CANADIAN SOCCER ASSOCIATION

RULES FOR NATIONAL/REGIONAL COMPETITIONS 2012

SECTION 1 - GENERAL RULES OF COMPETITION

1. OVERVIEW

1.1 The rules in Section 1 apply to all National/Regional Competitions managed by the Canadian Soccer Association (CSA). Specific rules for All Star and Club Competitions can be found in Sections 2 and 3 respectively.

1.2 For the purpose of these Rules for National/Regional Competitions, wherever duly noted, Provincial Associations also include Territorial Associations.

1.3 The CSA Competitions Committee is responsible for the management and control of all National/Regional Competitions, and shall maintain these rules.

1.4 These rules are subject to the CSA Rules, Regulations and Administrative Guide; in any conflict, the CSA Rules, Regulations and Administrative Guide take precedence.

1.5 Within the constraints of 1.4, 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.

1.6 The CSA through its Competitions Committee shall appoint to each championship a CSA Representative (CSA Rep) whose decisions at the competition, on any matter not covered in these rules, shall be final, as far as the competition is concerned, for all parties. Fines, in accordance with the Schedule of Fines, may be imposed at the respective championships and any follow-up discipline will be referred to the CSA Competitions or Discipline Committee for appropriate action.

1.7 Failure to comply with any of the requirements within these rules shall render any organization or individual subject to disciplinary procedures.

1.8 The CSA has a formal Harassment Policy which shall apply to all National/Regional 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 written allegation of harassment shall be referred to the CSA Rep who shall immediately refer the complaint to the Harassment Officer assigned to the championship by the CSA Harassment Committee.

1.9 The CSA has a formal policy in regards to Volunteer Screening. The Association requires that any team official listed on the Team Credential Form for teams participating in the National All Stars and Club Competitions 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 Competitions. A copy of this policy may be obtained from the CSA Office, the CSA official website www.canadasoccer.com or your Provincial/Territorial Association.

1.10 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.

2. ADMINISTRATION OF THE COMPETITION

2.1 Team Expectations

2.1.1 All Provinces and Territories shall have Code of Conduct Regulations that each player, team official and Provincial Representative (Provincial Rep) must sign and agree to adhere to while at a National/Regional Competition. Provinces/Territories shall, as a minimum, incorporate the CSA requirements into their Code of Conduct but may choose to be more restrictive as to the responsibilities and conduct of those representing their Province/Territory. This Code of Conduct applies to the team and staff (all those listed on the Credential Form) and Provincial Rep from the time they assemble to leave from the point of departure from their Province/Territory until they arrive back in their Province/Territory at the point of dispersal.

2.1.2 Once a Province/Territory has declared its representative team and before departure to the National/Regional Competition, the Provincial/Territorial Representative on the CSA Competitions Committee must make contact with the Team Officials and Provincial Reps to review these competition rules and expectations.

2.1.3 Following the meeting with the Provincial/Territorial Representative on the CSA Competitions Committee, team officials shall then meet with their players and review these competition rules and expectations. Players are to be informed of the procedures to follow and who to contact should problems arise.

2.1.4 Situations involving infractions requiring disciplinary sanctions occurring within the jurisdiction of the National/Regional Competitions will be dealt with by the appropriate person having authority over the situation and the individual involved and must be reported to the CSA Rep appointed to the Competition.

2.1.5 All incidents of property damage must be communicated to the Provincial/Territorial Rep of the team involved.

2.1.6 For the purposes of these rules, a youth is any person under the age of 18 before January 1st of the current year participating in a CSA youth or senior National/Regional Competition.

2.1.7 The acquiring, possessing, purchasing or consuming of alcohol by any youth player at a National/Regional Competition is prohibited.

2.1.8 Youth age players at any Youth or Senior Competition must be appropriately supervised by the team staff.

2.1.9 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 CSA.

2.2 Provincial Representatives

2.2.1 Each Province/Territory participating in a National/Regional Competition must appoint a person to act as its Provincial/Territorial Rep.

2.2.2 To avoid a conflict of interest a Provincial/Territorial Rep cannot be a member of the team staff, a player or immediate family of a player in the competition regardless if he/she serves on the Provincial Board or staff from the Provincial/Territorial Association.

Where a Provincial/Territorial Association is unable to appoint a suitable representative, they must contact the CSA Competitions Manager immediately to resolve the situation.

2.2.3 A Provincial/Territorial Rep must stay at the host hotel.

2.2.4 Each Provincial/Territorial Rep must be present in the host location for the entire duration of the Competition. They must arrive with, or on the same day as, the first team and depart with or after their last team. Failure to comply will result in a fine. See Breach of Rules.

2.2.5 The Provincial/Territorial Rep must be approved by the Provincial/Territorial Association Board and have their CIPC Clearance.

2.2.6 The Provincial/Territorial Rep must be present at all CSA mandated meetings. This includes the information meeting held in the Province/Territory for teams traveling to any CSA Regional/National Competition. Failure to comply will result in a fine. See Breach of Rules.

2.2.7 The Provincial/Territorial Rep, together with a team representative, must attend the pre-competition meeting.

2.2.8 The Provincial/Territorial Rep must attend all discipline hearings involving a player or staff member with one of his/her teams.

2.2.9 The Provincial/Territorial Rep is responsible to the CSA Rep for the communication of all matters relating to the team. In this regard the Provincial Rep must be in possession of a cell phone that is capable of operating in the host province.

2.2.10 The Provincial/Territorial Rep has responsibility for the conduct/supervision of the teams and team officials of his/her Provincial/Territorial Association and must ensure that all players and team officials adhere to their Code of Conduct.

