

(1) APPLICATION

1.1 These Rules shall apply to all National or Regional Competitions managed by the Canadian Soccer Association (CSA). Any variances for specific competitions shall be as noted in these Rules.

1.2 The CSA Competitions Committee is responsible for the management and control of all National Competitions, and shall maintain these Rules.

1.3 These Rules are subject to the CSA Constitution; in any conflict, the CSA Constitution takes precedence.

1.4 Within the constraints of 1.3, the CSA, through its Competitions Committee, may make such temporary rules governing specific situations not otherwise provided for as are necessary to achieve the objectives of the CSA.

1.5 The Canadian Soccer Association through its Competitions Committee shall appoint to each competition a CSA Representative whose decisions at the competition, on any matter not covered in these Rules, shall be final and binding on all parties.

1.6 Failure to comply with any of the requirements within these Rules shall render any organization or individual liable to disciplinary procedures.

1.7 The CSA has a formal Harassment Policy which shall apply to all National Competitions of the Association. A copy of this policy may be obtained from the CSA Office; the CSA official website www.canadasoccer.com or your Provincial/Territorial Association. Any allegation of harassment shall be referred to the Harassment Officer assigned to the competition by the CSA Harassment Committee.

1.8 The CSA has a formal policy in regards to Volunteer Screening. The Association requires that any staff person listed on the Team Credential Form for teams participating in the National All Stars and Club Championships must be CPIC cleared. For this purpose a CPIC Clearance is valid for a maximum of 36 months. This Policy also

applies to Provincial and Regional Championships. A copy of this policy may be obtained from the CSA Office; the CSA official website www.canadasoccer.com or your Provincial/Territorial Association.

1.9 The CSA has an official Anti doping Policy. Any athlete who is a member of a National Sport Organization or Provincial Sport Organization or League or Club so registered shall be eligible for unannounced testing. A list of banned substances can be obtained from www.cces.ca or the CSA.

(2) TEAM ELIGIBILITY

2.1 All National Championships shall be open to one representative of each Association in Membership each playing season, subject only to Regional preliminary qualifying series as may be determined by the CSA. Any variations have to be approved by the Competitions Committee.

2.2 The playing season referred to in Rule 2.1 shall be the one ending in the current calendar year.

2.3 Each club team entering shall be affiliated with an Association in Membership, and certified by that Association, in writing on the form prescribed by the Competitions Committee as an eligible team .

Teams shall compete in only one of the following categories:

Club Championships

Senior Amateur

Open Age

Youth U-18

All players under 18 years of age before January 1 of the current year

Youth U-16

All players under 16 years of age before January 1 of the current year

Youth U-14

All players under 14 years of age before January 1 of the current year

Canada Games and any other National Championships**2009 Canada Games – U-18**

All players under 18 years of age before January 1 of the current year

Other National Championships

As may be defined from time to time by the CSA

All Star Championships**Youth U-14**

All players under 14 years of age before January 1 of the current year.

Youth U-16

All players under 16 years of age before January 1 of the current year.

Masters/Classics

All players will be thirty-five (35) (and over) years of age prior to January 1 of the current year.

2.5 Any Association in Membership determined by the Competitions Committee to have included on any of its teams a player who is over the age limit (under the age for Masters/Classics) shall be subject to disciplinary action . See 7.8 Breach of Rules.

2.6 A team may retain any player registered with the team during the regular season, but may not sign additional players for the purpose of competing in CSA competitions. Exceptions in unusual circumstances may be granted as per 3.10.

2.7 An Association in Membership may, with the approval of the Director of Competitions following a written request, nominate a substitute team if its qualified representative team, declines with just cause, to participate.

2.8 The CSA Board of Directors requires coaching qualifications for all teams entered in CSA Competitions. Any team not meeting the criteria listed below, may apply in writing to the CSA Director of Coaching for an exemption.

Club Championships:

Head Coach - Full Community Coach Certificate

One (1) member of the Team Officials must be the same gender as the team. See Rule 4.5.1(d).

All Stars Championships:

Head Coach - National B License

Assistant Coach - Provincial B License

One (1) member of the coaching staff must be the same gender as the team. See Rule 4.5.1(d).

