

Sun County Soccer League 2018



Constitution and By-Laws

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Constitution

Section I - Name

The League shall be known as the "SUN COUNTY SOCCER LEAGUE ", hereafter known as "the League ".

Section II - Mission Statement

To provide competitive soccer for boys and girls under 18 years of age. SCSL is pledged to maintain the integrity of all Centers' house leagues.

Section III – Objectives

- A. To provide scheduled travel competition for each level involved in the league
- B. To admit registered teams from centers which are members of the League and with a population base of no more than thirty thousand (30,000) people prior to 1995.
- C. Teams from centers with a population of over 30,000 may request to join the League on a yearly basis with approval of a majority vote by the membership.

Section IV - Membership

- A. Centers wishing to join the League must be approved by the Board of Directors.
- B. The membership shall be open to all teams from centers which have joined the League, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors of the League.
- C. All teams must be registered by the coaches meeting.
- D. All member teams must comply with the rules and regulations of the League as laid down in the Constitution and By-Laws. Failure to comply could result in termination of team and/or center membership. The membership fees will only be returned at the discretion of the Board of Directors.
- E. Each centre should be represented at all executive meetings in a fiscal year, including the AGM, (annual general meeting) or they may forfeit their membership and therefore their insurance. It is the Center representative's responsibility to find an alternate. A notification letter will be sent within seven working days to the House league President by the SCSL Secretary after each meeting that was missed and advising the date of the next meeting with a copy to the Center's Representative. Attendance is compulsory for the April, May and AGM meetings. A fine of \$50.00 will be deducted from the Center's attendance deposit (\$150.00) for not attending the April, May or AGM meetings. Once the attendance deposit drops to \$50.00, a letter will be forwarded by the Disciplinary Committee to the teams' governing body (either house league or travel committee) requesting that the attendance deposit be topped up. If the representative presents a reasonable excuse for not attending one of these meetings, the fee may be waived.

Section V - Board of Directors

A. The business and affairs of the League shall be conducted by a Board of Directors committee, hereinafter called the Board consisting of:

- (i) President
- (ii) Vice-President
- (iii) Secretary
- (iv) Treasurer
- (v) Referee Chairman
- (vi) Match Secretary
- (vii) Compliance Officer
- (viii) Screening Chair
- (ix) One member per club if not already filling one of the above positions

Each member center has only one vote

The Executive shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting hereinafter called the AGM. The Board shall see that the AGM is held each year, the date to be set no later than November 30th of the current year.

B. The election of the Executive shall be done by ballot with a simple majority of votes cast to elect. Should a vacancy occur on the Executive during the term of office or during elections, the Executive will have the authority to appoint an interim replacement for the remainder of that term of office, subject to Board approval.

C. Voting by proxy shall not be permitted. At all board meetings, a majority of members (board of directors) in attendance shall constitute a majority.

Section VI - Duties of the Executive

A. **The President** shall preside at all Board meetings. He or she shall represent the League and act as spokesperson for the League at all times unless the responsibility is delegated. He or she may act as a signing officer. The president will have a vote unless he is not a center rep. The president will also sit on the discipline committee.

B. **The Vice-President** shall, in the absence of the President, preside at meetings of the Board, and shall otherwise assist the President, wherever possible, in the administration of the League. He or she may act as a signing officer.

C. **The Secretary** shall give notice of all Board meetings to persons entitled thereto. The Secretary shall ensure that someone attends all Board meetings in order to keep the minutes. The Secretary shall also be the custodian of the League constitution, by-laws, minutes and correspondence. This person may act as a signing officer.

D. **The Treasurer** shall be responsible to keep full and accurate accounts of receipts and disbursements in books belonging to the League in the League bank account. He or she will act as a signing officer.

E. **Referee Chairman** shall be responsible for recruiting and communicating instructions to League referees. He or she sits on the League Disciplinary Committee and is responsible for furnishing relevant details pertaining to games. In addition, the Referee Committee, chaired by the Referee Chairman, compiles a list of referees including year of birth, qualifications, and telephone numbers; sets up referee information clinics, runs referee and linesmen's clinic and calls Disciplinary Committee meetings when required.