2.2.11 The Provincial/Territorial Rep must bring a copy of the Provincial Code of Conduct, signed by all players and team staff, to the Competition. A signed copy

must be given to the CSA Rep at the Provincial Reps Meeting. Failure to comply will result in a fine. See Breach of Rules.

2.2.12 The Provincial/Territorial Rep must participate on a Competition Discipline Committee when appointed by the CSA Rep.

2.2.13 The Provincial/Territorial Rep must attend all official functions of the competition.

2.2.14 The Provincial/Territorial Rep of the team involved must report all incidents of property damage to the CSA Rep and to the Chairperson of the Local Organizing Committee.

2.3 CSA Representative

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

2.3.1 convene and chair a pre-competition meeting prior to the start of the competition.

2.3.2 ensure that the pre-competition meeting is attended by all Provincial/Territorial Reps, a team representative from each competing team, the Supervisor of Officials, and the host organizing committee representative.

2.3.3 arrange a meeting with the Supervisor of Officials prior to the pre-competition meeting and attend the Match Officials pre-competition meeting.

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

2.3.5 convene, chair, and appoint members of a panel to hear any discipline or protest arising at the competition.

2.3.6 make decisions, where required, on any matters not covered in the rules.

2.3.7 attend all official functions.

2.3.8 document on the, Incident Report Form, any incidents reported to him/her.

2.3.9 submit any final day discipline reports to the CSA office within 24 hours of the end of the competition.

2.3.10 submit a completed competitions report, together with the CSA copy of all game sheets and any report forms, to the CSA office at the completion of the competition. The CSA Rep's Report must be submitted no later than seven (7) days after the championship.

2.4 Official Functions

2.4.1 All participants are required to attend all official functions associated with the competition. Anyone not in attendance may face disciplinary action at the discretion of the Competitions Committee. See Breach of Rules

2.4.2 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 must accompany and attend all official functions with all of their players.
- Team officials must not leave their team unattended at any function.
- Punctuality shall be required for all events

2.5 Curfews

2.5.1 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 players on a youth or senior team unless the team coach has stipulated an earlier curfew time.

2.5.2 The youth curfew time may be extended if the team is attending an official function which runs past the established time.

2.5.3. All team staff and senior-age players must adhere to a curfew as set by their Provincial/Territorial Association.

2.6 Harassment

2.6.1 Purpose

The purpose is to teach and institutionalize the importance of appropriate off-field conduct of members at a CSA Competition 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.

2.6.2 Definition

Off-field conduct is generally defined in the Provincial/Territorial Code of Conduct 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.

2.6.3 Standards

(i) Provincial/Territorial Associations must inform their team officials of their Provincial/Territorial Code of Conduct prior to departure for the competition.

(ii) All players must be informed by their head coach of the Provincial/Territorial

Code of Conduct prior to departure.

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

2.6.5 The CSA has a formal Harassment Policy. When a written allegation of harassment is received, the CSA appointed Harassment Officer shall follow the procedures outlined in the CSA Harassment Policy.

2.6.6 Investigations conducted under the Criminal Code of Canada take precedence over the internal policies of the CSA.

2.7 Trophies

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

2.7.2 The Provincial/Territorial Association, for any team receiving a trophy at the end of the competition, shall ensure its safe return as per the following dates: All Stars Trophies February 28 of the following year; National Club Championship Trophies by June 1 of the following year. Failure to comply with this date will result in a fine. See Breach of Rules.

2.7.3 The Provincial/Territorial Rep will sign a receipt for any trophy which is won by one of its teams prior to leaving the competition.

2.7.4 Provincial/Territorial Associations are responsible for any costs for repair or restitution of trophies while in their possession.

2.7.5 If a trophy is not returned, lost or broken beyond repair, etc., the Provincial/Territorial Association will be responsible for the replacement cost of the trophy.

3. DISCIPLINE

3.1 General

3.1.1 The CSA Competitions Committee shall rule on any alleged breach of these rules by an individual or organization. If the CSA 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/Territorial Association informed of its obligation to collect and/or remit the fine(s) in question to the CSA. These decisions are final and are not appealable.

3.1.2 The CSA Competitions Committee may refer an individual or organization, found in breach of the rules, to the CSA Discipline Committee for a review that may result in additional sanctions.

3.1.3 The CSA Competitions Committee may refer all issues of misconduct, wilful damage and bringing the game into disrepute by an individual or organization to the

CSA Discipline Committee.

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

3.1.5 The CSA Rep, at his/her discretion, shall form a Competition Disciplinary Committee to conduct a hearing and take appropriate action if necessary.

3.1.6 Any player who receives a third caution during the National/Regional Competition, except in his/her team's final game of that competition, shall receive a one-game suspension to be served in his/her next game.

3.1.7 Any player who receives his/her third caution in his/her team's final game will be referred to the CSA Discipline Committee for discipline/sanction.

3.1.8 Any player or team official dismissed from a game during the National/Regional Competition, except in his/her team's final game of that competition, will receive a minimum one game suspension.

3.1.9 Any player or team official dismissed in the final game of the National/Regional Competition will be referred to the CSA Discipline Committee for discipline/sanction.

3.1.10 Fines levied by the CSA Competitions Committee must be paid within thirty (30) days after receiving written notification.

3.1.11 During the Competition, any team that is found guilty of fielding an ineligible player for any reason shall forfeit the game.

3.1.12 Where a team forfeits a game it is considered to have a loss of 3-0, unless the goal difference on the pitch is greater than 3-0, then this score is upheld. The CSA Competitions Committee may take further action as deemed appropriate.

3.1.13 After the completion of the Competition, any questions, in regards to player eligibility already ruled on by the CSA Rep, will not change the results of the Competition. Nevertheless, questions regarding player eligibility must be submitted to the CSA Competitions Committee within fourteen (14) days of the completion of the particular National Competition, along with the competition protest fee of $1,000 (Certified cheque or money order). Any protest must be submitted by the Provincial Association.

