

# BRANDON YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION, INC.



## RULES AND REGULATIONS

### 1. GENERAL

- 1.1. Brandon Youth Soccer Association, Inc. (BYSA or the Association) shall organize soccer according to the Laws of the Game as promulgated from time to time by the Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) subject to any change considered by the Association's Board of Directors to suit the conditions under which the game is played in Brandon and the Westman Region. The Association may enact Rules and Regulations, not inconsistent with the By-Laws and Rules and Regulations of the Manitoba Soccer Association (MSA) or Westman Regional Soccer Association (WRSAs).
- 1.2. The Rules and Regulations may be amended by a simple majority at a duly constituted meeting of the Association's Board of Directors. A copy of approved changes to the Rules and Regulations shall be forwarded to the membership within fifteen (15) days after Board approval. These decisions are in effect two clear working days after sending of notification, unless otherwise specifically stated, and should be posted on the BYSA website accordingly.

## **2. PLAYER REGISTRATION**

- 2.1. All players must be registered and in good standing with the Association before participating in any BYSA program.
- 2.2. All players must register for the session by:
  - i. submitting the registration form, as approved by this Association from time to time, by the deadline specified by the Association; and
  - ii. paying the registration fee set by the Association.
- 2.3. A player's registration is only valid for the particular session he or she has registered for, and a player must register annually for each indoor or outdoor session he or she wishes to participate in, as determined by the Association from time to time.
- 2.4. A player's registration shall date from the day on which his or her registration is received and validated by the Association.
- 2.5. A player who is under suspension may register with the Association in accordance with these Rules and Regulations but may not participate in those soccer activities from which the player is suspended until the suspension is completed.
- 2.6. A player may be permitted to register for more than one team provided the same meets all the governing requirements of the WRSA and MSA Rules and Regulations.
- 2.7. Irrespective of other BYSA Rules, players registered in BYSA are also eligible to register in their High School team, as long as they meet the age eligibility criteria of the MHSAA to play in the High School team.
- 2.8. A registered female player may play on a corresponding age category male team, however, a registered male player may not play on a corresponding category female team. For the purpose of this rule, co-ed is not considered a male or female team.
- 2.9. A player may be required when first registering with this Association to provide proof of age such as a birth certificate, baptismal certificate, passport or other evidence acceptable to the Association. Documented proof of age may be required from time to time and in the event of a protest or dispute the burden of proof of age will rest with the player.
- 2.10. Registered players must reside in the Westman area and must not have a local youth soccer organization that is also a member of WRSA in order to register for BYSA programming. A player's residence shall be determined by the parent's or guardian's residence. For the purposes of this policy, parent shall also mean guardian and is defined as:
  - i. Either of his or her parents where both parents have a common residence; or if there is only one (1) surviving parent, such surviving parent;
  - ii. In the event that his or her parents are living apart, the parent who has custody of the player, or if both parents have custody, the parent with whom the player

habitually resides or if the player does not habitually reside with either parent, then the habitual place of residence shall be determined by BYSA; and

- iii. In the event that both of his or her parents are deceased, the person who is in loco parentis to the player. Loco parentis means a person who has taken a position in reference to a child of that of a parent, assuming the office of a parent and the obligation of supporting the child, assuming a parental character and discharging parental duties, although not the parent.

2.11. Each player must complete a medical waiver form and a medical information form, which will be kept by the Coach in case of an emergency.

