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Rules and Regulations Manual  
Mini Soccer

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## **SECTION 1 GENERAL RULES OF COMPETITION**

### **1.1 OVERVIEW**

- 1.1.1 The rules in Section 1 apply to all Provincial Competitions managed by the Newfoundland and Labrador Soccer Association (NLSA). Specific rules governing individual competitions managed by the NLSA are outlined in separate manuals and can be found online at [www.nlsa.ca](http://www.nlsa.ca).

### **1.2 GENERAL**

- 1.2.1 The NLSA Youth Committee is responsible for the management and control of all youth competitions.
- 1.2.2 The NLSA Senior Committee is responsible for the management and control of all senior competitions.
- 1.2.3 The NLSA Rules and Regulations Committee is responsible for maintaining these Rules.
- 1.2.4 These rules are subject to all NLSA Policies and Bylaws; in any conflict the NLSA Policies and Bylaws take precedence.
- 1.2.5 Within the constraints of 1.2.4, the NLSA, through its Rules and Regulations Committee, may make such temporary rules governing specific situations, not otherwise provided for, as are necessary to achieve the objectives of the NLSA.
- 1.2.6 Failure to comply with any of the requirements within these rules shall render any organization or individual subject to discipline.

### **1.3 ADMINISTRATION OF COMPETITIONS**

#### **1.3.1 Team Expectations**

- 1.3.1.1 Situations involving infractions requiring disciplinary sanctions occurring while participating in any NLSA competition will be dealt with by the appropriate person having authority over the situation and the individual involved. Disciplinary sanctions shall be in accordance with the NLSA Disciplinary Code.
- 1.3.1.2 All incidents of property damage must be communicated to the NLSA Representative for the competition; verbally within one hour after damage is discovered to be followed up in writing within 24 hours.

- 1.3.1.3 Damage by a team member(s) to any property, other than his/her (their) own shall be the financial responsibility of and dealt with, equally, by the member(s) of the team involved in the incident causing the damage; and their club.
- 1.3.1.4 All youth age players participating at any Youth or Senior Competition must be appropriately supervised by the team staff in accordance with the guidelines set down by the NLSA. Clubs may add to this policy as needed. **The NLSA Supervision Policy can be found online in the Risk Management Document at [www.nlsa.ca](http://www.nlsa.ca)**
- 1.3.1.5 Any player aged 10 or over whose last registration was outside the jurisdiction of Canada Soccer must request that the NLSA, through Canada Soccer, obtain the necessary International Transfer Certificate. Without this certificate, the player is ineligible to play in Canada. The fee per International Transfer is set by Canada Soccer and must be paid accordingly. Exchange students are not eligible for International Transfers.
- 1.3.1.6 For the purposes of these rules, a youth is any person under the age of 18, before January 1st of the current year of competition, participating in an NLSA youth or senior competition.

#### **1.4 NLSA REPRESENTATIVE**

- 1.4.1 The Regional Director is the NLSA Representative for any competition held in his/her Region with the exception of the Final Weekend of Challenge Cup and Jubilee Trophy where the Commissioner of the League is the NLSA Representative. If s/he is unavailable s/he is responsible to designate another person.
- 1.4.2 Wherever possible the NLSA Representative should have no duties in the tournament other than acting as the NLSA Representative.
- 1.4.3 The NLSA Representative will convene a meeting, if deemed necessary, of team representatives immediately prior to the competition.
- 1.4.4 The NLSA Representative will be responsible for the competition plaque or trophy and any medals or awards supplied by the NLSA. At the end of the competition s/he is responsible for returning unused medals to the NLSA office.
- 1.4.5 The NLSA Representative is responsible for all areas of discipline at the Provincial Tournament and will convene and chair a Competition Discipline Committee, if necessary. Appropriate action will be taken if deemed necessary.
- 1.4.6 The NLSA Representative shall investigate any general complaint prior to laying any charges of misconduct with the exception of anything arising from a referee's report on a game sheet.

