



Rules and Regulations

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1. Team Registration and Selection

- 1.1. Each season every team desiring entry into Calgary United Soccer Association (CUSA) must register and submit the required deposit.
 - 1.1.1. Applications received after the deadline date may be accepted subject to available room within the League.
 - 1.1.2. The accuracy and validity of an individual's and a club or team registration information is wholly the responsibility of the club or team and their Team Officials.
 - 1.1.3. The deposit fee is only refundable if the Board rejects the application.
 - 1.1.4. Any team that has failed to pay their League fees, late penalties and any other outstanding amounts on their account, by the specified deadlines, may be removed from the League at the discretion of the Board.
 - 1.1.5. Late payment charges will be applied to applications not paid in full by the required dates and any payments refused by the bank.
- 1.2. The Board may reject the application of a team who is not in good standing with CUSA.
- 1.3. The Board may require a team to pay the full League fee and/or post a performance bond at the time of application.
- 1.4. Team Name Change
 - 1.4.1. A team may be requested to change its name prior to receiving final approval of acceptance.
 - 1.4.1.1. Existing teams may change their name prior to the start of a season. The name change request is to be completed when registering.
 - 1.4.1.2. That a team, when a name change has been accepted, who in the prior season was not eligible for promotion or had earned relegation, as the result of being club tied, cannot through the process of a name change earn promotion or avoid relegation for the team changing it's name.
- 1.5. As per Alberta Soccer Association requirement each senior team in CUSA will provide at least one individual to an Entry Level Referee Course annually. April 2017
 - 1.5.1. The course, if passed by the individual, will be paid for by CUSA.
 - 1.5.2. Individuals who, as part of their Notice of Discipline, are required to take an Entry Level Referee Course are not considered as fulfilling this requirement. April 2017
- 1.6. Club Affiliation / Team Mergers
 - 1.6.1. Teams may affiliate together to either form a club or merge into an existing one.
 - 1.6.2. The team officials responsible for the teams involved must complete and submit a copy of the affiliation or merger agreement signed by both teams' representatives, at the time of deposits.
 - 1.6.3. Mergers or affiliations will not be accepted once the season has commenced.
 - 1.6.4. When a merger occurs between two existing teams the merger or affiliation will be considered to be in effect, at minimum, for the next three consecutive seasons that the teams are entered into the League

1.6.4.1. In the Men' program only, should the merger or affiliation create the situation where two club teams exist within one division then the lowest placed team, as determined by League points, will be relegated.

1.7. Team Takeovers / Team Release from Club

1.7.1. All team takeovers / team release must be completed as per CUSA requirements by that season's team registration deadline.

1.7.2. The Board shall not approve any team takeover that, in the opinion of the Board, has the effect of allowing the teams in question to avoid promotion or relegation as set out in each program's league structure, including, but not limited to:

1.7.2.1. Takeovers between a team due to be relegated from the next higher division and a team due to be promoted from the next lower division; and

1.7.2.2. Takeovers between a team due to be promoted or relegated and a team in the same division (or level for split divisions) not facing promotion or relegation.

1.7.3. A team may only be involved in one team takeover per season.

1.7.4. A team may be released from a Club prior to that season's registration deadline.

1.7.4.1. The release will extend to both seasons for that team, if applicable.

1.7.4.2. The release will not allow for promotion for the team being released if that team was previously club tied.

1.7.4.3. The release will not allow for promotion for a second Club team from the same Club if, prior to the release the teams were Club Tied and therefore ineligible for promotion.

1.8. Team Ownership

1.8.1. Ownership of a team for CUSA purposes shall be at the discretion of the Board.

1.8.2. In determining ownership of a team CUSA shall consider all relevant facts provided to it, including but not limited to any of the following:

1.8.2.1. The club or individual who registered the team or took the team over under CUSA takeover rules.

1.8.2.2. Incorporation documentation for the team or club.

1.8.2.3. The club or individuals(s) who have signing authority for the account from which fees are paid.

1.8.2.4. Financial information regarding payments of team expenses including honorarium, purchase of uniforms and equipment, and facility rentals.

1.8.2.5. Information regarding team or club affiliations.

1.8.2.6. Understandings or agreements of the parties regarding ownership.

1.8.2.7. Ability of the parties to field a team for the spot in question.

1.8.2.8. The parties' prior involvement with the team or club.

1.8.2.9. Any other factors as deemed relevant by the Board should a dispute over ownership of a team be submitted to the Board for resolution.

1.9. CUSA shall retain ownership of all team placement positions within the League. Teams may not "give, assign or sell" their League position to another team or organization outside of the

guidelines stated within these regulations.

- 1.10. Every team is required to send a representative to all General Meetings, Annual and Special, and will be fined for non-attendance.

2. Team Officials and Player Registration

- 2.1. Players, team officials, game officials, and spectators may only take part in or attend games on the condition that they observe the published Rules and Regulations and Bylaws of the CUSA.
 - 2.1.1. Each player and team official is responsible for:
 - 2.1.1.1. Being properly registered with CUSA.
 - 2.1.1.2. Complying with CUSA Rules and Regulations.
 - 2.1.1.3. Complying with Alberta Soccer Rules and Regulations.
 - 2.1.1.4. Complying with FIFA "Laws of the Game."
 - 2.1.1.5. Respecting the referee's decisions during the course of play.
- 2.2. CUSA shall collect and retain in their custody such personal identification as is required for League operations. Use and retention of this information will comply with CUSA's Privacy Policy.
- 2.3. For the purpose of registration on gender-based amateur teams, a player may register with the gender team with which the player identifies and is shown to be sincere, as this aligns with ASA Rule 27. April 2017
- 2.4. A player must be 18 years of age or older to register and play with the Co-Ed Soccer program
- 2.5. A player must be 16 years of age or older to be eligible to play in CUSA Men's and Women's programs.
- 2.6. Players under 18 years of age are eligible to play in both CUSA Men's or Women's and youth programs providing they sign with the youth first.
 - 2.6.1. The youth player and their guardian will be required to sign an information sheet. This form shall be required the first time the youth player registers within CUSA, not annually.
 - 2.6.2. Youth players must have the signature of a legal guardian on the player's waiver form.
- 2.7. All teams must register, and maintain for the season, a minimum of 12 and up to a maximum of 25 players.
 - 2.7.1. Teams registered in the Men's Over 45 and Over 55 Divisions may register up to a maximum of 30 players. April 2017
- 2.8. All teams may register up to a maximum of 4 team officials which would include a primary contact and/or coach.
 - 2.8.1. Coaching, management, or team contact changes must be reported immediately in writing to CUSA.
- 2.9. Teams are required to register a qualified coach or manager, of which one must be the same-gender as the team, and meet the Alberta Soccer Coaching Certification levels required for their level of competition. April 2017
- 2.10. All team officials will be required to meet the Canadian Police Information Centre requirements,

(CPIC), as stated by the Alberta Soccer Association and the Canadian Soccer Association.

- 2.10.1. All team officials listed on a team roster of a Provincial Club Team going to a Canadian Soccer Association National Championship must have been CPIC cleared prior to the starting date of the respective Canadian Soccer Association competition. For this purpose a CPIC clearance is valid for a maximum of 36 months.
- 2.10.2. All team officials listed on a team roster of a team going to any competitive level Provincial or Regional Championship must have been CPIC cleared prior to the starting date of the respective Provincial Competition. For this purpose a CPIC clearance is valid for a maximum of 36 months.
- 2.10.3. Any staff person listed on an official team roster of any team in Canada seeking permission from their District or Province to travel outside their local district must be CPIC cleared.
- 2.11. Within a Club, a registered team official may assist any Club team.
- 2.12. Where none of the identified team officials are present for a team's game, an identified team member must be recorded as the coach
- 2.13. It will be the responsibility of the team / player to know the eligibility status of each player and their total of accumulated yellow cards.
 - 2.13.1. Each time a player that has accumulated three yellow cards in a season, excluding double yellow cards in a specific game, that player must serve their suspension in the game(s) immediately following the accumulation of the third yellow card.
 - 2.13.2. Suspensions earned from accumulated yellow cards in one season will carry forward to the next season the individual registers in.
 - 2.13.2.1. Accumulated yellow cards will not carry forward into the next season.
- 2.14. A player without a current CUSA card must be properly registered and have a valid player card prior to playing. April 2017
- 2.15. Players must be registered with Alberta Soccer seven (7) days prior to taking part in a Provincial or Regional Competition. All players and teams are subject to Alberta Soccer's roster and transfer deadlines.
 - 2.15.1. In order to be eligible for a Provincial Championship leading to a National Championship, players must be registered with Alberta Soccer by July 31st of the current year
 - 2.15.2. As per Canadian Soccer Rules, all players competing in a Provincial competition leading to a Regional or National Championship, must be a Canadian citizen, Permanent Resident, or a Protected Person
 - 2.15.2.1. Exemptions may be made using the following guidelines:

