



2022 PSL RULEBOOK

Disclaimer

The information contained herein is for the sole purpose of ensuring the fair and purposeful delivery and direction of the Saskatchewan Provincial Soccer League. Amendments to these Rules and Regulations may be made from time to time at the discretion of the Saskatchewan Soccer Association.

Notice: *In the event of a disagreement between the SSA Competitive Stream Plan (2017-2021) and the Rulebook, the Rulebook will be taken as authority. Where any omission under the PSL Rules and Regulations should arise, the Policies, Procedures, Rules, and Regulations of the Saskatchewan Soccer Association shall prevail. If omissions should still exist, then the Canadian Soccer Association's Policies, Procedures, Rules, and Regulations shall apply.*

Should amendments to the PSL Rules and Regulations be required during the season, amendments will be circulated in memo format to all affected teams. This memo shall serve as an appendix to the PSL Rules and Regulations for the duration of that season with the official PSL Rules and Regulations being updated following the season's conclusion.

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1 Definitions

- a) **PSL:** “Provincial Soccer League under the jurisdiction of the Saskatchewan Soccer Association” and is herein referred to as “**PSL**”.
- b) **Rules:** The “Laws of the Game”, Rules, Regulations and Bylaws are referred to as the “**Rules**”.
- c) **Saskatchewan Soccer Association:** “Saskatchewan Soccer Association” is herein referred to as “**SSA**”.
- d) **Technical Advisory Board:** “Technical Advisory Board of the PSL” is herein referred to as “**TAB**”. The TAB is composed out of SSA Technical Staff and/or other experts as appointed at the sole discretion of the SSA.
- e) **Field of play:** Shall include the soccer park, dressing rooms, parking lot and any area deemed related to the event.
- f) **Game:** Shall constitute any involvement that takes place before, during or after the game while at the “field of play.”
- g) **Canadian Soccer Association:** “Canada Soccer” is herein referred to as “**CSA**”.
- h) **Good Standing:** Members in “**Good Standing**” are entitled to rights of SSA membership. Good standing can be revoked as outlined in SSA Bylaws, Policies and Procedures, which can limit the rights of membership, including but not limited to participating in local and provincial competitions.
- k) **Registration:** For the sake of the PSL, a “**registration**” shall be defined as a player’s team association in which through they paid their SSA Membership fees through within a given season.
- l) **Transfer:** For the sake of the PSL, a “**transfer**” shall be defined as the permanent movement of a registered player from one team to another during the course of a given season.
- m) **Member Organization:** “**Member Organizations**” include Regular and Associate Members as defined in SSA By-Laws, Policies and Procedures.
- n) **Team:** A “**Team**” must be recognized and authorized by a Member Organization to play in the PSL.

2 League Operations and Management

2.1 League Rules

- 2.1.1 The PSL website is hosted on the SSA website.
- 2.1.2 Contact information for SSA as it pertains to the PSL will be confirmed on a yearly basis.
- 2.1.3 PSL deadlines will be posted on the SSA website and/or contained within the Rulebook. It is the responsibility of the Member Organization, Team and/or Participant to adhere to all deadlines.
- 2.1.4 Failure to meet PSL deadlines may result in discipline, including but not limited to non-acceptance of entry, fine, or expulsion from the PSL.
- 2.1.5 All PSL Forms will be posted on the PSL website.

- 2.1.6 PSL fees are set yearly by SSA at its sole discretion.
- 2.1.7 The PSL may hold pre-season and post-season meetings on a yearly basis as well as other meetings as deemed necessary. The date, time and location of these meetings will be communicated to Member Organizations and/or Teams no later than seven (7) days in advance of the meeting.
- 2.1.8 **All participating teams must have a representative at the PSL Pre-Season Meeting.**
 - a) Failure to have a representative present at the PSL Pre-Season Meeting will result in a fine of \$500.00.
 - b) This fine must be paid prior to the first scheduled match or this match will be forfeited.
- 2.1.9 All participating Member Organizations and Teams shall have a representative at the PSL Post-Season Meeting as this will represent an opportunity for consultation on the direction of the PSL.
- 2.1.10 Notes from the PSL Post-Season Meeting will be posted on the PSL website.
- 2.1.11 PSL Communications:
 - a) All correspondence and communications regarding the PSL will be made through SSA.
 - b) Correspondence and communications regarding the PSL will be made via email, telephone and/or posting on the PSL website, all of which shall be considered official.

2.2 Travel policy

- 2.2.1 ~~PSL teams may be entitled to SSA hotel room rates, where applicable. A listing of SSA-partner hotels is posted on SSA website.~~
- 2.2.2 SSA adopted the CSA curfew for travelling teams of 11:00 pm for youth players (up to and including U19).
- 2.2.3 Team coaching staff will be responsible for the behavior and the enforcement of curfew of their players. Any team that does not meet the highest of standards for behavior may be subject to sanctions and/or fine.

2.3 Sponsorship

- 2.3.1 SSA and/or a Member Organization cannot unreasonably restrict sponsorship of any team, however, SSA must approve all sponsorship of PSL teams.
- 2.3.2 Team sponsorship displays are limited to the technical area and the player's and team personnel apparel only.
- 2.3.3 The rules regarding sponsorship at the CSA National Championships differ from those of the PSL (See Details in Article 7).

