

PALM BEACH SOCCER LEAGUE, INC.
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Based on direction from FYSA, our 12U (2005) groups will be NON HEADING divisions during Early Season to accommodate those kids with September to December 2005 birthdays.

PALM BEACH SOCCER LEAGUE, INC.

Rules and Regulations

Section 1

General Rules of Order

- A. The rules contained herein shall govern members of this league in all cases to which they are applicable and are consistent with the articles of incorporation and the by-laws of this league. All competition shall be governed by the rules stated herein, unless the rules of a specific competition determine otherwise.
- B. The league shall adopt and be governed by the applicable rules and regulations of the FYSA, except when more stringent rules and regulations are required by the Palm Beach Soccer League, Inc.

Section 2

Seasonal Concept of PBSL.

- A. The seasonal year shall be defined as that period of time between August 1st of each year through July 31st of the following year.
- B. The playing schedule of PBSL shall be as follows:
 - 1. **Early Season** may be comprised of club teams (division gold, silver and bronze) in age groups; 8U through 19U.
The season shall begin in August and run through October with a minimum of 6 games on the schedule.
No club shall be allowed to play without a fully paid bond.
 - 2. Regular Season may be comprised of club teams (division gold, silver and bronze) in age groups; 8U through 19U.
The season shall begin in November and run through February/March with a minimum of 8 games on the schedule.
 - 3. Late Season, if played, shall follow the guidelines of Early Season.

(Note) At the discretion of the Board of Directors,
An Early and/or Regular Season Playoff may be held at the end of
Each Season with trophies or medallions for first and second place.

4. End of Year Tournament following Regular Season for member clubs in each age division, for any team in good standing with-in the league. Clubs who have played in the Early, Regular or Late Season will be invited to play in this Tournament.

No club shall be allowed to play without a fully paid bond.

(At the discretion of the Board) Other teams may be invited to play to fill roster positions.

Section 3

Levels of Competition

A. **Gold Division** shall be comprised of the top level competitive travel teams.

1. The President or the Vice President or the VP of Rules and Regulations, (herein after called "The Director") shall be responsible for all matters pertaining to the teams in this Division, unless they are of a nature which is solely under the jurisdiction of the Vice President of Rules and Regulations.
2. The director shall establish a playing schedule and maintain current standings.
3. The director shall conduct a **mandatory coach's meeting** within ten (10) days prior to the commencement of the playing season. Any club with coaches from each declared team who doesn't show will be fined **\$25** per team. Until bond money is replaced no games will be played by that club.

B. **Silver and Bronze Divisions** shall be comprised of competitive level travel teams.

1. The Director, as outlined above, shall be responsible for all matters pertaining to the teams in all divisions.
2. The director shall also establish a playing schedule and maintain current standings.
3. The director shall conduct a **mandatory coach's meeting** within ten (10) days prior to the commencement of the playing season. Any club with coaches from each declared team who doesn't show will be fined **\$25** per team. Until bond money is replaced no games will be played by that club.

- C. Team placement will be the responsibility of the club to place their teams in the appropriate divisions of play to ensure fair and equitable competition for PBSL affiliated youth soccer teams.
 - 1. The Director shall have the right to move teams either in age groups or between divisions should their performance indicate improper placement.
 - 2. All movement of teams will be completed prior to sign up deadline of each seasonal year.

Section 4 **Player and Team Registration and Transfer**

- A. All players competing in PBSL scheduled games shall be registered with the **FYSA** according to that organizations requirements. **(See ROSTERING PAGES C-29 & C30)**
 - 1. Each player will have a current verified and laminated FYSA player pass card with their picture on the card or the player shall not play.
 - 2. **Dual registration:** In the interest of the players, we should limit the dual rostered player to only playing one FYSA game per day with the exception of a Tournament.

Must comply with section 205.5 of FYSA RULES.
(See page C-30 of this book)

- 3. Clubs with dual rostered players must submit a roster to PBSL V.P of Rules and Regulations by September 1, of the playing season. This allows dual rostered players to continue to play out the league season as well as compete in the end of season tournament even though the roster for regionals has been turned into the state reflecting their primary team. PBSL will accept the old roster which has their dual registration only for league play.
- 4. Each head coach and their assistant must be in possession of a verified FYSA coach passes at each PBSL sanctioned game.

5. The coach pass must be signed, have a picture, be laminated and presented to the referee at game time or the team will not play.
6. Coaches shall be subjected to the same rules as the players during the games and may incur disciplinary actions greater than the players.

Note: See page C-18 for Coaches fines.

B. Each club will notify the executive committee of their teams participation as to the following dates.

1. **Early Season:** The **August** meeting will be the deadline for team entry by age group, home field location and availability, copy of field permit if required, and the name and contact information of all head coaches. Also, all the club, team fees, club bond and any outstanding club fines must be submitted at this meeting for any clubs entering early season teams.
2. **Regular season:** The **September** meeting will be the deadline for team entry by age group and division, home field location and availability, copy of field permit if required, and the name and phone numbers of all head coaches. Also all the club, team fees, club bond and any outstanding club fines must be submitted at this meeting for any clubs entering regular season teams.
3. Two (2) teams for the first two (2) years - three (3) teams after that period are the minimum required by each club for league competition, within a seasonal year, **unless waived by the board.**

C. Transfer restrictions: PBSL shall not permit any transfer of players between clubs after January 1st for the duration of the regular PBSL season and its matches.