- 1.4.7 The NLSA Representative will keep track of games and standings.
- 1.4.8 The NLSA Representative will present or arrange for the presentation of the competition plaque or trophy, and any medals or awards supplied by the NLSA.
- 1.4.9 The NLSA Representative will ensure that any NLSA Board Members who are present and all NLSA sponsors are recognized during all ceremonies and awards presentations.
- 1.4.10 The NLSA Representative will be the final authority on all procedural matters not covered in these Rules and Regulations.

## **1.5 NLSA OFFICE**

- 1.5.1 The NLSA office must inform the host club and/or region of the teams participating in the competition.
- 1.5.2 The NLSA office will provide the host club and/or region with the name, telephone number, fax number, and email address of the contact person for each team entering the competition.
- 1.5.3 The NLSA office must provide the host club and/or region with all forms necessary for the competition (game sheets, evaluation forms, discipline report forms, etc).
- 1.5.4 The NLSA office will be responsible for providing medals and a championship plaque or trophy for each competition as required. All awards will be handled by the NLSA Representative for the competition.
- 1.5.5 The NLSA office will see that all credential sheets are reviewed and stamped to confirm that all players are eligible. Credential sheets will then be sent to the host convenor for distribution to the NLSA Representative.

## **1.6 NLSA POLICIES**

### **1.6.1 Code of Conduct and Ethics**

- 1.6.1.1 The NLSA has a Code of Conduct and Ethics which must be adhered to by all members of The Association.
- 1.6.1.2 All complaints received from members of the NLSA under this Code will be forwarded to the NLSA Judicial Body for resolution.

1.6.1.3 The NLSA Code of Conduct and Ethics can be found online at [www.nlsa.ca](http://www.nlsa.ca).

## 1.6.2 Volunteer Screening

1.6.2.1 The NLSA has a formal policy in regards to Volunteer Screening.

1.6.2.2 The NLSA requires that any team official listed on the Team Credential Form for teams participating in any Provincial Youth Competition or in any Senior Competition when youth are members of the team or in any Competition leading to a National to be Police Record Check (PRC) cleared, including Vulnerable Sector Check. For this purpose, a PRC clearance is valid for a maximum of 12 months.

1.6.2.3 The Association requires that any team official listed on the Team Credential Form for teams participating in any Provincial Youth Competition or in any Senior Competition when youth are members of the team or in any Competition leading to a National to have completed Respect In Sport. For the purpose of these Rules is valid for a period of 5 years. The link for Respect In Sport is available on the NLSA website at [www.nlsa.ca](http://www.nlsa.ca).

1.6.2.4 The NLSA Volunteer Screening Policy can be found online at [www.nlsa.ca](http://www.nlsa.ca).

## 1.6.4 Alcohol, Banned and Illegal Drugs

1.6.4.1 The NLSA has zero tolerance in regards to the acquiring, possessing, purchasing or consumption of alcohol and banned and illegal drugs for all youth players playing in any NLSA sanctioned event. Such matters will be forwarded to the NLSA Judicial Body and may result in sanctions.

1.6.4.2 The NLSA has zero tolerance in regards to the acquiring, possessing, purchasing or consumption of banned and illegal drugs for all senior players playing in any NLSA sanctioned event,

1.6.4.3 A list of banned drugs refer can be found on the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport (CCES) website.

## 1.7 DISCIPLINE

### 1.7.1 General

1.7.1.1 Discipline at all NLSA sanctioned events will be dealt with under the NLSA Disciplinary Code which is available online at [www.nlsa.ca](http://www.nlsa.ca).

## **1.7.2 Discipline Hearings**

1.7.2.1 All Discipline Hearings required at Provincial Competitions will be conducted under the guidelines set out in the NLSA Disciplinary Code.

