

# Illinois State Soccer Association

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## Rules & Regulations

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## Part 1 Rules & Regulations

### RULE 1 – Amendments to these Rules and Regulations

#### Section 1

The ISSA Executive Board has the right to add, delete, or revise any of these regulations at any time. Proper notice will be given to all affiliates if any changes occur.

#### Section 2

If an occasion arises that is not fully covered by these rules or their interpretation, the Executive Board of the ISSA shall have the authority to decide any case of this nature.

### RULE 2 – Player Registration and Release

#### Section 1

1. Premier amateur players must be registered with the ISSA on an Amateur Player Registration Form available from the ISSA. All registration forms must be properly executed in ink and approved by the ISSA before a player ID card can be issued. The registration and player ID card will be valid only for the year in which it is issued.
2. Any Premier amateur player submitted for registration must have been registered with the ISSA or with another USSF-affiliated State association within the previous two- (2) years or clearance must be obtained from the USSF.
3. Premier amateur players can only be released on an Amateur Player Release Form available from the ISSA. The player ID card must be returned along with the release form before the release will be processed. A player released from any club is required to wait fourteen (14) days before that player is eligible to play for another club, except for participation in indoor competition only, where the waiting period shall be seven (7) days.

#### Section 2

1. All professional players must be registered directly with the USSF on a professional form available from the ISSA. The player ID card can be issued upon registration, subject to subsequent verification by the USSF.
2. Only the USSF has jurisdiction in the registration, release, or transfer of professional players.

#### Section 3

##### **Roster Size**

1. Each team shall be allowed to unlimited roster size unless league rules state otherwise. A team, however, can only dress eighteen (18) players for any game.

##### **Secondary Registration**

2. Secondary registration and multi-league participation may be allowed, such as in 23 and under competition, on select teams, in cup competition, etc. Specific regulations covering each such instance are to be issued by the ISSA.

Secondary registration on recreational teams by non-recreational players, as well as multi-team registration on recreational teams of different leagues by recreational players is allowed, subject to USSF rules and the rules of the affected leagues. Permission from the coach of each respective team is required.

#### Section 4

1. A fee (see Schedule) shall be charged for every late, lost, or missing ID card.
2. Anyone found guilty of applying for or issuing a fraudulent ID card shall be subject to a fine (see Schedule).

### RULE 3 – Enforcement and Appeals

#### Section 1

1. The ISSA shall have the obligation to deal with differences and controversies, which may arise between one or more affiliates, or any other matter not covered in these rules and regulations.
2. The ISSA shall have the obligation to deal with violations of the rules of the game; violations of its own rules and regulations, as well as those of the USSF; and with misconduct by any affiliate, member club, team, player, or official, at all levels of competition, in the event that such violation or misconduct is not dealt with by the proper organization or authority in the proper manner. Decisions of the ISSA may be appealed to the ISSA Appeals Committee that shall have jurisdiction to approve, modify, or change a decision.
3. The ISSA shall have the full power and authority:
  - a. to enforce the laws of the game and the rulings of the USSF and FIFA, as well as its own rules and regulations.
  - b. To suspend for any given period of time any affiliate, member club, team, player, or official, for any wrongdoing or acts detrimental to soccer.
  - c. in all matters concerning international matches under its jurisdiction.
  - d. in all matters of adult amateur registration.

- e. To oversee all matters related to referees through the State Referee Committee.
- f. Through its Trial Board, to handle all cases as reported by game officials.
- g. to settle all disputes between affiliates.
- h. to provide equitable and prompt hearings to guarantee the rights of individuals to participate and compete. These procedures shall include that all grievances involving the right to participate and compete in activities sponsored by the Federation and State Association and its members be appealed to the Federation Appeals Committee that shall have the jurisdiction to approve, modify, or repeal a decision.
- i. to conduct an investigation in the condition of any affiliate - whenever its sole and exclusive judgment shall find it necessary
- j. to demand any affiliate, member club, or team to produce any books, letters, documents, or other evidence that may be necessary for the conduct of any investigation or hearing.
- k. to appoint a committee to administer the affairs of any delinquent affiliate until a proper meeting to resolve such situation can be called - If after an investigation it finds it to be in the best interest of the game and the ISSA

## Section 2

1. Any member club, team, player, or official has the right to appeal to the ISSA a decision rendered against them by their immediate governing body, which is affiliated with the ISSA. The appeal must be written and accompanied by the appeals fee (see Schedule). The appeal must be made within fourteen (14) days of the date the decision was rendered by their governing body. If the appeal is denied, the fee shall be forfeited to the ISSA; otherwise it will be returned.
2. All interested parties shall be notified in writing of the date that the ISSA is to consider the matter being appealed.
3. Only bona fide members can represent any affiliate, member club, or team at the hearing of a dispute or claim of the organization concerned.
4. The Appeals Committee shall decide all matters presented to it for appeal. For the purposes of a hearing, a quorum of the Appeals Committee shall be three (3) members, provided that all members have been duly notified.
5. Decisions of the ISSA can be appealed to the Regional Council of the USASA, and then to higher levels of authority, if warranted.

## RULE 4 – Playing Rules

### Section 1

#### **FIFA Rules Govern**

The rules of the game as promulgated by FIFA, and, where applicable, by the USSF, shall be followed in all games under the jurisdiction of the ISSA. The ISSA shall be responsible for the timely dissemination and implementation of any such changes in rules.

### Section 2

#### **Women's Soccer**

All rules shall apply equally to women's and men's soccer, except where a contrary rule has been adopted pertaining specifically to women's soccer.

### Section 3

#### 1. **Game Conduct**

Every affiliate, member club, and team is responsible to the ISSA for the conduct of its players, officials, members, and known followers, and, as such, is required to take all precautions necessary to prevent spectators from threatening or assaulting officials and/or players prior, during, and after the conclusion of the game, be it on the field of play and/or in dressing rooms.

#### 2. **Penalties**

In the event that any affiliate, member club, team, player, official, member of, or known club follower is proved guilty of any misconduct or violation of the Laws of the Game, Bylaws or Rules and Regulations of the ISSA or of the USSF, then the ISSA shall have the power to order the offending party to be removed from the ISSA, suspended for a stated period, or dealt with in such manner as the ISSA may deem proper. Any affiliate, member club, team, player, or official, after such removal or during such time of suspension, participating or playing with or against the offending affiliate, member club, team, player, or official, shall be dealt with as the ISSA sees fit.

#### 3. **Referee attack**

- a. A player, official, member, or known follower of any affiliate or member club, who attacks a referee at any game played, shall be suspended automatically for a minimum of one year.
- b. The respective club shall be placed on probation and shall be required to post a bond for the probation period. The Executive Board shall determine the length of the probation and the amount of the bond.
- c. The respective club must remain in good standing during the probation period or the bond will be forfeited. If the bond is forfeited, a new bond must be posted for the remainder of the probation period.