F. **Match Secretary** shall oversee Travel League schedule and Sun County Cup games as directed by the Board. He or she shall be responsible for keeping results and updating standings of the divisions. He/she shall appoint conveners for each division as the need arises, collect and disseminate the following - maps with directions - fields used and times - coach's information & telephone numbers and other needed info. He/she will liaise with referee chair and compliance officer. He/she will determine the number of games to be played in each division.

G. **Compliance Officer** shall verify eligibility of all SCSL players. All game sheets and referee reports are to be sent to Compliance Officer. This person may act as signing officer. The Compliance Officer will also sit on the discipline committee.

H. **Screening Chair** will, with the assistance of the screening committee ensure that all coaches, managers, trainers and referees are screened. The Screening committee is to review a police check for all coaches and referees aged 18 years and up within the league and maintain record of compliance, in confidence, within the league's records. Each center is responsible for doing a police check on all coaches, managers, trainers and referees for both house league (for centers whose house league is covered under SCSL's insurance) and travel. The center representative will sign off for house league. Police checks for travel must be shown to screening officer. Police checks are good for 3 years with 'Offence Declaration' for years 2&3

I. **Policy Committee** will consist of a few members of the executive and will collect all suggested changes, motions and bylaw amendments. They will review the info and will report back to the executive with the committee's proposed motions and amendments.

J. **The Disciplinary Committee** will decide all discipline issues. The Disciplinary Committee will consist of 3 board members –The Referee Chair and 2 other reasonable Board Members.

K. **Center Reps** are responsible to take all info discussed at the AGM and executive meetings back to his/her center. It is also his/her responsibility to bring the concerns of his/her center to the executive or compliance officer between meetings. Reps are responsible for helping at least 1 wrap up tournament each year.

L. **Conflict of Interest**

If a member of SCSL Executive has a direct personal or financial interest in a motion or decision then that member must declare their conflict of interest. If not, then another member may charge

that person with a conflict of interest. The individual with the conflict of interest must be notified with the decision to charge his conflict of interest and the outcome of the motion / decision. The individual charged with the conflict of interest has the right to appeal the decision. The member cannot vote on a motion / decision in which he has a direct personal or financial interest.

Section VII - Disclaimers

A. The following By-Laws are to be used as a guideline however, the League is prepared to discuss special circumstances. Such matters should be sent to the policy committee.

B. Emergencies - Telephone calls will be made to either the Discipline Committee or the Executive, depending on the circumstances and:

(1) ask them to come to a special meeting

(a) if yes, give them the date and time of the meeting or,

(b) if no, explain the situation / issue and record their vote

(2) if they say yes and do not attend the meeting, they are recorded as abstaining.

By-Laws

Section I - General Meetings

- A. The Annual General Meeting of the League shall be held no later than November 30th of each year.
- B. All member clubs shall receive fourteen (14) days written notice of the date, time and place of the AGM.
- C. The Order of Business at the AGM shall be:
1. Roll Call
 2. Minutes of Previous AGM or Executive meeting
 3. President's Report
 4. Secretary's Report
 5. Treasurer's Report
 6. Committee Reports
 7. Unfinished Business\
 8. Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws
 9. Election of the Board of Directors
 10. New Business
 11. Adjournment
- D. All proposed amendments shall be forwarded in writing to the Policy Committee no later than October 1st. Prior to the Annual AGM, the League Secretary will forward proposed amendments to all member clubs.
- E. A Special General Meeting may be called if a majority of member clubs request such a meeting, in writing. Only the business for which the meeting was called will be dealt with at such a meeting.
- F. Each member club shall be entitled to one (1) vote each at all General Meetings of the League.
- G. A majority of eligible votes shall constitute a quorum.
- H. Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws shall require a majority vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the accredited member clubs present.

Section II - Membership Fees

- A. The Annual Membership Fee shall be set at the AGM and must be paid to the League.
- B. A one-time Initiation Fee will be paid to the League by each center represented to play in the League. The amount of the fee shall be ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) PER CENTER. If a team pulls out after commitment to the League, the club they represent will lose their fee as well be subject to another initiation fee if they join again.