## **1.7.3 Protests**

- 1.7.3.1** For the purpose of these Rules, protests are objections of any kind related to events or matters that have a direct effect on matches, including but not limited to the state of markings on the pitch, accessory match equipment, eligibility of players, facilities and soccer balls.
- 1.7.3.2** Any protest arising out of any game in a NLSA tournament or league competition shall be in writing to the NLSA Representative or Commissioner within one (1) hour of the completion of the game in a tournament and within 24 hours of the completion of the game in a Provincial League. A fee of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) cash, money order or e-transfer to the NLSA, must accompany the written protest. This fee will be refunded if the protest is successful. All un-refunded protest fees must be forwarded to the NLSA.
- 1.7.3.3** In all cases, the Competition Discipline Committee shall rule on the protest, including the disposition of the protest fee, prior to the commencement of the next day's games.
- 1.7.3.4** The Protest Committee will deal only with the matters raised in the protest. Any other issues that arise (e.g. discipline) will have to be dealt with at subsequent hearings as may be necessary.
- 1.7.3.5** Any decision taken by this Committee on a protest shall be final and binding as far as the competition is concerned.
- 1.7.3.6** The referee's decision regarding facts connected with play, including whether or not a goal is scored and the result of the match, are final. There can be no protests against a decision of the referees as outlined in the Laws of the Game.
- 1.7.3.7** Protests of challenges in respect to player eligibility not ruled upon, or requiring further investigation, will be dealt with by the appropriate NLSA Committee and may result in the overall standings being amended.
- 1.7.3.8** After the completion of the Provincial Tournament concerned, any protest in regard to player eligibility already ruled on by the NLSA Representative, will not change the results of the competition.
- 1.7.3.9** If any of the formal conditions of a protest as set out in these rules is not met,

such protests shall be disregarded by the NLSA. Once the final match in the respective tournament has ended, no further protests under this article will be received.

## 1.8 AFFILIATION

- 1.8.1 All players, team staff and officials must be registered in the NLSA database at least 72 hours before Game #1 of the league entered.
- 1.8.2 Players and team staff added to any team after the team's initial registration must be registered in the NLSA database at least 24 hours prior to sitting on the team bench for the player's first game.
- 1.8.3 All must be registered, and all membership fees must be paid to the NLSA by July 13<sup>th</sup> of the current year.

## 1.9 Fees and Fines

### 1.9.1 Current Membership Fees

	<b>Member</b>	<b>Membership Fee Per Person</b>
a	Board Members	\$10.00 + HST
b	Board Members after July 13	\$20.00 + HST
c	Staff and Volunteers	\$10.00 + HST
d	National Referee	As set by Canada Soccer
e	New Clubs-1st Year 4-14 years old	\$10.00 per player
f	New Clubs-1st Year 15 years old and up	\$10.00 per player + HST
g	New Clubs – 2nd & subsequent years	Current Player Membership Fee
h	Player – Senior	\$35.00 + HST
i	Player – Youth 4-14 years	\$21.25
j	Player – 15-17	\$21.25 + HST
k	Provincial Referee	\$65.00 + HST
l	Regional Referee	\$55.00 + HST
m	District Referee	\$47.00 + HST
n	Provincial Referee after July 13th	\$75.00 + HST
o	Regional Referee after July 13	65.00 + HST
p	District Referee after July 13th	\$57.00 + HST
q	Youth Referee (under 14 years)	\$13.00
r	Youth Referee after July 13	\$18.00
s	Referee Instructor	\$55.00 + HST
t	Referee Assessor	\$55.00 + HST
u	Senior Team Staff	\$10.00 + HST
v	Youth Team Staffs	\$10.00

### 1.9.2 Tournament and League Fees

	<b>Tournament or League</b>	<b>Registration per Team</b>
a	U-7, 9 and 11 Jamboree	\$225.00
b	U-13	\$325.00
c	U-15 & U17 Mega	\$350.00 + HST
d	U-13 League	\$350.00
e	U-15 League	\$350.00 + HST
f	U-17 League	\$350.00 + HST
g	Senior Tournaments	\$350.00 + HST
h	Challenge Cup & Jubilee Trophy Leagues when Nationals in NL	\$400.00 + HST
i	Challenge Cup & Jubilee Trophy Leagues When Nationals are Ontario or East	\$900.00 + HST
j	Challenge Cup & Jubilee Trophy Leagues When Nationals are Manitoba or West	\$1,150.00 + HST
k	Late Registration Fee where applications are accepted no less than 17 days before the start of any tournament	\$100.00 + HST, if applicable

