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### Section 100 – Player/Coach/Team/Referees

#### 101 Score Reporting

1. Scores shall be reported by means of the SCSL web site score tracker database. In order to report scores online you will need to register for access to Score Tracker. To register go to the SCSL web site at <http://www.scsl.org>. After you enter the site you can click on the “Coaches Corner” menu choice to access the coaches main menu. Follow the instruction for registration and your club director will be notified that you have filled out the registration form. Once your club director has activated your registration, you will be able to enter scores for your team by means of the main menu in the Coaches Corner.
2. There is a coach’s web site manual available from the first menu. Please refer to this manual before reporting any problems.
3. The team coach or appointee shall report all game results by the deadline as established by the SCSL BOD and published in the coach’s handbook.

#### 102 – Fines and Penalties

1. A \$500 fine per incident shall be levied against an SCSL organization who drops or changes a team after the initial schedule is published.
2. A \$25 fine per incident shall be levied against an SCSL organization whose team(s) do not report the result of their first five (5) games by the deadline.
3. A \$50 fine per incident shall be levied against an SCSL organization whose team(s) do not report the result of their last three (3) games by the deadline.
4. A \$50 fine per incident shall be levied against an SCSL organization whose team(s) forfeits any of their first five (5) scheduled games.
5. A \$150 fine per incident shall be levied against an SCSL organization whose team(s) forfeits any of their last three (3) scheduled games.
6. A \$150 fine per incident shall be levied against an SCSL organization whose team(s) forfeits any game involving the islands of Martha’s Vineyard or Nantucket. This includes teams from Martha’s Vineyard and Nantucket.

#### 103 - Multiple Rostering

Multiple rostering permits a player to play for more than one team. It is frequently used by higher-level

players and most often by players involved in National Challenge Cups play. US Youth Soccer has established rules for multiple rostering that we adhere to in Massachusetts.

A player may be rostered to more than one team during a playing season with the following restrictions.

1. The player must be under the age of 14.
2. A player may be rostered on one team competing in a MYSA recognized town league and one team competing in a MYSA recognized premier league.
3. A player cannot play for more than one team in any MYSA recognized town league.
4. A player cannot play for more than one team in any MYSA recognized premier league.
5. A player can play for only one team in any competition sponsored by the US Youth Soccer.(i.e. Regional Cups, McGuire Cup, etc.)
6. A player may be placed on a state roster called a "TOURNAMENT TEAM ONLY ROSTER" without the need for multiple rostering. A “TOURNAMENT TEAM” exists only for the duration of a tournament and is NOT the player’s primary team.

#### 104 Roster/Pass Card Submissions

1. Clubs are responsible for the submission of team rosters and player/coach pass cards by the date established by the SCSL Board of Directors.
2. All clubs must submit a copy of the electronic registration diskette sent to MYSA.
3. Rosters and/or pass cards that are not received by the league Registrar by the date established will not be processed until after the start of the regular season, resulting in a forfeit and fine for the first game.
4. A copy of each player’s birth certificate must accompany all Rosters and pass cards every year.
5. Each pass card must have an up to date picture of the player properly glued to the pass card in the space provided. Staples or other mechanical attachments are not allowed.
6. Team roster and pass card packages submitted with omissions of problems will be returned to the submitter as a complete package for repair.

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### 105 Transfers

A team is permitted a maximum of three (3) transfers during a seasonal playing year. These transfers are based upon maximum roster size as given above. Players may be added at any time to bring the roster to the allowed maximum. Official roster forms must be in the hands of the League Registrar before any player can participate for their team. The SCSL will abide with MYSA rules governing eligibility.

### 106 Team members

Any player properly assigned shall not play for any other team than that for which he/she registered, except as per USYSA Rule 2104

### 107 Team Responsibilities

Each team, upon being accepted as a member of the SCSL, shall be furnished with a copy of the Constitution and by Laws, Rules of Play and the Policies Book of the League and this shall be deemed sufficient notice of their responsibilities.