### 3. FEES

- 3.1. Registration fees shall be set by the Board of BYSA prior to the commencement of registration for the upcoming session.
- 3.2. Registration fees generally cover the costs of administering the programs such as supplying uniforms, supplying referee fees, lining the fields, player insurance, administration, scheduling and programming costs, facility costs, WRSA and MSA fees. Parents are encouraged to ask what is included in the player registration fee although components are not selectable.
- 3.3. The Association may, at its sole discretion, accept a player registration without full payment of fees where extenuating circumstances prevail and a payment plan is defined and an agreement is documented and signed by both parties. A decision to register a player without full payment of fees for a session shall be non-binding on future decisions for registration without full payment.
- 3.4. A payment plan shall:
  - a) consist of not more than three (3) payments, with 1/3 of the registration fee paid up front;
  - b) have all documents necessary completed prior to the session's start date;
  - c) be supported by post-dated cheques at the time of registration;
  - d) be immediately suspended if a payment is annulled;
  - e) be approved by the Board;
  - f) not be subject to late payment penalties;
- 3.5. A family revoking a payment plan shall have all registrations declared immediately null and void. Registration will then be viewed as a registration of new players.
- 3.6. Players unable to register due to financial constraints will be referred to special funding programs or organizations, such as Kid Sport Program.
- 3.7. On receipt of a NSF cheque, the Association has the option to:
  - a) Attempt, through any reasonable means possible, to collect the funds owing, inclusive of establishing a payment plan. If late collection appears to be the best route to pursue, the amount collected shall include any NSF or other bank charges incurred by BYSA; OR
  - b) Revoke the registration.
- 3.8. BYSA will issue refunds due to medical reasons, with receipt of a medical note from a doctor stating why the person is no longer able to play, that are submitted on or before the commencement date of the session. Due to insurance coverage requirements no other refunds will be given after this date.

#### **4. COACHES AND MANAGERS**

- 4.1. Any person wishing to coach or manage a BYSA team must be at least sixteen (16) years old and be at least two (2) years older than the players he or she is coaching or managing. The coach or manager must provide a valid Child Abuse Report (CAR) and a Canadian Police Investigation Centre report (CPIC).
- 4.2. Coaches are required to complete the appropriate NCCP Coaching levels. Coaches may be eligible for reimbursement of the cost of registration for NCCP training upon application to the Board for the same.
- 4.3. Coaches are required to have valid Respect in Sport Certification.
- 4.4. Parents are encouraged to coach their child.
- 4.5. A coach may coach a team comprised of the opposite gender, provided that an adult of the same gender as the children is at the bench during all play and practice.
- 4.6. Coaches shall be fully responsible for all activities of their team. Delegation of responsibilities to assist coaches, managers and parents is necessary, desirable and encouraged; however, ultimate responsibility for these activities rests with the Team Coach. Supervision over delegated responsibilities is a necessary function of the Team Coach, who may make changes in his staff in consultation with Head Coach.
- 4.7. Coaches and team management are expected to:
  - a) be responsive to directives of Head Coach, WRSA Technical Director and operate the team within established policy and guidelines.
  - b) follow the philosophies of BYSA, WRSA and MSA as it pertains to player development, programming, travel and age appropriate instruction.
  - c) work with and take direction from Head Coach and WRSA Technical Director on all technical issues.
  - d) respond to the needs and skills of individual players, ensuring that each player has the maximum opportunity to develop his/her potential.
  - e) recognise their responsibilities as leaders, educators and role models for young players. Conduct towards players parents, officials and other persons should be based on mutual respect and be fair and reasonable.
  - f) Physical abuse, verbal abuse, or profanity is not condoned.
  - g) be sensitive to parent concerns, and prepared to respond cordially when warranted.
  - h) establish regular communication with parents on games, practices, schedules, etc.
  - i) recognise that while soccer may be the major activity of the player, it is not the only activity. In priority it comes after family and educational responsibilities, and reasonable accommodation to these other factors is expected.
  - j) commit to the continued development of all players for the full season.
  - k) deal fairly with players at all times. Rewards or considerations to players or parents should be those reasonably available to all members of the team. Coaches should not accept gifts, favours or other considerations from players or parents or place themselves in a situation where their actions may be compromised because of such considerations.