### 1.9.3 Hosting Grants

	<b>Tournament</b>	<b>Grant Per Each Team in Tournament</b>
a	U-7, 9, 11 Jamborees	\$85.00
b	Tournaments with Registration Fee \$325	\$120.00
c	Tournaments with Registration Fee \$350	\$180.00
d	Challenge Cup and Jubilee Trophy	\$500.00 for each playoff game to a maximum of \$1,500.00

Tournament reports must be submitted to the NLSA office within thirty (30) days of the conclusion of the tournament. Failure to do so will result in ½ of the hosting grant being forfeited. If the report is not received within sixty (60) days after the conclusion of the tournament, the entire hosting grant will be forfeited.

### 1.9.4 Coaching Clinics

	<b>Clinic</b>	<b>Cost for up to 10 participants</b>
a	Active Start	\$350.00
b	FUNDamentals	\$700.00
c	Additional Participants Active Start & FUNDamentals	\$20.00 per participant
d	Learning to Train	\$950.00 + HST
e	Soccer for Life	\$950.00 + HST
f	Additional Participants Learning to Train & Soccer for Life	\$30.00 +HST per participant
g	B License Part I	\$400.00 + HST per participant



		(includes assessment)
h	Travel and Accommodation, if needed	Actual Costs Incurred by Facilitator
i	C Licence	\$400.00 + HST per participant (includes assessment)

### 1.9.5 Referee Clinics

	Clinic	Cost
a	Small Sided (Age 14 & under)	\$675.00 for up to 15 participants
b	Additional Participants	\$45.00 per Participant to a maximum of 30
c	Entry Level	\$1040.00 + HST for up to 12 Participants
d	Additional Participants	\$87.00 + HST for up to a maximum of 18
e	Additional Participants	\$2080.00 + HST per participant form 19-24
f	Travel and Accommodation, if needed	Actual Costs Incurred by Facilitator

### 1.9.6 Other Fees / Fines

		Fee / Fine
a	Permission to travel outside province	\$50.00
b	Failure to travel to National competition	\$500.00 + any fine levied by Canada Soccer
c	Withdrawing as host (after deadline)	\$500.00
d	Withdrawing a team from a Provincial League (after deadline but before start of season)	\$2500.00 + registration fee
e	Withdrawing a team from a Youth Mega Tournament (after deadline)	\$200.00 + tournament fee
f	Forfeiting a game in Youth Mega tournament	\$300.00
g	Forfeiting a game in Provincial Tournament, including Intermediate and Masters	\$1,000.00
h	Forfeiting a game in a Provincial League	\$2,500.00
i	Player Transfer fee for non-PYL Players	\$25.00
j	Player Transfer Premier Youth Leagues	See Registration Policy
k	Transfer Violation – playing ineligible player	\$200.00
l	Club accepting a Player without a Proper transfer and final NLSA approval	\$250.00
m	Instructor Registration	\$100.00
n	Appeals	\$500.00
o	Failure to attend Pre-tournament meeting –Youth	\$200.00
p	Submitting an Incomplete Game Sheet	\$100.00
q	Association or Club assigning an unqualified	\$50.00

	or unregistered Referee or Assistant Referee to a game	
s	Region/Club player & volunteer registrations received after July 13	\$100.00 per week to a maximum of \$500.00
t	Association or Club assigning an unregistered or unqualified Coach (unless an exemption has been granted) to a game	\$50.00
u	Incomplete Coach Contact Information on the online Credential Form for Tournaments or Jamborees	\$100.00

Levies, fees, fines and other fees for services are payable when rendered. Accounts outstanding more than 30 days may result in a prorated 2% per month service charge being imposed. Accounts not paid in full by the date of any NLSA general meeting will also result in loss of membership privileges at those meetings.