## RULE 5 – Miscellaneous

1. No amateur player, as well as no affiliate, league, club, or team official, shall be monetarily fined, unless specifically permitted in this Constitution and Bylaws; they are subject to probation or suspension for infractions of the rules. The Board of Directors may levy such fines in instances of blatant disregard of its rules by its membership, however.

2. Anyone issuing a check to the ISSA, which is returned for insufficient funds, shall be subject to a fine for each offense (see Schedule).
3. Any debt to the ISSA shall be paid in full within fourteen (14) days of such notification. Failure to comply may result in suspension.
4. The monetary amounts for fees and fines, which can be assessed for those items covered by the Constitution and Bylaws shall be reviewed and set at the Annual General Meeting.
5. Each official of the ISSA shall be furnished with an Association Pass, which shall not be transferable, and all affiliated bodies shall honor this Pass.
6. In cases of disputes, no legal proceedings can be taken without first going through the Appeals Process.
7. All notices required to be given to the ISSA by any of these rules shall be addressed to the Secretary.

## **RULE 6 – Team Rules**

### Section 1

#### **Team Definition**

A Team is defined as a group of players, at minimum 11, playing on the same side in a soccer game. A team consists of a team name, a coach or manager, and the players.

#### **Same Team Definition**

A team is the "same" team when:

- i) Team name is the same
- ii) 50% or more of the players are the same
- iii) Team manager is the same

### Section 2

1. No team can have points deducted from games already played for any infringement of the rules of any affiliate or league or the ISSA (for example, because of referee attack, violation of the constitution, nonpayment of fines, etc.).

### Section 3

#### **Changing leagues**

If a team wants to leave one league and go to another the following must be met:

- i) A team must give official notice to the league it is leaving 6 months prior to leaving.
- ii) No league-affiliated club shall apply to another league for membership until it has received clearance from the league in which it most recently competed. Such clearance shall not be denied without reasonable cause.
- iii) If there is reasonable cause, the ISSA will act as mediator between the team and the old and new league.
- iv) If the team owes legitimate money to the old league, the debt must be paid before changing leagues, unless there is a payment agreement between the team and the old league.
- v) The old league may release the team, and the issue is closed.
- vi) If a team is the Same Team as defined above, it may not change leagues until the team has been released, or the ISSA has overruled the decision. A team cannot leave one league, and join another league if it is the Same Team and didn't follow the above rules.

## Part 2 - ISSA Registration Process

### ARTICLE I - General Regulations - Player Registration

#### Section 1

1. Every player participating in any ISSA-sanctioned game must be registered with the ISSA and must be issued a Player ID card by the ISSA. If specifically allowed herein, a player may be eligible to use a Player ID card issued by another USSF-affiliated association.
2. Clubs/teams will be held responsible for any registration discrepancies, such as double registrations.

#### Section 2

##### **Professional Players**

1. Every professional player shall be registered, through the ISSA, on a USSF Professional Player Registration Form, with policies and procedures as outlined by the National Council of the USSF.

##### **Loan of Professional Players**

2. Under policies and procedures as outlined by the National Council of the USSF, professional players may be loaned from one team to another.

##### **Release of Professional Players**

3. The Professional Player Release Form is to be completed and submitted to the ISSA, with payment of the required fees, for players registered under the Professional Player Registration Form, in order to process a player release.

#### Section 3

##### **Amateur Player**

1. An amateur player may not be restricted as to the team he/she may play for due to his/her race, religion, or national origin. An amateur player may be registered for more than one team at a time, under the jurisdiction of organized soccer, as provided under registration rules and regulations.
2. Every amateur player shall be registered with the ISSA as provided for herein under an Amateur Player Registration Form.
3. Amateur players must have a separate Player ID Card issued for each team with whom he is registered.
4. An amateur player ID card is valid during the current calendar year only, and expires on December 31. [See also Section 7 of this Article for temporary extensions of validity.]

#### Section 4

##### **Youth Players**

1. Youth players are those players who are registered with a USSF-affiliated youth organization. Youth players following established player registration procedures and receiving permission to play in an amateur game need to use a Player ID card issued by the ISSA.
2. Youth players count against roster size limitations.
3. Youth players will be permitted to play an unlimited number of amateur games without losing their youth eligibility.

#### Section 5

##### **Registrations at the Start of a New Year of Competition**

1. Each year, a new Player ID card must be issued for each player. The old Player ID card may be used as proof of identification, but is not a valid Player ID card anymore.
2. In cases of league competition, which has not concluded at the end of the year, Player ID cards may be temporarily retained for use in league competition only, until the conclusion of the competition/season. Players participating in any other competition at the same time (e.g., Cups, out-of-state Tournaments, etc.) must use a registration valid during the New Year.
3. Each team must take care of all outstanding Trial Board and/or registration monies due, before new registrations for their team can begin.

### ARTICLE II - New Player Registration

#### Section 1

New players are individuals who have not registered in the current playing year with the ISSA, the IYSA, or with any another USSF-affiliated organization.

#### Section 2

##### Manual Registration Process

1. Complete the Player Registration form, including email address.
2. Sign the registration form on the signature line provided.
3. One (1) passport-size photo with the player's name printed on the back side of the photo must accompany the registration form.
4. Some form of identification containing a photo, name, birth date, must accompany each registration. (Acceptable identification includes but is not limited to an Illinois ID Card, Driver's License, Passport, etc.) NO EXCEPTIONS!
5. Pay the registration fee as listed in Schedule of Fees in Part 7.
6. Pick up ID card from ISSA office, or ask to be mailed.

On-line Registration Process

1. Sign up on ISSA Website as a site member.
2. Complete on-line profile completely.
3. Register for a league that is currently in open enrollment.
4. Upload valid electronic picture; headshot similar to a passport picture.
5. Pay on-line registration fee which includes a processing fee to offset the cost of an on-line credit card transaction. If fee is paid in person, the credit card transaction fee will be waived.
6. Some form of identification containing a photo, name, birth date, must accompany each registration. (Acceptable identification includes but is not limited to an Illinois I.D. Card, Driver's License, Passport, etc.) NO EXCEPTIONS! This can be emailed to the ISSA Office.
7. Pick up ID card from ISSA office, or ask to be mailed.

**ARTICLE III – Secondary Amateur Player Registration**

Section 1

1. Secondary Amateur Players who have already registered in the current playing season with the ISSA or another USSF-affiliated organization.
2. Players registered under secondary registration rules shall be treated as Returning Players, for purposes of registration.
3. Players may register under any league/team as long as they don't infringe upon the rules for an individual league.
4. Players who have the previous year's Player ID card will not need any photos, unless there has been a significant change in the player's appearance.
5. Secondary Amateur Player Registration Fees are listed in the Schedule of Fees in Part 7.