All exemption applications must be made through their Provincial Association. All decisions made by the Canada Soccer Eligibility Panel are final and binding;

Players must currently have Government of Canada approved right of abode in Canada and provide a copy of the appropriate paperwork that must be valid to December 31st of the current playing season or beyond;

Players must have received an approved International Transfer Certificate;

Players must be registered with their Provincial/Territorial Associations as of July 31st of the current playing season; in Coastal BC must be registered by March 31st;

Player must have arrived in Canada prior to the start of the outdoor registration;

The deadline for submitting the exemption request is July 31st of the current year and Coastal BC is March 31st;

Teams can only apply for three (3) exemptions per playing season;

Exemptions need to be applied for annually. April 2017

- 2.16. No player may register with CUSA if currently registered in any other soccer league, except youth, collegiate and university and Calgary Co-ed Soccer.
- 2.17. All Players and Team Officials on a CUSA sanctioned roster will be considered members of CUSA, including Alberta Major Soccer League (AMSL), and the United Soccer League (USL) Professional Development League (PDL) players.
 - 2.17.1. CUSA registered players that participate in the AMSL, USL or PDL may not play in Calgary Co-Ed Soccer the season they are registered in the AMSL, USL or PDL. April 2017
- 2.18. Master's players must be 35 years of age before January 1st of the start of the season to be eligible for Outdoor and before January 1st prior to that year's Indoor Provincial Championships.
- 2.19. Classic's players must 30 years of age before January 1st of the start of the season to be eligible for Outdoor and before January 1st prior to that year's indoor Provincial Championships
 - 2.19.1. Classics teams can register a maximum of 2 players, 27 years of age by January 1st of the start of the season. These players will not be eligible to compete at any Provincials Championships as per the Alberta Soccer Association Competition Rules.
- 2.20. Men's Over 45 division players must be at least 45 years of age prior to registering.
- 2.21. Players for Over 55 teams must be at least 55 years of age prior to registering, however;
 - 2.21.1. In the Outdoor 2017 season, less than half of the roster may be less than 55 years of age but at least have had their 53rd birthday;
 - 2.21.2. In the Outdoor 2018 season, less than half of the roster may be less than 55 years of age but at least have had their 54th birthday;
 - 2.21.3. In the Outdoor 2019 season, all players must be 55 years of age or older. April 2017
- 2.22. Players residing outside of Calgary or having last played in another soccer district require a release from the applicable jurisdiction.
 - 2.22.1. Returning players to CUSA, who reside outside of Calgary, may have this release obtained by CUSA.
 - 2.22.2. Written clearance must be submitted for each season for which the player registers.
 - 2.22.3. A player from another province shall not be registered until written clearance is received from the provincial association of the province in which he was previously registered.
 - 2.22.4. A player arriving from another country shall not be registered until CUSA receives clearance from the Registrar of the country in which he was previously registered.
- 2.23. Professional (non Amateur) players that are looking to join CUSA will be subjected to the Canadian Soccer Rules of Reinstatement.



3. CUSA ID Cards

- 3.1. Players must have a valid ID card for the program in which they are playing. The individual programs are;
 - 3.1.1. CUSA Men's
 - 3.1.2. CUSA Women's
 - 3.1.3. CUSA COED – Indoor
 - 3.1.4. CUSA COED – Outdoor
 - 3.1.5. CUSA Men's Futsal
 - 3.1.6. CUSA Women's Futsal
- 3.2. ID Cards must match the club the individual is playing with. April 2017
- 3.3. All individuals are responsible for the use of their ID cards. This includes situations when the ID card is utilized and discipline, including fines and penalties, are applied against the individual.
- 3.4. The ID card is the property of CUSA and must be returned upon request.
- 3.5. Card presentation prior to a match
 - 3.5.1. Players are to present their cards to the official individually and state (show) the jersey number under which they will be playing.
 - 3.5.2. All bench personnel are to present their cards to the official individually.
- 3.6. Individuals may not be in the bench area of a team without having a valid CUSA ID card.

4. League Standings

- 4.1. League standings will be decided on points, which will be allocated as follow:
 - 3 points for a win
 - 1 point for a tie
 - 0 points for a loss.
 - Plus Fair Play points divided by 2 (COED Only)
- 4.2. When teams finish the League equal on points, divisional winners shall be decided as follows:
 - 4.2.1. Goal difference (total goals for minus total goals against).
 - 4.2.1.1. In the interest of fair play and sportsmanship, a goal difference of no more than 5 points is recorded and that score becomes the official score of the game. (COED only)
 - 4.2.2. Results against each other.
 - 4.2.3. Most goals scored.
 - 4.2.4. Fewest goals against.
 - 4.2.5. Goal difference against each other.
- 4.3. In considering the disposition of points and goals when a team fails to complete its League schedule, the following shall apply:
 - 4.3.1. For a team withdrawing or removed, if it has played all of its opponents at least once, the results of the first games against each opponent will stand. If a team is withdrawing or removed, not having played each team once, then Rules 4.3.2 or 4.3.3 shall apply.
 - 4.3.1.1. The scores for all games other than the first games that have been played against the withdrawn or removed team will be 2-0 for the opponents for the outdoor season and 4 – 0 for the indoor season and 3 points for each game not

played. A Fair Play rating of 10 points per game will be awarded.

- 4.3.2. For a team withdrawing, or removed, before it has completed two-thirds of the League schedule, but not having played each of its opponents once, all games in which they have participated shall be declared null and void and respective goals and points shall be struck from the records.
- 4.3.3. For a team withdrawing, or removed, after it has completed two-thirds or more of the League schedule, the remaining opponents would be awarded a 2 - 0 win for the outdoor season and 4 – 0 win for the indoor season , and three (3) points for each game not played. A Fair Play rating of 10 points per game will be awarded.
- 4.3.4. The team(s) withdrawing or removed shall have all their points struck from the records.
- 4.3.5. The team(s) withdrawing or removed shall, for the purpose of relegation and promotion and the promotional challenge seeding, be deemed to occupy the bottom position (s) of their division or group.
- 4.3.6. Player attendance, yellow and red cards, and guest playing statistics remain on record.
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- 4.4. It is the expectation of the League that a team which competes in divisions that qualify for provincials will represent the League at the Provincial competition.
 - 4.4.1. Teams that wish to forgo their opportunity to represent the League / District at the Provincial competition must notify the League in writing prior to the commencement of the season of their withdrawal.
 - 4.4.2. Teams that commence play within the season and withdraw, either before or following their qualification, will be subject to disciplinary action by the League. April 2017
 - 4.4.3. Teams may provide written notification to the league that they wish not to participate in their provincial tier, should they qualify. Such notification is due no later than 1 week prior to the ASA Provincial Declaration deadline. April 2017

5. Uniforms and Equipment

- 5.1. Uniforms
 - 5.1.1. All player equipment must meet standards as per the FIFA Laws of the Game.
 - 5.1.2. All player jerseys must be visibly numbered with no temporary numbers (i.e. Tape, handwritten, etc.).
 - 5.1.3. Team colours must be registered with CUSA prior to the start of each season.
 - 5.1.3.1. The Visiting Team shall wear the uniform designated as their Alternate colors as registered with the League.
 - 5.1.3.2. The Home Team shall wear the uniform designated as their Primary colors as registered with the League.
 - 5.1.3.3. The Home team shall be responsible for changing its uniform if in the opinion of the referee the colours are too similar with those of the opponent.
 - 5.1.4. Teams are required to have a complete set of alternate jerseys complete with numbers.
 - 5.1.4.1. Training “bibs” or “pinnies” are not allowed in any Men’s or Women’s game.

5.1.4.1.1.1. Co-Ed team's are allowed to use "bibs" or "pinnies" as an alternate jersey provided player numbers are clearly visible. April

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5.1.5. If a team chooses to play with jerseys that are predominately the same colour as the game official's jersey, then they will have to supply the game official with an alternate coloured referee jersey prior to the start of the match

5.1.6. Teams are responsible to ensure that they have sufficient jerseys for all participants, exchanging of jerseys not permitted. The referee shall permit players to change shirts in the case of blood on the shirt or if the shirt is torn.

