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SECTION 1 – TEAM REGISTRATION

- A) All teams shall register with the PEISA no later than May 1st of any calendar year. Fees must be paid to the PEISA via the club to which the team is affiliated.
- B) All teams shall file Form 1 (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 league.
- 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 league members. The league members reserve 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 she compete in any game of the league unless her registration form has been acknowledged as received by the PEISA no later than 5:00 p.m. on the last business day immediately preceding the day of participation
- C) Players may register with a team participating in the league no later than designated by PEISA.
- 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 in order 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 of 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 her name. Upon playing her 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 district, except for play-offs where they are committed to play in their youth league play-offs.

SECTION 4 – TEAM COLOURS

- A) Each team shall register its' team colours with the league by supplying the required information on Form 1 (PEISA senior women's registration form).
- B) Where the colours of teams participation 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 avoid any conflict with those designated colours.

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 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. unlimited substitutions provided that no more than Three (3) substitutions are made at any one time

- b. 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.
- 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):
 - i. The coaches may agree, prior to the start of the game, to either reduce the time for each half or abandon game; or
 - ii. The referee, where the coaches cannot agree as to the length of the game, may declare the game abandoned.
- K) Teams which breach Rule 5 (g), (i), shall pay the sum of \$50.00 to the league for each infraction; as well will result in a 3-0 forfeiture against the team guilty of such an offence.
- L) 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 \$400.00 for each infraction.
- M) 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.
- N) 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 league's Executive Committee, other than situations concerning PEISA jurisdiction.
- B) All protests shall be submitted in writing to the league no later than Twenty-Four (24) hours after then 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.

SECTION 7 - DISCIPLINE

General

- 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) Every team is required to take all precautions necessary to prevent its players, officials and spectators from threatening or assaulting anyone present at games.
- F) It is an offence for any player/club/team/game official to bet on any game played under the jurisdiction of the league.
- G) At all discipline hearings, the accused shall have the right to appear or be represented by counsel at his own expense.
- F) In all discipline cases dealt with by the league, decisions shall be forwarded in writing to the parties involved within Seven (7) days of the conclusion of the hearing.
- G) Any failure by the league to observe any deadlines contained in the Rule shall be considered as a matter of interpretation of this Rule, regardless or whether the decision involved is made at first instance or on appeal.

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:
 - 1) The team with the most points earned in games between the tied teams; failing which
 - 2) The team with the best goal difference in games involving the tied teams; failing which
 - 3) The team with the most goals for in games involving the tied teams; failing which
 - 4) The team with the best goal difference in all games; failing which
 - 5) 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 in order for the league to operate that division.
- D) Cup Competitions (PEISA). Appendix B.

SECTION 9 – GAME OFFICIALS

- A) All P.E.I. Senior Women’s Soccer games shall have a qualified and registered referee who shall be appointed by the Referee Assigner. Linesmen for P.E.I. Senior Women’s games shall be qualified and registered.
- B) The home team is responsible for the payment of officials, before the game begins.
- C) Referees shall use the yellow and red card system to caution or dismiss players or team officials from the game. The yellow or red card system shall be in accordance with the CSA Rules and Regulations, Appendix C.
- D) 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 or tournament competitions.

SECTION 10 – ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

- A) Minutes of Meetings

1. Minutes shall be kept of all meetings of the league and its committees and they shall be submitted for ratification to the next relevant meeting.

B) Expenses

All persons appointed to represent the league shall be entitled to claim expenses incurred in their duties, at rates established from time to time by the league-

1. Members of the Board shall be entitled to a refund of all expenses incurred during the performance of their duties.
2. All expenses must be supported by appropriate receipts.

SECTION 11 – SUMMARY DISCIPLINE

A) Where:

1. A team or player violates any of the Laws of the Game, rules and policies of the Canadian Soccer Association or the league; or
2. Any team or player behaves in any manner that indicates or demonstrates a pattern of conduct which, in the opinion of the league Executive, be prejudicial to the best interest of the league; then the league Executive shall on.

1st Offence – fine/suspend one or more of the manager, coach or players of a team, or any combination thereof;

2nd Offence – Order the forfeiture of a game, at the score of 3-0, by the offending team;

3rd Offence – Suspend a team from further league play until such a time as they show cause to the league Executive as to why that team should be allowed to continue play in the league in the particular division affected or any other division.

- B)
1. In the event that Rule 11 (a) and 2 (iv) is invoked and a team is suspended, the affected team will have a minimum of Seven (7) days from the date of written notification of its suspension to prepare their submission to the league Executive. The team affected may waive this preparation time in writing if it so chooses.
 2. The Executive will meet no later than Ten (10) days after the team has been suspended, to hear that team's reasons as to why they should be allowed to participate in the league. The onus will be on the team to demonstrate why the suspension should be lifted.

**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 Fee	\$400.00 per 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.

**APPENDIX C
DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

- i. Cautions (Yellow Cards) (Automatic Suspensions)
 - (a) A player receiving Three (3) cautions during the current season will be suspended for One (1) game.
 - (b) A player who receives another Two (2) cautions during the same season will be suspended for Two (2) games.
 - (c) A player who receives a further single caution during the same season will be suspended for Four (4) games.
 - (d) A player who receives a further single caution during the same season will be suspended for eight games.
- ii. Ejections (Red Cards) for actions against other players or team officials: (Automatic Suspensions)
 - (a) For foul or abusive language and for persistent misconduct: First and all subsequent offences, One (1) additional game.
 - (b) For serious foul play or violent conduct: First offence, Two (2) game suspension until heard by Discipline Committee; Second Offence, Four (4) games until heard by Discipline Committee; Third offence, Twelve (12) games until heard by Discipline Committee and will likely result in a suspension of one calendar year as per PEISA Constitution.

- iii. Ejections (Red cards) for actions against game officials. (Automatic suspensions until heard by PEISA).
- iv. All suspensions received in league games must be served in league games, league playoffs, or in PEISA playoff games.