Canada Games:

All Coaching Staff National B License

One (1) member of the coaching staff must be the same gender as the team. See Rule 4.5.1(d).

(3) PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

3.1 Only players registered with an Association in Membership shall be eligible to compete in a National Competition.

3.2 Each player shall be either:

- a) a Canadian citizen; or
- b) a landed immigrant; or
- c) a refugee claimant.

3.3 Each Association in Membership shall certify, on the form prescribed by the Competitions Committee, that each player is eligible. Provincial Associations will be fined One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) if a team does not use the approved CSA Form. See Appendix A.

3.4 The deadline for registration shall be August 31, and the deadline for transfers shall be on or before July 31 of the current season, except for the coastal regions of British Columbia whose respective deadlines shall be March 31/February 28.

3.5 Within the deadlines established in Rule 3.4 each player shall be registered with or transferred to the team participating in Regional or National Competition not later than seven (7) days prior to playing in any Provincial or Regional qualifying game leading to the National Competition. No team shall register players after qualifying for the Regional or National Championship.

3.6 Each player shall bring to the Regional or National Club Competition his/her Provincial/Territorial approved player photo ID-card. The appropriate team official shall make the card available to the CSA Representative upon request.

3.7 Any player registered as a professional player shall only be eligible to play when reinstated as an amateur player. Any player reinstated after July 31st shall not be eligible to play in the National Club Competitions for that calendar year.

3.8 An amateur player who is registered and is listed on a game sheet with a professional team on or after July 31 in the current year shall not be eligible to play in any National Club Championships, except if the player has a trial permit to play a maximum of 2 sets of three (3) trial games per outdoor season with any Professional Team provided a permit-to-play form, available from Provincial/Territorial Associations, has been duly completed and approved.

A player registered with a team (amateur or professional) meeting the definition of a reserve team, shall be allowed to play a maximum of fifteen (15) games per season, on professional teams of his club, competing in a higher category or division. No permit-to-play form shall be required.

3.9 Senior amateur players registered with the Association in Membership where they normally reside may participate in youth All Star Competitions without re-instatement, if they meet the age qualification. See Rule 4.9.

3.10 Under exceptional circumstances an Association in Membership may request, in writing to their Competitions Committee Representative who will forward the request to the Director of Competitions, special permission to allow players to participate who might not otherwise be eligible. Such permission shall be in writing and the appropriate team official shall make this permission, if given, available to the CSA Representative upon request. See Rule 4.9.

4) TEAM RULES

4.1 Each Association in Membership will enter all CSA Competitions each season. A team may only withdraw after the deadline specified in 4.5.2 b) on terms agreed in advance with the Competitions Committee.

4.2 Any Association in Membership with over 40,000 registered players that does not compete in all age group National All Star Competitions shall:

(a) pay a fine in the amount of \$7,500; and

(b) be denied authorization for one year for All Star or Select Team in the age and gender group in which the member association has failed to compete, to travel internationally and/or to host an international team(s); and

(c) be denied authorization for an All Star or Select team that is one

year older than the team that has failed to compete, to travel internationally and/or to host an international team (s).

4.3 Any Association in Membership (except Yukon and Northwest Territories) with less than 40,000 registered players that does not compete in all age group National All Star Competitions shall (except Soccer New Brunswick who will be entering in all of age groups of the All Stars starting in 2008):

(a) pay a fine in the amount of \$2,500; and

(b) be denied authorization for one year for All Star or Select Team in the age and gender group in which the member association has failed to compete, to travel internationally and/or to host an international team(s); and

(c) be denied authorization for an All Star or Select Team that is one year older than the team that has failed to compete, to travel internationally and/or to host an international team (s).

4.4 Any team not showing up for a game, without just cause, will be expelled from the competition and will have all its scheduled matches declared null and void. Its Association in membership will be required by the Competitions Committee to explain the actions of its team, and may be subject to a penalty as determined by the Tournament Discipline Committee.