1. Any player who transfers between clubs after Jan. 1st shall be ineligible for any PBSL competition, **unless** their home team is disbanded during the season.

D. FYSA Roster Policy

1. Teams will be allowed to maintain a FYSA roster of players for each team registered with FYSA and PBSL with the purpose of allowing guest players to “play up” from **within their own Club**.

E. Changes to team’s official FYSA Gotsoccer roster.

1. Must be approved by Club Registrar.
2. New roster must be updated in Gotsoccer 48 hours prior to next game.
3. Must provide the new roster at next game.

F. Guest Player Rules:

1. The PBSL is committed to enhancing the ability of our member clubs to develop their players in new and innovative ways. As part of this commitment, the use of “Guest” players during the season is allowed in PBSL games. Clubs/Coaches may use any age appropriate players in their games provided the following restrictions are met:
 - A. The maximum number of guest players allowed per team, per game will be three (3) 7v7 and 9v9, and five (5) for 11v11,
 - B. No player may play on more than one PBSL team the same day.
 - C. Guest players may only come from within your club and must be age appropriate. No lateral play will be allowed in a competitive season.
 - D. Guest players name **MUST** appear as guest players on the game roster with **“Guest Team Code”**.
 - E. There will be NO guest players allowed during league playoffs. Cutoff will be 2 weeks prior to the end of the Season Play.

2. As with using players not registered to your team/club, playing inappropriate guest players carries the same types of sanctions as would be found in playing an illegal player. **Refer to Section 8, Subsection O items 1 through 4. Page C20.**

3. To allow for the use of guest players, all teams are required to use **Gotsoccer rosters** for all league games 48 hours prior to game time and generate a roster before play, prior to the season and/or prior to the roster freeze date for playoffs. When a new player is registered to your team/club, an updated roster must be completed in Gotsoccer **48 hours PRIOR** to that player playing in any league games. The most recent roster on file with the league will be used to determine the registration status of any guest players used during the season.

There will be NO guest players allowed during league playoffs.

NON COMPLIANCE WITH THE ABOVE RULE WILL RESULT IN A \$25.00 FINE TO THE COACH AND/OR A ONE GAME SUSPENSION FROM COACHING ANY TEAM.

ALL ROSTERS SHALL BE REGISTERED IN GOTSOCCER FOR USE DURING ALL LEAGUE GAMES WITH COPIES GOING TO: 1) COACH, 2) REFEREE AND 3) OPPOSING COACH, EACH OF WHOM MUST MAINTAIN RECORDS FOR THE DURATION OF THE PBSL SEASON. FAILURE TO MAINTAIN PROPER RECORDS SHALL RESULT IN A FINE OF \$100.00.

SECTION 5

PBSL FEES

- A. A performance bond shall be required in the amount of **\$400** per club. From this bond shall come any fines charged against the club, any referee fees lost due to the club's failure to show for a game, and fees not paid to the association.
 1. Upon a club's written notice to the PBSL of it's intent to drop out of PBSL, the club's performance bond will be returned to the club minus any outstanding fines or fees.

- B. The Board of Directors shall set the **administrative fee/if any** charged to each club per year at the Annual Meeting.
- C. The Board of Directors shall set the **team fee** for each **season** at the annual meeting.
- D. Any team which disbands subsequent to the publishing of the playing schedule, will incur a **\$150** fine for its club.
- E. Any club not in good standing will not be allowed to play in any game (early, regular, late, playoff, or tournament) until they are back in good standing with-in the league.

Section 6 **PBSL Coaching Certificates and Licenses**

- A. All coaches (head coaches and assistant coaches) who coach in the PBSL are required to have an FYSA coaching license in accordance to the level of team play. The level of team play is determined by the team's last regional competition.
 - 1. Gold Division coaches are required to have an **FYSA/USSF "E"** coaching license.
 - 2. Silver and Bronze Division coaches are required to have an **FYSA "E"** coaching certificate.
 - 3. A new coach (head or assistant) that has never coached in the PBSL shall be required to obtain an **"F" certificate prior to the start of the season.** Thereafter being required to obtain a certificate or license as noted in 1 and 2 above.
 - 4. Clubs will be required to maintain accurate records of their coaches with regard to the status of their licenses and certificates. The clubs will be required to submit said information on an annual basis to PBSL
 - 5. PBSL shall provide a FYSA state coaches course at least once each year.
 - 6. The board of directors may make exceptions to this rule.

Section 7.

