

FSA POLICIES/PROCEDURES MANUAL

RULES AND GUIDELINES FOR PLAY FOR RECREATION AND ACADEMY:

RULE 1: LEVEL OF PLAY

The Association shall provide three levels of play in each season:

Classic Level: for advanced players for which selection shall be made by the Director of Coaching and relevant coaches based on player ability identified through public tryouts. The Director of Coaching will present to the Governing Board the recommended level of play within the statewide/regional leagues based on the talent level of each team as observed at the tryouts and the requirements of the statewide/regional leagues.

Academy Level: For U9 through U12 players participating in the developmental soccer program. An evaluation of academy players will occur; however, all interested and age appropriate players are allowed to participate. Younger players may be considered for Academy Level teams with certification by the Directory of Coaching that they are able to play the level of the team.

Recreation (Rec.) Level: for all other players for which all participants shall be eligible to play without tryouts. If the number of participants permits, Rec. teams may be split to provide all boys and all girls divisions. Rec. players shall be eligible to play in the relevant All-Star teams selected by the nominated coaches at the end of the season.

RULE 2: AGE SPECIFIC RULES MODIFICATIONS

The following tables illustrate modifications to the FIFA rules to accommodate younger players.

	Under 6	Under 8	Under 10
Ages:	4 and 5 year olds	6 and 7 year olds	8 and 9 year olds
Ball Size:	3	3	4
Play Periods:	8 minute quarters	12 minute quarters	25 minute halves
Quarter Rest:	2 minutes	2 minutes	N/A
Halftime Period:	5 - 10 minutes	10 minutes	10 minutes
Switch Sides at Half?	no	yes	yes
Direct Kicks?	no	no	yes
Players on Field:	3	4	6
Maximum on Roster:	6	8	12
Min to start/continue:	3	3	4

Goalkeeper?	no	no	yes
Offside rule in effect?	no	no	yes
Changes for Throw-ins?	Take until correct	one retake (same player)	no rule change
Minimum Field Size:	20 x 15 yds	25 x 20 yds	45 x 35 yds
Maximum Field Size:	30 x 25 yds	35 x 30 yds	60 x 45 yds

***In Under 6 and Under 8 games no scores will be kept and standings will not be recorded.*

	Under 12	Under 14	Under 16	Under 18
Ages	10 and 11 years old	12 and 13 years old	14 and 15 years old	16 and 17 years old
Ball Size:	4	5	5	5
Length of Halves:	30 minutes	35 minutes	40 minutes	45 minutes
Halftime Period:	10 minutes	10 minutes	10 minutes	10 minutes
Players on Field:	9	11*	11*	11*
Maximum on Roster:	14	18*	18*	18*
Min to start/continue:	7	7*	7*	7*
Minimum Field Size:	70 x 45 yds	110 x 60* yds	110 x 60* yds	110 x 60* yds
Maximum Field Size:	80 x 55 yds	115 x 70* yds	120 x 70* yds	120 x 70* yds

***The Recreation Commissioner may adjust the number of Players on Field, Maximum on Roster, Minimum to start/continue, and field size to allow small sided games due to limited numbers of participants in the older age groups.*

****The cut-off date for both Recreation and Classic/Academy players is August 1. This means the age of the player on July 31 determines the division in which the player will play for the following season. Birth certificates are required to be on file with the Registrar.**

RULE 3: SUBSTITUTIONS

For rec leagues, substitutions during a game are allowed on the following basis, but always subject to the referee's approval:

1. own throw-in
2. goal kick by either team
3. after a goal scored by either team
4. when the game is stopped for an injury
5. between periods (e.g. half-time, prior to overtime, etc.)
6. a player who receives a caution (yellow card) must be substituted at that time. If there is no substitute available, then the cautioned player must leave the field. The substituted player can return to the field at the next substitution opportunity.

Note: There will be no substitution for a player sent off (red carded).

The Association may combine age divisions if there are not enough players in a single age division to form a viable division.