4.5 Each Association in Membership with a team participating in Regional or National Competition shall provide:

4.5.1 To the CSA office no later than twenty-one (21) days prior to competing (or within 48 hours of the Provincial representative being chosen):

- (a) Name of the team;
- (b) Team colour and alternate;
- (c) A team list giving the full name of each player;
- (d) The full names of up to four team officials, at least one of whom shall be of the same gender as the players;**
- (e) A team photo for promotional purposes.

(f) Name of Provincial Representative.

4.5.2 To the CSA Office:

(a) Seven (7) days prior to the start of the Competitions Pre-Tournament Meeting a copy of the Certified Player/Team Credentials Form. Failure to do so will result in a fine. See Appendix A - Fines

(b) The deadline for all Provinces/Territories to advise the Canadian Soccer Association of the National/Regional Competitions they will be entering will be February 28 of each year.

4.5.3 At the request of the CSA Representative at any time during the Club Competition:

(a) Provincial/Territorial player-ID card;

(b) Proof of citizenship/landed immigrant/refugee claimant status

4.6 An All Star Team, at any competition, may have a maximum roster of eighteen (18) players at the competition, all of whom may dress.

4.7 A Club Team, at any National Competition, may have a maximum roster of twenty (20) players at the competition, and may dress all twenty (20) per game.

4.8 A Club Team at any National/Regional Masters/Classics Competition may have a maximum roster of twenty-five (25) players and dress twenty (20) per game.

4.9 No additions or changes may be made to the Player/Team Credential Form after 12:01 a.m. of the day seventy-two (72) hours prior to the pre-tournament meeting at a National Competition.

4.10 Only team officials and players listed on the Players/Team Credential Form shall be allowed to sit on the players' bench during competition:

(a) At National Club Competitions a maximum of twenty (20) players and four (4) staff.

(b) All Star National Championships a maximum of eighteen (18) players and four (4) staff.

(c) At Masters/Classics Regional Competitions only players listed on the Game sheet (and also on the Team Credential Form) may sit on the Team Bench.

4.11 The Canadian Soccer Association shall make all air travel arrangements for teams and game officials for all CSA Competitions. Any team not using such arrangements shall be ineligible for travel grants provided by the CSA or its sponsors.

4.12 All teams traveling to National/Regional Competitions, must stay in the hotels designated by the Hosting Provincial Association. Host teams requiring hotel accommodation must also stay at the designated hotels. Failure to comply will result in expulsion from the tournament at the team's expense.

4.13 As noted in 8.4 Code of Conduct, teams must attend all social, civic and official functions associated with the Competition. Each team must have in attendance two (2) staff members from those listed on the Team Credential Form. Failure to attend any official function will result in the team being subject to discipline (fines) plus any expenses. See Appendix A.

(5) GAME RULES

5.1 Substitutions

(a) In Club Competitions a maximum of five (5) substitutions shall be allowed in the whole game (including any overtime). Unlimited substitutions may be made at half-time, or at full-time before any overtime. A player who has been substituted is eligible to re-enter.

(b) Masters/Classics Regional Competitions there will be unlimited substitutions.

5.2 In All Star competition, a maximum of seven (7) subs can be made during the game. A player who is substituted out of the game cannot re-enter the game by means of a later substitution.

5.2.1 In Canada Games Competition, the substitution rule will be the same as 5.1 (a)

5.3 Before each game the team will be provided with a game sheet. Players taking part in a game must be listed on the game sheet. The game sheet must be completed and given to the referee, at least thirty (30) minutes prior to the announced kick-off time whenever possible. The referee shall convey the completed game sheets (including any discipline reports), immediately after the game, to the CSA Representative or Field Marshal.

5.3.1 At any National Club Competitions, including any Regionals, player photo I.D. Cards are required. Prior to the start of each game, the coaches of both teams will have the opportunity to challenge player I.D's. Failure to do so will result in the team waiving the right for that game to protest any player identity. This will be supervised by one of the game officials.

5.4 Teams shall dress in the colours agreed to at the pre-tournament meeting. The home team (the team listed first on the schedule) shall change colours if necessary. All teams must have an alternate set of uniforms at the competition. Failure to have an alternate will result in a fine. See Appendix A – Fines

5.4.1 Players, including Goalkeepers, are not permitted to wear playing uniforms that clash with the colour of the match officials kit. Goalkeepers must wear colours that distinguish him or her from the other players, the referee and the assistant referees.

