



# **PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND SENIOR SOCCER LEAGUE RULES AND REGULATIONS**

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### **SECTION 1 – TEAM REGISTRATION**

- A) All teams shall register with the PEISA no later than May 1<sup>st</sup> of the current calendar year. Fees must be paid to the PEISA.
- B) All teams shall file League Registration with the league no later than the pre-season organizational meeting, in the year in which the team wishes to participate in the league. Failure to do so may result in exclusion from the league.  
Applications from new teams seeking admittance to the league shall be considered at the Annual Meeting or any other properly constituted league meeting. If accepted, league fees and the performance bond must be paid by the deadline set by the PEISA Competitions Committee.
- C) League registration fees must be paid in accordance with the procedure as set out in Appendix A.
- D) Membership in a league shall be granted only upon approval and acceptance of the application for team registration by the PEISA. PEISA reserves the right to refuse to admit a team into the league for cause.
- E) Teams shall register with the league as either Premier, First, or Second, as may be required.
- F) Teams registered with the PEISA Challenge Cup must play in the highest division available that season.
- G) All teams must have a designated coach who may be a player.



## **SECTION 2 – REGISTRATION/PLAYER/TEAM OFFICIALS**

- A) All players participating in the league shall register each year with the P.E.I. Soccer Association prior to participating in league competition.
- B) No player shall be deemed registered for participation, nor shall they compete in any game of the league unless their registration form has been acknowledged as received by the PEISA no later than 5:00 p.m. on the day immediately preceding the day of participation
- C) Players may register with a team participating in the league no later than July 31<sup>st</sup> of the current calendar year.
- D) Each team participating in the league must register no less than Fourteen (14) players, and no more than Twenty-five (25) players.
- E) All players must register with a team through a club to participate in the league and are bound to that team and club, unless transferred or released, until the end of the league's current playing season.
- F) In meeting the registration and transfer requirements under this section, all teams shall comply with the registration requirements of the P.E.I Soccer Association.

## **SECTION 3 – TRANSFER/MOVEMENT OF PLAYERS**

- A) All transfers and movement of players shall be as prescribed in the PEISA and CSA constitution or in the PEISA and CSA Rules and Regulations.
- B) A player listed on a higher division team roster may not be transferred to a lower division team without express permission or the league. Any player allowed to move down must remain with the lower division team for the remainder of that year.



- C) Any Senior player playing with a higher division team must be clearly identified on the game sheet with “ap” next to their name. Upon playing their fifth game with the higher division team, the player must remain with that team for the rest of the year.
- D) Youth players that are “called up” may play for either team within their club, except for play- offs where they are committed to play in their youth league play-offs.
- E) If a youth player wishes to be “called up” to the highest level of play, and their club does not offer a senior team at that level, they may join the highest level senior team available in the nearest district.

#### **SECTION 4 – TEAM COLOURS**

- A) Each team shall register its’ team colours with the league by supplying the required information to PEISA.
- B) Where the colours of teams participating in the same division are identical, the visiting team shall be deemed to have the right to use those colours and the home team shall use an alternate set of uniforms or pinnies.

#### **SECTION 5 – GAMES**

- A) Each team shall complete a game sheet for each game in the prescribed form. Only players whose names appear on the game sheet may take part in the game. Names may not be added to the game sheet after the game has started.
- B) Game sheets must be given to the referee 15 minutes prior to kick-off times.
- C) The home team shall provide the referee with two suitable game balls.
- D) Substitutions in the league play may be made as follows:



- a. Substitutions may be made at any stoppage in the play at the discretion of the referee.
- E) Each game shall consist of Two (2) halves of Forty-Five (45) minutes each.
- F) The field of play shall have clearly delineated technical areas and benches for both the home and visiting teams
- G) Each team may dress a maximum of Twenty (20) players per game. Only the Nine (9) substitutes, the coach, the manager and the trainer, may sit on the team bench or be in the team area during the game.
- H) The field of play shall be clearly marked and comply with The Laws of the Game. Regulation goal nets and corner flags shall be provided by the home team and be in place before kick-off time. The referee shall be the judge as to the fitness of the field of play. Protests regarding the fitness of the field of play will not be heard by the league.
- I) Where a team has been found to have played an ineligible player, the game shall be awarded to their opponents with a score of 3-0. The team shall pay the sum of \$50.00 to the league for each infraction.
- J) Where a game has been delayed for any reason and it is the opinion of either coach or the referee that a portion of the game will be played in near or total darkness (in the absence of suitable lighting):
  - a. The coaches may agree, prior to the start of the game, to either reduce the time for each half or abandon game; or
  - b. The referee, where the coaches cannot agree as to the length of the game, may declare the game abandoned.
  - c. The game will be considered fully played once 60% of the decided match time has been played.



