

**SAN FRANCISCO SOCCER FOOTBALL LEAGUE BYLAWS  
(League Est. in 1902)**

**I. NAME AND HEADQUARTERS**

(a) The name of the League shall be **The San Francisco Soccer Football League, Inc.** (herein referred to as the “League” or “SFSFL”). The League is a non-profit 501c(4) organization.

(b) The Headquarters of the League shall be in the City and County of San Francisco.

(c) The San Francisco Soccer Football League is affiliated with California Soccer Association North (CSAN); the United States Soccer Federation (USSF); and the Federation International de Futbol Association (FIFA).

**II. PURPOSE**

The League is the governing body of its member teams, clubs and associated clubs. Its purpose is to foster, promote and administer the game of soccer in the City and County of San Francisco.

**III. ADMINISTRATION**

The affairs of the League shall be governed in accordance with the Bylaws set forth herein.

**IV. EXECUTIVE BOARD**

The Executive Board of the League shall be composed of all duly-elected Officers hereinafter set forth in Paragraph V.

The Executive Board shall administer the affairs of the League, its Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, and Rules and Regulations of the League. It shall have the power to apply such corrective measures and penalties as may be provided herein, and if not so provided, such measures as conform to established precedence or as dictated by sound judgment. The Executive Board as a whole, shall be responsible for the financial operations of the League and shall have a spending ceiling of \$1,500.00 for the purchase of equipment and other items not germane to normal administrative operations. (rev. 8/24/93)

**V. OFFICERS**

(a) The League shall elect the following officers;

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

TREASURER

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT

PUBLIC RELATIONS

THIRD VICE-PRESIDENT

FOUR (4) MEMBERS AT LARGE

(rev. 12/10/98, rev. 1/12/00)

(b) Election of Officers:

Officers shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and shall hold office for two (2) years and until their successors are elected and seated. Election of officers shall be staggered, alternating elections for: President, Second Vice-President, two (2) Members-at-Large and Secretary one year, and First Vice-President, Third Vice-President, Treasurer, two (2) Members-at-Large and Public Relations the following year.

The Secretary shall be paid an honorarium of \$1,200. The Treasurer shall be paid an honorarium of \$1,200. Said honorariums to be paid on the first of each month in 10 equal payments, the first payment shall start March 1 of each year and last payment shall be December 1 of the same year. (rev. 7-23-96)

(c) Duties and Powers of Officers:

1. **PRESIDENT:** To preside at all meetings of the League; to appoint all committees, and Commissioners as needed, subject to approval by the majority of the Executive Board; enforce Bylaws, Rules and Regulations of the League, call League General Meetings, and meetings of the Executive Board; have general supervision of the athletic and financial affairs of the League, and be ex-officio member of all committees. The President shall make a report and account of the affairs of the League at the Annual General Meeting.

2. **FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT:** To perform all of the duties assigned to the President in his/her absence, or such other duties as may be assigned to him/her by the President, and to supervise the administration of the First Division of the League.

3. **SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT:** To succeed the First Vice-President in his/her absence, and to supervise the administration of the Second Division of the League.

4. **THIRD VICE-PRESIDENT:** To succeed the Second Vice-President in his/her absence, and to supervise the administration of the Third Division of the League.

5. **SECRETARY:** To keep a record of all proceedings of the League and of the meetings of the Executive Board. To perform such other duties as are normally associated with his/her office as may from time to time be requested of him/her by the President. To give notice of all meetings and those designated as regular meetings, and shall maintain the correspondence of the Corporation.

6. **TREASURER:** To have general charge of the books and accounts of the League. To receive all monies paid to the League and to deposit the same in the name of the League in a bank selected by the Executive Board. To execute receipts for monies paid him/her on behalf of the League, and to pay all bills of the League when requested by the President or by the majority of the Executive Board. All funds in his/her charge shall be deposited within a reasonable period of time, invested, or disbursed, under the direction of the Executive Board. The books of accounts, records of all financial transactions, bank accounts and property owned by the League, shall be audited semi-annually by a committee appointed by the President. The Treasurer shall be bonded and expense of the bonding shall be borne by the League.