- l) ensure proper supervision of the team, before, during, and after all games and practices and accept reasonable responsibility for the conduct, safety and well being of their players.
- m) develop a set of rules for the team, which are clearly communicated and enforced equally on all players.
- n) follow the development plan for the season provided by WRSA Technical Director.
- o) encourage and motivate their players towards enjoyment of the game, team concept, and skill development.
- p) pursue objections to directives or policy through appropriate channels and in a manner that is not detrimental to the Association.
- q) hold a meeting of parents of players prior to each season. Items to be covered include:
  - 1. Number of games and practices planned.
  - 2. Relevant items of Club policy.
  - 3. Discussion of any activities above and beyond the "Club planned program", i.e. Exhibition games, tournaments, extra practices, etc. which shall be a team decision.

4.8 Teams shall a maximum of two coaches.

## **5. REFEREES**

- 5.1. All referees must be registered with the MSA Referee Development Committee and must complete Child Abuse Report (CAR) and a Canadian Police Investigation Centre report (CPIC).
- 5.2. All registered referees shall be under the control and jurisdiction of the Association as administrated by the MSA Referee Development Committee (MSA RDC).
- 5.3. All referee candidates shall be examined as to their suitability for duty by the MSA Referee Development Committee. Such examination may include oral, written, field test and fitness tests as determined by Provincial and National criteria.
- 5.4. All persons who meet the CSA age requirement as outlined within the CSA Regulations for the Registration and Control of Referees, wishing to be placed on the Official List of MSA Referees shall, if successful in passing the appropriate examinations, and fitness testing if required, make application for inclusion on the Official List of MSA Referees on an annual basis. Applications shall be accompanied by the fee as determined by the Association and submitted under terms and conditions as determined by the MSA RDC.
- 5.5. Youth Referees shall be at least 14 years of age who has completed, successfully, the Entry Level Referees Course and has not made application for inclusion on the Official List of MSA Referees. Youth Referees shall operate under the jurisdiction of the Association and must register with the MSA on an annual basis. Applications shall be accompanied by a fee as determined by MSA and submitted under terms and conditions as determined by the MSA RDC.
- 5.6. Referees must be at least two (2) years older than the division her or she has been assigned to officiate.
- 5.7. Subject to his or her qualifications, a referee shall have the right to choose the competitions for which he or she is prepared to officiate. However, a referee shall not officiate a match in which his or her child is playing, unless approved by the Head Referee.
- 5.8. All those referees on the Official List of MSA Referees shall be Members of a Referee Association that is a Member in good standing of the MSA. Although not required, Youth Referees may choose to become members of a Referee Association.
- 5.9. A registered referee who is a member of BYSA shall not sit on the Discipline Committee.
- 5.10. Only those persons who are on the Official List of MSA Referees or shall officiate as a referee in competitions with the exception of Mini soccer under the sanction or jurisdiction of Association. If for unforeseen circumstances, the appointed referee is unable to act, BYSA shall have the right to agree on some other person to officiate during the emergency. The decisions of the person assuming the duties of the referee in such an emergency situation shall have the same force and effect as a person on the Official List of referees and s/he shall file an official referee's report upon the completion of the game to the authority having jurisdiction over the game.

- 5.11. All registered referees shall comply with the Code of Ethics for Canadian Referees.
- 5.12. In the case where a referee matter is not dealt with by these Rules and Regulations, the Association shall comply and follow the Regulations for the Registration and Control of Referees as set out by the CSA.
- 5.13. The referee shall decide on the condition of the ground, and his/her decision shall be final. If however, the owner of the ground (public or private) declares the ground unplayable the referee shall not officiate the scheduled game. The referee must advise BYSA of the decision within 24 hours.
- 5.14. The referee shall within forty-eight (48) hours of the conclusion of a game at which she or he officiated, or such other time as may be stipulated in the rules of the competition, forward to the Association a written match and discipline report on the forms, if any, provided for that purpose by the league or regional association. In the event of a physical assault, attempted physical or threatening behavior towards a game official the discipline report must be submitted to MSA within twenty-four (24) hours of the conclusion of the game.



