

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL

1. Discipline

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In the case of gross and violent misconduct the Manitoba Soccer Association disciplinarian and/or the disciplinarian of member Leagues and Associations may invoke procedures as outlined in paragraph A below. All cases of alleged physical violence and/or contact against game officials must be dealt with by the Provincial Association and the person so accused shall be automatically subject to the procedures as outlined in paragraph A.

a) Any player, coach, manager, club official or referee accused of any misconduct shall, if summoned, appear before the Disciplinarian at any time and date set for a hearing before the Disciplinarian of the allegations of misconduct. If the Disciplinarian decides to conduct a hearing, it must be held within eight (8) days of the alleged misconduct taking place. The person against whom an allegation of misconduct has been made shall be barred from participation in all competition pending the hearing, and if he fails to appear at the said hearing, he shall stand suspended until his case is finally determined. The disciplinarian may, in his absolute discretion, decline to conduct a hearing as provided in this paragraph, in which case, he shall refer the allegations of misconduct to the Executive Committee which shall then have absolute jurisdiction to conduct a hearing into the allegations and, in its absolute discretion, impose whatever sanctions it deems appropriate in the circumstances.

b) A player banished before, during or after the game for misconduct, shall receive an automatic one game suspension and the Association Disciplinarian or member League/Association Disciplinarian authorized by the Association or the Executive Committee may, after hearing the case, impose additional penalties if in his opinion additional penalties are warranted. The one game automatic suspension may be served in a league game, cup game or in the first game of an M.S.A. sanctioned tournament. After serving the automatic suspension a player may play in any subsequent games that take place between the date on which he served the one game automatic suspension and the date of the next scheduled disciplinary committee meeting. Once the player has met and been dealt with by the disciplinarian any suspension additional to the one game automatic suspension must be served only in league or cup games.

c) Any player whose name appears on a referee's report as being cautioned for misconduct before, during or after a game on three separate occasions during the current season must, upon notification, appear before the Disciplinarian who shall assess an automatic one game suspension. Additional sanctions may be imposed by the Disciplinarian according to the nature of the offense. The player's club shall be notified by mail after each third caution.

d) Association, League and Club officials and non-participating members reported by a referee for conduct detrimental to the good of the game may also be required to appear before the Disciplinarian or the Executive Committee and shall be subject to the same procedures and sanctions as provided in Paragraph A, of this Rule.

e) Any person who feels unjustly dealt with by the Disciplinarian has the right of appeal to the Executive Committee and the provisions of Rule 2 Clause b will apply. Operation of the

Disciplinarian's decision will not be suspended pending an appeal to the Executive Committee.

f) Any Club using a suspended and/or ineligible player shall forfeit the game and points to the opposition and be fined fifty dollars (\$50.00) per game and may be further dealt with by the Association as provided by this Constitution.

g) Any player, coach, manager, other club official or referee shall be deemed to be notified of any hearing provided in this Rule, Rule 1, if written notice has been received by the Secretary of the Club with which he is affiliated.

APPEALS, PROTESTS AND DEFAULTS

2. Appeals and Protests

a) Any club or person aggrieved by a decision of any association or league in membership or by the Association Disciplinarian may as of right, appeal from said decision to the Executive Committee.

b) All protests or appeals with reasons therefore shall be made in writing to the office of the Association within three (3) days of the incident-giving rise to the protest or the decision appealed from and shall be accompanied by a deposit of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) in cash, money order or certified cheque.

c) The Appellant in his appeal shall set out the following: i) The decision sought to be appealed, including the reason for the decision if given; ii) A concise statement of the facts, and iii) A concise submission setting out clearly in what respect the decision is alleged to be wrong.

d) The office of the Association, upon receipt of the appeal shall forthwith forward a copy of the appeal to the Association or League in membership and that Association or League shall within five (5) clear days after receipt thereof, file its reply (if any) in writing with the office of the Association and deliver a copy of the said reply to the appellant.

e) All protests or appeals shall be dealt with by the Executive Committee, or an Appeals Committee appointed by the Executive Committee to hear the appeal, within ten (10) clear days of being properly notified in writing of the protest or appeal.

f) All protests and appeals shall be submitted in triplicate and all correspondence shall be by registered mail, certified mail or personal service.

g) A protest of appeal may be abandoned with leave of the Executive Committee or Appeals Committee on such terms and conditions, as said Committee deems appropriate.

h) The decision of the Executive Committee or its delegated committee shall be final and binding except that the appellant may appeal the decision of the Committee to the Canadian Soccer Association.

i) The Executive of Appeals Committee

- 1) Is not barred from proceeding if no reply is filed with the office of the association or league in membership within the time stipulated.
 - 2) Notwithstanding what is disclosed in the appeal and the reply of the association or league in membership, may make such further inquiries, as it may deem advisable.
 - 3) Shall not disturb any findings or facts made by the association or league in membership unless it is satisfied that there was no evidence to support such findings of facts, but this clause shall not apply to any proceedings to which the Association or League in membership is a party.
 - 4) May uphold, reverse or vary the decision appealed from or make such other order in the circumstances, as it deems proper.
 - 5) Shall determine what disposition shall be made of the fee deposited and by whom the expenses of the appeal shall be paid.
 - 6) The Executive or Appeals Committee shall give reason for their decisions, in writing, to all parties to the appeal.
- j) The operation of the decision of the Association or League in membership, shall not be suspended pending hearing of an appeal, unless the Executive Committee so orders.
- k) All protests pertaining to situations correctable before the commencement of the game, and coming under the jurisdiction of the Association shall be lodged in writing with the referee and opposing captains prior to the commencement of the game.
- l) In accordance with F.I.F.A. rules, decisions of the referee on points of fact connected with the play shall be final so far as the result of the game is concerned.
- m) The Association shall have power to demand from any affiliated association, league, club or player involved in any protest, appeal, dispute or investigation, all books, letters, documents or other evidence necessary for the proper conduct of a hearing into the matter alleged.
- n) In dealing with any protest or appeal, the Executive Committee or Appeal committee, as the case may be, may, in coming to its decision, take into consideration the possession by the protesting association, league or team, any knowledge, which if properly used, might have obviated the protest or appeal.