7. **PUBLIC RELATIONS:** To maintain dialogue between the League and outside entities having an interest in League activities, solicit advertising, act to enhance the League's image and purpose.

8. MEMBERS AT LARGE: To act on any committees or carry out any duties as are assigned by the President and to act as representative of the League at any meetings as requested by the President.  
(rev. 12/0/98, rev. 8/12/02)

9. COMMISSIONERS: Shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the Executive Board, and shall perform such duties as are assigned by the President.

(d) Recall of Officers:

1. A special meeting may be called for the purpose of recalling any officer as set forth hereinafter.
2. A two thirds (2/3) vote of the members present shall be required to discharge any Officer.
3. Any member of the Executive Board, who missed three (3) consecutive, scheduled Executive Board meetings, unless excused, shall be subject to expulsion from the Executive Board.

(rev. 8/24/93)

## **VI. MEMBERSHIP**

(a) All clubs participating in competition sponsored by the League shall become members of the San Francisco Soccer Football League, Inc., pending admission to the Corporation pursuant to the provisions set forth, said clubs shall be classified as associate members, and as such, shall have the privilege of attending all League meetings, but will not have the right to vote. Transfer of ownership of a Member may be permissible if:

1. The transfer is approved by the Executive Board;
2. And is then approved by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Corporate Members present, eligible to vote and in good-standing.

A request to change ownership or name of a Corporate Member must be submitted in writing to the League Secretary no later than thirty (30) days prior to the scheduled date of the Annual General Meeting.

Corporate Members of the SFSFL may change their teams name provided they fill the following conditions:

1. The member requesting the name change must be in good standing;
2. The member shall forfeit all corporation fees previously under their current name;
3. An equal amount of the relinquished corporation fee shall be due the League at the time the team's name change has been approved by the Executive Board and by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Corporate Members present.
4. A second request by a club for a name change shall not be permitted within five (5) years of the initial request and a name change was granted.
5. A Corporate Member may only change their name two (2) times or be relegated to the lowest division at the time the name change is approved.

(rev. 12/12/97, rev. 12/12/00)

(b) Application for membership into the League shall be sent to the League Secretary prior to the first meeting of the Annual General Meeting.

(c) Applications shall state the name of the club, the club colors, names and addresses of officials, and the name and address of the sponsoring organization. The sum of \$640.00 must accompany the application, no exceptions will be allowed. (rev. 8/24/93)

(d) Annual Membership fees are to be paid prior to each Annual General Meeting. The amount of the annual membership fee may be changed at each Annual General Meeting and such change shall become effective immediately. Any sum due by reason of said change shall be payable in thirty (30) days after the date of said Annual General Meeting. No club shall participate in the competition unless all financial obligations are fulfilled.

(e) To become a Corporate member of the San Francisco Soccer Football League, Inc., associate members shall comply with the following rules:

1. Completion of five (5) years active competition in the League;
2. Payment of Initiation Fees as herein set forth;
3. Payment of Membership Fees and Annual Dues;
4. Payment of Corporation fees when due.

**VII. PAYMENT OF CORPORATION FEES WHEN DUE**

	Initiation	Annual
Fourth Division	\$75.00	-
Third Division	\$100.00	\$175.00
Second Division	\$125.00	\$300.00
First Division	\$150.00	\$450.00
Major Division	\$150.00	\$600.00

**VII. VOTING RIGHTS**

(a) Voting Rights of the members of the San Francisco Soccer Football League, Inc. shall be as follows:

- All Charter Members            Three (3) votes each,
- All Major Division Members    Three (3) votes each,
- All First Division Members    Two (2) votes each,
- All other Division Members    One (1) vote each.

(b) The following Clubs, by reason of their membership prior to the year 1962, will enjoy the benefits of being Charter Members of the League, without being required to pay any initiation fees:

San Francisco Scots  
San Francisco Italian Athletic Club  
San Francisco Vikings Athletic Club

(c) Clubs enjoying associate membership prior to the Annual General Meeting of August 1962 can qualify for the status of Charter Membership of the Corporation and, as such, become permanently entitled to three (3) votes if members of the Major Division for the year 1962-63, or upon entry into the First division in any following year provided that they have complied with the following requirements;

1. Completed ten (10) continuous years of competition in the League,
2. Paid initiation fees of \$250.00,
3. Made application to join the Corporation no later than October 7, 1962.