Referees

- A. Referee assignors: PBSL sanctioned clubs shall be responsible for assigning a **three person**, currently certified, referee team to all scheduled home games.
1. A club assignor shall be a currently registered **FSR** certified assignor, who is hired and paid by the club they are working for.
 2. One month prior to the beginning of a PBSL playing season, each club shall submit the name of their state certified referee assignor to the V.P. Referees.
 3. If a club fails to submit an assignor, then the V.P. of Referees will assign referees to that club for their PBSL home games. The club shall be responsible for all assignor fees, and any fees not paid within 30 days of an invoice shall be removed from the club's bond.
 4. The V.P. of Referees shall be responsible for all PBSL matters pertaining to the club assignor.
 5. Club referee assignor must use only currently USSF certified referees or club will be fined **\$50**.
 6. Club referees shall have no interest in game outcomes. No club affiliation through membership, executive powers, Board member positions, or vested interests.
- B. The V.P. of Referees shall keep records of all matters pertaining to the referees and this association.
- C. Assignments and payment shall be made only to currently USSF certified referees for services rendered.
1. Referee payment shall be made prior to the game.
 2. Payment shall be a fifty-fifty split of the full fee by each team.
 3. Referee fees owed to certified referees, for a game which was forfeited, shall be the responsibility of the team which forfeited.

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4. Referee fees owed to certified referees, who are assigned incorrect game times, shall be the responsibility of the home team's club.
5. The board of directors shall set forth the referee fee schedule for each season at the annual meeting.
NOTE: See K-4 on Page C-14.

D. The V.P. of Referees shall be the link between the club assignors and the referee association in regards to referee clinics and the assignor clinics.

E. Referee misconduct. All reports of referee misconduct shall be reported in writing, within forty-eight (48) hours of the actions, to the V.P. of Referees.

1. The V.P. of Referees shall forward such reports of misconduct, if proven valid, to the State referee administration's office within forty-eight (48) hours.

F. All club assignors must keep a game log, which shall be produced upon request by the Vice President of Referees, or the club shall be fined \$100 and the assignor be reprimanded.

SECTION 8 **STANDING RULES OF COMPETITION**

- A. Except where modified herein, rules of play shall be **FIFA "Laws of The Game"**. Competition sanctioned by the league shall abide by the "Laws of The Game" and any modifications specifically published by the FYSA, unless further modified by the PBSL.
- B. Players 9U, 10U, 11U and 12U shall play soccer under the auspices of USYSA, FYSA and PBSL in accordance with rules of the Developmental Player Program Modified Playing Rules for 10U and 12U.
1. 9U and 10U will play 7v7. (Max. roster size 14)
Minimum number to play is four (4).
******Must play on field with buildout/concede line******
******No intended heading allowed******
******No punting from goalkeepers, must play the ball from the floor or by throw.******
 2. 11U and 12U will play 9v9. (Max. roster size 18)
Minimum number to play is six (6).
 3. 13U and UP will play 11v11. (Max. roster size U-13/U15 is 18)
(Max Roster size U16 & older is 22)
Minimum number to play is seven (7).

(Note: Roster size per FYSA see page C-29-C-30)

(Note: These requirements of roster size may be waived by the Board of Directors)

- C. All contests sanctioned by the league shall abide by the official rules, and the modifications as published by this league, unless otherwise amended by the Board of Directors.
- D. Behavior: Officials, Directors, and Coaches of both clubs /teams are directly responsible to ensure that teams, coaches, fans and spectators conduct themselves in a proper and respectful manner.

1. PBSL may impose sanctions/suspensions on the PBSL affiliated club, until the hearing board meets and has resolved the issue, for conduct which is detrimental to the team, club or league.

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E. The Field

1. The designated home team shall be responsible for the conditions of the grounds, field marking and equipment, unless the field is a regional site, then the responsibility belongs to the host club.
2. Nets and corner flags are required.
3. A crowd line five feet parallel outside the touch line on both sides of the field is recommended.
4. It will be the responsibility of both teams to have an appropriate game ball.
5. The referee assigned to the center for the game will determine the playable conditions of the field.
6. Modified field size for 9U – 12U.
 - a. 9U and 10U will play on a **45 X 60 yard** field equipped with a 6 x 18 ft or 7 X 21 ft goals following FYSA/USSF guidelines. Painted build out lines in accordance with FYSA/USSF guidelines.
 - b. 11U and 12U will play on a **50 x 80 yard** field equipped with a 6 X 18 ft or 7 x 21 ft goals following FYSA/USSF guidelines.

NOTE: It is the position of the PBSL that all goals must be padded. No “square” goals shall be used without padding.

F. Length of games, overtime and ball size.

AGE GROUP	LENGTH OF GAME	BALL
1. 19U/17U	2-45 MIN HALVES	5

2. 16U/15U 2-40 MIN HALVES 5
3. 14U/13U 2-35 MIN HALVES 5
4. 12U/11U 2-30 MIN HALVES 4
5. 10U/9U 2-25 MIN HALVES 4
6. Overtime is not allowed during the season.

Tournament rules may vary. No overtime is allowed for 9U/10U, go straight to penalty kicks.

