

REGINA SOCCER ASSOCIATION

RULES AND REGULATIONS

I. INTRODUCTION

The Regina Soccer Association (RSA) is organised to promote and develop the game of soccer by providing leagues for youth and adult players and supporting activities. The leagues and supporting activities are designed to encourage and advance the game of soccer and to provide the knowledge and skills needed to play the game and to coach players. Players, coaches, spectators and parents are an integral part of the Association's activities.

The rules and regulations governing the league organisation and play and supporting activities reflect the Association's purpose and incorporate these principals:

1. Equity and fair play through a balanced and competitive league;
2. Proper soccer etiquette by all participants;
3. Establish the foundation for an orderly and fair league administration; and
4. Create an environment for players to participate and enjoy the game of soccer.

II. APPLICATION

- (a) The RSA Board and its appointed officers are responsible for the administration of the league and supporting activities in accordance with these Rules and Regulations.

The rules and regulations of the RSA recognise the rules and regulations of the Saskatchewan Soccer Association (SSA) and the Canadian Soccer Association (CSA). The RSA rules and regulations apply only to matters within the jurisdiction of the RSA. These rules and regulations may be deleted or amended by the Executive of the Association by passing a motion at an executive meeting.

- (b) Where the rules and regulations of the RSA may not have anticipated a situation, application of the Rules and Regulations shall take the following sequence:
- (i.) the RSA By Laws and Rules and Regulations;
 - (ii.) SSA Rules and Regulations, including Disciplinary Guidelines;

- (iii.) CSA Rules and Regulations, including Disciplinary Guidelines;
 - (iv.) The Board will rule on a situation not covered by the Rules and Regulations and their decision will serve to formulate required changes to the RSA Rules and Regulations.
- (c) Unless otherwise stated, rules applying specifically to adult players and games shall take precedence in the event of conflict between the general Rules and Regulations of the RSA and such specific adult rules.

III. DEFINITIONS

- a) **Eligible Player:** An eligible player is a player duly registered according to the league regulations.
- b) **Registered Team:** A registered team is a team comprised of duly registered players or transferred players.
- c) **Club:** An organisation comprised of two or more teams duly formed with a president and by-laws.
- d) **Independent Team:** A single team, not associated with an existing Club. As of July 31st, 2000 no new independent teams will be allowed for the youth divisions of soccer. Any new youth team wishing to form after July 31st, 2000 must do so within an existing Club organisation that has youth teams.
Existing independent youth teams as of July 31st, 2000 will continue with any and all privileges afforded to them within the by-laws of this Association. As of May 2003, no youth independent teams remain in existence.
- e) **League:** Any grouping of teams who compete with each other.
- f) **Team Representative:** An adult who is listed as the contact person for the team or club.
- g) **Team / Club Director:** A person designated to represent the team or club on the RSA Board.
- h) **Playing Up/Down:**
- (i.) A player, registered with a younger aged team, or registered with a lower division team, who has been called up to play a game, or games, with an older aged team, or a higher division team on a temporary basis, is playing up.
 - (ii.) No Tier I or higher age division player may play down unless officially transferred.

- i) **New Player:** A new player is any player who has never registered with an RSA team.
- j) **Guest Player:** A player invited by another team to play in an independent tournament.
- k) **Cup Tied:** A player is considered Cup Tied to a given team if he/she competes for that team in any league playoff or special competition involving league playoffs.
- l) **RDSA Cup:** RDSA Cup or Cup Play means the post season playoffs which follow the regular season of adult leagues.
- m) **Zone Organization:** A Zone organization, is a single club within a designated geographic zone as outlined in this document, with the support of the RSA, that shall have the following rights, privileges and advantages:
 - i To be the sole voice for soccer in the zone area
 - ii To be of assistance to the RSA in developing soccer in the zone;
 - iii To be of assistance to the RSA in determining matters of controversy

IV. MEMBERSHIP AND PARTICIPATION.

Membership is governed through the Bylaws of the Regina Soccer Association.

The purpose of the RSA is to co-ordinate soccer in Regina and to operate leagues for teams wishing to play, subject to these rules and regulations. The RSA recognises any Club, Independent Team and any community association wishing to register and affiliate itself with this association.