- K) Games will only be cancelled under exceptional circumstances at the discretion of the Executive. Teams unable to field enough players to play a game shall be fined \$200.00 for each infraction.
- L) Home team retains the white copy of the game sheet and must submit it to the PEISA office within Seven (7) days. Failure to do so will result in a \$25.00 fine per infraction.
- M) The home team shall report all game statistics (goals, cautions, etc.) to the league statistician no later than 9 a.m. the following day. Failure to do either shall result in a \$25.00 fine.

## **SECTION 6 - PROTESTS**

- A) All protests shall be dealt with by the PEISA Competitions Committee.
- B) All protests shall be submitted in writing to the league no later than Twenty-Four (24) hours after the end of the game being protested, Sunday and legal holidays excepted.
- C) All protests must be accompanied by a protest fee of one hundred dollars (\$100.00). In the event that the protest is upheld, the protest fee shall be refunded. If the protest is denied, the protest fee will be forfeited.
- D) On receipt of a protest, the league shall, within Forty-Eight (48) hours send a copy of the protest to the party protested against. Both parties shall have the right to attend a hearing; either may waive that right, in which case the protest will be dealt with in their absence.
- E) Any team directly involved in a protest who is not satisfied with the decision rendered may appeal to the P.E.I Soccer Association.
- F) Protests may not be made on matters involving a referee's decision. A referee decision is defined as any judgment made by the match official on the field regarding the application of the rules of the game, including but not limited to fouls,



offsides, goals, misconduct, and disciplinary actions (e.g., yellow or red cards). These decisions are considered final and are not subject to protest or appeal.

## **SECTION 7 - DISCIPLINE**

- A) Players and club or team officials reported for misconduct shall be dealt with by the league.
- B) In all cases of alleged verbal abuse, alleged physical contact, or attempted physical contact with a game official, by a player or by the club or team official, the accused shall be suspended by the league until the case has been dealt with by the P.E.I. Soccer Association.
- C) At all discipline hearings, the accused shall have the right to appear or be represented by counsel at his own expense.
- D) In all discipline cases dealt with by the PEISA Competitions Committee, decisions shall be forwarded in writing to the parties involved within Seven (7) days of the conclusion of the hearing.
- E) The balance of suspensions partially served during the current playing season shall be served at the start of the following season. For greater certainty in the application of this rule, “playing season” is defined to include league regular games, league playoff games and PEISA Cup competitions, tournament competitions and the next PEISA sanctioned season in which the player registers in.

## **SECTION 8 – LEAGUE STANDINGS**

- A) A team’s standing within a division shall be determined by a points system based on Three (3) points for a win, One (1) point for a draw and Zero (0) points for a loss.





- B) Where two or more teams are tied in the standings of a division at the conclusion of the season, the higher standing will be awarded to:
  - a. The team with the most points earned in games between the tied teams; failing which
  - b. The team with the best goal difference in all games; failing which
  - c. The team with the most goals for in games involving the tied teams; failing which
  - d. The team with the most goals in all games.
- C) A minimum of Four (4) teams must be registered in a division in any year for the league to operate that division.
- D) Cup Competitions (PEISA). Appendix B.

## **SECTION 9 – GAME OFFICIALS**

- A) All P.E.I. Senior Soccer games shall have a qualified and registered referee(s) who shall be appointed by the Referee Assigner.
- B) Each team is responsible for the payment of officials, before the game begins. Payment will be split evenly between the two teams.



## **APPENDIX A FEES AND PERFORMANCE BONDS**

League fee and performance bond must be paid to the league no later than the date set by the league each season.

League Fees	\$400.00 per women's team
	\$450.00 per men's team
Performance Bond	\$400.00 per team
Fines	As stated in the Rules and Regulations

**\* All or any defaults in payment of fees result in the team(s) or player(s) suspension from League play.**

## **APPENDIX B CUP COMPETITIONS**

Cup Competitions are governed by the PEISA and are usually formatted in July. Times and dates are to be announced by PEISA at a later date.