The following clubs were associate members of the League prior to the Annual General Meeting of August 1962, and having exercised their rights as stipulated above, have become Charter Members of the Corporation:

Greek American Athletic Club  
Guadalajara  
Club Peru  
Mexico Athletic Club  
El Salvador  
Sons of Italy

(d) A member shall permanently retain the maximum number of votes for which it has qualified, regardless of its division membership.

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#### **IX. COMPOSITION OF THE LEAGUE**

Beginning in the 2006 season, the SFSFL will consist five (5) Divisions: Major, First, Second, Third and Fourth.

Each Division will consist of 12 teams maximum. The Third Division will no longer consist of an "A" and a "B" group.

The creation of the fourth division will be accommodated by taking teams that ended the 2005 season on position 7-12 in the A & B groups in the third division. (rev. 12/4/05)

(b) At the discretion of the Executive Board, one (1) team in each Division may be allowed to compete even though it is not headquartered in the City and County of San Francisco. Permission is granted,

provided that teams so allowed to participate are not situated in an area that has an organized competition.

(c) A member club may register a Reserve Team, said team shall enter the League in the lowest division. The two teams, however, may not participate in the same division at the same time. In the event that both teams are in the same division due to either promotion or relegation, the senior team will remain in their respective division and the reserve team will be relegated to the next lower division. In the event that both teams finish in the lowest division, the two teams will be separated, one in each group in the lowest division if it consists of two (2) groups, otherwise the reserve team will be eliminated. If the two teams are in the two groups of the lowest division, players cannot be switched from one team to the other.

Five (5) players from the reserve team can be used on the senior team for any game, but at no time may more than three (3) senior team players be allowed to participate in the reserve team. In all cases the players used on either team must be indicated on the line-up card and no player may play for more than one (1) team on the same day. Once the season is over for either the first team or the reserve team, the club must select twenty-two (22)-player roster, using the player guidelines (5 going up, 3 going down).

The first team will be registered as Team No. 1 and their reserve team will bear the same name as the first team followed by "RESERVE TEAM."

The parent club is responsible for all financial, legal and league obligations of all teams registered under their name.

Whenever a team is dismissed from the Promotional Divisions or retires voluntarily, a team shall take its place from the next lower division, which is a member of the Corporation on the basis of its position standing in that division. If two (2) members are tied in position standings in that division, the team that has been a member of the Corporation the longest will be chosen for the existing vacancy.

(d) When two (2) teams are relegated from one division to the next lower division at the end of the season, the next to last place team relegated will be positioned in 1st place and the last placed team relegated will be positioned in 2nd place.

## **X. MEETINGS**

(a) Annual General Meetings:

1. The Annual General Meeting shall be held no later than the third week in December (rev. 8/23/96)
2. One (1) delegate shall represent each member and associate member. The delegate shall present proper credentials to the League Secretary prior to the meeting. An alternate delegate may also be designated, but shall not have the right to speak or vote unless the delegate is absent or relinquishes the right.
3. Notice of the date and place of the Annual General Meeting shall be sent to each member and associate member at least forty-five (45) days in advance of the date set for the Annual General Meeting.

4. Each Club shall have fifteen (15) days with which to submit any proposals for placement on the agenda of the Annual General Meeting. The Secretary shall mail the proposed agenda, including proposals submitted by the Executive Board, to each member or associate member fifteen (15) days prior to said meeting. (rev. 6/24/82)
5. A simple majority shall form a quorum at all meetings of the League.
6. In the event of a tie vote, the presiding Chairman shall have the decisive vote.
7. The Executive Board shall submit for approval of the membership at the Annual General Meeting the following:
  1. An annual financial statement audited by a duly licensed firm or by a committee appointed by the President, and the operational budget the following year,
  2. Recommendations for admissions or rejections of applicants, and
  3. Recommendations for division of funds accruing from the financial operations.