Classic/Academy Level: Rules Modifications involving Classic/Academy teams shall be determined by the governing body of the competition in which the Classic/Academy team is a participant.

The maximum number of players permitted on a U13-U18 Classic Team roster shall be 18 unless otherwise directed by the governing body of the competition in which the team is a participant. A U13-U18 Classic Team may not roster through the Association unless it has at least 13 players at the time of registration.

The maximum number of players permitted on a U11-U12 Classic/ Academy Team roster shall be 14 unless otherwise directed by the governing body of the competition in which the team is a participant. A U11-U12 Team may not roster through the Association unless it has at least 10 players at the time of registration.

The maximum number of players permitted on a U9-U10 Academy Team roster shall be 12 unless otherwise directed by the governing body of the competition in which the team is a participant. A U9-U10 Academy Team may not roster through the Association unless it has at least 8 players at the time of registration.

The Director of Coaching will determine the actual number of participants on each team.

RULE 4: COACHING STAFFS

Each team shall have a maximum of one head coach and two assistants.

Rec Level: A schedule of proposed coaches will be submitted to the Executive Committee for approval prior to appointment and drafting of teams.

Classic/Academy Level: A schedule of proposed coaches will be submitted to the Executive Committee for approval prior to registration of the teams with SCYSA.

Coaches will be required to attend pre-season Operational Guideline meetings as scheduled by the Director of Coaching and/or the Executive Committee and are strongly recommended to attend any coaching clinics that are scheduled by the Association or the SCYSA with the aim of developing coaching techniques and team handling know-how.

Coaches are responsible for the behavior of themselves, their players, and their team's supporters in all games in which an Association team participates. It is the duty of the Rec. Coaches to report to his Recreation Commissioner or for Classic/Academy Coaches the Classic/Academy Commissioner, any instance in which a player under his authority receives either a yellow or red card or if a coach (head or assistant) or team supporter is ejected from a game or any other event in which the team participates. The appropriate Recreation Commissioner or Boys/Girls Select manager will report such instances of red cards or

ejections directly to the President of the Association.

Coaches guilty of unacceptable behavior or activities contrary to the rules and spirit of the Association will be subject to disqualification from their duties.

RULE 5: TEAM SELECTION

Team selection will be undertaken as follows:

Rec. Level: A coach's draft will be held in which coaches will choose the players for their team. The Association will identify players who had been selected as all-stars in previous years and who have played on Classic/Academy teams to allow all coaches to identify the stronger players. The primary purpose of the draft is to keep the teams as evenly balanced in player talent and age as possible. Secondary to the primary purpose can be other considerations such as car pool requests, previous year's team, and other special considerations. **These will never take precedence over the primary consideration which is to balance the teams as much as possible.**

Classic Level: Try-out dates will be announced and held prior to the draft of the Rec. level division so that any player not making the Classic team can be placed in the Rec. draft. The Director of Coaching will organize the try-outs to ensure that fair opportunity and consideration is given to all. All players will be advised of their status at the end of try-outs.

RULE 6: UNIFORMS

Rec. Level: Uniforms, as issued to each team, are required to be worn by all players. A complete outfit consists of a shirt (team issued), black athletic shorts, socks (team issued), approved athletic shoes, and shin guards. No player will be allowed to play or practice without shin guards, and no metal cleats will be allowed in shoes.

Classic/Academy Level: Uniforms to be determined by the Governing Board.

In respect of both Rec. and Classic/Academy levels, players are required to wear their shirts tucked inside their shorts and shin guards inside their socks. Players are not allowed to wear any items of personal jewelry while participating in a game or practice. This will include but will not be limited to watches, necklaces, earrings, chains, rings, barrettes, etc. Exceptions to this include medical alert bracelets and necklaces, but these must be taped to the player to prevent injury to themselves or others. The referee shall be required to ensure players wearing such ornamentation remove it/them immediately. Protective headgear designed specifically for soccer players is allowed.

