

Welcome to the Saskatchewan Soccer Association's Premier Soccer League.
The PSL Management Team is committed to providing an opportunity to showcase some of the best soccer talent in our Province. We are looking forward to another season of high quality soccer and wish all participants the best of luck throughout the 2009 season!

Sincerely,

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PREMIER SOCCER LEAGUE

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Disclaimer

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

Notice

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.

1) Definitions

- a) **PSL:** The "Premier Soccer League under the jurisdiction of the Saskatchewan Soccer Association" and is herein referred to as the "**PSL.**"
- b) **Rules:** The "Laws of the Game", Rules, Regulations and Bylaws are referred to as the "**Rules.**"
- c) **Board:** The "Board of Directors of the Saskatchewan Soccer Association" is herein referred to as the "**Board.**"
- d) **Saskatchewan Soccer Association** The "Saskatchewan Soccer Association" is herein referred to as the "**SSA.**"
- e) **Technical Advisory Board:** The "Technical Advisory Board of the PSL" is herein referred to as the "**TAB.**"
- f) **Discipline Committee:** The "Saskatchewan Soccer Association Discipline Hearing Committee" is herein referred to as the "**SSA Discipline Committee.**"
- g) **Field of play:** Shall include the soccer park, dressing rooms, parking lot and any area deemed related to the event.
- h) **Game:** Shall constitute any involvement that takes place before, during or after the game while at the "field of play."
- i) **Canadian Soccer Association:** The "Canadian Soccer Association" is herein referred to as the "**CSA.**"

2) Team Rules & Registration

- a) Teams must be declared and registered through their District. Team bonds, league entry fees and player registration fees shall be paid to their District by the dates determined annually.
- b) Dates will be posted on the PSL website www.spsl.ca. It is the District's responsibility to submit all fees and information to the SSA by the appropriate deadlines.
- c) Individual team base registration fees due to the PSL are set annually and are based on the number of teams in each age and gender division.
- d) Each team must provide names and addresses of their Head Coach and Manager for receiving communications from the PSL.
- e) The **Head Coach and Manager** must have **home and cell phone numbers as well as e-mail addresses** and at least one of: voice mail; or fax provided to the PSL Manager.
- f) Each team contact must ensure the PSL Head office is notified, in writing, of all changes in contact information.
- g) The PSL Head Office shall be notified annually and included on all league information and the league website.
- h) Youth teams participating in Open Divisions shall be made up of only age-eligible youth players, including affiliate players and must meet the CSA requirements to be eligible for age respective Club Nationals.
- i) Team rosters at registration must name a minimum of 14 players.
- j) All teams can have a maximum of 20 players registered on their roster by the CSA transfer deadline or seven (7) days prior to the start of the PSL finals whichever is earliest.
- k) Only these players are eligible to compete in the PSL playoffs and championship game(s).
- l) All teams may dress a maximum of 20 players (As per CSA Club National Standards).
- m) **All teams are required to have a representative present at any and all PSL Meetings. Details of any and all PSL Meetings must be communicated to the teams no later than 7 days prior to the meeting date.**
- n) Failure to have a representative will result in the forfeit of the league bond.

3. Team Eligibility

- a) **A Completed Team Declaration Form with \$500 performance bond per team, must be submitted through your District and forwarded to the SSA (Regina Office) by 3pm Monday, March 2nd, 2009.**
- b) Team Declaration Form is available on the league website at www.spsl.ca under "Forms"
- c) League fees must be submitted to the SSA (Regina Office) no later than Monday, March 30th, 2009.
- d) Original Permanent Roster must be submitted to the SSA (Regina Office) no later than **April 8th, 2009.**
- e) The PSL reserves the right to limit the number of teams.

- f) Returning teams receive priority over new teams.

