

Laws

The SRSL games shall be played in accordance with the LAWS of the United States Soccer Federation (USSF) as published by the Federation Internationale De Football Association (FIFA), and as authorized by the International Football Association Board (IFAB). Please visit the Addenda link to view the SRSL Law Addenda.

LAW I The Field of Play

- The soccer field is rectangular shape, L=100-130 yds, W=50-100 yds. All areas- penalty, center circle, etc. - must be well marked. Nothing dangerous can be present. All lines, appurtenances are part of the field.

LAW II The Ball

- The ball must bear FIFA designation. The ball may not be changed during the match without approval of the referee.

LAW III Number of Players

- Two teams, each of which shall have 11 players maximum, one of which must be a goalkeeper. Ejected players cannot be replaced. Substitutes made only with referee approval, can be conditionally made on any stoppage of play.

LAW IV Player Equipment

- The uniform of a player consists of shirt, shorts, stockings, footwear and shin guards. Items that could be dangerous are not permitted. Stockings must cover the shin guards. Goal keepers colors are different from the other players and the referee

LAW V The Referee

- Each match is controlled by a referee who has full authority to enforce the Laws of the Game in connection with the match to which he has been appointed. His decisions on the play are final. (Non-Liable.)

LAW VI Assistant Referees

- Two assistant referees shall indicate, subject to the decision of the referee, when the ball is out of play, goal kick, throw-in, substitution, corner kick, or offside.

LAW VII Duration of the Game

- The game shall be 2 equal periods of 45 minutes.. Time is kept by the referee. Allowances can be made for time wasting, etc. accident or other causes (LAW V). Half-time interval must not exceed 15 minutes.

LAW VIII The Start of Play

- Kick-off: The kick-off shall be decided by the toss of a coin.(Winner decides which goal they will attack, other team kicks off the ball) A kick-off (a goal can be scored) is used to start at the beginning, after a goal and after half-time and each period of extra time. A drop ball is to re-start if there is no foul or the ball did not go out of play, but the play was stopped by the referee. The ball is in play when it is kicked and clearly moves. All players, except the player taking the kick off, must be in their own half of the field of play.
- Drop ball: If play is stopped inside the penalty area, the ball will be dropped for the goalkeeper. If play is stopped outside the penalty area, the referee drops the ball for one player of the team that last touched the ball at the position where it last touched a player, an outside agent or, as outlined in Law 9.1, a match official. All other players (of both teams) must remain at least 4 m (4.5 yds) from the ball until it is in play The ball is in play when it touches the ground.

LAW IX Ball in and out of Play

- The ball is out of play when it has wholly crossed the goal or touch-line or the game has been stopped by the referee. It is in play at all other times. All appurtenances, the referee on the field, are part of the field of play.

LAW X Method of Scoring

- A goal is scored when the whole of the ball has crossed the goal touch line, unless an infringement of the Laws has been committed.

LAW XI Offside

- A player shall be penalized for being in an off-side position if he is involved in active play by: interfering with play or opponent, or gaining an advantage by being in that position. He shall not be declared off-side in his half of the field, or if he (she) receives the ball directly from a goal kick, corner kick, or throw in.

LAW XII Fouls and Misconduct

- A direct free kick shall be awarded to the opponent for the following major fouls committed by a player: kick or attempt to kick an opponent, trip, jump at, charges, strikes or attempts, pushes, holds or spits, or handles the ball deliberately.
- An indirect free kick shall be awarded to the opponent for the following offences: Dangerous play, charging a player who is not within playing distance of the ball, intentionally obstructing, charging the goalkeeper, goalkeeper is prohibited from handling the ball when a team-mate has **deliberately kicked** the ball to him/her or handles the ball directly from a team-mate's throw-in, or time wasting by the goalkeeper.
- A player shall be cautioned and shown the yellow card if: he dissents with a referee decision, enters or leaves the field of play without referee permission, is delaying the re-start of the game.
- A player shall be sent off the field of play and shown the red card, if he is; guilty of violent conduct, guilty of serious foul play, uses foul or abusive language, is guilty of a second cautionable offense, denies via foul, a goal scoring opportunity.