### 108 Coach's Meetings

A copy of the SCSL Rules of Play will be given to every coach with a signature sheet at the Mandatory Coaches' Meeting(s). To be properly registered, each coach must complete and return this signature sheet to the League Registrar during the team registration process. Submission of same indicates the coach's familiarity with the SCSL Rules of Play, the coach's responsibilities regarding sportsmanship and the behavior of their players, spectators, and themselves.

### 109 Referees Meetings

A copy of the SCSL Rules of Play will be given to every referee with a signature sheet at the Mandatory Referees' Meeting(s). It is the responsibility of the Referee Representative to distribute Rules of Play and By Laws to referees under his/her jurisdiction.

### 110 Referee Fees and Payment

A) Fees

	Referee	Referee Assistant
Under 08- 10	\$20	
Under 11, 12 8v8	\$35	
Under 11, 12 11v11	\$35	\$15
Under 13, 14	\$35	\$20

Under 15, 16	\$50	\$25
Under 18, 19	\$50	\$25

B) The home team shall pay the referee before the start of the game. If there are ass't referees, the referee shall distribute the game fee to the ass't referees before the start of the game.

### 111 Premier Team Players

Players who are properly rostered on a MaPLE division 1 or 2 team shall not be placed on any SCSL div. 2, 3 or 4 team.

### 112 Team Drops

If an SCSL member organization should drop a team after the initial spring schedule has been published, a \$500 fine shall be levied against that organization.

### 113 Casts

Any player with a cast, soft or hard, on their body is NOT permitted to participate in a South Coast Soccer League sanctioned game. No exceptions shall be allowed.

### 114 Order of Participation

Priority Guide for Multiple Rostered Players

These "priorities of play" are for players who are multiple rostered. These priorities:

1. apply to all State Team players – regardless of age - rostered on any other team.
2. apply to all multiple rostered players aged U14 and younger; but,
3. do not apply to non-State Team players age U15 and above.

These priorities provide players, coaches and parents with a set of expectations for players rostered to multiple teams. They have been developed to enable players to rise to their highest level of soccer while affording them access to all levels of play. They developed with input from representatives of all types and levels of play within the state. They have been developed to eliminate such questions as "Who do I play for?, Which practice should I attend?, or "What team should I play with on a tournament weekend?" These priorities are to be respected and adhered to by all of the various soccer interests that compete for a player's attention and time.

In general terms, a player's priorities are as follows.

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1. Major Tournaments:
  - a) Regional ODP Tournament (after Memorial Day)
  - b) State Cup
  - c) MTOC and Qualifying Games
2. On a major national holiday weekend:
3. Memorial Day – priority to Premier (MAPLE) Teams
4. Columbus Day – priority to Town Teams
5. All other tournaments – players are to alternate attendance in event of scheduled conflict
6. State Team Tryouts (except Sunday afternoons during MAPLE seasons)
7. Regularly scheduled League games
8. Make-up games
9. Practices

However, there exist variations in priority based on the playing season. So please read and understand each category and how they interrelate.

### Soccer Activity Priority List:

10. Regional ODP Tournament
11. State Cup Tournament
12. MTOC and Qualifying Games
13. State Team Tryouts in summer, fall (other than on Sunday afternoons) and winter seasons only. Try-out dates must also be established and available through the State Office at least one month in advance.
14. All Games:
  - a) State Team – Summer only
  - b) Premier (MAPLE) Teams – all year for any games scheduled from 11:00 a.m. on Sunday until dusk
  - c) MTOC Eligible Town Teams – all year for any games scheduled from Friday afternoon to Sunday at 11:00 a.m.
  - d) State Team
  - e) Non-MTOC Town, or any fall teams other than Premier or winter teams
15. Tournaments:
  - a) State Team – (summer only)
  - b) Premier (MAPLE) Teams – priority for Memorial Day Weekend only
  - c) Town Teams – priority for Columbus Day weekend only

- d) All other tournaments – players are to alternate attendance in event of conflicts.

