

OASL CONSTITUTION

Summary of Revisions - June-2007

Modified the OASL Constitution: stricken items from Article 7, Section B, which address the amending of the constitution, and have replaced them with a new Article 12.

OASL BYLAWS

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Part 1: LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP & PROCEDURES:

Should the description of premier include “profit making”? I removed the reference to “profit making”. It would be possible that a community-based travel soccer club could be for-profit and still meet OASL membership requirements.

“Community is defined by zip code or school district. No PREMIER (defined as **profit making**, non-restricted open recruiting) teams or clubs will be accepted.”

Article I - MEMBERSHIP

Change title.

FROM: APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

TO: MEMBERSHIP

Article I. MEMBERSHIP, Para. B.

FROM: Include full payment of dues, bond, and fees (returned in full if Club not accepted).

TO: Include full payment of bond (returned in full if Club not accepted), and any previous fees or fines owed (if previous member).

Article I. MEMBERSHIP, Para. C.

FROM: All clubs must have a designated field/fields complying with FIFA laws of the game (correct size) for each age group represented. Every field must be available for OASL game scheduling during each session on Sunday afternoon and evenings and during the week if needed. Clubs that do not have a designated field by the scheduling deadline will play all games away for that session.

TO: All Clubs must have a designated field(s) complying with FIFA laws of the game and OASL Playing Grid (correct size) for each age group represented. Every field must be available for OASL game scheduling during each

season. Clubs that do not have a designated field(s) by the scheduling deadline may play all games away for that season (discretion of the Board).

Article II - OASL ENTRANCE BOND, FEES AND FINES, Para. B

FROM: The Board will set and assess a membership fee per Club per session.

TO: The Board will set and assess fees for membership, and registration fees for teams, players, and coaches. These fees are subject to change.

Article III – LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS, Para. F

FROM: Changes to and/or new Amendments to the Constitution of OASL require advanced written notice (1 month) to all member clubs and a two-thirds majority vote of Clubs in attendance.

TO: *paragraph is removed and replaced by new Article XXIII*

Article III - LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS, Para. G

Paragraph changes from “G” to “F”

FROM: Minutes will be posted on the league website. (Mailed on written request).

TO: Methods of communication have evolved to include email and extensive use of cell phones. Thus, Club reps must maintain and regularly monitor email accounts. Email has become a preferred method to communicate within large organizations with remote membership, and is an acceptable replacement to written/typed hard copy communications that is mailed. It is acceptable to utilize email as a method of communication to replace written communication (unless a signature is required) as documented throughout these by-laws. Email will be the preferred method to submit meeting agendas, minutes, and other information to Club reps.

Article V. – REGISTRATION, Para. B

FROM: Proof of age and a recent photograph (size 1x1) of each player and coach must be submitted at the initial registration. Proof of age must be verified by birth certificate, baptismal record, and immigration and / or naturalization certificate.

TO: Proof of age and a recent photograph (size 1x1) of each player and coach must be submitted at the initial registration. Proof of age must be verified by one of the following documents:

1. birth certificate
 2. baptismal record
 3. immigration and / or naturalization certificate
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Article V – REGISTRATION, Para. F

FROM: Clubs having more than one team in the same age division must register each player to a specifically named team.

TO: Clubs having more than one team in the same age division must register each player to a specifically named team. Players may not be dual rostered on two teams of same age group and same division.

Article V – REGISTRATION, Para. G

FROM: Each OASL player pass must bear current USYSA number (unique nine digits), and any additional info designated by the registrar.

TO: Each OASL player pass must be prepared with appropriate player ID in accordance with OYSAN registration policies and procedures.

Article V – REGISTRATION, Para. H

FROM: An OASL roster is required for every team registered with the minimum number of players being set as twelve (12) for all age groups. The maximum player limit is eighteen (18) for older age groups (11v11 teams) and sixteen (16) for u11's(8v8teams) and 16 for u8-u10 teams.

TO: An OASL roster is required for every team registered with the maximum number of players: eighteen (18) for U13/U14 age groups (11v11 teams); fourteen (14) for U11/U12 age groups (8v8 teams); and twelve (12) for U9/U10 teams.