RULE 7: GRIEVANCES

Purpose:

To establish a policy and procedure for grievances within Florence Soccer Association(FSA), to ensure a process is available to communicate grievances, and to allow for appropriate and timely resolution of those grievances. No FSA parent, player, coach, team, or club official may invoke the aid of the courts of the United States or the State of South Carolina without first

exhausting all available solutions within the South Carolina Youth Soccer Association(SCYSA) and as provided within the United States Youth Soccer Association(USYSA). Grievances involving individuals, teams, clubs, referees, or leagues outside of FSA shall be dealt with according to the SCYSA rules and regulations.

It is the opinion of FSA and the Executive Board, most concerns and/or complaints received can be adequately addressed within the club by the Technical Director of the Florence Soccer Association. FSA also recognizes that certain situations may not be satisfactorily resolved by the Technical Director thus requiring intervention at a higher level within the FSA organization. As a result, this document outlines the FSA's policy and procedure relating to the resolution of grievances.

Applicability:

These policies written herein are in addition to the Florence Soccer Association by-laws. The procedure, as defined below, is appropriate for resolving grievances involving players, parents, team coaches, the Technical Director and coaching staff, and any other individuals who serve FSA. **Failure to follow these guidelines may be grounds for corrective actions of up to and including expulsion from the Florence Soccer Association.**

Description of Grievances:

Grievances include, but are not limited to, incidents or allegations during FSA sponsored events of inappropriate behavior by a coach, player, parent, or other individual affiliated with or attending a FSA sponsored event. **Issues specifically related to team formation, roster management, coaching philosophy, decision making, and playing time should be resolved by speaking directly with or emailing the Technical Director.**

Grievance Procedure:

Step 1. Discuss and report the grievance in a private manner via personal notification or email to the **Technical Director after 24 hours of the incident.** Personal notification shall not occur during any FSA affiliated competition or training session. If this is not feasible or fails to resolve the issue, then proceed to step 2.

Step 2. Write a formal grievance to the FSA Executive Board along with a detailed explanation of actions taken to date. The detailed written grievance should include:

1. Date of the grievance filing
2. Name, phone number, and email address of the person filing the grievance
3. Name of player or individual
4. Team identification including the team name, age group, and name of head coach.
5. Complete and detailed description including any relevant date(s), time(s), location(s), and names of witnesses.
6. Detailed explanation of any actions taken to date to resolve the grievance.

The FSA Executive Board shall convene within three days of filing the grievance and decide if the action(s) taken to date were appropriate thus no further action is required; or whether the grievance requires further action. The FSA Executive Board shall notify the individual

submitting the grievance, in a timely manner, via email or in person their recommendations and if further review is necessary. If further review is necessary, within three days, a Grievance Task Committee(GTC) shall be appointed consisting of at least three FSA members not directly involved in the incident to investigate and present in writing or email their recommendation(s) to the **full Executive Board**. The individual filing the grievance is welcome to be present during any FSA Executive Board meeting, including the official meeting during which their grievance is heard by the GTC. However, both the Executive Board and Grievance Task Committee reserve the right to discuss the issue(s) further in private as necessary.

Grievance Task Committee:

The GTC shall meet for a hearing at a place of their choosing to consider the grievance within seven days of the committee's formation and a final detailed report delivered to the FSA Executive Board within fourteen days of the committee's receipt of the grievance. Throughout the GTC process the President of FSA shall be kept informed of the progress. All persons wishing to address the GTC during the hearing, either for or against the grievance, shall notify the committee, within four days of the GTC formation, in writing or via email that they would like to be placed on the hearing agenda. The committee's process is outlined below:

1. An investigation shall begin to collect the facts regarding all parties involved and to determine what transpired during the said grievance.
2. A GTC hearing shall be conducted to review the filed grievance. All parties involved shall be notified in person or via email at least twenty- four hours prior to the meeting, and their attendance is recommended.
3. The GTC shall complete a written report of the facts identified during the investigation along with recommendations and present them to the Executive Board within fourteen days of receiving the grievance.