LAW XIII Free Kick

- Free-kicks are taken from the spot where the foul occurred (except penalty). The ball must be stationary. Kick and move to be in play.
- 1. Direct; punishment for committing one of the major fouls-a goal can be scored direct against the offending team.
 2. Indirect; punishment for a non-major foul-the ball must be played by another player beside the kicker to count as a goal.
- Opposing players to be 10 yds from the ball till it's been kicked.

LAW XIV Penalty Kick

- The penalty kick is a direct kick taken from the penalty-mark. All players other than the goalkeeper and the kicker must be outside the penalty-area and behind the penalty mark.

LAW XV Throw-in

- A throw-in is to bring the ball back into play after it has crossed over the touch-line. It is to be taken by a player of the team opposite of the team that last touched it. There is no off-side on a throw-in. Unfairly impeding or distracting the thrower is a cautionable offense.

LAW XVI Goal-kick

- The goal-kick is to bring the ball back into play after it has crossed over the goal line (not inside the goal) after being touched or played by an attacker. "The ball must be stationary and is kicked from any point within the goal area by a player of the defending team. The ball is in play when it is kicked and clearly moves. Ball need not leave penalty area and allowed to pass the ball to a teammate in the box. A goal can be scored, but only against the opponent.

LAW XVII Corner-kick

- A corner-kick is awarded to the attacking team after the ball crosses over the goal-line (not inside the goal) after it was touched or played by a defender. The ball is put into play from the closest corner inside the quarter circle and the kicker cannot touch the ball twice. Defenders are to be 10 yards from the ball. There is no off-side, and a goal can be scored directly.

Acknowledgment:

The preceding Laws of Soccer are edited. Although reliable sources were utilized, no interpretation guarantee is implied nor intended. Please consult the USSF publication for the official version-without SRSL Addenda.

Addenda

The SRSL games shall be played in accordance with the LAWS of the game of soccer, except for the deviations listed below. The SRSL Addenda to these Laws follow:

LAW I The Field of Play SRSL Addenda

- Recommended field size for: BU-08 through BU-15 and for GU-08 through GU-15, shall be Junior size field, (70% regulation)

LAW II The Ball SRSL Addenda

- Sizes for the playing balls for the age levels shall be as follows:
 - - Size 4 for U-08 through U-13
 - Size 5 for U-14 and older

LAW III Number of Players SRSL Addenda

- The approved total number of players on the field for a team in an age group shall be as follows:
 - - 6 total for Coed BU-12 through BU-15,
 - 6 total for GU 12, 13, 14 & 15
 - 8 total for BU & GU=8,9,10,11
- In case of a shortage of players, the number of players on the field can be as follows:
 - - For 8 on a side – it's acceptable to play 6 vs. 6, **but 5 or less causes forfeit.**
 - For 6 on a side – it's acceptable to play 5 vs. 5, **but 4 or less causes forfeit.**
- "Unlimited substitutions can be made with the referee's consent prior to a throw-in, on a goal kick, after a goal, and at half time. Both teams may substitute prior to goal kicks, after a goal, and at half time. As to throw-ins, however, only the team in possession has the initial option of substituting, but if it does, the other team may have unlimited substitutions also. No substitution is allowed prior to a corner kick. Note: no substitution can be made without the referee's consent.
- Injured player(s) **must** be substituted or removed. The other team may also substitute, like for like. Replaced players can be reinserted into the game.
- A cautioned player **must** be substituted or removed.

LAW IV Player Equipment SRSL Addenda

- Jewelry is not to be worn during the game. Prohibited examples: watch, necklace, wristband, earrings, sunglasses, etc.
- Medical emergency tags are allowed, if taped in place.

LAW V The Referee SRSL Addenda

- The referee is empowered with interpreting and ascertaining that the games are played according to the SRSL Addenda and Rules by exercising the authority granted to him/her by these same Laws, Rules, and Addenda.

LAW VI The Assistant Referees SRSL Addendum

- A two-person referee system can be utilized, or two or more referee assistants can be selected and shall be at the will of the referee.