2.4 League Management

- 2.4.1 SSA shall be responsible for marketing and communications associated with the PSL.
- 2.4.2 Member Organizations shall be responsible to ensure all PSL players and Team Personnel are registered with SSA.
- 2.4.3 SSA shall appoint the representatives serving on the PSL Technical Advisory Board (TAB). The TAB shall have authority over the operation of the PSL.

2.5 Team Entry

- 2.5.1 Team Allocations
 - a) Member Organizations whose local practices align with the Mission, Values and Strategic direction of SSA may be granted team allocations in the PSL at the sole discretion of the SSA. Member Organizations must meet the Criteria of the [Club Licensing Program](#).
 - b) Member Organizations that do not fulfill their commitments may face fines and/or supplementary discipline
 - c) All participating Teams must be registered through and approved by a Member Organization which meets the criteria outlined above.
- 2.5.2 Team Declaration
 - a) The Team Declaration Deadline is on February 15 of the current calendar year. For 2022, the declaration has been extended to March 15.
 - i. Team Declaration is to be provided in writing by authorized contact of the Member Organization.
 - ii. Team Declaration communications will not be accepted directly from Clubs, Zones, or Teams.
 - b) Each team must provide the name, phone number, and email address of their **Head Coach** and **Manager** on the Team Declaration Communication. The Head Coach and Manager must have voicemail on at least one of the phone numbers provided. All PSL communications will be distributed using this contact information. If a team contact or a contact's information changes after the Team Declaration Deadline, new contact information must be provided in writing.
- 2.5.3 Withdraw
 - a) Any Member Organization withdrawing a team from the PSL after submitting a Team Declaration Communication will be fined based on the following schedule:
 - i. After submitting a declaration but prior to March 20 - \$500.00
 - ii. After distribution of the initial schedule for facility confirmation = **\$1000.00**
 - a) Member Organizations will be notified when the initial schedule has been distributed for facility confirmation and the fine schedule has transitioned from i. to ii.
 - iii. After distribution of the final schedule = **\$2000.00**

- iv. Any team withdrawing from the PSL after the start of the season will be considered to have forfeited each scheduled game and will be fined according to Article 2.6 governing Defaults and Forfeits.

2.5.4 PSL Fees

- a) PSL Fees will be set by SSA on a yearly basis.
- b) Fees must be paid to SSA by the Member Organization and submitted by the deadline. PSL Fees will not be accepted directly from Zones or Teams.
- c) The PSL Fee Deadline is **May 1 or the following business day if May 1 falls on a weekend**. Failure to submit fees by this deadline will result in fines and/or additional discipline.

2.6 Forfeits and Defaults

- 2.6.1 A **defaulted game** is one in which one or both teams do not have the minimum number of players necessary to play the game.
- 2.6.2 A **forfeited game** is one that is played and subsequently forfeited for a rule violation.
- 2.6.3 Where a team defaults or forfeits one PSL game, the Member Organization will be fined \$500.00. The Member Organization must pay this fine within one week of notice. Forfeit of multiple games as a result of one complaint (e.g. ineligible player on multiple game sheets) shall count as one forfeit for the purpose of this rule.
- 2.6.4 Where a team defaults or forfeits a second PSL game, the Member Organization will be fined another \$500.00 and the team will be expelled from the league for that year. If a team is expelled from the league, the MO will also be fined \$2000 as would be the case if it withdrew after distribution of the final schedule as outlined in Rule 3i)iii. In addition, the TAB may suspend the offending team for the next year of play and/or suspend all players, coaches and team officials.
- 2.6.5 If performance expectations are not met or there are outstanding team fees or fines, the MO and/or team will be notified that good standing may be revoked.
- 2.6.6 If a team defaults or forfeits a game, 3 points will be awarded to the opposing team and the game will be recorded as a 3-0 win or the actual score of the game, whichever is most advantageous for their opponent.
- 2.6.7 If both teams default or forfeit a game, no points will be awarded and the game is recorded as a 0-0 score and both teams will be fined an amount of \$500 each.
- 2.6.8 Teams who play while suspended and/or not in good standing will be deemed to have forfeited the game and the above rules would apply.

2.7 Discipline and Formal Complaints, Protests and Appeals

2.7.1 Discipline:

- a) In regard to matters of Discipline in the PSL, the TAB is considered a Tournament Committee and has the power to deal with violations of the PSL Rules or misconduct by any PSL team and/or by its players or coaching staff and disciplinary issues involving players, team personnel, teams, Member Organization, officials and/or spectators.
- b) Discipline processes shall generally follow the principles of the SSA Formal Complaints and Discipline Process in alignment with the policies and timelines of the PSL.
- c) The TAB shall set the processes and timelines associated with the management of discipline related matters in order that the PSL can operate effectively.
- d) The Tab, at its sole discretion, may direct matters of Discipline to be managed by the SSA.