V. TEAM REGISTRATION

- a) The RSA registers teams composed of players registered through their organisations. Where no organisation exists, the RSA will endeavour to organise player registration.
- b) Registration forms, deadlines for submission of forms, and registration fees will be determined seasonally by the RSA.
- c) Fees and conditions of payment for team registrations shall be set seasonally by the RSA.

- d) Team registration forms will be provided by the RSA. Forms must contain all information requested, written in a legible manner.
- e) Complete team registration forms must be submitted to the RSA registrar at the place and by the date set by the RSA.
- f) Proof of age of new youth players must accompany the registration form.
- g) Team registration fees must be paid to the RSA by the date set by the RSA.
- h) Copy of the completed team registration form will be signed by the registrar and returned to the team.
- i) Penalty for late registration applies to all teams.
 - i. Any team who is late in submitting registration forms or in paying registration or other required fees will be subject to a penalty as per the fee schedule.
 - ii. In the event the fees remain unpaid for a period of two (2) weeks following the deadline for payment the team shall be eliminated from the league schedule. This is a performance bond issue.
- j) For the purposes of player movement individual teams must declare any affiliation with another team prior to the start of the season.
 - i. An Independent Team may affiliate with any one team in each of the adult divisions other than the division in which they are registered. An affiliation between teams must be declared in writing by each of the affiliating teams and submitted to the RSA for approval prior to any player movement between the affiliated teams.
 - ii. A club team is automatically deemed to be affiliated with each other team within its Club without declaration. This is known as a natural affiliation.
 - iii. A youth player may play up a maximum of six (6) games only, per team in a higher division, age group or affiliated team during league play. Playing up during shield play is not allowed. A player playing up to a specific team within a club (natural affiliation) more than 6 times will result in an automatic transfer to the team they play up to. A player playing up with a non-club affiliation (outside of the club) is ineligible to play up more than 6 games with that affiliate. The league may impose penalties and sanctions for any player exceeding the maximum allowed games playing up. Automatic movement of the player to the new team does not occur for non-club affiliations.

VI. SIGNING PLAYERS.

- a) A player who, once properly registered with a team, continues to play with that team for the duration of the season unless officially transferred. Players are registered when the team registration form has been approved by the registrar.
- b) In league play, all players must be signed and properly registered with the RSA, prior to their first game.
- c) In league playoffs all players must be signed and properly registered with the RSA, three weeks prior to the start of the league playoff tournaments.

For Provincial tournaments these time lines are subject to, and may be changed at the discretion of, the SSA.

- d) An adult team may only register two (2) youth players over the course of a season. For a youth team moving to, and registering with, an adult division who has more than two (2) youth eligible players previously registered with that team, the excess of youth eligible players registered with that team are grandfathered.
- e) No youth player under the age of fifteen (15) years as of January 1st of the current year will be allowed to compete in any adult competition, unless special permission has been granted by the district association, upon request by the players team and the player with his/her parents consent.
- f) A player may be designated a guest when invited by another club or team to play with them in each independent tournament. This does not constitute a regular player movement or transfer.
- g) If a team disbands during the playing season, the RSA RESERVES THE RIGHT to reassign the players by means of a draft, ensuring grandfathering rules are applied for zoned players.
- h) Females may register to play on male teams.
- i) If a team or club has violated the grandfathering or zoning rules when signing a player, the following sanctions will be applied to the offending team:
 - Loss of all points gained while playing the ineligible player,
 - Player is automatically transferred to a team within their home zone based on assignment by the appeals committee,
 - Any fees due to the new club are payable by the old club,
 - May be subject to further disciplinary actions and fines.

VII. AGE LIMITS AND NUMBER OF PLAYERS

- a) Age groups for youth players will follow the established age limits set by SSA.

The age categories are:

- Under 8 – Under 8 as of January 1 of the current year.
- Under 10 - Under 10 as of January 1 of the current year.
- Under 12 - Under 12 as of January 1 of the current year.
- Under 14 - Under 14 as of January 1 of the current year.
- Under 16 - Under 16 as of January 1 of the current year.
- Under 18 - Under 18 as of January 1 of the current year.

- b) Any team that includes on its registration or game sheets, a player who is over the age limit, shall forfeit all games played. The opposing team (s) will be declared 5 – 0 winners.