LAW VII Duration of the Game SRSL Addenda

- The games shall consist of:
 - U-08 to U-11 will have 4 – 12 minute quarters/periods.
 - U-13 to U-15 will have 4 – 15 minute quarters/periods
 - Half time intervals can be less than 5 minutes, but should not exceed 10 minutes.
 - The pause between the 1st & 2nd and 3rd & 4th period can be less than 3 minutes, but should not exceed 5 minutes.

LAW VIII The Start of Play SRSL Addendum

- All players, except the player taking the kick-off, must be in their own half of the field of play.
- The team kicking off for the start of the game, (1st Q), will also kick-off for the start of the 3rd Quarter. The opposing team, will kick-off to start the 2nd and 4th Quarter.

LAW IX Ball in and out of Play NO SRSL Addendum

LAW X Method of Scoring NO SRSL Addendum

LAW XI Offside SRSL Addendum

- In the U-08 and U-09, the players shall not be declared off side. "Cherry-Picking" shall not be permitted.

LAW XII Fouls and Misconduct SRSL Addenda

- Possession by the goal keeper, shall be considered as having any part of his body on the stationary ball. It shall be considered a –caution, yellow card offense - for the opposing player to attempt to deliberately kick the ball.
- The use of foul or abusive language or gestures by players, coaches or spectators directed toward the referee, coach, player or spectator is an ejection, a red card offense. Offenders could be indefinitely suspended.
- Any harassment, or vocally expressed disagreement with the referee's decision shall be penalized with a caution, yellow card, or ejection, red card, with a one (next) game suspension.

LAW XIII Free Kick SRSL Addendum

- Junior fields: Opponent players shall be seven (7) yards from the ball.

LAW XIV Penalty Kick No SRSL Addendum

LAW XV The Throw In SRSL Addendum

- For the U-09 and younger (lower) age groups only: If the ball is improperly thrown in, the throw in shall be retaken by the same player. If the throw in is again improper, the opposing team will take possession of the ball.

LAW XVI The Goal Kick No SRSL Addendum

LAW XVII The Corner Kick SRSL Addenda

- For the U-11 and younger (lower) age groups, the kick shall be taken from the short or mini corner, which is the intersection of the penalty area line and the goal line.
- For the Junior Fields, the defenders are to be 7 yards from the ball

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Rules of Administration

1.1 - Inclement Weather and Field Conditions

- **1.1.1** A game may be called off because of inclement weather or poor field conditions when agreed upon by majority of the coaches and the referee present ON THE SITE. A "no-show" team will forfeit the game.
- **1.1.2** A game with two (2) quarters having been played that is called on account of bad weather or poor field conditions shall be considered as having been played. (Referee fee paid.)
- **1.1.3** A game with less than two (2) quarters having been played that is called because of field or weather conditions shall not be recognized as having been played, and must be rescheduled and replayed from the beginning. (Referee fee paid.) See Rule 1.2.
- **1.1.4** The fields can be 'closed' only by the appropriate Community Authority, and the association scheduler will be responsible for rescheduling the games.
 - **1.1.4.1** If the fields are closed, then the home team must notify the visiting team a minimum of 2 hours prior to the start of the scheduled game that its fields are closed. (Referee fee not paid.) See Rule 1.2.
 - **1.1.4.2** Failure on the part of the home team to notify the visiting team that its fields are closed will be considered as sufficient cause for the home team to forfeit the game.

1.2 - Make up dates/Rescheduled Games

- **1.2.1** Arrangements for scheduling make-up games must be completed by the "home" team (city) within one week of the original game date. If the "home" team does not reschedule this game within a week of the original game date, the home team shall forfeit the game. Be advised that this new date must fall within the time frame noted in Paragraph 1.2.2.
- **1.2.2** All games make/up or rescheduled, must be played within 7 days after the last scheduled Saturday of the session.
- **1.2.3** SRSL Game schedule changes are permitted only during the scheduling process, which is considered to be the time prior to and during the final League Director's scheduling meeting, the League Coaches meeting, and/or before the game schedules are made public. Once the final game schedules are made public, schedule changes are permitted, but only for emergency situations, weather related (inclement weather or unsafe field conditions) cancellations, exacting civil authority, or previously unannounced school functions. Any scheduling request changes to the final game schedules must be submitted in writing (via email) to the C & D Commission for their approval.

