

**POLICIES  
OF THE  
UTAH SOCCER ASSOCIATION**

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**Section S**

**ASSOCIATION ADOPTED POLICIES**

**P5201 Subject: Use of Foul Language, etc.**

**Date: August 26, 2003**

**Decision: Adopted**

- a) A player using foul language at disgust him/herself for making a mistake while playing – recommendation: verbal warning
- b) A player using foul or abusive language toward another player – recommendation: caution (yellow card)
- c) A player using foul or abusive language toward the official or people on the sidelines – recommendation: ejection (red card)
- d) A member of a Team on the sideline using foul or abusive language toward an individual on the field of play – recommendation: ejection or removal (red card)

Please note that any individual who has been ejected must immediately leave the field, as instructed by the game officials. The ejected person does not dictate how far away is sufficient, it is determined by the game officials!

**Rationale:**

At times both players and referees are confused as what is acceptable or not acceptable regarding the usage of foul and/or abuse language. To find some consistency in the application the rules, the Association has recommended the above policy as a guideline both players and referees.

**P5202 Subject: Referee Evaluations by Teams**

**Date: May 17, 2004**

**Decision: Adopted**

- 1. A report must be done via E-mail and send to: [utah-soccer@utahsoccer.org](mailto:utah-soccer@utahsoccer.org) - Subject: Referee Discussion
- 2. The report must include the game number, date, both teams, field and time on the top of your report.
- 3. The report must come from a team representative or alternate as listed on your team registration form.
- 4. Reports received from individual players will not be included. You, as team representative, will be the first line of screening and objectivity.
- 5. A report, which warrants to be forwarded to a referee in-service session, will be forwarded as written. Usage of correct English and spell check are strong recommendations.
- 6. Report what you need - highly recommend not making it personal, dealing with the facts.
- 7. Do not expect an answer back. Your report will be reviewed and dealt with accordingly. At times they will just be filed. Those reports are still extremely important, as in a number of cases we will be able to build consistency in problem areas with those officials.

**Rationale:**

it is becoming more apparent that we have some officials that are not familiar with the rules of the Association, and yes, at times also confused with the laws of the game and its interpretation. Although the odds are that they still know the rules better than nearly all of our membership, there are these occasions where these folks pull decisions out of their hats that, to most of us, are incredible. There are also times where their professionalism has been called to question and leave the team with a feeling that they are above repercussion. For a number of years we have been trying to figure out ways to correct some of these problems and quite honestly we are at a loss. Besides the fact that we need more of our players to get involved in officiating, so until the time comes that when they hang up their shoes, they have completed their apprenticeship in officiating and are ready to deal with the upper level games, our problems will most likely continue to be what they are.

With this in mind, we would like to set up some sort of communication line where we request that only a team representative's report incidents of strange and off-the-wall occurrences or those that raise the eye brows, but yet could be helpful in correcting either an individual or a group of officials in their application of policies, procedures and application of the laws. This should not be construed that a player on a team should start writing their complaints why they didn't deserve that red card, etc. We need to see valid points that are worthwhile in your evaluation of a referee crew for your game. You are the middle man in deciding what is valid or not. Make sure you know your facts. We want to have this done in such manner that these reports can be forwarded to the State Referee Administrator for him to deal with the report accordingly.

**P5203**            **Subject:**            **Shin guards**  
**Date:**                **September 29, 2004**  
**Decision:**           **Adopted**

Shinguard need to amply protect the lower leg, meaning: from a couple of inches below the knee to a couple of inches above the ankle.

**Rationale:**

The State Referee Committee has brought it to our attention that there are players who are wearing what is considered "mini shinguards." The USSF has instructed referees to remove players from the field with these mini shinguards. This is to not only protect the referees in their liability insurance coverage, but also you as a team representative. If they allow the mini shinguards it could be considered to be negligent. With that in mind, if you have players who are not wearing full size shinguards, please make them aware that it is time to get new shinguards immediately. Referees are not obligated to allow players to play with mini shinguards.

**P5204**            **Subject:**            **Allotted Game Times**  
**Date:**                **February 27, 2005**  
**Decision:**           **Adopted**

- a) Each game has a 2-hour time frame, which includes a 15-minute change over period.
- b) This leaves one hour and 45 minutes to complete your game.
- c) In case of multiple games on a field wherein there are games scheduled after your game, the referees will be instructed to cut the game time to not exceed the one hour and 45 minutes time frame for your game. The referee will explain the length of each half and the amount of time allotted for the half time.
- d) Lost time, shortened halves, half time should always add up to a minimum of 105 minutes, unless weather related problems arise.
- e) In case of overtime penalty kicks, teams will immediately go to the center circle and start the penalty kicks as quickly as possible.