Article V – REGISTRATION, Para. J

FROM: Unlimited premier dual registered players are permitted on any team in Division I. Division II teams may have a maximum of four (4) premier dual registered players or will be moved up to Division I. If Division II teams are found to have five or more premier players they will be ineligible for any league awards and will face disciplinary action from the Board.

TO: Unlimited premier players are permitted on any team in Division I. Division II teams may have a maximum of four (4) premier players – if five (5) or more premier players are registered on a team, then that team shall automatically be moved up to Division I. If a Division II team is found to have five or more premier players they will be ineligible for any league awards and will face disciplinary action from the Board. Note that premier players are defined as those who are also registered on non-community based teams/clubs that participate in the OYSAN State league or under other leagues affiliated with US Club Soccer.

Article V – REGISTRATION, Para. L

FROM: Three (3) roster changes (adds) from fall session will be permitted in the spring. All changes require a copy of the roster with the changes included. Teams continuing from the fall session must present fall player passes at spring registration for updating (when required). Passes from players not playing in the spring must be turned in to the registrar. Players dropped from fall do not count as a roster change. Data corrections do not count as a roster change.

TO: Player Adds, Drops, and Transfers are permitted during the spring season, with submission of associated Player Status form. All changes require a copy of the previous league approved roster with the changes noted. Teams continuing from the fall session must present fall player passes at spring registration for updating (when required). Passes from players not playing in the spring must be turned in to the league registrar. Players dropped from fall do not count as a roster change. Data corrections do not count as a roster change.

Article VI – AGE LIMIT DEFINITIONS, Para. A

FROM: Teams will compete by single age groups in Division I (highly competitive) or Division II (less experienced and/or skilled) or Division III (currently used only for the U8 teams to allow them to play under U9 SSG rules).

TO: Teams will compete by single age groups in Division I (highly competitive) or Division II (less experienced and/or skilled) or Division III (currently used only for the U8 teams to allow them to play under U9 SSG rules). True U8 teams participating in U9 Division III may not include U9 players.

Article VII – PLAYER ELIGIBILITY, Para. E

FROM: It is permissible for players, within a club, to play up for their club's higher age group team. They must bring their validated OASL player pass. The only exception is that no Division I player may play in any Division II game.

TO: GUEST PLAYER RULE: It is permissible for players, within a club, to play up ("guest") for their club's higher age group team. Guesting down is not permitted.

1. Guest players must bring their validated OASL player pass.
2. Guest players must be identified and noted on the game cards.
3. The total number of premier players, including the guest players, at a Div2 (or lower) game cannot exceed 4 premier players.
4. When guest players are used, there cannot be more than x total players at the game (9 for U9/U10; 11 for U11/U12; 15 for U13/U14).

Note that the spirit of this rule exists to help teams play scheduled league matches when unforeseen circumstances cause rostered players to be absent, and without said guest players, the team could not properly field a team. It is not intended to provide a venue for coaches to showcase players, nor float premier-caliber players to other teams with the sole purpose of winning. It is to allow coaches the flexibility to bring up some players to help when a team is short - because of some unforeseen circumstances. It should also not be used to load up a team with lots of extras. If you are truly short players, then guest a few up to help out - but don't bring the entire lower team.

Article VII – PLAYER ELIGIBILITY, Para. F

FROM: In some cases players, clubs are permitted to be double roster select players on two teams within the same club. These double rostered players must comply with the age limits defined in Section VI., all registration rules in Section V and all player eligibility rules defined in this section.

TO: DUAL-ROSTERED RULE: Players may be dual rostered on no more than two teams within the same club. Unless otherwise stated in this paragraph, these dual rostered players must comply with the age limits defined in Section VI., all registration rules in Section V, and all player eligibility rules defined in this section. Players cannot be dual rostered on two teams that are within the same division of the same age group. It is permissible for players to be dual rostered on a lower age group division 1 team, and a high age group division 2 (or lower) team. Note that the spirit of this rule exists to help teams roster enough players to properly field teams with enough players to play scheduled league matches, and prevent forfeits due to player absences. Using the dual rostered player rule, smaller clubs are provided with a method to insure that an effective number of players are rostered and can attend scheduled league matches.

Article VIII - SCHEDULING, Para. C

FROM: The League scheduler will schedule all games based on the directions given by the Board or competition committee. Any game conflicts on specific dates must be given to the appropriate Board member at the time of formal written declarations.