4. Player Registration / Affiliation

a) *Registration*

- i. SSA and CSA eligibility requirements to participate in competitions leading to CSA Club Nationals must be met.
- ii. No player shall compete in any PSL game unless they are registered with the SSA and have received proper permission (Permission Form is signed) or transferred to the PSL teams roster.
- iii. No Player can be added to the Original Permanent Roster after **April 8th, 2009**; unless they are transferred to the team and this transfer must be completed in accordance with CSA and SSA transfer policies.
- iv. Once a player has registered with a PSL team, they cannot play for any other team in the PSL until the completion of the season, with the following exceptions:
 - 1. Youth players receiving permission to play up as allowed by the rules in 4B.
 - 2. Youth players transferred by the TAB.
- v. If a player plays in a Division 2 or 3 Provincial Championship, they can play in the PSL Championship Game(s), provided PSL/SSA rules and deadlines are met.
- vi. 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.
- vii. The coach who allowed the ineligible player(s) to play will be subject to disciplinary action by the SSA Disciplinary Committee.
- viii. All players and coaching staff playing must be listed on game sheets.
- ix. Players added with pen or pencil will not be considered eligible for the game.
- x. The PSL season is complete following the age-specific PSL final weekend except for those teams advancing to represent Saskatchewan at CSA Club Nationals, those team's PSL season finishes at the end of Club Nationals.
- xi. **Teams in the U14/U16/U18 PSL may have out of Club/Zone/District players however these players must be a part of their original permanent roster and may not be transferred to the team at a later date.**

b) *Affiliation/Junior Team Rosters*

- i. Teams may only affiliate players (list them on their junior team roster) from lower divisions (Non PSL) or younger ages (PSL) within their club/zone/district.
- ii. All affiliated players must be listed on the SSA Junior Team forms and these players entered on the E2E website making them eligible roster additions for games.
- iii. Senior teams may affiliate with non PSL teams within their club or U16 PSL youth teams (U18 PSL Youth Teams only if they play in a separate PSL division) however all players must be over the age of 15 to play in senior games.

- iv. For PSL Senior teams that are not associated with a club the same rules apply however the team can apply to be “Affiliated” with a club for the sole purpose of having access to youth players to play up.
- v. To gain permission to affiliate, teams must complete the 2009 Jr. Affiliation Permission Form.
- vi. Senior teams may only apply to affiliate with one club and the one club may only have one senior team affiliated with it. Clarification: A club with a senior team already in the PSL cannot have a second senior team that is the same gender affiliate with it.
- vii. **PSL Players affiliating with an older division (I.E. a U14 affiliated with a U16 team) can only play one game per 24 hours.**
- viii. Affiliate players cannot play games after CSA Transfer Deadline, or in PSL Finals, unless they are transferred onto the Permanent Roster.

c) *Player Transfers*

- i. The deadline for all transfers as set by CSA to determine eligibility for Club Nationals is July 31, 2009.
- ii. **The transfer deadline for the PSL league for league finals is July 2nd, 2009.**
- iii. CSA regulations limit teams to three (3) player transfers after June 1st and limit players to two (2) transfers per season. **No Parallel transfers are permitted in Youth PSL.** Thus Youth PSL players cannot transfer to another Youth PSL team in the same age division during the season. PSL Players may only transfer up to an older PSL team within the same club. Clarification: this is consistent with 4a each team is allowed out of club/zone/district players and they must be declared on the **original permanent roster**. Senior players may transfer and transfers must be completed 7 days prior to finals and transferred players are only eligible for Club Nationals play. Transferred players are not eligible to play in PSL finals and 2009 Player Transfer forms must be filled out.
- iv. No players can transfer to a PSL team in another Club/Zone/District when there is an existing PSL team for their age and gender within their home Club/Zone/District unless the player has been identified as excess and released by their District.
- v. Each District will be responsible for setting their Policy regarding the “Release of Excess Players from Clubs or Zones within their District” as well as the “Release of Players from their District.”
- vi. Players transferring from another District must be released by that District and be registered with the participating PSL team (through its Club/Zone/District) and be listed on the Original Permanent Roster.
- vii. Youth players may be transferred between age divisions within their Club/Zone/District as long as all relevant deadlines and limitations are met.
- viii. All transfers must be completed on an official SSA transfer form found on the PSL website.