Potential Offenses and Corrective Actions:

Offenses include, but are not limited to following:

- 1.unsportsmanlike behavior
2. parent "coaching" during any FSA competition
3. disrespect
4. vulgarity
5. endangerment to others including fighting
6. Any sexual, verbal, or physical harassment/assault

Corrective action may include, but not limited to, a verbal warning and/or suspension from FSA participation and competition for any specified period of time.

Board Review and Determination:

The FSA Executive Board will review, within three days, the recommendations of the Grievance Task Committee and determine the appropriate action(s) needed to properly address the grievance. The Executive Board's decision stands as the final recommendation within the club. The FSA President, in a timely manner, shall reply in writing to the submitter of the grievance its findings and final resolution. Upon conclusion of the above procedure, the FSA Executive Board will create a case file of all documents associated with the grievance.

Confidentiality:

FSA recognizes the privacy of all grievances and will take all reasonable steps to insure the information reported and gathered during the investigation remains confidential and only shared with those individuals directly involved to resolve the grievance. All parties involved and/or affected by a filed grievance and who continue membership within FSA, shall not be subjected to future scrutiny or discrimination.

Correspondence:

All written correspondence may be addressed to the appropriate party or emailed to the following addresses.

RULE 8: PROTESTS

Whenever possible, formal protests on behalf of a team in respect to matters relating to a game must be made verbally by the team's coach to the referee at the time the decision is taken to lodge such a protest. In addition, the protest must be made in writing and copies submitted within 48 hours of the incident to the relevant Commissioner or Executive Committee member. Any such protest will be examined in a manner similar to that described above.

Should a protest arise immediately prior to or during a game, the team registering the protest is required to complete the game and then follow the procedures outlined above.

Any protest arising during a competition governed by an association other than the FSA will require the protesting party to comply with the rules of protest as administered by that association in addition to fulfilling the requirements of the FSA as above.

RULE 9: GENERAL BEHAVIOR

All members of the Association have an obligation to conduct themselves as responsible, law-abiding citizens. The following rules apply to all Association members (players, coaches, and spectators) when representing the Association at any location:

- Treat referees with respect. Accept referee calls and do not argue, complain or verbally harass a referee during or after a game.
- Treat players on all teams with respect.
- Treat all coaches on all teams with respect .
- Treat all members of the Association with respect.
- No alcohol or illicit drugs are permitted around the field of play or during any FSA sponsored event .
- No profanity is to be used at any time.

Members who have not conducted themselves in an appropriate manner may be subject to suspension or expulsion from the Association as directed by the Executive Board.

Evidence of illegal drug use by any member will result in immediate expulsion from the Association.

If a parent, sibling, or any other spectator is removed from the field of play due to inappropriate behavior, the offending party shall be required to meet with no fewer than 3 members of the governing board of the Association to discuss the event. If the party involved is removed from the field of play again, they will not be allowed to be a spectator at any event involving the FSA at any location for the remainder of the season. If the party does return as a spectator during that season after the second removal, the player involved (child, sibling, or other) may be removed from the FSA team roster and may not be allowed to participate in any Recreation or Classic/Academy level of play from that point on in the FSA.

RULE 10: CAUTIONS AND WARNINGS

This rule governs any circumstance in which the FIFA rules for an official caution (yellow card) apply. It also applies to warnings issued to coaches and spectators.

Rec. Level: Any player, spectator or coach who receives two cautions/warnings within the same season shall be required to appear before a Review Committee of not fewer than three persons appointed by the President. A player or coach receiving a third caution or warning in the same season shall be suspended automatically from the next game and shall be required to appear before a similar Review Committee, which shall have the authority to increase the above punishment. Failure to appear before the Review Committee at the appointed time will result in the immediate suspension of the individual from all team activities until the matter is settled and permission to resume playing activities is granted.

Classic/Academy Level: Players, coaches and spectators shall be subject to the rules governing the league or tournament in which the particular classic team plays.

RULE 11: SEND OFFS AND DISMISSALS

This rule governs any circumstance in which the FIFA rules require a send off (red card) for players or a dismissal for coaches and spectators. The punishment for any send-off or dismissal may be more severe than the minimum mandated punishment by SCYSA.

