



Fijian Soccer League of Greater Vancouver

POLICIES - 2009

1. PLAYER QUALIFICATIONS:

- a) A Canadian or a permanent resident of Canada with a Fijian origin.
- b) A Non – Fijian who is a resident of Canada.
- c) A Fijian in Canada who has resided in British Columbia for at least 90 days with proof of legal document of intentions of staying in Canada (work permit or application for permanent residence).
- d) The player/associate member shall be responsible for providing the proof of eligibility to the F.S.L.G.V.
- e) Playing members shall be eligible to take part in any League games upon registration and obtaining a valid picture ID from the registration secretary, subject to satisfying all the above criteria.

2. PLAYER REGISTRATION:

- a) All player registration should be handed to the registration secretary no later than 9 p.m. Wednesday, prior to the weekend game.
- b) If the registration is not picked up by the player / Team, than the player who is registered shall not play regardless of whether registration is paid.
- c) All player registration shall be for a term of one calendar year.
- d) Any player who signs with more than one Club, League or Group within the League, will be fined a minimum of **\$200.00** per signing and further discipline.
- e) A player shall be registered two weeks prior to the knockout tournament to be eligible to participate in the tournament. Professional Players shall not be allowed to participate in the Knockout Tournament prior to playing minimum of TWO league games.
- f) A Player can not play in both divisions in the fiscal year. Player may transfer to either division once only, with new registration fees.
- g) A player registered with any other organized Fijian soccer league shall not be able to participate in FSLGV's league and knockout games for that fiscal year.

3. LEAGUE/TOURNAMENT FEES:

- a) The annual registration fees of \$250.00 and Knockout fees of \$300.00 per team/club shall be due and payable before the start of the season. Player registration is \$10.00 per player for the first 25 players and \$20.00 thereafter. **For year 2009 annual registration fee shall be \$100.00.**
All other Tournaments, Registration and All Other applicable Fees Payable By A Club, League Or Group shall be due and payable as determined by the Board of Directors. The annual registration fee payable for the Youth League Games and Tournaments shall be determined by the Board of Directors.
- b) All Club/Team Registration and Tournament Fees are Non-Refundable after the game fixtures have been drawn.
- c) Player registration fee is Non-Refundable once the registration is submitted to the registrar.
- d) Prize money for both divisions as follows:
1st Place - \$1,500.00 / 2nd Place - \$750.00 / 3rd Place - \$300.00

4. MEMBER'S/PLAYER'S RESPONSIBILITIES:

- a) All Members fielding Teams must be members in good standing with the League.
- b) Each Member is to furnish the League with a name, current address and phone numbers of its representatives (director's appointments) to the Board of Directors.
- c) Any Team, wishing to change its name must apply in writing to the league with a \$100.00 filing fee. If the Board of Directors approves the name change, the League Secretary will advise the Team in writing and this "name change" will be effective thereon. If any Team wishes to acquire the name of former Team, that name will be considered as a New Team and shall be required to pay any dues owed by that Team name.
- d) Each Member is responsible to the League for the actions of its Team's members (as is the Team itself), and is required to take all precautions necessary to prevent members from assaulting or threatening other Clubs, League or Group members, League Officials and game Officials before, during and after games within all the playing facilities.
- e) Each Team or group must register its team colors at least one month prior to the opening of the current season. All Teams must register at least two colors (home and away).
- f) When Team colors conflict, the **Home** Team must change.
- g) Each Team is responsible for seeing that its playing members are properly dressed and equipped. This includes shin guards which are now compulsory. Failure to comply may result in the Referees calling the game off in which case the Team in question will lose the points for the game and will be charged for all costs of the game. In any event, the Referees' decision shall be binding and final. If the Team repeats the above offence, the above penalties will apply plus an additional fine as deemed fit by the Disciplinary Committee.

4 - Member's / Player's Responsibilities Cont'd.....

