

PROVINCIAL INDOOR SOCCER LEAGUE

RULES AND REGULATIONS

2011/2012

(7601 Martin Grove Rd, Vaughan, ON, L4L 9E4)

Other Provisions

- A. The League may modify, add or delete any Rules or Regulations for the betterment of the League. The club will be notified within 14 days of any changes.
- B. In any matter not covered under the League Constitution and Rules and Regulations, the O.S.A. Constitution and Player Policies and Procedures provisions shall govern.
- C. Wherever within this Constitution /Rules & Regulations the masculine term is used, it is deemed to be in the feminine if such would apply at the time.

Code of Conduct

The administrators and team officials must conduct themselves in such a manner as to set an example that if followed, would enable every player to be a credit to the game.

1. League Fee

For the 2011/2012 indoor season the fee will be \$3,200 for 11-a-side and \$1,900 for 7-a-side.

2. Playing Days and Standings

2.1. For League standing purposes, three points shall be awarded for a win, one point for a tie and zero points for a loss. The League Champion shall be the team which accumulates the: greatest number of points.

2.2. Playing day(s) will be as follows:

Saturday	8:00 AM to 11:59 PM
Sunday	8:00 AM to 8:00 PM

2.3. In the event of a tie for the first place between two or more teams at the end of regular season, the following criteria will be used to determine the League winner:

- 1. Goal difference
- 2. Most goals for
- 3. Head-to-head
- 4. Flip a coin

3. Club and Team Responsibility

3.1. Each team may dress a maximum of 18 players for a game.

- 3.2. A club must submit a team roster with players and team official's names and signatures to the P.I.S.L. League office before the start of the season.
- 3.3. A club must notify the League in writing, within (7) days, of any changes in players or team officials and will provide the P.I.S.L. with a revised team roster with players' and officials' signatures.
- 3.4. All players must be registered with their District Association as per O.S.A. Rules and Regulations and must abide by them.

4. Player Rules

- 4.1. Team Roster freeze deadline shall be January 31. A player may not be added to a team's Team Roster after January 31. A player may play up at any time during the season.
- 4.2. Temporary Registration Permits are not allowed. Trial Permits are permitted up to, and including, January 31.
- 4.3. Only players dressed to play, and on the game sheet, shall be allowed on the bench.
- 4.4. A player shall only be eligible to play for one team in the P.I.S.L. unless she/he transfers to another team prior to February 1 or plays up from a lower level team within the same club.
- 4.5. A player may not play up to another team which is in the same division.
- 4.6. A team is limited to playing-up a maximum of three players in each game from a lower level team within the same club.
- 4.7. All players on a team must be in possession of a valid O.S.A. player registration book to be eligible to play. A team official from the opposing team may request to examine the Player Registration Book(s) prior to the commencement of the game. If a player does not have a book, he/she cannot play. Teams may request to examine the Player Registration Books of players that arrive after the commencement of the game.
- 4.8. In the event of an altercation on the field of play and anyone from the bench entering the field of play during this altercation, upon report from the referee of such an infraction there will be a fine as per Appendix "A" assessed against the team.
- 4.9. Teams failing to comply with League Rules and Regulations are subject to fines and/or disciplinary action. Team and club officials will be notified in writing of any fines levied as per Appendix "A" and/or disciplinary action will be taken.

5. Team Responsibilities

- 5.1. All coaches must have the full Community Coach Certificate (Children, Youth, Senior).
- 5.2. A maximum of four registered team officials are permitted to sit on the bench during the game and their names must be recorded on the game sheet.
- 5.3. Team officials are not permitted to enter the field of play, unless invited by the referee.

- 5.4. The referee shall start the game at the scheduled kick-off time. If one or both teams have less than (7) seven players, will default the game.
- 5.5. In the event a team fails to show to their scheduled game, the game shall be awarded to the opposing team as a 3-0 win and a disciplinary action shall be taken, see Appendix "A."
- 5.6. Game balls shall be the responsibility of the home team.
- 5.7. Home teams shall change to an alternate uniform if team colours conflict.
- 5.8. Each game shall consist of two equal halves of 25 minutes each. In the event of a delay in the kick-off of a game, the referee may shorten each half to not less than 20 minutes per half. The referee shall be the sole judge of the amount of time played, and his/her decision on this matter shall not be subject to appeal or protest.
- 5.9. In the event a game is abandoned because of fan interference, or the referee is concerned for the safety of any person's in the facility in continuing the game, the League shall decide the result of the game, which may include rescheduling the game.
- 5.10. The Club is responsible for all the players and officials on their team, for Team supporters at all times on and off the field, and shall conduct themselves in a manner in accordance with the Rules of Conduct as set out by the O.S.A. and the League. All team officials shall confine themselves to the bench area along with the players.
- 5.11. The players' bench shall be deemed to be an area designated by the League. Only players and team officials entered on the game sheet are allowed on the bench.
- 5.12. Unlimited substitutions are permitted.