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- G. League champions shall be determined by a point system devised by the board of directors prior to the start of each season.
1. Point System: 3 points for a win
1 points for a tie
0 points for a loss
- H. Division champions and runner up at the end of the regular season shall receive a trophy or medallion for each player.
- I. Player passes: Should a player participate in a league game with a team to which they are not properly registered (must have team specific player pass with the proper team code on it) or is currently under suspension from said team, the team shall automatically forfeit the contest 3-0, and the player may be subject to further disciplinary action.
1. All players shall individually present their laminated player pass cards to the referee prior to the start of the game. Any player not present at start of game shall present pass to the referee prior to entering the field. **No pass - no play.**
 2. Player pass cards are to be returned to the team's manager or coach at the conclusion of the game.
 3. If a player does not present a laminated player pass to the referee prior to participation, they shall not play in that game. Exception being if prior approval is made by a PBSL officer, verification that the player is registered with FYSA, and the referee is notified by the PBSL official.
 4. Player pass or roster requirements for a pre-season jamboree may be amended by the Board of Directors

prior to the pre-season jamboree.

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J. Player Uniforms and Equipment:

1. Contrasting colors, where colors of competing teams are identical or similar, the designated home team must affect a change to colors distinct from their opponents. All teams must travel in their club's primary colors.
2. Goalkeepers Uniform: The uniform or jersey of the goalkeeper must be distinctly different in color from the basic colors of either competing team.
3. Uniform numbers: Player's uniform numbers are to be affixed to the back of the uniform shirt; no two players from one team may have an identical uniform number while both are playing on the field at the same time.
4. Cast and/or braces: Players wearing an orthopedic cast shall not be eligible to participate in any game, orthopedic braces may be worn only if they are soft and with no hard parts. Also a doctors written permission must be obtained to play.
5. All players shall be required to wear protective shin guards (to be worn beneath their game socks) at all times while actively participating in the game. Such shin guards shall be of the type and style of protective athletic equipment specifically designed to protect the player's lower leg (shin bone)
6. Additional shirts (under the jersey) and long pants (under the shorts and socks) are allowed for younger players during cold or incimate weather at the discretion of the referee.

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K. Pre-Game:

1. Each coach shall present to the referee, two (2) copies of the Gotsoccer roster for their team along with the player and coach passes. At the end of the game, a copy will go the opposing coach and one will be kept by the referee.
2. The referee shall verify the identity of each player by his player pass and shall collect the passes of those players who intend to participate. The referee shall also collect each team's coach and all assistant coach passes.
3. The referee shall check and make certain that each player's equipment and uniform is proper.
4. **REFEREE FEES** shall be paid by both teams prior to kickoff. Referee fees are based on age groups:

9U-10U: \$45.00 PER TEAM (CENTER=\$38.00, AR1=\$26.00, AR2=\$26.00)

11U-12U: \$53.00 PER TEAM (CENTER=\$46.00, AR1=\$30.00, AR2=\$30.00)

13U-14U: \$60.00 PER TEAM (CENTER=\$52.00, AR1=34.00, AR2=34.00)

15U-19U: \$70.00 PER TEAM (CENTER=\$64.00, AR1=38.00, AR2=38.00)
5. The referee's judgment with regards to the physical condition of the field and its acceptability for play, and to the actual happenings and occurrences relating to the conduct of the game, and to those prerogative or judgments inherently granted to the referee by the Laws of The Game as published by FIFA shall not be challenged.

6. A team that is not ready to play 15 minutes past the scheduled game time shall forfeit the game. In the event of a forfeited game, the referee must report the incident to the home team assignor who in turn shall notify the V.P. Rules and Regulations. The team that forfeits shall be responsible for the full referee fee. The referee shall not ask for the fees from the team present.

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7. In cases of rainouts or lightning where the referee or the parks and recreation personnel calls the game prior to its start, a courtesy amount of \$5 per team shall be given to each referee.

8. A game completed to half time shall be considered a complete game if per chance the game has to be stopped. Referees shall be paid the full game fees.

9. No schedule (date) changes will be allowed after the scheduling meeting unless approved by the Director. Schedule changes shall be made at least 72 hours in advance.

Note: It is the intent of the PBSL to limit schedule change request. The Vice President shall exercise prudence. The coach or club requesting a change will submit the change request in GotSoccer at least 96 hours in advance. This request shall include the basic reason for the change(s) and will need concurrence from the opposing team.

10. Procedure when no referee shows up within 30 minutes of scheduled start time.

- A. No official game shall be played.
- B. Home team shall be fined.
- C. Game must be rescheduled.
- D. If game is not rescheduled it shall be recorded
As a forfeiture by the home team.

11. If one referee shows. (Center Referee)

- A. The game may be played and will count.
- B. The home team shall be fined **\$100** for not
Providing 3 referees.
- C. Club linesmen may be used in this case.

12. A **\$200** fine shall be assessed against the club

of any team responsible for a forfeit.

13. A **\$150** fine shall be assessed to both teams for failure to reschedule a game. Rescheduling must be done within 48 hours of the cancelled game

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14. A **forfeit** is considered a game played, a postponement is not.
15. **When a red card has been issued, both coaches** shall be responsible for sending the game report to the VP of Rules and Regulations **no later than 5 P.M. Tuesday following the game.** Failure to report, as noted, will result in a fine of **\$100** to each club and a suspension of both coaches for 1 game.