- c) The maximum number of players that a youth team can register at any one time is eighteen (18) for the outdoor season and eighteen (18) for the indoor season. The number of players registered with a team shall not exceed twenty (20) over the duration of the season in play.

U8 teams may register a maximum of ten (10) players for the outdoor and indoor season.

U10 & U12 teams may register a maximum of fourteen (14) players for the outdoor and indoor season.

- d) For adult teams the rules are as follows:

- i. For the Indoor Season the maximum number of players that a team can register is eighteen (18) at any one time and up to a maximum of twenty (20) players over the course of a single season.
- ii. For the Outdoor Season the maximum number of players that a team can register is as follows:
- iii. In the Premiere Division – eighteen (18) at any one time and up to a maximum of twenty-five (25) over the course of a single season;
- iv. In any other Division - twenty (20) at any one time and up to a maximum of twenty-five (25) players over the course of a single season.

- e) There are no limits to the number of teams a community association or club may enter in the RSA.

- f) The RSA may organise inter-zone leagues or city-wide leagues for lower division teams.

VIII. TRANSFER OF PLAYERS

- a) Players may only transfer once during the season with accompanying transfer fee. The fee will be in accordance with the fee schedule.

Once a player has transferred they must stay with that team for the remainder of the season, including the playoff tournaments.

- b) Player transfer forms are to be signed by the player or parent/guardian, current team representative, and a representative of the new team. The established transfer fee must be submitted to the RSA office administrator.
- c) Transfer takes effect from the date the transfer form is received by the office administrator. There can be NO transfers after the deadline established for provincial and play off tournaments.
- d) For adult players, no transfers are permitted between teams, including affiliated teams after March 15th for the Indoor Season and after July 31st for the Outdoor season.
- e) For teams competing in Saskatchewan competitions not under the jurisdiction of the RSA, Player Transfer Rules of that jurisdiction must be followed.
- f) A player may transfer to another team up to three weeks prior to:
- (i.) the start of RSA youth league play offs ;
 - (ii.) the start of provincial tournaments, for which these time lines are subject to and may be changed at the discretion of, the SSA.
- g) Adult players who transfer to another team for a provincial competition may remain playing with their original team for league and Cup Play, provided that they do not play any league or cup games for the team they have transferred to for the provincials.
- h) Once a player is Cup Tied he / she may not play up. No player movement will be permitted during league playoffs.
- i) Any youth player transfers must be in accordance with the zoning and grandfathering rules.

IX. PLAYER MOVEMENT BETWEEN LEAGUE TEAMS AND DIVISIONS.

- a) There are no limits to the number of players a team may play up.
- b) Teams that play up players must obtain a permit for each player playing up. The permit must be attached to, and remain with, the game sheet.

Failure to do so will result in the forfeiture of game points if the opposing team protests.
- c) Parental or guardian consent must be obtained when youth players play up in another age division. Signed consent must be on the play up permit.
- d) Prior to approaching a player from another team for the purpose of either playing up or going as a guest player to a tournament, the coach of the team making the request must first inform the player's current coach of the intention to do so.
- e) Provided they are otherwise eligible under these rules, there is no limit to the number of times a youth player may play up to an adult team..
- f) The RSA has the right to designate teams to tiers according to the tiering policy. However, the RSA does not wish to restrict youth teams who wish to play in a higher youth age division for a season, and then return to their age eligible division the next season. A youth team may elect to play in a higher youth age division only at the beginning of a season and must remain in that designation for the entire season. Partial season movements are not allowed. Eligibility for any provincial berth, as a result of team movement, is at the discretion of the Regina Soccer Association.
- g) That youth female players be eligible for lateral player movement to a youth male team(s) of like division within the same zone

X. TEAM NAMES AND UNIFORMS

Team Names

- a) The name of the team must be included on the registration form.
- b) In the event that more than one club registers with the same name, only existing clubs or teams that have traditionally used that name will be allowed the use of that name. in the event that only new teams enter with duplicate names, the team first submitting their registration form will be given the right to that name.
- c) That all teams registered with the RSA must have a unique name within the same age group and division, and cannot be named as a number or a letter.