- h)* Team lists, as provided by the League, shall be properly filled out, the names and numbers being printed, stating the full names of the players including substitutes that the Team intends to use in the games. The player name and the jersey number must correspond with the numbering on the team list and the list “must” be handed to the Referee before the start of a game. The referees will be instructed to have the team list verified before the start of the game. If time is lost due to delay of producing the list then the referee will adjust the playing time accordingly and the teams will be disciplined respectively. If the minimum 7 players are not fielded at the start off time then the referee will call the game over and the board will award the points accordingly.
- i)* Referees are to be paid at the beginning of a game. The Referees’ fees are to be shared equally between the two Teams.
- j)* Each Home Team must provide the following:
 - 1. The field has to be marked.
 - 2. Regulation size corner flags properly and securely placed.
 - 3. Goal nets are in satisfactory condition and properly installed.
- k)* Each Team shall be responsible for its own travelling arrangements to all League games.
- l)* When the winning Team has been ascertained, the League shall present the trophies to such Team, which shall be responsible to return them to the League within 90 days after presentation. Any **awards** due will be payable upon return of such trophies. Should the trophies be destroyed, damaged or lost while under the care and custody of such Team, the amount of its “replacement value” or the cost of repairs shall be borne by the same Team.
- m)* All trophy engraving shall be done by and at the cost of the winning Team.
- n)* Each Team shall register unlimited number of Fijian players per year and all dues must be paid in full prior to commencing any games or tournaments.
- o)* Maximum of two (2) replacements will be allowed throughout the year for Non-Fijian players ONLY, upon surrender of replacement player’s registration.
- p)* Premier Division shall register a maximum of three (3) Non – Fijian Players, 3 playing at any time, for the current playing year.
- q)* Masters Division shall register a maximum of three (3) Non – Fijian Players, 3 playing at any time, for the current playing year.
- r)* Masters Division players must be 35 years of age or older at the time of registration.

4. MEMBER’S RESPONSIBILITIES:

- a)* The privileges of any Member, which has not paid all its’ dues for the past fiscal year shall be withdrawn from the League.
- b)* The Board of Directors, by a vote of 75% majority, at a Board of Directors meeting may remove any Member whose conduct or performance has been considered to be unsatisfactory.

4 - Member's Responsibilities Cont'd.....

- c)* Any Member may withdraw from the League by notifying the Secretary in writing, provided the registration fees are paid up and is not otherwise in debt to the League.
- d)* All standings of the Member resigning or removed from the league before the completion of the schedule will be eradicated from the records and their performance bond forfeited, if paid.
- e)* Any Member wishing to participate in an outside tournament must first obtain permission from the league. Failure to do so may result in fines and/or suspension to the offending Member. No permission will be granted during scheduled League games and tournaments.
- f)* Any playing member selected to play in a representative game or match arranged by the League and without sufficient cause refuses to comply with the arrangements of this League for playing such game, or failing to play in such a match, may be judged by the league to have been guilty of misconduct. Any official found to have encouraged or instructed a playing member to commit a breach of instruction or rule shall be deemed to have committed a similar offence. The Board of Directors will take actions as deemed fit or such action may be taken by the Disciplinary Committee as appointed by the current Board of Directors.
- g)* Any club having defaulted three (3) consecutive games in a season without legitimate cause may be immediately expelled from the League, at the discretion of the Board of Directors.
- h)* Any playing member registered with the League shall not be permitted to play with any other organized Fijian origin soccer association. Reinstatement of the player shall require a payment of \$100.00 fine and posting of a \$200.00 bond.

6. EXTRAORDINARY POWER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

- a)* The Board of Directors, by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) majority, may, from time to time, institute temporary rules and regulations covering specific circumstances not covered and/or overriding ambiguity in this policies. However, a review and decision must be made final at the next Annual General Meeting for future use of these rules and regulations.
- b)* All policy revision(s) shall be conducted at the Annual/Special General meeting, if necessary.

7. SUBSTITUTES:

- a)* Each Team is permitted unlimited changes during a game, which includes overtime played.
- b)* A substitute can only go on a field of play when the ball is out of play, and must first report to the Referee.
- c)* A playing member cannot be substituted for another sent off the field by the Referee.