- ix. A youth player registered as a senior player with a PSL or non-PSL team, may seek reinstatement of youth status by written request to the SSA.
- x. Once youth status has been reinstated, the player may become affiliated with or be added/transferred to the roster of an age-eligible youth PSL team in their “**resident**” Club/Zone/District. All relevant rules and deadlines must be met and appropriate affiliation or transfer forms completed.
- xi. Players that are released from the original permanent roster are not eligible to play down.

5. Team Colours

- a) Each team participating in the PSL shall have two sets of jerseys in two distinct colours.
- b) **Teams failing to have two sets of jerseys will be fined \$250.00 by the SSA.**
- c) **A Photograph of each set of jerseys must be submitted to the SSA (Head Office) before the start of the PSL Season.**
- d) Teams will declare their lightest-coloured jersey as home and their darker jersey as away colours at registration and will wear these specified colours at all games.
- e) **Teams who fail to wear the assigned colours as per 5d) or as assigned by the referee will be fined \$100 for each game not wearing their proper colours.**
- f) **All teams MUST travel with both sets of jerseys to all matches.**
- g) Before the start of every game, if the teams are wearing similar colours as determined by the referee in charge, the “home” team must change to their alternate jersey. Pinnies are not acceptable in games and alternate jerseys must have numbers on the back and correspond with the game sheet numbers.
- h) All players of a team, except the goalkeeper, shall wear the same combination of jersey, shorts, and sock colours.
- i) Each player’s jersey shall have a unique number on the back; goalkeepers may have unnumbered jerseys but will be designated “K” and specifically identified by name on the game sheet.

6. PSL Games

- a) **All matches will be played under the Laws of the Game as approved by the International Football Association Board and published by FIFA.**
- b) A balanced schedule of home and away games will be produced for each age and gender group.
- c) When games are postponed or cancelled (facility closure, weather), it is the responsibility of the PSL office to reschedule the games.
- d) On a best effort basis, teams will be given at least 72 hours notice of the rescheduled game unless it is the last 2 weeks of the season, in which case, teams will receive 24 hours notice.
- e) Home teams shall provide a PSL game sheet that must be completed prior to the start of the game. Only players whose names appear on the game sheet may take part in the game.

- f) Coaches must sign the game sheets and present them to the Referee before the start of the game.
- g) Only PSL E2E Soccer generated game sheets will be accepted and no additions to rosters will be accepted once the game sheet is printed. Each team must supply 3 copies of the E2E Soccer generated game sheet.
- h) One copy will remain with the Referee at the end of the game, one will be provided to the home team and one to the away team.
- i) 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 actually enter the game.
- j) By 15 minutes before kick-off time, the home team shall provide the Referee with 3 suitable (as outlined in the Laws of the Game), size #5 game balls.
- k) By 5 minutes before kick-off time, teams must have completed their warm ups and be available to the officials for equipment check.
- l) Substitutions in the PSL regular season and playoff games may be made pursuant to the following conditions:
 - i. There will be five substitutions allowed during the game, including extra time.
 - ii. Unlimited substitutions are allowed at regulation half time and the beginning of extra time, but not at half time of extra time.
 - iii. At the discretion of the Referee, substitutions may be made at any stoppage in play.
 - iv. 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.
- m) Game Length:
 - i. **U14 Division shall consist of 2 halves of 40 minutes.**
 - ii. **U16 Division shall consist of 2 halves of 45 minutes.**
 - iii. **U18 and Open Senior Divisions shall consist of 2 halves of 45 minutes.**
- n) Half time shall not exceed 15 minutes.
- o) Regular season games can end in a draw.
- p) **Teams tied at the end of a match in which a winner must be declared (PSL Finals) will have the match go into extra time with the winner determined as set out in the CSA rules for National Championships. Extra time will be 2 halves of 10 minutes in U-14 and 15 minutes in U-16, U-18 & Open. If the game remains tied at the end of extra time, the outcome will be determined by penalty kicks governed by SSA/CSA rules.**
- q) **Each team may dress a maximum of 20 players per game. Only a maximum of 9 non-starting uniformed players and a maximum of 4 registered team officials may sit on the team bench during the game. A team will be considered in default if they have less than seven eligible players by 10 minutes after the scheduled kick off time.**
- r) The Referee will enter a Referee Report via E2E Soccer Ref Center (final score, goal scorers, cautions and ejections) within 72 hours of the game.

