

NORTH OKANAGAN SOCCER LEAGUE RULES & REGULATIONS

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NOSL MISSION STATEMENT

To allow men's teams made up of players 16 years and older to play competitive games and create new opportunities for individual players to get involved in soccer in Vernon. The league will create opportunities for young individuals to participate after outgrowing Youth Soccer and become a feeder system for the Men's 35+ & 45+ leagues currently operating in the Okanagan. The NOSL, its executive and players, are committed to operating a league that will promote sportsmanship and fair play.

ADMINISTRATION

The members of the North Okanagan Soccer League will administer the NOSL through northokanagansoccer.ca

EXECUTIVE

Each team will be responsible for appointing one (1) representative to act as a voting member on the league executive. The League Coordinator will carry out day to day operations of the league. The executive will be consulted and will vote on issues of importance to the future operation of the league.

1) Quorum – League meetings must have at least 60% of the teams present (3/5) in order to vote on issues

AFFILIATION

The league will be affiliated with BC Soccer.

TEAMS

- a) A team shall be eligible for affiliation with NOSL upon receipt of the team's registration fees and forms.
- b) Teams must pay NOSL a \$1,000 installment on league fees on or before the first league meeting and the balance owed by the second Monday in June.
- c) All player league fees are paid to the team rep. Refund policies are team discretion.
- d) Teams must submit a minimum roster of eleven (11), on or before the first Monday in March.
- e) Players will register annually online at northokanagansoccer.ca
- f) A BCSA Team Affiliation form will be filled out by all teams.
- g) A minimum of (7) seven and a maximum of (20) twenty registered players may be dressed for each game.
- h) BCSA ID Cards will be required in order to be eligible to play in a game.
- i) Any player without a BCSA ID card is considered an ineligible player.
- j) Referees will check player BCSA ID cards prior to the game.
- k) Late players must show the referee their BCSA ID card prior to entering the field to play.

Teams not having photo ID cards will receive a \$25.00 fine and will forfeit their game. The fine will be taken from the team bond. Teams will be expected to replace bond money up to \$250 prior to each season. Bond money carries forward from season to season.

FEES

Outdoor: League fees will be determined in March by the team reps and will be based on the number of teams and the budget for that season.

SEASON

Outdoor: Season start and end dates will be set in March by the Team Reps.

GAMES & RESCHEDULES

Outdoor

- 1) Games will be played under FIFA Laws of the Game.
- 2) Games will be played as scheduled unless extenuating circumstances exist. Teams wishing to reschedule games must notify and receive agreement from the opposing team 48 hours in advance of the game. Email notice of game reschedules must be sent to the League Coordinator no less than 48 hours in advance of the game time.

There will be a pre-set make-up date and teams MUST play any make-up game on this date or take a forfeit.

If teams have multiple make-up games then the procedure will be:

1. Within 1 week from the cancelled game both teams must offer one date they can replay the game.
 1. 2. If teams do not agree on either date then the game will be recorded as a tie.

3. All forfeited games will result in a \$200 fine that will be taken from the team bond. Teams will be expected to replace bond money up to \$250 prior to each season **or upon depletion of the team bond. Upon depletion teams will be ineligible to compete until team bond is topped up to \$200.**

PLAYOFFS

A playoff format will be decided upon at the annual meeting.

REPORT FORMS & RESULTS

Game report forms will be issued to each team by the NOSL League Coordinator.

- 1) It is the responsibility of the home team to supply the Game Report Form, fill it out and give it to the referee prior to kick off. The referee will forward the form to the visitor's team who will fill it out and give it back to the referee.
- 2) Only players that are actively participating in the game are to have their names and jersey numbers listed on the Report Form.
- 3) The copies are to be distributed to the home and visiting teams. The Referee will turn in the original copy to a designated location for each community immediately following the game.
- 4) Game results must be emailed to reports@northokanaganassoccer.ca by the winning team as noted on the game report. Results will be forwarded to the media.

AWARDS

The regular season league champions will receive the Gibson Cup team trophy. The Playoff Champions will also receive a team trophy.

OFFICIALS

Games will be officiated by 1 Referee and 2 Assistant Referees. Salmon Arm games will be assigned by the Salmon Arm Referee Coordinator. Referees for Vernon and Revelstoke games will be allocated by the team. The referees must be registered BC Soccer Association referees. If you are a player in the league you cannot referee in the league.

EQUIPMENT

1) Teams will be responsible for the supply of FIFA approved uniforms, one game ball, two corner flags, one net and photo ID player cards for each player.

ROSTERS

- 1) There is no limit to the number of players on your roster but only 20 players can dress per game.
- 2) Roster players must be turning 16 or older in the calendar year and not playing in any BC Soccer youth system. Adult (senior) teams wishing to obtain a permit for a registered youth player can do so by completing a BC Soccer Player Permit form. A copy of the approved permit must be on file with reports@northokanaganassoccer.ca and teams must present a copy of the permit to the referee.
- 3) The league is designed to accommodate players' 16 years of age and over not currently playing on another soccer team. However, in order to fill rosters, players 35 years of age and over participating in the Men's 35+ or 45+ Soccer Leagues will be allowed to play in the NOSL.
- 4) Players listed on your official roster form must participate in a minimum of (3) three league games to be eligible for playoffs.
- 5) Any team using an ineligible player will automatically forfeit the game.
- 6) There is no cutoff to adding players to a roster, but on June 1st players on the rosters that are sent to BC Soccer cannot be cancelled and are included in the team fees.
- 7) Special Application for waiver of player eligibility, re: work, course commitments or injury, must be made as soon as the team is aware the player will miss enough games to affect his eligibility. All requests for waiver must be made in writing to the League Coordinator.

PLAYER TRANSFERS

There will be NO TRANSFER OF PLAYERS once a player is registered with a team unless ALL TEAMS agree to the transfer.

DISCIPLINE

Participants must refrain from actions or attitudes aimed at influencing the officials. Participants must accept official's decisions with sportsmanlike conduct, without disputing them. Clarification may be politely requested through the team captain. The spirit of FAIR PLAY, towards the officials, opponents, teammates and spectators is expected at all times.

- 1) A Disciplinary Committee will be formed and will deal with fines, suspensions and serious breaches of sportsmanship.
 - 1) The Committee will be appointed annually.

2) 2) In matters of discipline, the league accepts and follows the BCSA discipline policy and procedure guide.

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3) Any player who has received the following:

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a) three (3) yellow cards shall be fined \$25.00 and shall be suspended from playing in at least his next scheduled league.

b) one (1) red card shall be fined a minimum of \$25.00 and shall be suspended from playing in at least his next scheduled game.

c) a red card for unsportsmanlike behavior will be fined \$50.00 and suspended to the full extent of the BCSA discipline guidelines.

d) any player suspended can commence playing after his suspension until the fine has been paid and his ID card has been returned.

e) All yellow cards for unsportsmanlike behavior shall be fined \$25.00

f) Two (2) accumulated yellow cards for unsportsmanlike behavior will result in a one (1) game suspension.

1. g) Every accumulated yellow card after two (2) for unsportsmanlike behavior will result in a one (1) game suspension and discipline committee review.

4) After contact from the Disciplinary Committee, it is the responsibility of the team representative to administer the suspension to his player(s).

5) Any appeal must be received in writing and accompanied by a non-refundable fee of \$25.00 within one week of the notification of the suspension to the team representative.

6) Suspended players may be asked to appear before the Disciplinary Committee.