3.1.14 Protests or challenges in respect to player eligibility not ruled upon, or requiring further investigation, will be dealt with by the appropriate CSA Committee and may result in the overall standings being amended.

3.2 Discipline Hearings

3.2.1 The CSA Rep, at his/her sole discretion, may decide to conduct a hearing for misbehaviour on or off the field of play. A Competition Discipline Committee shall be formed to conduct this hearing in accordance with the FIFA Disciplinary Code and

the CSA Rules and Regulations and Administrative Guide.

3.2.2 The CSA Rep shall establish and chair a Competition Discipline Committee to conduct a hearing and take appropriate action if necessary.
3.2.3 A Competition Discipline Committee shall include at least two (2) Provincial/Territorial Reps.

3.2.4 Any decision taken by the Competition Discipline Committee shall be final as far as the competition is concerned but further disciplinary sanctions may be imposed by the CSA Discipline Committee.

3.2.5 Misconduct by players or team officials reported by the referee shall be dealt with by the CSA Rep or a Competition Discipline Committee prior to the team's next game.

3.2.6 Any player or team official reported for misconduct who is summoned to a hearing by the CSA Rep must attend the hearing. The player/team official may be accompanied by a club representative but must be accompanied by his/her Provincial/Territorial Rep.

3.2.7 Failure to attend a Discipline Hearing, after written notification by the CSA Rep to do so, shall result in immediate suspension until the player or team official involved requests a further hearing in writing and appears at that subsequent hearing.

3.2.8 The Competition Discipline Committee shall hold a hearing into any allegation of misconduct off the field of play or bringing the game into disrepute. The Committee may take any disciplinary action it sees fit, including suspension for the remainder of the competition. Furthermore, it may refer the matter to the CSA Discipline Committee for review and disposition.

3.3 Protests

3.3.1 Any protest arising out of any game in a CSA Competition shall be made in writing to the CSA Rep or LOC Headquarters 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.

3.3.2 In all cases, the Competition Discipline Committee shall rule on the protest, including the disposition of the protest fee, prior to the commencement of the next day's games.

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

3.4 Breach of Rules

3.4.1 Schedule of Fines

A Breach of Rules Form must be completed and submitted for each of these breaches.

Failure to submit the Player/Team Credential Form to the CSA Office on time for each team	$500
Provincial/Territorial Rep not in attendance at Pre-competition meeting and all other meetings mandated by the CSA	$500 per meeting
Team Representative not in attendance at Pre-Competition meeting and all other meetings mandated by the CSA	$500 per meeting
Failure of team or Provincial/Territorial rep to attend all official functions	$500 - $1,000 plus expenses
Failure to wear agreed team colours	$500
Failure to not have an alternate set of uniforms	$500
Failure to have CSA sponsor and National Championship crests on home and away jerseys (including a third jersey when applicable).	$1000
Having Provincial sponsor logos on jerseys at National All Star Competitions	$1000
Failure to return trophies by the specified dates	$500
Failure of the Provincial/Territorial Rep to be present in the host location for the entire duration of the Competition. They must arrive with, or on the same day as, the first team and depart with or after their last team.	$1000
Failure to attend National/Regional Club Competitions (Provinces/Territory withdrawing after the deadline)	$2500 plus expenses
Failure to comply with gender requirement for a particular Team	$1000
Failure to comply with requirements for team signs/banners	$1,000
Failure to submit the player and staff ID cards with game sheet	$500 per game
Failure to submit required information to the CSA office by the deadlines	$500
Failure to provide duly signed Provincial/Territorial Code of Conduct to the CSA Rep at the Provincial Reps Meeting	$500

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

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

Any decision taken by the Competitions Committee on Breach of Rules is final and binding on all parties.

SECTION 2

RULES FOR ALL STAR NATIONAL AND REGIONAL COMPETITIONS

4. ELIGIBILITY

4.1 Team

4.1.1 All National All Star Competitions shall be open to one representative of Quebec, Ontario, Alberta, British Columbia, Team Atlantic (Newfoundland Labrador, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island) and Team MB/SK (Manitoba and Saskatchewan). Any variations have to be approved by the Technical Committee.

4.1.2 Teams shall compete in one of the following categories.

All Star Competitions / Western, Central and Atlantic Regional Competitions

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

Youth U-15
All players under 15 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.

4.1.3 Any Association in Membership determined by the CSA Competitions Committee to have included an ineligible player on any of its teams shall be subject to disciplinary action. See Breach of Rules.

4.1.4 Any team not participating in a scheduled game without just cause will be expelled from the remainder of the competition and will have all its scheduled matches declared null and void. Its Provincial/Territorial Association(s) in membership will be required to explain the actions of its team to the CSA Competitions Committee, and may be subject to sanctions as determined by the CSA Discipline Committee.

4.1.5 Each Association in Membership will enter all CSA Competitions each season. A Province/Territory or Regional Team may only withdraw after the February 28th deadline on terms agreed to, in advance, with the Competitions Committee.

4.1.6 Regional Teams must appoint an administrator by February 28th.

4.1.7 Any Province/Territory or Regional Team that withdraws without the permission of the CSA Competitions Committee will be subject to sanctions. See Provincial Participation.

4.2 Player

4.2.1 Players on each All Star team entering shall be registered with an Association in Membership, and certified by that Association, in writing on the form prescribed by the Competitions Committee as eligible players.

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

4.2.3 Each player shall be either:

a) a Canadian Citizen; or
b) a Permanent Resident (as defined by the Government of Canada); or
c) a Protected Person (as defined by the Government of Canada).