Team Uniforms

- a) Each team shall wear jerseys that distinguish them from the opposition and Game Official(s). Within a team, jerseys must be matching and with unique numbers that must correspond to those on the game sheet. Goalkeepers shall wear jerseys to distinguish themselves from the referee and all players other than the opposing goalkeeper.
- b) In the event that opposing teams have jerseys that fail to permit their ready distinction by the game official, the home team shall change to another colour or wear pinnies (bibs). Where alternative uniforms are used, the uniforms need not be numbered.
- c) Youth clubs must register one home and one visitor colour prior to the start of each season.

XI. PLAYER CARDS

- a) Teams should have player cards with them at all games, if a team is requested to produce their cards and they do not have them present, they must submit them to the office within two (2) business days of the game.
- b) Prior to each adult game, the referee shall collect the teams' player cards. In the event that a player is given a red card during the game, the referee shall retain that player's card and turn it in to the Association office with the game sheet and discipline report. The referee shall return all other player cards to the respective team, together with their copy of the game sheet at the conclusion of the game.
- c) Should a youth player receive a red card during a game, the player card must be handed to the referee, at the end of the game, to be returned to the office with the report. If the card is not available, it is the responsibility of the team coach/manager to hand the card into the office the next working day.
- d) If an adult player's player card is not present at a game, that player will be ineligible for that game.
- e) Prior to each game, coaches may reserve the right to check opposing teams player cards.
- f) If a player card is lost or misplaced, a replacement fee as per the fee schedule will be charged.

XII. TRAVEL PERMITS.

All teams travelling to out of province tournaments shall first obtain a travel permit. A fee in accordance with the SSA current fee schedule shall accompany the application form, which is submitted through the RSA to the SSA.

XIII. PROTESTS.

This section refers only to games played directly under the jurisdiction of the RSA.

- a) All protests arising out of RSA sanctioned games shall be made in writing to the RSA office, together with the required protest fee, by the next business day for league games. For tournament and play off games, protests must be submitted in writing to the tournament official present, within one (1) hour of the end of the game.
- b) All objections to the grounds, goal posts or other facts known before the commencement of the game must be made to the referee prior to the kick-off. If the cause of the objection cannot be corrected the referee has the authority to determine whether the game will be played or cancelled.
- c) All protests submitted to the RSA shall be heard within one (1) week, by a Protest and Appeals Committee duly established by the RSA Board.
- d) The fee for all protests shall be according to the fee schedule.

XIV. APPEALS

- a) Other than zoning placement appeals, and discipline appeals, an appeal of process, not judgement, may be made to a duly appointed Appeals Committee. A decision being appealed shall remain in force until the appeal has been heard.
- b) Appeals must be submitted in writing to the RSA office and must be received within ten (10) business days after the decision being appealed was received.
- c) The RSA Board shall appoint an appeals committee that may include external representation as part or all of this committee. The appeal committee shall notify appellants of a decision, verbally, within 48 hours of the appeal being heard, followed by a letter of confirmation.
- d) Every appeal must be accompanied by a deposit in accordance with the fee schedule. If the appeal is upheld, the fee will be returned. Decisions must be forwarded within 48 hours.

- e) At league level, appeals may be heard only once and these decisions are final. Subsequent appeals may be made to the SSA in accordance with the rules and fees of that body.
- f) No member shall sit on an appeal committee where a conflict of interest exists, or is perceived to exist.

XV. ZONING

- a) That a Zone Organization shall have the following responsibilities:
 - To develop skilful players and provide them the opportunity to play;
 - To obtain and develop quality coaching;
 - To develop and maintain cooperation with the local communities and associations;
 - To provide, develop and maintain communications with other Zone organizations;
 - To provide representation and input to the RSA and the RSA Board;
 - To provide, develop and maintain communications with the other Zone organizations; and
 - To develop and maintain the best interest of soccer in the City and the Zone.
- b) Zoning applies to male and female players up to and including the age group designated as Under 16. Zoning is not applied to the under 18 age division due to the low number of players in that age category, however, players that are U16 and under may only be registered with a U 18 team outside of their zone upon approval of the Placement Committee or the Zoning Appeals Committee
- c) Zoning is the division of the city into representative areas to allow for the organized distribution of players to the different zones.
- d) At the May 2000 meeting of the Association, the board of directors agreed to accept and implement zoning.
- e) Any New Player to the Regina Soccer Association will have to register with a club or team that is within their home zone.
- f) Each Independent Team or Club is designated to a zone within the city.
- g) As a coach or manager, there are no restrictions on which zone, Club, or Independent Team you can actively participate with.