- C. Travel team fees are set by the Executive after the budget has been approved.
- D. All arrears owing from the previous season must be paid in full on or by the AGM. Any center in arrears at the AGM will not be allowed to vote or register travel teams until all dues are paid in full. To be eligible for the current season, team fees are payable by May 31st.
- E. Each Center must provide SCSL with a \$ 150.00 attendance deposit by the AGM meeting which will be held until the Center leaves (see - SCSL Constitution Section IV - Membership E. - for details).
- F. All centers must have insurance (either under SCSL or their own policy for house league. However, all travel players and officials must be insured under the SCSL policy. If there is an occurrence that may result in an insurance claim then SCSL MUST be informed of the occurrence by the center rep.

Section III - Player Regulations

A. Prior to the first game of the season, all teams shall be registered with the Sun County Soccer League. All players (teams) shall have paid insurance premium. All house league rosters must be signed by the appropriate house league representative indicating that it is a complete and accurate copy of that Centers' house league.

*In all League games, teams must have at least one member of the opposite sex on the field at all times or play with nine players (Exception See Section V, sub- section F – Under 9).

- B. Players are eligible to play if they have either:
 - a) Registered and played in their center's house league on a regular basis.
 - b) Volunteered/worked in a SCS league center's house league in some capacity on a regular basis.
 - c) Special Dispensation

C. A player clearly registered with a team shall remain with that team until the 31st of December of the same year at which time he/she becomes a free agent. This does not apply to players that move their place of residence to another centre during the current season. A player may only register with one team in the SCSL.

D. If a player is injured, there must be no exposed blood on the body or uniform. This must be covered with a bandage on the injury and tape on the uniform. If a player has a cast, they are not allowed to play.

Section IV - Team Regulations

A. Team Rosters

1. No member team shall dress more than twenty (20) players for any one (1) League or playoff game. A player may play for one team only in the SCSL.

2. Photocopies of birth certificates and a photo are to be attached to the back of the player's registration form, sent to the Compliance Officer to approve and issue player cards. Player cards are to be taken to games or tournaments as proof of eligibility.
3. When a travel team must move up players temporarily from a lower travel division, they must advise the Compliance Officer. They can only pull up from one age division lower and can only move a player up for three games. When players move up, they should bring their player cards with them.
4. If a travel team must recruit previously unregistered travel players from house league, they can move up players in that age division or one level lower. The Compliance Officer must be notified and the player must have a completed registration form before being allowed to play. Registration of travel players will not be accepted after July 15.
5. A maximum of only three players can move up from a lower division or house league to a higher division team per game. A player can only move up for three games per season including the SC Cup tournament (excluding a center sponsored tournament e.g. Colasanti Cup). A column on the game sheet will indicate which players have moved up for that game. If a player has played more than three games in a higher division, the subsequent games in which they take part will be forfeited.
6. A center can request players who have been released from other centers travel team roster: however, the compliance officer must be provided with specific player information before that player is eligible to play, unless dismissed or suspended for discipline issue(s) - which a player has the right to appeal. (See section X Below.)

B. Team Officials

1. Each member team must provide the League with the names, addresses and telephone numbers of their coaches, trainer and manager. The team is required to provide a map showing the location of their home pitches.
2. Team SCSL player card must be available at all games.
3. The League must be notified in writing within seven (7) days of any change made in team officials during the season.
4. A \$ 50.00 late registration fee will be assessed if any of the following is not submitted by midnight of May 31st. Team fees, complete team profile forms, center maps, house league rosters with player's names, phone numbers and ages/birthdates, coaches' names and phone numbers and all board member's names, phone numbers and addresses. If any of the above are not received by start of the season then fines double (\$100.00) and teams from that center will not be able to play until the aforementioned items are in and all fines are paid. Any regular scheduled season games not paid due to unpaid fines, missing paperwork will be considered forfeits. The timeline will be outlined, with the appropriate dates, at the start of each season.

5. SCSL will allow one coach for two teams - provided that person has an assistant coach for each team to take over when there are scheduling conflicts.

6. Each center must provide a police check for all travel coaches, assistant coaches, trainers, managers and referees over 18 years of age before they will be allowed to be part of the league. The compliance officer will provide a requisition form to take to the applicant's police station. The police check has to be specifically for SCSL registered Centres (a police check for another sport or organization is not valid for SCSL).

7. If a center or team does not withdraw before the day of the season starting, then that center or team does not receive any money back from Sun County.

C. Team Responsibilities

1. The home team is responsible for supplying a field with the proper markings of such field and the placing of corner flags and goal nets.