## Part 3 - Player Status, Rights and Obligations

### ARTICLE I - Player Status - Amateur or Professional

1. A **professional** player is a person who receives or has received payment for playing, or who is registered under a professional form of the USSF. A professional player shall retain that status unless reinstated as an amateur player.
2. An **amateur** player is any person other than a professional player. An amateur player may not receive and retain any remuneration for playing except for the reimbursement of expenses directly related to a game or games, which were actually incurred by the player.
3. Only the USSF National Board of Directors shall have the power to reinstate as an amateur a professional player, under regulations established by the USSF.

### ARTICLE II - Athlete's Bill of Rights

#### Section 1

1. No member of the United States Soccer Federation may deny any athlete the opportunity to compete in the Olympic Games, Pan American Games, World Cup championship competition, or other USSF-sponsored international competition; nor may it censure, subsequent to such competition, or otherwise penalize, any such athlete who participates in such competition.

Any athlete who alleges that he/she has been denied by a USSF member a right to compete shall immediately inform the President of the USSF, who shall promptly cause an investigation to be taken to resolve the complaint without delay. Depending on the nature of the complaint and the time available, the President, in his/her sole discretion, may wish to refer the matter to the National Board of Directors of the USSF, in which case it will decide the nature and the extent of any action to be taken.

Without prejudice to any action that may be taken by the USSF, if the controversy is not settled to the athlete's satisfaction, the athlete may submit the claim against such USSF member to binding arbitration conducted in accordance with commercial rules of the American Arbitration Association.

If the athlete submits the claim to binding arbitration, he/she must document the alleged denial, censure, or penalty and notify the President of the USSF of his/her submission not later than six (6) months after the date of the denial, censure, or penalty.

The arbitration panel shall consist of three (3) members, one appointed by the USSF, one appointed by the complainant, and the third by mutual consent. The arbitration panel, once selected (upon request by the athlete in question), is authorized, upon forty-eight (48) hour notice to the parties concerned and to the USSF, to hear and decide the matter, under such procedure as the arbitration panel determines that it is necessary to expedite resolution of the matter to be fair to the parties because of the schedule for the relevant competition.

2. The rights granted to athletes under the preceding paragraphs of this Section shall apply equally to any coach, trainer, administrator, manager, or other official seeking to participate in the conduct of international athletic competition.
3. A player shall be entitled to be heard in relation to any charges of misconduct brought against him/her.

### ARTICLE III - Player Obligations

#### Section 1

1. A player must honor all rules and regulations that a club presented to him/her in writing at the time of registration.
2. A player has the obligation to attend all training sessions, to keep in good physical condition, and to play in all games scheduled by or for the club.
3. A player has the obligation, during the scheduled season, to play all exhibition games that the club may schedule prior to or during the scheduled season, and to play if invited on any select team on behalf of the club, affiliated league, or ISSA.
4. A player has the obligation to play in any play-off games subsequent to the scheduled season.
5. A player has the obligation to report all serious or disabling injuries sustained in scheduled games or practices as a soccer player, to his/her club, as soon as reasonably able to do so.
6. A player has the obligation to take care of any items entrusted to him/her by the club, affiliated league, or ISSA.
7. A player has the obligation of returning to the club, affiliated league, or ISSA any items entrusted to him/her upon request.
8. A player has the obligation of cooperating with any promotion of the club, affiliated league, or ISSA intended to better the game.
9. A player has the obligation to attend every event (including, but not limited to, luncheons/banquets, etc.) conducted in association with the above events.
10. A professional player shall not participate in any outside activity that may impair or destroy his/her abilities and skills as a soccer player without the written consent of the club.

#### Section 2

##### **Additional Player Obligations to the League, ISSA, and USSF**

1. A player has the obligation to attend any practice scheduled for the purpose of playing on any select team of the League, ISSA, or USSF.
2. A player has the obligation, if selected, to play on any select team of the League, ISSA, or USSF.

3. A player has the obligation to attend every event (including but not limited to, luncheons/banquets, etc.) conducted in association with the above events.

## Part 4 - State Cup Competition

### ARTICLE I - Titles and Trophies

[Note: USSF Amateur Division Administrative Policies - National Competitions Rules and Regulations should be referred to for all rules governing Interstate competition, once a State Champion advances to that level of play.]

#### Section 1

1. The Illinois State Soccer Association (ISSA) shall organize, annually, State Championship competitions for men and women as follows:
  - a. Men's State Cup
  - b. Women's State Cup
  - c. Men's Over-30 State Cup
  - d. Men's Over-40 State Cup
  - e. Men's Over-48 State Cup
2. The USASA shall organize, annually, National competitions for men and women as follows:
  - a. US National Open Cup
  - b. US National Men's Amateur Cup

Within each competition, the ISSA shall organize, annually, state competitions leading to winners representing Illinois in further competition.

#### Section 2

1. The annual trophies presented to the winners of each of the State Cup competitions, as well as the annual trophies presented to the national champions of each of the National competitions, shall be the property of the winners.
2. The national trophies of each of the National competitions, to be displayed at the USASA office, shall be the property of the USASA.
3. The plaques presented to the state champions of each of the National competitions shall be the property of the winners.

#### Section 3

1. Within each of the State Cup competitions, a "traveling" trophy (State Cup) shall also be established.
2. This trophy shall remain the property of the ISSA, until such time that a particular team has won this trophy three (3) times. At that point, the winning team shall be awarded permanent possession of the trophy, and a new trophy shall be established.
3. On an annual basis, each winning team shall receive custody of the State Cup, which they must return to the ISSA on or before June 30 of the following year, in good order and condition.
4. Should the State Cup be damaged, or otherwise not returned, the ISSA may impose a fine up to the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) as and for liquidated damages upon the custodial team.
5. Upon delivery of the State Cup to a winning team, the ISSA may also require a bond up to the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) in good and sufficient surety, to be approved by the ISSA, in order to guarantee its return.

#### Section 4

1. Each winning team of the State Cup competitions shall be entitled to call itself State Champions of Illinois during the year of the competition, for each competition.
2. Each winning team of each Intra-State National competition shall be entitled to call itself Illinois Champions of that particular competition, during the year of the competition.

#### Section 5

The champions of each Cup competition within the state shall represent Illinois in ensuing Inter-State competition, as well as at any other similar competition, as required by the ISSA. In the event the champion is excused from participation, the runner-up shall participate.

### ARTICLE II – Team Eligibility

#### Section 1

##### General

A team, to be eligible to enter any of the competitions, must be a registered affiliate member of the ISSA. The competitions shall be open to all teams that comply with the requirements.

#### Section 2

##### 1. Men's Competitions

The competitions shall be open to all male teams and players under the jurisdiction of the ISSA, whether amateur or professional, that comply with the requirements of the competitions.

2. **Women's Competitions**

The competitions shall be open to all female teams and players under the jurisdiction of the ISSA, whether amateur or professional, that comply with the requirements of the competitions.