- s) Home and Away teams are responsible for entering and accepting the game reports on E2E Soccer 72 hours after the game is completed. This is to ensure all game Stats are kept up to date and disputes dealt with in a timely fashion.
- t) Teams who fail to enter their game reports on E@E Soccer Website may be subject to a fine \$100 per game not entered within the specified time period.
- u) If a team does not receive a copy of the game sheet from the Referee, the PSL office must be notified within 24 hours of the end of the game.
- v) If the scheduled field is not available for play and the PSL Manager has made alternate field arrangements, the game must be played.
- w) The Referee is the sole judge as to the fitness of the "field of play." Protests regarding this issue will not be heard.
- x) **If the Referee determines poor weather may lead to unsafe game conditions, the game will be suspended for a maximum of 30 minutes. If play cannot resume within that time, the game will be abandoned and rescheduled.**
- y) **If the game is abandoned at 15 minutes into the 2nd half or later, the game will be considered complete with the score as is. 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.**
- z) **Referees will have the discretion to give water breaks during high temperatures however arrangements and timing of water breaks must be made with coaches of both teams prior to the start of the match.**
- aa) 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.
- bb) Home team contacts shall notify visiting teams and the PSL Head office in a timely manner of game cancellation(s) due to weather. PSL head office will make best efforts to monitor field and weather conditions and notify teams immediately in the event of game cancellations due to inclement weather. Notification will be provided via email and cell phone.
- cc) Coaches must have coaching certification as required by the SSA (see SSA website – www.sasksoccer.com) and coaches with the required certification must be on the bench for all games. There must be one member present at the game of the team staff that is the same gender as the players.
- dd) Game protests based on player or coaching staff eligibility must be noted on the game sheet prior to presenting it to the referee during league games or raised with the SSA representative prior to the start of the game during playoff or championship games. All other game protests or appeals must follow the appropriate SSA/CSA rules.
- ee) **Team requests for off dates, and any other requests pertaining to the creation of the schedule, must be submitted in writing by March 2nd, 2009 and accompany the Team Declaration Form. Every effort will be made to accommodate requests. No request will be accepted after March 2nd, 2009.**

Club Nationals

- a) The winner of each PSL division will be the Saskatchewan representative at CSA Club National Championships.
- b) Each team who enters 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 Club Nationals.
- c) The winner of each PSL division will be required to make a pre-payment of \$10,000 to the Saskatchewan Soccer Association. The pre-payment will be for the payment of costs associated with accommodations, meals, travel, and any associated fees set by the Canadian Soccer Association in the organizing of the Club National Championships. Pre-payment will be required no later than 30 days prior to the competition date of the Club National Championships.
- d) The SSA shall arrange and book all accommodations and travel for players, coaches and managers in cooperation with CSA.

**** Note 1:** The SSA will provide all information pertaining to arrangements involving accommodations and travel to the provincial club representative team. If the LOC has socials or meals planned in conjunction with the Club Nationals, then these arrangements will also be made by the Saskatchewan Soccer Association and then invoiced to the provincial club representative team as a part of the final invoice.

Note 2: Arrangements shall be made by the PSL Manager or designate as assigned by the SSA.**

- e) The SSA shall provide an estimate to the provincial club representatives for accommodations, meals, travel, and any associated fees set by the CSA and other related costs associated with attending Club Nationals no later than fourteen (14) days prior to the competition date of the championships. It shall be noted that the estimate is subject to change pending final invoicing received from the CSA.
- f) The winner of each PSL division shall provide payment of the balance owing upon receipt of final invoice. Failure of payment will result in interest charges of 2.0% per month until balance is paid. Failure to make payment by March 1st of the following year, will result in suspension of all players, managers, and team officials associated with the team representing the province from further competitions and a fine of \$1,000.00
- g) District and/or Club may be invoiced and may be responsible for any outstanding invoices associated with teams representing their Districts and/or Clubs and attending Club Nationals.
- h) A winning team (players and staff) that fails to fulfil its obligations to represent Saskatchewan at Club Nationals will face disciplinary action which may include both financial penalty and suspension from future competitions. All disciplinary action shall be handled by the SSA Disciplinary Committee.
- i) 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.