5.1.7. Individuals who do not have matching or complete uniforms cannot participate.

5.2. Equipment

5.2.1. Game officials will align with FIFA Laws of the Game – Law 4 to govern what additional equipment is permitted i.e. casts, braces head gear etc.

5.2.2. The Home team shall supply 2 game balls that meet standards as per FIFA Laws of the Game.

5.2.3. The team captain(s) may be identified by an armband.

6. Scheduling & Match Play

6.1. CUSA shall be responsible for scheduling all games and ensuring that playing fields are provided for these games.

6.1.1. CUSA will endeavor to schedule teams such that they play no more than 3 games within a one-week period.

6.2. It is the responsibility of the team to check with the specified Field Closure Line to determine the status of the field in the Outdoor seasons.

6.3. CUSA will endeavor to accommodate any reasonable requirements pertaining to scheduling of games, providing it is submitted in writing with the team application.

6.3.1. Teams are to provide written requests for scheduling considerations at the time of registration.

6.3.2. Subject to the guidelines outlined in the Reschedule Policy, games may not be changed or postponed because a team involved has lost the service of a player or players due to injury, illness, holidays, etc.

6.4. CUSA will inform the team of any change in a scheduled game. For any rescheduling of a game, a minimum of 4 days notice will be given, unless both teams agree to play at an earlier time.

6.4.1. To accommodate play-offs and end of season games the notice time may be shortened.

6.4.2. When games are rescheduled, Provincial Cup games will be given priority over League and City Cup games.

6.4.3. Where and when possible, all games will be rescheduled.

6.5. When Home teams provide their own club field for CUSA League games, the team is responsible to ensure that the field is suitable for play. Fields are to be lined, grass mowed and proper nets provided. It will be at the discretion of the game official to determine the suitability

of the field for play. Where the game official has determined that the field is not suitable for play, the CUSA Discipline Committee will determine what, if any penalty is applied to the Home team.

7. Game Sheets

- 7.1. Both teams will fill out a game sheet and present the sheet to the Game Official at least 10 minutes prior to kick off for outdoor games, and prior to entering the field for indoor games.
- 7.2. A maximum of 20 players may be listed on the game sheet.
 - 7.2.1. Guest players must be identified on the game sheet.
 - 7.2.2. Youth players must have signed restrictive player movement passes that will be attached to the game sheet. The Youth Player ID Number shall be recorded on the game sheet (Men's and Women's program only).
- 7.3. The Team Official or designated player placing his signature on a game sheet is verifying its accuracy and will be held accountable for the information recorded.
- 7.4. Any individual recorded on the game sheet will be deemed to have participated in the game unless a line crosses them out or unless proven otherwise.
- 7.5. No individuals can be added to the game sheet after the start of the game.
- 7.6. Prior to the start of the second half a team official may strike off any player not yet arrived at the field for play.
- 7.7. After the start of the second half;
 - 7.7.1. A team official can make no changes to the game sheet.
 - 7.7.2. Players arriving after the start of the second half may not join the game.
- 7.8. A challenge by the opposing team to a player's eligibility may be recorded on the game sheet at the time of the match or in writing to the CUSA Office within 5 days of the game.
 - 7.8.1. The team challenging the eligibility, including the player's identity, will have the responsibility to provide proof of the disparity.
 - 7.8.2. When a challenge is made to a player's identity, at the field, the player in question will be requested to sign the game sheet by his name and the game official will retain and return with the game sheets the player ID card.
- 7.9. Once the game officials and team representatives sign the game sheet it will be deemed as being official.
 - 7.9.1. No challenges to the score or goal scorers will be allowed.
 - 7.9.2. No challenges to blue/yellow cards and professional fouls by the officials will be accepted. April 2017
 - 7.9.3. Challenges to the discipline awarded during the game will be addressed to the Discipline Committee at a Discipline Hearing, except as it relates to blue/yellow cards and professional fouls which cannot be challenged April 2017
- 7.10. Improperly completed game sheets may result in disciplinary action.

8. Game Rules

- 8.1 Any team having two or more players selected for Provincial or National team duty may have

those affected games rescheduled, provided that 14 days written notice is submitted.

- 8.2 There are unlimited substitutions allowed for all divisions.
- 8.3 Any CUSA competition, including playoffs, Promotional Challenge Games, and all Cup Competitions are roster only unless specifically stated in that competition's guidelines.

Outdoor Game Rules

- 8.4 All outdoor games will be played in accordance to FIFA's rules and "Laws of the Game".
 - 8.4.1 For COED games, slide tackles are not permitted and are to be sanctioned with a yellow card.
- 8.5 Each team must have a minimum of 7 players on the playing field at all times or at any point throughout the course of the game. If either of the two teams has less than 7 eligible players then the game will be forfeited.
 - 8.5.1 For COED, each team must have a minimum of 5 players on the playing field at all times or at any point throughout the course of the game. If either of the two teams has less than 5 eligible players then the game will be forfeited.
 - 8.5.2 For COED games, a minimum of 2 females and 2 males must be on the field at all times. The position of the goalkeeper does not count for either gender.
- 8.6 The duration of the Men's and Women's game shall be:
 - 8.6.1 90 minutes of play, divided into 2 x 45 minute halves. A 5 minute rest period shall be allocated after the first half of play (halftime).
 - 8.6.2 Games in the month of May, and in late August and September, played on weeknights on unlit fields will be shortened to 40-minute halves.
 - 8.6.3 There shall be no overtime periods, or added time, played in outdoor league games.
- 8.7 The duration of the COED game shall be 2 x 25 minute halves. A 5 minute rest period shall be allocated after the first half of play (halftime).
- 8.8 All game times listed on the schedule must kick off on time. The second game must kick off as per the schedule without any waiting time regardless if the field is lit.
 - 8.8.1 There is an exception for the first match of a double header on a week night; a 10-minute grace period will be given to accommodate having the required number of players dressed and on the field. If this occurs the first match may be foreshortened to accommodate the second match starting on time. In this circumstance the referee will advise the teams of this prior to the kick-off of the first game.
 - 8.8.2 For Men's and Women's programs, If circumstances do not allow for a full regulation-time game, a foreshortened game is allowed, permitted 60 minutes of playtime is available.
 - 8.8.3 For the COED program, a game's results will stand as long as 25 minutes of play have been completed. If less than 25 minutes has been played, the game will normally be rescheduled.
- 8.9 Substitutions are on an unlimited basis, providing only 2 players are substituted at a time. Substitutions shall be made at any stoppage in play, at the referee's discretion.
- 8.10 Game abandonment:
 - 8.10.1 Games abandoned before 60 minutes of play in Men's and Women's or 25 minutes of

play for COED, due to unsuitable weather including light conditions, will be rescheduled.

8.10.2 Games abandoned after 60 minutes of play in Men's and Women's or 25 minutes of play for COED due to unsuitable weather, including light conditions, will stand as is.

8.11 A result of 2 – 0 will be entered into the records for a team winning by default/forfeiture, unless the team has scored more than 2 goals in which case those goals are retained.

8.11.1 Goals scored by the offending team shall be struck from the records.

8.11.2 Goals scored by the offended team shall stand.

8.11.3 Player attendance, yellow and red cards, and guest player statistics will remain on record. April 2017

Indoor Game Rules

8.12 Indoor games will align with Alberta Soccer Rules of Indoor Soccer.

8.12.1 For COED games, slide tackles are not permitted and are to be sanctioned with a yellow card.

8.13 Each team must have a minimum of 4 players on the playing field at all times or at any point throughout the course of the game if either of the two teams has less than 4 eligible players then the game will be forfeited.

8.13.1 For COED games, a minimum of 2 male and 2 female players must be on the field at all times. The position of goalkeeper does not count for either gender.

8.14 All games will start on time as per the time clock. Teams will be allowed a grace period of 5 minutes after the designated kick-off time to comply with all rules. A 2-minute delay of game penalty will be assessed to the team causing the delay.

8.15 Duration of League games shall be 2- 25-minute halves, with a 3-minute rest period between the halves. The last minute in each half will be stop time.

8.16 Game abandonment:

8.16.1 A game's results will stand as long as 25 minutes of play have been completed. If less than 25 minutes has been played, the game will normally be rescheduled.

8.17 A result of 4 – 0 will be entered into the records for a team winning by default/forfeiture, unless the team has scored more than 4 goals in which case those goals are retained.