3. Suspensions by Affiliated Associations

The Association will uphold and honour all suspensions imposed by its affiliated associations and by the Canadian Soccer Association and its member associations upon receipt of written notification of such suspensions. In all such cases, the preliminary appeal must be made to the suspending association.

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Defaults

- a) Any team defaulting a regularly scheduled game and agreeing to play friendly game must give written notice to the referee and the opposing team's secretary or other responsible officer prior to kick-off, and said officer will ensure that the Association's office is advised of such agreement on the next following business day. If regular admission price has been charged, spectators must be given the privilege of obtaining a refund.
- b) Any team withdrawing from the Association or being expelled for cause, and failing to complete their schedule shall have their entire record declared null and void and be required to make re-application for membership at the Semi-Annual Meeting together with new applicants.
- c) In the event a team uses an ineligible and/or suspended player they will be, penalized by forfeiture of the game and points to the opposing team and in the case of a league game, goals for and against will be voided. The offending club shall be fined the sum of fifty (\$50.00) dollars per game.
- d) Any team fielding less than nine (9) registered players at the time set for commencement of a game shall be allowed fifteen (15) minutes grace. Any team failing to field at least nine (9) registered players in the required time aforementioned shall forfeit such game and the points thereto.

5. Transfer of Players

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- a) A player is entitled to his transfer as hereinafter provided between the dates set by this Association, but a player registered on the official registration form, shall not be allowed to transfer his services during his club's playing season without the consent of the club for which he is registered. A player being refused his transfer by his club shall be allowed to appeal without fee to the Association. No person, association, league or club shall limit unreasonably the right of an amateur player to transfer to the team of his choice.
- b) No transfers will be issued by the Association prior to July 1st and after August 15th, but special rules governing the C.S.A. Cup Competition may be made from time to time by that body.
- c) No transfers of players will be considered while they are under suspension.
- d) A player wishing to transfer to another club must make a written request for same to his club and such transfers cannot be withheld for more than twenty one (21) days from request, except in cases of insubordination or indebtedness to the club holding his registration. Reason for refusing the player's request must be forwarded immediately to the Association office by his club.
- e) Clubs desiring the transfer of a player presently in another club may not approach such player without seven (7) days notice in writing to the club where player is registered, such notice to be signed by Secretary of the club requesting transfer.
- f) Any club attempting to approach or entice players of another club to leave said club without carrying out the provisions of clause(e) above, shall be dealt with by the Executive committee, and the offending club shall be fined a minimum of \$100.00 (one hundred) dollars for the first offence. The offending individual shall be reprimanded and/or fined and/or suspended.

g) Players shall be entitled to the benefit of the Transfer Law as laid down in the Canadian Soccer Association constitution as follows: A player shall be allowed three (3) transfers only during the current season under the jurisdiction of the Canadian Soccer Association. A player who has been granted in Inter-Provincial transfer and returns to his original jurisdiction will be allowed to transfer his services to the club for which he was last previously registered, but may not play for that club until after a period of thirty (30) days has elapsed.

h) An amateur player registered with the club which has declared him surplus to their requirements (18 player quota) shall be released from that club by filing a release form supplied by the Association and such form shall be acceptable as a transfer and subject to all transfer "Fee" regulations.

i) The fee for each transfer shall be the fee determined by the Executive Committee annually and is due and payable before the transfer can be completed.

j) Where a club operates one or more teams under its own jurisdiction, it shall be permitted to register eighteen (18) players per team. Said players will be allowed on intra-club transfer at no cost, but the 18 players quota on each team must not be exceeded. Such transfers must receive the approval of the Association, which shall have full control and jurisdiction over same. All intra-club transfers shall be governed by this Constitution and the appropriate Canadian Soccer Association rules and regulations.

Organizations (clubs) which operate two or more teams in different divisions of a league, or in different leagues may use players from their lower division teams in their higher division or other league teams for up to ten (10) occasions in Manitoba Soccer Association Provincial Cup (play without filing a transfer, but no more than three (3) lower division players shall play in anyone higher division or league teams cup game.

Clubs fielding "two or more senior teams shall submit to the Association on an annual basis a list of such teams designated first, second, third, etc.

6. Substitution of Players

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In all senior games played under the jurisdiction of this Association substitution of players shall be governed as follows, unless otherwise stated.

1. A maximum of five substitutions will be allowed at any time during a single game.
2. Substitution shall only be made when the ball has ceased to be in play and with the permission of the referee.
3. Substitutes must report to the referee giving their full name in writing on the prescribed form before being allowed to participate in the game.
4. No substitution is allowed for a player ordered from the field of play for misconduct.

