

RULES OF COMPETITION OF THE UTAH SOCCER ASSOCIATION

Section J **REGISTRATION OF CLUBS, TEAMS AND PLAYERS IN ASSOCIATION ORGANIZED LEAGUES**

- 1001** General.
- 1001.1 Within the Utah Soccer Association a team may be directly registered to the Association in an Association Organized League, as well as Leagues which are either affiliated or associated with the Utah Soccer Association.
- 1001.2 The Utah Soccer Association will conduct League competitions and will administrate those Leagues and those Leagues will be considered "Association Leagues."
- 1001.3 The Utah Soccer Association shall conduct competitions in the following Leagues, as approved by the Board of Directors.
- a) Greater Salt Lake Soccer League – GSLSL. This League represents men's competition League, with a general guideline that play is located in the Salt Lake, Davis, Weber, Cache, Tooele, Summit, Utah and San Juan Counties.
 - b) Forrest Soccer League – FSL. This League represents men's Over-30 age competition League, with a general guideline that play is located in the Salt Lake, Davis, Weber, Tooele, Summit, Utah and San Juan Counties.
 - c) Over-the-Hill Soccer League – OHSL. This League represents men's Over-35 age competition League, with a general guideline that play is located in the Salt Lake, Davis, Weber, Tooele, Summit, Utah and San Juan Counties.
 - d) Wasatch Women's Soccer League – WWSL. This League represents women's competition League play located in the Salt Lake, Davis, Weber, Tooele, Summit, Utah and San Juan Counties.
 - e) Small Sided Soccer League – SSSL. The League represents men's, women's and co-ed competition where games are played on undersized fields, indoor facilities, etc. wherein field teams eight or less players per team.
- 1001.4 New Teams within a Member Club are automatically Members of the Association, but must comply with Rule 1003, where applicable.
- 1001.5 No Team or Club may change its name without permission of the Executive Director.
- 1002** Rights of Teams regarding officials.
- 1002.1 Teams have a right to USSF certified referees for each game scheduled by this Association.
- 1002.2 Under normal circumstances all games shall be officiating by a crew of three (3) officials. However, in case of not having a full crew available, games may proceed with either one or two game officials. Volunteer assistant referees may be used at the discretion of the referee and decide their limited capacity.
- 1002.3 Within some Divisions of the Leagues administered by the Utah Soccer Association, teams may have adopted a policy to officiate their games with only one game official or one game official and volunteer linesman when available.

1002.4 In conjunction with Policy 2010.I, Teams may agree to play a game with only one (1) or no certified referees and may appoint, by mutual consent, one (1) or more bystanders to serve as game officials. If they so agree, the result of the game shall be official when reported in writing to the Association Office by both teams and for the winning team to file a written report**. Failure to comply may result in a fine and/or loss of points.

**It is requested that this report include the final score and the names and addresses of the game officials and must be signed by both teams and the center referee. Other pertinent information may be included as the teams and/or officials see fit.

1003 Club & Team Registration.

1003.1 Club/Teams in good standing with the Association may register in the competitions of the Association.

1003.2 To be considered registered, a new Club/Team must do the following:

- a) Must submit a written request to the Board of Directors for membership to the Association, and shall submit a list of names and addresses, etc. of all officers of the new club/team.
- b) Must obtain written acknowledgment or contract for field space, stating location of field, dimensions of field, portable or permanent goals, name of field, contact person and company name in charge of the field (to include telephone number), and specific usage times and days or have this requirement waived by the Executive Director.
- c) Within ninety (90) days after forming a new club/team submit to the Association the club/team's articles of incorporation, constitution, bylaws, rules, policies, procedures, etc.
- d) Pay a non-refundable team affiliation fee of \$100.00 and any other team fees.
- e) Return to the Registrar a fully completed Team Registration Form.
- f) Register a minimum of fourteen (14) players prior to the start of the season.
- g) Under standard/regular circumstances will new teams start in the Second, or Lower Divisions.

1003.3 To be considered registered, a club/team that was registered in the prior season must do the following:

- a) Submit a list of names and addresses, etc. of all officers of the club/team(s).
- b) Within ninety (90) days after forming a new club/team submit to the Association the team/club's articles of incorporation, constitution, bylaws, rules, policies, procedures, etc.
- c) Must obtain written acknowledgment or contract for field space, stating location of field, dimensions of field, portable or permanent goals, name of field, contact person and company name in charge of the field (to include telephone number), and specific usage times and days or have this requirement waived by the Executive Director.
- d) Pay all registration fees and past due amounts.
- e) Register a minimum of fourteen (14) players before the deadline. (See 903.2.f)
- f) Return to the Registrar a fully completed Team Registration Form.

- 1003.4 Rules regarding registration deadlines are as follows:
- a) All teams, except teams which are already members of the Association, must pay a \$100.00 team affiliation fee and submit a minimum of fourteen (14) completed player registrations by either:
 - i) The second Thursday of July in order to register for the second half or the Fall Season, or
 - ii) The first Thursday of March in order to register for the full annual Season or Spring Season.

1003.5 Amateur Teams with professional players shall pay the appropriate player registration fee.

1003.6 No Club may have more than one Team in the same Division.

1004 Non-affiliated or new Leagues may request affiliation at any time. Such affiliation is subject to the League's willingness to adhere to the Bylaws and Rules of Competition of the Utah Soccer Association and the Constitution, Bylaws and Rules of the USASA and the USSF. Requests for affiliation shall be submitted to the Board of Directors for approval. Voting credentials of newly affiliated Leagues must be approved by the Association's State Council at the Annual General Meeting following affiliation.