3. **National Amateur Competitions**

The competitions shall be open to all teams and players under the jurisdiction of the ISSA that comply with the requirements of the competitions, provided that all participating players are amateur players.

4. **Over-30, Over-40, Over-48 Competitions**

The competitions shall be open to all teams and players under the jurisdiction of the ISSA, whether amateur or professional, that comply with the requirements of the competitions, provided that all players meet age requirements, as outlined under Article XII - Player Eligibility.

**ARTICLE III - Administration**

Section 1

**State Cup Commissioners**

1. The President of the ISSA shall, immediately following the Annual General Meeting, appoint a State Cup Commissioner and two or more Assistant Commissioners, who shall be responsible for administering the competitions.
2. The Commissioner shall be principally responsible for administration. In the absence of the Commissioner, authority shall pass to the Senior Assistant Commissioner.
3. At the Commissioner's discretion, or upon specific direction of the President, the Assistant Commissioners (along with the Commissioner) may be asked to act as a committee ("Cup Committee") to rule or act on any related matter, in lieu of the Commissioner acting alone.

Section 2

**Duties**

1. The Cup Commissioner shall be responsible for administering all Cup competitions within the state.
2. The Cup Commissioner shall furnish all eligible teams with entry forms; shall collect the proper fees within the established deadlines; and shall make sure teams comply with Cup Entry Rules.  
[Note: All eligible teams or their leagues shall receive at least a 30-day notification of entry deadlines.]
3. The Cup Commissioner shall make copies of the entry forms for his/her records, and shall forward the originals with the fees to the Treasurer of the ISSA before competition shall commence.
4. The Cup Commissioner shall furnish all entering teams with a "Cup Secretary" list, a schedule, Game Reports (lineup forms), a copy of the Rules, assign referees, and administer player suspensions as needed.
5. The Cup Commissioner shall also receive all protests and handle them according to the Rules.

**ARTICLE IV - Entries and Entry Deadlines**

1. The Cup Commissioner, upon consultation with the Executive Board, shall establish the closing dates by which a definite entry of a team must be received, as well as entry fees.
2. Each entering team shall provide the name of a "Cup Secretary" (See also Article XXIII - Notifications) and the location of its "Principal cup home game field" upon entry.
3. The ISSA may also assess referee fees and expenses, prior to the commencement of the competition.

**ARTICLE V - Form of Competitions**

The competitions shall be conducted as "knockout" (single loss elimination) competitions, unless the Cup Commissioner determines that the number of participants would warrant a round-robin competition.

**ARTICLE VI - Precedence of Games**

1. Cup games: original, replayed, or postponed, shall take precedence over all scheduled games or other competitions under the jurisdiction of the ISSA, either directly or indirectly through its affiliates, with games of the Semi-Finals and Finals of each competition taking precedence over all other games in the state, allowing "closed" times or dates to be ordered.
2. National Cup games shall take precedence over State Cup games, and games of the National Open Cup competition shall take the highest precedence.

**ARTICLE VII - Enclosed Grounds and Games Receipts**

Section 1

1. All games in the Semi-Final and Final rounds of each competition shall be played on enclosed grounds, unless specifically waived by the Cup Committee. The grounds may be selected and shall be approved by the Cup Committee. The Finals shall be, and the Semi-Finals may be, staged by the ISSA.

2. Any game in the entire competition may be ordered to be played on enclosed grounds, if deemed necessary for security reasons or for the "good of the game", by the Cup Committee. The ISSA may assume the burden of staging any such games, as well.

#### Section 2

1. In all games of the State Cup competitions played on enclosed grounds, expenses shall be subtracted from gross gate receipts; the remaining balance shall be divided as follows:
  - a. One-third (33 1/3%) shall be paid to the visiting team;
  - b. One-third (33 1/3%) shall be paid to the home team; and
  - c. One-third (33 1/3%) shall be paid to the ISSA.
2. In the event of there being expenses greater than receipts, the financial loss shall be borne by the home team, with the exception of the Finals and any other games staged by the ISSA, whose loss shall be borne by the ISSA.

#### Section 3

In all games of the National Cup competition played on enclosed grounds, the charges against gross gate receipts (defined as the total gate receipts, less federal or other legal taxes against such receipts) shall be in the following order:

Ten percent (10%) of the gross gate receipts (after taxes) shall be paid to the USSF-Amateur Division. The remaining balance, BEFORE EXPENSES, shall be equally divided between the teams, and, if the game is being sponsored by the Association, by the ISSA.

#### Section 4

1. A financial report shall be prepared by the home team, as follows:
  - a. In the State Cup competition: after every game not staged by the ISSA, at which admission is charged; it shall be signed by both teams and shall be sent to the State Cup Commissioner within 48 hours after the competition, with the appropriate fee in a check made payable to the ISSA.
  - b. In the National Cup competition: after every game; it shall be signed by both teams and shall be sent to the Regional Cup Commissioner, with a copy to the State Cup Commissioner, within 48 hours after the competition, with the appropriate fee in a check made payable to the USASA.
2. Failure to send in the financial report may result in not being allowed to proceed any further in competition or may bar a team from entering the next year's competition.

### **ARTICLE VIII - Forfeits for Failure to Compete**

1. Any team intending to forfeit a game must give written notice of its intention to do so to the competing team, with a copy to the Cup Committee, no less than seven (7) days before the date of the game.
2. If any team forfeits a game, the team forfeiting the game may be declared ineligible for competition the following year.

### **ARTICLE IX - Forfeits - General**

1. A team using an ineligible player shall forfeit the game in which the player played to the competing team and shall be expelled from the competition.
2. A team shall also forfeit a game to the competing team for failure to comply with the Rules of the competition, or for other just causes as determined by the Cup Commissioner.
3. In Semi-Final and Final games, any team failing to play, without showing a good and sufficient cause for such failure to play, may be adjudged to have been guilty of serious misconduct, and liable to be dealt with severely. A fine of up to five hundred dollars (\$500.00) may also be imposed upon such teams.

### **ARTICLE X - Game Setting**

Notification to each competing team of its next game in the competition shall be made by regular US Mail, or email, no less than seven (7) days prior to the scheduled date of the game, except when both teams waive this requirement in writing, in cases of replayed games, or when waived by the Cup Commissioner.

### **ARTICLE XI - Team Uniforms**

1. Where the uniforms of the two competing teams are so similar as to create possible player identification problems on the field, as determined by the referee, the home team shall change their uniforms.
2. Goalkeepers must wear colors, which distinguish them from other players and game officials.
3. Clear visible numerals must be worn on the back of the players' jerseys. Each player on a team must wear a different number. A description of the team's uniform shall accompany the players' list forwarded, as specified in accordance with Article XIV - Player Lists.
4. Players' uniforms (jerseys, pants and stockings) must be of the same color for all field players. Stockings must be pulled up and jerseys must be tucked in when entering the field of play.