**Rationale:**

By looking at the schedule and for all games on Saturdays throughout the season, the games in most cases are scheduled pretty tight due to the shortage of field space. For all us to be able to play, it is imperative that all games must be played in their allotted time frames. This means that games need to start on time and in worst case scenarios, within a few minutes of starting of the starting time. It becomes very important that teams take down their nets IMMEDIATELY after each game, to give the next team ample time to put their net up. It is highly recommended that you inform each player on your team that they need to be ready for check-in at the 15-minute mark before each game. That means your roster is also filled out with the jersey numbers by that time.

**P5205**            **Subject:**            **Team Check In**

**Adopted Date:** May 1, 2006

**Decision:** Adopted

- a) The game officials will blow the whistle in the center circle fifteen (15) minutes prior to the start time of the game.
- b) If a game is delayed due to traffic, a preceding game, etc. the procedure in a) may be delayed until the game officials decide to start the pre-game procedures, which shall be fifteen (15) minutes prior to the start of the game.
- c) Both teams must go to the center circle and present a completed copy of their game roster and have the players check in with the game officials.
- d) If the net has not been hung on the goal at that time, this must be accomplished within that fifteen (15) minutes time frame.
- e) Late arriving players may check in at the discretion of the game officials or may have to wait until after the start of the game. Game officials should not delay the start of the game due to a late arriving player.

**Rationale:**

To speed up the process of getting games going on time, the above-mentioned policy has been implemented to help both teams and game officials in starting a game in a timely manner with a consistent check in practice that all officials are to use.

**P5206 Subject: Suspensions & other disciplinary actions**

**Adoption Date:** March 12, 2012

**Decision:** Adopted

Suspension and/or disciplinary action against a member shall become effective upon receipt of the game report and a determination and proper punishment of the stated offense.

**Rationale:**

With the change to administrating everything on-line and the elimination of the old pass system, it is impossible to police ejections from a game, when there is time element involved. For instance, player "A" is ejected in the first game that he/she is playing for the club. However, that player is also registered on Team "B" and their game is scheduled that same day at a different time. The same scenario can happen with games on consecutive days. In the past, the referees took their player pass which took care of the problem of that person not being able to play. In this new system, there is no mechanism to keep the player from playing as their printed roster shows them being eligible. It is the opinion that any disciplinary action taken will go in effect at the time the decision has been made.

**P5207 Subject: Duties of Ad-Hoc Committees**

**Date:** March 12, 2012

**Decision:** Adopted

Publicity Ad-Hoc Committee.

- a) The Publicity Committee shall make and maintain contacts within the news media and keep records of these contacts on file with the Secretary.
- b) The Committee shall ensure that each week's schedule is delivered to the newspapers in time for publication in the papers, which games' results are reported for timely publication, and current standings are reported to the newspapers for weekly publication.
- c) When directed to do so by the President, the Committee shall publicize special events of the Association and assist in publicizing sanctioned events of affiliated organizations, Leagues, and Member Clubs.

Fields Ad-Hoc Committee.

- a) The Fields Committee shall be in charge of locating and the development of new fields, and negotiations involved in obtaining them for the use of the Association.
- b) The Committee shall be responsible for arranging maintenance as it becomes necessary on fields used by the Association.
- c) The Committee shall assist Member Clubs in negotiating for use of fields, and in preparations of these fields for use by the Association.
- d) At the end of each season the Committee shall be responsible for obtaining written commitments from all parties having control over existing fields, stating the days and times the fields will be available for the upcoming season, and what conditions, if any, apply to their use by the Association.

**Rationale:**

Moved from the Bylaws section.