2. The home team is responsible for providing and paying for a Sun County sanctioned referee. In the case of all age divisions, the referee shall be a "Youth Recreational or Equivalent" registered referee or higher. For games involving U18 teams, carded linesmen (assistant referee) should also be appointed wherever possible. Coach cannot referee his game or any games in the division he is coaching. All referees must be a minimum of two years older than the players in the game they are refereeing, as of December 31st of the previous year (Note: this stipulation does not apply to carded assistant referees). Linesmen (assistant referee) must be used for all travel games.

3. Both teams' game sheets must be completed in their entirety including players' names, numbers and offenses. Both coaches must submit both scores to the website within 3 days. Scores submitted cannot have more than a 9-goal differential. (For example, if the final score on the field was 11-0, the coach would submit a score of 9-0.)

4. In case of a color conflict, the team in non-compliance with the official published list of approved reserved colours for centers (see sec 5 below). If the non-compliant team is unable to change and the ref is unable to see clearly which player was involved, the call will go against the team in conflict.

5. If player cards are missing, the referee is to record on the game sheets that "Coach A" requested to see "Coach B's" team player cards which he didn't have and the game was played under protest". When players move up (temporarily) they should bring ID to the game.

D. Player's Equipment

1. All players must wear regulation soccer equipment for all games.

2. All players shall wear numbered shirts for all games. No two players of the same team shall wear the same number or any player change their number during the game without the consent of the referee. Players should keep same shirt number for the whole season. Numbers

must be of reasonable size and in a colour contrasting to the body of the shirt so as to be easily visible. Game sheets must identify player numbers.

3. Goalie shirts do not have to be numbered; however, they must be distinguished from the other field shirts. It is the referee's decision if this condition has been met.
4. Soccer cleats, either metal or plastic will be allowed if deemed safe by the referee.
5. Club colours are as follows:

Center	Colour Scheme
Blenheim	Silver
Cottam	Purple
Erie Shores	Green and white
Essex	Red with white trim
Harrow	Lime green with black trim
Kingsville	Navy
Leamington	White with blue trim
Stoney Point	Orange
Tilbury	Gold with black trim
Wheatley	Light blue with white trim

If there are changes to that Center's colours, they should bring a catalogue picture for approval from the Executive before purchasing to avoid conflicts. Note: the color "solid Black" is reserved for referees. However, referees and their assistants may wear any shirt color as long as it is clearly distinguishable from all players on the field.

6. Players cannot wear jewelry, watches, earrings or other sharp objects on the field. The above items must be removed. Players cannot wear hats, bandannas or sunglasses on the field. The only exception is that goalies may wear a hat. No headbands will be permitted but hair elastics will be allowed.
7. All players must wear shin pads covered with socks.
8. It is recommended that team captains wear arm bands

E. Conduct - Team Officials and Spectators

1. Team officials will be allowed to coach only in the area between the two eighteen yard lines. Spectators will be confined to the same area. No one is allowed to be a spectator or coach from behind the goal line.
2. Team officials are responsible for the conduct of their players and spectators. Spectators and team officials must remain at least two (2) meters back from the field of play. If coaches, players, parents, etc. are harassing the referee or linesmen, the referee will warn the coach that he will abandon the game. The next time hassled -- referee abandons the game. ASK – TELL - DISMISS

3. Team officials are not to teach players to play dirty, take dives or encourage them to willfully injure opponents.
4. Team officials removed from a game will receive a one game suspension, are subject to further discipline by the League and will be advised by their Center's Representative of any action taken by the Disciplinary Committee or SCSL Executive.
5. All Centers must ensure that coaches supervise their players at practices and games. SCSL does not condone unsupervised soccer.

F. Referees

1. All referees must complete a referee profile form which will be submitted to the Compliance Officer via the Center's representative for approval. This qualified referee list will be sent to all Centers. They also require a police check (see sec 3 B 6).
2. Only referees approved by SCSL can be used to officiate SCSL games.
3. Each Center must ensure that referees are properly dressed, i.e., referee shirt, shorts, socks.
4. Referees should have (at least) a whistle, watch, pencil, paper, & red & yellow cards. (This includes all assistant referees but not untrained club linesman).
5. Suggested pay scale:

League	Referee Pay	Assistant Pay
Under 25	\$50	\$25
Under 18	\$50	\$25
Under 15	\$40	\$20
Under 13	\$35	\$15
Under 11	\$25	\$10
Under 9	\$25	optional
Under 7	\$25	optional

6. A coach will not be allowed to referee in a division that he/she is coaching.

Section V - Game Regulations

A.

