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# **West Region Soccer League**

## **Rules & Regulations – 16<sup>th</sup> December 2008**

### **1.0 Competition Name & Divisions**

- 1.1 The name of the competition shall be the West Region Soccer League (WRSL), hereinafter, referred to as the WRSL. and/or SPONSORNAME Soccer League.
- 1.2 The WRSL shall be divided into the following divisions:  
  
Division 1 (AA)  
U12 Boys      U14 Boys      U16 / 18 Boys  
U12 Girls      U14 Girls      U16 / 18 Girls
- 1.3 The WRSL shall be open to all teams from clubs in the North-West, West and South Regions in the Division 1 (AA) / competitive youth. All teams must be duly registered in accordance with Soccer New Brunswick Rules and Regulations.
- 1.4 The WRSL will be played in each of the above divisions providing that there is a minimum of three (3) entries in the division.
- 1.5 The WRSL will be operated in accordance with FIFA Laws of the Game and CSA Rules & Regulations unless otherwise stipulated in this document.

### **2.0 Management of the WRSL**

- 2.1 The WRSL League Management Committee (LMC) shall be responsible for developing and implementing the rules, policies and procedures governing the competition.
- 2.2 The LMC shall consist of representatives from member clubs of West Region Soccer Association (WRSA), with each club allowed to appoint one representative to the LMC. Each club may at their choice, present one name from their club, at the WRSL AGM. The LMC shall be a minimum of three people.
- 2.3 The Chair of the WRSL League Management Committee shall be elected by the members of the LMC at their first meeting and shall be accountable to the WRSL competition rules, policies and procedures and shall preside as a Board of Director on the WRSA Board.
- 2.4 Staff, hired by the WRSL, shall be responsible for managing and implementing the operational functions of the WRSL. The staff shall be accountable to the Chair of the LMC for these WRSL operational functions.



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## 2.5 Vacancies

2.5.1 The office of a member of the LMC shall be vacated on any one of the following conditions:

- i) Upon resignation in writing;
- ii) If he/she becomes of unsound mind or otherwise incapable of performing the business of the Association;
- iii) If he/she absents him/herself from three (3) meetings of the LMC without satisfactory reason;
- iv) If he/she be removed by resolution of the Association for good and sufficient cause;
- v) If a LMC member changes his/her residence from the Region he/she represents.

2.7.2 The vacancy may be filled by the WRSL LMC within 30 days. If the vacancy was the chair, then rule 2.3 shall be applied.

## 2.8 Duties of the Members of the LMC;

2.8.1 The Chairperson shall:

- Chair the WRSL and without limiting the generality of the foregoing shall have the authority and responsibility for administering the affairs of the WRSL within the policies established by the WRSL.
- Preside at all meetings of the WRSL & WRSA;
- May appoint committees and chairperson, where necessary, and is an ex-officio member of all committees including the standing committees of the WRSL.

2.8.2 Members shall:

- Serve on the LMC and establish and recommend rule changes and revisions as required.
- Serve on disciplinary panel as needed.
- Serve on committees to assist with the management of the league as required (committees may be but are not limited to committees such as; finance, competitions, other).

## **3.0 Entering the WRSL**

3.1 Each club must complete at Provisional WRSL Entry Form by 21<sup>st</sup> February of the year of the competition.



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- 3.2 The Final Entry Form must be received by the WRSL no later than 21<sup>st</sup> March of the year of the competition, and must be accompanied by the non-refundable entry fee as per rule 3.3, payable to WRSL.
- 3.3 Entry Fee structure:
  - U12 Competition = \$10 per player up to a maximum of 16 players per team.
  - U14 – U16/18 Competition = \$12 per player up to a maximum of 25 players per team.
- 3.4 A \$ 150 performance bond will be levied on each team participating in the WRSL. The bond is payable to WRSL by 30<sup>th</sup> April of the year of the competition, to be returned, without interest, at the end of the season. Any fees, fines, bonds and penalties assessed against the team will be automatically deducted from the performance bond.
- 3.5 If a team exhausts its performance bond due to fines, it will be required to post a second \$100 bond for teams before resuming WRSL play.
- 3.6 Clubs to submit provisional names of coaches and managers to WRSL by 21<sup>st</sup> March of the year of the competition.
- 3.7 All WRSL team coaches must attend the WRSL Coaches Seminar that is organized and conducted by WRSL.
- 3.8 All WRSL team managers must attend the WRSL Managers Seminar that is organized and conducted by WRSL.
- 3.9 Club and team officials are fully responsible for the conduct of their players, officials and spectators at, and at the vicinity of, games.