7. Registration of Players

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- a) All amateur senior players playing for any affiliated association, league or club, shall be registered annually with the Association. All senior players shall complete and sign the proper registration form supplied by the Manitoba Soccer Association.
- b) A player's registration shall date from the day on which his registration form is received and certified by the Registrar of the affiliated association, or as herein set out in 7C.
- c) Where this Association allows any person other than the Registrar of the Association to receive any registrations or transfers, the date such registrations or transfers are handed in or mailed to The authorized party aforementioned shall be recognized as the date covering such registrations or transfers. In such cases, the registration of transfer shall be forwarded to the Registrar of the Association not later than seven (7) clear days after receipt of same, failing which, the association or league shall be assessed a fine of one (\$1.00) per form per day.
- d) A registered amateur player whose league has completed its playing season, and who wishes to play for the same club or another club in any league or competition must be registered again and shall complete and sign a new registration form.
- e) The Association shall provide each member association, league or club with sufficient registration forms, being at a cost to be determined annually by the Association's Executive Committee. Each team shall be issued twenty (20) forms, **with the exception of the Winnipeg League, Manitoba Senior Soccer League, Co-ed and Masters Division who shall be issued twenty five (25) forms**, initially upon being accepted as a member of this Association, and no team shall register more than twenty (20) players prior to June 1st, **with the exception of the Winnipeg League, Manitoba Senior Soccer League, Co-ed and Masters Division who shall register up to twenty five (25) players**, but may obtain additional forms after that date. Teams exercising this privilege may not exceed their quota registered players and must release players surplus to their requirements to an "open to transfer" pool controlled by the Association which will advise all affiliated associations, leagues and clubs of players open to transfer as deemed necessary. The Association shall arrange all transfers from the pool and distribute the fee on the same basis as that covering regular transfers under its jurisdiction. An affiliated league may, however, make rules to limit the availability of players from the open to transfer pool of players on any date after August 31st. (2009)
- f) Players must be registered or transferred seven (7) clear days before participating in any Cup Competition. Example: A player registered on the first day of any month will be eligible to play on the eighth day of the same month.

No professional or non-amateur player shall be allowed to play in the C.S.A. Challenge Cup or the Association Cup Competition. Only registered players may participate in the above Cup Competitions and no player shall play for more than one club or team in the aforesaid Cup Competition.

A player once having played for one club or team in the Cup Competition shall be considered "cup tied" to that team. A player shall be considered to have played and be "cup tied" if the player's name appears on the game sheet, the player is dressed and available as a substitute, or participates in the

game. Should any dispute with respect to the above arise the onus shall be on the player to show that his or her name appears on the game sheet in error.

h) A player may participate in League Competition after being registered or transferred on calendar day.

i) No player shall be allowed to sign a senior registration form until the year in which he will attain his 18th birthday. Discretionary Exception shall be allowed in special cases where:

A youth player identified as a future Canadian National team hopeful, who is involved with the National Training Centre program or National Youth teams program, may be granted permission to register with a senior team. The process must be initiated by the player and his/her parents or legal guardians and submitted, in writing, to the MSA Technical Director (TD) or in his/her absence the Head Coach/Technical Director of the Manitoba Regional Training Center (MRTC). The MSA TD/MRTC TD, upon completing a technical assessment, may recommend that the youth player play senior. Such recommendation must be approved by the Director of National Training Center Prairies and the youth player's parents. Upon release from the National programs the youth player shall only continue to play senior for the remainder of that season and must return to youth status for the following season. (2009)

Subject to approval of the Board of Directors of the Manitoba Soccer Association, a youth-aged player may sign a senior player registration form if the subject player resides in a region of the Province that does not have adequate opportunities for youth-aged competition. (2007)

j) A registered youth player shall be allowed to play an unlimited number of trial games with senior amateur clubs without affecting his youth status.

k) In outdoor competitions, no player shall be permitted to register for more than one team at any one time or play in more than one provincial championship, tournament competition, league or age group competition under the jurisdiction of this association without first receiving written permission from this Association; except players may register if required, and play for both an affiliated Club and a School affiliated with the Manitoba High Schools Athletic Association or the University of Manitoba. (2006) "In addition, Senior Male and Female players may register for a Senior Male or Female team and a Senior Co-Ed or Masters/Classics team registered with the Association. This dual registration is permitted for Senior players that meet the league requirements, including age eligibility, playing on a second team that is specifically designated a Co-Ed team in a Co-Ed division or a Masters/Classics team in a Masters/Classics division, or players who choose the two teams to be a Co-ed team and Masters/Classics team." (2009)

8. Registration of Coaches

Every team shall register at least one coach not less than seven (7) clear days prior to the date of its first league game. In the event of a team changing coaches during the season, the new coach shall be registered at least four hours prior to his team's next league or cup game. Should a coach change during the season, he shall complete a new registration form and pay the usual registration fee.

a) The penalty for non-compliance with this rule shall be a fine of fifty (\$50.00) dollars.

b) In the case of a "player coach" he shall register as both a player and as a coach, on the appropriate forms, and shall pay the prescribed fee in each instance.

c) Coaches must register on forms approved by the Association and supplied by the Secretary of the

Manitoba Soccer Coaches Association. The Manitoba Soccer Coaches Association shall be responsible for registering coaches and maintaining a Coaches' Registry for the Association.