## **6. FIELDS AND EQUIPMENT**

- 6.1. Parents shall have the responsibility to ensure their child has all necessary equipment and that it is worn properly in accordance with CSA requirements (shin guards are a CSA requirement for all players).
- 6.2. BYSA will provide team jerseys to all recreational league teams.
- 6.3. Unless otherwise stated, all equipment provided to teams shall remain the property of the Association and shall be returned to the Association at the end of each session.
- 6.4. Use of BYSA soccer fields must be arranged through the Association and will be subject to a rental fee unless for league scheduled practices or games.
- 6.5. All persons utilizing BYSA soccer fields shall respect the facilities at all times, report all damage or unruly behaviour to the Association, ensure any washroom facilities are clean and sanitary, use refuse containers provided for any garbage.
- 6.6. Pets are not allowed at BYSA soccer fields.
- 6.7. BYSA is not responsible for the condition of a partner facility, such as Minnedosa, Rivers or Neepawa. Safety concerns regarding partner facilities should be directed to the official of the game by the coach. Reoccurring issues should be reported to the Association and WRSA by the coach.
- 6.8. BYSA shall seek the support of local businesses and individuals to sponsor teams or other activities and assist with the cost of equipment and field maintenance, and will encourage its members to support these businesses and individuals. Teams and/or Coaches are prohibited from soliciting for additional financial support for the team.

## **7. PLAYER CATEGORIZATION AND LEAGUE PLAY**

- 7.1. Teams shall be categorized according to MSA and WRSA rules and standards. Team categorization will be subject to annual review by the Association and WRSA.
- 7.2. The age of the player as of January 1st determines the category in which players can play.
- 7.3. Players shall be assigned to teams at random, or as otherwise determined by BYSA, with the intention always to ensure an even distribution of players of all skill levels among the teams in a particular age division.
- 7.4. Special requests for roster assignments must be made at the time of registration. All special request must meet predetermined qualifications as approved by BYSA.
- 7.5. BYSA is responsible for recreational house-league teams, and as such, no tryouts shall be required for participants to play.
- 7.6. Coaches shall ensure the all players are provided with equal playing time.
- 7.7. No player shall participate in regular league games with other than his or her designated team. Under no circumstances shall someone not registered with the Association practice or play with a team of the Association.
- 7.8. The Laws of the Game shall be as laid down by FIFA.
  - 7.8.1. Notwithstanding the above, teams shall be entitled to make an unlimited number of substitutions during any game.
- 7.9. Rules for Forfeits:
  - 7.9.1. Should a team fail to be able to field a team of at least five (5) players for U9 to U12 or seven (7) players for U13 to U18 within fifteen (15) minutes after the start time of the game, or if at any point during the game they are unable to field team as indicated herein, it shall be considered a forfeit.
  - 7.9.2. In the event of a forfeit, the opposing team will be awarded a win with a goals for of 3-0, unless the actual goal difference in the game are greater than 3.
- 7.10. In the event that there is tie in points in standings at the end of the session that needs to be broken, it shall be determined as follows:
  - a) greatest number of points obtained in all group matches;
  - b) goal difference in all group matches;
  - c) greatest number of goals scored in all group matches.
- 7.11. The referee at his or her absolute discretion will determine whether the field marking meets the standard required to play.
- 7.12. Betting on any match by the referees, Association and team officials and players is strictly prohibited.
- 7.13. The use of profane, abusive and objectionable language in any soccer activity is prohibited.

- 7.14. No spectator, manager, coach or player may smoke within a buffer zone of 100 metres surrounding any soccer field. Any person who violates this rule will be reprimanded the first time and each subsequent violation will be a fine to be determined by the Association.
- 7.15. Copies of ALL game sheets from League, Exhibition, and Tournaments shall be delivered to BYSA or the League Administrator within 48 hours of the game or by whatever time the league in which the team plays specifies. After signing by the game officials, no game sheet shall be altered. Where penalties are written up, the referee shall submit it to the League Director or General Manager at the referee's discretion.
- 7.16. For Mini Soccer (U4-U8), participants will receive a participation medal. No individual statistics or team standings will be kept.
- 7.17. For Community Stream Soccer (U10-U18), participants on a roster that places 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> in their division will receive the appropriate medal for league contests.