## **4.0 Player Registration**

- 4.1 Each player must be registered with his/her own club prior to taking part in any WRSL competition.
- 4.2 Players may register with the club of their choice within the West Region.
- 4.3 Each team participating in the WRSL shall provide, by 15<sup>th</sup> May of the year of the competition, the WRSL with a completed Provisional WRSL Entry form containing the following:
  - ☒ Name of team; and Club
  - ☒ Name, address, email address, fax and telephone numbers of the team coach and manager;



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- ☒ Team colours and alternate jersey colours;
- ☒ A team list giving the names, in full, addresses, dates of birth of not more than 16 players for U12 competition and 25 players for U14 – U18 competition.
- ☒ A final team roster is to be submitted to WRSL by June 30<sup>th</sup> of the year of the competition. The WRSL will check the names for eligibility.

- 4.4 Final team roster must be submitted to WRSL no later than June 30<sup>th</sup> of the year of the competition. Failure to submit the roster prior to June 30<sup>th</sup> will result in the cancellation and forfeiture of all games scheduled until such time as the team roster is submitted to the WRSL office.
- 4.5 Absolutely no changes can be made to a team roster after July 15<sup>th</sup> of the competition.
- 4.6 A minimum of 12 and maximum of 16 players can be register for the U12 competition with all 16 players able to take the field of play.
- 4.7 A minimum of 16 and maximum of 25 players can be register for the U14 – U18 competition however one 18 players can be dressed at any one (1) match.
- 4.8 Transfer of Players
- 4.8.1 The transfer of players shall be done in accordance with the Rules and Regulations established by Soccer New Brunswick.
- 4.8.2 The deadline for the transfer of players shall be July 15<sup>th</sup> of the year of the competition. Transfers submitted after this date shall not be entertained.
- 4.9 Teams that play an ineligible player, as determined by the WRSL League Management Committee, will forfeit the game by a score of 3-0 and all associated points.

## **5.0 Scheduling**

- 5.1 Matches played within Conference shall have Girls teams play regular season games on Tuesdays and Boys teams shall play on Thursday. This does not restrict these teams from playing make-up games on other nights.
- 5.2 Matches played between Conferences shall play on Saturdays for travel purposes. This does not restrict these teams from playing make-up games on other nights.
- 5.3 Clubs are required to identify the venue and time of their Teams' home games and submit this information to the WRSL no later than 1<sup>st</sup> April of the year of the competition.



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- 5.4 A draft schedule of all WRSL games will be issued by 27<sup>th</sup> February of the year of the competition.
- 5.5 The final WRSL schedule will be distributed by 1<sup>st</sup> April of the year of the competition.
- 5.6 Once the final schedule has been issued, changes will only be made if both teams agree, in writing (email, fax or registered mail), to reschedule the game. Any such requests must be submitted to the WRSL, in writing, at least five (5) days prior to the scheduled game.
- 5.7 Games cancelled due to unplayable field or weather conditions will be rescheduled at a date, time and location agreed upon by both teams. Teams must advise the WRSL of the agreed upon date, time and location of the rescheduled game within forty-eight (48) hours after the cancelled game. The rescheduled game must be played prior to the conclusion of the regular season schedule.
- 5.8 Teams failing to appear for a scheduled WRSL game or who are unable to field the minimum number of allowable players (7) within fifteen (15) minutes of the scheduled kickoff time shall:
- Forfeit the game by a score of 3-0;
  - Pay the applicable game official fees;

## **6.0 Home Team Responsibilities**

- 6.1 Identify the venue and appoint a referee for each home game.
- 6.2 In the event that the municipality closes the venue, notify the Referee Zone Coordinator, referees (if possible), the opposition and the WRSL of the closure.
- 6.3 Submit the original game sheet to the WRSL within forty-eight (48) hours of the game's conclusion.
- 6.4 Call in the results of the game to the WRSL office within thirty (30) minutes following the game.
- 6.5 Provide:
- 2 quality match balls;
  - a quality groomed and lined field;
  - Nets at least 20 minutes prior to the scheduled kick off.
  - Corner flags.
- 6.6 Payment of game official fees to the game officials according to the club policies.