8.17.1 Goals scored by the offending team shall be struck from the records.

8.17.2 Goals scored by the offended team shall stand.

8.17.3 Player attendance, yellow and red cards, and guest player statistics will remain on record. April 2017

8.18 Post-season play will be for those teams not in an Open Provincial Qualifying Division.

Futsal Game Rules

8.19 Futsal games will align with FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game

8.20 Each team must have a minimum of 4 players on the playing field at all times or at any point throughout the course of the game if either of the two teams has less than 4 eligible players then the game will be forfeited.

8.21 All games will start on time as per the time clock. Teams will be allowed a grace period of 5



minutes after the designated kick-off time to comply with all rules.

- 8.22 Duration of League games shall be 2- 23-minute halves, with a 2 minute halftime. The last two (2) minutes of the second half will be stop time.
- 8.22.1 Each team has one – 30 second time out per half. Game abandonment:
- 8.23 A game's results will stand as long as 25 minutes of play have been completed. If less than 25 minutes has been played, the game will normally be rescheduled.
- 8.24 A result of 4 – 0 will be entered into the records for a team winning by default/forfeiture, unless the team has scored more than 4 goals in which case those goals are retained.
- 8.24.1 Goals scored by the offending team shall be struck from the records.
- 8.24.2 Goals scored by the offended team shall stand.
- 8.24.3 Player attendance, yellow and red cards, and guest player statistics will remain on record.

9. Player Transfer

- 9.1 Transfers shall not be permitted after the Alberta Soccer transfer deadline of July 31st during an Outdoor season or January 31st during an Indoor season. This includes automatic transfers.
- 9.1.1 When either of these dates occurs outside of a normal business day the transfer deadline for that season will be the close of business on the Friday closest to the 31st.
- 9.2 A registered player shall not be allowed to transfer his services to any other team unless he has first given his written notice of his intent to transfer.
- 9.3 A registered amateur player is entitled to his transfer and it cannot be withheld except in the case of indebtedness of team fees or uniforms to the team holding his registration. Such a refusal to grant an application for transfer must be upheld by a two-thirds majority of the executive of his club or team. April 2017
- 9.4 In the event that a transfer is denied, the team refusing to release the player must provide written documentation, which will include:
- 9.4.1 Amount owed or uniform obligations to the club by the player. April 2017
- 9.4.2 Written statement signed by the player that he was aware of these charges prior to registering with the club.
- 9.4.3 This signed statement must be given to the Association prior to the proposed transfer application being made.
- 9.5 A player being refused his transfer, by his existing team, shall be allowed appeal to the Board without any appeal fee.
- 9.6 A transfer becomes effective immediately after the 7 days notice period and upon acknowledgement by the Association.
- 9.7 A player shall be entitled to 2 transfers only, during the current season, but a player once transferred cannot transfer back to the club for which he/she originally registered until 30 days has elapsed
- 9.8 All players become "free agents" after the conclusion of both the Indoor and Outdoor seasons, unless the player is subject to Rule 9.3. In which case the player must clear the indebtedness prior to signing with the new team.

- 9.9 Any player transferring from any other district in Alberta must have a release form signed by an official from that association.
- 9.10 A player not in good standing with CUSA or under suspension will not be eligible for transfer.
- 9.11 No player may be removed from a roster after the transfer deadline.
 - 9.11.1 Should the removed player wish to register with another CUSA team within 30 days of his removal from the first team's roster a transfer must be completed.
 - 9.11.1.1 Any player that has been previously registered with another team in the current season must be registered with their new team on or before the transfer deadline. April 2017
- 9.12 Transfer of player(s) to and from professional teams and for trialist with professional teams will be in accordance to Canada Soccer Rules.

MEN'S PROGRAM

10. TEAM PLACEMENT

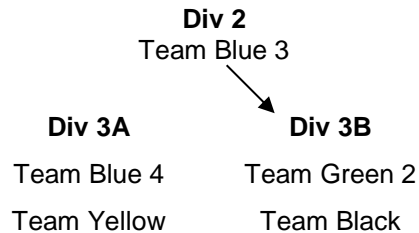
- 10.1. For the purpose of player development the Board may add guest teams to any suitable division.
- 10.2. In the event that an existing team does not register for a particular season, that team's placement position within the League will be lost and the Board will re-assign.
- 10.3. New teams will be placed within the League through the application of these guidelines:
 - 10.3.1. Within the open division, new teams will be placed in the lowest division that has vacancies not filled through League promotion and relegation.
 - 10.3.2. Within Master's and Over 45 divisions, new teams will be required to submit their roster of a minimum of 12 players and requested division of play. Team placement will be determined by the following:
 - 10.3.2.1. The roster's level of competition,
 - 10.3.2.2. Availability of space within the desired division for additional play
 - 10.3.2.3. Desire of an existing team within the division to accept promotion or relegation to create space within the desired division
 - 10.3.2.4. No returning team that has not earned promotion or relegation will be required to change division to accommodate a new team.
 - 10.3.2.5. Teams that win/lose more than 6 games in a season with a goal spread of 5 (indoors) or 3 (outdoors) may have the League placement reconsidered prior to the next season of play.
 - 10.3.2.6. Returning teams who at the completion of the prior season *dominated* play within their division may be given consideration to move multiple divisions higher.
 - 10.3.3. Returning Teams new to a season will have priority over new members to the League.
 - 10.3.4. New teams entered by a Returning Club will have priority over other new members.
- 10.4. The Board has the discretion to adjust promotion, relegation and League structure where circumstances require.

10.5. A club may not have more than one team in any division or group. The Board may apply the following exceptions:

10.5.1. Within split divisions (A,B,C) in which case the club teams will be placed in opposite groups within the division,

10.5.2. Within Masters and O45 divisions not eligible for post season competition (provincials).

Example



11. DIVISIONAL PROMOTION AND RELEGATION

11.1. Final League standings at the end of regular schedule will determine the promotion and relegation eligibility of the teams.

11.2. Promotion and relegation in the future season will occur prior to the application of requested name changes, team mergers or team releases from a club. (Rule 1.4, 1.6 and 1.7)

11.2.1. Premier, Division 1 (10 team division)

11.2.1.1. The divisional winner and runner up will be eligible for promotion to the next higher division.

11.2.1.2. The bottom 2 placed teams will be subject to relegation to the next lower division.

11.2.1.3. The 8th place team in Division 1 will be subject to Promotional Challenge from Division 3.

11.2.1.4. When the team eligible for promotion occupies position 6 or lower, then that team must challenge the higher division team that is subject to relegation in a 2 game round robin series subject to Rule 11.3.18.

11.2.2. Division 2 (10 team division)

11.2.2.1. The divisional winner and runner up are eligible for promotion to the next higher division.

11.2.2.2. The bottom 2 placed teams will be subject to relegation to the next lower division.

11.2.2.3. The 8th place team in Division 2 will be subject to Promotional Challenge from Division 4.

11.2.2.4. When the team eligible for promotion occupies position six (6) or lower, then that team must challenge the higher division team that is subject to relegation in a 2 game round robin series subject to Rule 11.3.18.

11.2.3. Division 3 (two groups each with 10 teams)

11.2.3.1. Top divisional winner from each group will be eligible for promotion to the next

higher division.

11.2.3.2. The bottom 3 placed teams from each group may be subject relegation to the next lower division.

11.2.3.3. The 7th place teams in each group will playoff (single game) to determine which team will be subject to the Promotional Challenge from Division 5. The loser of the playoff game will be subject to the eligible challenge from Division 5.

11.2.4. Divisions 4A, 4B, 4C (three groups each with 10 teams)

11.2.4.1. The divisional winner and runner up will be eligible for promotion to the next higher division.

11.2.4.2. The bottom 3 placed teams in each group may be subject to relegation to the next lower division.

11.2.5. Divisions 5A, 5B, 5C (three groups each with 10 teams)

11.2.5.1. Top 3 placed teams within each group will be eligible for promotion to the next higher division.

11.2.5.2. The bottom 3 placed teams in each group may be subject to relegation to the next lower division.

11.2.6. Divisions 6A, 6B, 6C

11.2.6.1. Top 3 placed teams within each group will be eligible for promotion to the next higher division.

11.2.7. Master's, O45 and O55 Divisions

11.2.7.1. The divisional winner and runner up will be eligible for promotion to the next higher division;

11.2.7.2. The bottom 2 placed teams may be subject to relegation to the next lower division.

11.2.8. Divisions with less than 10 teams.

11.2.8.1. For those divisions that have less than 10 teams the Board may determine if 1 team or 2 teams are promoted or relegated.