Age Divisions	Ball Size	Game Length
Under 25	5	2 x 45 minute halves
Under 18	5	2 x 45 minute halves
Under 15	5	2 x 45 minute halves
Under 13	5	2 x 35 minute halves
Under 11	4	2 x 30 minute halves
Under 9	4	2 x 25 minute halves
Under 7	4	2 x 25 minute halves

In the event that the game needs to be shortened, an agreement between the coaches and referee can be made prior to the start of the game. (with the agreed upon time divided into 2 equal halves)

B. Official game sheets are printed off the SCSL website no sooner than 2 days before a scheduled game. The game sheets are printed off by both the Home and Visiting teams, and turned over to the game official before the start of each game. An extra copy may be printed for a centre to keep for their own records.

C. All games shall start promptly. No game shall kick off later than 15 minutes after its scheduled start. Exception see D, G, K

D. If a scheduled referee does not appear at the game, the home team has 30 minutes to provide another qualified referee or the game is forfeited.

E. Games shall not begin or continue with less than seven (7) players (exception, see F) available to each side at the time of kick-off. Teams fielding less than seven players will be considered as "NO SHOW".

F. Under 7/9 will have the following exceptions and requirements: ball size shall be size 4, there will be a referee but no assistant referees will be required or scheduled, 25 min halves, no offside, 7 players per side, smaller/medium sized fields, each team will start with a minimum of 5 players.

G. To be eligible for Under 9, a player must be a minimum of 6 as of December 31st of the previous year. (this only applies to centres that do not field a U7 travel team)

H. For a player to be eligible for Under 11, a player must be a minimum of 8 years of age at the time of their participation or call up.

I. Player substitution shall be permitted with the consent of the referee during following stoppage: all goal kicks, kick-off after goals scored or half time or extra time, and at their team's own throw-in. The other team may also substitute if their opponents are substituting at a throw-in. Coaches must advise linesman who will raise flag to notify referee. SCSL allows unlimited substitutions at any one time. If there is a stoppage in play due to an injury and the coach is invited onto the field, that player must leave the field and a substitution is allowed. A player injured by a red card or yellow card foul can be quickly assessed/treated and stay on the field. If a player is cautioned and ordered off the field, a substitution is permitted for that player regardless of the stoppage in play. All substitutes will enter the field at the half line after the substituted player(s) have left the field.

J. If a referee stops a game before the completion of the allowed time as specified in the bylaws for reasons of inclement weather, ground conditions, failing light or other natural events, it must be replayed in its entirety if less than one-third (1/3) of the second half of the match has been played. If one-third (1/3) or more of the second half has been played, the result of the match at the time of the stoppage will stand. The referee will be the sole judge of the time lapsed. The referee is required to keep track of lost time and allow the addition of that much

time at the end of each half. For all SCSL games, except tournaments, time added on, is at the discretion of the referee. No time will be added on in SCSL tournament.

K. When there is any lightning or thunder, the game must not start or it must be put on hold if the game is underway until the lightning or thunder stops. The 30/30 Rule is applied. SCSL insurance policy dictates that the coaches and referees must enforce that the players leave the field and wait in their cars. If weather conditions do not change after 30 minutes, depending on the amount of time played (see rescheduling of games below) the game is rescheduled (except in tournaments where players wait until the storm has passed and then play is restarted).

L. If a team is playing and it is discovered that there is no member of the opposite sex on the field when a player of the opposite sex is available to play, the opposing team is awarded a penalty kick.

M. Discipline will be handled by the Disciplinary Committee and they will make all disciplinary decisions. Disciplinary Committee will use FIFA rules as a guideline with the following exceptions due to our shortened season:

1. suspensions due to accumulated yellow or red cards
2. willful intent to injure
3. notification of disciplinary committee decision will be done immediately by telephone and mail directly to the players or through the center's representative for team officials
4. all disciplinary decisions will be made before Cup play and if not served prior to, must be enforced during SC Cup play.
5. NO SWEARING, NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, NO SMOKING OR VAPING, NO DRUGS and NO FIGHTING IS ALLOWED ON THE FIELD or SIDELINES BY ANYONE ASSOCIATED WITH SCSL, i.e., PLAYERS, COACHES, PARENTS, TRAINERS, MANAGERS, OFFICIALS, REFEREES and LINESMEN.