(b) Special Meetings:

Special Meetings of the members for reasons not specified in these Bylaws may be called by two-thirds (2/3), shall be evidenced by a petition duly signed by the members and presented to the Secretary of the League at least fifteen (15) days prior to the date set for said Special Meeting.

(c) Administrative Meetings:

The President may call administrative Meetings upon reasonable notice at any time.

(d) "Robert's Rules of Order" shall prevail at all meetings in all matters not covered by these Bylaws.

## **XI. AMENDMENTS**

(a) The Bylaws and the Rules and Regulations shall be subject to amendment at the first half of the Annual General Meeting, or at a special meeting convened for such purpose. Amendments to proposals submitted during the first session of the Annual General Meeting shall be submitted to the League Secretary, in writing, fifteen (15) days prior to the second session of the Annual General Meeting.

(b) A special meeting to amend the Bylaws or the Rules and Regulations of the League shall require the endorsements of two-thirds (2/3) of the members.

(c) A special meeting shall require thirty days (30) notice to the members. The Secretary shall mail a copy of the proposed amendments to each member at least fifteen (15) days prior to the date of said meeting.

(d) A two-thirds (2/3) majority of the votes granted to members present at the Annual General Meeting, or a Special Meeting of the League, shall be required to pass any amendments.

## **XII. PROPERTY RIGHTS**

Members shall have no severable property right in the property of the League. In the event of dissolution of the League, the members of the League shall share equally in the property to be distributed. In the event a member resigns, withdraws, or is expelled, said member shall have no rights or interest of any kind in the property of the League, and shall not be entitled to any distributions whatsoever.

## **XIII. EXPULSION OF MEMBERS**

If a member shall have failed to conduct itself in an honorable manner in its participation in the activities of the League, or shall have conducted itself in a manner detrimental to the best interests of the League, or calculated to bring the League or any of its members into ill-repute, then said member may be expelled as follows:

- (a) A special meeting of the membership shall be called unless the matter is brought on the agenda for the Annual General Meeting. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the votes granted the membership shall be required to expel or suspend a member who shall have been found guilty as herein set forth.
- (b) The conduct of athletes, club members, and/or sponsors is the responsibility of the members and their actions may be taken into account in arriving at any decision concerning the expulsion of the member.
- (c) Before any expulsion shall be ordered, a written statement containing the accusation brought against a member shall be delivered to the member with a notice of the time and place of the meeting wherein the matter is to be heard. Said notice shall be mailed to the member in care of the official delegate of said club at least seven (7) days prior to such meeting.
- (d) A member may appeal expulsion by filing an appeal with the Secretary within ten (10) days after official notice of the same. If the appeal be denied, or not acted upon within sixty (60) days after filing, the member(s) may, within fifteen (15) days after denial or the failure to act upon the same, appeal to the California Soccer Association North, the next higher jurisdiction in organized soccer. An appeal may be taken from the decision of the California Soccer Association North to the United States Soccer Federation.
- (e) No member shall bring any action at law or in equity against the League unless it has exhausted all rights, remedies and appeals granted to it by this League, the California Soccer Association North, and the United States Soccer Federation, of FIFA. If a member brings any action before it has exhausted the remedies herein set forth, such member agrees that the Court of Law or Equity, in which such action is pending may award the League the legal costs and the attorney's fees incurred in a successful defense of any such action. (rev. 6/22/54)

## **XIV. DISCIPLINARY POWERS**

The Executive Board, upon receipt of a Referee's Report, or report by any member of the Executive Board or duly appointed Commissioner, may suspend the playing privileges of any member or associate member charged with unsportsmanlike conduct, or conduct detrimental to the League. Such suspension shall only be enacted if charges are filed in writing and the member or associate member has been notified of said charges by registered mail and is represented at a disciplinary hearing conducted by the



Executive Board. Failure to attend such scheduled disciplinary hearing will constitute grounds for suspension until its official delegate appears before the Board.

## **XV. RULES AND REGULATIONS**

In the following Rules and Regulations, the term "member" shall apply to members and associate members of a team and/or club or association club.