8. PROTESTS:

- a) All protests must be in writing and must contain the particulars of the grounds on which they are founded.
- b) All protests must be filled out in triplicate and handed to the League's secretary within – twenty four (24), hours of the completion of the game. Proof of mailing within the said 24-hour period shall be satisfactory compliance.
- c) The sum of \$150.00 dollars in cash must accompany the protest and if the protest is not sustained, this amount will be forfeited and if the protest is sustained, \$75.00 will be refunded.
- d) The League Secretary shall send one copy of the protest to the Team against whom the protest was lodged.
- e) Any Team found guilty of playing an ineligible player in a game should forfeit the game point or points to the opposing Team.
- f) In the event that a losing team is proven to have played an ineligible player in a game, the rule will apply as set under the discipline rule – Team violation section “14”.
- g) No protest shall be considered from any Team refusing to complete a match when instructed by the Referee.
- h) The decision of the Board of Directors shall be binding and final.

9. DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE:

- a) Disciplinary Committee shall consist of the members of the Executive Board.
- b) All Disciplinary action of the league games shall be handled by the members of the Executive Board of the FSLGV and shall be adhered to the disciplinary rules and regulations of the policies of the Fijian Soccer League of Greater Vancouver, or as deemed fit.

10. APPEALS:

- a) Decisions rendered by the Disciplinary Committee may be subject to an appeal process. All appeals must be in writing and must be in the hands of the League Secretary no later than twenty four (24) hours after the Disciplinary Committee has rendered a decision. A fee of one hundred and fifty (\$150.00) in cash shall accompany an appeal. If the appeal is not sustained, this amount will be forfeited and if the appeal is sustained, \$75.00 will be refunded. The appellant shall serve any disciplinary actions handed down by the discipline committee until the appeal is heard.
- b) During the appeal process, any member of the Board of Directors who is either affiliated with the Team in question, or has a direct interest in the matter being dealt upon and is in conflict of interest shall not vote.

All Appeals Will Be Heard By The Board Of Directors And Shall Be Binding.

11. ABANDONED GAMES:

The game is abandoned in the opinion of the referee:

- a)* The player/players of one or both teams conduct themselves in such a manner and in such a disregard for the rules of the game or directions of the referee that injury or physical conflict may ensue or;
- b)* By the reason of the issuance of red cards the number of players on a team falls below the minimum required by the rules of the game or;
- c)* The refusal of a team official or player to leave the field of play and the area in which the game is played and renders further play impossible.
- d)* The infringement to cause the abandonment of the game shall occur in the playing field. Outside factors shall at no time be considered to abandon a game in any form or another.

If In The Opinion Of The Referee:

- 1) The winning team (players, coaches and managers) are found to be the instigators; the game points shall be forfeited.
- 2) The losing teams found to be the instigator; the game points shall be awarded to the winning teams.
- 3) Both teams are equally responsible, than neither team shall receive any points or goals scored.
- 4) If the game is a tie, the instigator shall receive zero (0) points and the other team shall be awarded one (1) point and one (1) goal.

In all instances above, no replay of games shall be allowed and further disciplinary actions shall be taken against the offenders. Notwithstanding the above, where the findings of the Referee cannot conclusively establish the identity of the instigator, the matter will then be decided by the Board of Directors and appropriate actions, as deemed necessary, shall be taken.

12. SCHEDULES:

- a)* Any Team responsible for defaulting a game shall be charged with all expenses incurred for the preparation of such game and a fine, as deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors, will be imposed on such Team.
- b)* The Team defaulting a game shall forfeit three (3) points of that game, and the opposing club shall be awarded three (3) points of that game and a one (1) - zero (0) win for that game.
- c)* All Teams shall be awarded a one (1) – zero (0) victory and three (3) points; irrespective of the past records against the resigning Teams, leagues or groups.

