

CONSTITUTION  
OF THE  
P. E. I. SENIOR MEN'S  
SOCCER LEAGUE  
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AS AMENDED AND ADOPTED

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**1. NAME**

The league shall be known as the P. E. I. Senior Men's Soccer League, hereinafter called "the league".

**2. OBJECTIVES**

The objectives of the league shall be as follows:

- Promote and foster development of competitive soccer at the senior level in the province.
- Encourage the participation of sufficient teams to achieve objective (i).
- Maintain a league structure that will enable players to compete against others of similar ability, and that will facilitate the progression of able players from the youth to the senior level.

**3. AFFILIATION**

3.1 The league will be affiliated with the P.E.I. Soccer Association.

3.2 The membership of the league shall consist of teams duly admitted in accordance with the constitution.

3.3 New members shall be admitted on the basis of application made to the Annual General Meeting of the League or to the Pre-season Organizational Meeting specified in 5.8, and approved by majority vote of the members present at such meeting.

3.4 Each member must pay the prescribed membership fee to be a member in good standing.

3.5 The membership fee shall be such amount as may be established from time to time at the Annual General Meeting or at the Pre-season Organization Meeting.

#### **4. VOTING**

4.1 Each team representative present at the Annual General Meeting or any Special General Meeting shall be entitled to one vote.

4.2 No proxy votes shall be permitted. However, during the course of a general meeting and immediately prior to a vote, a member team from P.E.I. may express to the President, for conveyance to the general meeting, an opinion or concern regarding any matter properly coming before the meeting.

4.3 The majority of the members of the league shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at the Annual General Meeting or any Special General Meeting (quorum constitutes half membership plus one).

4.4 Members of the Executive Committee shall not be entitled to vote at the Annual General Meeting or at any Special Meeting except for the President who shall have a casting vote only.

#### **5. MEETING**

5.1 The annual general meeting shall be held each year at a date specified by the League President.

5.2 The Executive Committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting.

5.3 The Order of Business at the Annual General Meeting shall be as follows:

- Roll Call
- Minutes of Previous Meeting
- Reports (including the Financial Statement)
- Unfinished Business
- Amendments to the Constitution
- Election of Executive
- New Business (including Admission of New Members)
- Adjournment

5.4 At least 48 hours' notice of the Annual General Meeting shall be given to each member.

5.5 Special General Meetings may be convened at any time by the Executive Committee, and shall be convened by the Executive Committee at a notice of the majority of the members.

5.6 At least 48 hours' notice of a Special General Meeting shall be given to each member.

5.7 The notice of any special General Meeting shall contain details of the matters to be dealt with thereat.

5.8 In addition to Special General Meetings as described above, a Special General Meeting to be designated as a "Pre-season Organizational Meeting" shall be held in March or April of each year. Such meeting shall decide on the admission of new members for whom applications are presented which are affiliated with a club, on the schedule for the coming season, and shall consider such other matters relating to the coming season as the members see fit.

5.9 The requirements for notice regarding the Pre-season Organizational Meeting in 5.8 shall be as for any other Special General Meeting as set out in 5.6.

5.10 Failure of a team to be represented at a League meeting without prior notification to a member of the League Executive shall result in a \$25.00 fine to the offending team.

## **6. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

6.1 The operation of the league shall be the responsibility of an Executive Committee. See 5.2, 5.3, elected. "Elected" by the membership (two year appointment).

6.2 The Executive Committee shall comprise of (1) President, (2) Vice-President, (3) Secretary, (4) Treasurer and (5) Past President.

6.3 The Executive Committee shall be empowered to conduct any and all business on behalf of the league and to make any decisions required with respect to the day to day operation of the league, subject to the provisions of the constitution.

6.4 A simple majority of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting.

6.5 Meetings of the Executive Committee may take place by telephone conference or group email.

6.6 Subject to the provision of the constitution, the membership may establish such by-laws, rules and regulations as it sees fit with respect to the operation of the league.

6.7 The President shall pre-side at all general meetings of the league.

## **7. JURISDICTION AND CONFORMITY**

7.1 The league shall conform to the requirements of the Canadian Soccer Association and the P.E.I. Soccer Association.

7.2 Subject to 7.1, the Executive Committee of the league may establish such rules, regulations and operating procedures as it sees fit (to be approved by membership and PEISA).