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6.7 The Visiting Team must wear its regular colors and if the colors of the two teams are similar (as judged by the referee), the Home Team must wear alternate colors.

### 7.0 Game Officials

7.1 The home club will assign a minimum of one (1) registered referee to each game.

7.2 The Home Team is responsible for the payment of game officials.

7.3 Schedule of Game Official Fees for WRSL Championships:

Age Category	Referee	Assistant
Under 16/18	\$ 25.00	\$ 12.50
Under 14	\$ 20.00	\$ 10.00
Under 12	\$ 15.00	\$ 10.00

### 8.0 Duration of Games & Ball Size

8.1 All games shall consist of two (2) equal halves of a duration determined by WRSL. There will be no overtime play in regular season WRSL games.

Age Classification	Duration of Match	Match Format	Ball Size
Under 12	2 x 35 minutes	7 v 7	Size 4
Under 14	2 x 40 minutes	11 v 11	Size 5
Under 16/18	2 x 45 minutes	11 v 11	Size 5

8.2 In the WRSL Play-off where there are (2) teams competing then overtime will be played and need be penalties be taken as per FIFA rules for penalties.

Age Classification	Duration of Overtime	Penalties
Under 12	2 x 5 minutes	5 penalties
Under 14	2 x 10 minutes	5 penalties
Under 16/18	2 x 10 minutes	5 penalties

### 9.0 Substitutions

9.1 Unlimited substitutions are permitted (including playoff games) during a stoppage of play at the referee's discretion

9.2 No substitution shall be allowed for a player who has been ordered from the field of play for misconduct.



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## 10.0 *Points and Standings*

- 10.1 The winning team of each game will be awarded two (2) points within Conference and four (4) points between Conferences.
- 10.2 In the case of a tie at the end of play, each team will receive one (1) point within Conference and two (2) between Conferences.
- 10.3 In the case of a default, the non-defaulting team will win by a score of 3-0 and be awarded two (2) points within Conference and four (4) between Conferences.
- 10.4 At the end of league play, total points obtained within Conference will determine the representative the Soccer New Brunswick Provincial Division 1 Championships.
- 10.5 The team that finishes top of the WRSL as defined in 10.4 shall be the No.1 seed for the Soccer New Brunswick Provincial Championships.
- 10.6 Teams finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the WRSL as defined in 10.4 shall play a one off Play-Off match to determine the No.2 seed for the Soccer New Brunswick Provincial Championships. The team that finishes 2<sup>nd</sup> in the WRSL, shall be the home team for the Play-Off match.
- 10.7 At the end of league play, total points obtained from within and between Conferences will determine the representative for the West Province Championships. The top team from the West Region and South Region shall compete for the West Province Championships.

## 11.0 *Tie-Breaking Procedures*

- 11.1 FIFA Rule (6) Competitions Rules:
  - 6.4.4 If two (2) or more teams have an equal number of points on completion of the round robin, the following criteria shall be used, to determine the final standings:
    - (a) **Previous Match Results**

The winner of the match between two (2) teams tied in points shall be awarded the higher position (not applicable if three (3) or more teams are tied)
    - (b) **Goals Difference**

Goal difference shall be calculated by subtracting the goals conceded from goals scored. A maximum difference of five (5) goals shall be awarded in each game. The team having the greater goal difference will be awarded the higher position.
    - (c) **Goal Average**



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Goals divided by goals against. A maximum difference of five (5) goals per match will be used for purposes of this rule (e.g. a 7-1 result will be counted as 6-1). The team having the greater goal average will be awarded the higher points.