### 16. Practices:

- a) State Team – priority during the Spring season. State Team practice dates must be established and available through the State Office by at least March 15.
- b) Premier (MAPLE) Team – Division 1 only
- c) All other teams – players are to alternate attendance in event of schedule conflict

## 115 Re-Scheduling of Games

1. After the publication of the initial schedule there shall be a reschedule period as determined by the BOD.
2. All rescheduling shall be done by means of the SCSL Web Site BOD Administration area.
3. Rescheduling of games during the reschedule period is limited to conflicts between scheduled religious or school related activities and game dates or times.
4. Documentation for the religious or school conflict shall be provided to the BOD or its appointee.
5. Each team is also allowed one (1) unrestricted reschedule during the reschedule period. **Both teams must agree to the reschedule.**
6. Reschedule requests for the U 08 through U 14 age groups can be entered via the SCSL web site until the date of the February planning meeting.
7. All reschedules for the U 08 through U 14 age groups must be completed by March 1<sup>st</sup>.
8. For the U 08 through U 14 age groups, after the schedule is finalized, re-scheduling of games is not allowed except for weather and/or field conditions.
9. Reschedule requests for extra games must be entered before March 1<sup>st</sup>.
10. Extra game reschedules must be completed by March 15<sup>th</sup>.
11. For the U 15 through U 19 age groups, the reschedule period is extended to April 30. All reschedules must be completed by that date. All reschedule rules must be followed.

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### 116. Make-Up Games

If a game is to be rescheduled due to field or weather conditions:

1. All rescheduling shall be done by means of the SCSL Web Site BOD Administration area.
2. The home team coach and Club Director must confer to determine field availability. The home team coach shall then supply the opposing coach with a list of three (3) alternative dates and times by 9:00 P.M. on the third day after the regularly scheduled date of the game. If there should be difficulty contacting the away coach, the Club Director for the away team shall be notified of the three dates and times. That club director shall then have the responsibility to notify the away coach of the available dates and times.
3. The away team coach must choose one of the three dates and times. The reschedule shall be finalized by 6:00 PM on the fifth day after the regularly scheduled date of the game. If the away coach fails or refuses to choose from the dates and times supplied, the matter shall be referred to the SCSL President for a decision per section f) below.
4. In the case that the home team coach or Club Director does not supply a list of three alternative dates and times for the reschedule by 9:00 PM on the third day after the regularly scheduled date of the game, the away team shall then be deemed the home team. The former home team shall give up the assigned home game and will play an away game in its place.
5. The new home team coach and Club Director must confer to determine field availability. The home team coach shall then supply the opposing coach with a list of three (3) alternative dates and times by 9:00 P.M. on the sixth day after the regularly scheduled date of the game. If there should be difficulty contacting the away coach, the Club Director for the away team shall be notified of the three dates and times. That club director shall then have the responsibility to notify the away coach of the available dates and times.
6. Should the games for week seven (7) or week eight (8) need to be rescheduled the matter shall be immediately referred to the President who will arrange for the games to be replayed promptly.
7. If neither team can agree on a new game date and time, the matter shall be referred to the SCSL President. The SCSL President shall then pick a date and time for the reschedule. The decision of the SCSL President cannot be appealed.

8. Any make-up games not completed by the last scheduled day of the SCSL playing season shall not be played. By not playing these games, the teams involved waive any rights to the points that would have been awarded as a result of the outcomes. It must be realized that, in order to finish make-up games, a team may be required to play more than one (1) game in a day.

### Section 200 – Board of Directors Procedures

#### 201 Penalties and Fines

1. At each meeting, May – August, the Treasurer shall be required to present each town an invoice (listing both \$ amount and specific games) for all fines (late, non-reporting, forfeit, etc.) for the prior calendar month.
2. A summary by town of these bills shall be part of the Treasurer's monthly report to all towns, a copy of which shall be emailed to all directors the day following the meeting.
3. If the Treasurer (or presiding officer in the absence of the treasurer) fails to present the bill at that meeting, then the league forfeits its right to assess the fine.
4. If a town does not attend the meeting, the bill is still considered 'presented' provided the summary is emailed out as described above.
5. Towns wishing to contest a fine must do so in writing (with supporting documentation) at the NEXT monthly board meeting.
6. It is specifically noted that no league officer(s) may waive fines. A vote by the monthly board meeting is required.
7. If a town does not contest the fine at the next board meeting, then the town is accepting the fine and forfeits all rights to contest it in the future.
8. If a town is not attending the next monthly meeting, they may submit their appeal by emailing ALL the directors at least 72 hours prior to the meeting, however they may not delay the appeal until the following month.
9. All fines for the Spring Season must be paid prior to the next Annual General Meeting.
10. Team registrations will not be accepted if the fines are not paid by the December meeting.