Rec. Level: In any instance in which a coach, spectator or player receives a send-off or dismissal before, during, or after a game, that individual shall be automatically suspended from the next game and shall be required to appear before a Review Committee as defined below. A player or coach receiving a second send-off or dismissal in the same season or in two successive games in separate seasons shall be automatically suspended for the next two games and shall be required to appear before the Review Committee. A player or coach receiving a third send-off or dismissal in the same season or in three successive games in separate seasons shall be automatically suspended from all Association activities for a minimum of twelve months from the date the third red card was received and shall be required to appear before a similar Review Committee for consideration of reinstatement. Failure to appear before the Review Committee shall result in the individual's continued suspension from all soccer activities within the Association until individual appears before said committee.

Classic Level: Players, coaches and spectators shall be subject to the rules governing the league or tournament in which the particular classic team plays. In addition, a player, coach, or spectator receiving a send-off or dismissal shall be required to appear before the Review Committee as defined below. Failure to appear before the Review Committee shall result in the individual's continued suspension from all soccer activities within the Association until the individual appears before said committee.

Review Committee: The review committee shall be appointed by the president of the association and composed of three active board members who have no connection or affiliation with the team or the player who is appearing before it.

RULE 12: BROTHERS / SISTERS

Brothers / sisters will be placed on the same team if they are in the same age group. If one family member is already on a team, that team automatically will be allocated the other sibling(s) [like a returning player. If all are new players, then when one is chosen, all will be allocated to that same team, provided they are in the same age division and they will be selected as back-to-back picks] Parent / guardian may request ahead of the draft not to have children on the same team. The Association will honor that request whenever possible.

RULE 13: OFFICIALS

Except with the purpose of and strictly limited to informing the official of his intent to register a formal protest, no coach shall approach an official before, during, or after a game with a complaint or problem arising from the official's conduct. In no circumstances whatsoever may a player or team supporter approach an official for a similar purpose. Formal protests may be registered by a team coach according to the procedures contained in Rule 6, but protests relating to a referee's conduct of a game may be lodged only on technical and not judgmental grounds.

Any unsportsmanlike approach to an official by a coach or player which is reported to the Executive Committee will require the individual to appear before a Review Committee consisting of not less than 4 people appointed by the President. Such Committee shall have the power to suspend the individual according to the circumstances, and shall seek to resolve the matter within 5 days of being informed of the incident.

The authority of the referee in conducting the game is supreme and final. Officials will not tolerate arguments or abuse from players, coaches, spectators at any time. Referees carry the power to caution or eject coaches and spectators in addition to players. In any instance where the referee deems his / her control over the game to be challenged, he / she shall have the authority to abandon the game. Any such abandonment will require a report from the referee of the circumstances causing the action and will be subject to review and action by a Review Committee consisting of not less than 4 persons appointed by the President.

RULE 14: PLAYING TIME

Rec. Level: Coaches should endeavor to ensure that all players play at least 50% of the game's playing time. Repeated violation of this rule will require the individual to appear

before a Review Committee consisting of not less than 4 people appointed by the President. Such Committee shall have the power to suspend the individual according to the circumstances, and shall seek to resolve the matter within 5 days of being informed of the incident.

Classic Level: Coaches should endeavor to ensure that all players play at least 25% of the games playing time.

Academy Level: Coaches should endeavor to ensure that all players play at least 50% of the games playing time.

RULE 15: AWARDS

Rec. Level: The Association will determine an Awards/Presentation policy prior to each season and such policy must be observed by representatives of all teams.

Classic/Academy Level: The presentation and acceptance of awards by Classic teams will be determined by the ruling body of the competition in which the team participates.

No additional trophies, medals, etc., are to be presented to any team (Rec or Classic/Academy) operating within the auspices of the FSA without prior approval of FSA .

RULE 16: REGISTRATION

All players, whether competing at the Rec. or Classic/Academy Level, must be registered with the Association prior to competing in any game. Registration will require the payment of the appropriate fee (which covers medical insurance) and production of a copy of the player's birth certificate, and a required signed medical release.