L. Game

1. Substitutions: players may be substituted only during stoppage of the game. **The number of substitutions shall be unlimited** unless a competition superseding PBSL jurisdiction specifically determines otherwise. substitutions may be made at the following times:
 - A. Prior to a throw-in in your favor.
 - B. Prior to a goal kick, by either team.
 - C. After an injury, by either team, when the referee has stopped play.
 - D. For a player who has just received a yellow card, when the referee has stopped play.
 - E. Between periods.
 - F. The referee shall be made aware of each time the goalkeeper is changed.
2. The referee's permission is necessary, in any situation, before a substitution can be made. A substitute may not enter the field of play until he has been so instructed by the referee.
3. No player from any team or club may play 2 games in 1 day within the PBSL during Early or Regular season. The penalty shall be the forfeiture of both

games in which the player played.
(Exception: PBSL or FYSA tournament games)

4. Mercy Rule is hereby eliminated. All games shall be played to its normal conclusion time.

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5. In order to give the 9U-10U players an opportunity to develop their passing skills, no punting directly from goalkeeper to goalkeeper will be allowed. Throwing and passing to other players shall be encouraged. Any player guilty of this offense shall have an indirect kick, placed at half field, awarded against him/her.

M. Coach, Player and Spectator Requirements During the Game.

1. Bench area: coaches and players must remain on the bench, Or bleachers or within the immediate vicinity of the team's bench (10 yards) while the game is in progress. A maximum of 3 coaches can remain in the bench area. Each coach is required to have a verified coach pass.
2. Coaching from the bench area, the purpose of which is to provide direction to one's own team on positioning and points of strategy **only**, is conditionally permitted. Even this should be kept to a minimum.
CODE OF ETHICS WILL BE ENFORCED.
3. Mechanical devices: coaches, players, and spectators may not utilize mechanical devices, such as voice amplifiers, whistles, bells, rattles, noise makers of any kind, etc.
4. Unsportsmanlike conduct: coaches, players, and spectators shall not use profanity, or make insulting or otherwise derogatory remarks or gestures to their own team, the opposing team, the referee, or to other spectators. **USE OF PROFANITY WILL INCUR A \$50.00 FINE.**
5. Enticing ill-behavior: coaches, players, or spectators shall not, by their remarks or gestures, in any manner, entice disruptive behavior. **CODE OF ETHICS WILL BE ENFORCED.**
6. Punitive action: coaches, and players violating the

above rules will be subject to ejection, as well as to further disciplinary action deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors of this League. Any spectators violating the above rules will ensure that the team and club associated with them will be suspended from league play until the spectator problem is solved or board action is taken.

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7. A coach who receives an ejection or send-off for their actions during any PBSL activities during the course of the year ***shall be fined \$100.00*** and ***given a (Two) 2 game suspension + 12 month probation from date of violation.***
In the event that a coach receives a second ejection or send-off for their action during the probationary period, the coach may be subject to immediate suspension from all league activities for a period of one year, pending a disciplinary hearing. The PBSL board may reduce the severity based upon a hearing.
8. Field Marshal: Each club shall appoint a club representative to be present at every home game sanctioned by the PBSL. They shall be responsible for any problems to the VP of Rules and Regulations. Failure to provide a Field Marshal shall result in a **\$25** fine to the club.
9. There will be no tobacco products used at the game site.
10. It is the responsibility of both coaches to keep the parent/spectator conduct under control.

N. Disciplinary Actions.

1. When discipline/sanctions are imposed, they shall meet the required minimums. The discipline body shall evaluate the incident as to the intent, severity and past misconduct to determine the appropriate disciplines/sanctions. More severe disciplines/sanctions shall be imposed for multiple red cards during a season and for misconduct directed towards officials or administrators.

2. One game suspension: Resulting from a second caution; misconduct is neither violent or with intent to harm or injure; persistent infringement, stopping imminent goal. Verbal: dissent; foul language - non-directed.

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3. Two game suspension: serious foul play. Verbal: foul language (in any language) which is directed. Obscene gestures: any and all gestures made with any part of the body, which implies visual profanity; and exposure of the anatomy considered lewd and lascivious.
4. Four game suspension: Violent conduct; threatening gestures; fighting; spitting.
5. Six game suspension: entering fight in progress; actions which result in law enforcement being called.
6. Referee assault: Minimum one (1) year suspension. If serious injuries are inflicted - minimum five (5) years suspension.
7. Referee abuse: Minimum three (3) scheduled matches.
8. PBSL shall publish monthly a list of all red cards in conjunction with this league (during the months of our league season) and shall seek to obtain additional information on red cards issued from other affiliates and tournaments.
9. Two or more red cards for the same offense (other than a one game suspension) issued to a player may subject that player to a doubling of the minimum guidelines. This shall also apply if the player receives said red cards while playing in another affiliated league or in a tournament (during FYSA calendar year).
10. Any one team that receives an accumulation of four red cards during league play, whether in this league or another affiliated league, for serious foul play and/or violent conduct shall subject their club to a **\$200** fine. Additional red cards received by

the same team for serious foul play and/or violent conduct shall subject their club to an additional fine of **\$100** per red card.

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11. In all cases where red cards are issued, or send-offs occur, the V.P. of Rules and Regulations shall forward a copy of the referee report issued in connection therewith to the club president and/or representative upon request from the club president and/or club representative.