### **GENERAL RULES**

**RULE 1:** The Executive Board may, from time to time, formulate, approve and promulgate rules and regulations concerning the various operations of this League, except for the Bylaws and Rules and Regulation that have been approved by the members, and have the power to amend, annul or replace any such rules or regulations so formulated. Such rules and regulations shall have the same force and effect as these Bylaws, and each member hereof agrees to be bound by said rules and regulations. In adopting these Bylaws, members adopt the rules and regulations which have been presented herewith and which embody former Bylaws, Rules and unwritten precedent. The notice and procedures provided hereafter for the amendment of Rules and Regulations, excepting Rules and Regulations formulated by the Executive Board as hereinafter set forth.

**RULE 2:** Members shall advise the League prior to participating in games with other members or teams from outside the League's jurisdiction.

**RULE 3:** Each member shall furnish the League Secretary with the team's uniform colors both home and away, and current names and addresses of each member's Secretary and team manager. Responsibility for the correct information rests with each member and not the League.

**RULE 4:** Each member shall play all League and playoff games as scheduled.

- (a) Each member shall be fined \$100.00 for failure to play a scheduled game, or the remainder of a continued game. Half the amount of the fine, fifty dollars (\$50.00) will go to the opponent to defray game expenses. Fines are due and payable within thirty (30) days after the scheduled game.
- (b) Each offending member shall forfeit the game (playoff, league or continued game), by the score of 3-0 to the scheduled opponent and lose three (3) points in the standings. (rev. 2/7/11)
- (c) Any team forfeiting three (3) consecutive games during the season will be suspended from the competition for the balance of the season. If suspended during the first round, all points and goals for and against will be erased from the standings. If suspended during the second round, all points and goals for and against during the second round only will be erased from the standings. After being suspended, the Executive Board shall call a special meeting of the membership to determine the future of the offending member. (rev. 8/24/93)
- (d) Any regular League or playoff game postponed for any reason may be scheduled to be played mid-week at the discretion of the Executive Board, with a minimum of seven (7) days notice. Mid-week games will only be scheduled if time and field availability prevent the games being scheduled on a Sunday. (rev. 12/10/97)

- (e) Team participating at Boxer Stadium must notify the League Secretary, in writing, no less than seven (7) days prior to any game for which they are not going to field a team. Failure to notify the League, as noted shall result in the following disciplinary actions:
1. A fine equal to one-quarter (1/4) of the cost of operating Boxer Stadium or the sum of \$150.00, whichever is greater.
  2. Loss of three (3) points in the standings. (Amended 2/10/1999)

**RULE 5:**

(a) When a game is suspended due to the actions of member's players, coaches, or fans, the member shall forfeit the game. The League's Disciplinary Board may also fine or bond the member for an amount not to exceed \$1,000.00.

(b) Any member whose players, coaches or fans cause bodily injury and/or property damage to a referee or assistant referees shall post a \$500.00 cash Performance Bond with the League for two (2) years. In the event that a second offense is committed during the two (2) year period, the Bond shall be forfeited and the Executive Board shall call a Special Meeting of the voting members to determine further appropriate penalties.

**RULE 6:** Irrespective of RULE 4, if a member notifies the League at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to a scheduled League, playoff, or continued game that it will not be able to field a team, then said member shall forfeit the game and the scheduled opponent shall be declared the winner with the score of 3-0.

**RULE 7:** In the event that a game is continued for any reason, the Executive Board shall schedule the remaining time, up to forty-five (45) minutes, at least one half (1/2) hour after the regularly scheduled games of both opponents have been concluded. Each member shall play the remaining time with the same number of players on the field as when the game was suspended, excluding players that were ejected during the original game.

**RULE 8:** The League, its Officers, and its Members, shall not be responsible for any liabilities, financial or otherwise, caused by any member or player affiliated with this League.

**RULE 9:** Each member shall, during League Games, have a First Aid Kit and a person properly trained in giving First-Aid, present for the entire period of the game.

**LEAGUE COMPETITION RULES**

**RULE 10:** The Laws of the Game for League competition shall be those adopted by F.I.F.A., excepting for amendments thereto duly adopted by the League. The League upon notification and order to do so by F.I.F.A. and/or the United States Soccer Federation shall implement any and all rule changes in the "Laws of the Game" adopted by F.I.F.A. (rev. 12/10/97)

**RULE 11:**

(a) All games shall start on time. Any member who delays the kickoff for any unauthorized reason shall be fined \$50.00. The referee shall start the game if both members are able to field at least seven (7) players each.