5.4.2 Players are not permitted to wear anything that is dangerous to themselves or other players. **NO jewellery:** that includes rings, bracelets (except medical alert bracelets — which must be either made of Velcro or similar soft material, or covered with a sweatband), earrings, necklaces, other visible body piercing, etc. The practice of taping jewellery is not acceptable. **Undershorts (slide pants or spandex) are to be the same main colour as the shorts.** Long sleeve

undershirts must be the same main color as the jersey sleeve. Players not complying will not be allowed to enter the field until the match officials are satisfied that the equipment conforms to the Laws of the Game.

5.4.3 Each team must present their playing uniforms (jersey/shorts/socks) for both home and away at the Pre-tournament Meeting for color clarification. Any team changing from the agreed upon team colors without the permission of the CSA Rep shall be subject to a fine. See Appendix A.

5.4.4 The Canadian Soccer Association Competition sponsor crests must be on both the home and away jerseys. Failure to comply will result in a fine. See Appendix A.

5.4.5 In National All Star Competitions the playing uniform shall not exhibit any sponsor identification except the CSA sponsor title crest. Any team with sponsor logos on their uniform will have to remove or cover them with concealing tape. Failure to comply will result in a fine. See Appendix A.

5.4.6 In National Club Competitions any playing uniform that has a sponsor logo which conflicts with any of the CSA National Sponsors, must be covered or removed (this does not apply to the jersey supplier such as adidas, etc).

5.5 The duration of play and size of game ball shall be as follows:

DURATION OF PLAY - NATIONAL CLUB COMPETITIONS

AGE GROUP	REGULAR	EXTRA TIME	SIZE OF GAME BALL
Senior/Open/ U-16/17/18	2 x 45 minutes	2 x 15 minutes	5
U-14/15	2 x 40 minutes	2 x 10 minutes	5
Masters/Classics	2 x 40 minutes	No overtime	5

5.6 National All Star Championships:

All Star Competitions Duration of Play shall be as follows:

U-16 - two (2) 35 minute halves.

U-14 - two (2) thirty minute halves.

Where a result is needed the game it will go directly to the taking of kicks from the penalty mark at the end of regulation time

5.7 National Club Competitions:

Where specified in these Rules, when, the score is tied at the end of regulation time, extra time shall be played as noted in 5.5. If the score is still tied at the end of extra time, the winner shall be decided by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark, in accordance with the FIFA Laws of the Game. A team official may accompany each team into the centre circle for the taking of such kicks.

5.8 For National/Regional Club Competitions on the final day, all non-medal games that are tied at the end of regulation time shall go directly to the taking of kicks from the penalty mark.

(6) COMPETITION RULES

6.1 The format for each competition shall be determined in advance by the Competitions Committee and set out in the Competition Schedule.

6.2 All teams shall be seeded on the basis of their final standing in the previous year's competition. In National Competitions where a host team is required, they shall be seeded in last position and be eligible for medals. The seeding for the following year will exclude the host team.

6.3 The CSA Referees Committee is responsible for assigning all game officials.

6.4 In all competitions (or parts thereof) organized on a knock-out basis, all games shall be played to a decision as outlined in Rule 5.6.

6.5 In all competitions (or parts thereof) organized on a round-robin basis, the following special rules shall apply:

6.5.1 All games shall be played to regulation time only, except as specified in 6.5.3;

6.5.2 Three (3) points shall be awarded for a win and one (1) point for a tie (including the taking of kicks from the penalty mark). Standings shall be determined by points won at the completion of the round-robin, with tie-breaking as outlined in Rule 6.5.4;

6.5.3 In any three (3) team round robin, whether part or whole of the competition, the third game shall be played to a decision as outlined in Rule 5.6, if the team not participating has zero points, has been suspended or has withdrawn. In the event that the score is tied after regulation, and Rule 5.7 is used to determine the winner, the team that eventually loses the game shall still be awarded one point for the overtime loss.