d) The Association's Executive Committee shall set the amount of the coaches' registration fee at least forty-five (45) days before the scheduled start of the playing season.

e) All teams in the Premier Division of the Manitoba Central Soccer League shall register a coach with level 3 or its equivalent, teams in division 1 and 11 level 2 or its equivalent and teams in the other divisions shall register a coach who holds at least a level 1 technical C.S.A. coaching certificate. All teams in the Molson Super Soccer Alliance League shall register a coach with level 3 or its equivalent. All coaches of juvenile (under 18) must hold a level 1 coaching certificate or its equivalent.

f) The Association Executive Committee may recognize the qualification of a coach received in a country other than Canada, as an interim measure, until ratification is obtained.

g) Teams which fail to comply with this Rule shall be considered as not having a registered coach and shall be dealt with accordingly.

9. Control of Referees

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a) No person shall officiate as a referee in any competition under the sanction or jurisdiction of this Association, excepting mini-soccer, unless he is on the Official List of Referees. However, if in unforeseen circumstances a referee fails to appear for a game or is unable to act, District Associations, Leagues, Clubs or Teams shall have the right to agree on some other person to officiate. The decisions of a person assuming the duties of a referee in such an emergency situation shall have the same force and effect as a person on the official list of referees, and he shall file an official referee's report upon completion of the game.

b) All referees under the jurisdiction of the Manitoba Soccer Association shall be registered with the Association and the Canadian Soccer Association. They shall pay all registration fees and meet all the required fitness standards as determined by the C.S.A. and the Association.

All officials shall be assigned to those leagues and associations that are registered as full members of the Manitoba Soccer Association by the Central Assignor in accordance with the criteria for assignment in section (n).

c) District Associations and Leagues operating under the jurisdiction of the Association shall appoint referees to their own games from the Association's Official List of Referees. Referees shall not be appointed to games, which their classification does not permit.

d) Referees may register to officiate either in all age divisions or in youth age divisions only. Each application shall be accompanied by the fee as set by the Association. A referee may only officiate in games which his classification permits.

e) A registered player who is on the Official List of referees may register to officiate in youth age, or open age games. A referee shall not take part as an official in any League or Competition in which

his team is
entered.

f) All referees who are Nominated Class 1 or higher must complete an annual medical examination and complete the full FIFA Fitness Test.

Fitness Test for Referees:

1. 50 metre sprint within a maximum of 7.5 seconds (1st time)
2. 200 metre run within a maximum of 32 seconds (1st time)
3. 50 metre sprint within a maximum of 7.5 seconds (2nd time)
4. 200 metre run within a maximum of 32 seconds (2nd time)
5. 12 minute run during which a distance of at least 2,700 meters must be covered (walking not permitted)

All Class 2, Class 3, and Honourary referees must complete the Cooper fitness test (12 minute run) according to their age. A medical examination is recommended, those who do not obtain one must complete a medical waiver release form.

Cooper Fitness Test:

Ages Distance to Run Up to age 45 2700 metres 46 - 49 years 2250 metres
50 years and over 2000 metres

There shall be no maximum age restriction on provincial referees. Referees that pass the full FIFA fitness test will be eligible for appointment to any provincial game in relation to their classification [see section 9 (n)].

- g) Referee fees shall be mutually agreed upon by January 31st of the current year.
- h) Referees shall not have power to delay the start of the game for more than 15 minutes from the time stipulated by the authority having jurisdiction. Referees and clubs must advise the Association of violation of this rule. The senior official shall accept the duty of the referee of said game if the referee is not available.
- i) Referee Associations may be allowed to affiliate with any Association in membership or local body.
- j) 1. Failure of a referee to report a game without giving adequate notice of his inability to do so shall render the referee liable to a fine equal to the amount of the fee he would have received. The fine shall be paid to the organization on whose behalf the appointment was made.

2. Any other misconduct by a referee must be reported in writing to this Association
- k) 1. Appointments made by the Manitoba Soccer Association shall take precedent over all others, save those made directly by the Canadian Soccer Association.

2. A referee shall only officiate at games involving: (a) registered teams playing in approved competitions, and (b) school, college and university teams approved by the Manitoba Soccer Association.

3. Subject to (n), a referee shall have the right to choose the competitions for which he is willing to officiate.

4. A referee shall be deemed to have accepted an appointment if, within forty-eight (48) hours after it's receipt, he does not return it to the appointer.

5. A referee who receives more than one appointment for the same day shall honour the first one received unless he is able to make alternative arrangements with the appointer.

6. A Referee shall, within forty-eight (48) hours of the conclusion of the game or such other time as may be stipulated in the rules of the competition, mail a written report, on a form supplied by the Association, to the appointing body. In the event of a serious incident, such report shall be submitted to this Association, and a copy of the report shall be submitted to the appointing body.

l) Subject to the approval of the grounds man at all private and public facilities and consistent with current group rental agreements, the referee shall decide on the fitness of the ground for play, and his decision shall be final. If after inspection the ground is declared unfit, he must advise the Association or League concerned of the decision, allowing adequate time for them to contact the participants including the media and general public thereby obviating inconvenience to all concerned. Each official will be allowed three (\$3.00) dollars expense money, which will be the responsibility of clubs concerned.

m) All official referees shall be members of the Manitoba Soccer Referees Association, or other Referee Associations approved by the Manitoba Soccer Association.

n) Referees shall be classified as follows:

Honourary Class - Retired FIFA, National, and Class One referees who do not complete the full FIFA Fitness Test but who do complete the required Cooper Test for their age will be appointed as per a Class 2 official. They may be appointed to any provincial game as an Assistant Referee.