Section K **PLAYER REGISTRATION AND MEMBERSHIP CARDS.**

1101 Upon registering as a player within the Utah Soccer Association's leagues, a player will be issued a membership card that will contain the player's photo, name, birthdate, ID number and all the teams for which the player is eligible to play.

1102 Barring permission from USSF for international clearance or amateur reinstatement, a player registration processing time may require a minimum of two (2) working days prior to their first game.

1103 The player membership card functions to show that the player is a current member within a specified time as shown by the expiration date and that it is to be used as a form of identification prior to checking in to a game for the team(s) specified on said card.

1104 The membership card is the property of the player. If a membership card has been entrusted to the Team Representative, the player has the right to their card at any given time.

1105 A \$5.00 charge will be charged for the replacement of a lost or damaged membership card.

1106 No player is eligible to play on a team, wherein he/she is registered, without presenting either a membership card or the form of government issued identification wherein the last five digits were used to establish the member's Identification Number. Exceptions may be made only by a letter issued by the Executive Director on a case by case basis.

Section L **SUSPENSIONS, ABANDONMENT & FINES**

1201 A Team that in the opinion of the Board of Directors was the cause of an abandoned game, will automatically lose or forfeit that game and shall at minimum be assessed minus six (-6) points in their league standings. In the event that both Teams caused the abandonment of a game, both Teams will forfeit and be assessed minus six (-6) points in their league standings.

1202 A Team that has caused forfeiture of a game shall at minimum be assessed minus five (-5) points in their league standings. The Team shall also be assessed the appropriate forfeiture fee.

- 1203** All fines are due fourteen (14) days from the billing date. Failure to comply will result in disciplinary action which can include forfeiture, deduction of league points, fines and expulsion from the Association.
- 1204** In all Competition Leagues and Divisions, any Team that commits any of the following offenses shall be fined accordingly:
- a) Failure by a Team to have a regulation net properly installed no later than at the regular scheduled game time. Fine \$10.00.
 - b) Failure by a Team to have two (2) regulation length corner flags installed no later at the regular scheduled game time. Fine \$10.00.
 - c) Failure to deliver a completed player roster to the referee prior to the start of the game. Fine \$10.00.
 - d) Failure by the home Team to furnish a regulation game ball may result in disciplinary action or fine.
 - e) Failure by a Team to have all players in uniforms (jersey, shorts and socks) according to the Rule 1506 set forth within each League by the Association. Fine \$10.00.

Section M **REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS, ETC.**

- 1301** General.
- 1301.1 Payment of players. Any amateur player who is approached or accepts payment or gratuity from any person, whether that person is affiliated with a club or not, is required to report such incident within twenty-four (24) hours to an Officer of the Association. Failure to report such an offer, or knowledge of any such activity, may result in suspension.
- 1301.2 All players registered in the Utah Soccer Association are required to comply with the USASA'S mandatory accident insurance policy. The USASA will set the fee for this insurance on an annual basis.
- 1301.3 In addition to Section M of these Bylaws, any player under 18 years of age at the time of registration must return to the Registrar a "U-18 Liability Waiver Form signed by a parent or guardian granting permission to play in all sanctioned games and absolving the Association of any liability for injuries sustained by the player or the player's property.
- 1301.4 A player who is also registered as a youth player in the Utah Youth Soccer Association must complete a UYSA Player Action form (USSF Policy 601.5.Section 4) before the Association issues a membership card.
- 1301.5 Players must be of certain age in order to compete in the Utah Soccer Association.
- a) Men's Competition League - 16 years old.
 - b) Women's Competition League - 16 years old.
 - c) Recreational League - Undetermined.
- 1301.6 Exceptions for the age requirements will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis by the Executive Director.
- 1302** Professional Players.
- 1302.1 Professional registered players shall be allowed to register in accordance with Rule 1003.5 and 1303. Professional registered players are excluded from competing in USASA National Amateur Cups Competitions.
- 1302.2 The registration fee for each professional player registered within the Utah Soccer Association is determined in Policy 2212, and in addition the player must also pay the USSF professional player registration fee.

- 1302.3 In addition to the USSF fees, the fee to the Association for a professional player to process a release, transfer or notice of loan cancellation shall be \$10.00.
- 1302.4 In addition to the USSF fees, the fee to the Association for a professional player to process a notice of loan shall be \$10.00.
- 1302.5 In addition to the USSF fees, the fee to the Association for a professional player to process a Professional to amateur reinstatement shall be \$10.00.

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Amateur Players.