**(d) Least Goals Against**

The team having the fewer number of goals against will be awarded the higher position.

**(e) Penalty Kicks**

If two (2) teams are still tied under criteria (a) – (d) then the higher standings shall be decided by kicks from the penalty spot as follows:

i. Two teams tied

As per FIFA Laws of the Game, at a time and place decided by the WRSL Representative.

ii. Three teams tied

Each team is designated A, B, or C. Three mini games shall be played (A v B, B v C, C v A) consisting of five (5) penalty kicks at a time and place to be decided by the WRSL Representative.

The standings after these three (3) mini games shall be ranked according to the criteria (a) – (d) above;

iii. Four teams tied

Each team is designated A, B, C or D. Six mini games shall be played (A v B, C v D, A v C, B v D, D v A, and C v B) to decide the final rankings as in the three (3) team case.

## **12.0 West Province Championship**

12.1 The top team from the West Region and South Region shall compete for the West Province Championship determined by 10.7.

12.1.1 The WP Championship shall be played as a one-off match with winner being crowned WP Champions.

## **13 Soccer New Brunswick Club Championships**

13.1 WRSL Champions and 2<sup>nd</sup> seed determined by rule 10.5 & 10.6 will represent West Region at the Provincial Club Championships for their respective age category.

13.2 The Provincial Club Championships shall be held on a date established by Soccer New Brunswick.

## **14 Code of Conduct**



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14.1 Players, team officials and other persons involved in the WRSL are required to conduct themselves in a manner which will bring credit to the competition and the sport as a whole.

## **15 Protests**

15.1 Consideration of all protests shall be made by the WRSL League Management Committee (LMC).

15.2 Protests shall be sent to the WRSL no later than forty-eight (48) hours after the conclusion of the game in question.

15.3 All protests shall be submitted, in writing, to the WRSL accompanied by a fee of \$50.00.

15.4 In the event the protest is upheld, the fee will be refunded.

## **16 Discipline**

16.1 The WRSL LMC will deal with all WRSL related disciplinary matters involving WRSL players and/or team officials in accordance with Soccer New Brunswick Rules and Regulations.

16.2 A red card (ejection) will result in a minimum of a one (1) game suspension.

16.3 Two (2) yellow cards (cautions) in the same game will result in a minimum of a one (1) game suspension.

16.4 The accumulation of three (3) yellow cards (cautions) in the same season will result in a minimum of a one (1) game suspension.

16.5 The accumulation of cards (yellow or red) WILL carry over to the WRSL Championships, but not to SNB playoffs.

16.6 Serving Suspensions

16.6.1 A suspended WRSL player must serve his/her suspension during a scheduled WRSL game.

16.6.2 The suspended person's name shall be put on the game sheet with suspended written beside it.



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16.6.3 A suspended player may participate in exhibition games or tournaments while serving a suspension from the WRSL, however, a suspended player may not sit out in an exhibition game or a tournament game in order to serve his/her suspension.

16.7 The WRSL shall keep a database of all cautions and dismissals and will convey the information regarding suspensions to the coaches and referees and be published on the WRS website.

16.8 All misconduct directed at the game official fall under the jurisdiction of Soccer New Brunswick and will be forwarded to Soccer New Brunswick for action.

16.9 The following suggested minimum suspensions shall be rendered for misconduct occurring in WRSL games, as ruled by the LMC:

a) **Players**

	Dismissed for receiving a second caution in the same game (neither offence was directed at the game official(s)) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ First seasonal offence</li> <li>➤ Second seasonal offence</li> </ul>	1 game suspension 3 game suspension
SNB	Dismissed for receiving a second caution in the same game (either offence was directed at the game official(s)) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ First seasonal offence</li> <li>➤ Second seasonal offence</li> <li>➤ Third seasonal offence</li> </ul>	2 game suspension 4 game suspension 8 game suspension
	Dismissed for offensive, insulting or abusive language (not directed at the game official(s)) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ First seasonal offence</li> <li>➤ Second seasonal offence</li> </ul>	1 game suspension 3 game suspension
SNB	Dismissed for offensive, insulting or abusive language (directed at the game official(s)) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ First seasonal offence</li> <li>➤ Second seasonal offence</li> <li>➤ Third seasonal offence</li> </ul>	2 game suspension 6 game suspension 3 month suspension
	Dismissed for denying an opponent a goal or an obvious goal-scoring opportunity by deliberately handling the ball <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ First seasonal offence</li> <li>➤ Second seasonal offence</li> </ul>	1 game suspension 2 game suspension
	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	