2.7.2 Cautions (Yellow Cards)

- a) A player/team staff receiving more than four (4) cautions during the playing season shall be automatically suspended as follows:
- b) 4th Caution during current playing season = 1 game suspension
- c) Starting with the 6th Caution during current playing season = 1 game suspension
- d) Yellow cards will not carry over into PSL Finals; however, yellow card suspensions will carry over to PSL Finals and must be served.

2.7.3 Dismissals (red card or two cautions in a match)

- a) For the purposes of suspension, ejections shall be considered a red card and recorded on the PSL website as such, regardless of if the dismissal was for a second cautionable offense.
- b) Any player or team official dismissed from a game will be automatically suspended for the next game (if the offence is Serious Foul Play, Violent Conduct and Verbal and Abusive Language and/or Gestures, the automatic suspension is for 2+ games in accordance with [Section 5 – Discipline](#)). The incident will also be reviewed by the TAB and a further suspension may be levied if it is deemed necessary.
- c) Within 2 business days of the conclusion of the game in which the ejection occurred, SSA will forward the Referee Report to the team contacts of the individual who was ejected.
- d) The individual or a representative (parent or team contact) will have 24 hours from the receipt of the report to respond to request a hearing.
- e) Hearings will be done by document review. The individual or a representative is entitled to submit a written account of the incident and evidence for consideration by the TAB. Only in exceptional circumstances, as determined by the TAB, shall a matter be reviewed In-person or via conference call.
- f) In the event a hearing is not requested, the TAB will review the Referee Report and determine the sanction.
- g) Players that are serving a suspension will not be eligible to appear on the Game Sheet until the suspension is served.
- h) All suspensions are carried over to the next available PSL game. If the suspension is greater than games left in the season, the matter will be referred to the Member Organization who will determine how the remainder of the suspension will be served.

- 2.7.4 Formal Complaints:
 - a) SSA shall have jurisdiction over Formal Complaints as per SSA policy.
 - b) Any offences against a referee will be handled as outlined in the SSA Formal Complaints and Discipline Policy.
- 2.7.5 Appeals
 - a) Decisions of the TAB may be appealed to SSA by the process outlined in the SSA Appeals Policy.

2.8 Protests

- 2.8.1 Protests, subject to the following provisions, are objections of any kind connected within matches of the PSL.
- 2.8.2 All protests must follow the appropriate SSA and CSA Policies, Procedures, Rules and Regulations.
- 2.8.3 Game protests concerning player or coaching staff eligibility must be noted on the referee's copy of the game sheet immediately following the conclusion of the game. The referee shall then submit a copy of this game sheet to the SSA Office for review of the protest. The protesting team shall contact the SSA Office to arrange payment of the protest fee of \$200 within 48 hours for the protest to be reviewed. All other game protests or appeals must follow the appropriate SSA/CSA rules.
- 2.8.4 All other protests must be made in writing to the SSA office within 48 hours of the conclusion of the match. The protest must be accompanied by a \$200.00 protest fee. Should a team be successful in their protest they will be reimbursed their protest fee.
- 2.8.5 No protests may be made against the Referee's decisions on points of fact connected with play, such decisions being final.
- 2.8.6 Details outlining a member's recourse to the courts are specified in the SSA Bylaws.
- 2.8.7 If an unfounded or irresponsible protest is lodged, a fine may be imposed.
- 2.8.8 All costs that arise from a protest shall be the responsibility of the complainant should the decision not be in their favor.
- 2.8.9 Once PSL Championship team have been proclaimed, a protest or complaint about the procedures followed during the season shall be considered invalid.

2.9 Hosting and Venues

- 2.9.1 The fields of play and the ancillary equipment shall comply with the provisions stipulated in the Laws of the Game
- 2.9.2 The matches of the PSL may be played on natural or artificial surfaces.
- 2.9.3 The match Official shall confirm that the field of play complies with the Laws of the Game.
- 2.9.4 All PSL teams must have access to goal nets and corner flags for use in PSL games
- 2.9.5 Host Member Organizations and/or home teams will be responsible for ensuring the following are completed at least fifteen (15) minutes before game time.
 - a) Three (3) suitable size #5 game balls provided to match official
 - b) Goal nets are setup
 - c) Corner flags are setup
 - d) Secured and separate Official's area (if available)
 - e) Gates, washrooms and dressing rooms are unlocked/accessible (if available)
- 2.9.6 The Host Organization and/or home team for the final game at a field is responsible for cleaning up the above equipment (if necessary).
- 2.9.7 Each team is responsible for its own physiotherapy and first aid.
- 2.9.8 No spectators are permitted in the technical area (located opposite field side from spectators) or behind the goal.
- 2.9.9 SSA is responsible for reimbursement of field rentals for PSL games.

2.10 League Scheduling

- 2.10.1 SSA will develop a schedule at its sole discretion. The schedule will have a blended format (weekend/weekdays) for U15-U17. The schedule will have a weekend format for the U13 division.
- 2.10.2 Matches will be played on fields as determined by SSA in partnership with the Host Organizations.
- 2.10.3 SSA will develop a schedule on a yearly basis.
- 2.10.4 If there are not enough teams to play a traditional league format, an alternate format will be developed by SSA at its sole discretion and communicated to the participating team(s).
- 2.10.5 When games are postponed or cancelled (due to facility closure, weather, etc.), it is the responsibility of SSA to reschedule the games. Failing to play at the rescheduled date will result in a forfeit and the corresponding fine.