See Section VIII - Discipline for details

N. Heat Advisory – 15 minute water breaks may be taken to ensure safe play.

Section VI - Rescheduling of Games

A. Weather or Field Conditions In the event that a scheduled game cannot be played or completed (1/3 into second half) on the scheduled field, on the designated date, because of inclement weather, unsuitable playing field conditions; either play the home game as an away game on the other team's field or play the game on the reserved field. If neither option is available that day, the Match Secretary must be notified and the game shall be rescheduled within forty-eight (48) hours. If the Home team is unable to provide a suitable date and venue in that time, the game will then be rescheduled by the Match Secretary.

B. Any team "NO SHOW", postponing or canceling a League game without permission of the Match Secretary will forfeit the game and may be subject to disciplinary action. The game will be awarded to the opposition and the score recorded as 1 - 0. The referee must be paid by the team in violation.

C. Other Reasons for Changes - only extraordinary reasons will be considered. Any teams needing to reschedule games for any other reason must request, by phone and confirm in writing, to the Match Secretary the change within five (5) days in advance of the scheduled date. If permission is given to postpone by the Match Secretary, the coaches by mutual agreement will reschedule and play the game within two weeks of the original game. If unable to reach an agreement, the Match Secretary will reschedule the game. Teams not abiding by the new game date will forfeit that game. If both coaches agree to cancel a game due to weather conditions, that is acceptable (games are not to be cancelled for rain unless thunder and lightning is present).

The request shall include:

1. Game #
2. Date of scheduled game
3. Two (2) possible alternate dates for rescheduling Home games only
4. Reason for canceling /change

D. No overtime will be played during regular league games.

Section VII - No-Shows and Abandoned Games

A. Abandoned games shall be dealt with by the Discipline Committee.

B. Clubs with a team having two (2) or more no-shows in one season may be penalized by a fine at the discretion of the Board.

C. Any clubs having been fined will have seven (7) days of the decision to pay or further action will be taken by the Board. Note: Club has the right to appeal the decision

D. Teams forfeiting two or more games during the season; i.e., no shows or not competing in the Sun County Cup may have a letter of censure sent to the offending coach informing him "that he may be subject to disciplinary action."

Section VIII - Discipline

****All discipline matters arising from any Sun County Soccer game will be dealt with by The Sun County Soccer League Discipline Committee.****

A. Any misconduct discovered against a Center, their Executive Representative may be censured and not allowed to hold office for one year.

B. Any member of the Executive caught using their position to gain advantage in the League may be censured and not allowed to hold office for one year.

C. At least two members of the Disciplinary Committee must be present at all SCSL tournaments to act as mediators.

D. Disciplinary Committee will use FIFA rules as a guideline with the following exceptions:

1. Suspensions due to accumulated yellow cards (3) - the coach will be advised by Compliance Officer that player must sit out next game. A sixth yellow card in the same season

requires TWO games suspended, and a ninth yellow card requires THREE games suspended, and so on.

2. Suspensions due to red cards - any player receiving a red card during a game, the coach must automatically sit the offending player the next game and he will be notified if further action is required.

3. Willful intent to injure. Any send off (red card) for serious foul play involving violence or violent misconduct will result in a meeting of the Discipline Committee. If violence is substantiated, punishment may include either a multiple game suspension (number determined by discipline committee), or season suspension, or even lifetime suspension. Appeal against the decision of the Discipline Committee will only be heard by the Board of Directors of the League if new evidence comes to light that was not available to the Discipline Committee at the time of their hearing. Otherwise decision of the Discipline Committee is final and binding. Fines will be issued in an accumulating manor per team ie. First offence \$25, second offence \$50, etc.

4. Notification of Disciplinary Committee decision will be done immediately by telephone and email: directly to the player/coach and/or through the Center's Rep.

5. All disciplinary decisions will be made before Cup play and if not served prior to, must be enforced during Cup play.

6. Red, Yellow, and Special Incident reports are to be submitted online by the referee and received by the Compliance Officer within 24 hours.