- 1303.1 An amateur player (youth or senior) may not be restricted as to the team he/she may play for due to his/her race, color, religion, or national origin or any other legal protected status.
- 1303.2 All players registered within the Association shall be considered registered on USSF/USASA "A" Form, unless otherwise stated.
- 1303.3 Any player may register with any Club at the end of the Season, subject to Rule 1304, for the following season (January 1 - December 31).
- 1303.4 An amateur player may only be registered for one (1) club at a time, except where dual or multiple registration is allowed as provided by the appropriate rules.
- 1303.5 Amateur and Professional Players may register to play soccer in Utah provided they are in good standing with the USSF, its affiliates, and have never been disqualified for any of the following reasons:
- a) Competing under an assumed name.
 - b) Guilty of extreme unsportsmanlike conduct.
 - c) Unless having been registered as a professional player, directly or indirectly receiving pay or other remuneration for playing soccer in the Association.
- 1303.6 Each player must complete the on-line registration requirements.
- 1303.7 Players register individually with the Association. A Club, Team or Team Representative, who registers players on behalf of their team are held responsible for any reimbursement of registration fees from their players. The Association will not be held responsible for a Club, Team or Team Representative, etc., which does not collect the proper registration fees from their players. The Association will not put a hold on a player for unpaid registration fees (Rules 1301.1 & 1303.9) not collected by a Club, Team or Team Representative unless the Association was not paid for those registrations (Rule 1304.2).
- 1303.8 Players may register to play in the Association throughout the year. Appropriate registration fees are required according to the player's registration date.
- 1303.9 A player's registration fee is non-refundable. Players who do not complete their full registration period, whether it is voluntarily or involuntarily, are not entitled to a refund. Players who have been released from one Club are free to transfer to another Club, provided they are not subject to Rule 1301.1. Eligible players who have registered with a team that has been expelled through actions by the Association, are allowed one free transfer to another team within the same seasonal year, subject to Rule 1303.5. Eligible players registered with a team that has been disbursed through actions other than the Association, are allowed to transfer to another team within the same seasonal year. A player, who has been registered with a team that has been expelled, disbursed, withdrawn, or ceased operations for any reason, etc., is eligible to transfer, subject to Rule 1303.5. The Association has no obligation to find another team for such player and it is the player's sole responsibility to find a new team. A player's decision or desire not to transfer to another team or belief or opinion that he/she cannot find a suitable team, will be considered a voluntary withdrawal from the Association.

1303.10 A second player registration fee does not have to be paid when a player applies for a transfer from one Club to another Club within the same seasonal year. The fee for the transfer to another Club is \$10.00.

1303.11 A player registration fee is not required for transfer within a Club and within the same seasonal year. The fee for an inside a Club transfer is \$5.00.

1304 Registration Holds.

1304.1 Any Member Club that is owed money (other than player registration fee) or equipment by a player on a Team within that Club may stop that player from registering for any other Club in this Association until the debt is satisfied, subject to the right to appeal under Bylaw 803. The Association will not put a hold on a player for registration fees owed to a Club, Team, or Team Representative. This registration hold must be done by filing a Registration Hold Form with the Registrar (Forms are available at the Association's office). This form must state what is owed the Club, its approximate value if equipment, and be signed by the registered Team Representative or Alternate. Any Club signing such a form must have proof of the debt either in the form of a receipt or I.O.U. signed by the player or written statements by several witnesses that they know the Player has taken or received Club equipment. Upon satisfaction of the debt, the Team Representatives must sign a Registration Release Form, also available from the Registrar, freeing the player to register for a Team of his/her choice. A copy of the signed statement of the witnesses or receipt from the player must be attached to the Registration Hold Form.

1304.2 The Association may place a hold on a member to collect any outstanding debts owed to the Association.

1305 Transfers and Releases.

1305.1 No player may be denied a release unless that player voluntarily registered on a USSF/USASA "AD" Form. Any subsequent transfer is subject to Rule 1305.2 & 1305.3.

1305.2 If a Club or Team is willing to release a player and the player wishes to transfer to another Club, the player must return their current membership card in order to receive their new membership card, showing the Club to which that person transferred.

1305.3 No player may transfer to another Club more than once a seasonal year.

1305.4 In the event that a Club or Team withdraws from competition before the end of the Season, all registered players of that Club come under the jurisdiction of the Board of Directors and may transfer to another Club only by permission of the Executive Director.

1305.5 A player may transfer to a lower Division Team within the same Club only with the permission of the Executive Director and must re-register with the Registrar. A transfer fee will apply.

1305.6 Teams may release players by notifying both the player and the Association. At the time of such releases, a holding form, if any, must be included.

1305.7 No transfers or releases shall be allowed after September 1 in the GSLSL & WWSL wherein league play is scheduled from the start to the end of the seasonal year, except:

a) Lower Division players may be transferred to upper Division Teams within the same Club.

1305.8 No transfers or releases shall be allowed after August 1 in the FSL & OHSL wherein league play is scheduled from the start to the end of the seasonal year, except:

a) Lower Division players may be transferred to upper Division Teams within the same Club.

1305.9 No transfers or releases shall be allowed after June 1 in leagues/divisions wherein league play is scheduled from the start of the seasonal year to the end of June or the beginning of July, except:

- a) Lower Division players may be transferred to upper Division Teams within the same Club.
- 1305.10 No transfers or releases shall be allowed after September 1 in leagues/divisions wherein league play is scheduled from the beginning of August to the end of the seasonal year, except:
- a) Lower Division players may be transferred to upper Division Teams within the same Club.
- 1305.11 A player may re-register for the same Team or Club only once during the seasonal year. A re-registration fee of \$10.00 shall be charged. In re-registering, it is considered that Rule 1305.3 has been invoked.
- 1305.12 Released players may be re-registered by replacing their membership card from the Registrar at least two (2) days before a game. The re-registration fee is \$10.00.
- 1306** Multiple Registrations.
- 1306.1 Players may obtain multiple registrations under the following circumstances:
- a) When participating within the Competition League, and also wanting to participate in the Recreational League.
- b) When participating within the Competition League on either a Premiership, First, Second, Third or Fourth Division Team, and also wanting to participate on a "Traveling Team."
- c) When participation within two (2) or more Competition Leagues that do not conflict with each other (i.e. Saturday and Sunday Leagues, Saturday and Over-30 Leagues). However, a player must declare their primary, secondary, etc. team in case on a conflict. In case of a conflict the player must always play with the higher preferenced team.
- 1307** Suspensions, Fines.
- 1307.1 Where a player has been ejected from a game, any disciplinary action taken against that player shall commence after the receipt of the game report and the determination of the punishment. The player shall remain eligible for play until that punishment has been determent.
- 1307.2 Where a player has been ejected from a game for an infraction that in the opinion of the game officials may result in a severe punishment (i.e. six game suspension or more), then the game official in charge of the match shall keep that player's membership card and forward or deliver said card to the Association's office within twenty-four (24) hours.
- 1307.3 A player ejected under Rule 1207.2 shall be declared ineligible for any game regardless of which team or league until a determination of the infraction has been made. What is considered a standard ejection does not mandate for the game officials to keep the membership card.
- 1307.4 Where a player has been suspended for an extended period of time or has other sanctions against him/her, a registered letter will be sent to the Team Representative and the player to inform them of the suspension or sanction. These letters will be sent to the most current available address within the records of the Utah Soccer Association. Due to the fact that many player addresses change during the course of the year, the Association will hold the Team Representative, as the party responsible, to notify the player in question in regard to the suspension or sanction.
- 1307.5 The Team Representative is responsible to inform the player of the right of appeal, etc., and the proper procedure to file in a timely manner.