6.5.4 If two (2) or more teams have an equal number of points on completion of the round robin, the following criteria shall be used, in order, to determine the final standings:

(a) Previous Match Results

The winner of the match between two teams tied in points shall be awarded the higher position (not applicable if three (3) or more tied).

(b) Goal Difference

Goal difference shall be calculated by subtracting 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) Least Goals Against

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

(d) Most Goals Scored

The team having scored the most goals will be awarded the higher position. A maximum of five (5) goal difference per game.

(e) Penalty Kicks

If two or more teams are still tied under criteria (a) - (d), then the higher standings shall be decided by kicks from the penalty mark, as follows:

*Two teams tied:

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

*Three teams tied:

each team is designated A, B or C. Three penalty shoot-outs shall be played (A vs B, B vs C, C vs A) consisting of five (5) kicks from the penalty mark at a time and place to be decided by the CSA Representative.

The standings after these three shoot-outs shall be ranked according to the criteria (a) – (d) above;

*Four teams tied: each team is designated A, B, C or D. Six shoot-outs shall be played (A vs B, C vs D, A vs C, B vs D, D vs A and C vs B), to decide the final ranking, as in the three team case.

For discipline purpose the shoot-outs do not constitute a game. Players under suspension are not eligible to participate.

(7) DISCIPLINE

7.1 The CSA Representative shall establish and chair a Tournament Discipline Committee which shall include at least two (2) Provincial Representatives. Any decision taken by this Committee will be final and binding as far as the competition is concerned.

7.2 Misconduct by players or team officials reported by the referee shall be dealt with by the Tournament Discipline Committee prior to the next game, except as noted below.

If time does not permit the holding of a discipline hearing, any misconduct by a player or team official in a team's final game in any competition may be delegated to the appropriate Association in Membership for discipline.

7.3 Any player or team official dismissed from a game or who receives a third caution during the National Competition, except in his/her team's final game of that competition, may accept an automatic one-game suspension or may elect to have a hearing. The election must be made, in writing, to the CSA representative within one hour of the completion of the game. If the election is not submitted within the prescribed time, the automatic one-game suspension will apply.

7.4 If a hearing is elected, or if the CSA Representative in his/her sole discretion shall so decide, the Tournament Discipline Committee shall conduct hearings to deal with misconduct in accordance with the CSA Constitution (Rule 12d). FIFA mandatory suspensions will be applied except for any notice periods, which shall be waived. The Association in Membership of the player or team official involved shall be informed of the disposition.

7.5 Any player or team official reported for misconduct who elects to have a hearing or is summoned to a hearing by the CSA Representative shall attend the hearing and may be accompanied by a club representative and must be accompanied by his/her Provincial Representative.

7.6 Failure to attend, after notification by the CSA Representative, shall result in immediate suspension until the player or team official involved requests a further hearing in writing and appears at that subsequent hearing.

7.7 The Tournament Discipline Committee shall hold a hearing into the alleged misconduct off the field of play of any player or team official alleged by the CSA Representative to have brought the game into disrepute. The Committee may take any disciplinary action it sees fit, including suspension for the remainder of the tournament; and furthermore will refer the issue to the National Discipline Committee for review and disposition.

The CSA Representative shall investigate any general complaint prior to laying any charges of misconduct.

7.8 The Competitions Committee shall rule on any alleged breach of

these Rules by an individual or an organization. If the Competitions Committee, in its sole discretion finds the individual or organization to have breached one or more Rules, the specified penalty shall be applied and the Provincial Association informed of its obligation to collect and/or remit the fine(s) in question to the CSA.

If no penalty is specified, any breach of these Rules shall carry a maximum penalty as follows:

Breach of Rules

*By an individual – From \$100 to \$500 per breach plus any expenses incurred.

*By an organization – From \$500 to \$1,000 per breach plus any expenses incurred.

The Competitions Committee shall specify a date by which the fine must be paid. Failure to pay by that date shall result in immediate suspension of the individual or organization as of that date, without any hearing or notice.