**P5208**

**Subject: Referees**

**Date: March 12, 2012**

**Decision: Adopted**

- a) The Utah Soccer Association recognizes the State Referee Committee (SRC) as the committee that shall be responsible for setting policies and procedures for all referees registered with the USSF.
- b) All referees assigned by the Referee Assignor of the Utah Soccer Association, for any games sanctioned by this Association, must be registered with the USSF and must meet the qualification requirements established by this Association, State Referee Committee, and the USSF.
- c) Assignment of referees shall be by a person appointed by the President of the Utah Soccer Association. The State Referee Administrator shall keep him/her informed as to the status of each registered referee.
- d) Assignment of assessments shall be coordinated by the State Director of Assessment and he/she shall work with the Association's Referee Assignor and Executive Director to ensure proper assignment of games for referees requiring an assessment.
- e) A referee shall prepare game reports immediately following each game and submit the report electronically to the Association's office. Copies of the team roster must be retained by the referee until the end of the seasonal year. The report shall include all required information and explanations of any incidents. All cautions and ejections shall be recorded and explained in a technically correct manner and in sufficient detail that a fair decision may be reached by the Disciplinary Committee or office staff depending on the severity. Cautions or ejections that are not given for technically correct reasons may be overturned by the Disciplinary Committee.
- f) The referee shall phone the score of each game to the Association office (801-263-8166) immediately following the last game of the day. Failure to do so will result in a \$5.00 fine and possible other disciplinary action unless the game report is filed within one (1) day of the completed game.
- g) Game reports that do not include all required information in full detail and proper technical terms shall be considered incomplete and shall be subject to rule 2210.h below if the corrected report falls into any of the categories listed within that rule.
- h) Game reports which are not submitted within two (2) days of the game shall result in a fine of \$10.00. Game reports that are not submitted within four (4) days of the game shall result in a fine of \$30.00. Game reports that are not submitted within six (30) days of the game shall result in a fine of \$40.00. Game reports that are not submitted within ten (10) days of the game shall result in a fine of \$50.00. Non-submission of a report or a report submitted eleven (11) days after a game shall result in a fine which equals the appropriate game fee and an additional \$25.00 fine.
- i) Failure to show or perform for an assigned game shall subject the referee to a fine which equals the appropriate game fee, but no less than \$30.00 and to possible disciplinary actions.
- j) The SRC Chairman shall submit an annual progress report and submit a report outlining their plans and schedule for the upcoming year. This report is due one month prior to the Utah Soccer Association's Annual General Meeting.

- k) The SRC shall file an Annual Financial Report and Budget to be submitted to the Association at least one month prior to the Association's Annual General Meeting and according to the specification set forth by the Treasurer of the Utah Soccer Association.
- l) The SRC Chairman shall on a semi-annual basis submit a recommended list of referees that in the Committee's opinion are Premiership (UPL) qualified and have met the standards and guidelines set by the Committee, subject to the approval the Association's Board of Directors. The approved list shall be forwarded, within five (5) days of receipt of the list of nominees to the Referee Assignor. Exceptions to this requirement are allowed upon authorization of the Association's President. Assistant Referees need not to be on the list. Games where the above requirements are not met must be reported by the Teams and be dealt with accordingly by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall have the authority to add or delete individual referees or amend at any time during the Season.
- m) The Board of Directors or the President shall have the authority to overrule assignment of referees if such assignment might cause possible confrontation of any kind.

Referee Evaluations.

- a) Clubs, Teams, or players wishing to make reports on referees, either favorable or unfavorable, should mail a written report with reference to specific incidents to the Chairman or other member of the State Referee Committee. Addresses are available from the Secretary.
- b) The Committee will gather information from various reports and make recommendations to the Board of Directors for further action.

**Rationale:**

Moved from the Bylaws section.

**P5209 Subject: Club or Team Representatives Responsibilities**

**Date: March 12, 2012**

**Decision: Adopted**

- a) Club presidents or Representative must inform the Secretary in writing, of any changes of Team Representatives and Alternates, and their addresses and phone numbers.
- b) A Team Representative is responsible to notify the Association of any address, phone number, etc. changes of their members on a quarterly basis.
- c) All traveling trophies will remain in the ownership of the Association. Teams and players who receive recognition regarding these trophies will have their names engraved onto these trophies. Teams and players will receive another trophy or award to represent their success, which they may keep permanently.
- d) The Team Representative for any Team winning and receiving an Association trophy shall sign a Statement of Liability for any loss or damage sustained by or to the Trophy before its release from the Association. The required date of return of the Trophy shall be included on the Statement of Liability.

**Rationale:**

Moved from the Bylaws section.

**P5210 Subject: Player Registration**

**Date: January 25, 2016 (renewed 1-15-2017)**

**Decision: Adopted**

Individual player registration fee for an amateur player is as follows:

\$145.00*	Full Season, January 1 to December 31
\$ 95.00*	Partial Season, August 1 to December 31
\$ 75.00*	Partial Season, September 1 to December 31
\$ 60.00*	Partial Season, October 1 to December 31
\$ 95.00*	Over-30/35/40 Partial Season, July 1 to December 31
\$ 75.00*	Over-30/35/40 Partial Season, August 1 to December 31
\$ 60.00*	Over-30/35/40 Partial Season, September 1 to December 31 *
\$ 60.00*	Secondary and/or Tertiary team in another League
\$ 30.00*	Secondary and/or Tertiary team within the same club and League

\* Includes the annual individual cost of the mandatory USASA accident & liability insurance coverage.