6. Rules of Indoor Soccer (11v11)

- 6.1. All rules will be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game 2009/2010, except as otherwise noted in these rules and regulations.

7. Referee

- 7.1. A team official from each team must give the game sheet and correct officiating fee (\$35 in cash for the 11-a-side divisions, and \$12 in cash for the 7-a-side divisions) to the Referee prior to the commencement of the game.
- 7.2. The Referee is responsible for sending completed game sheets and other official paperwork to the League Convener prior to leaving the facility.
- 7.3. Referees shall wear proper attire as per O.S.A. rules.
- 7.4. The Referee shall not officiate more than 3 games on a given day unless granted an exception by a league official.

8. Discipline

- 8.1. The League Discipline Committee shall handle all discipline matters and protests (except appeals).
- 8.2. All discipline will be handed as DBR (Discipline by Review) except when
 - a) the accused or the accused's club requests a hearing within 72 hours after the game;
 - b) it involves serious foul play or violent conduct with intent to injure the opponent; or
 - c) misconduct by a team official

These will be handled by DBH (Discipline by Hearing). All DBH will be held on the Wednesday after the game.

- 8.3. Discipline, in the case of alleged referee assault, will be handled by the District Association in which the player or team official is registered. The Accused is automatically suspended from all soccer related activity, as per O.S.A. rules, until the case has been heard and a decision has been rendered.
- 8.4. All discipline reports must be submitted along with the game sheet to the League Convener prior to the referee leaving the facility.
- 8.5. The team official, who for whatever reason during a game, pulls his team off the field, will be subject to a disciplinary hearing and, depending on the findings, will be fined as per "Appendix A" if found guilty.
- 8.6. Any club/team official charged with playing an ineligible player in a game sanctioned by the League will be subject to a disciplinary hearing (DBH). Upon being found guilty, the team will forfeit all points of the games in which the ineligible player participated will be fined as per Appendix "A."

NOTE: It is the responsibility of the club/team official to notify the player of his ineligibility to play.

An ineligible player is defined as follows:

- a) Playing while under suspension,
 - b) Playing without an international transfer,
 - c) Playing without having been re-instated from Professional to amateur,
 - d) Playing while not being properly registered,
 - e) Playing while not being registered to that team unless on a valid trial permit,
 - f) Playing in an age specific competition without the eligible age classification,
 - g) Playing up or playing as a guest player when ineligible to do so,
 - h) Playing after failing to produce the O.S.A. Registration Book or O.S.A. approved Identification Card when requested to do so.
- 8.7. Clubs/team officials will be held responsible if a game is abandoned because of the actions of its players, officials or spectators, and will be subject to a disciplinary hearing and, depending on the findings, will be fined as per Appendix "A" if found guilty.
- 8.8. Any club charged with having an ineligible team official in a game sanctioned by the League will be subject to a disciplinary hearing. Upon being found guilty, the team will

forfeit all points of the games in which the ineligible team official participated and will be fined as per Appendix "A."

8.9. An Ineligible Team Official is a team official who:

- a) Is not registered under O.S.A. Policies and Procedures
- b) Registered under a false name
- c) Under discipline suspension
- d) Under different name (used card from another team official).

9. Game Sheets

9.1. Players entered on game sheets are deemed to have played (signature of Team Official verifies Players' eligibility).

10. Protests

10.1. Protests will not be entertained if the issue is, according to the laws of the game, at the discretion of the referee.

10.2. Protests will be handled as per O.S.A. and League Policies and Procedures.

10.3. Protests may only be made by a team official involved in the game and shall be made in writing within 72 hours of the end of the game to League Headquarters:

Attn: P.I.S.L. Protest
C/o The Soccer Centre
7601 Martin Grove Rd Vaughan, ON L4L 9E4

10.4. It shall be accompanied by the protest fee of \$250 made payable to The Soccer Centre. This fee shall be refunded in the event the protest is upheld or if the appeal is ruled out of order.

10.5. The written submission must include the following:

- name of protesting team
- date of game
- game number
- division
- name of opposing team
- rule(s) which were violated
- additional information to support protest

If the terms of rule 10.5 are not met, and accompanied by the \$250 fee, the protest will be declared out of order.

