

West Valley Premier Soccer League

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- Rule 1** The League Executive Committee shall have the power to rule on all matters covered or not covered by the Constitution, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations as set forth herein.
- 1.a:** A Standing rule may be enacted into the Rules and Regulations by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the members of the TCSL Executive Committee at any time subject to the provisions of Articles XVI and XVII of the Bylaws.
- 1.b:** Standing rules may only exist for one year or until the next Annual General Meeting at which time they must be voted permanently into the Rules and Regulations or be automatically revoked.
- Rule 2** In notifying teams of Executive Committee meetings, the Secretary shall state whether the business is regular or special.
- 2.a:** If the business is regular, a minimum of seven (7) days notice shall be given.
- 2.b:** If the business is special, a minimum of forty eight (48) hours notice shall be given, and the special meeting shall be held within two weeks of notification.
- Rule 3** Players, officials, and spectators are only allowed to participate or attend League games on the condition that they observe and obey the Bylaws, Rules and Regulations of this League.
- Rule 4** Each team is responsible to the League Executive Committee for the conduct of its players, officials, and spectators and is required to take all the necessary precautions to prevent anyone from threatening or assaulting Referees, League Officials and players before, during, or after the conclusion of the game.
- Rule 5** Under no circumstances will the consumption of alcoholic beverages be permitted at any League sanctioned game/field.
- Rule 6** Under no circumstances will fighting, any disrespect to league officials, referees, or any conduct deemed detrimental to the league, be permitted.

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Rule 7 Each team shall be required to submit all forms and documents which the Executive Committee may deem necessary to ensure the proper functioning of the League. Each team shall pay all dues, fines, and fees levied by this League within ten (10) days of notification.

Rule 8 All teams shall play the game of soccer as set forth in F.I.F.A.'s Laws of the Game and all Decisions the International F.A. Board, except:

1. Teams shall consist of players over the age of 40.
2. One referee and two linesmen system are not required.
3. Substitution shall be unlimited and occur when the ball is not in play.

Rule 9 New incoming teams and existing teams not in good standing with the League must be approved by the president and/or Executive Committee prior to joining or being re-admitted to the League.

9.a: New teams, and teams that have been under suspension for more than 5 games, will have to be approved by the Executive committee prior to being scheduled for league play.

9.b: Teams under suspension that have fulfilled their obligations within 3 weeks may be approved to rejoin the league by the President.

Rule 10 Each team is responsible for ensuring the proper identification of its players, the accurate reporting to the League Executive Committee, and regular attendance at all formal Executive Committee meetings of this League.

Rule 11 A team playing illegal or suspended players shall be fined fifty dollars (\$50) for each player and each violation.

11.a: A suspended player is a player who has been suspended by the League Trial Board or permanently banned from the league.

11.b: An illegal player is a player who is under the Age of 40 that has not been cleared to play by the opposing team manager.

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11.c: Team managers can ask for removal of younger players at the start of the game or Half time.

Rule 12 Each team shall fulfill home field responsibilities when so scheduled. The home team is responsible scheduling the referee, nets, game ball, and corner flags. Failure to meet this responsibility shall result in a twenty dollar (\$20) fine for each occurrence. The home team is designated as the first team named on the league schedule.

Rule 13 Once a schedule has been published, the Director of Scheduling or the League President shall be the only individuals who can change it. A team unable to comply with the schedule may request a change by notifying the Director of Scheduling and the opposing team Manager at least seven (7) days prior to the game for which the change is requested. This rule applies to requests for time change, field change, rescheduling, and cancellations. The Director of Scheduling shall determine whether or not to change the schedule and notify both teams and the referees of the alteration in the schedule within five (5) days.

13.a: All teams must submit a list of dates which they cannot play

13.b No games will be scheduled on the weekends of Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Years, Easter, and Mother's Day.

13.c If a team Manager needs to change the time and/or location of a scheduled game, the team manager must first consult with the opposing team manager and notify league officials of the change. Failure to consult with other team manager and/or league officials will result in a \$25 fee.

Rule 14 A maximum of fifteen (15) minutes grace time shall be allowed to either the home or visiting team after the scheduled starting time has passed. A team failing to field a minimum of seven (7) players shall forfeit the game. The forfeiting team shall be responsible for payment of the referee's fees. Fees shall be paid to the Treasurer within eight (8) days following the game. Failure to pay the fees shall result in automatic suspension of all future games for said team.

14.a: If both teams fail to field the minimum number of players, each team shall pay one half (1/2) of the referee fees.

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14.b: Any and all teams forfeiting two (2) consecutive League sanctioned games shall have all further games suspended.

14.c: If a team leaves the field during the course of the League game, that team shall be fined an amount not less than \$100. The team shall also come under review by the Disciplinary officer for further suspensions.

Rule 14 The Disciplinary officer shall deal with all protests. The protest shall be in writing within five (5) days of the incident being protested.

Rule 15 Any individual having been ejected from a game shall be ineligible to play in the games following the ejection until his/her case has been reviewed by the Disciplinary officer.

15.a: Any individual having five cautions (yellow cards), any red cards or two written complaints in a season shall have his or her case reviewed by the Disciplinary officer.

15.b: A team or player under charge has the right to be present at the hearing of said charges or submit a written account of his case.

15.c: A member is entitled to one representative at his disciplinary meeting and may call witnesses and present evidence as he or she deems necessary.

15.d: If a team or player, having received seventy two (72) hours notice of said disciplinary meeting, is not represented at the meeting, and does not submit a written explanation of their case, the player/team automatically waives their right to an appeal of the ruling.

15.e: Disciplinary officer's decisions shall be presented in writing to the team manager, the league president and league secretary within two (2) days of the meeting.

Rule 16 Any request for appeals of a Disciplinary officer's decision must be made in writing to the League Secretary postmarked within two (2) days after having been notified of the Trial Board decision. The request must be accompanied by any/all fines. If the appeal is upheld by the Executive Committee, the money shall be returned to the appellant. If the appeal is

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denied, the fees/fines shall be remitted to the League Treasurer.

Rule 17 Fines and suspensions shall be carried over from one season to the next if necessary.

Rule 18 Appeals and protests must be accompanied by sufficient documentary evidence that the team/individual feels will provide the required justification for the appeal or protest.

Rule 19 Any player/team serving a suspension shall be deemed under probation until they have fulfilled the terms of their punishment.

Rule 20 The terms of the probation shall be decided on a case by case basis. The Disciplinary officer shall clearly define the terms of the probation in it's documentation explaining the ruling.

Rule 21 All elected and appointed positions in the League shall be of members in good standing.

Rule 22 Each team is responsible for setting up/taking down one goal, ½ of the flags and cones. Each team is also responsible for cleaning any debris/trash they have produced during the game.

Rule 23 Each team is responsible for acquiring a game kit. The game kit shall consist of cones for marking the side lines, tape for nets and a game ball.

Rule 24 Each team manager is responsible for making sure all of his players have:

1. Read all of the Bylaws, Rules and Fines Schedule.
2. Signed a Player Waiver form.