Classic/Academy: Level players will be subject to any additional registration / fee requirements demanded by the governing board of the competition in which the team is a participant.

No player at Rec. or Classic Level who is not properly registered will be allowed to participate in any soccer program within the auspices of the FSA.

RULE 17: PLAYING UP OR DOWN

Rec. Level: A player may be permitted to play in the next younger or older division provided that the player's parent or guardian formally petitions the Governing Board in writing prior to the draft and provides relevant evidence which persuades the Governing Board that such action would be in the best interests of the player and the Association. It is very unlikely, however, that a player will be placed in a younger division.

Classic/Academy Level: A player may not be permitted to play on a team below his/her age. The Director of Coaching will determine if any player plays out of his/her age based on the skill of the player and the level of play offered on the Classic/Academy teams. Playing up more than one year unless it is necessary to fill a team roster, will require the approval of the BOD Executive Committee. The goal is to challenge each soccer player and allow the

formation of the largest number of competitive Classic/ Academy teams.

All levels: Exceptions will not be made simply because the player played on the higher age team the previous season or year.

RULE 18: TRANSFER OF PLAYERS

Rec. Level: Once players have been drafted to teams at the beginning of each season (Fall or Spring), no transfers will be allowed between teams within that season, except in cases of hardship resulting from this rule may be submitted for consideration to the Governing Board.

Classic/Academy Level: Once players have been selected to teams following tryouts, no transfers will be allowed between FSA teams within that seasonal year (fall and spring), except in cases of hardship resulting from this rule which may be submitted for consideration to the Governing Board. Players who have submitted their rec. registration to the Association and want to try out for a Classic/Academy team will be permitted to do so provided they have not yet been drafted to a rec. team. Players already drafted to a rec. team must request permission from the Governing Board to transfer to a Classic/Academy team.

RULE 19: STANDINGS

Rec. Level: The team standings in each Division at this level will be determined on the point's system based on a team receiving 3 points for a win, 1 point for a tie and no points for a loss. In regular season play, a game in which the teams are level at the end of regulation play will be scored as a tied game with points allocated as above. Should two or more teams have equal points after all games have been played, the determination of the standings shall be based on the following progressive system until a winner can be declared.

- a) Head-to-head results (win/tie/loss only) during the season
- b) Goal Difference (Goals scored, to a maximum of 3 per game, minus goals conceded, to a maximum of 3 per game) over the total season.
- c) Sportsmanship points for the season (as determined by the referees for each game, maximum 15 points per game: 5 players, 5 coach, and 5 spectators)
- d) Penalty Shoot-out (provided all relevant teams are scheduled to play on that day)

In cases not involving teams tied for first place, a coin toss will be used in lieu of a Penalty Shoot-out to determine seedings for a post-season tournament.

In any instance where one team fails to show up and consequently forfeits the game, the score for that game in respect of the above calculation basis will be treated as a 3-0 win for the team which was ready to play.

Classic/Academy Level: The rules in respect of team standings for Classic teams will be determined by the ruling body of the competition in which the Classic teams are participants.

RULE 20: COMPLETION OF GAMES / FORFEITS:

All teams have a duty to fulfill their game schedules even if this requires that a game is played

under protest. It is the responsibility of each coach to ensure that he/she has sufficient players to engage in each game, since, when a team forfeits a match, both sides are deprived of the opportunity to play.

Rec. Level: In any cases where a team fails to start or complete a game, the Commissioner of Recreation has the responsibility to inform the Executive Committee of the event without delay. The circumstances will be examined by a review committee of not less than 4 persons appointed by the President and such committee will seek to resolve the matter within 5 days of its occurrence. Should the decision of the Review Committee result in the forfeit of the game by the defaulting team, the score for the game, in respect of Division standings, shall be recorded as a 3-0 win for the innocent team.