- 2.10.6 Games may be rescheduled during the same weekend (Friday games for Saturday/Sunday, etc.). If it is not possible to reschedule during the same weekend, an alternate weekend/weekday date will be chosen by SSA.
- 2.10.7 When the number of postponed or abandoned games is greater than the number of days available for rescheduling, schedules and draws may have to be changed. Teams will be notified of alternate arrangements as soon as possible.
- 2.10.8 Host organization contacts or Home team contacts shall notify SSA in a timely manner of game cancellation(s) due to weather. Host organization contacts will make best efforts to monitor field and weather conditions and notify SSA immediately in the event of game cancellations due to inclement weather. Notification to teams will be provided via email or cell phone.

2.11 League Standings

- 2.11.1 Standings will be kept at Under 15 and Under 17 age classifications.
- 2.11.2 Standings will not be kept at Under 13 Developmental age classification.
- 2.11.3 A team's standing within their division shall be determined by a point system; three (3) points for a win; one (1) point for a draw; zero (0) points for a loss.
- 2.11.4 For any tie in standings, the following will be used as a tiebreaker:
 - a) Previous Match Results: The team with the greater number of points in matches between the two (2) teams tied in points shall be awarded the higher position. (Not used if 3 or more teams are tied in points, in this instance 2.12.4 b) shall be the first tie breaker).
 - b) Overall Goal Difference: The team with the greatest goal difference in all league matches shall be awarded the higher position. Goal difference shall be calculated by subtracting goals conceded from goals scored.
 - c) Overall Goal Average: The team with the highest goal average in all league matches shall be awarded the higher position. Goal average shall be calculated as goals scored divided by goals conceded. If a team did not concede any goals, this shall be considered as a higher goal average as compared to a team that has conceded a goal.
 - d) Most Goals Scored: The team scoring the highest number of goals shall be awarded the higher position.
 - e) Fewest Goals allowed: The team allowing the least number of goals shall be awarded the higher position.
- 2.11.5 Should teams remain tied after exhausting above tiebreakers, a winner will be determined by a draw.
- 2.11.6 The PSL Finals will be played according to the following format:

- a) If a PSL division has 2-4 eligible teams (Guest teams are not eligible) then the top 2 eligible teams qualify and the format will be a 1 game championship between those two teams.
 - b) If the PSL division has 5-6 eligible teams (Guest teams are not considered eligible) then the top 3 eligible teams qualify and the format will be 2nd versus 3rd and the winner will play the 1st place team.
 - c) If the PSL division has 7+ eligible teams (Guest teams are not considered eligible) then the top 4 eligible teams qualify and the format will be 2nd vs 3rd , 1st vs 4th with winners playing each other.
 - d) No PSL Finals will be played in the Under 13 age classification
- 2.11.7 Should a semi-final match be required in any age group, the match will be played on Friday evening, with the final taking place on Sunday. SSA reserves the right to make alternative arrangements.
- 2.11.8 The PSL Finals will be hosted by SSA on a rotating basis as developed by SSA.

3 Players and Team Personnel

3.1 Players

- 3.1.1 Team allocations create a pathway for all players in Saskatchewan to have access to the PSL.
- 3.1.2 All players must be registered and in good standing with SSA.
- 3.1.3 Roster – PSL players
- a) U15 – U17 divisions - Each team may register up to 25 players to the roster, who shall be eligible to participate in PSL games (U15-U17).
 - b) U13 Division – Teams may have a player pool with players registered in their Member Organization. A player may not appear on more than one team roster per weekend.
 - c) Each team must register a minimum of 15 players, including 2 goalkeepers. One of the goalkeepers can be an outfield player. Goalkeepers who are outfield players must dress the same as their team’s players, but still wear the same number as on the Goalkeeper jersey (Please be aware that teams qualifying to the CSA National Championships may be required to have 2 declared goalkeepers and must meet the roster deadline as imposed by the CSA).
 - d) A player may only register with one PSL team (U15-U17).
 - e) **The PSL Roster Electronic Submission Deadline is May 10.** Failure to submit a roster by this deadline will be subject to discipline.
 - f) PSL Rosters must be submitted online using the appropriate website form in advance of the roster deadline. A link to the form will be provided to the team contacts in advance of the roster deadline.
 - g) All teams must complete their PSL trials and select their team no later than **May 1** to allow released players the opportunity to join another PSL team in advance of the PSL Roster Deadline.
 - h) Players may be added to a PSL Roster after **May 10** if they are registered or

transferred to the team. The registration or transfer must be completed in accordance with PSL Rules and SSA and CSA policies.

- i) PSL Rosters will be locked following the roster deadline. From this point forward, players must be manually entered on the website by SSA in order to be eligible to appear on game sheets. The deadline for registration or transfer of players to be eligible for a PSL weekend is 12:00 pm on the Thursday prior (for weekend scheduled games) or 12:00pm on the Monday prior (for Tuesday - Thursday scheduled games)
- j) PSL Roster changes must be submitted by the Member Organization Contacts and not the team.
- k) Players added after the Roster Deadline will be considered ineligible
- l) Member Organizations are responsible to ensure that all players being added to the rosters are registered properly.