1.3 - Eligibility and Age Groups of Players and Team Sizes

- **1.3.1** Any team playing a player who does not comply with Rule 1.3, without the written consent of the SRSL Directors, shall forfeit all past games played, and also any future games the player plays in. The SRSL Directors shall notify coaches in an age group of any exceptions.
- **1.3.2** Age groups: B=Boys (may have girls), G=Girls (only), C=Coed, example U9 means 9 and under

Age Group	Birth Year
U-06/U-07	2019 - 2020
U-08/U-09	2017 - 2018
U-10/U-11	2015 - 2016
U-12/U-13	2013 - 2014
U-14/U-15	2011 - 2012

- **1.3.3** Any child playing on a travel team or other organized team is not allowed to be rostered or play on an SRSL team. (Active 'carded' players are prohibited.)
- **1.3.4** 'Select' teams or 'select' players are not allowed to play in any age group.
- **1.3.5** Only players registered through the City/Community recreation department are eligible to play in the SRSL games.
- **1.3.6** Permanent player transfers, "switching" or moving of players between or among teams can only be made with the approval of the SRSL Board.
- **1.3.7** Every eligible child able to play, must play at least 1/2 the game. In the case of casts or other medical assistance equipment, padding and cover must be in such a way as to not be dangerous to the player or to other players.
- **1.3.8** Overage players or Rosters exceeding the maximum size are not permitted on any SRSL team. Any variances must be submitted in writing (via email) to the SRSL Board for their approval.
- **1.3.9** Team sizes (Maximum number of players on a team roster) shall be governed by the following:
 - **1.3.9.1** Teams authorized to field 6 players for a match, shall be permitted to have a total of 12 on the roster.
 - **1.3.9.2** Teams authorized to field 8 players for a match, shall be permitted to total 16 on the roster.

1.4 - Rankings, Awards, Patches

- **1.4.1** Forfeit games shall be carried as a 0-4 loss, and shall count for 2 points in the standings, credited to the non-forfeit team.
- **1.4.2** Standings for age groups within the League will be calculated after the Fall and Spring session using the following points system:
 - Win = 3 point
 - Tie = 1 point
 - Loss = 0 points
 - Should there be a Tie (equal points) at seasons end, it shall so stand.
- **1.4.3** SRSL patches can be made available to SRSL members & guests.
- **1.4.4** All awards, trophies and/or recognition's are the responsibility of the "Home" city/community, not the SRSL.
- **1.4.5** Game scores must be updated on the Score Portal by the home team score representative within the system's deadline (7 days). (See Rule 1.6)
 - **1.4.5.1** Any Game Scores not submitted by the home team within the time frame indicated herein, shall be considered, by default, a forfeit by the home team, and said game shall be recorded as a 0-4 (forfeit) loss by the home team.

1.5 - Warning, Caution, Ejection, Goal differential

- **1.5.1** A Warning shall be considered as a 'soft' caution, in which the offender is verbally told of his infraction but is not given a "card".
- **1.5.2** A Caution or Yellow Card is given to offender for an infraction as per Rules/ Laws of the Game.

- **1.5.3** An Ejection or Red Card is given to an offender- for a one (next) game suspension- for a most serious infraction of the Rules, Laws.
 - **1.5.3.1** The ejected person (player, coach, and spectator) must leave the field. Refusal will be cause for the team to forfeit the game.
 - **1.5.3.2** Serving ejections, red cards, are carried into the next season.
 - **1.5.3.3** Any player or coach receiving two (2) RED CARDS (Ejection's) in a season is ejected for the balance of that season and cannot be replaced.
- **1.5.4** If a game is terminated by the referee because of fouls or misconduct, the responsible team shall forfeit the game.
- **1.5.5** The Goal differential provision will be administered as follows;
 - **1.5.5.1** If a team wins by 6 goals, 2 points shall be counted for the win
 - **1.5.5.2** If a team wins by 7 points, 1 point shall be awarded for the win
 - **1.5.5.3** If a team wins by 8 or more goals it shall receive 0 points for the win; and it shall be so calculated for the standings for the session. See Rule 1.4.2
 - **1.5.5.4** Goal Differential Clause; if both coaches agree in the presence of the referee to set aside the goal differential provision before the game begins, then the goal differential provision (1.5.5) will be waived and suspended for that match. (The home team score representative must be notified and it must be noted on the SRSL standings report.)