8. Officials

- a) The PSL Manager is responsible for the appointment of all Officials.
- b) Teams, Clubs, Zones and Districts do not have input on assignments.
- c) The PSL is responsible for the payment of Officials. Payment will be based on submission of completed game sheets and any associated misconduct reports on the E2E Soccer Ref Center website.
- d) Every effort will be made to ensure that each scheduled match will have at least a District Referee level.
- e) Provincial Assessors will monitor officials during the season.

9. League Standings

- a) For all divisions, 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.
- b) For any tie in standings, the following will be used as a tie-breaker:
 - i. **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)
 - ii. **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.
 - iii. **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.
 - iv. **Most Goals Scored** The team scoring the highest number of goals shall be awarded the higher position.
 - v. **Fewest Goals allowed** The team allowing the least number of goals shall be awarded the higher position.
- c) **Should teams remain tied after exhausting above tie-breakers, a winner will be determined by a Drawing of Lots.**
- d) **The PSL Finals Weekend will be played as the following format:**
 - i. **If the PSL Age Group has 2-5 teams then the top 2 teams qualify and the format will be a 1 game championship between the top two teams.**
 - ii. **If the PSL Age Group has 6-7 teams then the top 3 teams qualify and the format will be 2nd versus 3rd and the winner will play the 1st place team.**
 - iii. **If the PSL Age Group has 8+ teams then the top 4 teams qualify and the format will be 1st versus 4th and then 2nd versus 3rd with the two winners playing each other in the final.**

- e) **The Championship finals will be hosted by a PSL District. The PSL Youth Finals (U14 & U16) will be hosted July 11th & 12th weekend and the PSL Senior Finals (U18 & Seniors) will be hosted July 25th and 26th weekend. Both Championship weekends are intended to serve as showcases for the PSL season.**

10. Defaults and Forfeits

- a) A **defaulted game** is one in which one or both teams do not have the minimum number of players necessary to play the game.
- b) A **forfeited game** is one that is played and subsequently forfeited for a rule violation.
- c) Where a team defaults or forfeits one (1) PSL game, they will lose their \$500.00 performance bond. They must pay another \$500.00 performance bond at the first available opportunity and before their next scheduled game. 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.
- d) Where a team defaults or forfeits a second PSL game, they will lose their second \$500.00 performance bond, and be expelled from the league for that year. The Disciplinary Committee may expel the offending team for the next year of play. Teams may also receive additional fines and suspensions of players and coaches from all soccer activities.
- e) If performance bond requirements are not met or there are outstanding team fees or fines, the team will be considered to be not in good standing.
- f) 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.
- g) 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.
- h) Teams who play while not in good standing will be deemed to have forfeited the game and the above rules would apply.

11. Discipline & Appeals

- a) *General*
 - i. The PSL Manager shall have the power to deal with violations of the Rules or Misconduct by any PSL team and/or by its players or coaching staff. The PSL Manager may at his/or her discretion seek the advise from the TAB.
 - ii. Appeals concerning interpretation of PSL Rules shall be made to the SSA Appeals Committee as per SSA policies.
 - iii. Disciplinary issues involving team or district officials and spectators will be dealt with directly by the PSL Manager. The PSL Manager may at his/or her discretion seek the advise from the TAB.
 - iv. All Disciplinary decisions may be appealed to the CSA Appeals Committee as per the Policies of the CSA.

b) AUTOMATIC SUSPENSIONS

i. Cautions (Yellow Cards)

A player receiving more than four (4) cautions during the current season shall be suspended as outlined in the following table:

| Number of Cautions (current season) | Suspension |
|--|-------------------|
| 5 th caution | 1 game |
| 8 th caution | 2 games |
| 10 th caution | 3 games |

ii. Ejections (Red Cards)

Any player or team official receiving a red card will be automatically suspended for 1 game. The incident will also be review by "TAB" and further suspension levied if it is deemed necessary.