3.1.4 Roster - Call-Up Players

- a) Call-Up players are players coming from a lower age group or from a lower division (local leagues, Div 2 roster) from the same Member Organization.
- b) Call-up Players cannot play in the PSL Finals unless they are transferred onto the PSL Roster.
- c) A player may be a Call-up with one PSL team. Similarly, to the PSL players, the Call-up players are considered cup-tied once they appear on the game sheet.
- d) Call-up players are eligible for 2 Call up opportunities per season. Exceeding this quota results in the player being deemed ineligible (see 3.1.7). Teams fielding ineligible players forfeit the result of the game and incur the appropriate fines. Team coaching staff are encouraged to offer call-up opportunities to different players.
- e) A Call-up can only play for one PSL team during the same weekend (Player cannot play for the U15 PSL regular team and the U17 PSL team as a Call up).
- f) Call-up players coming from a lower local division can only play one game per 16 hours. This includes participation of those players in local tournaments.
- g) All Call-up players must appear on the roster at the PSL Roster Deadline or be added to the roster following the deadline, in accordance with the PSL Rules.
- h) All Call-up players must appear on the website in order to be eligible roster additions for PSL matches. Call-up players shall be designated as such on the website.

3.1.5 Player Transfers

- a) Player transfers are required when a player is transferring from one team to another within the PSL season.
- b) All transfers must be completed on the PSL Player Transfer Form, which is available on the PSL website.
- c) All transfers must be approved by the Member Organization(s) from which the player is transferring prior to submitting to SSA.
- d) No Parallel transfers are permitted. Youth PSL players cannot transfer to another Youth PSL team in the same age division during the season. Once a player has appeared on a game sheet for one team within the PSL, they are considered "cup-tied" and are ineligible to play for another team within the same age classification in the PSL (U15-U17) or at the National Club Championships.

- 3.1.6 Registration and Transfer Deadline
- a) The PSL Registration and Transfer Deadline is **Monday, July 11, 2022**.
 - b) At the PSL Final Registration/Transfer Deadline, each PSL team must declare a final roster consisting of a minimum of 15 players and a maximum of 20 players, including 2 goalkeepers.
 - c) Only the players selected to the final roster shall be eligible to participate in the PSL Finals and CSA National Championships, should the team advance.
- 3.1.7 Ineligible Players
- a) Where a team has been found to have played an ineligible player, that team will forfeit all games in which the ineligible player(s) was listed on the game sheet. The ineligible player may be subject to disciplinary action by the TAB.
 - b) The coach who allowed the ineligible player(s) to play shall be subject to disciplinary action.
 - c) The PSL season is considered complete following the age-specific PSL Final except for those teams advancing to represent Saskatchewan at CSA National Championships. Those teams' PSL season finishes at the end of the National Championships.

3.2 Team Personnel

- 3.2.1 Coaching staff shall be defined as those individuals in the positions of head coach, assistant coach or apprentice/developmental coach and will typically include all individuals providing technical and tactical guidance to players during game situations.
- 3.2.2 Team personnel shall include any individual eligible to appear on a game sheet and be on the bench during a PSL game, including the coaching staff, manager, assistant manager, trainer, therapist, gender representative, etc.
- 3.2.3 All PSL participants, including all team personnel must be registered and in good standing with their respective Member Organization and SSA.
- 3.2.4 Member Organizations may declare an unlimited number of team personnel; however, each individual must be registered to the roster by 12:00pm on Wednesday prior to the weekend on which the matches will be played in order to allow time to confirm appropriate training and certification.
- 3.2.5 Each team may have up to a maximum of five (5) team personnel on the bench for any game. A maximum of two (2) non-coaches may be declared for every game.
- 3.2.6 Each individual on the bench must appear on the game sheet and serve a role with the team. Any individual deemed by the match official to not be serving a role with the team may be asked to leave the bench.
- 3.2.7 **Coach Training:**
- a) Each team must have at least one coach with the required training on the bench for

- all games.
 - b) All members of the coaching staff for a PSL team must have completed a minimum of the CSA **Soccer for Life** Coaching Course and **NCCP Making Ethical Decisions (MED)** Module and/or the Making Ethical Decisions Online Evaluation – Competition Intro.
 - c) **Making Headway – Soccer:** All members of the coaching staff for a PSL team must have completed the NCCP Module Making Head Way – Soccer.
 - d) **C-License:** Please see [Coaching Standards and Requirements](#) – Competitive Stream
- 3.2.8 Team Personnel Training:
- a) All team personnel must have completed Respect in Sport training in accordance with the policies of SSA.
 - b) One member of the coaching staff or
 - c) team personnel for each PSL team who qualified to the CSA Club Nationals must have completed the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport (CCES) e-learning courses, True Sport Clean 101 and Role of Athlete Support Personnel. Instructions on the process for completing this training will be forwarded to team contacts upon receipt from Canada Soccer.
- 3.2.9 Participation in the PSL requires a minimum of one member of the coaching staff (head coach or assistant coach) **and** one non-coach member of the team personnel (manager or trainer) be of the same gender as the players. Non-coach team personnel (managers, trainers, etc.) will not be considered coaches. Apprentice/Developmental Coach cannot be considered “the gender coach” unless they meet the qualifications outlined as a Head/Assistant Coach.
- a) A coaching staff gender-representative must be always on the bench with the players.
 - b) A non-coach gender-representative must be a member of the team personnel and must be identified in advance of each game.
- 3.2.10 PSL Roster changes can only be submitted by the Member Organization Contact and not the team.
- 3.2.11 Team Personnel added after the Roster Deadline will be considered ineligible.
- 3.2.12 Member Organizations are responsible to ensure that all Team Personnel being added to rosters are registered and properly certified.
- 3.2.13 Ineligible Team Personnel
- a) Where a team has been found to have listed ineligible team personnel, that team will forfeit all games in which the ineligible team personnel were listed on the game sheet. The ineligible team personnel may be subject to disciplinary action by the TAB.
 - b) Listing Incorrect but eligible Team Personnel is a violation resulting in \$250 fine (first offense) and \$500 (subsequent offenses).