## 8. **INJURIES and HEALTH AND SAFETY**

- 8.1. Participants are encouraged to wear age appropriate soccer gear, in addition to the required equipment (ie: shin guards), such as rubber cleats in outdoor events.
- 8.2. Jewelry is prohibited to wear any type of jewelry during the contest or practice. Medical condition alerts are not considered jewelry but must not create a potential injury for the participant or another participant (ie: be covered by a wristband).
- 8.3. In the event of an injury, coaches and/or game officials must immediately stop the game and remove the injured player(s) off the playing field as quickly as possible within the normal realms of responsible safety. Play shall then resume with no loss of advantage.
- 8.4. In the event of non-emergency medical incident, the coach shall:
  - a) evaluate the injury and administer basic first aid;
  - b) remove the player from the contest if deemed appropriate;
  - c) contact and discuss the injury with the player's parent or guardian; and
  - d) recommend seeking medical attention to rule out serious injury.
- 8.5. For non-emergency medical incidents, the coach is required to fill out the CSA INJURY REPORT and provide it to the Head Coach or BYSA President as soon as possible, but no later than forty-eight (48) after the end of the contest.
- 8.6. In the event of an emergency medical incident, the coach shall:
  - a) Delegate the responsibility to seeking medical help to the assistant coach/manager or a parent on the team;
  - b) Remain with the injured player to protect him/her from further injury, comfort and reassure the injured player, and provide basic First Aid until medically trained personnel arrive;
  - c) Provide medical personnel with the Medical Information Sheet for the player;
  - d) Designate an adult known to the player to go with the player if the player's parent or guardian is not available; and
  - e) Contact the player's parent or guardian;
- 8.7. For emergency medical incidents, the coach is required to fill out the CSA INJURY REPORT and provide it to the Head Coach and BYSA President immediately.
- 8.8. In Manitoba, all persons are required by law to report any suspected child abuse or neglect to the local child protection agency. All coaches are expected to follow this law.

## 9. **COMMITTEES**

9.1. **Nominations Committee** - The Nominations Committee, if any, shall make recommendations and reports to the Board as to candidates for election of directors of BYSA whose terms are expiring and shall submit a slate of directors to each AGM and shall recommend persons to fill any vacancy on the Board of Directors or to fill any vacant office.

9.1.1. The Chair of any such nominating committee shall be a director whose term is expiring and does not wish to seek re-election or is not due to expire in the current year.

9.1.2. The membership of the committee shall be appointed by the Board.

9.1.3. Any recommendations arising from the Nominations Committee shall be submitted to the Board no less than 21 days prior to AGM.

9.2. **Discipline Committee** - The Discipline Committee shall be responsible for the development and implementation of a process for managing complaints including a code of conduct for players, parents and coaches, and policies for the implementation of suspensions or other such disciplinary action.

9.2.1. The Discipline Committee shall be chaired by a Board Member appointed by the Board, who will in case of deadlock cast the deciding vote and comprised of two neutral BYSA members plus the chairperson.

9.2.2. The Discipline Committee will document and record accurately all correspondence, evidence from all involved parties, witness accounts, and any resulting decisions taken or reached.

9.2.3. The Discipline Committee will inform involved parties of its decision and of higher appeal procedures.

9.2.4. Any decision of the Discipline Committee is valid and binding unless and until overturned.

9.2.5. Appeals against disciplinary action taken against coaches, players, spectators or team officials shall be made in writing within five (5) working days of the Disciplinary Committee decision to the BYSA President. The President shall then form an Appeals Committee with two other Board Members, one of which cannot be the chairperson of the Discipline Committee to determine the appeal.

9.3. **Facilities Committee** – The Facilities Committee shall be responsible for securing facilities for BYSA programming, the development and maintenance of BYSA fields, and any other responsibilities as assigned by the Board.

9.3.1. The Facilities Committee shall be chaired by a Board Member appointed by the Board, and comprised of as many members or non-members as the chairperson sees fit.