(b) Teams shall be ready for inspection by the referee fifteen (15) minutes prior to the scheduled kickoff time and respective of Rules 20 and 22.

**RULE 12:**

(a) If two (2) teams have the same number of points, position for first and last place shall be determined by a single playoff game. If the playoff game ends in a tie, then F.I.F.A. tie-breaking rules shall apply.

(b) If three or more teams are tied for first of last place, position for playoff shall be determined by goal difference. The League shall schedule a single elimination playoff tournament. All other positions are to be determined by goal difference. (rev. 12/10/98)

(c) Goal difference shall be determined by subtracting goals-against from goals-for. If a tie still exists, determination shall be made by the toss of a coin.

**PROMOTION, RELEGATION**

**RULE 13:** At the conclusion of each season's regular competition, the last two (2) teams in each division will be relegated to the next lower division. The top two (2) teams of each division shall be promoted to the next higher division.

(a) In the event that two (2) member teams are relegated from the Premier Alliance Division any year, causing a total of thirteen (13) teams in the Major Division, then three (3) teams will be relegated to the 1st Division and subsequently all other divisions, if necessary.

(b) Proceed of playoff games are to be divided as follows:

1/3 of net gate to main event

1/3 of net gate to preliminary games,

1/3 of net gate to League. (rev. 7/23/96)

**RULE 14:**

(a) No member shall sign new players for its last two (2) games.

(b) No player shall participate in a League playoff game unless he was properly registered to play for four (4) League games with the team in the play-off. These four (4) games shall include only League games, and shall not include continued games, unfinished games, playoff games, National Cup games, State Cup games, or any other games.

**RULE 15:** A perpetual trophy, emblematic of the division championship, shall be presented to the winner of each Division. The recipient member shall guarantee the return of the trophy to the League by not later than one (1) month before the completion of the Division's season. The League Secretary shall notify each recipient of the date by which the trophy shall be returned.

(a) The League shall purchase a permanent trophy for each Division winner.

(b) The League shall award, for the purchase of suitable individual tokens for the players of each Division Champion, the amount of:

\$1000.00 for the Premier Division

\$800.00 for the Major Division

\$600.00 for the First Division

\$400.00 for the Second Division

\$300.00 for the Third Division

\$200.00 for the Fourth Division

**RULE 16:**

(a) Net proceeds from the League Championship playoff game shall be divided as follows:

50% to the main event;

30% to the League;

20% to the preliminary games.

(b) Net proceeds from a tied game shall be divided as follows:

34% to the main event;

33% to the League;

33% to the preliminary games.

(c) Net proceeds from two (2) or more tied games shall be divided as follows:

67% to the playoff participants;

33% to the League;

and the expenses for the preliminary games.

(d) Net proceeds from League games shall be divided equally to each scheduled game on the same date at Boxer Stadium. The winner-loser share shall be divided 60%-40%. (rev. 6/24/93)

**RULE 17:** If a member ceases League competition, all games played shall be eliminated from the standings.

**RULE 18:** A player must be duly registered under the rules of the CSAN before he can participate in any competition sponsored by the League. Players may be amateurs or professionals.

RULE 19: Any member playing or attempting to play an ineligible player shall forfeit the game to the opposing team and be fined \$250.00 and receive a deduction of three (3) points from its standings. (rev. 12/14/05)

RULE 20: No member shall have more than twenty-two (22) players registered at one time. Game cards will allow for twenty-two (22) players to be chosen on game day but only 17 players will be allowed to play. A maximum of six (6) substitutes shall be allowed during the game. Substituted players may re-enter the game. (rev. 12/14/05)

RULE 21: The California Soccer Association North (CSAN) shall issue a player's pass to a member for each player registered. The pass shall be submitted to the Referee at all games.

RULE 22: Each member shall complete a team line-up card at least fifteen (15) minutes before game time. The team line-up card shall list the name and number of each starting player and substitutes for the game.

