

# **Fijian Soccer League Of Greater Vancouver**

## **2019 League Policy**

### **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 30 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 respective League games and tournaments upon registration and obtaining a valid permanent FSLGV picture ID card from the registrar subject to satisfying all of the above criterias.**
- f) A player is considered to have played or have taken part in active soccer if the player's respective team has played any scheduled FSLGV game after the date of players registration.
- g) A player adopted by Fijian parents shall be registered as a Fijian.

### **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) Every new player is to furnish the League with a picture BC ID that allows the league to confirm legal name and date of birth.

c) All player registration shall be for a term of one calendar year which is from the time of registration to 31st December. Players shall only be registered in the same fiscal year they would be playing in.

d) Any player who signs with more than one Club within the same division will be fined a Minimum of \$150 per signing and further discipline. Unless a player is registered as a dual to play both the divisions.

e) All player registration will close 14 days (2 weeks) prior to the knockout tournament. Professional Players shall not be allowed to participate in the Knockout Tournament prior to playing minimum of two league games.

g) A player registered with any other unaffiliated organized Fijian soccer league shall not be able to participate in FSLGV's league and knockout games anytime.

h) Suspension of a player by any affiliated association will be honoured by FSLGV if there is formal notice. This means that a player could be refused registration or the registration could be revoked.

i) Players under the age of 19 years registering with the league will be required to have parents/Guardians permission signed on a specific player registration form or a standard consent registration form provided by the League. Team delegates registering players under the age of 19 must verify the age and the identification of the player before submitting registration form to the registrar.

j) If a team cease to continue in between the season after playing 50% of its scheduled games, the players of that team could be re-registered with other clubs

to continue their season, subject to approval by the folding clubs President/Director and Leagues Secretary.

k) Dual registered players shall serve their suspension in the applicable division they have been disciplined in. Unless, it's a game official abuse.

All fines must be paid before the next game regardless of whichever division the Player is participating in.

L) Each team shall register 20 players only including non-Fijian players per year.

All dues must be paid in full prior to commencing any League games or tournaments.

m) A player's age shall be determined to be eligible to play for the season in the same calendar year he or she qualifies before Dec 31<sup>st</sup>.

n) Masters 35 division may register two over 30 age Fijian players to participate in the League and tournaments.

o) Premier division shall participate in the league and knockout with no restrictions on non-Fijian players.

p) Masters division may register two non-Fijian players at anytime of the year, with only one playing each time per game.

### **3. LEAGUE/TOURNAMENT FEES:**

a) **Masters 35 division** annual registration fees of \$1000.00 includes \$450.00 for league games, Knockout fees of \$350.00 and field preparation of \$200.00 per club. All registration fees are due and payable before the start of the season.

b) **Masters 45 division:** The annual registration fee of \$500.00 includes league registration and field marking only. No knockout fee or prize money for this division. The game shall be officiated by one referee only with 90mins duration.

c) **Premier division:** The annual registration fee of \$700.00 includes league registration and field marking only with a prize money of \$1000.00 for winner only. Knockout fee not included.

d) Player registration fee is \$20.00 per player.

e) All other tournaments registration and any applicable fees payable by 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 fees are Non-Refundable after the team registration is closed.

c) Player registration fee is Non-Refundable once the registration is submitted to the registrar.

### **League Prize Money:**

a) Masters 35 division: 1st Place - \$1,000.00, 2nd Place - \$500.00.

b) Premier division: 1<sup>st</sup> place only \$1000.00.

c) Masters 45 division: No prize money

d) Each team must register and obtain ID for a President, Manager and Coach.

Contact information of the team officials will be posted on the website.

e) Teams shall be registered prior to the AGM by paying applicable registration fees. Team delegates can withdraw their team 14 days after the AGM without any penalty. New delegates can take over team representation if the registration is not paid before the AGM or if the team is withdrawn 14 days after the registration. All registration will close 21 days after the AGM.

f) No team shall be given leave of absence.

g) Two teams shall be allowed to merge up to one year only, provided both the teams name are registered together. Following season both teams could register as an old team. Only two representatives will be allowed from the merged team.

#### **4. MEMBER'S/PLAYER'S RESPONSIBILITIES:**

a) All members fielding teams must be members in good standing with the League. A Playing registered member of the league shall adhere to all the policies and rules of the FSLGV whilst being a member. Each member is responsible to the League for the actions of its team 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.

b) Each Member is to furnish the League with legal name, current address and phone numbers.

