

12. Promotion and Relegation

- 12.1. May 1st is the deadline for non-AMSL teams for declaring, through their respective district, their intent to challenge the lowest-placed AMSL team.
 - 12.1.1. The challenge shall be made public prior to the start of the season.
 - 12.1.2. A North team can only challenge a North team and a South team can only challenge a South team.
 - 12.1.3. The lowest-placed South team and the lowest-placed North team in the AMSL are the team(s) that will be challenged.
- 12.2. Any challenging team must pay a \$1000.00 bond to their home district when declaring their intention to challenge.
- 12.3. The challenging team will bear the cost of the field rentals, referee, and game fees for the challenge. The participating team's District will be invoiced following the challenge for this amount.
 - 12.3.1. All costs associated with an inter-district challenge series will be charged back equally to each participating respective senior league. The participating teams' Districts will be invoiced following the challenge for their share of this amount.
- 12.4. No reserve team of an AMSL team may be a challenger for promotion to the AMSL.
- 12.5. Any challenging team must play in the top division of senior soccer in their District, and such division must consist of a minimum of four teams.
- 12.6. All challenges must be approved by the challenging team's district. Districts may have stricter eligibility regulations.
- 12.7. AMSL relegation-promotion challenges shall consist of a two-game series. The first game is to be played on the home field of the challenging team and the second game is on the home field of the AMSL team.
 - 12.7.1. The AMSL Administrator will work with the teams and the districts to confirm the date and locations.
 - 12.7.2. Two 15-minute halves of extra time shall be played at the end of regular time of the second game if the teams are still tied per the AMSL tie-breaking regulations.
 - 12.7.3. If, at the end of the extra time, the teams remain tied, then kicks from the penalty spot shall be taken, as per FIFA Laws, to decide the winner.

- 12.8. If there is more than one challenge from either the North or the South, the two (2) challenging teams will play each other in a home-and-away, two-game total goals competition. The winner will advance and play the lowest AMSL team from either the North or the South as appropriate.
- 12.9. If there are more than two Districts challenging, the challenging teams must first play a home-and-away, two-game total goals competition to see who will play the lowest-placed North or South AMSL team.
- 12.9.1. If three or more Districts challenge from either the North or South, the teams will play a round-robin tournament at a neutral site. The first-place team from these games will advance and play the lowest-placed North or South AMSL team.
- 12.10. For any challenge game, the AMSL team can use only their roster players and reserve team players as of July 31.
- 12.11. For any challenge game, the challenging team can only use their roster as of July 31.
- 12.12. No trialists (youth or senior players) are permitted to participate in any challenging games.
- 12.11. All challenging teams' rosters must be approved by their District and are due to the ASA office seven days prior to the first scheduled challenge game.
- 12.11.1. All players must meet the player eligibility requirements as stated earlier in the AMSL Operating Manual.
- 12.12. The winner of the challenge series will play in the AMSL the next season.
- 12.13. Performance bonds will be repaid within 30 days to any team relegated.
- 12.14. Challenges for a provincial spot must follow the procedure in the Provincial Championship Rules - Senior.