7.3 Each team participating in the League must belong to a Club in good standing with the P.E.I. Soccer Association or with another provincial association.

7.4 The league may operate in two or more divisions. The league may be divided into two or more Divisions to be known as the Champions Division, the First Division and the Second Division, or as may be required.

## **8. PLAYER REGISTRATION**

8.1 Each player playing for a team in the league must be properly registered with their Club, the P.E.I. Soccer Association and the Senior Men's League Executive.

8.2 No player may play for more than one member team in any League Division in any season except following a formal transfer approved by the PEISA.

## **9. AMENDMENTS**

9.1 No amendments to the constitution shall be made except at the Annual General Meeting or at Special General Meeting called for that specific purpose.

9.2 No amendments to the constitution shall be considered at the Annual General Meeting unless notice thereof has been duly given in writing to the League Executive at least fourteen (14) days prior to the date set for the Annual General Meeting.

9.3 All proposed amendments shall be considered in effect if approved by majority vote of the members present at the Annual General Meeting or at the Special General Meeting at which the proposed amendments are presented and approved by the PEISA.

## **10. FINANCES**

10.1 All funds of the league shall be maintained under the name of the P.E.I. Senior Men's Soccer League.

10.2 The signing authority with respect to these bank accounts shall be any two of the President, Vice-President and the Treasurer.

**PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND**  
**SENIOR MEN'S SOCCER LEAGUE**  
**RULES AND REGULATIONS**

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## **SECTION 1 - TEAM REGISTRATION**

- a) All teams shall register with the PEISA not 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 May 1st 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 at that time.
- 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 or Divisional
- f) Any team registering as Premiere will play in the top division of the senior men's league. Any team may apply to play in the premiere division but must be approved by majority vote of the division and approval of the executive. Premiere teams are encouraged to play on turf if it is available in their geographical area. Relegation does not apply to the Premiere division.
- g) Those teams registered as "Divisional" will be divided into divisions at the first organizational meeting after the AGM, based on seeding from the previous year, and will include those members in good standing at the time of the AGM. They will be divided as follows: 9 teams or less 1 division, 10-14 teams 2 divisions, 15-21 teams' three divisions and so forth. All teams will be seeded based on the previous year's league standings beginning with the first division, 2nd division and so forth. All new teams registering as Senior Men's will be seeded behind the last existing team from the previous year. At the time of the first organizational meeting following the AGM, if there is an uneven split of teams, this will result in the lower division having the extra team(s). The executive "may" with approval of the members affected deviate away from the balance structure if it is felt that it is what's best for that particular season.
  - example (1) 13 teams will result in two divisions Champions division 6 teams first division 7 teams
  - example (2) 20 teams champions div 6 teams 1st div 7 teams 2nd div 7 teams
- (h) At the completion of the regular season the top place team in a division may challenge the lowest placing team in the division above them in a "Relegation Game". If they successfully defeat them in regulation time they will flip seeds for the following season.

## **SECTION 2 - REGISTRATION\PLAYER\TEAM OFFICIALS**

- a) All players and officials of teams 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 he compete in any game of the league unless his registration form has been acknowledged as received by the PEISA not 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 12:00 midnight on the last business day in August of the current year.
- d) Each team participating in the league must register not less than fourteen (14) players and not more than twenty-five (25) players. All member teams shall file a team roster with the league not less than five days before their first league game. This roster shall have a minimum of fourteen (14) players listed who are properly registered.
- 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 constitutions or in the PEISA and CSA Rules and Regulations.
- b) A player listed on a Premiere 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 player playing with a higher division team must be clearly identified on the game sheet with "ap" next to his name. Upon playing his fifth game with the higher division team the player must remain with that team for the rest of the year.
- d) Within a club, once a lower division player plays with a higher division team he must play the remaining higher division games with that team for the remainder of that year.

### **SECTION 4 - TEAM COLOURS**

- a) Each team shall register its Team Colors with the league by supplying the required information on Form 1 (PEISA Men's League Registration Form).
- b) Where the colors of teams participating in the same division are identical, the visiting team shall be deemed to have the right to use those colors and the home team shall avoid any conflict with those designated colors.
- c) All players on a team, with the exception of the goalkeeper, "must" wear the same color jersey, "soccer" shorts and "soccer" socks. Each jersey "must" have a number on the back. Keepers "must" wear proper keeper clothing: Keeper jersey, keeper/soccer pants or shorts and soccer socks.
- d) For each infraction of Rule 4 (c), the team committing the infraction or having a player who commits the infraction shall pay the sum of \$25.00 to the league.