O. Administrative Game Conduct.

1. Coach/Manager who sends a player onto the playing field with the **intent to play or participate** in that or any game, or any youth who is not registered, or is suspended, or is over age or is not a rostered member of the teams playing, and have a verified player pass, shall be suspended the remainder of the seasonal year plus one year.
2. Player who enters a game that he/she is not registered to, and/or rostered to either of the teams, shall be suspended for the remainder of the seasonal year.
3. Coach or player who participates in a game before completion of suspension shall have the original suspension renewed.
4. Coach/Manager who removes their team from the field shall be suspended for one game.

P. Suspensions.

1. Red cards/ejections/send offs issued must be served as follows. (Scheduled is not intended to mean "scheduled to "work off" suspension".)
2. Issued during District, Regional or Presidents cup must be worked off during the remainder of the

competition. If no competition remains, suspension must be worked off in the next scheduled league and/or tournament game(s).

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3. Issued during tournament game, if suspension is not completed during the tournament, the tournament director will send game reports to Review and Discipline Committee for possible additional discipline. R&D will review and send decision to appropriate DC for action.
4. Issued during State Cup, player will not be allowed to participate in the next State Cup game played by the player's team. A player may receive more than a one game suspension. Local club/league may issue additional discipline to be served in other non-State Cup games.
5. Red card issued due to referee assault shall require:
 - a. Player pass, game report and other document sent to state office within 48 hours. (Referee will send report to SRA for determination of assault. Decision will be sent to the State Office and forwarded to appropriate DC).
 - b. Disciplinary hearing held with (30) days of the incident.
 - c. Player/Coach suspended immediately.
6. The V.P. Rules must be notified when suspensions were served by players or coaches by faxing the game report signed by the referee indicating that the aforementioned suspension had been served.

Q. Offenses related to Administrative Misconduct.

1. Affiliation: Failure to comply with affiliation procedures per FYSA rule 102/104.
2. Registration: Failure to register players and coaches

per rule section 200/211 and 400/404.

3. Fees: Failure to pay required fees or fines according to rule section 300/303.

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4. Discipline and Sanctions: Failure to comply with or administer rule section 500/505.
5. Protest and Appeals: Failure to provide due process according to rule section 600/611.
6. Misfeasance: Failure to perform duties and responsibilities according to the rules.
7. Malfeasance: Failure to perform duties and responsibilities intending to circumvent the rules.
8. Nonfeasance: Failure to perform duties and responsibilities.

R. Protest and Appeals.

1. Limitations: Only violations of this league's constitution, by-laws, rules and regulations, or specifically published rules of a competition, or the misapplication of the "Laws of The Game" shall be subject to protest and appeals.
2. Method: protests and appeals are to be in writing and are to be sent to the Vice President of Rules and Regulations within the time limitations established.
NOTE: See section "S" below.
3. Procedures and Regulations: For the purposes of this rule, all individuals and organizations will be referred to as:

FIFA	FIFA
Florida Youth Soccer Association	FYSA
United States Youth Soccer Association	USYSA
Palm Beach Soccer League	PBSL
Board of Directors	Board

Vice President of Rules
Vice President of Referees

VP Rules
VP Referee

For the purpose of this rule all references to rules
Means the rules, regulations, and laws, etc. of PBSL,
FYSA, USYSA, and FIFA.

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For the purpose of this rule, all references to
submissions in writing means that written documents
must be transmitted by via email to all board members.

The purpose of this rule is to establish a body of
procedures and regulations to be followed in all
matters of the league administered by the VP Rules.
Such matters include:

- a. Protest directed to the league by members
arising from violation of the rules.
 - b. Appeals directed to the Board by members arising
From rulings issued by the VP Rule and VP
Referee so empowered by the league to so rule.
 - c. Request for disciplinary action arising
generally from but not limited to cautions and
ejections issued to a player(s) and or coach(es)
in a game situation.
- S. Protest: Protests must be submitted in writing within 48
hours of the completion of the specific event in which the
rule violation allegedly occurred.
1. The protest must be submitted and signed by one of
the following on behalf of the member claiming the
rule violations:
 - a. Club President.
 - b. Club Representative to PBSL.
 - c. Club Alternate Representative to PBSL.
 - d. Agent of Record for the Club.
 2. A fee of \$25 (refundable if the protest is upheld)
must accompany the filing.

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3. Only rules violations can be protested. Protests must state specifically the rule(s) violated citing the following:
 - a. Rule source - FIFA, USYSA, FYSA or PBSL.
 - b. Book or document where the rule can be found. page number, rule number and subsections
4. Protests must completely but briefly state the events and facts supporting the contention that rules were violated.
5. Upon receipt, the VP Rules will review for completeness and conformity to items 1-4 above.
6. If items 1-4 above are not satisfied, the VP Rules will reject the protest and return fee to filer. Rejections may be appealed to the Board by following the appeal procedures.
7. If items 1-4 above are satisfied, VP Rules will convene a hearing board within 14 days of the receipt of the protest. A 7-day notice must be given to the date, time, and place of the hearing.
8. The burden of substantiation or defense with respect to a protest will rest with the members involved. It is not the responsibility of the VP Rules or PBSL or any of its designees to gather facts or to solicit statements or testimony.
9. The protest will conclude, with respect to the PBSL, with the decision of a hearing board. Appeals of such decisions must begin with the FYSA District Commissioner.

