatement until the Executive has deemed it in good standing.

4.4.3 If a club/team cease operation for any reason during the current playing season, the statistics of that club/team shall automatically be removed from the League records. Exceptions where such a club/team has played each team in the division at least once, then the first half of the season shall stand.

4.4.4 Any group of essentially the same personnel who have withdrawn from the League without being in good standing shall not be considered for re-application until all monies owed to the League have been paid.

NOTE: "The Executive may deal on a player basis."

#### **4.5 Transfers**

4.5.1 Transfers:

A) Forms may be obtained from the Secretary.

B) Forms properly completed and accompanied by the appropriate fee (\$10.00) shall be submitted to the Secretary for approval by the Executive.

C) Are subject to a 7-day waiting period from the last game played with the former team to the first game played with the new team.

- D) No transfers shall be permitted after July 15<sup>th</sup>.
- E) Internal transfers within two affiliated teams will have to follow the same procedure as the other teams.
- F) The Executive will review and deal with every transfer based on its own merits.

#### 4.5.2 Transfers from a defunct club/team:

- A) Will be at the discretion of the Executive.
- B) Will follow 4.5.1 as closely as possible.

### 4.6 Eligibility

4.6.1 No club/team /player will be allowed to play in the C.D.S.L. who is currently under suspension by any other senior League. Players who play outside the C.D.S.L. will report this on the registration forms. The Executive may review each situation based on its own merits.

4.6.2 Once registered with a team, the player is only eligible to play with that team until transferred. (Barring call-ups)

4.6.3 For competition other than Regular Season:

- A) Play-Offs: Only registered players
- B) Exhibition: No Restrictions

4.6.4 A player must be 16 years of age by the Monday before Victoria Day long weekend of the calendar year to be registered in the CDSL.

4.6.5 A team may register a maximum of 3 part time players. These players will only be eligible to play 50 % of the team's games. The registration cost of these players will be 50% of the annual player fees for the Division. These players will not be eligible to play in the play-offs. It will be the team's responsibility to ensure that these players do not participate in more than 50% of the team's games. Failure to comply with this rule will result in Team Discipline under Section 5.3.1 A) for ineligible players.

## 5 DISCIPLINE

### 5.1 Automatic Disciplinary System

The C.D.S.L. is currently using the mandatory minimum disciplinary system.

### 5.2 Players

5.2.1 Player who defaults under this system will be charged as follows:

- A) Uses Offensive, Insulting or Abusive Language (**AL**) – 1 game plus a \$10.00 fine.
- B) Receives a Second Caution (**SC**) – 1 game plus a \$10.00 fine.

- C) Deliberately handling the ball (**DH**) – 1 game plus a \$10.00 fine.
- D) Serious Foul Play (**SFP**) – 2 games plus a \$20.00 fine.
- E) Violent Conduct (**VC**) – 3 games plus a \$50.00 fine.
- F) Uses Foul and Abusive Language Directed at a Game Official (**ALO**) – 3 games plus a \$25.00 fine.
- G) Violent Conduct Directed at a Game Official (**VCO**) – Automatic suspension until a C.D.S.L. disciplinary hearing. Intentionally spitting on a player is violent conduct.

5.2.2 Further disciplinary measures against players are:

- A) If a player receives 3 yellow cards (Caution) in the current season, he/she shall serve an automatic 1 game suspension plus a \$10.00 fine.
- B) For repeated offense e.g. 2<sup>nd</sup> Red or more than 3 Yellows, The Executive may take additional action.
- C) Notwithstanding rule 5.2.2(A) if a player with 2 yellow cards prior to Play-off receives his/her 3<sup>rd</sup> yellow during Play-off his/her automatic 1 game suspension plus \$10.00 fine will be extended to 4 yellow cards before the suspension and fine are applied.

NOTE: All suspension will be served in the division that the player is currently registered.

### 5.3 Club/Teams

5.3.1 Club/Team in the League can be fined for the following infractions:

- A) Club/team playing an ineligible player will default the game 0-2, plus a fine of up to \$100.00. The score will stand if team with illegal player loses by a score higher than 2 goals.
- B) Kick-off-time violation will be fine \$10.00 and after 15 minutes, will default the game 0-2 and be fined \$100.00.
- C) Team which fail to give 72 hour notice of failure to attend a game shall be fined \$100.00.
- D) Teams which give more than 72 hour notice of failure to attend a game shall be fined \$50.00.
- E) For not sending a delegate to an A.G.M. or an S.G.M. shall be fined \$50.00.
- F) For returning team delegates leaving the A.G.M. or S.G.M. early shall be fined \$30.  
Notwithstanding this rule, non-returning teams for the following year shall not be fined for leaving the Fall A.G.M. early.
- G) For failing to pay fines within the allotted time of 14 days shall be declared not in good standing and be suspended until fines are paid, default games, 0-2 and may be fined \$100.00 for each game defaulted while under suspension.
- H) Additional fines for:
  - No corner flags - \$25.00
  - Sweater violations - \$10.00
  - Bank Service Charges for NSF cheques - \$25.00
  - Improperly filled in team sheets - \$10.00
- I) Teams who forfeit 2 games during the current season may be removed from the League, forfeiting all fees paid to the League.
- J) As situation arises the Executive may set additional fines to suit the circumstances.

