

RULES AND POLICIES GOVERNING SCSC

Rule 1- Authorities

- 1.1 The Rules and Policies contained herein shall govern members of SCSC in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with the Bylaws of this Club.
- 1.2 SCSC and each member team shall be responsible for the conduct of its players, coaches, and officers to ensure that their actions on or off the field do not bring disrespect upon SCSC.

Rule 2- Financial Responsibility

2.1 SCSC specifically disclaims financial responsibility for, and shall not assume to be held liable for, the debts or the financial obligations, either expressed or implied, of any team, or member of any team.

Rule 3- Registration Requirements

3.1 Mandatory Registration

All players must submit each season a properly completed SCSC player registration form to the SCSC Club Registrar by the dates established by the registration committee. There will be no proration for late entry.

3.2 Proof of Age

A player must provide proof of age upon initial registration with SCSC. Any player may be called upon to provide said proof of age to the SCSC registrar upon request. Proof of age (18 years) shall consist of a piece of identification containing both a picture and the date of birth of the registering player. Acceptable pieces of ID are the following: Drivers license, State Soccer Player ID Card, or an ID card issued by an appropriate government agency containing both picture and date of birth of the player. A team may request proof of age of any player through the Registrar.

Rule 4- Player Eligibility

4.1 The Registrar shall have the authority to determine the eligibility of a team and/or player based upon his/her current records. The SCSC Board has the right to refuse ANY registration.

- A. If the team and/or player wish to appeal the Registrar decision, written notice must be sent to the SCSC President. The decision may be appealed in person at the next Executive Board Meeting.
- B. The team and/or player remain ineligible for league play until he/she meets the registration requirements or the decision on appeal is reversed.

4.2 A player shall be registered by submitting the following information to the Registrar prior to league play.

- A. Completed player registration form.
- B. Copy of legal proof of age.

Players must be 18 years old before joining the league.

4.3 Any team found guilty of knowingly using an ineligible player(s) (under the age, judicial suspension, or not properly registered) shall not be eligible to participate further in the current and subsequent seasonal year. Players found to be under the age shall be suspended immediately from all SCSC play. The player found to be otherwise ineligible shall be suspended for an additional league game.

4.4 Any team/member of SCSC found to have forged a signature on a roster will be subject to suspension from SCSC.

4.5 Any team challenging another team for use of an unregistered player(s) must contact a board member within 72 hours of game time. The player and his/her team representative shall be notified of the challenge by the Registrar if the challenge is upheld.

Rule 5 – Team Eligibility

5.1 The registration committee of SCSC shall set dates and requirements annually for completion of team registration.

5.2 A team shall be eligible for membership with SCSC upon receipt by the registrar of the following items by the first game of the season:

- A. Completed team registration.
- B. Payment of outstanding team and/or player fines.
- C. Completed team roster, to include team representative.
- D. League Fee.
- E. Any other material the Registration Committee deems necessary.

5.3 The team representative shall be responsible for complete and accurate team membership. Non-compliance shall result in all materials listed above being returned to that team representative and their team shall not be considered for membership until error are corrected and materials resubmitted and accepted by the Registrar.

5.4 Any team which withdraws its membership and/or is suspended by SCSC shall forfeit all fees paid.

5.5 A team that seriously damages the interests of SCSC through frequent dangerous or offensive actions at SCSC events shall be subject to severe fines and penalties, including the possibility of suspension or expulsion from SCSC at the discretion of the Executive Board. For the purposes of this rule, a team that registers in future years will

be treated as the same team that was suspended or expelled if seven or more persons from the old team are registered on the new team.

Rule 6 – Rule of Competition

All competitions shall be governed by the Rules as stated herein in all cases where they are applicable and where they are not in conflict by these Rules of Competition.

6.1 Rules of Play

It is the responsibility of the team reps to maintain equal and fair play according to age and skill level. Team reps are allowed make changes with their opponent at any time during the game. However, half time is preferable.

Exceptions to “Laws of the Game”

1. Co-Ed teams shall consist of at least five women players on the field at all times.
2. No slide tackling or playing the ball from the ground.
3. Men are required to play 75% against women. 50/50 ball always goes to the woman first; allow the woman to collect ball, dribble or pass before challenging
4. Only minimal contact is allowed by any player
5. No player shall control the ball more than 15 yards unless on a break-away.
6. Women have 1st option on corner kicks or may defer to a male
7. Women will take all free kicks in the attacking half of the field.
8. Women will take all drop balls.
9. No player shall make intentional physical contact with the goalkeeper within the goal area, harass the goalkeeper, or attempt to play the ball once the goalkeeper has control of the ball in any manner and to any degree whatsoever. For infringement of this special rule, an indirect kick shall be awarded.

NOTE: “Having control of the ball” is, if the goalkeeper holds the ball on the ground with one or both hands.

10. No scores or standings will be kept within the league.

6.2 Players Equipment

All players on the field must be attired in shirts of the same color. All players **MUST** wear shin guards and **MUST** wear socks over shin guards.

All or any member(s) of any team are permitted to extra protective clothing, including gloves without dangerous, protruding or hard objects, against the cold provided:

- A. The proper team uniform is worn outermost.
- B. Team manager’s discretion may be used to determine if an item of protective clothing is considered to go beyond the purpose of providing a means of retaining body heat.

No player shall be allowed to play in any regularly scheduled game with an injury which constitutes a danger to others. No player wearing a cast or splint shall be permitted to play in any regularly scheduled game.

Protective orthopedic or prosthetic devices may be worn provided that:

- A. There is no protruding metal.
- B. Team representatives determine that the device does not pose a danger to either the player or others.

6.3 – Field of Play

The following specifications are applicable to all games administered by SCSC:

Recommended field dimensions
50 yards wide x 100 yards long minimum

6.4 – Game Duration and Ball Size

- A. Game Duration: Two 45 minute halves.
- B. Ball size: #5, Circumference 27” –28”, weight 14-16 oz.

6.5 – Number of Players

No team shall be allowed to have fewer than eleven registered players.

6.6 – Substitutions

- A. Prior to a throw-in.
- B. Prior to a goal kick, by either team.
- C. After a goal, by either team.
- D. After injury, by either team.
- E. At half-time.

The number of the substituted shall be unlimited.

6.7 Officiating

There are no referees at this time. Officiating is regulated by Team representatives.

Rule 7 – Season of Play

The season of play for this Club shall begin September 1 and end August 31 the following year.

Rule 8 – Insurance

9.1 All players registered must be insured throughout SCSC before being allowed to participate in any SCSC activities.

9.2 SCSC is not liable for ANY injuries.