5. All players must wear shin guards, per FIFA regulations.

## **ARTICLE XII - Player Eligibility**

### Section 1

Each player of a team competing in these competitions must be duly qualified to do so at game time according to the Rules, and must be properly registered with the ISSA.

### Section 2

#### **Secondary Registration**

1. A player who is otherwise eligible to participate in a Cup competition, but whose primary registration team has not entered that given competition, and who has not participated in that competition during the current year, may be registered under secondary registration for that competition with any other eligible team, provided that written permission to do so is obtained from the player's primary registration team.

### Section 3

1. A player shall not actually play for more than one competing team in an age group during the conduct of each competition, but players of each respective team may be changed during the series of games in the competition.
2. A player may play for different teams and different clubs in different Cup competitions, providing that such player is otherwise eligible according to the requirements of each competition.
3. To be eligible to play in the Semi-Finals and/or in the Finals of State Cup competitions, players must be registered for the competing team, prior to its last game in the competition preceding the Semi-Finals.

[Note: This rule shall not apply to the first game of a competition; i.e., if a Semi-Final or Final game is the first game of a competition.]

### Section 4

#### **Over-30, Over-40, Over-48 Competitions**

All players in an age restricted competition must be of the proper age on the day of the competition. Players must provide proof of age: it must be submitted to the ISSA Registrar.

## **ARTICLE XIII - Player Identification Cards**

1. All players registered shall carry ISSA-approved ID Cards bearing their photograph.
2. All player ID cards used shall be approved by the ISSA and shall be presented to the referee and to the representative of the competing team before the game.

## **ARTICLE XIV - Playing Rules**

### Section 1

1. In all games played in the competition, the playing rules shall be the FIFA Laws of the Game in effect at the time of the deadline of entry with the following exceptions and/or clarifications:
  - a. The length of the field shall not be more than 120 yards, or less than 100 yards; and the width of the field shall not be more than 80 yards, or less than 60 yards.
  - b. Goal nets shall be used; the field shall be properly marked; a flag or a post not less than five (5) feet high and having a non-pointed top shall be used at each corner.

### Section 2

#### **Substitutions:**

1. Unlimited substitutes in all State Cup Competitions; a player who has been substituted for can return to the game, but not during the same half of the game.
2. Substitutions shall be made only in accordance with FIFA rules, unless otherwise specified herein.

### Section 3

No more than eighteen (18) players may suit-up or appear on a Game Report (lineup form) for a game

### Section 4

1. At least ten (15) minutes prior to the start of the game, each team shall present to the game officials its Game Report (lineup form) and player ID cards.
2. A game shall start at the appointed hour; provided, however, that a 15-minute grace period may be allowed by the referee under extenuating circumstances. A team not prepared to play on time shall be subject to forfeit of the game.
3. If, however, in the judgment of the referee neither team is at fault for a further delay, and both teams are prepared to play, a further delay in the start of the game may be allowed.

### Section 5

1. In the event the score of any game is tied at the end of regulation periods, a thirty (30) minute overtime period, which is divided into two (2) periods of fifteen minutes, shall be played.
2. At the conclusion of regulation periods, in State Cup games only, and upon agreement of both teams, the overtime period may be omitted, proceeding directly to the knockout competition, if, due to safety, weather inclemency, or light conditions, such action is warranted.
3. In the event the score is tied at the end of the overtime period, the winner shall be determined according to the FIFA method of obtaining a result in knockout competition in effect at the time of the entry deadline.
4. If for any cause, a game is not completed, it must be replayed in its entirety; provided, however, that in the event the non-completion of a game results from misconduct clearly traceable to one or the other of the contending teams, its management, or its followers, as determined by the Commissioner, the Commissioner shall decide as to the disposition of the game, taking into consideration the policy that the home team is generally responsible for the proper conduct of the game, as well as for security and crowd control.

#### Section 6

The referee shall have the power to decide as to the fitness of the grounds in all matches and shall also have power to postpone the actual commencement of the game or to interrupt the game for a short period in the event of temporary inclemency of the weather or accidents on or around the field.

### ARTICLE XVI - Game Officials

#### Section 1

All games in the competition shall be played under a three (3) official system (referee and two assistant referees).

#### Section 2

1. Game officials shall be selected by the State Referee Committee, or the Assignor appointed by the State Referee Committee.
  - a. Only game officials registered with the USSF shall be eligible to be selected as assigned officials for games in these competitions.
  - b. Neither the Commissioner nor the Assistant Commissioners shall be eligible as game officials.
  - c. Present or past members or officials of either of the competing teams, clubs, or leagues, shall not be eligible as game officials for a game between two teams, unless both teams waive the restriction in writing.
2. In the event an assigned game official is not present at the start of the game, substitution shall be made as follows:
  - a. In the absence of the referee, the assigned senior Assistant Referee and then the junior Assistant Referee shall substitute as the referee.
  - b. In the absence of any game officials, any individual agreed upon by both teams, in writing, prior to the start of the game, may substitute as the referee.
  - c. In the absence of a Assistant Referee, the referee shall request the visiting team to provide an individual who is not a playing or coaching participant, to substitute as a Assistant referee; if the visiting team is unable to or declines to do so, the home team must provide an individual who is not a playing or coaching participant, to substitute as a assistant referee.
  - d. In the absence of both assistant referees, each team must provide an individual who is not a playing or coaching participant, to substitute as an assistant referee; if either team is unable to or declines to do so, the competing team may provide both individuals, who are not playing or coaching participants, to substitute as an assistant referee.

#### Section 3

1. The Cup Commissioner may elect to assign only the referee, for any game of the State Cup Over-30 competition prior to the Semi-Finals, and require assistant referees to be appointed as described in Section 2.2.d of this Article.
2. With a request in writing from either competing team, the Cup Committee shall assign three (3) game officials. In this eventuality, the requesting team shall bear the cost of those additionally assigned game officials' fees.

### ARTICLE XVII - Player Discipline

#### Section 1

1. Automatic minimum suspension shall be two (2) games but the Cup Committee, and/or the ISSA Trial Board may increase or (for State Cup games only) decrease the period of suspension depending on the referee report.
2. Any penalties applied to an individual playing in a game under secondary registration shall so apply to that individual in any games he/she may participate in, whether under primary or secondary registration, and vice versa.
3. Any penalties applied to an individual shall be served in regular outdoor league, playoff, or cup games; indoor, exhibition, tournament, and other "friendly" games will not count for the purposes of serving a suspension; although, while under suspension, a player is also prevented from participating in such contests in the interim. Specific requests for delaying suspension in situations where this would cause undue penalty may be considered.

#### Section 2

1. A player guilty of using improper language to the referee, players, or spectators at a game in these competitions shall be liable to a fine of \$50.00 per offense. Such player may be placed under suspension for non-payment of the fine within two weeks of the date of imposition of the fine.