TO: The League scheduler will schedule all games based on the directions given by the Board or competition committee. Local club scheduling conflicts may be resolved during the period designated for club-to-club resolution of schedule conflicts.

Article IX – LENGTH OF GAMES, Para F & G

FROM: U10 – SSG double team format – two concurrent games. Each player plays in one game : two halves at 25 minutes each
U9/U8 – SSG double team format – two concurrent games. Each player plays in one game : two halves at 25 minutes each

TO: U10 – two halves at 25 minutes each
U9 – two halves at 25 minutes each

Article X – GAME DAY RULES, Para. C

FROM: To start a game, each team must have a minimum of seven (7) registered players on the field for u12-u14, six (6) for u11, and four (4) for u10 and under age groups.

TO: To start a game, each team must have a minimum of seven (7) registered players on the field for U14/U13 (11v11 match); six (6) players for U12/U11 (8v8 match); and four (4) players for U10/U9 (6v6 match).

Article X – GAME DAY RULES, Para. E

FROM: Substitutions

1. Both teams may substitute on goal kicks, after a goal, half time and at the end of a period.
2. By either team when the game is stopped for injury
3. Substituted players may return to play in the game
4. There is no substitution limitation.

TO: Substitutions

1. Both teams may substitute as follow:
 - a) on goal kicks,
 - b) after a goal,
 - c) at half time,
 - d) on throw-ins, provided that the team with possession is substituting,
 - e) when the game is stopped for injury, provided that the team with the injured player is substituting for the injured player (one-for-one).
 2. When a player has been cautioned – recommended but not required (only the yellow-carded player may be replaced).
 3. Substituted players may return to play in the game.
 4. There is no substitution limitation.
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Article XI – RESCHEDULING OF LEAGUE GAMES, Para. B

FROM: Rescheduled games must be played before the end of that respective season.

TO: Any games cancelled must be rescheduled within 7-days of the date that the league has issued approval for a game to be rescheduled, or rescheduled within 7-days of the date that the game was cancelled due to weather/field conditions. Rescheduled games must be played before the end of that respective season.

Article XI – RESCHEDULING OF LEAGUE GAMES, Para. E

FROM: In bad weather, the referee has the final decision whether to play or not and must not be challenged. If there is lightning it is the referee discretion how long to wait or call a game. Generally the rule is 20 minutes after the last hear or heard lightning.

TO: In bad weather, the referee has the final decision whether to play or not and must not be challenged. If lightning is seen or thunder heard, then the threat is present and the game must be immediately suspended until the severe weather clears the area. The game may not be resumed until 30 minutes after the last thunder is heard or lightning is seen. It is the referee's discretion how long to wait or call a game.

Article XII – FORFEITS, Para. A

FROM: The following infringements constitute a forfeit and automatic full payment of referee fee:

1. Failure to show for regularly scheduled game unless permission granted per other by- law X, section L.
2. Failure to field minimum number of players, one of whom must be a goalkeeper, within 15 minutes after the scheduled start.
3. Playing an ineligible player. Any player taking part in an OASL game and deemed to be ineligible shall cause his team to forfeit that game and any other in which he played as an ineligible player. Further disciplinary action may also be taken.
4. Removing a team from the field without the referee's permission.
5. Any other offense as determined by the Board may constitute a forfeit.

TO: The following infringements constitute a forfeit and automatic full payment of referee fee:

1. Failure to show for regularly scheduled game. See article X, paragraph L, regarding grace period.
2. Failure to field minimum number of players, one of whom must be a goalkeeper, within 15 minutes after the scheduled start. See article X, paragraph C, regarding minimum number of players.
3. Playing an ineligible player. Any player taking part in an OASL game and deemed to be ineligible shall cause his team to forfeit that game and any other in which he played as an ineligible player. Further disciplinary action may also be taken by the Board.
4. Removing a team from the field without the referee's permission.
5. Any other offense as determined by the Board may constitute a forfeit.

Article XII – FORFEITS, Para. D

FROM: Forfeit fines are payable to OASL and are in addition to the entire referee that is payable to the referee. All fees must be paid by registration of the next session.

FROM: Forfeit fines are payable to the OASL and are in addition to the entire referee fee that is payable to the referee. All fees must be paid by registration of the next session.