11.2.8.2. For those divisions that have less than 10 teams but the next lower division has 10 teams, with 2 eligible for promotion, then 2 teams will be relegated.

11.3. Promotional Challenge

11.3.1. Top placed team from each open division can challenge 2 divisions higher, to the lowest placed team in the higher division that is not eligible for relegation.

11.3.2. Premier division is not subject to challenges. Advancement is through eligible team promotion only.

11.3.3. In Division 6, the Promotional Challenge competition will be to the lowest placed team in the corresponding split division that is not subject to relegation. 6A may Challenge 4A, 6B – 4B, etc.

11.3.4. In Division 6 when there are not three groups, the team(s) in division 4 that are challenged are determined by the following:

- 11.3.4.1. Those team(s) in 7th places in their Division 4 group and;
- 11.3.4.2. Those teams are then ranked based on their season's total points.
- 11.3.4.3. The lowest ranked team is challenged if there is only one group in Division 6 and the lowest 2 teams are challenged when there are 2 groups in Division 6.
- 11.3.5. A team in Division 6 that goes undefeated in League play, including no ties, may participate within either the promotional challenge for Division 4 or Division 3. Within 24 hours of the last League game, the team must advise CUSA in writing which division the team is challenging into. Failure to provide notification will automatically enter the team in the Division 4 Challenge Games. April 2017
 - 11.3.5.1. If the team chooses a Division 3 promotional challenge, then the team would become part of the round robin playoff with other challenging teams from Division 5.
 - 11.3.5.2. If successful in the qualifier games, the team would advance to the division three promotional challenge series.
 - 11.3.5.3. If successful in the Promotional Challenge series, the Division 6 team would be promoted to Division three for the next season, the Division 3 team would be relegated to Division 4. In this situation the lowest placed team, originally eligible for promotion, by total points in Division five would not be promoted.
 - 11.3.5.4. If unsuccessful, the Division 6 team would be promoted to Division 5 and the Division 3 team would remain in Division 3.
- 11.3.6. All Promotional Challenge matches will be played at the end of the season following the completion of League play.
- 11.3.7. Games shall be considered an extension of league play therefore cards and discipline from regular league will carry forward into Promotional Challenge matches.
- 11.3.8. Games that cannot be completed due to weather constraints may be scheduled at a time determined by the Board.
- 11.3.9. These games may be subject to additional conditions applied by the Board.
- 11.3.10. The notice of intent to participate in the Promotional Challenge must be issued in writing to CUSA by Outdoor July 31st, Indoor January 31st.
 - 11.3.10.1. Challenging team's eligibility is subject to the Rule 10.5.
- 11.3.11. Costs of the challenge games are charged directly to the challenging team(s) which must be paid a minimum of 4 days prior to the challenge.
- 11.3.12. For teams within the split divisions (A, B, and C), within 24 hours of the completion of League play they shall notify, in writing, their intent to withdraw from the Promotional Challenge competition.
- 11.3.13. Should the challenger be successful they will advance to the higher divisional position and the team being challenged will be relegated to the next lower divisional position.
- 11.3.14. Should the challenger be unsuccessful they will still be promoted to the next higher division and the team being challenged will remain in their original division.
- 11.3.15. In divisions with more than one group:
 - 11.3.15.1. If 2 teams are challenging they will play a single game to decide the divisional challenger.

11.3.15.2. If 3 or more teams are challenging they will play a round robin format to decide the divisional challenger.

11.3.16. In all other challenges the layout outlined in Rule 11.3.18.1 will be utilized.

11.3.17. For the Indoor Season only, the League playoff games will determine the divisional challenger, except for division 6 which challenges directly to division 4. To be eligible for promotional challenge, teams must have submitted their intention to challenge within the required timelines.

11.3.18. The challenge games formats are:

11.3.18.1. Best of two games. If the teams are tied in points after the two matches then the total goals for and against will determine the tiebreaker. If the teams remain tied then the challenged team will retain the higher division position. No overtime or penalty kicks are allowed in challenge games.

11.3.18.2. Round Robin games. The tie-breaking Rule 4.2 will apply if the teams are tied after the round robin play.

11.3.18.3. Regular team rosters only for the challenge games. The rosters of the teams participating in the challenge games shall not have any additions to them following the final League game of the season.

OUTDOOR PROMOTIONAL CHALLENGE

To be eligible to challenge a team must place first in their group and also have submitted their Intent to Challenge by the Transfer Deadline

Games between challenging teams are called **Play-offs**. Games are regulation time only, with no overtime or penalty kicks. Winner is determined by total points, then goals for minus goals against.

Games between the lower division eligible challenger and the higher division team being challenged are called **Promotional Challenge games or Challenge games**. There are 2 games, regulation time only, with no overtime and no penalty kicks. The winner is determined on points, and if tied, then goals for minus goals against. In the event of a tie, the team being challenged retains their position and the challenging team is unsuccessful. That lower division team is still eligible for promotion to the next higher division. See Rule 11.2

DIVISION 1 CHALLENGE - Div. 3 challenging to Div. 1

| Number of eligible teams challenging | Challenging team | Team challenged |
|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|
| 1 | Challenger, no playoff games required. Promotional challenge games only. | Div. 1, 8 th place. |
| 2 | Play off required. Winner of game between challengers. | |

DIVISION 2 CHALLENGE - Div. 4 challenging to Div. 2

| Number of eligible teams challenging | Challenging team | Team challenged |
|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|
| 1 | Challenger, no playoff games required. Promotional challenge games only. | Div. 2, 8 th place. |
| 2 | Play off required. Winner of game between challengers. | |
| 3 | Play off required. Winner of round robin series between challengers. | |

DIVISION 3 CHALLENGE - Div. 5 challenging to Div. 3

| Number of eligible teams challenging | Challenging team | Team challenged |
|--------------------------------------|--|---|
| 1 | Challenger, no playoff games required. Promotional | Div. 3, loser of game between 7 th place |



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| | challenge games only. | teams from 3A & 3B |
| 2 | Play off required. Winner of game between challengers. | |
| 3 | Play off required. Winner of round robin series between challengers. | |

DIVISION 4 CHALLENGE - Div. 6 challenging to Div. 4

| Number of eligible teams challenging | Challenging team | Team challenged |
|---|--|--|
| 1 | Challenger, no playoff games required. Promotional challenge games only. | The 7 th place team from div. 4 with the lowest points. |
| 2 | Both are Challengers, no playoff games required. Promotional challenge games only. | The 2 7 th place teams from div. 4 with the lowest points.* |
| 3 | All are Challengers, no playoff games required. Promotional challenge games only. | All 7 th place teams from div. 4.* |

A div. 6 challenger, challenging to div 3 (having won all games) becomes part of the round robin play with other teams challenging from division 5.

* Where necessary draws are determined by a pull from a hat.

INDOOR PROMOTIONAL CHALLENGE

To be eligible to challenge a team must place first in their group and also have submitted their Intent to Challenge by the Transfer Deadline

League **Play-offs** determine the eligible challenger assuming the divisional winner has previously submitted their Intent to Challenge. Games are regulation time only, with no overtime or penalty kicks. Winner is determined by total points, then goals for minus goals against.

Games between the lower division eligible challenger and the higher division team being challenged are called **Promotional Challenge games or Challenge games**. There are 2 games, regulation time only, with no overtime and no penalty kicks. The winner is determined on points, and if tied, then goals for minus goals against. In the event of a tie, the team being challenged retains their position and the challenging team is unsuccessful. That lower division team is still eligible for promotion to the next higher division. See Rule 11.2

DIVISION 1 CHALLENGE- Div. 3 challenging to Div. 1

| Number of eligible teams challenging | Challenging team | Team challenged |
|---|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1 only | Divisional winner of play-off games. | Div. 1, 8 th place. |

DIVISION 2 CHALLENGE- Div. 4 challenging to Div. 2

| Number of eligible teams challenging | Challenging team | Team challenged |
|---|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1 only | Divisional winner of play-off games. | Div. 2, 8 th place. |

DIVISION 3 CHALLENGE- Div. 5 challenging to Div. 3

| Number of eligible teams challenging | Challenging team | Team challenged |
|---|--------------------------------------|--|
| 1 only | Divisional winner of play-off games. | Div. 3, loser of game between 7 th place teams from 3A & 3B |

DIVISION 4 CHALLENGE- Div. 6 challenging to Div. 4

| Number of eligible teams challenging | Challenging team | Team challenged |
|---|--|--|
| 1 | Challenger, no playoff games required. Promotional challenge games only. | The 7 th place team from div. 4 with the lowest points. |
| 2 | Both are Challengers, no playoff games required. Promotional challenge games only. | The 2 7 th place teams from div. 4 with the lowest points.* |
| 3 | All are Challengers, no playoff games required. Promotional challenge games only. | All 7 th place teams from div. 4.* |

A div. 6 challenger, challenging to div 3 (having won all games) becomes part of the round robin play with other teams challenging from division 5.