**Rationale:**

Moved from the Bylaws section.

**P5211**      **Subject:**                    **Disciplinary Committee (Adhoc)**  
**Date:**                            **March 27, 2012**  
**Decision:**                    **Adopted**

Disciplinary Committee.

- a) The Disciplinary Committee shall be called to order for cases wherein the Association's Executive Director believes that in a case where misconduct occurred, the punishment anticipated may be over a six (6) games and/or \$100.00 fine. All other misconduct cases, such as ejections, multiple cautioned offences, playing of an illegal player, etc. shall be dealt with by the office staff on an immediate basis as they are received.
- b) The Disciplinary Committee shall maintain records of their hearings which shall be stored at the Association's office.
- c) The Executive Director shall maintain records on all players receiving yellow or red cards, and all other misconduct reported by referees concerning teams, fans, or players.
- d) Upon receiving reports from referees regarding yellow and red cards or other misconduct, the Executive Director or Committee shall determine the disciplinary action warranted by the infraction, in accordance with Association Bylaws and Rules of Competition, USSF and USASA regulations, FIFA Law and in line with precedents established by the Committee.
- e) Any player may be placed on probation. A red card received during a probationary period will be dealt with according to the rules, guidelines and any precedents established by the Committee.
- f) Any report of serious misconduct by a Team or spectators, should immediately be brought to the attention of the Executive Director.
- g) Any report of illegal use of players should immediately be brought to the attention of the Executive Director.
- h) Disciplinary actions under normal circumstances are those actions that involve short term and minimal fine determinations.
- i) Disciplinary actions under Section H of the Bylaws are processed through the office staff which will determine suspension time and fine, based on standard procedures, history, level of infractions.
- j) Disciplinary actions which require a hearing shall be forwarded to a Disciplinary Committee which shall be appointed by the President on an Ad-hoc bases.

**Rationale:**

Moved from the Bylaws section.

**P5212**      **Subject:**                    **Men's Premier Division Policies**

**Date:** March 3, 2013 & amended March 26, 2014

**Decision:** Adopted

Disciplinary Committee.

GSLSL Men's Premier Division Policies – Adopted, March 3, 2013

1. Although this is an amateur competition, it is the highest level of amateur competition within the State of Utah. It is our desire to raise the level of competition at this level and additionally increase the level of professional approach in all aspects of administrating and competing as a Club.
2. Clubs must understand their relationship as a Premier Division member and the Utah Soccer Association's relationship with Real Salt Lake and its partnership in the amateur player development program, which includes each club's relationship with the RSL scouting program and its expectations of said clubs.
3. Clubs and their members competing in the GSLSL Premier Division must fully commit to the adherence of these policies.
4. Clubs shall be in full uniform for every game, meaning identical jersey, shorts, socks and a minimum 8" proper number on the back of the jersey.
5. Clubs shall be prepared to play with a minimum of eleven players at the appointed game time. This means roster/pass card check-in, setting of nets and corner flags, field inspection, game coin-toss and game official's instructions, etc. were all completed prior to kick-off time.
6. Play according to the published schedule.
7. Clubs must participate in all eligible competitions staged by the Utah Soccer Association.
8. Proper behavior by all participants will be expected which includes playing with respect to your teammates, opponents, officials and spectators. Reported misconduct cases will be dealt with stringently. (eliminating foul and abusive language, excessive fouling or abuse of the laws of the game, etc.)
9. Each club shall have a non-playing coach/team manager on their bench/sideline by the 2015 season.
10. Every club's coach/team manager shall hold at minimum an USSF "E" Coaching License which must include the Adult modulars prior to the start of the 2015 season.
11. Each Club understands that Coaching Education is a mandatory commitment and that seminars and courses shall be held on a continuous basis as it is important to the amateur player development and RSL scouting programs.

**Proposed RSL Premier League:**

Development of a well-managed league wherein each club has established guidelines and which will be developed throughout the 2015 season and planned to be fully implemented for the 2016 season.