All fines for forfeiting games in any Provincial League must be paid within 10 business days of receipt of the fine or before participation in any Provincial Tournament or League Final Weekend, whichever comes first. Failure to pay by the deadline will result in all players and coaching staff registered with that team being put in bad standing with the NLSA. No player or member of the coaching staff will be eligible to participate in any NLSA activity until the fine has been paid. This fine is not appealable.

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# **RULES FOR MINI SOCCER**

## **2.0 ELIGIBILITY**

### **2.1 Team**

- 2.1.1 All teams must be registered with their recognized Regional Association in order to affiliate with the NLSA.
- 2.1.2 Only teams affiliated with and in good standing with their Regional Association will be eligible to participate in any Jamboree under the jurisdiction of the NLSA.
- 2.1.3 Teams should arrive on schedule for all games and be prepared to play.
- 2.1.4 Teams are expected to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner both on and off the field.

### **2.2 Player**

- 2.2.1 Only players registered with a Regional Association shall be eligible to participate in any Provincial Jamboree.
- 2.2.2 Players must be registered with the NLSA office before taking part in any Provincial Jamboree.
- 2.2.3 Players participating in any Provincial Competition where there is an age limit must be under that age before January 1<sup>st</sup> of the year of the competition to be eligible to play in that age category that playing season. Players who reach the limiting age on or after the first day of January in the competing year shall continue to be eligible to play in that age category for the remainder of the playing season. Thus, players born in the years:
  - a) 2006 and 2007 will be eligible to play in the U13 age category
  - b) 2008 and 2009 will be eligible to play in the U-11 age category
  - c) 2010 and 2011 will be eligible to play in the U-9 age category
  - d) 2012 and 2013 will be eligible to play in the U7 age category
- 2.2.4 Clubs at the U7 -U11 levels may request permission to use overage players for Megas and/or Jamborees when a club's technical director has deemed it is in the player's best interest to play at a lower level than his/her age group. This could be deemed appropriate based on the player's date of birth, physical size, technical ability, etc. Permission must be granted by the Vice President Youth based on the Technical Director's recommendation and reasoning.

- 2.2.5 Date of Birth, verified by the club, must accompany the registration of all youth players.
- 2.2.6 The final deadline for registration shall be August 31<sup>st</sup> of the current year of competition.
- 2.2.7 A player may not play in more than one (1) Provincial Youth Competition in the current season without the approval of the NLSA Vice President Youth.

## **2.3 Coaching Staff**

- 2.3.1 All coaches of teams participating in NLSA Jamborees must have completed the following course or equivalent unless an exemption has been granted. (See Exemptions):
  - a) U13 / U11 Learning to Train
  - b) U9 / U7 FUNdamentals
- 2.3.2 A team's staff may consist of a maximum of three members, one of whom must be the same gender as the team.
- 2.3.3 All staff persons listed on a Team Credential form going to an NLSA Jamboree must be Police Record Check (PRC) cleared, including Vulnerable Sector Screening (both valid for 12 months) and completed Respect In Sport (available online on the NLSA web site [www.nlsa.ca](http://www.nlsa.ca) )
- 2.3.4 Police Record Check (PRC) Clearance, Vulnerable Sector Screening and Respect in Sport training is the responsibility of the club; however, club or regional representatives must verify the names of the team staff who meet the criteria by completing the online Credential Form for entrance into the tournament.

## **2.4 Exemptions**

- 2.4.1 Any coach who does not meet the coaching requirement may apply to the NLSA Technical Director for an exemption. If granted, this exemption would be for one year only.

