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2023 Annual General Meeting – Technical Report December 14, 2023

Current Committee: Erin Hopkins (Chair), Thomas Oakes, Eileen Zaigel, Lee Kormish, Shola

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Executive Director: Danielle Bryk

2023 was another busy year for soccer, and it is hard to believe we have already reached the end of the year. As always, we are incredibly appreciative of all of the work and time that our staff members put into consideration of new rules, rule changes, and ideas for the league. I would also really like to thank all Technical Committee members and the entire board for their contributions to the rules for consideration and change this year.

Much of the focus for 2023 was on adjustments of existing rules introduced by some of our more recent projects, as well as general rules that have been brought to our attention by members. One such example was ensuring that slide tackling was removed in crossover games including Women's teams with Women's Masters teams, as it is not allowed in the Women's Masters league. The increase in the number of crossover pools needed has resulted in some additional rules to account for more situations, and we appreciate the suggestions from members and understanding as it does add some complication.

In addition to cleaning up of rules, there were two significant programming changes that occurred in 2022 that required follow up; the overhaul of permitting rules, and the creation of the competitive leagues. Both of these activities resulted in feedback and required some adjustments to the rules, which will continue in 2024 as we take learnings from the programming that we offer, and get feedback from the membership.

In 2024 we look forward to making further adjustments to these and other league offerings, and welcome all member feedback as it is very important that we offer a safe, enjoyable experience for our membership. One request we have received is the offering of different outdoor formats, so we are excited to offer a half field league for outdoor in 2024.

As always we thank our members for their engagement, feedback of changes made, and suggestions. The committee looks forward to discussion of improvements, new offerings, and ideas to keep the game safe and fun as we move forward.

We are looking forward to 2024, and another great year of soccer!

Erin Hopkins
Director & Technical Chair
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