T. Appeals:

1. Decisions of the VP Rules or other designee may be appealed to the Board. Decisions of a hearing board can only be appealed to the FYSA District Commissioner.

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2. Appeals must be submitted in writing to the President of PBSL within 48 hours of the receipt of the ruling being appealed. A **\$25** non-refundable fee must accompany the filing. Copies of all documents relative to the original ruling must also be included.
3. The appeal must be signed by one of the following for the member submitting the appeal:
 - a. President of The Club.
 - b. Club Representative to PBSL.
 - c. Club Alternate Representative to PBSL.
 - d. Agent of Record for The Club.
4. Upon receipt, the President of PBSL will schedule a hearing of the appeal for the next regularly scheduled PBSL meeting. In any event appeals will be heard within 30 days of the date of the appeal. All parties to the matter will be sent copies of the relative documents. They will be notified of the date, time and place of the hearing at least 7 days prior to the established date of the hearing.

U. Discipline:

1. Requests for disciplinary action by the league against a member can be initiated in one of two ways:
 - a. Written referee report filed by the PBSL VP Rules.
 - b. Written request from a PBSL member to the VP Rules.
2. The submission of a written referee report will automatically result in a conference among the VP Rules, VP Referees, and the referee filing the report as outlined.
3. Based on the conference and in accordance with the

rules, the VP Rules will issue a decision to the representative of the club involved within 24 hours of the decision. Disciplinary action involving suspension requires the VP Rules to hold the player/coach pass for the duration of the suspension. Decisions of these matters may be appealed to the Board.

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4. Written request by a PBSL member will be handled according to the procedures established for protest with the following exceptions:
 - a. No fee is required for requests submitted by the VP Rules or for those submitted by a member involving claims of involuntary transfers.
 - b. A non-refundable **\$50** fee is required for a request submitted by a member for all other situations.
 - c. Under certain conditions, a rule may be referenced in general terms rather than cited specifically.
5. Decisions of a hearing board convened to hear such request cannot be appealed to the PBSL board.

Section 9 **Coach's Code of Ethics**

A. Introduction:

The intent of the coach's code of ethics is to outline the expected behavior of a coach whose team participates in the PBSL. All coaches must sign and will be provided with a copy of this code of ethics.

PBSL cannot possibly oversee the conduct of every coach. Adherence to the code of ethics must depend upon voluntary cooperation. Participation in the PBSL constitutes acceptance of this code of ethics.

Some sections of the code include specific minimum penalties. Additional penalties may be invoked for repeated violations. Suspensions may be for one game up to expulsion from the PBSL.

Violation of any part of the code of ethics will be determined by the VP Rules after an evidential hearing. A coach must be given the opportunity to appear at the hearing and may present evidence in his/her behalf.

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There is a PBSL Board appeal for a determination that a coach has violated the code. Length of suspension in excess of one game can be appealed to the PBSL Board. Written notice of intention to appeal must follow the appeals procedures outlined in Rules. The penalty will be abated pending the appeal.

The evidential hearing will occur according to the protest procedures outlined in Rules. Any appeal will be heard at the next available Board of Directors meeting.

B. On The Field:

1. No coach will physically abuse a player, spectator, another coach or official. Violation will result in a suspension.
2. No coach will use abusive or profane language directed towards a player, spectator, another coach or official. Violation will result in at least a written reprimand and 6 months probation and/or a 3 game suspension.
3. A coach is responsible for the behavior of his/her players and spectators and will maintain order at the field before, during, and after the game.
4. No coach will openly or persistently argue with an Official's decision or permit his/her players or spectators to do the same.
5. No coach will knowingly permit or intentionally direct an ineligible player to participate in a PBSL game.

C. Off The Field

1. No coach will offer money, or other inducement to entice a player to join his/her team. Violation will

result in a suspension.

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2. No coach, either directly, or through another person, shall contact a player who is signed with or "bound" to another soccer club or organization without first having consent in writing from the affected club. Violation will result in the coach being suspended from coaching in PBSL for a one-year period.
3. If a coach is contacted by a player or his/her parents who is signed with another soccer club or organization, the coach can only provide that player or persons with the following information:
 - a. Age group in which his/her team will participate.
 - b. Anticipated game schedule.
 - c. Anticipated practice schedule.
 - d. Locations of practices and/or games.
 - e. Anticipated level of play.
4. A coach may obtain the following information from the player:
 - a. His/her name, address, and phone number.
 - b. Name of the soccer club or organization for which the player played during the previous season.
5. Violation of 3 and/or 4 may result in at least a written reprimand.
6. Violation of any Code of Ethics item may result in a minimum **\$50** fine.

Section 10

Season Scoring and Playoff Rules

- A. Every representative from each club shall report the scores for all of their teams games, via fax or e-mail, to the Vice President of Scheduling by Tuesday 5PM following the Saturday or Sunday game. Failure to do so shall result in a **\$25** fine for each offence.