* Where necessary draws are determined by a pull from a hat.

- 11.3.19 Teams that have earned promotion in the previous season, but refuse that promotion, may be relegated to the lowest division.
- 11.3.20 Teams that have not earned promotion in the previous season, but have been promoted due to vacancies within the League, may decline the promotion. This procedure is to continue until all non-relegated teams in that division have been offered promotion. If the vacancy remains, the teams subject to relegation from the higher division will be offered the opportunity to remain in the Division.
- 11.3.21 When a club team cannot be promoted by virtue of Rule 10.5 then the next lower eligible team will be given the options of taking the promotion or staying in the current division.
- 11.3.22 This procedure is to continue until all non-relegated teams in that division, have been offered promotion. If the vacancy remains the teams subject to relegation from the higher division will be offered the opportunity to remain in the division.
- 11.3.23 The Board may, at their discretion, place a lower division team who is deemed suitable for the level of competition in this position if no team wishes to fill the vacancy.
- 11.3.24 Club teams that are relegated to the next lower division that contains another team from the same club will cause the lower division team to also be relegated.
- 11.3.25 If the lower division team has earned promotion to the next higher division then the teams will exchange positions.

12. TEAM FAIR PLAY

The Team Fair Play Award is intended to foster the spirit of fair play for the competition. The team includes all players, coaches and other team officials on the team roster.

12.1. Teams are subject to demerits per infraction:

- Utilizing ineligible participant. -5
- Failing to field a team - 5
- Utilizing illegal participant. -10
- Utilizing too many players/officials. -10
- Team leaving field. -15
- Suspension or expulsion of a team official. -15
- Bringing the game into disrepute, or altercation/incident surrounding the game or causing a game to be abandoned. Oct. 2011 -15
- Failure to control team's spectator. -15
- Any offence/infraction occurs that is sent to Alberta Soccer Association. -25

- Sending off from Law 12, sections 4, 5, & 7
 - LAW 12 (4) and (5): A Player who is dismissed from the Field of Play for denying a goal or an obvious goal scoring opportunity by physical means or by handling the ball. -2
 - LAW 12 (7): A Player who is dismissed from the Field of Play for receiving a second caution in the same match.
- Sending off from Law 12, section 6
 - LAW 12 (6): A Player who is dismissed from the Field of Play for using offensive or insulting or abusive language/gestures, whether he has previously been cautioned in the match or not. -8
- Sending off from Law 12, section 6
 - LAW 12 (1), (2) and (3): A Player who is dismissed from the Field of play for Violent Conduct, Serious Foul Play or spitting at an opponent or any other person, whether he has previously been cautioned in the match or not. -15

12.2. Teams may earn merit points as follows:

- Completion and submission of referee evaluation within two weeks of the date of the game +2
- Game Official's recording of Fair Play on game sheet (0 to +10)

12.2.1. When a team defaults a game, they will receive 0 Fair Play Points

12.2.2. When no game official evaluation completed, or only completed for one team:

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| No cards (caution/red) | 10 |
| 1 yellow card | 8 |
| 1 red card, or 2-3 cards, no more than 1 red card | 5 |
| 2 or more red cards, or, 4 or more cards in total | 0 |

12.3 At the completion of the season, the team(s) with the best total Fair Play score for their division or group will be eligible for a credit towards their next season's registration fees equal to 65%, the second place team will receive 35% of the total sum for that division's Fair Play pool.

12.3.1 If there is a tie between the 2 teams then the total credit will be divided equally between the teams tied.

12.3.2 Tie for 1st place, teams will evenly split the total pool.

12.3.3 Tie for 2nd place, teams will evenly split 35% of the total pool.

12.4 Teams are required to average a minimum 6 Fair Play Points per Game during league play. Cup, Pre-Season, Playoff Games, etc do not count towards this accumulation.

12.4.1 Demerit Points will be calculated in this total.

12.4.2 Fair Play Points earned from completing Referee Evaluation Forms will not be calculated in this total. April 2017

12.5 Any team that averages less than 6 Fair Play Points per Game may be subject to Disciplinary Action.

12.5.1 Teams that have received less than 20 Yellow Cards and less than 4 Red Cards will



receive a Discipline Notice from the league outlining Fair Play expectations for the team's next registered season. Failure to meet those expectations will result in a hearing with the Discipline Committee. April 2017

- 12.5.2 Teams that have received 20 or more Yellow Cards or 4 or more Red Cards will be required to appear before the Discipline Committee to discuss their performance from the previous season before being accepted into any future seasons. April 2017

13. RESTRICTIVE MOVEMENT

- 13.1 No transfer, automatic or otherwise, will occur following the season's transfer deadline.
- 13.2 The team, and the player, or the team he is being a guest player for, is responsible to ensure that he is eligible to play.
- 13.3 There is no intra-divisional play allowed.
- 13.4 Teams are eligible to have up to 4 guest players in a match.
- 13.5 CUSA Restrictive Movement - Open Men's Division
- 13.5.1 A club player may play-up a maximum of 6 times within his club without affecting his status on his registered team.
- 13.5.2 A club player playing their 7th game for the higher club team is automatically transferred to that team. No player is allowed to play-down without being transferred. Once a player has been transferred down that player may not play up onto the higher division team for the remainder of the season.
- 13.5.3 The maximum number of games in total that a player can be a play-up within one season is 6.
- 13.5.4 Players transferring from one club to another club or team will be eligible to play up.
- 13.5.5 Any Open division team can utilize eligible players from Master's, Over 45 and registered youth players.
- 13.5.5.1 Master's Elite players are eligible for Division 3 and above only.
- 13.5.6 Open division players are **not** eligible to guest into Master's, O45 or O55.
- 13.6 Master's (Over 35) Restrictive Movement
- 13.6.1 A player may play up, or play down a maximum of 6 times per team (except as noted in Rule 13.6.5) without affecting his status on his registered team.
- 13.6.2 A Master Division player, playing their 7th game of the season as a guest, shall be automatically transferred to that team providing the 7th game occurs before the transfer deadline.
- 13.6.3 Master's Elite players may only play up into the Open Men's Divisions 3 and above.
- 13.6.3.1 Master's Elite registered players may not play down into Over 45.
- 13.6.4 Master's Premier and below players may play up into any division within the Open Men's and any higher Master's division.
- 13.6.4.1 A registered Master's Premier player who is over 45 years of age is eligible to play down into Division O45A only.
- 13.6.4.2 No more than 2 Master's Premier registered players may play down into an Over 45A per game.

- 13.6.5 Master's 1 and below registered players, who are 45 years of age and over are eligible to play down into any Over 45 division an unlimited number of times, no more than 2 players per game, except:
- 13.6.5.1 Those registered in the lowest Master's Divisions may play unlimited into O45 and up to 4 may play down into any O45 division.
- 13.6.6 In the event of cross-over games, the guest player rules of the higher division team shall apply.
- 13.7 Over 45 and Over 55 Restrictive Movement
- 13.7.1 Over 45 division players may guest for any higher division CUSA team, an unlimited number of times per team per season.
 - 13.7.2 An Over 45 player may not play down to a lower division O45 team.
 - 13.7.3 An Over 45 team may have up to 4 guest players in a game with no more than 2 being eligible registered Master's players except as specified in Rule 13.6.5.1.
 - 13.7.4 Over 55 division players may guest for any higher division CUSA team, an unlimited number of times per team per season.
 - 13.7.5 An Over 55 team may have guest players from the O45 division; however, those players must be at least 53 years of age.
- 13.8 Youth Restrictive Movement
- 13.8.1 Registered youth players with a youth soccer association, but not registered with CUSA, may play up for any CUSA team up to a maximum 6 times per team per season.
 - 13.8.2 Each time a youth player plays for a CUSA team, the Game Official must be provided with his youth ID card and a CUSA Restrictive Movement Pass signed by the player's youth team official.
 - 13.8.3 The team's officials are responsible to ensure that the Game Official receives and signs the CUSA Restrictive Movement Pass. One signed copy is to be submitted by the Game Official with the game sheet, the second signed copy is to be returned to the team.
- 13.9 When there is cross divisional play, the use of guest players may be restricted within the Master's and Over 45 Divisions.
- 13.9.1 When there is cross divisional play and the competition leads onto provincial level play, then for the duration of the cross- over rounds guest players from within the groups cannot be utilized i.e. Master's Elite/Premier division Group A cannot utilize Group B players for the duration of the seeding round.
 - 13.9.2 When there is cross divisional play and the competition does not leads onto a provincial level play then guest players from within the groups can be utilized
 - 13.9.2.1 Players however, must play with the team they are registered to and not with an opponent when the two have a match.
 - 13.9.2.2 In cross divisional games, lower division players cannot play up with higher division teams within the crossover. E.g. In an O45B vs O55 crossover game the O45B team cannot use a guest player from an O55 team. However O45 C and D players are still eligible as guest players
- 13.10 When there is a seeding round within Master's and Over 45 divisions, guest play rules are

modified.