5.3.2 Good behavior bonds will be set by the Executive for clubs/teams which have repeated offenses.

5.3.3 Any team who has three Red Cards among its players may be asked to appear before the Executive.

## **6 APPEALS AND PROTESTS**

### **6.1 Appeals**

6.1.1 Any member who has been subjected to a disciplinary action shall have the right to appeal such action.

6.1.2 Appeals will only be heard if proper procedure has been followed and they are based on:

- A) Constitution and By-Laws
- B) F.I.F.A. Rules
- C) Impartial witnesses

6.1.3 Individuals wishing to appeal a discipline decision by an official must:

- A) Notify the C.D.S.L. Executive verbally within 24 hours of the incident they wish to appeal.
- B) Submit the proper appeal from accompanied by the \$25.00 appeal fee within 72 hours of the incident to the C.D.S.L. Executive.

6.1.4 Failure to meet these submission requirements will lead to the dismissal of the appeal.

6.1.5 Individuals appealing an offense must attend their disciplinary hearing, which will be held within 10 days of the offence. Failure to attend will automatically render the individual GUILTY of the offence therefore subject to the automatic disciplinary system and also forfeiting his/her appeal fee.

### **6.2 Protests**

6.2.1 The board shall hear all protests arising out of any game within the C.D.S.L.

6.2.2 The fee for such a protest shall be \$25.00 and must accompany any protest.

6.2.3 The protest shall be reported verbally to the C.D.S.L. Executive within 24 hours of the game to which it refers.

6.2.4 The official protest form accompanied by the protest fee and signed by the team representative must be submitted to the C.D.S.L. Executive within 72 hours of the game to which it refers.



6.2.5 The opposing team will be provided a copy of the protest a minimum of 72 hours prior to the hearing.

6.2.6 Failure to meet these submission requirements will lead to the dismissal of the protest.

6.2.7 The protest fee will be refunded if the protest is upheld, and the applicant will forfeit the protest fee if the protest is defeated.

## **7 GAME OFFICIALS**

### **7.1 Appointment of Game Officials**

7.1.1 The Referee-in-Chief shall appoint all game officials.

7.1.2 The Referee-in-Chief shall ensure that officials are appointed when cancellations occur.

### **7.2 Fees**

7.2.1 Game officials shall receive fees for their services in the amount set by the Executive.

### **7.3 Duties**

7.3.1 Game officials shall enforce the League Rules and Regulations of play.

7.3.2 The referee has absolute discretion as to the fitness of the playing field.

7.3.3 Referees shall complete game reports and any applicable forms for each game, forwarding such to the League within 24 hours of the completion of the game. Reports requiring longer than 24 hours to reach the League shall be phoned in to the Statistician.

7.3.4 The referee shall write down on the game sheets all of the dismissal offences abbreviations e.g. VC (Violent Conduct), SPF (Serious Foul Play), AL (Abusive Language), etc.

### **7.4 Discipline**

7.4.1 An official who is unable to officiate a previously appointed game and fails to notify the Referee-in-Chief at least 72 hours prior to the game shall be fined the equivalent of their game fee.

7.4.2 Failure to forward game reports within 7 days of a scheduled game officiated by that referee shall result in fines equivalent to their game fee.

7.4.3 Failure to forward game reports within 48 hours of a scheduled game officiated by that referee

may result in fines equivalent to half their game fee.

7.4.4 Failure to communicate disciplinary matters to the League within 24 hours of a scheduled game officiated may result in fines equivalent to their game fee.

7.4.5 Game officials shall wear official uniforms to all League games.

7.4.6 Game officials shall be subject to discipline for late arrivals at games, the amount of fifteen dollars (\$15.00).

## **8 RULES AND REGULATIONS OF PLAY**

### **8.1 F.I.F.A.**

8.1.1 Unless otherwise expressed in these By-Laws, the F.I.F.A. rules and regulations of play shall apply.

### **8.2 Team Composition**

8.2.1 In all competitions a team shall comprise of a minimum of 7 players and a maximum of 11 players.

### **8.3 Substitution**

8.3.1 Substitutions shall only be made during a stoppage of play called by the referee with their permission for the following reasons:

- Goal Kick
- Goal Scored
- Half Time
- Injury to a player

8.3.2 Teams will be allowed to make substitutions on their own throw-ins. If a team does decide to make a substitution on their throw-in then the other team can then also substitute.