Section N **COMPETITIONS and DIVISION & LEAGUE STRUCTURE**

- 1401** General.
- 1401.1 FIFA Rules shall govern Utah Soccer Association play except as modified herein.
- 1401.2 The Rules of Competition may be referred to herein as the "Rule".
- 1402** The Utah Soccer Association sanctions the following:
- 1402.1 Divisional League Play
- a) Competitive
 - b) Recreational
- 1402.2 Utah Association Open Cups
- 1402.3 Utah Association Challenge Cups
- 1402.4 Utah Champions League
- 1402.5 Approved Tournaments
- 1403** Divisions and Leagues.
- 1403.1 Association Leagues currently established by the Board of Directors are as follows:
- a) Men - Greater Salt Lake Soccer League - GSLSL
 - b) Men - Forrest Soccer League – FSL
 - c) Men - Over the Hill Soccer League - OHSL
 - d) Women – Wasatch Women’s Soccer League – WWSL
- 1403.2 Divisions within Leagues that are currently approved by the Board of Directors are as follows:
- a) Men - Premiership Greater Salt Lake Soccer League - GSLSL
 - b) Men - First Division Greater Salt Lake Soccer League - GSLSL
 - c) Men - Second Division Greater Salt Lake Soccer League - GSLSL
 - d) Men - Third Division Greater Salt Lake Soccer League - GSLSL
 - e) Men - Fourth Division Greater Salt Lake Soccer League - GSLSL
 - f) Men - Over-30 First Division Forrest Soccer League - FSL
 - g) Men - Over-30 Second Division Forrest Soccer League – FSL
 - h) Men – Over-35 First Division Over-the-Hill Soccer League - OHSL
 - i) Women - First Division Wasatch Women’s Soccer League - WWSL
 - j) Women - Second Division Wasatch Women’s Soccer League - WWSL
 - k) Women - Third Division Wasatch Women’s Soccer League – WWSL
- 1403.3 Current approved and recognized Affiliated and Associate Leagues are:
- a. Park City Soccer Liga (PCSL) – Associate League
- 1403.3 There shall only be one (1) League within the following Divisions:
- a) The Men's Premiership
 - b) The Men's First Division
 - c) The Women's First Division
 - d) The Men's Over-30 First Division
- 1403.4 Within the Men's - Second, Third, Fourth, Over-30 & Over-35, Women's – Second & Third and all Recreational Divisions, there may be as many Leagues as needed upon approval by the Board of Directors.

- a) A minimum of four (4) teams may form a League, which must be approved by the Board of Directors.
- b) No League within a Division shall exceed a total number of twelve (12) teams, except where permission has been granted by the Board of Directors.
- c) A League which will exceed the limit of twelve teams, must establish Groups and no Group shall exceed a total number of twelve (12) teams. The League shall refer to their Groups in alphabetical order, e.g. Group A, Group B, etc.

1404 Structure of Play

1404.1 All Men's Divisions within the approved Association Leagues which at this time consists of the Men's Premiership, First, Second, Third, Fourth, Over-30 & Over-35 Divisions are open to men only, and all Women's Divisions within the approved Association Leagues which at this time consists of the First, Second & Third Divisions are open to women only.

1405 Promotion and Relegation

1405.1 To decide which teams will compete in which Divisions for the following season, the following procedure shall be followed:

- a) At the end of a season the team that finished last or with the least amount of points in their Division shall be relegated to the next lower Division for the start of the following season.
- b) At the end of a season the team that finished in first place or with the most points in their Division shall be promoted to the next higher Division for the start of the following season.
- c) The Association may have a play-off competition or tournament for teams to decide promotion or relegation.

1405.2 Whenever implemented by the Association, the mid-season promotion and relegation procedure will be as follows:

- a) As of the standings of June 30, teams may be recommended to either promote or relegate to another Division by the Association.
- b) In changing Divisions, the teams being promoted shall receive league points, as of the standings of June 30, that are equal to the team that is occupying the lowest position, after any team(s) being relegated. If the team that is in last place at that time still has make-up game(s), then any league points gained in all make-up games will count toward the total of league points that the promoting will receive. If, however, the last placed team moves out of last place because of the additional league points gained in any make-up game, then the team(s) which are being promoted, shall start with the league points of the team that would have been in last place inclusive of the make-up games.
- c) Teams that are being relegated will receive league points equal to the team that is in first place within a League(s) or Division as of June 30, if that League or Division is a continuation of the current season.