12. ***Develop mechanism to demand sideline management of games by having USASA certified coaches/managers.***
  - a. Holding a current USSF "C" coaching license or attain the USSF E coaching license\* by April 30, 2015 by enrolling immediately (*\* held by the Utah Soccer Association which need to include Adult modular*)
  - b. Holding a current USSF "C" coaching license or attain the USSF D coaching license\* by April 30, 2016 (*\* held by the Utah Soccer Association which need to include Adult modular*)
  - c. Attend mandatory in-service meeting scheduled by the Utah Adult Soccer throughout the year
  - d. Obtain additional USSF licensed coaches as needed
13. ***Expectations of teams within the two Premier Leagues.***
  - a. Timely arrival at each game to ensure that all pre-game procedures can be accomplished in a timely manner to ensure an on-time scheduled kick-off
  - b. Teams to be in full complete uniforms
  - c. Mandatory starting requirement of having 11 players on the field at kick-off time
  - d. Professional behavior of all members of the team

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- e. During the season, each Team is recommended to have a combination of either a minimum of one (1) training session and one (1) game per week or two (2) games per week and the two (2) weeks prior to the start the season
  - f. Full participation in Utah Adult Soccer's Challenge Cup and Utah Open Cup tournaments
  - g. Organize a Premier level inter-state tournament to be held on an annual basis to raise funds to support the teams in these two leagues
  - h. Annually participate in at least one out-of-state tournament of Premier level quality that is approved by Utah Adult Soccer
  - i. Participate in at least two out-of-state tournaments on an annual basis beginning in 2016
  - j. Recommendation to annually participate in the USASA National Cups program
  - k.
14. **Obtain two quality fields to be used for games.**
- a. To be used by both the men's and women's Premier Leagues
  - b. Most games to be scheduled at these fields to enhance the product
  - c.
15. **Game Officials.**
- a. Establish a list of referees of National and State Grade level that will make officiating Premier League games their priority.
  - b. Use a similar approach to managing this set of referees as the MLS does for their games which includes timely in-service training and review session, building consistencies within that group and bring a level of officiating professionalism that will become a standard throughout the entire referee community at the competition level.

**P5213            Subject:            Award Certificates**

**Date:                March 26, 2014**

**Decision:            Adopted**

Teams winning a Divisional championship shall be awarded a discount certificate, if the team did not forfeit any games for any reason during the entire season. This certificate can only be redeemed towards the payment of the following season's referee fees of the same team. Certificate amounts which are calculated by the annual referee fees collected within a Division shall annually be determined by the Board of Directors.

**P5214            Subject:            Referee Safety Policy**

**Date:                January 25, 2016**

**Decision:            Adopted**

**Utah Soccer Association Referee Safety Policy**

1. Referee staging area
  - a. Unless a designated area has been provided, referees will stage in the area located next to the center field line. Teams are required to be a minimum of twelve (12) yards away from that area.
  - b. Referees will not delay in retrieving personal items and leaving area if not on next games
2. Referees must set and enforce sideline and field set up to assist in proper spacing and issue reduction (teams and spectators located in proper location, no one behind goals, no spectators in team area, etc.)
  - a. Member Organizations, teams, and field authorities are requested to paint fields to have spectators/supporters' lines and Safe Zones painted on field (see section xxx of policy for exacts dimensions and requirements)
    - i. Safe zones to be 12 yards to each side of center line

- ii. Spectator/Team line should be 3 yards off touch lines where possible and no less than 1 yard
3. Once the game has started no one is allowed to approach the referee crew without the Center Referees permission. This includes at half time and particularly after the completion of the match.
    - a. Only Team Administration (Coach, Asst Coach or Team Managers) or Team Captains can respectfully request to approach the referee crew. A Team Captain must wear a Team Captain Arm Band or Badge. Not wearing an arm band or badge will disqualify that person to request permission to approach.
    - b. Request can be denied for any reason as the referee crew does not need to explain a call, decision or justify subjective calls, cautions or calls.
    - c. If denied that ends the request and the individual making the request is to walk away.
    - d. Teams are requested to discourage spectators to address the AR at any time during the game for any reason.
    - e. Coaches or Administrators who approaching a referee still on a field without permission during or after the game can result in an ejection, fine and/or suspension.
    - f. Once a match is complete and the referees have retreated a player or coach who violates policy and or approaches/confronts a referee in the safe zone may be subject to receiving a red card/ejection and will be subject to the disciplinary actions of the Association.
  4. Anyone approaching, following or otherwise harassing a member of the referee crew off the field (parking lots, other areas of the field, secondary fields, etc.) will be subject to disciplinary action as described in 3.f.
  5. Individual Referee Discipline is governed by the Utah Soccer Referee Committee. The Utah Soccer Association works closely with the SRA to ensure that referee behavior and conduct are at the highest levels. See URL for a listing of the referee disciplinary guidelines.