Classic/Academy Level: The rules in respect of any game in which a Classic team belonging to the FSA fails to complete or forfeits a match shall be determined by the governing body of the competition in which the team was a participant. Notwithstanding such rules, however, the procedures identified above in respect of information to the FSA Executive Committee and examination by a Review Committee shall still apply.

Coaches at both the Rec. and the Classic/Academy Level should be aware that in cases where the Review Committee determines that the coach was at fault in removing his/her team from the field, he/she will be subject to suspension from all team activities not to exceed the following three games.

RULE 21: CANCELLATION DUE TO GAME CONDITIONS

Notwithstanding the authority of the Field Marshall to abandon all games on the premises due to inclement weather or approaching severe weather, the referee shall have the supreme authority in determining whether a game should start or, if in progress, should be abandoned or suspended due to deterioration in game conditions. In this context, game conditions will incorporate but will not be restricted to, dangerous weather, inadequate light, inadequate facilities (e.g. goalpost or net problems), unacceptable behavior by participants or their supporters, act of God, etc. However, in all cases where a referee seeks to cancel, suspend, or abandon a game for reasons other than unacceptable behavior, he/she shall consult with the Commissioner of Officials or if he/she is not present, the Field Marshall of the day before making such decisions.

Rec. Level: In any case where the referee abandons or cancels a game, he/she will be requested to submit a written report on the circumstances to the Commissioner of Officials and the Executive Committee for evaluation.

Classic/Academy Level: In any similar case in a game involving a Classic/Academy team, the referee will be required to follow the procedures determined by the governing body of the competition in which he/she was officiating, in addition to following the FSA requirements stated above.

RULE 22: MAKE-UP GAMES

Rec. Level: In any case where the circumstances of an abandoned or canceled game requires that the match be played at a later date, the Commissioner of Recreation,

Commissioner of Officials and respective coaches shall agree upon a revised game date. Wherever possible, such date shall not extend the scheduled season. If the parties are unable to agree upon a revised date, the matter shall be referred to the Executive Committee for decision.

Classic/Academy Level: The re-scheduling of any abandoned or canceled game in which a Classic/ Academy team is involved shall be determined by the governing body of the competition in which the Classic/Academy team participates.

RULE 23: POSITION ON SIDELINES

Rec. Level: Teams should occupy the same side of the field during games, normally the side referred to as the “far” side. Supporters should occupy the opposite side. Coaches are reminded that they are responsible for the behavior of their team’s supporters, irrespective of where they are situated.

Classic/Academy Level: The sideline position to be taken by Classic/Academy teams will be determined by the ruling of the governing body of the competition in which the team participates. If no specific ruling exists, Classic/Academy teams will seek to impose the above Rec. Level rule as the home team and abide by the custom and practice of their opponents when acting as the visiting team.

RULE 24: POST-GAME GOODWILL

All teams at both Rec. and Classic/Academy Levels are required to line up after a game is completed in order to exchange friendly handshakes with their opponents, irrespective of the tenor in which the game was played.

In addition, coaches are recommended to exchange courteous handshakes with opposing coaches and match officials on completion of a game.

It is believed that such actions help foster, within young players, an acceptance of the rules and the luck of the game even in circumstances of extreme provocation.

RULE 25: ABSENCE OF REFEREE

Rec. Level: In cases where none of the appointed referees are present at the scheduled kick-off time for a game, a 15 minute grace period will be observed to allow for his/her late arrival. If no referee shows up during this time an alternative referee will be chosen, firstly from any person duly certified to officiate the game, and then, if this is not possible, the opposing coaches shall agree on an uncertified referee whose responsibility and authority shall be as if he/she had been originally appointed.

Classic/Academy Level: In cases where none of the appointed referees show for a game involving a Classic/Academy team, the relevant recourse shall be determined by the rules of the governing body of the competition in which the Classic team is a participant. In the absence of any specific guidelines, the opposing coaches shall seek a mutual solution as close as possible to the Rec. Level guidelines above.

RULE 26: ABSENCE OF OPPONENTS

Rec Level: In cases where one team has not arrived or is not ready to play at the scheduled kick-off time, the referee shall grant a grace period of no more than 15 minutes to allow the offending team to be match ready. If at the end of this period, the team is still not in a position to play, the referee shall award the game to the innocent team.