- h) Due diligence must be exercised by the Clubs and Independent Teams when recruiting and registering players. The rules and regulations regarding zoning and grandfathering must be adhered to.
- i) The boundaries for zoning are based on the City of Regina Community Association zones except for the North/Central zone which is a combination of the existing city designated north and central zones and all rural areas west of highway number 6, including Southey. In addition, a fifth zone has been created which includes the Triangle Association encompassing White City, Emerald Park, Pilot Butte, Balgonie, Edenwold, McLean, Kronau, Francis and surrounding area. For greater clarity, the zones within the city are defined including the following City of Regina community associations:

North Central Zone

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| • Argyle Park | Englewood | Uplands | Coronation Park |
| • Northeast | | North Central | Eastview |
| • Cathedral | | Transitional | Core |
| • Al Ritchie | | Gladmer Park | |

East Zone

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| • Boothill | GlenElm | GlenCairn |
| • Arcola East | | |

South Zone

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| • Lakeview | Hillsdale | Albert Park |
| • Whitmore Park | | |

West Zone

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| • McNab | Dieppe | Rosemont Mt. Royal |
| • Prairie View | Normanview West | Normanview |
| • Regent Park | Walsh Acres | Sherwood McCarthy |
| • Twin Lakes | | |

- j) The boundaries are adjusted when the City of Regina adjusts their geographic boundaries, or upon recommendation from an appropriate committee of the Board of Directors of the Regina Soccer Association.
- k) Zone determination is based on the address where the player normally resides. In the event of a joint custody arrangement, the zone determination is based on where the player's school is located. In the event "normal residency" is in question, the office is authorized to request a sworn affidavit attesting to the normal residency of the player from a parent or guardian.

- l) Club and Independent Team assignments to zones are as shown below:
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| East Zone - | Regina East United Soccer Club |
| West Zone - | AC Football Club |
| South Zone - | Queen City |
| North Central Zone - | UCT Soccer Club |
| Triangle Zone - | White City |
- m) Assignment of clubs to zones is final.
- n) If a player plays up to an age group that is zoned, then zoning and grandfathering rules apply. If the player is playing on an under 18 team pursuant to Article 15 (b) and is still eligible for a lower age group, they are still subject to zoning rules should they move back to their appropriate age group.
- o) It is the responsibility of the Club or Independent Team to ensure that each player has an opportunity to play soccer. If a place cannot be found within the home zone, the league will attempt to find a place for the player to play or move the players to another team, inside or outside of the zone. This movement would be done in consultation with the parent or guardian.
- p) When a Club does not have a place for a player to play within their zone, the Club shall provide the following information to the league office prior to the deposit date for the season: Name of the player, sex, age and birth date, present address, any special circumstances concerning custody, where last played, and the zone, team and division preferred. This information must be certified by the technical director for the Club or the President of the Club.
- q) The placement of players who do not have a place to play within their zone shall be done by the office in consultation with a Placement Committee, which will be established as a standing committee of the RSA board.
- r) The Placement Committee of the RSA board shall also review and determine requests by players that have a place to play within their zone but wish to play in another zone provided they have a release signed by their home zone technical director or president. These players must provide the same information set forth in article 15 (p) as well as the reasons as to why the player does not want to play within their zone. For these activities there is no fee charged. In the absence of a signed release, the player's request to play outside of his/her home zone shall go straight to the Zoning Appeals Committee.
- s) During the placement process, if teams have 14 or more players during the indoor season (16 for the outdoor season), they will not be contacted to accept more players, and the Placement Committee will continue to place players on teams whose numbers are lower than the above mentioned. Division II and III teams that do not have a complement of players as described above shall be required to take additional players by the Placement

Committee. The league reserves the right to fill Division II and Division III youth rosters to the defined maximum.