7.9 Any team that is found guilty of fielding an ineligible player for whatever reason (non-compliance with the age limit, omission from the Team Credential Form provided by the provincial/territorial associations, omission from the game sheet, etc.) shall forfeit the game. Victory and the resulting three (3) points will be awarded to the opposing team as well as the score of 3 – 0 or greater, to a maximum of five (5), depending on the score of the game. The Competitions Committee may take further action as deemed appropriate.

Any questions in regards to player eligibility must be submitted within fourteen (14) days after the completion of the National Championship, along with the tournament protest fee of \$1,000. This matter will be dealt with by the CSA National Discipline Committee.

7.10 Any suspension arising from the National/Regional Competitions that is carried over from the competition must be served in the outdoor season.

Appendix A - Schedule of Fines

Player/Team Credential Form not submitted to the CSA Office.....	\$100.00
Provincial Rep not in attendance at Pre-Tournament Meeting.....	\$100.00
Failure to attend official functions..... plus expenses	\$250.00
Not playing in agreed team colours.....	\$500.00
Not having alternate set of uniforms.....	\$500.00
Failure to have CSA sponsor crest on home and away jerseys.....	\$1000.00
Provincial sponsor logos on jerseys at National All Star Competitions.....	\$1000.00
Failure to return trophies by the specified dates.....	\$250.00

(8) ADMINISTRATION OF THE COMPETITION

8.1 Protests

8.1.1 Any protest arising out of any game in a CSA Competition shall be made in writing to the CSA Representative or Field Marshal within one (1) hour of the completion of the game, accompanied by a protest fee of one hundred dollars (\$100) in cash or money order/certified cheque payable to the CSA.

8.1.2 In all cases, the Tournament Discipline Committee shall rule on the protest, including the disposition of the protest fee.

8.1.3 Any decision taken by this Committee on a protest shall be final and binding, as far as the competition is concerned.

8.2 Provincial Representatives

Each team shall have in attendance a Provincial/Territorial Representative from its Association in Membership. Each Representative shall:

8.2.1 arrive at the Championship with or prior to their first team and depart with their last team.

8.2.2 be present at all meetings with their teams.

8.2.3 be responsible to the CSA Representative for the communication of all matters relating to the team, and for the conduct/supervision of the players and team officials of his/her Association/Territorial in Membership.

8.2.4 participate as may be required on the Tournament Discipline Committee.

8.2.5 together with team officials, attend the pre-tournament meeting to ensure that all personnel are fully aware of the Rules of the Competition.

8.2.6 must attend all official functions.

8.3 C.S.A. Representative

The CSA shall appoint a CSA Representative to act on the CSA's behalf at each National Competition. The CSA Representative shall:

8.3.1 convene and chair a pre-tournament meeting the evening prior to the start of the competition.

8.3.2 arrange a meeting with the Referee Convener prior to the pre-tournament meeting.

8.3.3 ensure that the meeting is attended by all Provincial/Territorial Representatives, the coach and/or manager from each competing team, a referee's representative, and the host organizing committee representative.

8.3.4 chair a meeting with the Provincial/Territorial Representatives outlining their roles and responsibilities for the competition.

8.3.5 convene and chair any hearings necessary to handle any discipline or protest arising at the competition.

8.3.6 make decisions (where required) on any items not covered in the Rules. In this regard, a meeting of all Provincial/Territorial Representatives, acting as a Rules Committee, may also be convened, but the CSA Representative shall have the final authority.

8.3.7 attend all official functions.

8.3.8 submit a completed tournament report, together with the CSA copy of all games sheets and any discipline report forms, to the CSA office at the completion of the competition. The CSA Reps Report must be submitted not later than twenty-one (21) days after the tournament. No expenses will be reimbursed until the report is received.

8.4 Code of Conduct

All players, team officials and organizers are required to conduct themselves in a manner consistent with the following Code of Conduct.

8.4.1 At all social, civic and all official functions associated with the competition, participants are required to be present and dressed appropriately. Anyone not in attendance may face disciplinary action, at the discretion of the CSA Representative or the Competitions Committee.