9.3.2. The Facilities Committee shall create a budget to be approved by the Board related to all expenses it believes it will incur throughout the year for its responsibilities.

9.3.2.1. Any expenses not included in the budget must be approved by the Board prior to incurring additional expenses, unless otherwise determined by the Board.

9.3.3. The Facilities Committee shall also be responsible for securing rentals for BYSA fields within the guidelines approved in advance by the Board.

- 9.3.3.1. Rental Contracts must be approved by the Board in advance and signed by any two of the Board Members provided with signing authority on behalf of the Board.
- 9.3.4. The Facilities Committee shall work with the Fundraising and Sponsorship Committee to create and implement a sponsorship plan for the BYSA fields.
- 9.4. **Fundraising and Sponsorship Committee** – The Fundraising and Sponsorship Committee shall be responsible for developing and implementing a fundraising and sponsorship plan for BYSA, which shall include retaining current and finding new sponsors as required.
  - 9.4.1. The Fundraising and Sponsorship Committee shall be chaired by a Board Member appointed by the Board, and comprised of as many members or non-members as the chairperson sees fit.
  - 9.4.2. The Fundraising and Sponsorship Committee shall provide a fundraising and sponsorship plan and budget for Board approval in advance of the commencement of each BSYA programming session.
  - 9.4.3. The Fundraising and Sponsorship Committee shall work with the Facilities Committee to develop and execute a plan for sponsorship of the BYSA fields.
- 9.5. **Mini Soccer (U4-U8) Committee** – The Mini Soccer Committee shall be responsible for the development and implementation of Mini Soccer programming in Brandon throughout the year, including the registration of players, creation of team rosters, schedules, and wind up tournaments , and procurement of uniforms and equipment required.
  - 9.5.1. The Mini Soccer Committee shall be chaired by a Board Member appointed by the Board, and comprised of as many members or non-members as the chairperson sees fit.
  - 9.5.2. The chairperson shall act as a liaison between the Board and the Head Coach(es) for Mini Soccer.
  - 9.5.3. The Mini Soccer Committee shall ensure that all programming is aligned with the guidelines provided by the WRSA Technical Director and/or MSA.
- 9.6. **Community Stream Soccer (U9-U18) Committee** – The Community Stream Soccer Committee shall be responsible for the implementation of Community Stream Soccer in cooperation with WRSA in Brandon throughout the year, including the registration of players, creation of team rosters, schedules, and wind up tournaments , and procurement of uniforms and equipment required.
  - 9.6.1. The Community Stream Soccer Committee shall be chaired by a Board Member appointed by the Board, and comprised of as many members or non-members as the chairperson sees fit.
  - 9.6.2. The chairperson shall act as a liaison between the Board and the Head Coach(es) for Community Stream Soccer.
  - 9.6.3. The Community Stream Soccer Committee shall ensure that all programming is aligned with the guidelines provided by the WRSA Technical Director and/or MSA.

## 10. **PROTESTS and INCIDENT REPORTING**

- 10.1. Parents, players or team officials shall not speak to referees about officiating concerns during or after the game. Complaints or incident reports about referees must be made in writing to the Referee-in-Chief. The complainant shall include specific details of teams playing, game date, time, location, names of officials in attendance, and rule infractions, rule interpretations or conduct incidents giving rise to the complaint.
- 10.2. A protest will only be considered on the grounds of the eligibility of players, or on breaches of Competition Rules & Regulations. Decisions of the referee on points of fact connected with the play shall be final so far as the result of the game is concerned.
- 10.3. Any protest relating to the grounds, goal posts, bars, or other appurtenances shall not be entertained by the Association, unless notice of particulars has been given to the referee before the commencement of the match. No protest under this rule will be considered if, in the opinion of the referee, the objection lodged did not seriously affect the outcome of the game.
- 10.4. When an objection has been lodged with the referee, a protest must be made in writing to BYSA.
- 10.5. In considering any protest, the Association may take into consideration the possession by the protesting team of any prior knowledge, which, if properly used, might have obviated the protest.
- 10.6. Any team playing an ineligible player shall forfeit the game to its opponents, provided the protest is upheld, and its team officials may be subject to disciplinary action.
- 10.7. A Protest Committee is required to provide to all parties affected by a decision, a written ruling which shall include the rationale for the decision and if the decision may be appealed, the organization's appeal procedures, within five (5) working days of receipt of the protest.