## **ARTICLE XVIII - Team and Player Breaches of Rules**

1. The Cup Commissioner shall have the power to disqualify and remove from further participation in the competition any team, as well as any coach, manager, player, or other official of any competing team who may be proven to be guilty of any breach of the rules.
2. All notices of disqualification or suspensions shall be forwarded by regular US Mail, or email, to the affected team(s).

## **ARTICLE XIX – Protests**

1. Any protest concerning a game played in the competition shall be directed to the Cup Commissioner. The Cup Commissioner, including the Assistant Commissioners, shall determine the protest and that decision shall be final, subject to the Special Appeals Process (Article XX) for State Cup games, or subject to Appeal to the Regional Cup Commissioner for National Cup games.
2. The protest must be made in writing and must describe in detail, the grounds for the protest.
3. The original signed protest, along with the protest fee of \$75.00 for State Cup competitions, and \$100.00 for National Cup competitions, shall be submitted to the Commissioner within three (3) days of the game to which it relates, and must show that a copy was forwarded to the competing team's "Cup Secretary".
4. The competing team shall have three (3) days from the date the copy of the protest was forwarded to submit to the Commissioner its statement regarding the protest, if any.
5. The protest fee must be sent to the Cup Commissioner by cashier or certified check, or money order, made payable to the ISSA.
6. No protest shall be proper for the alleged use of an unqualified player whose name appears on the list of eligible players received by the competing team and the Cup Commissioner, under Article XIV - Player Lists, unless prior to the game an objection, in writing, is lodged with the referee and competing team for the game.
7. The Cup Commissioner shall determine the protest as quickly as possible, and may require further submission of evidence relating to the protest from all parties.
8. Notice of the Cup Commissioner determination shall be sent, by regular US Mail, or email, to both teams competing in the game, which was the subject of the protest.
9. A protest may be withdrawn in writing after it has been submitted, but withdrawal of a protest shall result in forfeit of the protest fee.
10. The protest fee shall be retained by the ISSA if the protest is not sustained, or shall be returned if the protest is sustained.

## **ARTICLE XX - Special Appeals Process [for STATE CUP COMPETITION only]**

1. Any team wishing to appeal a decision made under Article XIX - Protests, or to otherwise contest a decision made by the Commissioner or the Cup Committee, may petition to have the Appeals Committee hear its case. The Committee may refuse to hear an appeal, in which case the original decision will stand.
2. The appeal must be made in writing and must describe, in detail, the grounds for the appeal. The appeal shall include specific reference to Rules allegedly violated by the Commissioner or the Cup Committee.
3. The original signed appeal, along with the appeal fee of \$150.00, shall be submitted to the Secretary of the ISSA within three (3) days from receipt of the decision or statement being appealed, and must show that a copy was forwarded to all other concerned parties.
4. The appeal fee must be sent to the ISSA, by cashier or certified check, or money order, made payable to the ISSA.
5. The Executive Board shall determine the appeal as quickly as possible, and may require further submission of evidence relating to the appeal from all parties.
6. Notice of the Board determination shall be sent by regular US Mail, or email, to all concerned parties.
7. An appeal may be withdrawn in writing after it has been filed, but withdrawal of an appeal shall result in forfeit of the appeal fee.
8. The appeal fee shall be retained by the ISSA if the appeal is not sustained or judged to be frivolous; it shall be returned if the appeal is either sustained or not heard. If the appeal is sustained, any applicable protest fee shall also be returned.

## **ARTICLE XXI - Score Notification**

1. The home team of each game in the competition shall notify the ISSA, in the prescribed manner, of the final score of the game, within one (1) hour of its completion, or shall be subject to a fine of \$25.00 for non-compliance.
2. In the event of a game being not completed or not played, such notification shall also be made by the home team.

## **ARTICLE XXII - Scheduling of Games**

### Section 1

#### **Drawing of Pairings**

1. The Cup Committee shall announce the date of the Drawing to determine pairings in the competition. (All eligible teams or their leagues shall receive at least a 30-day notification of this date).
2. Byes, if necessary, shall be given in the opening round. The previous year's champion, and then the runner-up, shall be given preference for byes, if applicable. These two teams shall be placed in two separate major brackets during the Drawing.
3. All competing teams, except as noted in Section 1.2 of this Article, shall be given equal consideration in determining pairings.



4. As far as is practical, an effort will also be made to have teams from different leagues paired against each other in opening round games, rather than teams from the same league.
5. The team drawn first in each pairing shall be the home team; unless,
  - a. that would result in both one team being "home" twice in a row and in the other being "away" twice in a row - in which case, the second team shall be the home team; or
  - b. a team which had a "bye" is to play a team which already played - in which case, the team which has already played becomes the opposite of what they were when they last played: if they played "home" previously, they become "away", and vice versa.

#### Section 2

1. Competing teams may, upon mutual agreement, and upon proper notification to the Cup Commissioner, agree to exchange "home" and "visitor" roles, for a particular game.

For purposes of scheduling ensuing games in the competition, as outlined in Section 1.5 of this Article, however, the original pairings shall take precedence.

#### Section 3

1. Within three (3) days of the Drawing, the Cup Commissioner shall announce and notify each competing team of the dates of each round ("latest completion dates"), by which all games in that round must be played. These dates shall be known as the original scheduled dates.
2. All games in each round must be played by the "latest completion dates" indicated, except that, under extenuating circumstances, the Cup Commissioner may allow postponement for not more than eight (8) days.
3. The Cup Commissioner may also choose to announce and notify each competing team of specific dates, times, and locations for each game in the competition. These dates shall then take precedence over the "latest completion dates", in determining the original scheduled date of each game.
4. Where warranted, in the judgment of the Cup Commissioner, the home team shall be required to provide directions to the grounds of play to both the ISSA and to the "Cup Secretary" of the competing team, not less than five (5) days prior to the scheduled date of the game.
5. The "home" team shall schedule or may reschedule the game, within the "latest completion date" guidelines, by notifying the competing team and the ISSA, by regular US Mail, or email, of the date, times and locations of the game, as well as providing directions, at least eight (8) days prior to the newly scheduled date, and the game shall be played as so scheduled.
6. If the Cup Commissioner has not already scheduled the game within the parameters of Section 3.3 of this Article, and if the home team has not scheduled or rescheduled a game within the parameters of Section 3.5 of this Article, then the Commissioner shall schedule the game time at the home team's "Principal cup home game field" on the "latest completion date", and the game shall be played as so scheduled.
7. If both teams agree on a rescheduling, they shall each notify the Commissioner at least five (5) days prior to the game date and the game shall be played as so scheduled. The Cup Commissioner may allow a shorter deadline under extenuating circumstances, and may also waive all other scheduling restrictions, under these circumstances.