8.4.2 It is essential that the Association's good reputation be maintained at all times, and this can be ensured, in part, by maintaining high standards of behavior and adherence to the following minimum standards:

- Attire shall be in accordance with Provincial/Territorial standards.
- At least two (2) adult Team Officials shall accompany each team to all official functions.
- Diet and rest periods shall be in accordance with Provincial regulations.

- Curfews shall be appropriate for the age of the players, but an “in-room”
- Curfew of not later than 11:00 p.m. shall be the rule for all youth age competitions.
- Curfew times for all senior competitions – See 8.5.4
- Punctuality shall be required for all events.
- Respect the Zero Tolerance Policy of alcohol (acquiring, possession of , purchasing or consuming) at National Youth Championships.

8.4.3 Provincial/Territorial Representatives shall be required to ensure that all members of a Provincial party adhere to Provincial Codes of Conduct.

8.4.4 Misbehaviour by any person or persons shall be dealt with in accordance with respective Provincial/Territorial standards. The CSA, however, reserves the right to take any action deemed necessary by its representative.

8.4.5 All personnel shall be governed by the terms of the CSA Code of Conduct as listed in the Constitution and Administrative Guide.

8.4.6 At National and Regional Competitions no alcohol shall be sold or consumed in the stadium/park/grounds unless it is in a controlled area.

8.4.7 At National Competitions no smoking will be allowed in the Technical area.

8.5 Off-Field Conduct

Purpose

The purpose is to teach and institutionalize the importance of appropriate off-field conduct of members at a CSA Competitions and to recognize that all players, coaches, officials, volunteers and professional administrators (the ‘participants’) have the right to freedom from harassment and from all other inappropriate behavior.

Definition

Off-field conduct is generally defined as the expected and appropriate behaviour of participants from the time the team leaves their home locale until the time they arrive back at their home locale.

Standards

1. Provincial/Territorial Associations must be informed by the CSA of the coaches' code of conduct prior to departure for the championships and they must reinforce the importance of the code with the coaches.
2. All players must be informed by their coaches of the players' code of conduct prior to departure.
3. All players at youth National Championships must adhere to an 11:00 p.m. curfew unless the team coach has stipulated an earlier curfew time or they are attending an official function, which runs past the established time.

Disciplinary action is normally at the discretion of the coach, but the CSA Competitions Disciplinary Committee is authorized to conduct a hearing and take appropriate action if necessary.

4. All team staff and senior players must adhere to a curfew of not later than 1:30 a.m.
5. At least two (2) team officials must accompany and attend with all of their players all championship official function. Team officials must not leave the team unattended at the function unless otherwise authorized.

The CSA Competitions Disciplinary Committee shall conduct a hearing and take appropriate action if necessary.

6. The concept of Fair Play will apply equally to on-field and off-field conduct.

7. The Canadian Soccer Associations has a formal Harassment Policy.-

When an alleged incident is reported, the CSA Harassment Officer shall utilize the CSA Harassment Policy. If the harassment could be categorized as a criminal offence the CSA shall authorize an investigation pending the decision of the courts/mediation.

8. Damage by a team member(s) to any property, other than his/her (their) own shall be the financial responsibility of and dealt with, equally, by the province(s) of the members involved in the incident causing the damage. Further disciplinary action may be imposed by the Competitions Disciplinary Committee.

All incidents of property damage must be communicated to the CSA Rep and to the chairperson of the Host Organizing Committee.

8.6 Code of Ethics

Purpose

The provision of a code of ethics that will serve as a guide or framework from which individual associations or clubs can form their own code. The code is used to facilitate the understanding and encouragement of ethical behaviour on the part of athletes, coaches, officials, volunteers, and professional administrators (the 'participants'). A glossary of terms has also been included for ease of reference.

A. Competence

The maintenance of current levels of knowledge and practice for the particular field of endeavour.

Value Statements

1. Participants will enhance their own level of expertise.
2. Participants will enhance the efficient and effective operation of their provincial organization and the CSA.

3. Participants will contribute, through their organizational competence, to the betterment of soccer in Canada.

B. Justice

Credible and legitimate reasons will be established for any dispute or deviation from equal and just treatment for all members.