- iii.** Yellow cards will not carry over into PSL finals however; yellow card suspensions and red card suspensions will carry over to finals and must be served.
- iv.** Players that are serving a suspension (accumulative yellows or red) will be manually suspended by head office staff and their name will not be eligible to appear on the E2E Soccer Game Sheet until the suspension is served.
- v.** **All card (red & yellow) suspensions are carried over to the next available PSL game. In the event that the suspension is greater then games left in the season, the SSA Discipline Committee or TAB will have final say on how the remainder of the suspension will be served.**
- vi.** **Any offences against a referee will be handled by the SSA Discipline Committee.**
- vii. Verbal Misconduct In A Public Forum**

If a player, coach, manager, referee or any member of the PSL makes verbal or written statements of a negative, derogatory or inflammatory nature or puts the game into disrepute, the following suspensions shall apply:

- 1) 1st Offence - 5 games
- 2) 2nd Offence – Hearing

12. Protests

- a)** Protests, subject to the following provisions, are objections of any kind connected with matches of the PSL.
- b)** All protests and appeals must follow the appropriate SSA and CSA Rules and Regulations.

- c) Game protests based on player or coaching staff eligibility must be noted on the game sheet prior to presenting it to the referee during league games or raised with the SSA representative during playoff or championship games.
- d) 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 in cash or money order payable to the Saskatchewan Soccer Association. Should a team be successful in their protest they will be reimbursed their protest fee.
- e) All protests that meet the Rules and Regulations concerning the Appeals Committee shall be heard by such committee.
- f) No protests may be made against the Referee's decisions on points of fact connected with play, such decisions being final.
- g) Clubs may not bring disputes with the SSA before a Court of Justice and they shall undertake to submit any such disputes, without reservation, to the jurisdiction of the competent authority of the SSA and CSA.
- h) If an unfounded or irresponsible protest is lodged, a fine may be imposed.
- i) The expenses, which arise from a protest, shall be charged by SSA, either wholly or in part, to the losing party.
- j) Once the winning team of the PSL has been proclaimed, any protest or complaint about the procedure followed during the Championship shall be disregarded

13. Home Field Preparation

- a) The fields of play and the ancillary equipment shall comply with the provisions stipulated in the Laws of the Game
- b) The matches of the PSL may be played on natural or artificial surfaces.
- c) The home team shall guarantee that the field of play complies with the Laws of the Game. This shall be subject to the approval of the appointed match Referee.
- d) Home teams will be responsible for ensuring the following are completed at least one (1) hour before game time.
 - i. Bring to the field and set up of the goal nets
 - ii. Three (3) suitable size #5 game balls
 - iii. Corner flags
 - iv. Secured and separate Official's area
 - v. Opening of gates, washrooms and dressing rooms (when available)
- e) Each team is responsible for its own physiotherapy and first aid.
- f) The home team for the final game at a field is responsible for cleaning up the above equipment (if necessary).
- g) Clubs/Zones /Districts will be responsible for the following:
 - i. Lining of the field and the technical area (player and referee benches).

- ii. Field upkeep
- iii. Benches and if possible canopies
- iv. Any other necessary field preparation
- v. Each club, zone, or district shall endeavour to provide the best fields possible for PSL games.
- vi. No spectators are permitted in the technical area (located opposite field side from spectators) or behind the goal.
- vii. The SSA in consultation with the Club/Zone/District is responsible for booking fields and for the payment of field rentals.

14. Travel policy

- a) All PSL teams are entitled to SSA hotel room rates. A listing of SSA-approved hotels and rates will be provided to all teams prior to the commencement of the PSL season.
- b) Team coaching staff will be responsible for the behaviour and the enforcement of curfew of their players. Any team that does not meet the highest of standards for behaviour will not receive SSA hotel or rental van rates. Teams may also be subject to additional sanctions at the discretion of the PSL Manager.

15. Sponsorship

- a) The SSA Development Department (Head Office) must approve any and all Sponsorship of PSL teams by Clubs/Zones/Districts.
- b) Team sponsorship displays are limited to the technical area and the player's apparel only.
- c) A District cannot unreasonably withhold sponsorship from any team. Please be advised that individual team sponsors on jerseys must be covered during CSA National Competitions if requested.