- t) The Placement Committee will not entertain releases or requests for placement that are based on:
- personality conflicts between players, parents and team officials,
 - personality conflicts between players,
 - if a player is not in good standing with their club,
 - the club or team is not in good standing with the league,
 - club decisions made on the tiering of players.
 - friends are on the team.
- u) The Placement Committee shall, in making its determinations with respect to placement of players, consider the following:
- the viability of the age group and division
 - the parity of the teams within the age group and division
 - the purpose of zoning
 - the circumstances of the player selection process for the team to which the players are being potentially assigned
- v) The Placement Committee is authorized to move players between zones in order to preserve team and league viability on a season by season basis. In the event this movement is contrary to the grandfathering rules, the Placement Committee is authorized to apply the grandfathering rules as if the player had not been so moved.
- w) Should a player change residence and they are not already grandfathered, the player will be allowed to play with their current team to the end of that season, but thereafter will be required to play within the new home zone. Residency shall be determined as of the team's registration date with the league.
- x) Individual Club team mergers, within or outside of the zone are not allowed. Where insufficient numbers of players exist within one team, the league will attempt to find players to build a viable team or move the players to another team, inside or outside of the zone. Independent Teams can merge with other Clubs or Independent Teams within a zone. This movement would be done in consultation with the parent or guardian.
- y) That Queen City, White City, AC Football Club, UCT Soccer Club, and Regina East United Soccer Club be recognized as the official Zone Organizations within the RSA for their respective zones and be afforded any and all privileges that being a zone organization may afford.
- z) That when a zone organization is created and recognized by the RSA, the previous club and/or independent team names that were associated with the previous entities involved with the creation of the zone organization, are automatically removed from the zone assignment in the RSA Rules and Regulations.

- aa) The Regina Soccer Association has provided notice to all clubs that amalgamation of clubs within zones is desired. Clubs and teams have until August 15, 2002 to do so or the Regina Soccer Association will take action as deemed appropriate. Appendix IX – Club Amalgamation and Zone Organization Selection are motions that have been passed by the RSA with the first motion superseding the second two. It is the intent of RSA to review the applicability of the motions 2 & 3 within the appendix upon the conclusion of the amalgamation process as outlined in motion 1 of the appendix. The motions are included in the Appendix for information purposes only at this time.
- bb) In the event a player desires to register with the league on a team after the date on which the teams in his/her age division were registered, the approval of the placement committee will be required for such player to play within their home zone.
- cc) With respect to tiering of players, neither the placement committee nor the Zoning Appeals Committee will entertain requests for a player cut to Division II to play on a Division I team within their home zone. Such matters are matters for the zone organization. In the event a player cut to Division II is able to find a Division I spot in another zone, that player may be placed on such team by the placement committee. One of the considerations for such placement shall be whether the Division II team to which the player had been cut has released the player to play on the Division I team in another zone.
- dd) For the purposes of zoning, player residency is based upon the legal custodial arrangements for the player.
- If there is single custodial rights by one parent, or by the family, then the residency for the player is their home address.
 - If there are multiple custodial rights then the residency of the player would be determined by the address of the player's school.
 - If the player is residing with a legal guardian, then the residency would be that of the guardian. The league would require copies of the supporting legal documentation reflecting the guardianship.
- ee) Non zoned leagues are prohibited from signing zoned youth players unless released from their home zone and have not been placed by the out of zone placement process.

XVI. GRANDFATHERING OF PLAYERS

- a) Grandfathering is the process of allowing players to play outside of their home zone upon the implementation of zoning. A player is grandfathered to the Club or Independent Team that they played on at the end of the 2000 outdoor season, or the end of the 1999/2000 indoor season if they did not play during outdoor 2000. Players registered prior to these dates but not active, are subject to zoning rules.
- b) Should a player be released from all teams within their grandfathered Club, then they must try out for a team within their home zone. If a place cannot be found within the home zone, the league will attempt to find a place for the player to play or move the players to another team, inside or outside of the zone. This movement would be done in consultation with the parent or guardian and under the authority of the Placement Committee.
- c) Players are not grandfathered to the zone, players are grandfathered to an Independent Team or Club.
- d) Previously unregistered siblings of grandfathered players will be required to register within their home zone.
- e) Changing residences does not impact the status of a player's grandfathering.
- f) Should the Club or Independent Team to which the player has been grandfathered not have a next level team for them to move onto, the player must return to their home zone.
- g) Grandfathering for a player ends when they leave their grandfathered Club or Independent Team or when they reach the age where the teams and clubs are no longer zoned.
- h) After 3 consecutive, successful zoning appeals or placements by the Placement Committee to the same club, the player will automatically have achieved the equivalent of grandfathering status with the new club, and will no longer have to appeal or request placement. Effective the start of the 2003/2004 indoor season, no new grandfathering status will be granted to players as a result of the player being placed on the same club three seasons in a row.