Class 1 Eligible for appointment to any game under the jurisdiction of the Manitoba Soccer Association.

Class 2 (Nominated for Class 1) - Eligible for appointment as a referee in any provincial amateur game (except the highest senior leagues i.e. MSSA or MCSL Premier Division). Appointment to these two senior leagues will be made by the MSA Director of Referee Development with the cooperation of the MSA Central Assigner. May be assigned to any provincial game as an Assistant Referee.

Class 2 - Eligible for appointment as a referee to all provincial games (except the highest senior leagues i.e. MSSA or MCSL Premier Division) and as an Assistant Referee to any provincial game. This class includes those officials whom, because they wish to continue playing and/or do not wish to continue to advance beyond Class 2 or who are not yet "nominated" for class 1.

Class 3 (Nominated for Class 2) - Eligible for appointment as a referee to all provincial amateur games (except the highest senior leagues i.e. MSSAA or MCSL Premier Division & Division 1 and

WWSL First Division). Appointments to the MCSL Division 1 and the WWSL First Division will be made by the MSA Director of Referee Development with cooperation of the MSA Central Assigner. May be appointed to any provincial game as an Assistant Referee.

Class 3 - Eligible for appointment as a referee to any provincial game (except MSSA, MCSL Premier & Division 1 and WWSL First Division) and as a Assistant Referee to any provincial game (except MSSA or MCSL Premier until such time that they have been assessed to be of the required standard to line in those divisions).

Youth Recreation - Shall be a YA classification to be eligible to be assigned by the District Association to any game under 12 years of age, or by YB classification be eligible to be appointed by the District Association to referee any district game under 17 years of age providing they meet the age-eligibility requirement of being two years older than the players they are officiating.

Youth competitive - Those district youth officials who attend the "Assistant Referee Course" and apply to be played on the MSA Development List will be classed as YC. They will be assigned as Assistant Referees and may be assigned to under 13 and 14 WYSA Premier games by the MSA Director of Referee Development with the co-operation of the Central Assigner.

Assistant Referees (MSA Development List) - YC officials on the development list can be assigned to all leagues and divisions, with the exception of MMSL Premier, until such time that they have been assessed to be of the required standard to officiate as a Assistant Referee in those divisions. Assistant Referees on this list will be assessed to be classified as either "A" (the highest) or "B". "An" Assistant Referees may be appointed to any Provincial game.

With respect to assignment for MSA provincial Cup games, Inter-Provincial games and exhibition games involving non-amateur or all-star players the following regulations in regards to assignments will be in effect.

Assignments to the MSA Provincial Cup will be based on the following criteria and will be made by the Central Assigner with consultation of the Director of Referee Development. When possible all MSA provincial Cup games will be assessed.

Up to (but not including) the Quarter-Finals (all ages) Only **Nominated Class 2** and higher referees may be assigned. Only Assistant Referees with more than one season's experience may be assigned.

Quarter-Finals and Semi-finals (all ages) - Only referees who are Nominated Class 1 or higher may be assigned as a referee to these games. Assistant Referees must be Nominated Class 2 or higher, or classified as Assistant Referees "A".

Men's and Women's Final - Only the highest classified referees will be assigned. Assistant Referees shall be Nominated Class 1 or higher, or classified as Assistant Referees "A".

Youth Finals - Only Class 1 and higher referees will be assigned to these games as the referee. Assistant Referees shall be Nominated Class 1 or higher, or Assistant Referees "A".

- o) Referees may only be paid game fees and expenses at rates set in advance by the Association or League under whose jurisdiction the games are played. It is an offence for an official to ask for, or receive, more than the set rates.
- p) A referee who is a member of the governing body of a District Association, District League or Inter-District League shall not sit on the Discipline Committee of that body.
- q) All referees shall apply the Laws of the Game as approved by the Association and the Canadian Soccer Association.

10. Publication of Decisions and Reports

All decisions and reports of the Association or any business transacted at any of its meetings may be publicized in such manner and through whatever media the Association decides whether or not such publication reflects on the character or conduct of any club or official, player or spectator concerned, or referred to therein. In being admitted to membership the member has given his assent to such publication and in case of any dispute may take legal action only with the consent of the Association.

11. Exhibition Games and Tournament

- a) Any affiliated Association, League or Club desirous of playing exhibition games, etc., against teams associated with another Provincial Association, must first obtain permission from this Association, and they must submit with their request, correspondence relating to terms, contracts, guarantees and general conditions under which such game will be played. No suspended player may play in such exhibition games or tournaments.
- b) Affiliated Associations, Leagues or Clubs wishing to participate in exhibition games outside of Canada must obtain permission in writing from this Association and from the Canadian Soccer Association.