Value Statements

1. Participants will respect the rights of all individuals involved with soccer and treat all individuals with dignity.
2. Participants will encourage the development and maintenance of a just soccer environment for all.
3. Participants will promote and support all organizations involved with the game of soccer.

C. Responsibility

Personal responsibility will be taken by decision-makers for organizational decisions and actions implemented by them.

Value Statements

1. Participants must be accountable for their own behaviour as decision-makers.
2. Participants must be accountable for decisions made by their subordinates and volunteers reporting to them.
3. Participants must develop and maintain a supportive environment which provides for individual creativity, responsibility and personal initiative.
4. Participants are ultimately accountable for the quality and nature of soccer in Canada.

D. Integrity

Conduct which is honourable and honest.

Value Statements

1. Participants must ensure that their behaviour is beyond reproach in terms of what the organization deems right and good.
2. Participants must treat one another and stakeholders with the utmost respect and propriety.
3. Participants must behave in a manner which supports the high organizational integrity of their organization.

E. Leadership

The provision of ethical, educational and technical guidance by individuals in their capacity as leaders in soccer.

Value Statements

1. Participants must provide ethical, educational and technical guidance to those for whom they are responsible.
2. Participants must behave in a manner which reinforces the ethical, educational and technical guidance role of their soccer organizations.

F. Equality

Equal treatment for all members of the Canadian soccer system.

Value Statements

1. Participants will treat all individuals, without exception, as equal partners in soccer.
2. Participants will develop and maintain a soccer environment in which all individuals are treated with respect and dignity.

G. Co-operation

Partnership with other allied organizations for the enhancement of soccer in Canada

Value Statements

1. Participants will develop and maintain active relations with allied organizations.
2. Participants will work toward a soccer environment in which active sharing of resources and information takes place.

H. Glossary

Ethics	Codes, rules, and/or regulations of “right” conduct.
Competence	The possession of skills and/or qualifications to do one’s appointed task
Justice	The exercise of authority in the maintenance of right and of fairness.
Integrity	Conduct which is honest and upright.
Responsibility	The taking of moral and legal accountability for one’s actions.
Leadership	The provision of guidance and vision to follow, to develop and maintain a positive organizational culture.
Equality	The treatment of all individuals on equal terms.

8.7 Ethics and Fair Play

SOCCER COACHING CODE OF ETHICS

- Act with integrity in performing all duties with your players, their parents and your local soccer club.
- Strive to be well-prepared so that your coaching duties are carried out with competence.
- Act at all times in the best interest of the development of your players as whole persons.
- Accept and support the role of the officials in providing judgment to ensure that games are conducted fairly and according to the established rules.
- Treat your fellow coaches with courtesy, good faith and respect.

FAIR PLAY IN SOCCER

- Recognize and respect individual difference in your players.
- Provide equal opportunity for all to participate.
- Encourage your players to always do their best.
- Instil in your players a positive attitude toward competition.

FAIR PLAY CODE FOR PLAYERS

- Participate because you want to, not just because your parents or coaches want you to.
- Play by the rules and in the spirit of the game.
- Control your temper – fighting and “mouthing off” can spoil the game for everyone.
- Respect your opponents.
- Remember that winning isn't everything – that having fun, improving skill, making friends and doing your best are also important.
- You will remember that coaches and officials are there to help and you will accept their decision and show them respect, at all times.

CLOSING COMMENTS

The majority of inappropriate off-field conduct can be defined as harassment and therefore is covered under the CSA Harassment Policy; however, it is equally important to recognize that there are numerous other unacceptable situations that may arise at a championship or with the soccer delivery system that do not constitute harassment (e.g. damage of another's personal or commercial property, rowdiness within a public area, inappropriate attire, inappropriate or offensive language not directed at anyone).

8.8 Trophies

8.8.1 All trophies presented to the winning teams at CSA competitions remain the property of the CSA.

8.8.2 The Association in Membership for any team receiving a trophy at the end of the competition (except the Challenge Cup, which shall remain with the CSA) shall ensure its safe return for the next year's competition, by February 28 and failure to comply with this date will result in a fine of \$250.00.