XVII. ZONING APPEALS

- a) Zoning and grandfathering appeals are subject to section XIV, Appeals.
- b) A permanent Zoning Appeals Committee will be established as a standing committee of the RSA board. All zoning or grandfathering appeals must be submitted to this body. An

appeal must be submitted in writing and describe the circumstances and rationale for why the player should play outside of their home zone.

- c) The appeals committee will not entertain appeals based on:
- personality conflicts between players, parents and team officials,
 - personality conflicts between players,
 - if a player is not in good standing with their club,
 - the club or team is not in good standing with the league,
 - club decisions made on the tiering of players.
 - friends are on the team.
- d) Appeals granted/placements by the Placement Committee are only valid for one playing season and must be resubmitted each season. However, any fees associated with an appeal are only due on the initial successful appeal. It is up to the player and their parents/guardians to initiate subsequent appeals/placement requests for each season. A player will only be able to play outside of their zone upon a successful appeal or a placement by the Placement Committee. Otherwise the player will have to register within their home zone.
- e) The fee for zoning and grandfathering appeals is as per the RSA Fee Schedule. The fee is refunded if the appellant is successful.

XVIII. Rules for Registering Out-of-District Players with the RSA

- a) This rule encompasses players that have a registered league to play in outside of the RSA's boundaries.
- b) Must first present to the office, a release form from their existing body.
- c) The office will then record the age, sex, division, and the extenuating circumstances for the request.
- d) Based on the existing criteria for placing out-of-zone players, the Placement Committee will attempt to place the individual with a team, after first placing the league's existing players first.
- e) The out-of-district player will not have the right to appeal the placement by the Placement Committee.

XIX. Movement of Players for Provincial Competitions

- a) As per SSA rules, teams awarded a provincial berth have the ability to transfer up to two players onto their SSA roster from teams not eligible for provincials, regardless of their zone. The transferred players continue to be members of the team from which they transferred for all other purposes, including league and shield play. This player movement option is governed by the conditions within this section.
- b) Player transfers as outlined within this document do not count towards the two players allowed by this section.
- c) Players transferred under this section must complete their league and shield play with the original team. The player cannot play any games within the league or shield with the receiving team. A violation of this principle will result in a forfeiture of any points garnered from the game and disciplinary sanctions against the team officials, club officials and the player.
- d) A player may only be transferred to one team and must be within the SSA established cut-off dates and times.
- e) If a player transfers to a team that has not been confirmed for provincials, (through league standings or other means like payment of fees), and subsequently that team does not qualify, the player may not transfer to another team.
- f) If a player's originating team qualifies for provincials, the player must play with the team they have been transferred to.
- g) The player being transferred must be duly registered with the RSA. Recreational Guest Players as outlined in appendix xii do not qualify.
- h) The player being transferred must be registered in the same age division and team division, or lower. Players from higher age groups and divisions are not allowed to transfer, even if they are age eligible.
- i) Players are not allowed to transfer for any provincial playdowns which may be required by SSA for qualification to the provincial championship tournament.

XX. Abandoned Matches

- a) When the second half of a game has begun, the match shall be determined to be a full game.

Appendices

- (i) Performance Bond Guidelines
- (ii) Tiering Policy-Youth Teams
- (iii) Tiering Policy-Adult Teams
- (iv) Disciplinary Code
- (v) (Obsolete)
- (vi) Fee Schedule
- (vii) Camera Acceptable Use Policy
- (viii) Co-Ed League – Vision and Rules
- (ix) Club Amalgamation and Zone Organization Selection
- (x) RSA Committees – Terms of Reference
- (xi) RSA Board Meetings – Unique Procedural Rules
- (xii) Recreational Guest Players
- (xiii) Provincial Qualification Determination – Youth
- (xiv) Zoning Release Form
- (xv) Codes of Conduct
- (xvi) PSL Zone and Club Participation Rules
- (xvii) Lightning and Severe Weather Policy
- (xviii) Booking Conflict Policy
- (xix) Fundraiser Guidelines
- (xx) City Championship Designations – Youth and Adult
- (xxi) Informed Consent Forms
- (xxii) Tie Breaking Policy and Procedure

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