- 10.6. In the event that the protest is not ruled out of order, league staff will provide a copy of the protest to the opposing team. The opposing team will have the opportunity to send a written submission regarding the protest.
- 10.7. The PISL Protest Committee may convene a protest hearing at which officials from either team, the game officials, or other persons may be required to attend.
- 10.8. The Protest Committee has the authority to:
- have the game be replayed
 - decide which team (if any) will be declared the winner of the game
 - levy a fine as per Appendix A
- 10.9. Protests regarding the fact that the league is unbalanced will be declared out of order.

11. Appeals

- 11.1. Persons appealing a decision of the League Discipline Committee are subject to the decision of the Discipline Committee rendered until the appeal has been dealt with by the O.S.A.'s Appeal Hearing Panel.
- 11.2. Any discipline/protest hearing decision of the League may be appealed to the O.S.A. at the following address along with the required appeal fee:

Attention: OSA Appeals
c/o Ontario Soccer Association
7601 Martin Grove Rd. Vaughan, ON L4L 9E4

12. Rescheduled Games

The league will do its best to reschedule games as long as it receives more than 3 weeks notice. In the event that the game is unable to be rescheduled, the requesting team will forfeit the points and the game will be awarded to the opposing team as a 3-0 win.

APPENDIX “A”

Discipline Fees:

***No shows are defined as providing less than 72 hours notice to the league that the team will not be able to make the game*

First game no show by team	\$200.00
Second game no show by team	\$500.00
Any additional games no show by team	\$500.00

Payable to the league within 21 days of receiving notification.
Failure to comply, further disciplinary action and fine.

Hearing Fees:

Discipline by Hearing	no fee
Discipline by Review	no fee
Request of Discipline by Hearing (player)	\$50.00
Request of Hearing for no show (player) non-refundable	\$75.00

Fines:

Unauthorized entry during a game (Rule 4.8)	\$200.00
Withdrawing team from game (Rule 8.5)	\$400.00
Game abandoned (Rule 5.11, 8.7)	\$300.00
Club/Team Official playing an Ineligible Player (Rule 8.6, 8.7)	\$200.00
Club having an Ineligible Team Official (Rule 8.8, 8.9)	\$200.00
Team Player Rules (4.1 to 4.9)	\$200.00
Team Failure 11-a-side (less than 7 players) (Rule 5.5)	\$200.00
Club/Team Officials Responsibility (Rule 5.1 to 5.13)	\$200.00
Accumulation of Cards:	\$ 50.00
In the event that a team accumulates a total of four (4) Dismissals (Red Cards); eight (8) Cautions (Yellow Cards); or A Combination of Ten Discipline Reports (Red or Yellow Cards)	

In the event that a team withdraws from the League:

After October 15, will forfeit half of Registration Fee and will be subject to
a fine: \$300.00

After the start of the League playing season, such club will forfeit its League
fee and will be subject to a fine: \$500.00

All payments must be cheque or money order payable to The Soccer Centre. All hearings fees and fines must be paid within 21 days of receiving notification. Clubs are responsible for all fees and fines. Clubs not paying discipline hearing fees or fines within the stipulated time will be declared not in good standing with the P.I.S.L. and their District Association and O.S.A. will be notified.

APPENDIX “B”

Discipline Procedures:

Discipline action shall be taken in accordance with O.S.A. and League Discipline Policy and Procedures. The following guidelines will apply:

Discipline by Review (DBR) includes all Player Dismissals for:

- a) Second caution in same game;
- b) Serious Foul Play (without intent to injure);
- c) Deliberate handball or denying opponent a goal scoring opportunity;
- d) Violent Conduct (without intent to injure);
- e) Offensive, insulting, or abusive language and/or gestures directed at game officials;
- f) Offensive, insulting, or abusive language and/or gestures directed at anyone other than game officials;
- g) Third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth or more yellow cards in a season;
- h) Spitting at an opponent;
- i) Re-enters the field.

In Discipline by Review, the player doesn't have to appear at the hearing, but he can request a hearing if he wishes to do so within seventy-two (72) hours of the end of the game. The exception is (f) where there is no appeal. The request shall be in a form of request for a hearing together with the fifty dollars. Anyone representing an accused must provide the player's card and signed proxy from the Accused before being allowed to participate at the hearing.