### Section 300 Expulsion and Suspension of Members

#### 301 Appeals

Appeals to decisions of expulsion or suspension shall be

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made to the Appeals Board per section 7-5 (c) of the SCSL By Laws.

### 302 Re-Admission

Suspended or expelled members may apply for re-admission to the SCSL by means of written request to the Board of Directors. A two thirds vote of the Board voting is required for a suspended or expelled member to be reinstated to the SCSL.

### 303 Terms and Conditions

1. "Misconduct" includes, but is not limited to, assault and abuse as described below.
  - A) "Game Misconduct" includes, but is not limited to, actions other than those of abuse or assault which violate the basic principles of the SCSL regarding sportsmanship fair play and malicious blowouts as defined below.
  - B) Malicious Blowout - the act of running up a score without regard for sportsmanship or rules of conduct. This action may include verbal abuse to the losing team by direct remark or coach joking or jesting with winning players regarding other team, or directing players to play very aggressively and in an intimidating manner. Malicious Blowout is primarily observed by the winning coach taking no sportsmanlike actions to improve the game condition by creating a more equally competitive game environment.
  - C) "Referee" includes the following:
    - a) All currently registered USSF referees, linesmen, 4th officials or others duly appointed to assist in officiating in a match.
    - b) Any non-licensed, non-registered person serving in an emergency capacity as a referee.
    - c) Any club Linesman
  - D) "Coach" includes all currently registered team coaches, assistant coaches, managers or trainers.
  - E) "Player" includes all currently registered persons listed on an official roster as a player on a particular team.
  - F) "Spectator" includes all parents, relatives or friends of a particular team member who attended a particular game or event involving that team.
  - G) "Assault" includes, but is not limited to the following acts: hitting, kicking,

punching, choking, spitting at or on, grabbing or bodily running into, the act of throwing an object that could inflict injury, or damaging clothing or personal property.

- H) "Abuse" includes, but is not limited to the following acts: using foul or abusive language, spewing any beverage upon a person or a person's personal property, or verbally threatening another person.
- I) Verbal threats are remarks that carry the implied or direct threat of physical harm. Such remarks as "I'll get you after the game" or "You won't get out of here in one piece," are some examples of abuse.

### 304 Jurisdiction

1. Assault or Abuse of a Referee -  
When any player, coach, manager, club official or game official assaults or abuses a referee, the responsibility to adjudicate the matter shall rest with the MYSA, and all pertinent data and evidence shall be immediately given to the MYSA.
2. Other Assault or Abuse and Game Misconduct  
When any player, coach, manager, club official or spectator assaults or abuses another player, coach, manager, club official or spectator or commits an act of game misconduct, the responsibility to adjudicate the matter shall rest with the SCSL.

### 305 Hearings

Reports of referee assault or abuse shall be made to the MYSA. All other reports of assault or abuse shall be made to the SCSL. The Sportsmanship Review Committee (SRC) shall be the body to conduct hearings of suspensions or expulsions resulting from assault, abuse or game misconduct and shall make appropriate recommendations to the SCSL Board of Directors.

1. Assault
  - a) When an allegation of assault is verified by the SCSL, the person is automatically suspended until the hearing on the assault.
  - b) The SCSL must hold a hearing within thirty (30) days of the abuse or assault. If the league does not adjudicate the matter within that time period, the jurisdiction shall immediately vest with the MYSA to adjudicate the matter.
  - c) Failure to hold the initial hearing shall not rescind the automatic suspension.