## 11. DISCIPLINE

- 11.1. All players, parents, team officials, and other members of the Association shall comply with the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations, Code of Conduct, and any other policies enacted by the Association from time to time.
- 11.2. Disciplinary action can be taken if a player or member is alleged to have:
  - i. Violated the FIFA Laws of the Game;
  - ii. Violated the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations, Code of Conduct or Policies and Procedures of the Association;
  - iii. Bet on any game of the Association;
  - iv. Offered or attempted to offer, directly or indirectly, any consideration whatsoever to any Member, team or to any player or official of any team or to any game official, with a view to influencing the result of any game, or accepting any such consideration;
  - v. Committed any act or made any statement either verbally or in writing, or been responsible for conduct, continuing misconduct or any other matter which, in the opinion of the Association, is considered to be insulting or improper behavior unbecoming of a Member or not in the best interests of the game of soccer or the Association and likely to bring the game into disrepute.
- 11.3. Further, the Association reserves the right to take disciplinary action in any case of criminal misconduct or human rights abuse not covered specifically in the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations, or Policy and make any other disciplinary decisions that it considers fair and just.
- 11.4. In all cases, the member complained against shall have the right to appear and offer a full answer or defense to the charges when the case is heard.
- 11.5. The report provided by the game official to the body having jurisdiction shall be regarded as his or her affidavit to a Discipline Committee. The presence of the game officials is not required at any hearing unless the accused so wishes, and then only on condition that the accused notify the Association of his or her wishes and pay in advance of such attendance all related expenses incurred by said officials, or the Association requests the official's presence.
- 11.6. All cases of misconduct involving alleged physical assault, attempted physical assault or threatening behavior towards a game official by any person shall be dealt with by the Discipline Committee of the MSA.
- 11.7. The process for a hearing before the Discipline Committee shall be as outlined in the Discipline Committee Policy.
- 11.8. Serving a suspension:
  - i. In all cases of alleged physical assault of, attempted physical assault of, or threatening behavior towards a game official, the accused shall be suspended from all soccer activities until the case has been decided by MSA;
  - ii. No member so removed or suspended shall be eligible for membership in any other Member Club of MSA without special permission of MSA.



- iii. In all cases where a person has been charged in Criminal Court with offences of moral turpitude involving youths, the accused shall be suspended from all soccer activities until the cases have been concluded in the Criminal Court and then BYSA may decide if further proceedings are warranted pursuant to their Rules and Regulations.
  - iv. Suspensions shall be served in the competition in which they occurred (league, region or tournament) unless otherwise specified by a Discipline Committee for a continuous period, or for consecutive games, except where there is a break in the competition, in which case the suspension may be continued accordingly.
  - v. Minimum Suspensions for specific offences are set out in MSA's Discipline Minimums, and Members.
  - vi. A player (red card) or team official sent from the field of play will automatically be suspended for one (1) game. Suspensions shall apply to the players or team officials next regularly scheduled league competition. The player or team official, having served the one (1) game suspension shall be eligible to resume playing, coaching, managing, or officiating unless notified by BYSA to attend a hearing as outlined in these Rules and Regulations or that further disciplinary action is being applied. The one game suspension shall be carried from one season to the next if not served prior to the completion of the season in which it was issued.
- 11.9. BYSA, its members, players, and officials will not take any dispute to the Ordinary Courts unless specifically provided for in the By-Laws or Rules and Regulations. Any disagreement shall be submitted to the jurisdiction of WRSA, MSA, CSA or the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre (SDRC). The SDRC shall deal with disputes that do not fall under the jurisdiction of the judicial bodies.