13.10.1 When there is a seeding round i.e. Master's Provincial, players will be eligible to guest onto other teams as per the guest player rules of the lowest division team in the seeding group.

13.10.2 When there is a seeding round i.e. Master's Provincial, guest players may only be obtained from divisions lower than the lowest division in the seeding group.

13.11 Chart outlining player participation as guest players prior to the completion of a transfer within the current season of play

| DIVISION REGISTERED | GUEST PLAYER ELIGIBILITY |
|---|--|
| Master's Elite Age Category 35 as of Jan 1 st | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Eligible for Division 3 and above only• Can play up a maximum of 6 games per team in total per season. |
| Master's Premier Age Category 35 as of Jan 1 st | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Eligible for Master's Elite, Open Men's.• Can guest a maximum of 6 games per team in a season.• The Master's players who are over 45 years of age may play down into O45 A.• No more than 2 Master's Premier players per O45A game. |
| Master's 1 & lower Age Category 35 as of Jan 1 st | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Eligible for Master's Elite, Master's Premier, Open Men's.• Can guest a maximum of 6 games per team in a season.• Master's players who are 45 years of age and older<ul style="list-style-type: none">-can guest into O45 unlimited number of games-no more than 2 Masters' players may play down per game.Exception: those registered in the lowest Master's divisions may play unlimited into O45 and up to 4 may play down into any O45 division. |
| Over 45 Age Category O45 prior to registration | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Can play up unlimited per team with any Master's, Open or higher Over 45 division team.• Can play down into O55 unlimited per team if at least 53 years of age. |
| Over 55 Age Category Born 1962 or earlier | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Can play up unlimited per team with any O45, Master's or Open division team. |

Restricted movement following transfer

13.12 During a current season, a player who has played for one team in a particular cup competition shall not play for another team in the same competition. Even though he has been duly transferred, he will be deemed to be "cup tied".

13.13 A player may be transferred to a club team in a lower division, but once transferred; he will not be allowed to play up for a higher team for that season.

13.14 A player transferring to a lower division team, or from Open to Master's or Master's to Over 45, will not be allowed to play up for the higher division team for the remainder of that season.

13.15 Chart outlining player participation as guest players following the completion of a transfer within



the current season of play.

13.15.1 For Masters, O45 and O55 players transferring to a team in a lower division than originally signed for the season they may not guest back into the division that they transferred from.

13.15.2 Once transferred the guest player privileges are as per the new division transferred to.

| <u>Transfer From</u> | <u>Transfer To</u> | <u>Guest following transfer</u> |
|----------------------|--------------------|---|
| Open | Higher team | Max 6 total in season (includes those prior to transfer) |
| Open | Lower team | Zero. Cannot play back up |
| Open | Master's | Zero. Cannot play back up |
| Open | Over 45 | Zero. Cannot play back up |
| Open | Over 55 | Zero. Cannot play back up |
| Master's | Open | Max 6 per season (includes those prior to transfer and within the Open Division Club). Cannot guest to Master's or Over 45 team. |
| Master's | Higher Master's | Max 6 per season/ team (includes those prior to transfer). Cannot play to lower Master's |
| Master's | Lower Master's | Max 6 per season/ team (includes those prior to transfer). |
| Master's | Over 45 | Cannot play up into the division the player transferred out of. |
| Over 45 | Open | Max 6 per season (includes those prior to transfer and within the Open Division Club). |
| Over 45 | Master's | Max 6 per season/ team. Cannot play into Over 45 |
| Lower O45 | Higher Over 45 | Can continue to play into higher O45, Master's and Open Divisions- |
| Over 45 | Lower Over 45 | Cannot play up into the division the player transferred out of. |
| Over 55 | Open | Max 6 per season (includes those prior to transfer and within the Open Division Club). Cannot guest to Master's or Over 45 team. |
| Over 55 | Master's | Max 6 per season/ team. Cannot play into O45, O55 |
| Over 55 | Over 45 | Can continue to play into higher O45, Master's and Open Divisions |

14. ALBERTA MAJOR SOCCER LEAGUE (AMSL)

14.1 A club gaining a position in the AMSL will automatically receive a place for that season in the Premier Division for a reserve team, after which normal relegation rules will apply to that reserve team.

14.2 A team leaving the AMSL will automatically be given a position in the Premier Division. Relegation of lower club teams will continue until all teams are placed within a division.

14.2.1 Premier Division teams will have to declare the intent to challenge for a position in the AMSL by the AMSL stated deadline of the current season.

14.2.1.1 To be eligible, the team must not be an existing Reserve Team.

14.2.1.2 To be eligible, the team challenging must be the premier division champion that season.



- 14.3 Only 2 players registered with the AMSL may play-down with their designated reserve team per game. These players will be deemed to be a part of the 4 eligible guest players.
 - 14.3.1 AMSL registered players may play down on their AMSL reserve team a total of 3 games per season.
 - 14.3.2 AMSL reserve team players may play up for their AMSL team unlimited.
 - 14.3.3 Reserve players, once transferred to AMSL, are not eligible to play back down to the reserve team.
- 14.4 In the event of the dismissal of a play down AMSL player in a CUSA game, the AMSL team will only be permitted to play down 1 player until completion of this suspension.
 - 14.4.1 In the event of the concurrent dismissal of 2 play down AMSL players in CUSA games, the AMSL team will not be permitted to play down any players until the first suspension have been served.
- 14.5 Registered Master's players may be used as a call-up in AMSL games. April 2017
- 14.6 Any AMSL reserve team player under CUSA suspension will not be allowed to play up to the AMSL until after serving that suspension.
- 14.7 Dismissals and cautions issued to AMSL reserve team players, while playing up for their AMSL team, will be enforced within the AMSL, but will not carry back to the CUSA League, subject to Alberta Soccer rulings.
- 14.8 Players and Team Officials must comply with and be eligible as outlined within the current season AMSL Operating Guidelines.

15. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE (PDL)

- 15.1 Teams registered in the PDL may use the following guest player rules:
 - 15.1.1 No more than 2 PDL players per game per team in the Premier Division
 - 15.1.2 A PDL registered player may play down a total of 3 games per season
 - 15.1.3 An AMSL Reserve Team may use up to a combined total of 2 AMSL or PDL players in a game
- 15.2 A Registered CUSA League player may be called up to the PDL as a trialist a maximum 3 games in the season
 - 15.2.1 A Trialist may still play with their CUSA team however, they will count as one of the 2 play downs
- 15.3 For a registered PDL player to be eligible for Senior Provincials they must be released from the PDL team and registered on their new team by the Transfer Deadline

WOMEN'S PROGRAM

16. TEAM PLACEMENT

- 16.1 For the purpose of player development the Board may add guest teams to any suitable division.
- 16.2 Promotion and relegation in the future season will occur prior to the application of requested name changes, team mergers or team releases from a club. (Rule 1.4, 1.6 and 1.7)
- 16.3 In the event that an existing team does not register for a particular season, that team's placement position within the League will be lost and the Board will re-assign.