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### 2. Abuse and/or Game Misconduct

In cases of report of abuse or game misconduct, a hearing is held only when requested by the alleged assailant or otherwise deemed appropriate by the SCSL.

### 306 Hearing Procedures

This policy provides the minimum rights that each party would have at a hearing with respect to the right to assistance in presenting one's case at a hearing, as must be allowed under USSF Federation Bylaw 701(5). These minimum rights apply to hearings conducted by State Associations and their members (SCSL) or other hearing body. A copy of these minimum rights should be delivered to the parties with the notice of the hearing.

1. Each party at a hearing shall have the right to have an individual present at the hearing to assist the party in presenting the party's case. Such individual may, but shall not be required to be, an attorney.
2. If the SCSL ("Complainant") is represented by another individual at any hearing and the hearing panel allows that individual to speak, question the parties and/or witnesses, or grants that individual any other rights, then it shall afford all other parties, or the individual representing the party, including an attorney, the same rights during the course of the hearing as is allowed to the individual representing the Complainant.
3. If an attorney is present at a hearing to assist a party in presenting the party's case, it shall be made clear at the commencement of any such hearing that the hearing shall proceed in accordance with the SCSL hearing rules and procedures. All Federal, State or local Rules of Evidence or Civil Procedure shall not be applicable.
4. The SCSL may provide, as part of its hearing rules and procedures, that an individual assisting a party may be allowed to speak on behalf of the party, make requests or ask questions at the hearing.
5. Regardless of whether the SCSL allows the individual assisting the party the rights to speak, make requests or ask questions, as noted in Paragraph 4 above, an individual assisting the party in presenting the party's case shall have the right to be physically present in the hearing room, and so as not to interfere with the hearing procedure, it is also recommended that the individual be seated close to the party (either behind or next to the party) so that the party may seek assistance when desired during the course of the hearing.

6. During the course of the hearing, the party may confer briefly with the individual who is assisting before making a statement or request or prior to responding to a question. The panel conducting the hearing may limit the frequency and duration of the conferences so as not to unduly interfere with the proceeding.

7. If there is confusion or concern, the party may request a recess to confer with the individual assisting the party. Such a request should be granted unless the number of requests by a party becomes unreasonable or the length of a requested recess is deemed by the hearing panel to be unreasonable.

8. An individual assisting a party may prepare written materials for the party and collect documents for the party. However, the party must submit or present the materials and documents as materials and documents of the party, and not of the individual assisting. The party has complete responsibility for those materials and documents and is subject to questioning about them.

9. Nothing contained in this policy shall prevent a League from allowing greater rights to assistance than those set forth in Paragraphs 1-7 above. For example, the SCSL may, but shall not be obligated to, allow more than one individual to assist a party at any given time.

10. The rights, either mandatory or permissible under this policy, shall be consistently applied, and the SCSL should not arbitrarily allow or disallow the rights set forth above to those individuals assisting a party in the presentation or defense of the party's case.

### 307 Penalties and Suspensions

#### 1. Assault

The player, coach, manager or official committing the assault shall be automatically suspended from the SCSL for three (3) matches. A match shall count toward the suspension period only if it is actually played. The matter shall be reviewed by the Sportsmanship Review Committee who will make recommendations to the SCSL BOD for further action if deemed warranted. Shorter periods of suspension shall not be provided, but if circumstances warrant, longer suspension periods may be provided.

#### 2. Abuse

The minimum suspension period for abuse shall be at least three (3) scheduled matches within the SCSL. A match shall count toward the suspension period only if it is actually played. The matter shall be

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reviewed by the Sportsmanship Review Committee who will make recommendations to the SCSL BOD for further action if deemed warranted. A longer suspension may be provided if circumstances warrant.

### 3. Game Misconduct

The minimum suspension for game misconduct shall be at least three (3) scheduled matches within the SCSL. A match shall count toward the suspension period only if it is actually played. The matter shall be reviewed by the Sportsmanship Review Committee who will make recommendations to the SCSL BOD for further action if deemed warranted. A longer suspension may be provided if circumstances warrant.