**REFERENCE:**

**USSF Policy**

**Policy 531-9—Misconduct Toward Game Officials**

Section 1. General

Misconduct against referees may occur before, during and after the match, including travel to or from the match. Misconduct may occur also at later times when directly related to duties of a game official as a referee.

Section 2. Rule Application

(A) This policy shall supersede any inconsistent rules of Organization Members that pertain to assaults or abuse upon Federation referees, assistant referees, the manner and means of hearings, appeals, and rehearings in matters pertaining thereto.

(B) Nothing in this policy rule shall be construed to restrict or limit any league, event/tournament or Organization Member from applying equal or greater restrictions to anyone not listed in section 4(a)(1) of this policy (i.e., a spectator associated with a club or team).

Referee" includes the following:

- (a) all currently registered USSF referees, assistant referees, fourth officials or others duly appointed to assist in officiating in a match.
  - (b) any non-licensed, non-registered person serving in an emergency capacity as a referee (under Rule 3040).
  - (c) any club assistant referee.
- (2) "Hearing" means a meeting of at least three neutral members, one of whom is designated or elected to serve as chairman. The hearing shall be conducted pursuant to guidelines established by the Organization Member.
- (3) (a) (i) Referee assault is an intentional act of physical violence at or upon a referee.
  - (ii) For purposes of this policy, "intentional act" shall mean an act intended to bring about a result which will invade the interests of another in a way that is socially unacceptable. Unintended consequences of the act are irrelevant.
  - (b) Assault includes, but is not limited to the following acts committed upon a referee: hitting, kicking, punching, choking, spitting on, grabbing or bodily running into a referee; head butting; the act of kicking or throwing any object at a referee that could inflict injury; damaging the referee's uniform or personal property, i.e. car, equipment, etc.
- (4)

- (a) Referee abuse is a verbal statement or physical act not resulting in bodily contact which implies or threatens physical harm to a referee or the referee's property or equipment.
- (b) Abuse includes, but is not limited to the following acts committed upon a referee: using foul or abusive language toward a referee that implies or threatens physical harm; spewing any beverage on a referee's personal property; or spitting at (but not on) the referee.

**Section 5. Penalties and Suspensions**

**(A) Assault**

- (1) The person committing the referee assault must be suspended as follows:
  - (a) for a minor or slight touching of the referee or the referee's uniform or personal property, at least 3 months from the time of the assault;
  - (b) except as provided in clause (i) or (ii), for any other assault, at least 6 months from the time of the assault:
    - (i) for an assault committed by an adult and the referee is 17 years of age or younger, at least 3 years; or
    - (ii) for an assault when serious injuries are inflicted, at least 5 years.
- (2) A State Association adjudicating the matter may not provide shorter period of suspension but, if circumstances warrant, may provide a longer period of suspension.

**(B) Abuse**

The minimum suspension period for referee abuse shall be at least three (3) scheduled matches within the rules of that competition. The Organization Member adjudicating the matter may provide a longer period of suspension when circumstances warrant (e.g., habitual offenders).

**P5214            Subject:            Stopped Game**  
**Date:                    January 16, 2017**  
**Decision:              Adopted**

**Procedure dealing with Stopped Game**

When a game has been stopped due to circumstances listed below which in the opinion of both the game officials and the teams involved warrants the game stoppage and the decision not to continue the game that day, then the following guidelines are recommended:

1. If a game is stopped during the first half of the game due to weather related reasons, serious injury or other warranted circumstances, the remainder of the game shall be rescheduled to a later date at the Association's convenience. All incidents which resulted in cautions or ejections shall be in effect with the restart of the remainder of the game, including the score at the time of the stoppage.
2. If a game is stopped during the first half of the game due to weather related reasons, serious injury or other warranted circumstances, and the score is 0:0 and no cautions or ejections were given, the game shall be rescheduled in full to a later date at the Association's convenience. If there were cautions and/or ejection or if one or more goals were scored [even though the score may be tied] in this case the remainder of the game shall be rescheduled on a later date at the Association's convenience.
3. If a game is stopped during the second half of the game due to weather related reasons, serious injury or other warranted circumstances, the game shall be considered a completed game and the score at the time of the stoppage shall be the final score