1405.3 The Board of Directors may waive Rule 1405 in the event of formation of a Division(s) and/or League(s) per Bylaws 304.6 and 304.7, extenuating circumstances, or as deemed appropriate and/or necessary by the Board of Directors.

Section O **COMPETITIVE LEAGUES - COMPETITION RULES**

1501 General

1501.1 Competition shall begin the last week of March or first week of April and shall be completed by the end of October or beginning of November.

1501.2 Teams competing in the Men's Divisions may enter the Association in either the Second, Third or Fourth Division, based on their knowledge of the skill level of the Team. Exceptions may be permitted by the Board of Directors, based upon information received to warrant such exception.

- 1501.3 The winner of the Men's Premiership shall be known as "Utah State Soccer Champions." The winner of the Men's Over-30 First Division shall be known as "Over-30 Utah State Soccer Champions." The winner of the Men's Over-35 First Division shall be known as "Over-35 Utah State Soccer Champions." The winner of the Women's First Division shall be known as the Women's "Utah State Soccer Champions." Winners of any other Division shall be known as "Division Champions."
- 1501.4 The Association will furnish the 1st place teams in each Division with a suitable Team trophy, and may furnish each actively registered player on the 1st Placed Team with a suitable individual trophy or award.

1502 Point System & Tie Breakers.

- 1502.1 All games, organized under the auspices of the Utah Soccer Association, that end in a tie within League or preliminary cup play shall have an overtime period which shall consist of kicks from the penalty mark. For Cup final games that are tied at the end of regulation, there shall be two (2) fifteen (15) minute "golden goal" overtime periods. If still tied, the winner shall be determined by kicks from the penalty mark (FIFA laws of the game).
- 1502.2 In all Association sanctioned games, within a League, Team points shall be awarded as follows:
- a) Win - 3 points
 - b) Tie-win - 2 points
 - c) Tie-Loss - 1 point
 - d) Loss - 0 point
- 1502.3 No Team shall win a Division or Cup Tournament under tiebreaker rules.
- 1502.4 No Team shall be promoted or demoted to any Division under tiebreaker rules.
- 1502.5 Where tiebreaker rules are enforced, i.e., League standings, all ties shall be broken in the following order:
- a) Goal differential
 - b) Head to head competition
 - c) Most goals for
 - d) Most wins
 - e) Coin flip

1503 Rules of League Play.

- 1503.1 In competition leagues within the Utah Soccer Association, no Team may have more than 26 active registrations per team.
- a) Clubs, with two teams within the same League, their first team must register a minimum of fourteen (14) players to their first team and a minimum of eighteen (18) to their second team.
 - b) Clubs, with three teams within the same League, must register a minimum of fourteen (14) players to their first team, a minimum of sixteen (16) players to their second team.
 - c) Clubs, with three or more than teams within the same League, must register a minimum of fourteen (14) players to their first team, a minimum of sixteen (16) players to their second team, a minimum of eighteen (18) players to their third team and any other subsequent team(s).
- 1503.2 Clubs with more than one (1) Team may use players in any game played by teams within that Club without notification to the Registrar, except for players described in Rule 1503.3.

- 1503.3 Clubs with more than one Team may use up to three (3) players who are registered on their First Team in another game played by their lower Division Team, provided that that Team competes in the next lower Division. For example, a Premiership player may only play on a club's second team if that Team competes in the First Division. No player can play two or more Divisions down (i.e. From First Division to Third Division).
- 1503.4 No player may play in any competition unless that player's membership card is presented to that game's official, except for occasions described in Rule 1106.
- 1503.5 A player may play more than one (1) game in a day in these competitions within the same club.
- 1503.6 All players listed on the game roster (up to and including 18) may be used in all games.
- 1503.7 Shortened Games. Due to darkness, weather or other extenuating circumstances, the referee may reduce the amount of time in a game in order to complete the game that day. The referee must allow for ample time for an overtime period (kicks from the penalty mark). If time has not been allowed for the overtime period (kicks from the penalty mark), then a coin toss will prevail. All games must be completed accordingly. If a game does not decide a winner, then the Association shall determine the winner of that game by a draw administered by a neutral person.
- 1503.8 If a game is disrupted due to serious/gross misconduct or assault on a referee or assistant referee(s) by a team's players, officered or followers, the Club may be ordered by the Board of Directors to pay any cost, in advance, for police protection during the remaining games of the season. If not paid, the Team and players involved will be expelled from all activities of the Association.

1504

Fields & Related Matters.

- 1504.1 Field of play for the Competition League shall meet the following standards:
- a) Width - 65 yards minimum, 80 yards maximum
 - b) Length – 110 yards minimum, 120 yards maximum
- 1504.2 In all Competition League games, Team benches are preferred to be on opposing sides of the field. The home Team shall have the choice of which side of the field the Team desires to occupy. When Team benches are on the same side of the field, it is preferred that the opposing benches are separated by at least thirty (30) yards from the center of the field sideline.
- 1504.3 All fields that are used by the Competition League games are preferred to have designated coaching boxes on each side of the field. Coaches, players and bench personnel must remain inside the coaching box when ordered to do so by the game's officials.
- a) The coaching box shall be marked parallel to the touch line, and situated at least six (6) feet from the touch line, and shall be marked when facing the field of play, to the right of the center (halfway) line and shall not exceed twenty (20) yards in length.
 - b) When no coaching boxes are present, the Teams are entitled to the space on the sideline between the top of the two (2) penalty areas, providing the Teams are on opposing sides of the field.
 - c) When both Teams occupy the same sideline of the field, and no coaching boxes are present, then each Team is entitled to the space on the sideline from the center line to the top of the penalty area.