4.2.4 The CSA may request proof of eligibility at any time. Failure to provide the proof will result in the player not being permitted to play. Proof of eligibility is as follows:

a) A Canadian Citizen – valid passport or birth certificate (or color copy of birth certificate);
b) A Permanent Resident - valid permanent resident card; or proof of permanent residency as provided by the Government of Canada;
c) A Protected Person - documents as provided by the Government of Canada.

4.2.5 If selected, a player may choose to represent his/her Province/Region of Official Residence (where parents/guardians reside) or Province/Region of Temporary Residence (if more than three (3) months in any calendar year). No interprovincial transfer certificate is required provided the player is registered with an Association in Membership. The Province/Region where the player chooses to participate is responsible to ensure that the player is properly insured.

4.2.6 A player who has represented a Province/Region in a previous All Star competition, if selected may choose to represent another Province/Region in a subsequent year subject to meeting the eligibility criteria.

4.2.7 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.

4.2.8 Any player who receives off-site medical attention during the competition will be required to provide to the CSA Rep a letter from the attending physician advising that the player can return to play again.

4.3 Coaching Staff

4.3.1 The CSA Board of Directors requires coaching qualifications for all teams entered in CSA All Star Competitions.

4.3.2 For National/Regional All Stars Competitions coaching qualifications are as follows:

Head Coach - National B License
Assistant Coach - Provincial B License

4.3.3 Either the Head Coach or an Assistant Coach must be the same gender as the team.

4.4 Exemptions

4.4.1 The Provincial/Territorial Association may apply to the CSA Director of Coaching for an exemption for any coach not meeting the coaching qualification. Only applications received in writing at least thirty (30) days prior to the start of the competition will be considered.

4.4.2 This exemption shall only be granted once. Any coach who has previously received an exemption will not be permitted to participate in future competitions until he/she has obtained the necessary qualifications.

4.4.3 Any team previously granted an exemption will not be permitted to participate in future competitions unless a suitably qualified coach is available.

5. ADMINISTRATION

5.1 Documentation

5.1.1 Each Association in Membership must use the CSA Team Credential form prescribed by the CSA Competitions Committee and shall certify that each player is eligible.

5.1.2 Teams participating in a Regional or National All Star Competition must provide the following to the CSA office no later than twenty-one (21) days prior to the scheduled start of the competition:

(a) Color of home and away shirt, shorts and socks including goalkeeper;
(b) A team list giving the full name of each player;
(c) The full names of up to four team officials none of whom may be a youth;
(d) Name of Provincial Rep. The Provincial Rep cannot also be a team official with the competing team.
(e) Failure to comply with (a)-(d) above will result in a fine. See Breach of Rules

5.1.3 Teams participating in the National All Star Competitions must provide a copy of the Player/Team Credential Form to the CSA office by 2:00 p.m. (Eastern Standard Time) on the Friday prior to the start of the competitions. Once the Player/Team Credential Form has been submitted no change(s) will be permitted. Failure to comply will result in a fine. See Breach of Rules.

Teams participating in the Regional All Star Competitions must provide a copy of the Player/Team Credential Form to the CSA office four (4) days prior to the start of the competitions. Once the Player/Team Credential Form has been submitted no change(s) will be permitted. Failure to comply will result in a fine. See Breach of Rules.

5.1.4 Teams will be permitted to have banners/flags/signs provided they have been approved by the CSA no later than twenty-one (21) days prior to the scheduled start of the competition. These shall be no larger than 3' x 6'. Teams displaying banners/flags/signs that have not been approved by the CSA will be subject to a fine. See Breach of Rules. This rule does not apply to Provincial/Association flags.

5.2 Travel and Hotels

5.2.1 The CSA shall make all air travel arrangements for teams and game officials for all CSA National All Star Competitions. Each team flying will receive up to 22 tickets.

5.2.2 All Provinces will be required to send match officials to each competition as determined by the CSA Referee Committee.

5.2.3 All teams traveling to National/Regional All Star Competitions must stay in the hotels designated by the Hosting Provincial Association. Failure to comply will result in expulsion from the competition at the team's expense plus any expenses incurred by the Hosting Association.

5.2.4 The Host Association will not be held responsible for any costs incurred should a team delegation arrive more than two (2) days before the scheduled time for the competition to begin.

5.2.5 All teams are required to respect the deadlines as set out by the Host Association.

5.3 Attendance at Meetings and Functions

5.3.1 At least one (1) team representative together with the Provincial Team Rep must attend the pre-competition meeting and any other meetings as required. Failure to comply will result in a fine. See Breach of Rules

5.3.2 All participants are required to attend all official functions associated with the competition. Anyone not in attendance may face disciplinary action at the discretion of the CSA. Each team must have in attendance two (2) staff members from those listed on the Team Credential Form. Team officials must not leave their team unattended at any function. Any breach of this rule will result in the team being subject to discipline (fines) plus any expenses. See Breach of Rules.

5.4 Medals

5.4.1 At the National All Star Competitions the Medal Winning (Gold/Silver/Bronze) Teams will receive **a maximum of** 22 medals. An additional medal will be allocated

to the teams for their Provincial/Regional Rep. Teams placing 4th to 6th position will receive 22 participation crests respectively.

5.4.2 U-14 Regional All Star Competitions are considered developmental. There will be no medals/crests awarded and no standings recorded.

5.5 Provincial Participation

5.5.1 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 per team. Any Province withdrawing a subsequent time will result in an additional fine and sanctions as determined by the Competitions Committee; and

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

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

5.5.2 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:

(a) pay a fine in the amount of $2,500 per team. Any Province withdrawing a subsequent time will result in an additional fine and sanctions as determined by the Competitions Committee; and

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

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

6. TECHNICAL

6.1 Administration

6.1.1 Only team officials and players listed on the Players/Team Credential Form may be named on the game sheet and occupy a position in the technical area as follows:

U-15/16 National All Stars
(a) Eighteen (18) players, all of whom may dress;
(b) Four (4) staff.
(c) Players not listed on the game sheet, or serving suspension, may NOT sit in the technical area. They will be accommodated either in a designated supervised area or be under the supervision of a team official or the Provincial rep.