16. Administrative Procedures

- a) All teams are required to have a representative present at any and all PSL Meetings. Details of any and all PSL Meetings must be communicated to the teams no later than 7 days prior to the meeting date. Failure to do so shall be subject to Rule 2n.
- b) Minutes of Meetings
 - i. Minutes shall be kept of all meetings of the PSL by the PSL Manager or designate.
 - ii. The Minutes shall be submitted to the Director of Soccer Operations or designate.
 - iii. PSL meetings minutes shall be posted on the PSL website.
- c) PSL Communications
 - i. All correspondence and communications regarding PSL matters will be made through the SSA (Head Office) and the PSL Manager or designate.

- ii. Communication between the SSA and the members of the PSL concerning PSL matters will be made through the PSL Manager or SSA Coordinator of Member Programmes.

17. League Management

- a) The SSA shall be responsible for the appointment of a Coordinator of Member Programmes
 - i. The Coordinator of Member Programmes shall be, amongst other matters, responsible for the following:
 - 1. Ensure the appointment of a PSL Manager or manage the affairs of the PSL in his or her absence.
 - 2. To work with the PSL Manager to ensure that PSL Manager is responsible for:
 - a. Organization of the competition
 - b. Leading PSL meetings
 - c. Presence at PSL Finals
 - d. Presenting league awards
 - e. Acting as voice of the PSL (media relations, public situations)
 - f. Liaising with and updating SSA Technical Department about PSL prior to, during and after the season
 - g. Liaising and coordinating between the TAB, media, membership and teams in the league
 - h. General league management
 - i. Scheduling of league games
 - j. Referee assignments for league schedule
 - k. Organizing fields of play for the season
 - l. Managing Discipline situations
 - m. Maintaining PSL website and its information
 - n. Working with media outlets for the betterment of the league
- b) The SSA shall be responsible for the appointment of a Business Administrator
 - i. The Business Administrator shall be, amongst other matters, responsible for the following:
 - 1. To work with the PSL Manager to:
 - a. Ensure timely referee payments
 - b. Ensure participating teams have made entry fee payments
 - c. Ensure participating teams have posted bonds
 - d. Ensure all refunds are processed and sent out to eligible teams.

- e. Pay approved per diem and lodgings and ensure payment of field rentals
- c) The SSA shall be responsible for the appointment of a Coordinator of Image and Communications.
 - i. The Coordinator of Image and Communications shall be, amongst other matters, responsible for the following:
 - 1. To work with the PSL Manager to:
 - a. Ensure all PSL players are registered with SSA through their District
 - b. Assist with all marketing and communications associated with the PSL
- d) The SSA shall be responsible to ensure that there are representatives serving on the Technical Advisory Board.

The Technical Advisory Board shall be:

- i. Convened to provide independent input to the PSL Manager and the SSA Technical Department in both technical and general matters pertaining to League organization, operation, rules and regulations.
- ii. A maximum of five (5) individuals and they shall be appointed by the Director of Soccer Operations or designate and be subject to confirmation by the Executive Director.
- iii. They shall serve at the pleasure of the SSA, without compensation, for an unspecified term of office.
- iv. TAB members serve as individuals, and not as representatives of any corporation, agency, government, or organization.
- v. TAB members agree to lend their names to, and voice their support for, the goals of PSL. The degree to which their personal contact information is provided to the general membership shall be at the sole discretion of the individual TAB member.
- vi. TAB members are encouraged, but not required, to attend Annual and Special meetings of PSL, as well as Regular and Special AGM meetings of the SSA.
- vii. The PSL Manager may, at his or her sole discretion, accept or reject recommendations of the TAB.
- viii. TAB members shall incur no financial obligation to PSL aside from any voluntary membership dues and contributions which they may, at their sole discretion, choose to remit.
- ix. In the interest of preserving the best interests of PSL, appointments to the TAB may be terminated by the Director of Soccer Operations at any time, for any reason.