B. A point system will be used to determine a league champion.

1. Winner and runner up of the league play will receive trophies or medallions for each player.

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C. Tie breakers will be as follows:

1. Head to head.
2. Positive goal differential. (Maximum of 3 per game)
3. Goals against. (Maximum of 3 per game)
4. Goals scored. (Maximum of 3 per game)
5. Number of shutouts.
6. Playoff Match.

D. Participation in the league tournament shall be as noted in Section 2, or as determined by Board of Directors.

E. Tournament format and positional rounds will be determined by the Board of Directors.

ADDENDUM TO PBSL RULES AND REGULATIONS. FYSA RULE 205 ROSTERING

205. ROSTERING

205.1 All players must be rostered to a team in order to compete in any FYSA sanctioned event. Any player competing in any competition shall be considered immediately rostered to said team. Note: Rostered players may guest play with proper permission in any FYSA sanctioned event, if allowed by the rules of competition, and not affect their original rostered status

205.2 An official FYSA roster is the roster generated by the current FYSA registration system. A player is rostered to a team when the rostering process is completed or as defined under FYSA Rule 205.1. All matters of dispute

shall be governed by the official state roster. A copy of the official roster is valid for all events requiring a roster.

205.3 FYSA sanctioned competitions (league play and tournaments) may adopt rules to allow the use of Club Pass players up to the maximum roster size:

A. U13 – U19 teams – Total roster size, including club pass players, is capped at twenty-two (22). Teams shall name eighteen (18) eligible players for each game.

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B. U11 – U12 teams – Total roster size, including club pass players, is capped at fourteen (14).

C. Club pass players may only participate with one (1) team per day. (Player may play more than one (1) game per day in the competition with the same team, but not with two different teams in the same day.)

205.4 Leagues and tournaments may create internal pass and or event roster forms allowing properly FYSA registered players to participate within their rules of competition without changing the Official FYSA Roster. These event rosters must list the players full name, pass number, rostered team, DOB and birth verification status. Prior to the use of these internal event rosters, for all inter-club games, leagues and tournaments must have on file the team's official FYSA roster with appropriate guest player forms or FYSA Event Rosters, as verification of players' credentials and that guest players have proper permission to participate.

205.5 Dual Rostering is permitted and a player may be rostered to multiple teams at one time during a seasonal year. Regulations concerning dual Rostering are as follows:

A. Player's Cup eligibility is the player's primary team. A player's primary team shall be the first team to which the player is rostered.

B. Release from the primary team in no way transfers primary status to the secondary team. To transfer primary status requires a completed transfer. This player will then be considered a previously rostered player if not registered to a team within the same affiliate.

C. Primary team schedules will take precedence in all issues or conflicts. If player is registered to two (2) affiliates, all matters regarding registration will be decided by the primary team's affiliate.

205.6 Regional Cup rosters for all competitions leading to the determination of President's Cup participants shall be the official state roster as generated by the FYSA State Office or the Regional Cup Committee.

205.7 State Cup and Regional/Recreational Cup rostering simultaneously is not permitted.

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BY-LAWS	MISSED MONTHLY BOARD MEETINGS	\$ 25	B3
R & R	MISSED MANDATORY COACH MEETING	\$ 25	C2
R & R	IMPROPER FILING OF ROSTERS	\$ 25	C6
R & R	IMPROPER 3 PART ROSTERS	\$100	C6
R & R	CLUB BOND FEE	\$400	C6
R & R	ADMINISTRATIVE FEE	TBD	C7
R & R	TEAM FEE	TBD	C7
R & R	TEAM DISBANS AFTER SCHEDULE PUBLICATION	\$150	C7
R & R	CLUB FAILURE TO USE FSR CERT. REFEREE ASSIGNOR	\$ 50	C8
R & R	REFEREE FEES	(AS NOTED)	C14
R & R	COURTESY REFEREE FEE FOR RAINOUTS	(AS NOTED)	C15
R & R	FAILURE TO PROVIDE PROPER REFEREE TEAM	\$100	C15
R & R	FAILURE TO ADHERE TO REFEREE NON-AFFILIATION	\$100	C8
R & R	FORFEITURE OF GAME	\$200	C15
R & R	FAILURE TO RESCHEDULE A GAME (BOTH TEAMS)	\$150	C15

R & R	FAILURE TO SEND RED CARD REPORT (EACH CLUB)	\$100	C16
R & R	USE OF PROFANITY	\$ 50	C17
R & R	EJECTED COACH	\$100	C18
R & R	FAILURE TO PROVIDE A FIELD MARSHAL	\$ 25	C18
R & R	ACCUMULATION OF 4 RED CARDS (ONE TEAM)	\$200	C19
R & R	EACH ADDITIONAL RED CARD (SAME TEAM)	\$100	C19

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R & R	PROTEST FEE	\$ 25	C23
R & R	APPEALS FEE	\$ 25	C25
R & R	OTHER APPEAL OR PROTEST FEE	\$ 50	C26
R & R	CODE OF ETHICS VIOLATIONS	\$ 50	C28
R & R	FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH FIELD REQUIREMENTS	\$ 100	C9/10
R & R	FAILURE TO REPORT SCORES (PER GAME)	\$ 25	C28

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