U-14 Regional All Stars
(a) Up to twenty-two (22), all of whom may dress;
(b) Up to six (6) staff.
(c) Players not listed on the game sheet, or serving suspension, may NOT sit in the technical area. They will be accommodated either in a designated supervised area or be under the supervision of a team official or the Provincial rep.

6.1.2 No smoking is permitted in the Technical area.

6.1.3 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 no later than thirty (30) minutes prior to the announced kick-off time. The referee shall convey the completed game sheets (including any discipline reports), immediately after the game, to the CSA Rep or Field Marshal.

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

6.2 Duration of Play

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

DURATION OF PLAY

AGE GROUP	REGULAR	SIZE OF GAME BALL
U-14	**2 x 35 min.**	**5**
U-15	**2 x 35 min.**	**5**
U-16	**2 x 35 min.**	**5**

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

6.2.3 A half time interval not exceeding ten (10) minutes will be permitted.
6.2.4 There will be a minimum of twenty (20) minutes warm up on the field of play.

6.2.5 The philosophy for the National/Regional All Star Competitions is to provide each player with the opportunity to demonstrate their skills to the CSA Scouts. To this end the CSA Technical Committee is recommending the following minimum playing times for each player.

U-14	105 minutes
U-15	105 minutes
U-16	105 minutes

6. 3 Team Uniforms

6.3.1 Each team must present their playing uniforms (jersey/shorts/socks) for both home and away at the Pre-competition Meeting for color clarification. Any team changing from the agreed upon team colors without the permission of the CSA Rep or the Supervisor of Officials shall be subject to a fine. Teams are to bring their 2nd set of playing uniforms to their games. Failure to comply will result in a fine. See Breach of Rules.

6.3.2 All playing uniforms must be numbered.

6.3.3 Teams shall dress in the colours agreed to at the pre-competition 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 (jersey/socks) at the competition. Failure to have an alternate will result in a fine. See Breach of Rules.

6.3.4 Goalkeepers must wear playing uniforms that distinguish them from the other players and the match officials.

6.3.5 Players are not permitted to wear anything that is dangerous to themselves or other players. **NO jewelry**: 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 jewelry is not acceptable.

6.3.6 The CSA Cast Policy will apply. Prior to the Pre-Competition Meeting any player wearing a cast or who intends to wear a brace or medical support is to be presented for inspection. The Supervisor of Officials will assess the player's eligibility to play in accordance with the Laws of the Game.

6.3.7 If undershorts or tights are worn, they must be the same main color as the shorts. If undergarments are worn, the color of the sleeve must be the same color as the main color of the sleeve of the jersey. 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.

Socks: if tape or similar material is applied externally it must be the same colour as the part of the sock it is applied to.
6.3.8 The CSA Competition sponsor crests must be on both the home and away jerseys. If a team has a 3rd set of uniforms the sponsor crest must be on these as well. It is the responsibility of team officials to inform their Provincial Association of such and to request additional crests from the CSA. Failure to comply will result in a fine. See Breach of Rules.

6.3.9 In National/Regional 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 them or cover them with concealing tape. Failure to comply will result in a fine. See Breach of Rules.

6.4 Substitutions

6.4.1 In All Star competition, a maximum of five (5) substitutions may be made during the game and two (2) substitutions at half time. A player who is substituted out of the game cannot re-enter the game by means of a later substitution.

6.5 Format

6.5.1 The format for each competition shall be determined in advance by the CSA Technical Committee and set out in the CSA Competition Schedule.

6.5.2 All teams shall be seeded as determined by the format set by the CSA Technical Committee.

6.6 Tie-breaking

6.6.1 In all competitions (or parts thereof) organized on a round-robin basis all games shall be played to regulation time only, except as specified below.

6.6.2 In any three (3) team round robin, whether part or all of the championship, the third game shall be played to a decision in accordance with this rule, if the team not participating has zero points, has been suspended, or has withdrawn. In the event that the score is tied after regulation time, the taking of kicks from the penalty mark will be used to determine the winner. The team that eventually loses the game shall be awarded one point.

6.6.3 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 6.6.4;

6.6.4 The following criteria shall be used to determine the final standings:

(a) Most points in all group matches

(b) Greater number of points in matches between the teams concerned

(c) Greater goal difference in matches between the teams concerned (if more than two teams finish equal on points)
(d) Greater number of goals scored in matches among the teams concerned (if more than two teams finish equal on points)

(e) Results for all group matches

*Greater goal difference in all group matches
*Greater number of goals scored in all group matches

(f) Penalty Kicks

Two teams tied: as per FIFA Laws of the Game, at a time and place decided by the

CSA Rep.

(g) Three or more teams tied: drawing of lots to determine ranking at a time and place decided by the CSA Rep.

Players under suspension are not eligible to participate; however this does not constitute the serving of any disciplinary suspension already awarded.

6.6.5 Where a game is abandoned because of floodlight failure/weather or any cause beyond the control of the participating teams and more than seventy percent (70%) have been played then the result at the time of abandonment will be recorded as the final score.
6.6.6 Where a game is abandoned as a result of discipline issue from one or either of the competing teams then the matter shall be reported to the CSA Rep and he/she will convene a disciplinary hearing and decide the appropriate course of action.

6.6.7 Where a game is abandoned under 6.6.5 and the score is tied but the competition requires a result, the winner will be determined by the toss of a coin.