### **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 League play may be made as follows:
  - Unlimited substitutions provided that not more than three (3) substitutions are made at any one time;
  - Substitutions may be made at any stoppage in play at the discretion of the referee.



- e) Each game shall consist of two (2) halves of forty-five (45) minutes each, unless both teams agree to shorten the length of the game, in which case the length of the game may be reduced by up to a maximum of ten (10) minutes per half. No game shall be less than two (2) halves of thirty-five (35) minutes.
- 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):
  - The coaches may agree, prior to the start of the game, to either reduce the time for each half or abandon the game
  - The referee, where the coaches cannot agree as to the length of the game, may declare the game abandoned. In such instances, the league shall reschedule abandoned games.
- k) If it is impossible to play a match on the scheduled date, procedure is as follows:
  - Notify the President or Vice-President and obtain permission to reschedule the match.
  - Contact opposing team to reschedule the match.
  - If match is being rescheduled, contact the referee assigner, President, or Vice-President with the new date, time, and location of said event.
  - Each member team may request and receive permission to reschedule a game for cause. A team shall not be allowed to have more than one (1) rescheduled game at their request, at any time.
- l) Teams which breach Rule 5(f), (g), (h), (i), or (k) shall pay the sum of \$250.00 to the league for each infraction as well, breaching of 5(k) will result in a 3-0 forfeiture against the team guilty of such an offence.
- m) The home team shall report all game statistics (goals, cautions, etc) to the league statistician not later than four (4) hours after the completion of the game. Game sheet must be turned in to the league statistician not later than the first business after the game is played. 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 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.

#### **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 a 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.
- d) It is an offence for any player\club\team\game official to bet on any game played under the jurisdiction of the league.
- e) 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 this Rule shall be considered as a matter of interpretation of this Rule, regardless of 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:
  - Team with the most points earned in games between the tied teams; failing which
  - Team with the best goal difference in games involving the tied teams; failing which
  - Team with the most goals for in games involving the tied teams; failing which
  - Team with the best goal difference in all games; failing which
  - Team with the most goals for 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 Men's Soccer games shall have a qualified and registered referee and linesmen who shall be appointed by the League Coordinator.
- b) Teams will split the cost of referees and linesmen equally for each game.
- 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 playing 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.

- e) Referees shall telephone the President of the league if any misconduct occurs in the game.

#### **SECTION 10 - Administrative Procedures**

- a) Minutes of Meetings
- 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 -
  - Members of the Board shall be entitled to a refund of all expenses incurred during the performance of their duties.
  - Claims for reimbursement shall be submitted promptly on forms supplied by the league.
  - All expenses must be supported by appropriate receipts.

#### **SECTION 11 - SUMMARY DISCIPLINE**

- a) Where a team or player violates any of the Laws of the Game, rules and policies of the Canadian Soccer Association or the league; or  
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) In the event that Rule 11 (a) (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.

The Executive will meet no later than ten (10) days after the President has suspend team 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 May 1, of each season.

League Fee (To League) - \$250 per team

Performance Bond (To League) - \$250

Referee Mileage - \$100

Fines (To League) 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**

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 (8) games.

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; Second Offence, four (4); 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).
- c) (c) In exceptional circumstances lengthier suspensions may be issued by the league. In such instances the player is entitled to appeal the suspension to a disciplinary committee. The committee will consist of not less than three (3) registered members in good standing with the league as appointed by the League administrator.
- d) If the suspended player wishes to appeal the decision of the disciplinary committee, notice of appeal must be submitted in writing to the executive no longer than three (3) days after the league has informed the player of his suspension. The appeal hearing will take place within seven (7) days of the notice of appeal being filed in writing with the league and will consist of a panel of not less than three (3) registered members in good standing with the league, to be appointed by the league administrator. The appeal panel shall not consist of any person who sat on the disciplinary committee.
- e) Each appeal must be accompanied by a \$100 bond, payable "in trust" to the league administrator. If the appeal is successful the bond will be returned. Following the hearing the appeal panel will render a decision within 24 hours and that decision is final.

Ejections (Red cards) for actions against game officials. (Automatic suspensions until heard by PEISA).

- a) All suspensions received in league games must be served in league Games, league play-offs, or in P.E.I.S.A. play-off games