12. Schedules Cont'd.....

- d) Points shall be awarded on the basis of three (3) points for a win, one (1) point for a tie and zero (0) points for a loss.
- e) There shall be no postponement of scheduled league games except as authorized by the Board of Directors, or in a case of death in the immediate family of a player and/or official of the teams concerned. Immediate family being; parents, grandparents, brothers, sisters and in-laws. Any team falsifying the above clause shall be subject to a two hundred (\$200.00) dollar fine and shall forfeit the game in question. Games may be postponed in cases of field conditions or cancellation by the Surrey Parks Board. **“Any replay of a postponed game should be approved by the board 24 hours before start time and a referees report has to be provided after the game”.**

13. DISCIPLINE - “PLAYER” VIOLATIONS

13.1 RED CARD: A player, substitute or substituted player is sent off and shown the red card if he commits any of the following seven offences:

- 1) Is guilty of serious foul play (ball in playing distant).
- 2) Is guilty of violent conduct.
- 3) Spits at an opponent or any other player.
- 4) Denies the opposing team a goal or an obvious goal scoring.
- 5) Denies an obvious goal scoring opportunity to an opponent moving to wards the player’s goal by an offence punishable by a free kick or penalty.
- 6) Uses offensive or insulting or abusive language and/or gestures.
- 7) Receives a second caution (yellow card) in the same match.

13.2

VIOLATION

PENALTY

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| A. Red card | One (1) additional game suspension plus \$25.00 fine |
| B. Second Red Card | Two (2) additional games plus \$50.00 fine |
| C. Third Red Card | Three (3) additional games plus \$ 100.00 fine. |

The Above Fines And Suspensions Are Not Subject To The Appeal Process.

#13- Discipline - Player Violations Cont'd.....

<u>13.3</u>	<u>OFFENCE COMMITTED</u>	<u>PENALTY</u>
a)	Abuse in any language, gestures & spitting at any player, league or game officials	Minimum three (3) games plus \$200.00 fine and additional fine as deemed fit by the Board of Directors
b)	Physical abuse of referees or League Officials	Five (5) games plus \$300.00 fine Fines to be paid before reinstatement.
c)	Instigator of a fight	\$400.00 fine and the player suspended from the date of the incident for a minimum of three (3) games
d)	Retaliator in a fight	\$300.00 fine and the player suspended from the date of the incident for a minimum of three (3) games
e)	Third person involved in a Fight	\$500.00 fine and the player suspended from the date of the incident for a minimum of five (5) games
f)	Indecent exposure	Minimum \$200.00 fine and the player suspended from the date of the incident for a minimum of one (1)Calendar year.
g)	Any playing member who deliberately tries to injure another player shall be suspended for a minimum of one calendar year. The referee's report and/or verbal input, in the presence of the disciplinary committee or the Board , shall be a factor in the decision imposed.	
h)	A Player in violation of 2 (g) shall be reinstated the following year with a minimum fine of \$300 and a bond of \$500.00.	
i)	Any registered league player either entering or leaving a field of play to initiate or get involve in a fight will be penalized with 10 games suspension and \$1000 fine.	

14. DISCIPLINE - "TEAM" VIOLATIONS

The term "TEAM" defines for all the Team officials, Team players and fans of the Team

<u>VIOLATION</u>	<u>PENALTY</u>
a) Abuse in any language towards Any League or Game officials	Minimum \$300.00 fine, fines and further action as deemed fit by the Board of Directors.
b) Physical abuse of Referees Or League official	Minimum One calendar year suspension from the date of incident plus \$700.00 fine for the Team. All fines to be paid before reinstatement.

The above fines and suspensions are not subject to the appeal process

#14- Discipline - Team Violations Cont'd.....

VIOLATION

PENALTY

<i>c)</i> Instigator of a fight/ brawl	Minimum \$200.00 fine, fines and further action as deemed fit by the Board of Directors.
<i>d)</i> Retaliator in a fight	Minimum \$300.00 fine, fines and further action as deemed fit by the Board of Directors.
<i>e)</i> Third Team involvement in a Brawl	Minimum \$500.00 fine, fines and further action as deemed fit by Board of Directors.
<i>f)</i> Indecent exposure	Minimum \$200.00 fine, fines and further action as deemed fit by the Board of Directors
<i>g)</i> Defaulting, Abandoning & Incomplete game	Minimum \$200.00 fine and loss of point
<i>h)</i> Defaulting or Abandoning of 2 nd game	Minimum \$400.00 fine and loss of point
<i>i)</i> Defaulting or Abandoning of 3 rd game	Minimum \$500.00 fine and loss of points
<i>j)</i> Incompletion of game in progress	Minimum \$400.00 fine and loss of points
<i>k)</i> Failure to prepare ground	Loss of points plus game expenses if the game is not played
<i>l)</i> Brawl	Immediate expulsion from the league
<i>m)</i> Ineligible player 1 st offence	Loss of points plus \$50.00 fine
Ineligible player 2 nd offence	Loss of points plus \$75.00 fine
Ineligible player 3 rd offence	Loss of points plus \$100.00 fine
<i>n)</i> Consuming alcohol in Surrey Parks is strictly prohibited	Any infringement in regards to alcohol consumption will be severely dealt by the league.
<i>o)</i> If any team or fans of teams, cause the league to lose fields, that team will be suspended for the rest of the season and a \$500.00 fine will be imposed on the team. This also applies to alcohol consumption and indecent exposures at the field.	