## **3.0 ADMINISTRATION**

### **3.1 Documentation**

- 3.1.1 Teams must have their full registration for all jamborees submitted to the NLSA

office at least three (3) weeks prior to the start of the tournament. Full registration includes: Player Registration, Paid Levies, Team Credential Sheet, Team Information Sheet, Tournament Fee and Coaches' Registration Forms. **Late entries will only be accepted up to 10 days before the start of the jamboree and only when accompanied by the late registration fee of \$100.00 and if the schedule allows the addition of an extra team.**

- 3.1.2 No changes will be permitted to the online Team Credential Form within seventy-two hours of the scheduled start of the Provincial Jamboree without permission from the NLSA Vice President Youth.
- 3.1.3 If a club/region makes changes to a team's credential form, the club/region is responsible to send an updated credential form to the NLSA office.
- 3.1.4 All teams entering Provincial Jamborees must be prepared to commence play on Friday morning, if necessary.
- 3.1.5 Regional Directors are responsible for ensuring that any team representing his/her Region in a Provincial Jamboree is properly registered with the NLSA.
- 3.1.6 All teams entering Provincial Jamborees must provide the NLSA office with an appropriate contact name, telephone number, fax number and email address of all team staff.

## **3.2 Travel and Hotels**

- 3.2.1 All teams must make their own arrangements for travel and accommodations.

## **3.3 Attendance at Meetings**

- 3.3.1 Pre-jamboree meetings will be convened by the NLSA Representative via teleconference prior to the start of the Jamboree. All teams participating must have a representative present. Failure to do so will result in a fine of \$200.00. In the case of special circumstances, exemptions may apply provided approval has been given. The location and time of the meeting will be published on the NLSA website.

## **3.4 Participation Award**

- 3.4.1 The NLSA will provide individual participation awards to each player participating in a Mini Soccer Event. These awards may be medals or merchandise.

## **4.0 TECHNICAL**

#### 4.1 Administration

- 4.1.1 Only players and coaching staff listed on the team online Credential Form will be permitted to sit in the Technical Area.
- 4.1.2 Ideally there should be 10 players on each team at the U-7 and U-9 Jamboree, 14 at the U11 Jamboree and 15 at the U13.

#### 4.2 Duration of Play

Age Group	Regular Time	Ball Size
U-13 9 x 9	2 x 30 min. halves	4
U-11 7 x 7	2 x 30 min. halves (Subs on the fly)	4
U-9 5 x 5	6x10 min. shifts	3
U-7 4 x 4	8 x 5 min shifts	3

#### 4.3 Team Uniforms

- 4.3.1 When the colours of the competing teams are similar, home teams (**the team listed first on the schedule**) shall use alternate colours. At jamborees the host must have a set of jerseys or pinnies available in case there is a conflict in colors.
- 4.3.2 Goalkeepers shall wear colours that plainly distinguish them from all other players and game officials.
- 4.3.3 All jerseys must be clearly numbered as per FIFA Rules.
- 4.3.4 Players are not permitted to wear anything that is dangerous to themselves or other players. **NO jewelry:** that includes rings, bracelets (except medical alert bracelets that must be either made of Velcro or similar soft material or covered with a sweatband), earrings, necklaces, other visible body piercing, etc. The practice of taping jewelry is not acceptable.  
  
Socks: if tape or similar material is applied externally it must be the same colour as the part of the sock it is applied to.
- 4.3.5 The wearing of shin guards is mandatory for all players in all jamborees governed by the NLSA.
- 4.3.6 Appropriate soccer socks, which completely cover the shin guards, must be worn.
- 4.3.7 No player registered Youth will be permitted to play while wearing a cast of any

kind – hard or soft.

#### **4.4 Substitutions**

- 4.4.1 All players should receive equal / fair playing time. Line changes will take place as indicated in each age division guidelines.

#### **4.5 Discipline**

- 4.5.1 Any youth team that includes a player, who is over the age limit as defined in these rules without the permission of the Vice President Youth, may be subject to disciplinary action by the NLSA.
- 4.5.2 Any team that defaults or withdraws from the Jamboree within **two (2) weeks** of the tournament is liable to a fine. (See NLSA Levies and Fines)

#### **4.6 Format**

- 4.6.1 Each team is guaranteed a minimum of four (4) games.
- 4.6.2 The schedule will be done by the VP Youth and the format will depend on the number of teams registered for the Jamboree.
- 4.6.3 When drawing up the schedule the NLSA office will ensure that each team has at least the equivalent of one game rest period between the end of one game and the start of another.