1.6 - Home, Visiting Team designation, Responsibilities

- **1.6.1** The HOME team is listed first on the schedule and is to provide the game ball, field, and referee. The visiting team is listed second.
- **1.6.2** The Home team will change colors in the event that the jerseys are of similar color. The use of vests, bibs, etc. should be considered.
- **1.6.3** The visiting team captain shall call the coin 'heads' or 'tails' while it's in the air. (See Law VIII).
- **1.6.4** Each member league (city) of the SRSL shall be responsible for accumulating the 'home' game scores and appointing a representative to update these scores on the SRSL Score Portal within the system's deadline (7days). (See Rule 1.4.5)

1.7 - Tardy: Team, Referee, Fees

- **1.7.1** The Soccer Referee Director for the 'Home' community will be responsible for assigning a referee to the match.
- **1.7.2** The minimum Referee fee for a game in the SRSL is as follows (These are minimum SRSL game fees.):
 - Junior Fields (12 Minute Quarters) = \$35.00
 - Junior Fields (15 Minute Quarters) = \$35.00
- **1.7.3** Tardy Referee: After a 15 minute grace period, a game may be started with an official that is agreed to by both coaches.
- **1.7.4** Tardy Team; after a 15 minute grace period, a team will be considered as a 'no-show'. (See Rule 1.1)
- **1.7.5** The team/community forfeiting a game is required to pay the referee fee for that match.
- **1.7.6** It is a requirement for all SRSL referees to attend the SRSL Referee Rules familiarization conference scheduled in August for the Fall Season, and in March for the Spring Season.
 - **1.7.6.1** The Center (Game) referee must complete and submit the Incident Report via email, within 2 days of the game that he officiates.

1.8 - General procedures for Players, Coaches, Spectators

- **1.8.1** Players and coaches to position themselves on one side of the field.
 - **1.8.1.1** Teams to stay on own half of field, (Mid line to goal line) 3 feet from the side line.
 - **1.8.1.2** Maximum of 3 coaches per team on coach's side.
 - **1.8.1.3** Smoking is prohibited on the Coach/Team side.
 - **1.8.1.4** Spectators to be opposite the teams.
- **1.8.2** Coaching is prohibited from the spectator side.
 - **1.8.2.1** No one is allowed in the end-zone during a game.
 - **1.8.2.2** The coach is responsible for his team's parents and spectators.
 - **1.8.2.3** All protests, disagreements or request for reviews, must be in writing and submitted in a timely manner addressed to the SRSL Board.

2.0.0 Manual of Procedures and Rules of the SRSL

By accepting membership in the SRSL, each league and all of its members agree to follow the rules and regulations of the SRSL. It is an obligation, responsibility and requirement that each member abides and pledges to follow the rules as well as the spirit of the Laws of Soccer so that the goals and philosophies of the SRSL shall not be compromised.

2.0.1 The final authority as to the interpretation of the rules, laws, etc of the SRSL rests with the SRSL Board. The SRSL rules apply to all SRSL games; "In House" or "Home Field" rules are voided, banned, and not permitted within any SRSL games.

- **2.0.1.1** Any, all variances to the Rules, Addenda, etc. of the SRSL must be submitted in writing (via email), addressed to the SRSL Board for their approval.

2.0.2 The SRSL reserves the authority to make rules governing its age groups, divisions, and team and league eligibility.

2.0.3 The decisions of the SRSL Board in placing any team in an age bracket are final and may not be appealed or disputed.