7. Discipline in Cross Over Games

7.1 Any player dismissed for serious foul play or violent conduct must serve a minimum of 1 game suspension to be served in the next game of the competition and may be subject to additional sanction based on the severity of the offence.

7.2 The CSA Rep, in consultation with the Supervisor of Officials, will review the appropriate discipline sanction to be awarded for any player who is dismissed for any reason other than serious foul play or violent conduct.

7.3 Single cautions will not count in the accumulation of cautions for the competition.

7.4 Coaches dismissed from a game will receive a minimum of 1 game suspension to be served in the next game of the competition.

7.5 Players who are dismissed from a game cannot be replaced.

SECTION 3

RULES FOR NATIONAL AND REGIONAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

8. ELIGIBILITY

8.1 Team

8.1.1 All National/Regional Championships shall be open to one representative team 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 CSA Competitions Committee.

8.1.2 The playing season referred to in Rule 8.1.1 shall be the one ending in the current calendar year.

8.1.3 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 CSA Competitions Committee, as an eligible team.

8.1.4 Teams shall compete in one of the following categories:

Club Championships
Senior Amateur – Men and Womens
Open Age

Youth U-18 – Boys and Girls
All players under 18 years of age before January 1 of the current year

Youth U-16 – Boys and Girls
All players under 16 years of age before January 1 of the current year

Youth U-14 – Boys and Girls
All players under 14 years of age before January 1 of the current year

Other National Championships
As may be defined from time to time by the CSA

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

To be eligible to participate in the National/Regional Club Competitions a team must have a minimum of 15 registered players who are eligible to participate in the Provincial Tournament leading to a National/Regional.

8.1.5 Where the CSA Competitions Committee determines that a team has fielded an ineligible player the Association in Membership shall be subject to disciplinary

sanctions. See Breach of Rules.

8.1.6 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 championships. Exemptions in unusual circumstances may be granted. See Exemptions.

8.1.7 Each Association in Membership will enter all CSA Championships each season. A Province/Territory may only withdraw after the February 28th deadline on terms agreed in advance with the CSA Competitions Committee.

8.1.8 Any Province/Territory that withdraws without the permission of the CSA Competitions Committee will be subject to sanctions. See Breach of Rules

8.1.9 Any team not participating in a scheduled game without just cause will be expelled from the remainder of the championship and will have all its scheduled matches declared null and void. Its Provincial/Territorial Association in membership will be required to explain the actions of its team to the CSA Competitions Committee, and may be subject to sanctions as determined by the CSA Discipline Committee.

8.2 Player

8.2.1 Only players registered with an Association in Membership shall be eligible to compete in a National/Regional Club Championship.

8.2.2 Each player shall be either:

a) A Canadian Citizen; or
b) A Permanent Resident (as defined by the Government of Canada); or
c) A Protected Person (as defined by the Government of Canada).

8.2.3 The CSA may request proof of eligibility at any time. Failure to provide the proof will result in the player not being permitted to play. Proof of eligibility is as follows:

a) A Canadian Citizen – valid passport or birth certificate (or color copy of birth certificate);
b) A Permanent Resident - valid permanent resident card; or proof of permanent residency as provided by the Government of Canada;
c) A Protected Person - documents as provided by the Government of Canada.

8.2.4 The deadline for registration shall be July 31 of the current season.

8.2.5 The deadline for transfers shall be July 31 of the current season.

8.2.6 Transfers shall be in writing, duly signed by the club and forwarded to the Provincial/Territorial Association, where the player is currently registered, for final approval. A player will be considered transferred once the transfer has been accepted by the receiving Provincial/Territorial Association.

8.2.7 No team shall register players after qualifying for the Regional or National Club Championship.

8.2.8 Each player must bring his/her Provincial/Territorial approved photo ID-card to the National/Regional Club Championship. The appropriate team official must make the card available to the CSA Rep upon request.

8.2.9 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 Championships for that calendar year.

8.2.10 An amateur player who is registered and is listed on a game sheet with a professional team after July 31 in the current year shall not be eligible to play in any National/Regional 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.

8.2.11 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.

8.2.12 A player moving from one Provincial/Territorial Association to another must receive written clearance from the Provincial/Territorial Association with which s/he was last registered in order to be eligible.

8.2.13 Any player who registered with one Provincial Association and then registers with another without the proper inter-provincial transfer will be ineligible to play in the National Club Championships for that calendar year.

8.2.14 A youth-age player who has been registered as senior amateur for the current season will be ineligible to play in youth club championships, unless he/she has, upon request, been reinstated to youth status by his/her Provincial/Territorial Association on or before July 31.

8.2.15 Any player who receives off-site medical attention during the competition will be required to provide to the CSA Rep a letter from the attending physician advising that the player can return to play again.

8.3 Coaching Staff

8.3.1 The CSA Board of Directors requires coaching qualifications for all teams entered in CSA Club Championships.

National/Regional Club Championships:

Head Coach - Full Community Coach Certificate or Soccer for Life Certificate.

8.3.2 Either the Head Coach, Assistant Coach, Manager or Trainer must be the same gender as the team.

8.3.3 Each member of the team staff must bring his/her Provincial/Territorial approved photo ID-card to the Regional or National Club Championships. The appropriate team official must make the card available to the CSA Rep upon request.

8.4 Exemptions

8.4.1 The Provincial/Territorial Association may apply to the CSA Director of Coaching for an exemption for any coach not meeting the criteria. Only applications received in writing at least thirty (30) days prior to the start of the championship will be considered.

8.4.2 This exemption shall only be granted once. Any coach who has previously received an exemption will not be permitted to participate in future championships until he/she has obtained the necessary qualifications.

8.4.3 Any team previously granted an exemption will not be permitted to participate in future championships unless a qualified coach is available.