4 Game Day Rules and Processes

4.1 Team Uniforms

- 4.1.1 Each team participating in the PSL shall have two sets of jerseys and two sets of socks in two distinct colours.
- 4.1.2 The Member Organization of teams failing to have two sets of jerseys and two sets of socks will be **fined \$250.00**.
- 4.1.3 Teams shall provide SSA office with the colours of each set of uniforms before the start of the PSL Season through the SSA Team Registration. A photograph may be requested should clarification be required
- 4.1.4 **Teams must declare one of their sets of jersey and socks as “primary” and the other set of jersey and socks as “alternate”. Primary colours will be worn for all games, unless there is a conflict, in which case the home team shall change to their alternate colours.**
- 4.1.5 Teams who fail to wear the assigned colours as per 4.1.4 or as assigned by the referee will be fined \$100 for each game not wearing their proper colours.
- 4.1.6 **All teams MUST travel with both sets of jerseys and socks to all matches.**
- 4.1.7 Before the start of every game, if the teams are wearing similar colours as determined by the match official, the “home” team must change to their alternate jersey. Alternate jerseys must have numbers on the back and correspond with the game sheet numbers (if the change in jersey takes place before the start of the game but after the teams have arrived at the playing facility, the game sheet numbers may be updated by hand to match the alternate jersey numbers). Pinnies are not acceptable in games.
- 4.1.8 All players of a team, except the goalkeeper, shall wear the same combination of jersey, shorts, and sock colours. The goalkeeper shall wear a color of jersey and sock that is distinct from the field players of both teams, opposition goalkeeper and referees.
- 4.1.9 **Each player’s jersey, including goalkeepers, shall have a unique number on the back.**
- 4.1.10 In PSL play, if undershorts/tights or undershirts are worn, all members of the team must wear the same color based on the following requirements:
 - a) Lighter jersey – any undergarments must be white or the same color as the uniform.
 - b) Darker jersey – any undergarments must be black or the same color as the uniform.
- 4.1.11 Teams must be aware that should they advance to the CSA National Club Championship, the rules governing undergarments differ from the PSL and will be applied as follows:
 - a) If undershorts or tights are worn, they must be the same main color as the shorts. If undergarments are worn, the color of the sleeve must be the same color as the main color of the sleeve of the jersey. Players not complying will not be allowed to enter

the field until the match officials are satisfied that the equipment conforms to the Laws of the Game.

- 4.1.12 If tape or similar material is applied externally over the sock, it must be the same colour as the part of the sock to which it is applied.

4.2 Pre-Game Processes – certain processes may be adjusted as required pending website developments

- 4.2.1 Each team must update the game sheet (including participating players, coaches and team personnel as well as accurate jersey numbers). Three copies of the game sheet must be signed by the coaching staff and be provided to the referee a minimum of 15 minutes prior to the game. Home team must print 3 copies of the gamesheet on game day.
- 4.2.2 All participating players, coaching staff and team personnel must be listed on game sheets.
- 4.2.3 Only PSL generated game sheets will be accepted and no additions to rosters will be accepted once the game sheet is printed unless the players/team personnel cannot fit on the gamesheet due to technical limitations. In that case, players/team personnel can be crossed off/added on – updated May 12, 2022
- 4.2.4 At the conclusion of the game, one copy of the game sheet will remain with the referee, one copy will be provided to the home team, and one copy will be provided to the away team. The referee must submit a copy of the game sheet to the SSA Office following the conclusion of the match.
- 4.2.5 Once submitted, the game sheet becomes the official record of the game. Appearance of a player's name on a signed game sheet constitutes their participation in the game regardless of whether they enter the game.
- 4.2.6 By 15 minutes before kick-off time, the home team shall provide the referee with 3 suitable size 5 game balls.
- 4.2.7 By 5 minutes before kick-off time, teams must have completed their warm ups and be available to the officials for equipment check.