2.0.4 Age groups may be combined, as seem fitting by the SRSL.

2.0.5 The agreements reached between the coaches in the presence of the referee before the game starts, are in affect for the entire game, and cannot be modified, altered or rescinded for the duration of the game.

2.1.0 - General Information for Leagues, Players, Coaches and Spectators

- **2.1.1** The moving up and down the length of the touchline for coaching and instructing players is not permitted. It is strongly suggested that coaches and substitute players remain within the 10 yard technical area so designated by the referee. The exception would be for substitute player(s). If instructed by the referee to remain within this area, the instructions are not open to a challenge, and disagreement can be interpreted as dissent.
- **2.1.2** Spectators are required to remain at least 5 feet back from the touchline on their side of the field to give the assistant referee (linesperson) room.
- **2.1.3** Fighting, either on or on the sidelines, physical/verbal assault on the referee shall be considered as sufficient cause for the referee to immediately suspend the game.
- **2.1.4** Any club (League) whose team has been suspended may be put on probation.
- **2.1.5** Each team should be prepared to provide an individual capable of following the play to serve as a linesperson.
- **2.1.6** Any own-goals scored by a team to circumvent the goal differential provision could result in a forfeit, and or a loss of all points for that game, with a possibility of losing additional points from the accumulated total.
- **2.1.7** It is an SRSL requirement to register a city (community) league, in the fall for the fall and spring session. It is not acceptable for guest leagues to participate in the fall only or the spring only.
 - **2.1.7.1** Changes in coaches or teams must be updated immediately, in a timely manner.
 - **2.1.7.2** Teams must be kept intact between the fall and spring session. Teams shall be formed for the beginning of the fall session and shall remain intact for and including the spring session.
 - **2.1.7.3** The players, once assigned to a specific team, shall remain on that team for the fall and spring.
 - **2.1.7.4** Re-forming of teams or wholesale re-assignment of players from one team to another is not permitted only in the Spring Season due to additional registrations and the need to create a new team.
 - **2.1.7.5** Permanent Moving or transferring players between teams is prohibited without the written consent of the SRSL Board.
 - **2.1.7.6** Non-compliance shall be viewed as a serious violation of the pledge and privilege of membership in the SRSL, and shall be treated as such.

2.2.0 - SUBSTITUTIONS

- **2.2.1** The referee will give permission for player substitution to a coach by making an obvious, distinct or audible signal for the substitutions to start.
 - **2.2.1.1** Substitutions may be made after this signal, and before:

- A throw in by the team in possession, only then the opposing team may have unlimited substitutions also. In extreme heat, by either team.
- Boys & Girls - 8/9 - Free substitutions by both sides on any throw-ins.
- A goal kick by either team
- After a goal is scored by either team
- For the start of a quarter, or after half-time
- On an injury time out, limited to one-for-one, by both teams
- When a player has been cautioned, but only the cautioned player must be replaced
- If a player is asked to be removed by the referee, even if not cautioned.

2.3.0 - REFEREE AUTHORITY

- **2.3.1** The ruling, opinion, declaration, decision and authority shall not be challenged, nor may the referee's judgment be appealed. Be advised that an expression of disagreement with the decision of the referee may be deemed as dissent, and invoke the appropriate consequence.
- **2.3.2** The referee is not required or obligated to warn a coach, player or spectator before being asked to leave the field or the surrounding area.
- **2.3.3** Players and coaches only, have the privilege of being issued a yellow/red card.

2.4.0 - DISCIPLINARY PROBLEMS Disciplinary situations will be addressed by the cities involved and the person being disciplined. Both team coaches and the referee must submit the Incident Report to the cities involved in a timely manner.