8.4.4 An Association in Membership may request permission to allow players to participate who might not otherwise be eligible within the deadlines set by the Competitions Committee in its Call Up Guidelines. This request must be in writing, to their CSA Competitions Committee Representative who will forward it to the Chair of Competitions (or designate) for consideration. If approved, permission will be in writing. The appropriate team official shall make this permission available to the CSA Rep upon request.

Any decision taken by the Competitions Committee Chair (or designate) in regards to call ups cannot be appealed.

9. ADMINISTRATION

9.1 Documentation

9.1.1 A Provincial/Territorial Association must advise the CSA of its qualifying teams or where a substitute may have replaced the qualifying team.

9.1.2 Each Association in Membership must use the CSA Team Credential form prescribed by the CSA Competitions Committee and shall certify that each player is eligible.

9.1.3 Teams participating in a Regional or National Club Championships must provide the following to the CSA office no later than twenty-one (21) days prior to the scheduled start of the championship:

(a) Name of the team;
(b) Color of home and away shirt, shorts and socks including goalkeeper;
(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.** This same gender team official must be on the team bench at all games and remain with the team until the end of the championship. **Note: The same gender team official may be a coach or team administrator. This person cannot be a player.**
(e) No team staff member may be a youth.
(f) A team photo for promotional purposes.
(g) Name of Provincial/Territorial Rep.
(h) Failure to comply with (a)-(g) above will result in a fine. See Breach of Rules

9.1.4 Teams participating in a Regional or National Club Championship must provide a copy of the Player/Team Credential Form to the CSA office seven (7) days prior to the scheduled start of the championship. No changes will be permitted to the Player/Team Credential Form within seven (7) days prior to the scheduled start of the Club Championship. Failure to comply will result in a fine. See Breach of Rules.

9.1.5 The CSA Rep may request at any time during the Club Championships the following:

(a) photo-ID card recognized by the Provincial/Territorial Association for both players and team staff
(b) Proof of citizenship/permanent resident (as defined by the Government of Canada) / a Protected Person. (as defined by the Government of Canada).

9.1.6 Teams will be permitted to have banners/flags/signs provided they have been approved by the CSA no later than twenty-one (21) days prior to the scheduled start of the championship. These shall be no larger than 3' x 6'. Teams displaying banners/flags/signs that have not been approved by the CSA will be subject to a fine. See Breach of Rules. This rule does not apply to Provincial/Association flags.

9.1.7 The participating teams must submit a list of sponsors that are on their playing uniforms for approval by the CSA, prior to traveling to the National/Regional Championships. This will be reviewed at the pre-championship meeting. Any teams having a sponsor on their playing uniform that conflicts with a CSA sponsor will not be permitted to play until it is covered or removed.

9.2 Travel and Hotels

9.2.1 The CSA shall make all air travel arrangements for teams and game officials for all CSA National Club Championships.

9.2.2 Teams qualifying for the Regional Masters/Classics Championships are required to make their own travel arrangements and inform the CSA Competition Manager and the Chair of the Host Province no later than seven (7) days prior to the start of the championship.

9.2.3 All teams traveling to National/Regional Club Competitions must stay in the hotels designated by the Hosting Provincial Association. Host teams are required to stay at the designated hotels unless the team's home base is within a 50 km radius of the hosting venues and the team chooses to stay at home. Failure to comply will result in expulsion from the competition at the team's expense plus any expenses incurred by the Hosting Association.

9.2.4 All Teams must arrive at the Regional/National hosting location at least one (1) day prior to the start of the Club Championship in which they are competing. Failure to comply will result in expulsion from the competition at the team's expense plus any expenses incurred by the Hosting Association.

9.2.5 The Host Association will not be held responsible for any costs incurred should a team delegation arrive more than two (2) days before the scheduled time for the championship to begin.

9.2.6 All teams are required to respect the deadlines as set out by the Host Association.

9.2.7 Due to liability issues parents are not to share hotel rooms with players.

9.3 Attendance at Meetings and Official Functions

9.3.1 At least one (1) team representative together with the Provincial Team Rep must attend the pre-competition meeting and any other meetings as required. Failure to comply will result in a fine. See Breach of Rules.

9.3.2 All participants are required to attend all official functions associated with the championship. Anyone not in attendance may face disciplinary action at the discretion of the CSA. Each team must have in attendance two (2) staff members from those listed on the Team Credential Form. Team officials must not leave their team unattended at any function. Any breach of this rule will result in the team being subject to discipline (fines) plus any expenses. See Breach of Rules.

9.4 Medals

9.4.1 At the National Club Championships the Medal Winning (Gold/Silver/Bronze) Teams will receive **a maximum of** 24 medals. An additional medal will be allocated to the teams for their Provincial Rep. Teams placing 4th to 10th or 12th positions will receive 24 participation crests respectively

10. TECHNICAL

10.1 Administration

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

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

10.1.3 Only team officials and players listed on the Players/Team Credential Form may be named on the game sheet and occupy a position in the technical area during the championship:

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

(b) At Masters/Classics Regional Championships only players listed on the game sheet (and also on the Team Credential Form) and four (4) staff may sit on the team bench.

(c) Players serving suspension may NOT sit in the technical area. Youth players serving suspension will be accommodated either in a designated supervised area or be under the supervision of a team official or the Provincial/Territorial Rep.

10.1.4 No smoking is permitted in the Technical area.

10.1.5 Teams must stay for the duration of the championship. Players and/or staff cannot leave the hotel/championship to return home and return later in the championship.

10.1.6 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 together with the player identification cards, no later than thirty (30) minutes prior to the announced kick-off time. The referee shall convey the completed game sheets (including any discipline reports), immediately after the game, to the CSA Rep or Field Marshal.