RULE 23: In the event the Referee ejects a player from the field of play, the player's pass shall not be returned at the conclusion of the game. The Referee shall mail the pass and his report to the League within twenty-four (24) hours.

- a. Ejected player(s) must remove himself from the field of play and may not participate at the end of match celebrations. Failure to comply may result in termination of the match. (rev. 12/14/05)
- b. The pass shall not be returned to the member until the player is eligible to participate again.

RULE 24: A member shall have the right to release a player at any time excepting for those players who are under suspension.

RULE 25:

(a) Players shall wear clearly numbered jerseys, The numerals shall be at least eight (8) inches in height and be positioned on the back of the jersey. Players without numbers on their respective jerseys will not be allowed to play.

(b) The Home Team is responsible for changing uniforms in case of similarity of uniform color. The Home Team is designated on the schedule furnished to all teams as the first named team in the first round and the second named team in the second round.

(c) Black uniforms are permitted if they do not conflict with referee uniforms and numbers must be legible. (rev. 8/24/93)

RULE 26: No player under suspension may participate in any League game.

RULE 27: No player may play for more than one (1) member in any one (1) season, excepting as follows:

- (a) If a member releases a player, or if a member ceases competition, the player may sign to play for another club in any division during the season.

- (b) If a player obtains his release form from the CSAN and the member protests the release, he may only sign to play in a lower division.
- (c) If a member releases a player, said player can play for only one (1) other team in the same division during that season.
- (d) Players ejected from a game shall automatically be suspended from taking part in the member's next scheduled game.

## **DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES**

**RULE 28:** The League has disciplinary jurisdiction over all members, players, coaches and managers participating in its activities.

**RULE 29:**

- (a) A disciplinary committee shall be appointed by the President of the League and shall be called the "Disciplinary Board."
- (b) The Disciplinary Board shall consist of five (5) members, and the term of office shall be for one (1) year. Three members shall constitute a quorum.

**RULE 30:**

- (a) The Disciplinary Board shall have jurisdiction to conduct hearings and impose penalties for misconduct by players, coaches, and managers through probation, suspension, fine for professionals, or any of the above.
- (b) The Disciplinary Board shall investigate all other matters that the Executive Board may, from time to time, refer to it.

**RULE 31:** The Disciplinary Board shall meet at the League office, currently located at 2424 Mariposa Street, San Francisco, California 94110-1423. The Chairman shall schedule meetings as required.

**RULE 32:** A player ejected from the field of play shall appear before the Disciplinary Board, if requested, at its next regular meeting, unless his manager is notified of a different time or place.

- (a) No player, coach, or manager shall be suspended until the Disciplinary Board has heard all of the evidence and reached a final decision.
- (b) If a hearing is continued, the player pass shall be returned to the player's manager. This shall not effect the right of the Disciplinary Board to impose penalties at a future date.

**RULE 33:** Any league official, referee, assistant referees, or official of a higher soccer body may report infractions to the Disciplinary Board for investigation and proper action. Additionally, managers, coaches and players may report infractions to the Disciplinary Board for investigation and proper action.

- a. In the event a game is terminated and/or concluded as a result of the two teams fighting, disciplinary action may be taken by the Executive Board based on information provided by those

officials listed above and duly appointed Field Commissioners. Said action to include, but not be limited to the following:

1. Both teams who participate in fighting will be fined the sum of \$250.00 each;
2. Should a team be identified as the instigator of the fight, sub-paragraph (a) will apply and in addition said team will lose three (3) points in the standings, be placed on probation for the balance of the current season and be required to post a \$500.000 bond;
3. Involvement by a team's spectators is the responsibility of each team/member of this league. An additional \$200.00 fine may be imposed. (rev. 12/14/05)

**RULE 34:** Excepting in the case of an ejected player, coach or manager, the League Secretary shall notify the member of the accused player, coach, or manager to appear before the Disciplinary Board.