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- I)* In the case of Team being suspended or a team withdrawing for the year or season, re-entry shall be at the discretion of the Board of Directors and if approved re-entry shall be a \$500.00 fine plus bond of \$1000.00.

- 2) In the case of Team being expelled from the League, re-entry either with the existing name or a new name shall be at the discretion of the Board of Directors and if approved re-entry shall be \$750.00 plus bond of \$1500.00.
- 3) In the case of team official being found guilty, the fines will apply as defined above and if the said party is a sitting member of the Board of Directors he or she shall be immediately suspended from the Board of Directors, and will only be reinstated with the approval of the Board of Directors. Additional fines will be imposed as deemed fit by the Board of Directors.
- 4) In the case of the fan the Team will be responsible for their conduct, and any fines arising there from.
- 5) In the case where the guilty party is not a fan of the Team, it is the Teams responsibility to request that person to leave the area. If the subject refuses to leave than the team official has to inform one of the Executives. The league then, will handle the matter, suitable at their discretion.
- 6) Due to the ruling of Surrey Parks Board they have zero tolerance policy on drinking liquor in their fields and if found guilty the league may lose the fields. All penalties as noted above apply.
- 7) In case of discrepancy or ambiguity in the game laws or bylaws, the BC Soccer Association rules will apply. Failing this, FIFA ruling will be final.
- 8) Previous record of parties concerned will be taken into consideration.

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15. PREVIOUS DISCIPLINARY PROBLEMS:

- a) Any player or Team official that has a poor discipline record in the past with any organized soccer League, who wishes to join the Fijian Soccer League of Greater Vancouver, shall be made subject to strict rules by the League. Those members, if allowed to participate, will be subject to placement of a maximum of \$3000.00 performance bond or otherwise as decided by the board of directors. The performance bond will remain with the League for the entire calendar year, whether the player/official in question remains a playing member/official of the League or not. The performance bond, if eligible, shall only be claimed by the player/official in question. The performance bond shall not be refunded if the player/official in question violates any or all of the rules in Discipline Item #14, except, Red Card Violations. The performance bond will be on a yearly basis and further appropriate actions will be taken when required, unless otherwise decided by the Board of Directors.
- b) Any non playing member guilty of the above shall be fined and/or legally restrained from attending all functions of the league.

16. REFEREES:

- a)* The referee shall have the power to decide the condition of the grounds in all matches.
- b)* Referees are required within forty eight (48) hours of the conclusion of a match at which they officiate, to forward to the secretary of the association, a written report, with the results of the game and a copy of the team list.
- c)* All matches shall commence at the time appointed by the scheduling committee for the commencement of such matches. If for some reason an Associate Member is unable to field a team, a ten (10) minute grace period shall be allowed. If at the conclusion of the grace period, the Associate Member in question is unable to field a team or is unwilling to proceed with the match; the referee shall blow the whistle and declare the game as being defaulted. All penalties for a defaulted game shall apply.
- d)* A team of less than seven (7) players shall not be allowed to commence a game.
- e)* During the 90 or 60 minutes of a scheduled league game or tournament game the referee is in charge and the League or member shall not interfere or change the result of the game or uplift any violation cited by the Referee.
- f)* In case a Referee losses control of a match, the Executives may change the Referee.