10.1.7 At all National/Regional Club Championships, player photo ID Cards are required. Prior to the start of each game, the coaches of both teams will have the opportunity to challenge player ID'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. Any team not presenting its player identification cards at the time the game sheet is handed to the match officials, the team will be reported and incur a fine. See Breach of Rules.

The team identification cards will be checked by one of the match officials prior to the start of the game. The 4th official will retain possession of the team ID-cards for the duration of the game with the exception of the last game of the Championship.

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

10.2 Duration of Play

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

DURATIONOF PLAY - NATIONAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

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 extra-time	5

10.2.2 A half time interval not exceeding ten (10) minutes will be permitted.

10.2.3 There will be a minimum of twenty (20) minutes warm up, on the field of play.

10.2.4 Where specified in these Rules, when, the score is tied at the end of regulation time, extra time shall be played as noted in 10.2.1. 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.

10.2.5 As specified in these Rules there is no extra time for Masters/Classics Regional Club Championships and on the final day all games that are tied at the end of regulation time shall go directly to the taking of kicks from the penalty mark.

10.2.6 For National/Regional Club Championships 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.

10.3 Team Uniforms

10.3.1 Each team must present their playing uniforms (jersey/shorts/socks) for both home and away at the pre-championship 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. Teams are to bring their 2nd set of playing uniforms to their games. Failure to comply will result in a fine. See Breach of Rules.

10.3.2 All playing uniforms must be numbered.

10.3.3 Teams shall dress in the colours agreed to at the pre-championship 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 (jersey/socks) at the championship. Failure to have an alternate will result in a fine. See Breach of Rules.

10.3.4 Goalkeepers must wear playing uniforms that distinguish them from the other players and the match officials.

10.3.5 Players are not permitted to wear anything that is dangerous to themselves or other players. **NO jewelry**: 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 jewelry is not acceptable.

10.3.6 The CSA Cast Policy will apply. Prior to the pre-championship meeting any player wearing a cast or who intends to wear a brace or medical support is to be presented for inspection. The Supervisor of Officials will assess the player's eligibility to play in accordance with the Laws of the Game.

10.3.7 If undershorts or tights are worn, they must be the same main color as the shorts. If undergarments are worn, the color of the sleeve must be the same color as the main color of the sleeve of the jersey. 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.

Socks: if tape or similar material is applied externally it must be the same colour as the part of the sock it is applied to.

10.3.8 The CSA Championship crests must be on both the home and away jerseys. If a team has a 3rd set of uniforms the sponsor crest must be on these as well. It is the responsibility of team officials to inform their Provincial/Territorial Association of such and to request additional crests from the CSA. Failure to comply will result in a fine. See Breach of Rules.

10.3.9 In National Club Championships 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 Umbro, etc). Failure to comply will result in a fine. See Breach of Rules.

10.4 Substitutions

10.4.1 In Club Championships a maximum of five (5) substitutions shall be allowed in the whole game (including any extra-time). Unlimited substitutions may be made at half-time, or at full-time before any extra time. A player who has been substituted is eligible to re-enter.
10.4.2 In Masters/Classics Regional Championships there will be unlimited substitutions.

10.5 Discipline

10.5.1 The match officials will retain, and hand to the CSA Rep, player identification cards for any players who have been dismissed in the game.

10.5.2 The CSA Rep will retain possession of any suspended players' photo I.D. Card until the suspension has been served.

10.6 Format

10.6.1 The format for each championship shall be determined in advance by the CSA Competitions Committee and set out in the Championship Schedule.

10.6.2 All teams shall be seeded on the basis of their final standing in the previous year's championship. When a host team is required in National/Regional Championships, the team shall be seeded in last position and shall be eligible for medals. The seeding for the following year will exclude the host team.

10.7 Tie-breaking

10.7.1 Where a game is abandoned because of floodlight failure/weather or any cause beyond the control of the participating teams and more than seventy percent (70%) have been played then the result at the time of abandonment will be recorded as the final score.

10.7.2 Where a game is abandoned as a result of a discipline issue from one of the competing teams the matter shall be reported to the CSA Rep and he/she will convene a disciplinary hearing and decide the appropriate course of action.

10.7.3 Where a game is abandoned under 10.7.1 and the score is tied but the championship requires a result, this winner will be determined by the toss of a coin.

10.7.4 In all championships (or parts thereof) organized on a knock-out basis, all games shall be played to a decision. If at the end of regulation time, the score is a tied, kicks from the penalty mark will be used to determine a winner.

10.7.5 In all competitions (or parts thereof) organized on a round-robin basis all games shall be played to regulation time only, except as specified below.

10.7.6 In any three (3) team round robin, whether part or all of the championship, the third game shall be played to a decision in accordance with this rule, if the team not participating has zero points, has been suspended, or has withdrawn. In the event that the score is tied after regulation time, the taking of kicks from the penalty mark will be used to determine the winner. The team that eventually loses the game shall be awarded one point.

10.7.7 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 10.7.8.

10.7.8 The following criteria shall be used to determine the final standings:

(a) Most points in all group matches
(b) Greater number of points in matches between the teams concerned

(c) Greater goal difference in matches between the teams concerned (if more than two teams finish equal on points)

(d) Greater number of goals scored in matches among the teams concerned (if more than two teams finish equal on points)

(e) Results for all group matches
*Greater goal difference in all group matches
*Greater number of goals scored in all group matches

(f) Penalty Kicks

Two teams tied: as per FIFA Laws of the Game, at a time and place decided by the CSA Rep.

(g) Three or more teams tied: drawing of lots to determine ranking at a time and place decided by the CSA Rep.

Players under suspension are not eligible to participate; however this does not constitute the serving of any disciplinary suspension already awarded.

SECTION 4

ETHICS

11.1 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/Territorial 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.

11.2 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.
- Remember that coaches and officials are there to help. Accept their decisions 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).