1505 Tournaments, Out-of-state Games, Unaffiliated Games

- 1505.1 Teams affiliated with this Association may not play games against non-affiliated teams without prior written approval of the Association. Permission will normally be granted for occasional friendship games, but not where it is deemed that such games bestow the benefits of Utah Soccer Association membership to non-affiliated Teams without acceptance of the related obligations. Teams and/or Leagues that fail to obtain the required written permission are subject to disciplinary action including suspension. (Note: games played against non-affiliated teams are not covered by the USASA insurance programs).
- 1505.2 Any Team wishing to play any sanctioned game other than one scheduled by the Association must obtain written permission from the Executive Director. This Bylaw does not apply to scrimmages between Member Teams played without uniformed referees.
- 1505.3 A team that wishes to compete in an out-of-state tournament or any other sanctioned games, must request a travel permit, available from the State Association, and must be approved by the Executive Director. Failure to comply may result in a fine, suspension, the denial of future travel permits or any portion of Bylaw 304.12. Any travel permit request must be submitted to the Executive Director at least twenty-one (21) days prior to the event.

1506 Uniforms, Equipment, etc.

- 1506.1 A Club having unique colors or combinations of colors in a League may have color pattern reserved, when submitted in writing, for their use to the Secretary. The Secretary shall reserve no color pattern used by more than one Team in a League as a first uniform. The Secretary shall send written notice to any Team determined eligible that its color pattern is reserved, upon which notice the Team never needs to change its color in the event of conflict, even if it is designated the "home" Team. Any Team using a color pattern reserved for another Team, that Team must change for any game between the two, under penalty of forfeit. No Team may change their color pattern without written permission from the Secretary, and all Teams must wear the colors when appearing on the schedule unless written permission to change has been given. Under this Rule, two Clubs have been granted this right, which are as following:

- a) Vikings SC (1975) - Red Jersey, White Shorts, Red Socks
- b) Pan World FC (1977) - Gold Jersey, Royal Shorts, White Socks

In the case that the above mentioned teams decide to wear a color uniform other than what is listed, then normal rules shall apply as stated in Rule 1506.5

- 1506.2 Each Team is responsible for obtaining and maintaining its own nets and corner flags.
- 1506.3 Utah Soccer Association Competition Leagues and Cups, ONLY
- a) Shinguards are mandatory in all USSF, USASA and Association sanctioned games.
 - b) The Men's Premiership & First Divisions shall wear complete and identical uniforms: shorts, socks and shirts of the same manufacturer, etc. and have a minimum 8 inch high number centered and visible on the back.
 - c) In all divisions except the Men's Premiership & First Divisions, players must wear matching uniforms (of the same color) registered with the Association. The uniforms shall include identical Jerseys, same color Shorts, and same color Socks. Jerseys shall be individually numbered with a minimum 8 inch high number centered and visible on the back. The referee shall be the sole judge of these requirements.

1506.4 USSF AND USASA INTERSTATE GAMES

- a) The Association may refuse to permit any Team to participate in interstate tournaments or friendly games, on a case by case basis, if jerseys, shorts and socks are not uniform and identical, similar is not acceptable. (If you are unclear on what uniform means, contact the Association for definition.)
- b) The Association will disqualify from the USSF and/or USASA competition before the last intrastate game, and replace with the next placed Team in the competition, any Team that has not demonstrated that their jerseys, shorts and socks are uniform and identical. Grounds for this disqualification will be that we require by this Rule that intrastate finalists in any USSF and/or USASA competition wear uniform and identical jerseys, shorts and socks.

1506.5 In the event both Teams in a game have the same colors, the home Team is required to change to a regulation set of contrasting uniforms, unless the home Team has that color registered for its use with the Secretary (Rule 1506.1).

1506.6 Teams must wear the colors they have registered with the Secretary and if listed, as listed on the schedule. Permission to deviate from the schedule must be requested from the Secretary (Rule 1506.1).

1507 Substitution.

1501.1 Teams may play up to eighteen (18) players per game. Open substitution is allowed.

1507.2 Substitutions are permitted when the ball is in possession of the Team substituting and play is stopped and the referee gives permission.

1507.3 Substitutions are also permitted by either team when it is half time or after a goal has been scored and the referee gives permission.

1507.4 Substitutions are also permitted when play is stopped for an injured player or for a player who has been cautioned by the referee and the referee gives permission.

1508 Coaching.

1508.1 Coaching from the sidelines, i.e., giving direction to one's own team, on points of strategy and position is permitted provided that:

- a) No mechanical or electrical devices are used to amplify the voice.
- b) The tone of voice is informative and not a harangue.
- c) The coaching takes place within the Team's bench area.
- d) No coach, player or substitute is to make derogatory remarks or gestures to the referees, assistant referees, players, substitutes or spectators.
- e) No coach, player or substitute is to use profanity or incite, in any manner, disruptive behavior of any kind.

1509 Postponement and Rescheduling of Games.

1509.1 All games must be played as scheduled, unless rescheduling is specifically permitted by other Bylaws and Rules of Competition. In rare cases rescheduling may also be permitted if all the following conditions are met:

- a) The other team freely agrees to reschedule, and
 - i) Notifies the Executive Director
 - ii) Notifies the referee assignor
 - iii) Notifications are made a minimum of seventy-two (72) hours before the scheduled game

- b) A make-up date and time is agreed upon by both Teams, before the originally scheduled game, and notification of this agreement is given to the officials in the previous Rule 1509.1.a.
- c) Should the involved teams find themselves unable to arrive at a mutually acceptable make-up date, then the Executive Director will set the make-up game date and time for the two teams, regardless of either team's request.
- d) Each team shall only be permitted a maximum of two schedule changes per playing year other than those allowed by Rule 1509.1.e below.
- e) In the event that a Team is competing in a USSF/USASA Cup competition, their scheduled game will be postponed by permission of the Association, regardless of the opposing Team's willingness to make-up the game. This also includes in-state or out-of-state tournament competitions in which a Team has received Association permission to compete.