- **2.4.1** Definitions for:
 - **2.4.1.1** Physical abuse - Striking or the verbal threat to strike, unwelcome touching will not be tolerated. Any physical abuse by a spectator, coach, player or referee against any coach, spectator player or referee, whether it occurs before, during or after the game, will result in the immediate ban of the offending person from any SRSL future games, and this incident may be referred to the appropriate civil authorities for consideration of any legal action. (cities notified)
 - **2.4.1.2** Verbal Abuse - A verbal attack is defined as insulting in nature, of obscene or offensive nature, being excessive or sustained. The seriousness of the misconduct, as determined by the cities involved, shall dictate the severity of discipline imposed.
 - **2.4.1.3** Suspension - The stopping, excluding or barring from continuing to play or participate in any additional SRSL activity.
 - **2.4.1.4** Probation - Is the conditional abeyance of the suspension of a team for misconduct or other SRSL rule violations. It is an SRSL requirement that for the period of probation, the team (coach) shall be permitted to participate in games, but only if the city/club director or representative is personally at the site to observe and supervise these games
 - **2.4.1.5** Select; for the purposes of the SRSL shall include, but is not limited to mean to chose or pick out from among others, as for desirability, superiority, or to gain an unfair advantage.
 - **2.4.1.6** Timely Manner - For purposes of the SRSL, "timely manner" shall mean within 3 days.
 - **2.4.1.7** One week - Shall be viewed as 7 days. Since game day is considered to be Day 1, a week is intended to end on midnight of the 7th day, i.e. A must reschedule Saturday game would have a rescheduled deadline of Midnight of the following Friday
 - **2.4.1.8** Coaching is considered to be, and is not limited to:
 - a. Giving instructions to a player on the field
 - b. Guiding a player to a specific direction
 - c. Communicating knowledge to a player
 - d. Advising a player in their movements, etc.
- **2.4.2** - Incidents
 - **2.4.2.1** By Spectator(s) initial incident:
 - a. During the course of the game: On any initial (first) incident, directed toward a referee, player, coach, or other spectator, the referee will stop the game to warn the coach to advise this spectator to cease immediately.
 - b. Before the game begins: The referee will warn the coach to instruct the coach to warn the spectator.
 - c. Following the game: If this incident occurs after the game, the referee and coach will notify the cities involved and it will be considered as the initial incident of the member team's next game.
 - **2.4.2.1.1** by a Spectator, a repeat offense during the same game:
 - a. At the discretion of the referee, the game will be stopped, and the team associated with the spectator will forfeit the match. The name of the abusive person will be

provided to the referee. Failure to provide the name will cause the team to be suspended until this person is identified in writing to the cities involved.

- **2.4.2.1.2** By a Spectator, second incidents during a future match:
If another incident of verbal abuse occurs during the course of another match by the same offender during the same season, the result will be the suspension of that person. This suspension will be for the remainder of the season. If the incident occurs in the last match of the season, the suspension will be for the entire next season.
- **2.4.2.1.3** by a spectator, a third incident during a future game:
An incident of abuse by the same or different spectator will result in the team being suspended for the remainder of the season, and if the occurrence is the last game of the season, the entire next season.
- **2.4.2.2** By a Coach or Referee
 - **2.4.2.2.1** An initial incident of verbal abuse:
This first incident directed toward any player, coach, referee, or spectator, the coach or referee shall report this behavior to the cities involved using the Incident Report system. The cities will notify the offender of the charges, and shall, at minimum, caution this individual against any future similar misconduct.
 - **2.4.2.2.2** A second Incident of verbal abuse:
This subsequent incident at a future game by the same coach or referee during the same season will result in the suspension of this individual from coaching/officiating league games for the remainder of the season. And if the transgression occurs in the last game of the season, the suspension will be for the entire next season.
 - **2.4.2.2.3** A third Incident of verbal abuse:
If a third incident occurs in the same season, the coach or referee can be suspended, relieved of duties, and banned from SRSL games for a period of 5 years or more.
- **2.4.3** The SRSL Board reserve the right to review the conduct of coaches, players, referees, and spectators. These matters are of profound interest to the SRSL, but in the case of a referee, the remedy will never include changing the result of a game.
- **2.4.4** Any game suspended or abandoned by a referee after the second half kick off for other reasons, such as order, control, misconduct, etc. will be reported to the cities involved. Those cities will determine the outcome, and the final score based on its review of the referee report.
- **2.4.5** The home team must schedule a make up game within the time frame specified in Rule 1.2.0. A team that fails to show for this said rescheduled game will forfeit this game by 0-4. If both teams fail to show for this game, it shall be considered as a double forfeit, and both teams shall lose one (1) point in their total win/loss earned points.