An Accused may choose to be accompanied by another adult who may act as an adviser. An adviser may not act as a witness nor provide any testimony at the Discipline Hearing. An Accused person less than eighteen (18) years of age must be accompanied by an adult. The O.S.A. Player Registration Book must be presented before the start of the hearing, if no card is presented the hearing will not proceed.

Discipline by Hearing (DBH) includes:

all Player Dismissals for:

- a) Serious foul play (with intent to injure)
- b) Violent conduct (with intent to injure)
- c) 3rd red card by Player

If the accused player or team official does not appear, he is suspended immediately from all soccer activities until he requests and attends a new hearing designated by the League with a new

date. Fee for a hearing (as per Appendix “A”) and an O.S.A. Player Registration Book must be presented before the hearing proceeds. If a book is not presented, the hearing will not proceed.

Suspensions:

All suspensions for the indoor season will be by game #'s and the player is suspended for those games only.

Scheduled Hearing Dates:

Discipline shall start the last Wednesday in October and shall end with the last Wednesday of the month of the ending indoor season. All hearings shall be in accordance of OSA and P.I.S.L. Policies and Procedures. The accused must follow the guidelines of P.I.S.L. regarding Dismissals and Special Incident Reports. If not followed, the accused person shall be notified and further disciplinary action may be taken.

Hearings for Players start at 7:00 PM at the:

Provincial Indoor Soccer League Office
7601 Martin Grove Rd.
Vaughan, ON L4L 9E4

In all cases of alleged Referee Assault, the Player and/or Team Official is suspended on notification from all soccer related activity until the case has been dealt with by the District Association in which registered. Said Person will be notified in writing of when and where to appear.

APPENDIX “C”

A. Cautions

First Two (2) Cautions in One Season	No Action
Third Caution	1 Game Suspension
Fourth Caution	No Action
Fifth Caution	2 Game Suspension
Sixth Caution	3 Game Suspension
Seventh Caution	3 Game Suspension

B. Dismissal for second cautionable offence in a game

First Ejection	1 Game Suspension
Second Ejection	3 Game Suspension

C. Dismissal for second cautionable offence in a game where at least one of the cautions was directed at a game official

First Ejection	2 Game Suspension
Second Ejection	4 Game Suspension

D. Dismissal for denying goal scoring opportunity by deliberate hand ball

First Playing Seasonal Offense	1 Game Suspension
Second Playing Seasonal Offense	2 Game Suspension

E. Dismissed for “Denying an opponent a goal or an obvious goal-scoring opportunity to an opponent moving towards the player’s goal by an offence punishable by a free kick or penalty kick.”

First Playing Seasonal Offense	2 Game Suspension
Second Playing Seasonal Offense	4 Game Suspension

F. Serious Foul Play, Persistent Misconduct (pushing, slide tackles) resulting in ejection from the game

First Ejection	2 Game Suspension
Second Ejection	4 Game Suspension

G. Dismissed for “Serious Foul Play” where in the opinion of the Discipline Hearing Panel there was an obvious “attempt to injure” or “a complete disregard for the safety of an opponent” (must occur on the field of play, against an opponent where the ball is in play) otherwise see (I).

First Playing Seasonal Offense	4 – 8 Game Suspension
Second Playing Seasonal Offense	8 – 12 Game Suspension

H. Dismissed or reported for “Spitting at an opponent or any other person,” other than the game official.

First Playing Seasonal Offense	4 Game Suspension
Second Playing Seasonal Offense	8 Game Suspension

I. Violent Conduct (i.e. striking an opponent, kicking an opponent, charging from behind, spitting or any attempt at these offenses), resulting in ejection from the game

First Ejection 3 Game Suspension

Second Ejection 6 Game Suspension

J. Dismissed or reported for “Violent Conduct” where in the opinion of the Discipline Hearing Panel there was an obvious attempt to seriously injure a registrant or non-registrant

First Playing Seasonal Offense 6 – 10 Game Suspension

Second Playing Seasonal Offense 10 – 15 Game Suspension

K. Physical contact with any Game Official, resulting in an ejection

Immediate suspension from all Soccer activities until a hearing is held by the Ontario Soccer Association.

L. Foul and Abusive Language to the Game Official, resulting in an ejection

First Playing Seasonal Offense 3 Game Suspension

Second Playing Seasonal Offense 8 Game Suspension

M. Foul and Abusive Language other than to Game official, resulting in an ejection

First Playing Seasonal Offense 1 Game Suspension

Second Playing Seasonal Offense 3 Game Suspension

N. Penalties against Team Officials

Any Team Official who gets ejected from the game is subject to a hearing under O.S.A. and League Policy and Procedures.