#### Section 4

##### **Weekend Games**

1. Games may be scheduled to start at anytime between 9:00 am and 6:00 pm (providing there is sufficient daylight for completion) on Saturdays and Sundays, as well as on the major holidays of Memorial Day, Independence Day, and Labor Day, if applicable.
2. Games may be scheduled on weekends and holidays at a location having lights, to start at any time until 8:30 pm

#### Section 5

##### **Mid-Week Games**

1. Games may be scheduled mid-week at a location having lights, at a starting time of between 6:30 and 8:30 p.m.
2. At a location not having lights, games may be scheduled, if there is sufficient daylight time for completion and if, in the judgment of the Cup Committee, the visiting team has sufficient travel time to arrive at the site of the game, by kickoff.
3. As a guide, the distance between the visiting team's "Principal cup home game field" and the scheduled game location shall be used: allowance for travel shall be made at 15 miles per hour, beginning at 5:15 p.m. and ending 15 minutes prior to scheduled kickoff.

#### Section 6

##### **Replayed Games**

1. If, for any reason, a game is begun and not played to completion, and it is ordered replayed, it shall be replayed at the home team's field.
2. If a game has been played to completion of regulation time, whether overtime is played or not, and it is not completed, it shall then be replayed at the visiting team's field, who shall then become the "home" team for the replayed game.

For purposes of scheduling ensuing games in the competition, as outlined in Section 1.5 of this Article, however, the original pairings shall take precedence.

## Section 7

### Duties of Home Teams

1. Home teams are responsible for:
  - a. securing a field, which is in compliance with the Rules and for obtaining a permit from the field owner/manager to use the field;
  - b. properly marking the field, and providing corner flags, proper goal posts, and goal nets;
  - c. payment of fees to all game officials, except for the Finals;
  - d. notifying the ISSA of the result (see Article XXI - Score Notification);
  - e. the safety and security of all game officials, competing team members and officials (up to 20 individuals), and all officials of the ISSA, as well as for providing free entry to all of those mentioned.
2. If the home team has taken all necessary precautions, as noted herein, on a timely basis, and if due to circumstances beyond their control, the game is not played as scheduled, then the game shall be rescheduled as soon as practical, under guidelines as ordered by the Cup Commissioner.
3. The Cup Commissioner may also order that the original "home" and "visitor" roles of the competing teams are to be exchanged, for that particular game, if and only if, in their judgment, such circumstances are likely to recur.

For purposes of scheduling ensuing games in the competition, as outlined in Section 1.5 of this Article, however, the original pairings shall take precedence.

4. If a game is not played, due to the home team not having taken all necessary precautions, as noted herein, or not acting on a timely basis, then the game shall be awarded forfeited to the competing team.

## Section 8

### Travel

1. In all games of the competition, the visiting team shall be responsible for paying its own travel expenditures to and from its games.
2. Any required travel expenditures for assigned game officials, however, shall be borne by the home team, including lodging if warranted.

## Section 9

Under extenuating circumstances, or in an effort to promote the Game, the Cup Commissioner may approve any extension, waiver, or amendment of these scheduling rules, in order to assure that games are completed and played on a timely basis. In all matters of disputed scheduling, they shall be the final authority.

## ARTICLE XXIII - Notifications

### Section 1

1. Each entering team shall provide to the Cup Commissioner, at the time of Entry, the name of a contact person, and that person's mailing address and telephone number(s). This person (whether the club's secretary, manager, coach or other official) shall be known as the "Cup Secretary" and all pertinent notifications shall be directed to him/her.
2. A "Cup Secretary" list shall be provided to each entering team by the Commissioner.
3. Each entering team shall be responsible for having provided accurate and current information upon Entry, as well as for communicating any updates to the Cup Commissioner and all other concerned parties.
4. Proper notifications having been made to a team's "Cup Secretary" shall be deemed as due and sufficient notice of any pertinent information.

### Section 2

1. All dates and periods of notification in these Rules shall be counted by the postmark date (i.e., a seven (7) day notification, for example, shall mean that if a notification must be made for a game on the 19th day of the month, such notification shall have a postmark of the 12th or earlier).
2. Each competing team shall, however, endeavor to make every reasonable effort to provide satisfactory notifications on as timely a basis as is practical, including an effort to telephone concerned parties and the ISSA or use some other means to do so.

### Section 3

1. Each competing team shall be responsible for securing all relevant information pertaining to the competition, through the ISSA office.
2. The ISSA shall not be responsible for any team not receiving notifications, if such notifications were properly addressed and mailed out to a team's "Cup Secretary".

### Section 4

The Cup Commissioner may make or allow verbal notification, as well as physical hand delivery of written notifications, to be followed immediately by mail confirmation, in order to assure expediency, in all matters. Such communication shall then serve as sufficient and proper notice in terms of meeting required deadlines.

**ARTICLE XXIV - Matters Not Provided For**

Section 1

The ISSA Executive Board has the right to add, delete, or revise any of these regulations at any time, except those elements, which are directly governed by and/or authorized by the USSF. Proper notice will be given to all affiliates if any changes occur.

Section 2

Any matters not provided for in these Rules, as well as any Rules conflicts, shall be determined by the Cup Commissioner, whose decision shall be final.

## Part 5 – Illinois Soccer Hall of Fame

### ARTICLE I - Hall of Fame Committee Composition

The President of the ISSA shall, immediately following the Annual General Meeting, appoint a Chairperson and two to six other members of the Hall of Fame Committee.

### ARTICLE II - Authority and Powers

The Hall of Fame Committee shall, annually, review all nominations made to the Illinois Soccer Hall of Fame, and shall present their recommendations to the Executive Board, who shall make a final selection of the recipients/inductees.

### ARTICLE III - Guidelines for Nomination and Selection

#### Section 1

1. The following are suggested guidelines to help in determining the types of persons to be nominated for Meritorious Service Awards or for induction into the Illinois Soccer Hall of Fame:
  - a. Players of high standard and achievement, who have played top grade soccer in Illinois for a minimum of seven (7) years.
  - b. Players who have distinguished themselves by reaching stardom on the club level and who have competed in USSF National Cup Competition, State or League Cup Competition, and Select Team/All-Star Team Competition.
  - c. Players who were chosen to represent the United States in International Game Competition such as the World Cup, Olympic, or Pan-American Games.
  - d. Players who completed their playing careers and remained active in the sport in various capacities on a club, league, state, or national level.
  - e. Persons who were not former players but are worthy candidates because of their achievements and/or dedication to the sport while serving in various administrative capacities on a club, league, state, or national level.
  - f. Referees, coaches, soccer writers and journalists, and other individuals who are worthy candidates because of their achievements and/or dedication to the sport.
2. All persons nominated should also have the following attributes:
  - a. Dedication to the sport of soccer;
  - b. Being diligent and faithful in whatever capacity they served;
  - c. Being of good character and free of any poor disciplinary record.

#### Section 2

Nominations to the Illinois Soccer Hall of Fame may be made by any individual or entity affiliated with the ISSA, as well as by any other USSF-affiliated entity.