12. General

- a) The Association shall have the power to call on any affiliated club or player to take part in any exhibition or representative game sponsored by or in order to raise funds for the Association.
- b) Where the Association is under contract to 'use a specific ground, affiliated clubs must use the same to the extent it is available and must obtain the Association's permission before transferring their games elsewhere. All Association Senior Cup finals and semi-finals must be played on enclosed grounds, the venue of which will be decided by the Association.
- c) Proceeds from all Association Senior Challenge Cup Competition games shall be retained by the Association.
- d) The Association will appoint cashiers or gate persons for all Soccer Manitoba cup competition games where a ground entrance fee is charged.
- e) All Association members, Club officials, players or others granted free passes to grounds will be

required to show same to gatemen at pass gate before gaining admittance to the grounds. Any person deliberately transferring his pass to an unauthorized person will forfeit his pass privileges and will be dealt with by the Association as it sees fit.

f) Only team members, their club officials, game officials, Association members on business, the news media and, if necessary, first aid men, will be allowed access to the dressing rooms. All other persons will be denied admission unless they give good and valid reason.

g) All players and officials participating in the game must be properly dressed.

h) The home club must provide the match ball but both clubs must have reserve balls in good playing condition. In cases where colours are similar, the home club will be required to change and goalkeepers must wear a distinguishing colour at all times.

i) Team captains must hand each other and the referee duplicate lists of all registered players, from which the team and substitutes shall be selected, prior to the commencement of the game, however, a player registered with a team and in good standing is eligible to play for that team in all competitions under the jurisdiction of the Canadian Soccer Association whether or not his name appears on the official team list provided for that purpose. (C.S.A. directive distributed May 5, 1976).

j) In addition to the completion of youth to senior permits use of youth players by senior teams in league, tournament or cup games must be noted on the game sheet by indicating "youth" and by having the youth player sign the game sheet beside his or her name. Senior teams may not use more than three (3) youth players in any senior game. A youth player shall be considered to have been used and to have played in a game if the player's name appears on the game sheet, the player is dressed and the player is available as substitute.

i.e. A senior team shall only be permitted to list, and have available to play (3) three youth players in any game.

No youth player may play for more than one team in anyone senior tournament or cup competition. Youth players playing in a senior cup game shall be considered "cup tied" as defined in rule 7g.

k) No person shall enter the field of play unless summoned by the referee.

l) It is the duty of all to refrain from conduct likely to bring the game into disrepute and the Association will take the strongest action possible in eliminating such conduct.

m) An amateur player may be insured against accident by his club. The insurance shall be effected in such a manner that the Association cannot be held liable for any accident before, during or after the game.

n) Betting on any match by the officials and players and the use of profane and objectionable language is strictly prohibited.

13.
Competitions

The Association may at its discretion operate a league or leagues under its own jurisdiction and may set up special rules to govern same which are not specifically covered by this Association's the C.S.A. Constitutions.

Senior

1. The Association shall conduct the Soccer Manitoba Senior Challenge Cup Competition in conjunction with the Canadian Soccer Association qualifying series. The winner of the Soccer Manitoba Cup Competition shall represent the Province in the Canadian Soccer Association Competition (Inter-provincial Series) subject to the rules laid down by the Canadian Soccer Association.

Entry fee for the Senior Challenge Cup Competition will be the fee determined by the Canadian Soccer Association

The Manitoba Soccer Association shall retain 100% of gate receipts. Prize money for the Challenge cup competition will be determined by the Association Executive Committee on an annual basis.

1 All games in the Challenge Cup Competition up to and including the final shall be played to a decision, with the final being a best of three game series. If teams are tied at the end of regulation time in each game, two fifteen minute overtime periods will be played. Should the teams still be deadlocked after overtime periods, the winner shall be determined by kicks from the penalty spot, as defined in the F.I.F.A. Universal Guide for Referees.

2 In the event the Association conducts a League Competition, the method of determining the League Champions shall be decided prior to commencement of the league schedule.

3 Affiliated Associations, Leagues, Clubs or combinations may not conduct cup or other competitions without first receiving permission from the Association.

4 Clubs winning any of the Association trophies shall be entitled to possession thereof until April 30th of the following year at which time they must be returned to the Association's office in as good a condition as when received. Failure to return any trophy within the stipulated time shall result in the club being assessed a \$25.00 fine.

5 The General Rules and Regulations for Management and Control may be amended at any time upon new notice by the simple majority at a duly constituted meeting of the Association or of the Executive Committee.

General Rules and Management Control

Youth

Definitions of Age Groups Age Group Divisions shall comprise of players who have not yet attained before the 1st day of January of the current year:

1. Registration of Players

Youth

- a) All youth players shall be registered annually with the Association on the appropriate forms approved by the Manitoba Soccer Association and in accordance with player registration rules and regulations of regular member youth associations/leagues in good standing with the Manitoba Soccer Association. (2004)
- b) A youth player shall be deemed registered when his/her name appears on a team registration form and is received and certified by the Registrar of the affiliated Association. Juvenile players must also register on individual forms provided by the District Registrar.
- c) Proof of age, in the form of a birth certificate or other acceptable evidence, must be submitted unless the player has been previously registered with this Association and shown proof of age. The Registrar is permitted to exercise discretionary powers in the matter of verifying a player's age, but in the event of a protest the burden of proof of age shall rest with the player.
- d) Players conforming with (a) and (b) must be registered 48 hours before league games and seven (7) days before cup games to eligible to play for any team.
- e) No players may be registered for more than one team at anyone time.
- f) All teams shall be registered by June 30th of the current season.
- g) All such registrations shall be in the office of the Association together with proper fees by July 15th of the current year.
- h) In outdoor competitions, no player shall be permitted to register for more than one team at any one time or play in more than one provincial championship, tournament competition, league or age group competition under the jurisdiction of this association without first receiving written permission from this Association; except players may register if required, and play for both an affiliated Club and a School affiliated with the Manitoba High Schools Athletic Association or the University of Manitoba. (2006)
- i) All youth players shall register and play with a Regular Member organization and/or league of the MSA that operates solely and exclusively within the defined boundaries of the Youth Player Registration Region of his or her residence ("Home Region"); subject to exceptions permitted in accordance with rule l).
- j) Relative to rule i), there shall be seven (7) Youth Player Registration Regions with specific boundaries as defined by Sport Manitoba (refer to attached map):
 1. Central
 2. Eastman
 3. Interlake