2.5.0 "CARD" POLICY

- **2.5.1** The referee in the SRSL has the authority to issue both yellow and red cards at any time he is on the field he has been assigned to officiate. His authority is from the time he arrives, to the time he leaves the soccer field.
 - **2.5.1.1** He does not have to warn a player or a coach before a caution (yellow) or an ejection (red) card is issued. Normally, a card will be shown but it is not necessary for the referee to "card" in order for disciplinary action to be taken.
 - **2.5.1.2** Players and coaches only, have the privilege of being issued a yellow/red card.
- **2.5.2** The SRSL Board reserves the right to take action with or without warning against any offender, be it sole, repeat, habitual or ongoing. Such action may include, and is not limited to, a phone call to the city league, the coach, or the responsible person.
 - **2.5.2.1** It could be a letter of warning, a reprimand, or a request to a disciplinary review. However it is not necessary for any form of warning to occur before a sterner disciplinary act is taken when deemed necessary by the the SRSL Board.
 - **2.5.2.2** The SRSL reserves the right & authority to suspend or remove any participant, spectator, player or coach for up to 30 years. Please note that any disciplinary action for infractions mentioned elsewhere in the SRSL rules, etc, are stated as a minimum.
 - **2.5.2.3** Misconduct will be evaluated on its own basis, and there is no appeal to authoritative example. If a coach is dismissed or removed from a match, (for an infraction-disciplinary action) the involved league will be notified. If the coach fails to observe the censure, that team will be barred from participating in any SRSL games for the remainder of the season.
 - a. The coach is responsible for the conduct of his players, spectators and guests during the course of the game. This includes the time before and after the game.
 - b. A coach can be removed (dismissed) from a match for failure to support the referee in controlling the spectators, players, or someone associated with his (her) team in any capacity.

- The Coach's Game Report is the means to convey displeasure with a game. This includes dissatisfaction with the performance, but not the judgment, of the referee. Ejections, dismissals, or Red Cards issued to a member or associate member by the referee for harassment, dissent, or unsporting conduct shall not be tolerated by the SRSL and as such, shall be treated sternly and receive no sympathy from the Board.

2.6.0 PROTEST(s) and or APPEALS Protest(s) and or Appeals must be submitted via email, and addressed to the cities involved or the SRSL Board

- **2.6.1** Protests or disagreement
 - a. The SRSL Board shall be responsible for dealing with all written protests.
 - b. All protests to/for any corrective or disciplinary action must be submitted in writing within a timely manner addressed to the SRSL Board.
 - c. The decisions of the referee, his judgment, rendered within the authority outlined by the Laws of FIFA and the rules of the SRSL, are not open to challenge or protest.
- **2.6.2** APPEALS Only the SRSL Board rulings may be appealed. (Referee decisions, rendered within the confines of the game, shall not be appealed)
 - a. A request for an appeal must be made in writing - sent to the SRSL Board.
 - b. After receipt of the written appeal, the Board may decide to invite the person appealing and a witness, along with their respective league representative, to attend the hearing of this appeal. A time and place may be set aside at its meeting to hear this appeal.
 - c. At this procedure, the appealing person, the witness and their league representative will have 5 minutes each to present their statement and or submit supporting written documents.
 - d. Since this procedure is a request for a change in a decision that had already been rendered, the total time for this will be 30 minutes.
 - e. Members of the Board are at liberty to ask questions pertaining only to the subject matter.
 - f. The results of this appeal will be transmitted to the person who appealed and their League representative within 21 days of the meeting.

2.7.0 The SRSL Board reserves the right to suspend or alter any time constraints, restrictions or procedures, if it feels that to do so would serve a better good or serve the best interest of its members. The decision to suspend, remove, or alter/change, lies within the responsibility of the Board and is not guaranteed or assured.

Amended and Ratified by the SRSL Board at the General Meeting
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