4.3 Post-Game Processes - certain processes may be adjusted as required pending website developments

- 4.3.1 The home team is responsible for entering the game report on the website within 48 hours of the conclusion of the game. Once entered, the away team is responsible for accepting the game report within 72 hours of the conclusion of the game. This is to ensure all game stats are kept up to date and disputes are dealt with in a timely fashion. Team personnel are required to submit a copy of the game sheet by uploading it through the team's Ramp account.

- 4.3.2 If applicable, the referee will be responsible for providing an electronic misconduct report within 48 hours of the game.
- 4.3.3 Teams who fail to enter/verify/upload their game reports on the website will be subject to a fine \$100 per game not entered within the specified time period.
- 4.3.4 If a team does not receive a copy of the game sheet from the referee, SSA must be notified within 24 hours of the end of the game or a fine may be imposed.

4.4 PSL Games

- 4.4.1 All matches will be played under the Laws of the Game as approved by the International Football Association Board and published by FIFA, except as outlined in this section.
 - a) U13 Developmental Division format will be 9v9.
- 4.4.2 Substitutions in the PSL games may be made pursuant to the following conditions:
 - a) Under 13 Developmental Division will have unlimited substitutions.
 - i. Barring any unforeseen circumstances or injuries, the substitutions must take place during the intermissions only.
 - b) Under 15 and Under 17 Divisions will be permitted
 - ii. Five substitutions during the game, including extra time.
 - iii. Unlimited substitutions are allowed at regulation half time and the beginning of extra time, but not at half time of extra time.
 - c) At the discretion of the referee, substitutions may be made at any stoppage in play.
 - d) Under 15 and Under 17 only - substitutes shall report to one of the game officials, present a substitution card and give their number and the number of the player for whom they are substituting, before they shall participate in the game.
- 4.4.3 Game Length:
 - a) U13 Developmental Division shall consist of 4 quarters of 17 minutes.
 - i. Intermission Break shall not exceed 2 minutes.
 - ii. Halftime (between quarters 2 and 3) shall not exceed 5 minutes.
 - b) U15 and U17 shall consist of 2 halves of 40 minutes.
 - i. Half time shall not exceed 10 minutes.
- 4.4.4 U13 only – Home team will kick off Quarter 1 and Quarter 2. Away Team will kick off Quarter 3 and Quarter 4. Minimum required distance for Free Kicks / Kick off is 8 yards.
- 4.4.5 Regular season games can end in a draw.
- 4.4.6 Teams tied at the end of a match in which a winner must be declared (i.e. PSL Finals) will go into extra time. Extra time will be 2 halves of 10 minutes. If the game remains tied at the end of extra time, the outcome will be determined by Kicks from the Penalty Mark, as outlined in the IFAB Laws of the Game.
- 4.4.7 Each team may dress a maximum of 20 players per game. Only a maximum of 9 non-starting

uniformed players and a maximum of 5 registered team personnel may sit on the team bench during the game. All individuals on the team bench during a game must appear on the game sheet.

- 4.4.8 All individuals on the bench must wear a different colour top from the players of both teams on the field. Pinnies are acceptable over jerseys or shirts for this purpose.
- 4.4.9 A team will be considered in default if they have less than seven eligible players by 10 minutes after the scheduled kick off time.
- 4.4.10 The referee is the sole judge as to the fitness of the “field of play.” Protests regarding this issue will not be heard.
- 4.4.11 If the referee determines poor weather may lead to unsafe game conditions, the game will be suspended for 30 minutes. If play cannot resume within that time, the game may be abandoned.
- 4.4.12 If the game is abandoned at 15 minutes into the 2nd half or later, the game will be considered complete with the score as it stood at the time of abandonment. If the game is abandoned before 15 minutes into the 2nd half, a new game will be rescheduled beginning with the score of 0-0.
- 4.4.13 Referees will have the discretion to give drinks breaks during high temperatures. The drinks breaks must not exceed 1(one) minute.

4.5 Officials

- 4.5.1 SSA is responsible for the appointment of all Match Officials.
- 4.5.2 Member Organizations, teams, etc. do not have input on assignments.
- 4.5.3 SSA is responsible for the payment of Officials. Payment will be based on submission of completed game sheets and any associated misconduct reports.

5 Dates and Deadlines

February 15 of the current competition year – Deadline for Expression of Interest via email for all Member Organizations

May 1 – Deadlines for completion of PSL Trials and Team Selection

May 2 – PSL Fees Deadline

May 10 – PSL Roster Submission Deadline

July 11, 2022 – PSL Finals and Transfer Deadline

6 Schedule of Fines

Failure to have a representative present at a mandatory meeting	\$500.00
Failure to meet the highest of standards for behaviour	Review by SSA
Withdrawing from the PSL after submitting a Team Declaration Form but prior to schedule development	\$500.00
Withdrawing from the PSL after distribution of the initial schedule for facility confirmation	\$1000.00
Withdrawing from the PSL after distribution of final schedule	\$2000.00
Withdrawing from the PSL after the start of the season	As outlined under Defaults and Forfeits/ Team Personnel
Default or forfeit of one PSL game	\$500.00
Default or forfeit of second PSL game	\$2500.00
Failure to have two sets of jerseys and two sets of socks	\$250.00
Failure to wear required colours	\$100.00
Failure to enter game reports on website within specified time period	\$100.00
Failure to have gender rep present as per PSL Rulebook	\$250.00
Fines as listed in PSL Rules and Regulations	Various