17. FUNCTIONS - AWARDS AND COMPETITIONS:

- Fijian League Championships
 - Fijian Knockout Tournaments
 - Fijian Inter-District (IDC) Tournament
 - Youth Tournaments
 - Fijian Premier Division (Formerly Division 1)
 - Fijian Masters Division
 - Presentation Night
 - Girls Division (2008)
- a)* Each Team Shall Sell Minimum Of Seven (7) Tickets For Presentation Night Function.

TECHNICAL RULES FOR KNOCKOUT TOURNAMENT AND LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

18. KNOCKOUT TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONSHIP:

- a) The tournament winner shall be decided on a pool system.
- b) In case of a tie in the preliminary rounds, the winner shall be decided by a shoot-out. The winner shall receive 2 (two) points and 1 (one) additional goal; the loser shall receive 1 (one) point and 0 (zero) additional goals.
- c) The four teams with the most points and the best goal averages shall advance to the semi finals. In the event two or more teams obtain an equal number of points, the goal difference of the matches played by each of the teams shall be decisive. The goal difference is obtained by deducting the number of goals scored against from the number of goals scored for.
- d) If the goal difference of two or more teams is equal, the team having scored more goals shall be declared the winner. If the teams have scored the same number of goals, the winner shall be decided by following this formula “goals for **divided** by goals against **times 100.**”
- e) If the teams involved have the same goal difference the winner shall then be decided by penalty kicks and/or drawing of lots. This decision shall be at the discretion of the Tournament Committee. **“If there is a 2 way tie then a coin will be tossed to determine the winner but if there is a 3 way tie then a winner will be determined by drawing the name(s) from the hat:.”**
- f) In the event that the final match is held to a draw on the completion of regulation time, the winner shall be decided by two (2) seven and half (7 1/2) minute overtime periods and if the teams are still tied, penalty kicks shall be used to decide the winner or as decided by the Tournament Committee prior to the start of the tournament. **“SILVER GOAL RULE SHALL APPLY.”**
- g) Any team failing to complete a match (for any reasons other than abandoning the game) shall be disqualified for the entire tournament and all tournament results for the said team shall be null and void whereby the opposing teams, regardless of the previous records, shall be granted a one-goal victory. The team in question shall be fined a minimum of two hundred dollars (\$200.00). Matches may not be completed subject to poor field conditions or darkness.
- h) Any team found to have influenced another team in defaulting a scheduled game shall be fined two hundred dollars (\$200.00).

19. LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS:

- a)* At the completion of the schedule, the club with the most points arrived on the basis of three (3) points for a win and (1) point for a tie shall be declared the League Champions.
- b)* If any endowments are to be awarded, the allotment for League Champions shall be greater than any tournament allotments. However, this may vary at the request of the sponsors.
- c)* If two or more teams obtain an equal number of points, the goal difference of the matches played between each of the teams shall be decisive. The goal difference is obtained by deducting the number of goals scored against from the number of goals scored for.
- d)* If the goal differences of two or more teams are equal, the team having scored the most goals shall be declared the winner. If teams involved have scored the same number of goals the winner shall be decided by following this formula $\{gf/g \times 100\}$.
- e)* If the teams involved have scored the same goal difference by this formula, a tie shall be declared and all endowments and trophies shall be shared equally.

20. MASTER'S DIVISON:

- a)* There shall be no slide tackle allowed in any League games or Tournaments.

21. NEW TEAMS:

- a)* Any new teams shall have only four (4) former registered players of the league. All other playing members must be new or must have not represented the Fijian Soccer League within the past 1 year.
- b)* The new team can only pick one (1) player from an existing Team.
- c)* All new teams must have their jersey color approved by the board before registration.

22. DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

- a)* There shall be three (3) representatives from each Team to be on the Board of Directors and only one (1) vote shall be allowed from each Team.
- b)* A fine of \$25.00 per team, per meeting shall be imposed to the team for missing any meetings.
- c)* All decision shall be made and implemented at the Board of Directors meeting.
- d)* Board of Directors meeting shall be conducted at least once a month unless determined otherwise.
- e)* In case of the Board of Directors being defunct, the Executive Board will than make decision the on behalf of the Board of Directors and all decisions made in this situation will be binding and shall not require future Board of Directors approval.