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.

d) 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.

f) 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.

Starting 2019 season, teams will be provided with a weekly updated player list by the league via email or posted on the website with 3 copies to be printed by the team officials and brought to the field on the game day. Copy 1 to be given to the referee. Copy 2 to be given to the opposite team. Copy 3 to be kept with the team. The updated player list will be sent out by every Friday.

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 time then the referee will call the game over and the board will award the points accordingly. The team coach/Manager and President have an option to be present on the field to assist the game officials to verify the opposite team player ID cards. Any ambiguity shall be reported to the

game officials prior to the match.

g) Referees are to be paid at the beginning of a game. The Referees' fees are to be shared equally between the two teams.

h) Home team will be responsible for the game ball.

i) 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 the 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. All Individual rotational trophies presented to players/Members must be returned to the league prior to the membership renewal. Individual awards will only be given to the recipients at any award ceremony. If recipient is not available at the time of the award, League will retain the trophy in its possession until the recipient claims the trophy in person.

## **5. MEMBER'S RESPONSIBILITIES:**

a) The privileges of any Member who has not paid all their dues for the past/present 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. The Board of Directors consist of Executive Board members and 2 members in good standing from each league team.

- 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 player wishing to take part in the same tournament as FSLGV representative team then they should get a formal clearance from the secretary at least 48 hours before the game time. Players would be allowed to play for their

birth country or the birth country of the parents but clearance from the league must be obtained as prescribed above. Players found guilty of this misconduct will be suspended minimum 5 games with a \$300.00 fine and any other fines deemed by the Board of Directors.

h) 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.

i) Any playing member registered with the League shall not be permitted to play with any other Non-affiliated organized Fijian origin soccer association.

Reinstatement of the player shall require a payment of \$200.00 fine and posting of a \$500.00 bond.

## **6. EXTRAORDINARY POWER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

a) The Executive Board by a majority vote may from time to time institute temporary rules and regulations covering specific circumstances not covered and/or overriding ambiguity in these 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 filed via email 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. It's the sole discretion of the team officials to verify and submit the accurate information to the registrar.

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.
- e) Weather conditions which can make the field of play unsafe to use or the field of play could be damaged.

### **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. 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) - The goal forward for the winning team will be determine by calculating the average goal forward for the wining team at the end of season and the average goal against for the defaulting team at the end of season whichever is higher and not less then 3 goals. Same rule will apply for incomplete games

b) 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.

c) 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.

d) There shall be no postponement of scheduled league games except as

authorized by the Board of Directors or in a case of funeral for the immediate family of a player and/or official of the team taking place locally on the game day. 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.

e) League secretary will re-scheduled the postponed game to be played within 30 days from the postponement date. League secretary will notify both the teams for the time and date of the reschedule game. The team who are requesting the postponement will pay the ground fees if applicable.

### **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 causing physical injury to its opponent player.
- 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 towards 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**

- A. Red card One (1) additional game suspension plus \$25.00 fine
- B. Second Red Card Two (2) additional games suspension plus \$50.00 fine
- C. Third Red Card Three (3) additional games suspension plus \$ 100.00 fine
- D. 3 Yellow Cards any given time, \$25 fine plus 1 game suspension.

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

### **13.3 OFFENCE COMMITTED PENALTY**

- a) Abuse in any language, gestures, spitting Minimum three (3) games suspension plus \$200.00 fine or violent at any player, league or game and additional fine as deemed fit by the Board of officials Directors
- b) Physical abuse of referees Five ( 5) games suspension plus \$300.00 fine or league Officials 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 13.3(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.

j) Any member causing an abandonment of a game or games will be given a minimum of 3 games suspension and a fine of \$200 and any further actions deemed fit by the Board of Directors.

k) Any member found guilty of circumventing the FSLGV policies will be fined \$200.00 and any further fines suspension as deemed fit by the board of directors

l) Any member found consuming Alcohol in the public park will be fined \$50.00 plus one game suspension for the first offence. Two game suspension plus \$100.00 fine for second offence. Third offence- Member shall be suspended from the league for 3 games plus \$200.00 fine and a performance bond shall be set by the disciplinary committee.

m) Discipline action taken during the league and Knockout games shall not carry into the IDC tournament, unless, the player has been disciplined for official and player abuse. League Secretary will use his/her discretion to determine the level of offence before registering the player for IDC team.