## Part 6 – Trial Board

### ARTICLE I - Trial Board Composition

#### Section 1

The President of the ISSA shall, immediately following the Annual General Meeting, appoint a Chairperson and two to six other members of the Trial Board.

#### Section 2

Auxiliary Trial Boards may be established to handle unique situations affected by geography, time constraints, or other special circumstances, as well as to administer any intra-league matches. Decisions of such Boards shall be subject to the final authority of the regular Trial Board.

### ARTICLE II - Authority and Powers

#### Section 1

The Trial Board shall be empowered to hear all reported cases of misconduct by players, as well as by all other participants, representatives, and officials of all affiliated games and entities, unless such individual or entity is governed by, and is participating in, a competition in which FIFA or USSF Rules and Regulations explicitly allow for alternative consideration of such matters (e.g., Regional Leagues).

#### Section 2

The Trial Board shall have the authority to deal with all violations of the rules of the game, the rules and regulations of the ISSA, and with misconduct by any affiliate, affiliate official, club, club official, team, team official, player, coach, manager, spectator, or referee under the jurisdiction of the ISSA either during scheduled or exhibition games, or during other related events, unless such individual or entity is governed by, and is participating in, a competition in which FIFA or USSF Rules and Regulations explicitly allow for alternative consideration of such matters (e.g., Regional Leagues).

#### Section 3

A player or other individual is subject to report whenever his/her misconduct can be related to his/her involvement with a game or other related event.

#### Section 4

Appeals are to be heard by the Executive Board.

### ARTICLE III - Source of Reports

Any individual or entity can bring charges of misconduct against a player or an affiliated entity (Association, Association officials, affiliate, affiliate officials, league, league officials, club, club officials, team, team officials, teammates, opponents, coaches, managers, spectators, park or stadium personnel, etc.)

### ARTICLE IV –Referee Abuse

Referee abuse is defined as a verbal statement or physical act not resulting in bodily contact which implies or threatens physical harm to a referee or the referee's property or equipment.

Referee abuse includes but is not limited to: foul/abusive language, spewing any beverage, spitting at (but not on), verbal threats.

Verbal threats are defined as remarks that carry the implied or direct threat of physical harm.

### ARTICLE V - Referee Attack

Referee attack is defined as an intentional act of physical violence at or upon a referee.

Referee attack includes but is not limited to: hitting, punching, choking, spitting on, grabbing, bodily running into, kicking or throwing at, damaging uniform, damaging personal property (of referee)

### ARTICLE VI - Trial Board Penalty Guideline for Referee Abuse/Attack

Referee abuse-minimum three (3) week/match suspension, whichever is greater.

Referee attack-minimum one (1) year suspension.

## ARTICLE VII – Referee Attack Hearing

Alleged referee attack offender is automatically suspended upon ISSA receipt of relevant referee report.

Alleged offender shall be notified in writing of automatic suspension by the ISSA, of the relevant facts/offense alleged, and of the right to a prompt hearing.

ISSA shall afford alleged offender said hearing as quickly as possible and provide advance written notification of same.

Failure to hold hearing within thirty (30) days does not automatically rescind suspension.

## ARTICLE VIII-Referee Abuse Hearing

Alleged referee abuse offender shall be notified in writing by the ISSA of the relevant allegations and be given the opportunity to request a hearing within seven (7) days thereafter.

If alleged referee abuse offender fails to request a hearing in writing within seven (7) days of receipt of the aforementioned ISSA notification, said party is automatically suspended.

Alleged referee abuse offender can request a hearing at any time within thirty (30) days of the aforementioned ISSA notification. Said request shall stay/toll any suspension until an ISSA hearing on the merits is held and a determination rendered.

## ARTICLE IX – Petition for Reduction of Trial Board Penalty

- 1) A reduction/modification of original penalty is permitted under the following circumstances:
  - a. Player/individual serves a MINIMUM half (50%) of the suspension/sentence expressed in days/months; AND
  - b. There is a determination by the ISSA TRIAL BOARD, upon appropriate filing of a **Petition for Reduction of Trial Board Penalty**, that a reduction/modification is in the “best interests” of the game utilizing the following factors:
    - i. Amount of time served/games missed; and
    - ii. Remorse shown by penalized party; and
    - iii. Prior disciplinary history of penalized party; and
    - iv. Severity of offense; and
    - v. Aggravating and/or mitigating factors; and
    - vi. Any and/or all other factors that the Trial Board deems equitable and just.
  - c. The aforesaid **Petition for Reduction of Trial Board Penalty** shall not be heard until the MINIMUM time of penalty is served, shall be appropriately filed with the ISSA and executed only by an interested party (team, player, etc.) on official letterhead, and shall include all of the following information:
    - i. Date, time, place of occurrence.
    - ii. Names of all relevant parties (players, referees, administrators, etc.) and affiliated league.
    - iii. Any and/or all of the aforementioned factors which will assist Trial Board in making a determination.
- 2) The ISSA Trial Board shall make a determination on the **Petition for Reduction of Trial Board Penalty** within 30 days of filing.
- 3) The ISSA Trial Board is authorized, in its sound discretion, to undertake whatever steps deemed necessary in order to assist in making a determination on the **Petition for Reduction of Trial Board Penalty**.

## Part 7 – Fines and Fees

### Schedule of Appeals Fees

Description	Amount
Appeal to ISSA Trial Board	\$ 75.00
Appeal to ISSA Executive Board	\$ 75.00
Appeal to Regional Appeals Committee	\$ 50.00
Appeal to USASA Appeals Committee	\$ 200.00
Appeal to USSF Appeals Committee	\$ 300.00
Appeal to USSF National Council	\$ 300.00
Appeal to FIFA	Call USSF

### Schedule of Fees and Fines - Registration

Description	Amount
Annual League Affiliation Fee	\$ 250.00
Late, Lost or Missing Player ID Card (Rule I, Section 4.2)	\$ 10.00
Fraudulent Player ID Card Fine (Rule I, Section 4.3)	\$ 1,000.00
ISSA Tournament Fee	\$ 250.00
ISSA Appeal Fee (Rule II, Section 2.1)	\$ 75.00
Trial Board Handling Fee (Rule III-B, Section 8.2)	\$ 15.00
Returned Check Charge, 1 <sup>st</sup> Offense (Rule V, Section 3)	\$ 25.00
Returned Check Charge, Subsequent Offenses (Rule V, Section 3)	\$ 50.00

### Schedule of Player Registration Fees

Description	Amount
Professional Player Registration Form	\$ 45.00
Professional Player Release	\$ 13.00
Adult Amateur Player Registration	\$ 21.00
Secondary Amateur Player Registration	\$ 11.00
Adult Player Release Form	\$ 3.00
Registration On-Line Credit Card Transaction Fee	\$ 1.50
Duplicate ID Card	\$ 8.00
Release Without Player ID Card (lost)	\$ 10.00