Article XIII – PROTESTS AND APPEALS, Para. C

FROM: Protests shall be in writing (3 copies) and mailed or given to a Board member in a timely manner. (Along with \$25 non-refundable protest fee). Notice of time, date, and location of a hearing if needed will be sent prior to 10 days notice to all parties involved.

TO: Protests shall be submitted to the OASL Board in a timely manner, utilizing the league complaint form. No protests will be accepted 30-days after the end of the season. An email that is acknowledged by an OASL Board member is an acceptable for of communication. A \$25 non-refundable protest fee must be submitted to the OASL prior to the start of a hearing. Notice of time, date, and location of a hearing, if needed, will be sent at least 10 days prior to the hearing, to all parties involved.

Article XIII – PROTESTS AND APPEALS, Para. D

FROM: The referees written report on the game line-up card shall be the basis for all game conduct and prerogatives granted him by the current laws of the game published by FIFA shall not be challenged.

TO: The referees written report on the game line-up card shall be the basis for all game conduct and prerogatives granted him by the current laws of the game published by FIFA shall not be challenged. Additional referee reports submitted to the OASL after the game are acceptable documentation that may be reviewed by the OASL regarding disciplinary hearings, protests, and appeals.

Article XIV – DISCIPLINARY RULINGS AND PUNISHMENT, Para. F

FROM: Any coach receiving a yellow card may be disciplined by the Board after review of the referee written report on the game line-up card.

TO: Any coach receiving a yellow card may be disciplined by the Board after review of the referee written report on the game line-up card. Additional referee reports submitted to the OASL after the game are acceptable documentation that may be reviewed by the OASL.

Article XIV – DISCIPLINARY RULINGS AND PUNISHMENT, Para. G

FROM: Any ejected coach receiving a red card will automatically receive a twelve month probation period from the date of offense and also receive a one game suspension.

TO: Any coach receiving a red card or otherwise being ejected from a match will automatically receive a twelve month probation period from the date of offense and also receive a one game suspension. Additional disciplinary action may be taken by the OASL Board following a review of the incident.

Article XV – GAME OFFICIALS, Para. F

FROM: Referee is responsible for providing linesmen flags.

TO: Referee may request coaches to supply club linesmen, and is responsible for providing linesmen flags. Club linesmen may assist only with calls involving the ball in/out of play. Club linesmen are not permitted to signal for fouls or offside violations.

Article XV – GAME OFFICIALS, Para. K

FROM: Referee has the power to stop the game during progress or before commencement due to severe inclement weather conditions, the game shall be:

1. Rescheduled by the League if called prior to or at half-time.
2. Declared completed if called after half-time and the score shall stand as existing at the time the game was called.

TO: Referee has the power to stop the game during progress or before commencement due to severe inclement weather conditions. The game shall be rescheduled in accordance with Article XI, Paragraph F.

Article XV – GAME OFFICIALS, Para. P

FROM: In the event the scheduled referee does not show up for a game, one of the following must occur:

1. A substitute referee may be agreed to and appointed by coaches.

2. Each coach, or an appointee of his, may referee half of the game (visiting team first, home team second).
3. Home teams may provide a backup referee if possible.
 - a) The substitute referee and both coaches must sign the game card before the start of the game.
 - b) If the above is not mutually agreeable, both teams will be awarded a loss (0 points) for the game.
 - c) Substitute referees are entitled to payment of regular fees, and are entitled to all powers and respect of a regular referee.
 - d) Home team is responsible for legibly completing (including the score) and mailing the line-up card in lieu of the referee.

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 - c) Substitute referees are entitled to payment of regular fees, and are entitled to all powers and respect of a regular referee.
 - d) Home team is responsible for legibly completing (including the score) and mailing the line-up card in lieu of the referee.

Article XXIII – AMENDING THE BY-LAWS

This is a new article, and replaces the sentence found previously in Article III, Para. F

The OASL Board of Directors may approve amendments to the By-Laws. Such changes require a majority vote of the Board members present, at a meeting duly called and specified for such action. Any proposals or motions to amend or change the By-Laws must be presented to the Board members in writing (email is acceptable) at least two-weeks prior to the meeting scheduled for that purpose. An email vote of the Board members is acceptable. The revised By-Laws and/or any amendments shall become effective after the adjournment of the meeting upon which it was voted, providing there is no other date specified for the effective date.