1509.2 The Board of Directors or the President may postpone all games under Rule 1509.

1509.3 A Club may request permission from the Executive Director, in writing at least twenty-one (21) days prior to the game, to participate in an in-state or out-of-state tournament or USSF/USASA Cup game. The Executive Director may order the rescheduling of conflicting games to other dates acceptable to the other Teams involved.

1509.4 The President or Executive Director may postpone any or all games if the grounds become unfit due to weather or other reason. Such games will be rescheduled at any time or date considered necessary.

1510 Illegal Players.

1510.1 Use of another player's membership card is illegal. Teams will forfeit any games in which such a violation occurs, and the illegal player will be suspended. (Rule 1510.4)

1510.2 Games in which an illegal player plays shall be forfeited. (Rule 1510.4)

1510.3 A team that has a player who presents an illegal membership card (a membership card which does not represent that player) to the game officials, that team shall be fined and sanctioned according to Rule 1510.4.

1510.4 At any time when a team or a member of the team presents an illegal player membership card(s) to the game officials, the team shall be assessed a \$100.00 fine for every reported illegal card and will also have three (-3) points deducted from their League standings for every reported illegal pass card. A team that has been found guilty by the Board of Directors or their appointed committee of usage of illegal player(s), who actually participated in a game, then the team will forfeit all games and be assessed a minimum of minus (-3) points in their league standings for every game in which the illegal player(s) participated in. The Team and/or player may be subject to additional fine(s) or other sanction(s).

1511 Disciplinary Actions.

1511.1 Players receiving red cards or yellow cards will be dealt with by the Disciplinary Committee or its representative (Policy 2213).

- a) Players receiving red or yellow cards during sanctioned games or tournaments not scheduled in these Rules will serve any suspension during those games or tournaments, or during scheduled play of this Association, to be determined by the Disciplinary Committee.

- b) A player will be penalized as follows: the point levels listed below for a least the number of games and fines listed with each point total:
 - i) For every three yellow cards: a player will be fined \$10.00.
 - ii) A player who receives a red card the minimum disciplinary action is as follows:
 1. First red card (for receiving two yellow card in one game) - 1 game suspension & \$10.00 fine.
 2. Red card, goal denying opportunity – 1 game & \$10.00 fine.
 3. First red card - 2 games suspension & \$20.00 fine.
 4. Second red card - 3 games suspension & \$30.00 fine.
 5. Third red card - 5 games suspension & \$50.00 fine.
- c) Any player who receives a red card may be suspended for more games (see Rules 1307.2 & 1307.3). This is to be determined by the Disciplinary Committee or its representative(s) and will be based upon the severity of the offense. Suspensions shall be served as soon as game reports are processed and notification of the suspension is received by you. This shall always be at the convenience of the Disciplinary Committee and not that of the players or Teams affected.
- d) An automatic \$100.00 fine is assessed to players who are red carded (ejected) for fighting, striking and/or spitting or similar violent act or an action which caused the abandonment of the game.
- e) Suspensions received during the season with insufficient games remaining to complete the period of suspension will be carried over into the following season.
- f) Only games by the Team on which a player is registered for will count toward the suspension period and the player may play for no other Team during the suspension, regardless of Division or League.
- g) A player registered for a club's team and playing for another team within that club and receiving a suspension from a game that was not the team for which he/she is actually registered to, will have to serve that suspension until the team for which that person is registered to has completed the amount of games that total the suspension time. This person is not eligible to play for the club's other team(s) during that period.
- h) Any Player who assaults a referee, assistant referee, or an Association Officer, which assault amounts to physical violence against person or property, shall be suspended for a minimum period of one (1) year. If injury to person or property results from such an assault, the suspension shall be increased in proportion to the severity and the President shall be notified with regards to bringing criminal charges in a court of law.

Any such assault resulting in hospitalization overnight shall be punished by a minimum suspension from soccer for a term of three (3) years to a maximum suspension period of fifty (50) years, and may bring criminal charges, and notification to the USSF and USASA of such action. Any such attempted assault shall be dealt with severely, on a case-by-case basis.

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Forfeits and Fines.

- 1512.1 Any Team that commits any of the following offenses shall have that game forfeited.
 - a) Failure to have seven (7) properly registered and uniformed players on the field and ready to play no later than five (5) minutes after the scheduled start of the game.
 - b) Refusal to play after the legal starting time, when directed to do so by the referee.
- 1512.2 Any Team that forfeits three (3) games during any of these competitions within one season may be dropped from membership in the Association and may apply for readmission only as a new Team. All scheduled games after having been dropped from a competition shall be declared as a forfeit.
- 1512.3 A Team which has forfeited a game shall be subject to Rule 1203.
- 1512.4 In the Men's Premiership, any Team that does not have eleven (11) players to start a game will be assessed a \$5.00 fine for each player that they are short.

- 1512.5 A game that results in a forfeit shall be declared a 3:0 victory for the non-forfeiting team. In the case that a game was in process and the score was larger than the three goal margin, then that score shall be counted as the game result.
- 1512.6 Games wherein one team decides to end a game prior to the end of regulation time and without consent of the opposing team, the game will be recorded as a 3:0 victory for the opposing team unless the margin of victory is the same or larger in which case the latter shall be recorded.