### **8.4 Uniforms**

8.4.1 Numbered shirts shall be worn by all players during games. The numbers shall be at least 8 inches in height and shall be displayed on the back of each shirt.

8.4.2 There shall be no duplication of numbers on any team.

8.4.3 Players shall not be allowed to change numbers during a game without the permission of the Game Official.

8.4.4 The goalkeeper's shirt shall be unique on the field of play.

## **8.5 Kick-Off Times**

8.5.1 Any team which fails to be on the field of play and ready to play at the scheduled time shall be assessed an automatic fine of \$10.00. Failure to be ready to commence the game 15 minutes past the scheduled time will result in a default of 0-2 and an additional fine of \$90.00.

8.5.2 Where the Officially appointed game official fails to attend the game, the involved teams may agree to another person to act as the official. Such an agreement shall be in writing and signed by both the team captains and the officials prior to the game. It is the responsibility of the teams involved to forward the team sheets and a game report to the League.

## **8.6 Postponements**

8.6.1 Games may only postponed by the Executive.

8.6.2 Teams affected shall receive 5 day notice of a rescheduled game (where possible).

## **8.7 Abandonment**

8.7.1 If the game official calls a game before 65 minutes is played, the game will be replayed, and any game called after 65 minutes will be deemed as a complete game.

## **8.8 Point System**

8.8.1 In all competitions 3 points for a win, 1 point for a tie and 0 points for a loss shall be awarded.

8.8.2 If two or more teams in the same division complete the regular season with the same number of points, the higher standing shall be awarded based on:

- 1) points in head-to-head between the teams involved
- 2) plus minus between the teams involved (head-to-head)
- 3) goals score between the teams involved (head-to-head)
- 4) The Executive shall decide a competition

## **8.9 Team Sheets**

8.9.1 Each team is responsible for completing a team sheet, presenting it to the Game Official prior to the game. Improperly filled in team sheets are subject to a fine.

8.9.2 Players numbers shall be indicated opposite their names on the team sheet.

8.9.3 Only numbers of players present prior to the commencement of the game shall be listed. Players arriving late shall have their numbers listed either at half time or full time and may only enter the field of

play with the permission of the Game Official.

8.9.4 A player whose eligibility is in question shall sign the team sheet beside their name as soon as it is brought to the attention of the Game Official.

### **8.10 Off side Rule**

8.10.1 Unlike the changes made by FIFA (2022) with regards the offside infractions, if the offside player makes forward motion towards the ball in an offside position, he is immediately deemed offside and the assistant referee (linesmen) is to signal the infraction by raising his/her flag.

### **8.11 Mercy Rule**

8.11.1 When a 7goal difference has been reached the score will cease accumulating with the following stipulation. The goals will stop accumulating, but the losing team at that point will have the option to continue or cease play. Any infractions by players or teams from that point on will still apply. It is at the referee discretion to cease play if he deems play to become unsportsmanlike.

## **9 LEAGUE STUCTURE AND COMPETITIONS**

### **9.1 Divisions**

9.1.1 The League shall comprise as many Divisions as required to meet the needs of the Territory.

9.1.2 The size of the Divisions shall be decided by the Executive.

9.1.3 In multi-division groups, revocation of teams for the next season shall be such that the bottom two teams in the higher division shall be demoted, while the top two teams in the lower division shall be promoted. Standings shall be based on the last regular season standings, but the final decision shall be made by the Executive.

### **9.2 Regular Season Play**

9.2.1 The Executive shall draw up a regular season schedule indication dates, designated Home and Away fields and start times.

### **9.3 Other Competition**

9.3.1 The Executive may arrange and decide the format for a pre-season tournament, a knock-out-cup tournament, post season play-off competition between League teams.

9.3.2 The Executive may arrange and approve League representation for games with teams outside the

League.

## **10 TOURNAMENT GUIDELINES**

**10.1** Teams wishing to host a tournament must apply to the Executive in writing as to the date and classification of the tournament.

## **11 AWARDS**

**11.1** An award night may be held at the discretion of the membership of the League. The Executive prior to the end of the regular season will decide the time and place.

**11.2** If an award night is not held, the Executive will determine the time and place for distribution of the awards.