4. Norman
5. Parkland
6. Westman
7. Winnipeg

k) Relative to rule i), a youth player's residence shall be determined by the residency of the parent. The parent of a youth player is:

- 1 Either of his or her parents where both parents have a common residence or if there is only one (1) surviving parent, such surviving parent, and;
- 2 In the event that his or her parents are living apart, the parent who has custody of the player, or if both parents have custody, the parent with whom the player habitually resides or if the player does not habitually reside with either parent, then the habitual place of residence shall be determined by the MSA;
- 3 In the event that both of his or her parents are deceased, the person who is in loco parentis to the player. Loco parentis means, one (1) who has taken a position in reference to a child of that of a lawful father, assuming the office of a father and the obligation of supporting the child, assuming a parental character and discharging parental duties, although not the parent.

l) A youth player may request permission from the MSA to register and play with a Regular Member organization and/or league that operates in a Youth Player Registration Region that is not the player's "Home Region". All requests in this regard shall be submitted on a prescribed form of the Association in accordance with annual deadlines approved by the Board of Directors for both outdoor and indoor playing seasons. Permission to register and play with a Regular Member organization and/or league that operates in another Youth Player Registration Region shall only be valid for the upcoming outdoor or indoor playing season.

m) For the purposes of player registration, the Association shall have two defined playing seasons: outdoor and indoor.

n) The outdoor season shall commence annually on the 15th day of April and end on the 14th day of October and the indoor season shall commence annually on the 15th day of October and end on the 14th day of April; recognizing that there may be minor variations on season startup and end dates for Members of the Association.

- Transfers and Releases

Youth

a) All releases between affiliated Youth Associations may be granted at any time by the Executive Committee upon evidence that the 2nd player has moved from the affiliated association with which he/she was initially registered.

b) No releases between affiliated Youth Associations, and no Inter-Provincial transfers will be permitted after July 31st of the current year. c) If a player is released by any club the registrar of the affiliated district shall be so informed in

writing by the releasing club.

d) That player shall automatically be permitted to register for the nearest club in his District that requires his/her services, provided he/she does not replace any other player(s) in said club.

e) A registered player wishing to transfer from club to club or district to district shall make application to his club or district on a form provided by the affiliated league or association. A registered player shall not be allowed to transfer his services during the year of such registration without the consent of the club/district for which he/she is registered.

Playing in a Higher Age Group Youth A) 1. Clubs operating more than one team are permitted to use players in an age group higher than

that in which the player is registered. (See also Rule 7F for restrictions in "Cup" play).

2. The permission of a coach of the lower age group team must be obtained. B) 1.

A player is allowed five games in a higher age group without re-registering.

1 Before playing a sixth game a player must re-register in the higher age group and forfeit his original status for the balance of the year.

2 Any such re-registration must conform with the rules laid down under registration governed by the M.S.A. and C.S.A. constitutions.

C) 1. Youth to senior trial permits may be obtained by senior clubs from the Provincial Association. The fee for such permits to be established annually by the Manitoba Soccer Association (See Senior Rule 12 J).

2. Youth trial permits shall be completed by senior clubs for all league, cup and tournament games.

A letter of agreement of affiliation between a youth club and a senior club must be on file with the Provincial Registrar.

4.

Substitution

A. There may be unlimited substitutions in all league games up to and including juvenile competition but no more than three (3) substitutions may be made at anyone time.

B. Substitutions may only be made with the consent of the referee during a stoppage in play, and

except for injuries or at kick-off.

C. No substitute is allowed to replace a player who has been ordered from the field of play for misconduct.

5. Match Schedules and Regulations

A. All games shall be played in conformance with the M.S.A. (Youth) Code of Conduct.

B. Each District Association shall be responsible for scheduling games in leagues organized under its immediate jurisdiction and shall ensure that games arranged by the M.S.A. shall have preference.

C. All games shall be played as scheduled. Unless the owner of the field has declared a field to be unplayable the referee shall be the only authority to determine if a game shall be postponed due to weather and/or field conditions. In this event the convenor shall arrange a new date.

D. A team defaulting a game shall lose the game and points, and shall be assessed referee's fees for that game provided the official referee is present at the field. A defaulted game shall be defined by the Executive Committee after details have been presented to the Association.

E. Should a team withdraw from the league, thereby failing to complete its schedule, its entire record shall be declared null and void.

6. General Rules

A. The rules of the game shall be as laid down by the Canadian Soccer Association (C.S.A. Inc. 1923) current edition.

B. The Association responsible for administration of the competition shall supply game sheets for the competition. The coach or manager of each team will list the names of the players on the game sheet, and submit the game sheet to the referee prior to commencement of the second half of the game. Players will not be added to a team nor sign the game sheet following commencement of the second half of the game. Following the conclusion of the game, the referee will place the score upon and sign the game sheet, and add any comments he/she may wish concerning the game. The referee shall mail the game sheet to the convenor in charge within 24 hours, unless the rules of the Association responsible for administration of the competition specify otherwise, in which case the rules of the responsible Association shall apply.