#### **14. DISCIPLINE - "TEAM" VIOLATIONS**

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

##### **VIOLATION PENALTY**

- a) Abuse in any language towards any league or game officials a minimum of \$300.00 fine and further discipline action as deemed fit by the Board of Directors.
- b) Physical abuse of referees or towards league officials: Minimum one calendar year suspension from the date of incident plus \$700.00 fine for the team. All fines must be paid before reinstatement.

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

##### **VIOLATION PENALTY**

- c) Instigator of a fight/ brawl Minimum \$200.00 fine, fines and further action as deemed fit by the Board of Directors.
- d) Retaliator in a fight Minimum \$300.00 fine, fines and further action as deemed fit by the Board of Directors.
- e) Third Team involvement in a Brawl Minimum \$500.00 fine, fines and further action as deemed fit by the Board of Directors.
- f) Indecent exposure Minimum \$200.00 fine, fines and further action as deemed fit by the Board of Directors
- g) Defaulting, Abandoning & Incomplete game Minimum \$200.00 fine and loss of point
- h) Defaulting or abandoning of 2nd game Minimum \$400.00 fine and loss of point
- i) Defaulting or abandoning of 3rd game Minimum \$500.00 fine and loss of points

j) Failure to prepare ground Loss of points plus other games not played expenses.

Maximum fine up to \$400

k) Brawl immediate expulsion from the league

l) Ineligible player 1st offence Loss of points plus \$50.00 fine

Ineligible player 2nd offence Loss of points plus \$75.00 fine

Ineligible player 3rd offence Loss of points plus \$100.00 fine

m) 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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1) 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.

#### **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 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 yearly bases. The performance bond

shall be returned to the team/player one month after the end of the season.

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, an online 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 the referee is in charge. League members shall not interfere or change the result of the game or uplift any violation cited by the Referee.

f) If referee loses 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

Girls Division (2008)

Presentation Night – 2 Representatives of each team will be invited to attend.

## **TECHNICAL RULES FOR KNOCKOUT TOURNAMENT AND**

### **LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP**

#### **18. KNOCKOUT TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONSHIP:**

a) The tournament format shall be decided on a pool system or seeding or as determined by TOC prior to the draw of fixtures.

b) In case of a tie in the preliminary rounds, the winner shall be decided by a shoot-out. The winner shall receive 2 points and one additional goals; the loser shall receive 1 point and 0 additional goals. After the penalty shootout, 1goal earned by the winning team shall not be forfeited by the losing team.

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 teams involved have the same goal difference the winner shall then be decided by highest goal scored forward. 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:.

e) 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.

f) 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.

g) Any team found to have influenced another team to default a scheduled game shall be fined two hundred dollars (\$200.00).

h) Quarter-final to Semi-final : 8 teams with most points shall advance to the QF with 4 groups marked as A,B,C & D. Semi-Final shall be determined as such; 1st semi-final- Winner of A vs Winner of D. 2nd semi-final- Winner of B vs. Winner of C.

### **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 teams involved have the same goal difference by this formula then the team with the higher goal forward will be declared the winner. If the goal forward is also same then a tie will be declared and all the endowments and trophies shall be shared equally

### **20. MASTER'S DIVISION:**

a) There shall be no slide tackle allowed in any League games or tournaments.

## **21. NEW TEAMS:**

- a) Any new Fijian base teams shall have only two (2) former registered players from previous season from each team from any of the division. All other playing members must be new or must have not represented the Fijian Soccer League within the past one (1) year.
- c) A team moving to another division will be considered a new team.
- d) New Team Bond will be \$500.00 for a two (2) year term and refundable after year-end of 2nd season.
- e) New team application and division transfer within the FSLGV shall be approved by the executive board prior to introducing the team in the AGM for final voting.

## **22. DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

- a) There shall be 1 representatives and 1 director from each Team to be on the Board of Directors and only one (1) vote shall be allowed from each Team. The team President/Owner of a FSLGV member team shall be a paid member of the FSLGV.
- b) A fine of \$100.00 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 as required 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.

### **23. Nations Cup Rules**

a) All Nations cup coaches term shall be for 2 years only. Coaches' nomination shall be opened prior to the AGM in the year coach will be required for respective divisions.

b) All coaches will be selected/appointed outside the executive Board, a member of an executive board shall serve as a manager or co-manager for the respective division. The member's responsibility shall be to safeguard the assets of the league and assist the coach in grouping players leading up to the tournament.