- (a) In the event that a player, coach, or manager fails to appear as required, the Disciplinary Board may, at its discretion, proceed with the hearing and render a decision.
- (b) In the event that a player, coach, or manager fails to appear as required, and the Disciplinary Board determines that it is for the good of the game that said person(s) must appear, the Board is not required to proceed with the hearing, nor reach a decision. In such an event the person(s) shall stand suspended until such time as he appears before the Board. The League Secretary shall notify the member of such suspension.

**RULE 35:** Suspensions shall be measured in terms of playable Sundays. The Disciplinary Board may, for good cause, grant a stay from the decision to suspend. Suspension need not be for consecutive playing Sundays, and may carry over into a new season. Suspension for a limited number of playing Sundays, which carries over into a new season, shall not be effective during the off season.

**RULE 36:** Rulings of the Disciplinary Board shall be mailed by the League Secretary to the member's managers as soon as possible.

- (a) Cautions filed by a Referee may be mailed to the member.
- (b) A fifth caution shall result in an automatic suspension of one (1) playing Sunday, provided the member club is notified forty-eight (48) hours prior to a member's next scheduled game. The accumulation of every three (3) additional cautions will result in an automatic suspension of one (1) playing Sunday for each three (3) additional cautions accumulated, provided the member club is notified forty-eight (48) hours prior to the member's next scheduled game. (rev. 6/24/94)

**RULE 37:** A playing Sunday is a scheduled League competition day.

**RULE 38:** Probation is that period of time during which a member, player, coach or manager, who has been found guilty of misconduct and who has part or all of a sentence suspended, is placed under supervision. Upon conviction for a second offense of misconduct, the suspended portion of the prior conviction shall be added in addition to the second penalty.

## **FINES, PENALTIES, PROTESTS & OPERATIONAL RULES**

RULE 39: All fines shall be paid immediately.

RULE 40: Protests, in duplicate, shall be lodged with the League Secretary not less than three (3) days after the game in question. Each protest shall be accompanied by a deposit of \$25.00 which shall be forfeited to the League if the protest is rejected or returned to the member if the protest is sustained.

RULE 41: Protests based upon factual determinations by the Referee shall be rejected.

RULE 42: Protests regarding an ineligible player shall be lodged within twenty-eight (28) days of the game. Protests filed after this period shall subject members and players to fines and suspension.

RULE 43: A member, player, coach or manager may appeal the sentence imposed by the Disciplinary Board to the Executive Board of the League. The appeal shall be filed within three (3) days from the notice of sentence to the League Secretary, in writing, with a deposit of \$25.00 (as per RULE 40).

RULE 44: Neither the League, nor its Officers, shall be responsible or liable for injuries to registered players or the expenses connected with such injuries, nor for any losses of any nature whatsoever incurred by or through the participation in games sponsored by the League.

RULE 45: Each team shall provide a regulation ball prior to the start of the game. The referee shall make the final choice as to which ball shall be used for the game.

RULE 46: Members are responsible for the conduct of their players, coaches, managers and fans (see Rule 5).

RULE 47: Managers and coaches shall not enter the field of play unless requested to do so by the referee. A player ejected from the field of play by the referee shall leave the field immediately.

RULE 48: In case of inclement weather, the teams are to call the person designated by the Executive Board or by visiting the league's website. Cancellation of the games shall rest with the Executive Board or the person(s) designated by it.

RULE 49: If a referee fails to appear for a game within fifteen (15) minutes after the scheduled starting time, the game must be played with a mutually agreed upon referee. If teams do not agree on a referee, the field commissioner shall select a referee.

RULE 50: Dues must be paid on the first meeting of the Annual General Meeting. All clubs must pay referee fees and other fees by the second part of the Annual General Meeting. Failure to pay such fees will result in the team not being allowed to play in regular competition.



The Constitution and Bylaws, Rules and Regulations contained herein are current through December 2011 Annual General Meeting.

Leo Shoomiloff – President (elected 2010)

Jeff Staben – First Vice President (elected 2011)

Genaro Camacho - Second Vice President (elected 2010)

Joaquin Triqueros - Third Vice President (elected 2011)

Aram Kardzair – Treasurer (elected 2011)

Carlos Mejia- Member at Large

John Ovalle - Member at Large

Member at Large (2 Positions) – Open

Public Relations - Open

Jaine Lee – Secretary (elected 2010)