Classic/Academy Level: In cases where one team in a game involving a Classic/Academy team is not ready to play at the scheduled kick-off time, recourse will be determined by the rules of the governing body of the competition in which the Classic/Academy team is a participant.

In the absence of any specific guidelines, the referee shall allow a grace period of no more than 30 minutes before canceling the game. He/she shall be required to report the matter to the Executive Committee within 48 hours of the cancellation and also to the governing body of the competition as appropriate.

RULE 27: RESULT STATUS OF TERMINATED GAMES

Rec. Level: In the case of games abandoned before completion of regulation time due to any reason other than the misbehavior by any party, the status of the game shall be resolved as follows:

Abandonment in 1st Half:	Game to be replayed at later date.
Abandonment after end of 1st Half:	Game score to stand at time of abandonment.

Where a game is abandoned due to misbehavior of one team's participants or supporters, the game will be awarded to the innocent team and a score of 3-0 is recorded.

In any case where a game is abandoned in the judgment of the referee due to the misbehavior of both teams, the game shall be forfeited by each team which shall register a score of 0-3 on its record.

Classic/Academy Level: In cases of abandoned games in which a Classic team is involved, the match status shall be determined by the rules of the governing body of the competition in which the Classic team is a participant.

RULE 28: PHYSICAL ASSAULT

Any incidence of physical or verbal assault by a player or member of the Association on an FSA representative relating to the conduct of the latter's duties shall be reported immediately to the Executive Committee. The accused individual shall be required to appear before a Review Committee of not less than 4 persons appointed by the President. Failure to attend such a meeting will result in the automatic suspension of the individual from all Association activities until the matter is resolved.

RULE 29: REGISTRATION VIOLATIONS

Any violation of the rules of registration by teams operating within the auspices of the FSA shall be referred to the Executive Committee for review. Decisions of the Executive Committee in such cases shall be determined by the relevant SCYSA guidelines.

RULE 30: DUTIES OF APPOINTED CLUB OFFICERS/DIRECTORS

A. Technical Director of Soccer Operations - *Duties and Description***

B. Director of Coaching - *Duties and Description***

C. Administrator/Registrar - *Duties and Description***

D. Tournaments Director - *Duties and Description***

E. Field Marshall - *Duties and Description***

F. Director of Concessions - *Duties and Description***

G. Director of Soccer programming - *Duties and Description***

H. Director of Officials - *Duties and Description***

******THE POSITIONS ABOVE HAVE DUTIES/DESCRIPTIONS OUTLINED IN CONTRACTS******

FASC - OVER 30 LEAGUE RULES AND GUIDELINES FOR PLAY:

RULE 1: REGISTRATION

All players must be properly registered before playing in any league games. Teams with unregistered players will be removed from league play and fees will be forfeit.

All players registered to a team must be 30 years of age prior to the start of the season.

Exception: Each team is allowed up to 2 players from age 25-29. If a team has 2 players at his age, one of those players must be a goalkeeper.

RULE 2: SEND OFFS AND DISMISSALS

This rule governs any circumstance in which the FIFA rules require a sendoff (red card, including assault or abuse to an Official) for players or a dismissal for coaches and spectators. The punishment for any send-off or dismissal may be more severe than the minimum mandated punishment by SCASA.

In addition, a player, coach, or spectator receiving a send-off or dismissal shall be subject to SCASA disciplinary policy and be required to appear before the Review Committee as defined below. Failure to appear before the Review Committee shall result in the individual's continued suspension from all soccer activities within the Club until the individual appears before said committee.

Review Committee: In addition to the SCASA hearing board, the FASC review committee

shall be appointed by the FSA president and composed of three active board members who have no connection or affiliation with the team or the player who is appearing before it.

SCASA is the ruling authority, but FSA can impose more stringent punishment if deemed appropriate

RULE 3: OFFICIALS

Certified USSF referees are required for all league games.