## 308 Reporting Procedure

1. Referees reporting an assault or abuse on a Referee shall follow USSF Rule 3042.
2. A person reporting an assault and/or abuse other than a Referee assault or abuse shall transmit a written report of the alleged assault and/or abuse, within 48 hours of the incident (unless there is a valid reason for later reporting), to the President of the SCSL or their designees.
3. A person reporting an incident of game misconduct shall transmit a written report of the alleged game misconduct, within 48 hours of the incident (unless there is a valid reason for later reporting), to the President of the SCSL or their designees.
4. The SCSL shall report to the MYSA the final determinations and suspensions resulting from all reports of assault and/or abuse, and game misconduct for which it has jurisdiction.

## Section 400 - Reserved

## Section 500- Game Protest Guidelines

### 501 Protests After the Game is Played

1. There are only two (2) acceptable reasons for protesting a game AFTER it has been played. They are:
  - a) A team plays an unregistered, ineligible player.

- b) There has been an obvious error made in the application of the Laws of the Game that directly affects the outcome of the match.

2. Any team or coach protesting a game must follow the procedure as given in section 11 of the SCSL Rules of Play.

3. No protests can be entertained if they are based on judgment decisions made by the Referee during play.

4. All protest/discipline actions taken by the Protest Board will be reported in writing to the Board of Directors. Copies of the report will be sent to any coaches involved, the club Director and the referee Representative.

## Section 600 - Reserved

## Section 700 – Membership

The following requirements have been established for membership in the SCSL and must be submitted by the date set by the SCSL Board.

1. The team application(s) is(are) received
2. Club geographical boundaries have been declared or reconfirmed.
3. The filled out SCSL Handbook Survey has been submitted to the League Secretary.
4. A registration deposit, as determined by the Board, has been paid.
5. All organizations seeking membership in the SCSL shall submit a copy of their organization's Constitution and By Laws to the SCSL.
6. The SCSL Board of Directors Shall determine the date for initial submissions.
7. Any changes to the organization's previously submitted Constitution and By-Laws must be submitted at the December planning meeting.
8. The SCSL reserves the right to challenge any provisions or changes that conflict with the Constitution and By-Laws of the SCSL as well as any provision which does not comply with the stated Objectives or Philosophy of the SCSL, MYS and USSF or is deemed to conflict with the ideal of sportsmanship and fair play.

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### Section 800 - Rules of Play

#### 801 Changes to Rules of Play

1. Any new Rules of Play or changes to existing Rules of Play, whether proposed by a Board member or any other member of the SCSL, shall be submitted in writing to the Executive Secretary.
2. The Board shall consider and vote upon the recommendation at the next regularly scheduled Board Meeting after receipt of the recommendation.
3. The Board shall then submit any proposal to the next Regular or Special General Meeting with its recommendations. Details of the proposed Rules of Play shall be included in the meeting notice.
4. The proposal shall be discussed and voted upon. A simple majority vote is necessary for acceptance of the change

### Section 900 - Residency Requirements

#### 901 General

The primary intent of the SCSL is to provide inter-town competition. The primary requirement for team play at all levels is town residency.

#### 902 Exceptions

An organization may submit a complete roster with exceptions to this requirement for approval by the Board. Such submission for exception shall be by means of a filled out SCSL waiver form and should include a written justification for each exception, including appropriate supporting information. The Board shall review each such submission for exception and inform the organization concerned of the action taken. Any subsequent proposed additions to the roster that are exceptions will also require review and approval by the Board.

#### 903 Residency

1. All teams competing in any SCSL season shall be composed of players residing in towns within the geographical limits of the SCSL.
2. A club shall recruit players only from within its accepted geographical boundaries as defined per section 3-3(b) of the SCSL Constitution and By Laws
3. Clubs or individuals who recruit players from outside their own club's geographical area shall be suspended from the SCSL for one (1) year and shall

be subject to any additional action deemed appropriate by the SCSL Board of Directors

4. A player may be allowed to play for a non-home town team if the two clubs involved mutually agree. The request must be made by means of a properly filled out SCSL waiver form to the SCSL Board of Directors per section 6-2.