7 CSA National Championships

- 7.1.1 The winner of each PSL division will be the Saskatchewan representative at the CSA National Championships, unless otherwise communicated.
- 7.1.2 It is the responsibility of the participating teams to review and comply with all CSA Rules for National Competitions.
- 7.1.3 This may include restrictions on team sponsors on uniforms and equipment and/or a requirement that sponsors be covered on equipment or apparel. Teams must be aware that should they advance to the CSA National Club Championship, the rules governing undergarments differ from the PSL and will be applied as follows:
- 7.1.4 If undershorts or tights are worn, they must be the same main color as the shorts. If undergarments are worn, the color of the sleeve must be the same color as the main color of the sleeve of the jersey. Players not complying will not be allowed to enter the field until the match officials are satisfied that the equipment conforms to the Laws of the Game.

- 7.1.5 Of particular significance are the following CSA Rules:
- a) 4.1.5 – To be eligible to participate in the National/Regional Club Competitions a team must have a minimum of fifteen (15) registered players who are eligible to participate in the Provincial Tournament leading to a National/Regional Competition.
 - b) 4.1.7 – A team may retain any player registered with the team during the regular season, but may not sign additional players for the purpose of competing in the Canada Soccer championships. Call Ups in unusual circumstances may be granted [please refer to Call Ups in the CSA Rules for National/Regional Club Competitions].
 - c) **4.2.2 – Each player shall be either: a) A Canadian Citizen; or b) A Permanent Resident (as defined by the Government of Canada); or c) A Protected Person (as defined by the Government of Canada).**
 - d) 4.2.3 – Player Exemption: Any youth age player not meeting the requirements above [see 4.2.2] may apply via their respective Provincial/Territorial Association to the Canada Soccer Competitions Committee Eligibility Panel for an exemption to Rule 4.2.2. The decision of the Competitions Committee Eligibility Panel is final and binding. The deadline for submitting the exemption request is July 31st of the current year.
 - e) 4.2.5 – The deadline for registration shall be July 31 of the current season or earlier, as stipulated by the respective Provincial/Territorial Association. 4.2.6 – the deadline for transfers shall be July 31 of the current season or earlier, as stipulated by the respective Provincial/Territorial Association.
 - f) 4.2.8 – No team shall register players after qualifying for the Regional or National Club Championship.
 - g) 5.1.7 – Team participating in a Regional or National Club Championship must provide a copy of the Player/Team Credential Form to the Canada Soccer office seven (7) days prior to the scheduled start of the championship. No changes will be permitted to the Player/Team Credential Form within seven (7) days prior to the scheduled start of the Club Championship.
 - h) 6.1.3 – A Club Team at any National/Regional Championship may have a maximum of five (5) staff.
- a) Each team entering the PSL shall be prepared for and responsible for all costs associated with accommodations, meals, travel, and any associated fees set by the CSA while representing the Province of Saskatchewan at CSA National Championships.
 - i. Teams representing Saskatchewan should be prepared to pay upwards of \$20,000 to support their participation in CSA National Championships.
- 7.1.6 The CSA arranges and books all air travel arrangements for teams attending CSA National Championships as outlined in the CSA Travel Policy for Club Competitions.

- 7.1.7 The winner of each PSL division will be required to make a pre-payment of \$10,000 to SSA. The pre-payment will be put towards the cost of air travel. If a team is not traveling by air, the pre-payment is not required. Pre-payment will be required no later than 30 days prior to the competition date of the CSA National Championships. Teams will not be permitted to attend CSA National Championships unless they have made pre-payment. Teams prevented from attending CSA National Championships for failure to make pre-payment may be subject to additional sanctioning from SSA and/or CSA.
- 7.1.8 The participating teams are responsible for arranging, booking, and paying for all accommodations and meals for players, coaches, and managers according to the process identified by the Local Organizing Committee and CSA and following the CSA Rules for National Competition.
- a) SSA will provide all information pertaining to arrangements involving CSA National Championships to the participating team. The teams, in cooperation with SSA, shall ensure all deadlines are met and processes followed.
- 7.1.9 Following the completion of the CSA National Championships and confirmation of all outstanding financial obligations by the CSA, reconciliation will be provided to each participating team. If the balance owing for air travel is less than the \$10,000 deposit, the difference will be returned to the participating team. If the balance owing is greater than the \$10,000 deposit, the team will be invoiced for the balance owing.
- 7.1.10 Any balancing owing will be subject to the Financial Policies of SSA. Failure to pay any outstanding balance by December 31st of the year in which the CSA National Championship took place will result in all players, managers, and team officials associated with the participating team being not in good standing, suspension from further competitions and a fine of \$1,000.00.
- 7.1.11 A winning team (players and staff) that fails to fulfil its obligations to represent Saskatchewan at CSA National Championships will face disciplinary action which may include both financial penalty and suspension from future competitions.
- 7.1.12 The winning team shall also be responsible for the payment of the CSA fine for non-representation by a Provincial Association. Payment of the fines will be required prior to any further competition by the team and players in SSA sanctioned events and District related games.