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ First seasonal offense</li> <li>➤ Second seasonal offense</li> </ul>	2 game suspension 4 game suspension
	Dismissed for serious foul play (all other types of serious foul play) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ First seasonal offense</li> <li>➤ Second seasonal offense</li> </ul>	2 game suspension 4 game suspension
	Dismissed for spitting at an opponent or any other person <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ First seasonal offense</li> <li>➤ Second seasonal offense</li> </ul>	4 game suspension 8 game suspension
	Dismissed for violent conduct <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ First seasonal offense</li> <li>➤ Second seasonal offense</li> </ul>	3 game suspension 6 game suspension

### b) Team Officials

	Persisting in misconduct “after receiving a warning ‘for misconduct’ from the game official” (neither offense was directed at game official) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ First seasonal offense</li> <li>➤ Second seasonal offense</li> </ul>	7 day suspension 21 day suspension
SNB	Persisting in misconduct “after receiving a warning ‘for misconduct’ from the game official” (at least one offense was directed at game official) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ First seasonal offense</li> <li>➤ Second seasonal offense</li> </ul>	14 day suspension 35 day suspension
	Using offensive, insulting or abusive language (not directed at the game official) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ First seasonal offense</li> <li>➤ Second seasonal offense</li> </ul>	14 day suspension 35 day suspension
SNB	Using offensive, insulting or abusive language (directed at the game official) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ First seasonal offense</li> <li>➤ Second seasonal offense</li> </ul>	21 day suspension 42 day suspension

### 16.10 Appeals:

Players, or team officials who are suspended by the WRSL LMC, may appeal the decision, by submitting a written request to the LMC in writing, within 48 hours of their receipt of the notification of the LMC decision. Any such appeal shall include reasons for the appeal to be heard. The LMC will schedule a hearing or meeting with the party(s) involved to review the matter within 7 working days from the appeal.



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## 17 Penalties

### 17.1 Penalties

Failing to submit team's final roster to WRSL by June 30 <sup>th</sup> .	All games scheduled will be cancelled and forfeited until such time as the final roster has been submitted.
Use of an ineligible player (as determined by the WRSL LMC) in an WRSL game	Forfeit the game in question by a score of 3-0 and all associated points
Failing to appear for a scheduled WRSL game	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forfeit game in question by a score of 3-0;</li> <li>• Pay all applicable game official fees;</li> <li>• Team Fine of \$50 first offense, \$100 second offense</li> </ul>
Failing to meet all Home Team responsibilities	\$25 Fine for the Team
Failing to provide Game sheet to WRSL within 48 hours of match completion	\$25 Fine for Team

17.2 At the discretion of the WRSL League Management Committee, any other fees, fines, bonds and penalties may be assessed against a team or its players, coaches, managers, and administrators.

## 17.0 Finances and Banking

17.1 The LMC shall establish a bank account with the name of the account being the West Region Soccer League Account and the signing officers shall be the Chair and Treasurer of the LMC.

17.2 There must be two signatures on every cheque for the WRSL account.

17.3 The Chair of the LMC shall provide a monthly report to the WRSA, detailing income and expenses for the account.

17.4 The accounts of the Association shall be verified annually, and the correctness of the Financial Statements ascertained by an independent professional Accountant and reported to the WRSA AGM.

17.5 The independent professional Accountant shall be appointed by WRSA and be approved at the Annual General Meeting.



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## **18.0 Fiscal Year**

- 18.1 The fiscal year of the Association shall be from April 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup>, inclusive, of the following year.