5. A player who has been denied a waiver by their hometown club may play for another town's team in their age group. In such case the SCSL BOD reserves the right to declare that team as ineligible for MTOC competition.

6. Players residing in a town without a club registered with and accepted by the SCSL may register with and play for any SCSL club. Waiver forms are not required for this situation.

7. For all Divisions, submissions qualifying under the following guidelines will be approved unless the Board finds, in a particular case, that such approval would be inconsistent with the basic principles of the League.

8. A player who moves from town A to town B and has played for town A for at least two (2) of the three (3) previous Spring soccer seasons may play for town A for one (1) more Spring season or for town B immediately. Any exceptions must be submitted to the Board in writing by the player's parents or guardians.

9. Adjacent towns that have an insufficient number of players to form two (2) full teams at an age level may combine players to form a team, which would be placed in an appropriately competitive division.

10. For Division I, the SCSL Board may approve residency exceptions for the purpose of providing broader access to competition at this level. In acting on such submissions, the Board shall be guided by the following principles:

11. Division I should be evenly competitive and in the spirit of town competition.

12. Each player has a right to competition at the highest level his or her capabilities will allow.

13. A player who has access to Division I play in his or her home town of residency should not be considered for such play in another town unless both clubs agree and submit an SCSL waiver form per section 12-2 of these By-Laws.

14. Organizations, which represent two or more adjacent towns associated in a regional school district, shall be considered as town organizations for purposes of these By Laws and shall have the same rights as organizations representing a single town.

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15. Organizations which represent two (2) or more adjacent towns not associated with a regional school district and have defined their geographical areas as specified in section 3-2, with the approval of the Board, shall be considered as town organizations for the purposes of these By Laws and shall have the same rights as those organizations representing a single town.

16. Individuals residing within the geographical boundaries of a club not previously registered with the SCSL and who have previously played for another SCSL club shall be required to register with and play for the expansion club. All requests for exceptions must be submitted to the SCSL Board prior to the deadline for submission of rosters to the League Registrar.

17. For the case of towns which have multiple clubs authorized per section 3-2, the Fall membership of such clubs shall be exempt from recruitment by another club operating in that town.

### Section 900 - Zero Tolerance

#### 901 General

All persons responsible for a team and all the spectators shall support the referee. Failure to do so will undermine the referee's authority and has the potential of creating a hostile environment for players, the referee and all the other participants and spectators.

#### 902 Addressing the Referee

No one is to address the referee during the game except as allowed below.

##### 1. Coaches and Managers

During the Game:

- a) May respond to a referee initiating a communication
- b) May ask for substitutions
- c) May point out emergencies or safety issues

2. At halftime or at the end of the game:
  - a) May ask a referee to explain a rule(s) in a polite and constructive way
  - b) May give a polite and friendly feedback to the referee
  - c) Absolutely no sarcasm, harassment or intimidation is allowed in any conversation with the referee
3. Penalties:
  - a) 1<sup>st</sup> Minor Infraction - The referee should ignore
  - b) 1<sup>st</sup> Serious Infraction - Caution or ejection depending on the seriousness of the infraction (FIFA)
  - c) 2<sup>nd</sup> Minor Infraction - A verbal warning
  - d) 3<sup>rd</sup> Infraction - Caution
  - e) 4<sup>th</sup> Infraction - Ejection
- 4.
5. Spectators  
During the game:
  - a) May respond to a referee initiating a communication
  - b) May point out emergencies or safety issues
6. Penalties:
  - a) 1<sup>st</sup> Infraction - Referee should stop the game and ask the coach to quiet the offending spectator
  - b) 2<sup>nd</sup> Infraction - A verbal warning. Referee should stop the game and ask the coach to warn the spectator that the next infraction will be an ejection or the referee will abandon the game.
  - c) 3<sup>rd</sup> Infraction - The referee shall instruct the coach to direct the spectator to leave the field. The referee should abandon the game if the spectator refuses to leave the field.
  - d) If the referee abandons the game, the referee shall file a report and the SCSL may impose a forfeit on the spectator's team.