7. Whenever a player receives a yellow card, they are required to leave the field of play. He may be substituted at the next possible substitution. There is no set time limit that he must wait. Time sat is at the coaches' discretion.

8. Retaliation after a foul will not be tolerated.

9. Red and yellow cards received in SCSL sanctioned tournaments and not served will be carried out of the tournament and into League play. Cards received during League play will not be carried into a Center's tournament.

10. If a player accumulates 3 yellows in 3 individual games or 2 yellows in the same game he would receive an automatic 1 game suspension. This would affect season and tournament play.

11. If a goal keeper is red carded, before a penalty kick, the goal keeper must leave the field and another player on the field must play goal. After the penalty kick another player may be substituted at the next possible substitution situation in accordance with the by-laws and the alternate goal keeper put in net.

12. A player receiving a 2nd red card for violent or dangerous play in the same season would be subject to an automatic 2 game suspension. A player receiving a 3rd red card for violent or dangerous play in the same season may be subject to a hearing with the discipline committee to determine the length of the suspension with a 3-game minimum suspension.

Section IX - Protests & Complaints

A. Protests

1. All protests arising from games shall be sent, in writing or email, to the Compliance Officer or the Referee Chair. Protests prior to a game; i.e., field conditions, no player registration forms, etc., must be reported to the referee who will indicate same on the game sheets. **THERE WILL BE NO COST!** The refereeing of a game, by referee and/or his/her assistants cannot be protested. Protests can affect outcome of a game.
2. Once the protest is received by SCSL, a decision will be made within five working days.
3. All protesting teams must send a written copy of the protest to the team that is being protested against.
4. All protests will be handled by the Discipline Committee. The decision on the protest will be communicated to the Centers involved either by telephone or email.

B. Complaints

1. Complaints should be sent in writing to the Center's Rep who will forward it to the compliance officer. **THERE WILL BE NO COST!** Complaints - cannot affect the outcome of a game.

Section X - Appeals

- A. Appeals against a decision of the Discipline Committee must be submitted in writing to the Sun County Soccer League compliance officer, with any new information, within a timely manner of receiving the decision. Both parties will be invited to attend the next scheduled executive meeting to discuss the decision. The decision of the Board of Directors is final.

Section XI – Tournaments

- A. Minimum rules to be followed before a Center's tournament will be sanctioned by SCSL:
1. Tournaments are open to outside teams with SCSL approval.
 2. Red and yellow cards received in a Center's tournament and not served will be carried out of the tournament into League play.
 3. Red and yellow cards received in League play do not carry into a Center's tournament.
 4. Two yellow cards in the same game, the player will miss the rest of that game plus the next game.
 5. When a player accumulates three (3) yellow cards during a tournament, that player will miss the next game but the team does not play short.
 6. Any red card, the player will miss the rest of that game plus the next game. The team plays short only in the game the card was issued
 7. Two (2) red cards and the player will miss all remaining tournament games.

8. A red card issued for violent conduct towards another player, official or any other person will result in expulsion from the tournament and disciplinary action by SCSL.

9. If a referee abandons a game due to unsporting behavior by a coach, team official or spectators, the team responsible will forfeit the game.

10. Any serious offense or misconduct by non SCSL teams, players or coaches, will be reported to that team's associate league.

B. Recommended tournament times:

Division	Game Length
Under 18	2 x 30 minute halves
Under 15	2 x 30 minute halves
Under 13	2 x 25 minute halves
Under 11	2 x 25 minute halves
Under 9	2 x 20 minute halves
Under 7	2 x 15 minute halves

Section XII - League/Division Championship

A. The Division Championship will be decided as follows:

Points will be awarded for each game as:

3 points for a win

1 point for a tie

0 points for a loss

B. If the League awards points for an unplayed or defaulted game, the team which has been declared the winner will receive three points and the score recorded as 1 - 0.

C. The team having the most points at the end of the regular season will be declared the division champion.

** In the event of a tie at the end of League play, then the team with the best record between themselves will be declared the division champion.