Section P **RECREATIONAL DIVISION**

1601 Structure of Play.

- 1601.1 All Recreational Outdoor Leagues shall participate using the same Rules of Competition except for the following:
- a) Teams may play all players registered on their official roster in each game. Open substitution is allowed.
 - b) Teams are not required to enter into the Open Cup competition, but may enter into this competition if they are available to that particular Division. Teams must notify the Association in writing and pay the appropriate fee to enter that particular competition at the start of the Association's season.
 - c) All players shall wear jerseys that are of the same color, preferably identical and must be individually numbered on the back with numerals at least eight (8) inches high.
 - d) Shorts and socks are mandatory and are preferably of the same color as the rest of the Team.
 - e) Teams have a right to certified officials in each game scheduled by their League. When only one appointed referee is present, it is recommended that both Teams provide an assistant referee.
 - f) Leagues may be localized or regionalized and the Board of Directors has the authority to make any adjustments necessary to insure the growth of the game.
 - g) There is no promotion or demotion within the League. Teams will form a League which will stay intact for the remainder of a season.
 - h) Player passes are not mandatory within each League, but highly recommended. All Teams within a League is required to maintain a current roster on file with the Association.
 - i) Shinguards are mandatory.
- 1601.2 A Recreational League may develop their own rules of competition which must be approved by the Board of Directors prior to the start of team and player registration and competition of that League.

Section Q **UTAH OPEN CUPS - THE MEN'S OPEN CUP & WOMEN'S OPEN CUP**

1701 Structure of Play.

- 1701.1 The Utah Open Cups shall be single elimination tournaments. All Teams are automatically entered in the Open Cup, regardless of which Division they compete in during League play. Clubs with more than one team may option not to have one or more of the lower Division teams compete in this competition. This request must be submitted in writing to Executive Director. There shall be a Men's Utah Open Cup competition for all Men's Teams and a Women's Utah Open Cup competition for all Women's Teams. Failure to compete as required counts as a forfeit under Rule 1203.

1701.2 Pairing within in each round of competition of Men's competition shall be followed as stated below:

- Round 1: Fourth, Over-30 Second, Over-35 Divisions
- Round 2: Round 1 Winners, Second, Third Divisions
- Round 3: Round 2 Winners, First, Over-30 First Divisions
- Round 4: Round 3 Winners, Premier Division
- Round 5: Round 4 Winners
- Round 6: Round 5 Winners
- Round 7: Round 6 Winners

1701.3 The competition shall be organized in such a way that all byes shall be drawn out in the first four rounds in order to prevent any further byes through the remainder of the competition. If byes are drawn, the current champion will receive an automatic bye in their first round of competition. No Team may have more than one bye, unless all Teams remaining have also had one (1) bye.

1701.4 The winner of the Men's Open Cup competition shall be known as the "Utah Open Cup championship. The winner of the Women's Open Cup competition shall be known as the "Utah Women's Open Cup championship.

1702 Rules of Open Cup Play.

1702.1 Teams that are properly registered by the Association's deadline and remain in good standing are eligible to enter the Utah Open Cup Competitions.

1702.2 Competition will begin at any time after the start of the Season. Starting time of this competition is at the sole discretion of the Board of Directors.

1702.3 Most games will be played during the week Mondays through Thursdays scheduled during Divisional play and continuing through the season with the final game being scheduled toward the end of the Season.

1702.4 Once a player has played for any Club in the Open Cup, that player may not play for any other Club in the Open Cup, except for other Teams within the same Club.

1702.5 Any matters not provided for in these rules shall be determined by the Executive Director whose decisions shall be final.

Section R **ASSOCIATION CHALLENGE CUPS**

1801 Structure of Play and Rules.

1801.1 The Association Challenge Cups Tournaments consist of the following separate competitions:

- a) Daynes Challenge Cup, played for by Men's Premiership
- b) Utah Challenge Cup (TBN), played for by Men's First Division
- c) Opsahl Challenge Cup, played for by Men's Second Division
- d) Zander Challenge Cup, played for by Men's Third Division
- e) Neumann Challenge Cup, played for by Men's Fourth Division
- f) Utah Challenge Cup (TBN), played for Men's Over-30 First Division
- g) Utah Challenge Cup (TBN), played for Men's Over-30 Second Division
- h) Utah Challenge Cup (TBN), played for Men's Over-35 Division
- i) Nikolai Challenge Cup, played for by Women's First Division
- j) Utah Challenge Cup (TBN), played for by Women's Second Division
- k) Utah Challenge Cup (TBN), played for by Women's Third Division

- 1801.2 The Association may charge each team an entry fee.
- 1801.3 It is mandatory that the Daynes Challenge Cup and Nikolai Challenge Cup competitions are played annually.
- 1801.4 All other Challenge Cup competitions may or may not be played annually.
- 1801.5 Each Cup competition may consist of a round robin format, straight single or double elimination, single elimination tournament format with a preliminary qualifying round to reduce the number of teams to eight (8) or four (4), whichever is larger or any other method approved by the Board of Directors, including determining the length of games.
- 1801.6 All entered Teams may be seeded into their respective Cup tournament by the standings as of June 1, but only if the competition starts after this date. Any of these competitions may begin throughout the Season.
- 1801.7 When used, in each pairing the higher seeded Team shall be designated the home Team.
- 1801.8 Teams that are properly registered by the Association's deadline and remain in good standing within the Association are eligible for participation in these competitions.
- 1801.9 Any matters not provided for in these rules shall be determined by the Executive Director, whose decisions shall be final.