C. No game shall be considered an official game unless at least eight (8) players of each team take part at the commencement of the game. No league game shall be considered an official game unless at least two-thirds of the scheduled time has been played. Each half to be of equal duration of possible. In league play-off and in cup competition a game must be played in its entirety or be replayed in its entirety at a later date.

D. Any team playing an ineligible player shall forfeit the game and the points shall be awarded to

the opposing team. Such games shall not be replayed.

E. Any team official using ineligible players shall be dealt with by the Discipline Committee of the Association responsible for the competition.

F. The home team shall provide a match ball, but both teams must have available reserve balls in good condition. The referee has the final decision on the suitability of any ball.

G. In case where colours of uniforms are similar, the HOME TEAM shall change.

7. Provincial Challenge

Cup Youth

A. The Challenge Cup Champion shall have the right to represent Manitoba in Inter-Provincial competition.

B. Rules and Regulations and format of the Challenge Cup shall be determined by the Manitoba Soccer Association and distributed with entry applications to the participants.

C. Duration of play and size of game

ball As per C.S.A. Competition Rules

U1	2 periods of	Overtime 2 periods of 15
8	45 minutes	mins. Ball 5
U1	2 periods of	Overtime 2 periods of 15
6	45 minutes	mins. Ball 5

D. In play-off and other competitions organized by the M.S.A. Youth Committee all games shall be played in conformance with the M.S.A. Youth Code of Conduct.

E. Eighteen players may be dressed for any Challenge Cup Game. The number of substitutions shall be determined by the Association and be communicated to the participants in the competition rules and entry form.

1. Game sheets and substitute slips will be supplied by the Association.
2. No player shall be permitted to advance to a higher age group for a Youth Championship Playoff of Cup Play-off.

- brought up from younger team or brought up from lower division team in same age group.
- club to district.

8. Provincial Competition

The Association may operate competitions at all age groups. Should the Association conduct a Provincial or other competition in addition to the Challenge Cup the playing rules and regulations shall be determined by the Executive Committee of the M.S.A. prior to the commencement of the competition.

The trophies, including cups, awarded by the M.S.A. are to remain the property of the M.S.A. Each trophy shall be engraved with the name of winning club and of its District Association. Teams winning trophies or cups shall be entitled to retain these until the Semi-Annual Meeting. Clubs failing to meet said deadline will be fined \$10.00 and will not be in good standing until fine is paid and trophy returned in good condition.

Clubs not returning trophies will not be awarded any trophies or pennants won by the club in future until trophies are returned.

GUIDELINES FOR DISCIPLINARY MEETINGS Part A - Recommended Player Suspensions to be applied by Convenors.

1. Any player expelled from the game by the referee for ungentlemanly conduct shall automatically be suspended from participating in the following league or cup game of his team, by the team convenor.
2. Any player expelled from the game by the referee for arguing with the game officials (referee or Assistant Referees) may be suspended from participating in the following two league or cup games of his team by the league convenor.
3. Any player expelled from the game by a referee for deliberately striking or kicking another player or for threatening to strike or kick another player may be suspended from participation in the following three league or cup games of his team by the league convenor.
4. There is no appeal against the automatic suspensions of players by convenors as specified in the rules of part 1 of the Disciplinary Code.
5. In the case of juvenile games any infractions other than those covered under (1) shall be forwarded to the authority having jurisdiction of said game for further consideration.

Part B - Cases to be heard and determined by the Discipline Committee

1. Any player found guilty by the Discipline Committee having jurisdiction, of showing disrespect for game officials before, during or after a game may be suspended from participation in the league or cup game of his team following the decision of Committee, provided this suspension does not

supersede and is not additional to the penalty imposed in Part A

(2).

2. Any player found guilty by the Discipline Committee having jurisdiction of harassment of game officials before, during or after a game may be suspended from participation in two or more league or cup games of his team, following the decision of Committee.

3. Any player, team official found guilty by the Discipline Committee having jurisdiction, of spitting, or of throwing sand, soil, or other materials or objects at players, officials, or spectators before, during, or after a game shall be suspended from participation in three or more league or cup games of his team, following the decision of Committee.

4. Any player, team official, or game official found guilty by the Discipline committee having jurisdiction, of refusing to supply available information to the Committee concerning a charge of misconduct, may be suspended from participating in four or more league or cup games of his team, following the decision of Committee.

5. Any player, team official, or game official found guilty by the Discipline Committee having jurisdiction, of falsification of identities or signatures or of complicity in same shall be suspended from participation in four or more league or cup games of his team, following the decision of Committee.

6. Any player, or team official who allegedly assaults, or threatens to assault a game official before, during or after a game must be dealt with by the Provincial Association. All convenors, cup coordinators and disciplinarians of leagues or associations must report such incidents to the Provincial Association.

7. Any player, team official, or game official, who has been summoned to appear before the Discipline Committee having jurisdiction in connection with a case of alleged misconduct being heard by the Committee shall do so within eight (8) days notice or be suspended thereafter from any form of participation in the activities of the Association until he appears before the Committee and subject to further consideration of Committee. Refer also to rule 1 A.