*** Games won.

**** In the event that there still is a tie for first place coaches will set the date of the game which is to be played before the Sun County Cup wrap up tournament. If unable to play the game before the wrap up tournament then the teams will play each other in the first game of the tournament. This game will be considered a tournament game as well as the season playoff game. If the game ends in a tie then there will be a 5 person penalty shoot out and then sudden death shoot out. If game is played prior to tournament and the game ends in a tie then teams will play two sudden death ten minute halves (golden goal). If no score in over time go to penalty shoot out, as per FIFA.

Section XIII - Sun County Cup

- A. Each team in the League must compete in the Sun County Cup. Failure to complete all scheduled games in the tournament may result in disciplinary action by the Board.
- B. Sun County Cup will be a round robin tournament format determined by the number of teams in each division. (Pooling may be used)
- C. Rules governing tournament championship play will be issued to each participating team prior to the start of said competition or posted on the website.
- D. The following Executive would form the committee responsible for the Sun County Cup tournaments: Compliance Officer, Referee Chairman, Match Secretary, one member from the Disciplinary Committee and the Center Representative hosting the tournament.
- E. For Cup tournament games, an Executive member will be responsible for each site and one executive member will be assigned to each field reporting to the Tournament Manager.
- F. The scoring for the SC Cup tournaments will be as follows:
 - Six (6) points for a win
 - Three (3) points for a tie
 - One (1) bonus point for a win with a shut out
 - Zero (0) points for a loss
- G. Tie Breaker Rules

Round Robin: All round robin games may end in a tie.

To Determine Final Standings of Pool Play When Two Teams are Tied:

*A 7-goal max differential will be used when calculating tie breakers.

1. Head to head (Tournament only)
2. Highest win total
3. Plus/Minus
4. Goals against
5. Goals for
6. Shootout (5 aside, if still tied 1 for 1)

To Determine Final Standings of Pool Play When Three or More Teams are Tied:

*A 7-goal max differential will be used when calculating tie breakers.

NOTE When progressing through the tie breaker steps, if any team is able to be seeded, that team will assume that seed. The remaining teams would continue to progress through the multi-team tie breaker steps. At no time will the teams use the two-team tiebreaker.

1. Highest win total (include all round robin games)
2. Plus/Minus (include all round robin games)
3. Goals against (include all round robin games)
4. Goals for (include all round robin games)
5. Highest win total (between teams that are tied)
6. If still tied, follow steps 1 through 5 using statistics from only the tied teams

7. If two teams still tied, shootout (5 aside, if still tied 1 for 1)
8. If three teams are tied, a coin toss will be used. Each team will flip a coin with the odd team gaining the highest seed. If the next seed must be determined, “heads or tails” will be used.

Quarter Finals and Semi Finals:

A shootout will determine the winner (5 shooters aside, 1 for 1 if still tied until winner is determined).

Championship Game:

1. Two 10 minute overtime halves to be played in their entirety (NOT golden goal)
2. A shootout will determine the winner (5 shooters aside, 1 for 1 if still tied until winner is determined)

H. Misconduct

1. Two yellow cards in the same game, the player will miss the rest of that game plus the next game.
2. When a player accumulates three (3) yellow cards during a tournament, that player will miss the next game but the team does not play short.
3. Any red card, the player will miss the rest of that game plus the next game. The team plays short only in the game the card was issued.
4. Two (2) red cards and the player will miss all remaining tournament games.
5. A red card issued for violent conduct towards another player, official or any other person will result in expulsion from the tournament and disciplinary action by SCSL.

If a referee abandons a game due to unsporting behavior by a coach, team official or spectators, the team responsible will forfeit the game.

I. SCSL will try to provide medical assistance at SC Cup tournaments.

J. Due to time constraints, no time will be added to SC Cup games.

K. In order to host the Sun County Cup, the center must have the appropriate number and size of fields required for that age division. They must provide washrooms which SCSL will reimburse. A table for awards tournament schedule, and game results will be provided manned by a person during the whole tournament. Water should be provided free of charge for the officials. At least one person from that center must be on the planning committee for that tournament.

Section XIV - Representation

A. All member clubs will supply a written copy of Names, Addresses and Telephone Numbers of their current Board to the Sun County Soccer League Board.

Section XV - General Rules

A. All matters not provided for, affecting the conduct and operation of the League and its member teams, shall be dealt with by the policy committee and or board of directors of the Sun County Soccer League. FIFA rules shall be the prime guidelines.