- 16.4 Feedback received at league planning meetings pertaining specifically to alignment may be taken into consideration by the board when determining suitable team placement within divisions.
- 16.5 New teams will be placed within the League through the application of these guidelines:
- 16.5.1 The rosters level of competition, if known
 - 16.5.2 Availability of space within the desired division
 - 16.5.3 Desire of an existing team within the division to accept promotion or relegation to create space within the desired division.
 - 16.5.4 No returning team that has not earned promotion or relegation will be required to change divisions to accommodate a new team.
 - 16.5.5 If space cannot be created within the desired division, new teams will be placed in the lowest division.
 - 16.5.6 Teams that win/lose more than 6 games in a season with a goal spread of 5 (indoors) or 3 (outdoors) may have the League placement reconsidered prior to the next season play.
 - 16.5.7 Returning Teams new to a season will have priority over new members to the League.
 - 16.5.8 New teams entered by a Returning Club will have priority over other new members.
- 16.6 No returning team that has not earned promotion or relegation will be required to change division to accommodate a new team.
- 16.7 The Board has the discretion to adjust promotion, relegation and League structure where circumstances require.
- 16.8 Teams that have earned promotion in the previous season, but refuse that promotion, may be relegated to the lowest division.
- 16.9 Teams that have not earned promotion in the previous season, but have been promoted due to vacancies within the League, may decline the promotion. This procedure is to continue until all non-relegated teams in that division have been offered promotion. If the vacancy remains, the teams subject to relegation from the higher division will be offered the opportunity to remain in the Division.

17 TEAM FAIR PLAY

The Team Fair Play Award is intended to foster the spirit of fair play for the competition. The team includes all players, coaches and other team officials on the team roster.

- 17.1 Teams are subject to demerits per infraction:
- Utilizing ineligible participant. -5
 - Failing to field a team - 5
 - Utilizing illegal participant. -10
 - Utilizing too many players/officials. -10
 - Team leaving field. -15
 - Suspension or expulsion of a team official. -15

- Bringing the game into disrepute, or altercation/incident surrounding the game or causing a game to be abandoned. Oct. 2011 -15
- Failure to control team's spectator. -15
- Any offence/infraction occurs that is sent to Alberta Soccer Association. -25
- Sending off from Law 12, sections 4, 5, & 7
 - LAW 12 (4) and (5): A Player who is dismissed from the Field of Play for denying a goal or an obvious goal scoring opportunity by physical means or by handling the ball. -2
 - LAW 12 (7): A Player who is dismissed from the Field of Play for receiving a second caution in the same match.
- Sending off from Law 12, section 6
 - LAW 12 (6): A Player who is dismissed from the Field of Play for using offensive or insulting or abusive language/gestures, whether he has previously been cautioned in the match or not. -8
- Sending off from Law 12, section 6
 - LAW 12 (1), (2) and (3): A Player who is dismissed from the Field of play for Violent Conduct, Serious Foul Play or spitting at an opponent or any other person, whether he has previously been cautioned in the match or not. -15

17.2 Teams may earn merit points as follows:

- Completion and submission of referee evaluation within two weeks of the date of the game +2
- Game Official's recording of Fair Play on game sheet (0 to +10)

17.3 When a team defaults a game, they will receive 0 (Zero) Fair Play Points April 2017

17.4 When no game official evaluation completed, or only completed for one team:

| | |
|---|----|
| No cards (caution/red) | 10 |
| 1 yellow card | 8 |
| 1 red card, or 2-3 cards, no more than 1 red card | 5 |
| 2 or more red cards, or, 4 or more cards in total | 0 |

17.5 At the completion of the season, the team(s) with the best total Fair Play score for their division or group will be eligible for a credit towards their next season's registration fees equal to 65%, the second place team will receive 35% of the total sum for that division's Fair Play pool.

17.5.1 If there is a tie between the 2 teams then the total credit will be divided equally between the teams tied.

17.5.1.1 Tie for 1st place, teams will evenly split the total pool.

17.5.1.2 Tie for 2nd place, teams will evenly split 35% of the total pool.

17.6 Teams are required to average a minimum 6 Fair Play Points per Game during league play. Cup, Pre-Season, Playoff Games, etc do not count towards this accumulation.



- 17.6.1 Demerit Points will be calculated in this total.
- 17.6.2 Fair Play Points earned from completing Referee Evaluation Forms will not be calculated in this total April 2017
- 17.7 Any team that averages less than 6 Fair Play Points per Game may be subject to Disciplinary Action.
 - 17.7.1 Teams that have received less than 20 Yellow Cards and less than 4 Red Cards will receive a Discipline Notice from the league outlining Fair Play expectations for the team's next registered season. Failure to meet those expectations will result in a hearing with the Discipline Committee.
 - 17.7.2 Teams that have received 20 or more Yellow Cards or 4 or more Red Cards will be required to appear before the Discipline Committee to discuss their performance from the previous season before being accepted into any future seasons. April 2017

18 RESTRICTIVE MOVEMENT

- 18.1 No transfer, automatic or otherwise, will occur following the season's transfer deadline.
- 18.2 The team, and the player, or the team she is being a guest player for, is responsible to ensure that she is eligible to play.
- 18.3 Intra-divisional play allowed in 2017 although players must play with registered team.
- 18.4 Teams are eligible to have up to 4 guest players in a match.
- 18.5 CUSA Restrictive Movement – Classics Division
 - 18.5.1 A player may play up a maximum of 6 times per team without affecting their status on their registered team.
 - 18.5.2 A Classics Division player, playing their 7th game of the season as a guest, shall be automatically transferred to that team provided the transfer deadline has not passed.
 - 18.5.3 Goal keepers, who are identified on game sheet as such and only play as a Goal Keeper may play unlimited in the season but count towards the 4 guest players in a game.

Restricted movement following transfer

- 18.6 A player may be transferred to another team in the division, but once transferred; they will not be allowed to guest onto the original team for the remainder of the season.

COED PROGRAM

19. Divisional Promotion / Relegation

- 19.1 Final League standings at the end of regular schedule will determine the promotion and relegation eligibility of the teams.
 - 19.1.1 Final league standings for promotion and relegation are based on overall league points (pts) excluding Fair Play Points. Tie breaking rules refer to Rule 4.2. April 2017
- 19.2 If Divisions allow for Playoffs, Playoffs will determine the overall Divisional champion in each division.
 - 19.2.1 Playoff standings are based on the combined total of league points (pts) plus Fair Play Points divided by two to equal total points (Tpts). $Pts + (FPP/2) = Tpts$

19.2.2 If the Division allows, the top Four (4) teams will determine the Division Champion

1st place vs 4th place

2nd place vs 3rd place

Remaining teams in the division will play friendlies to finish off the season April 2017

19.2.3 A Divisional Champion potentially may not be in a promotional or relegation position as per rule 19.1.1 April 2017

19.2.4 The Fair Play Champion in each Division will be determined from all games (Seeding Round, Regular Season, Playoffs, etc) throughout the season. April 2017

19.3 Promotion and relegation in the future season will occur prior to the application of requested name changes, team mergers or team releases from a club.

19.3.1 Division (10 Teams)

19.3.1.1 The divisional winner and runner up will be eligible for promotion to the next higher division. The bottom 2 placed teams will be subject to relegation to the next lower division.

19.3.2 Divisions with less than 10 teams.

19.3.2.1 For those divisions that have less than 10 teams the Board may determine if 1 team or 2 teams are promoted or relegated.

19.3.2.2 For those divisions that have less than 10 teams but the next lower division has 10 teams, with 2 eligible for promotion, then 2 teams will be relegated.

19.3.2.3 The Board may, at their discretion, place a lower division team who is deemed suitable for the level of competition in this position if no team wishes to fill the vacancy.

19.3.2.4 Teams that have earned promotion in the previous season, but refuse that promotion, may be relegated to the lowest division.

19.3.2.5 Teams that have not earned promotion in the previous season, but have been promoted due to vacancies within the League, may decline the promotion. This procedure is to continue until all non-relegated teams in that division have been offered promotion. If the vacancy remains, the teams subject to relegation from the higher division will be offered the opportunity to remain in the division.

20. Team Placement

20.1 New teams will be placed within the League through the application of these guidelines:

20.1.1 The roster's level of competition, if known

20.1.2 Availability of space within the desired division for additional play

20.1.3 Returning teams new to a season will have priority over new members to the League.

20.2 Returning teams will be assigned divisions based on previous performance and desired level of play.

20.3 Returning teams new to a season may have priority over new members to the League

20.3.1 In the event that an existing team does not register for a particular season, that team's

placement position within the league will be lost and re-assigned.

20.4 The Board has the discretion to adjust promotion, relegation, and League structure where circumstances require.

21. Playoff Rules

21.1 If applicable, teams will compete in playoff games at the end of each season

21.2 Divisional Championships and Semi-Final games are roster only, no guest players.

21.2.1 Teams not participating in Divisional Championships and Semi-Final games are allowed to use guest players as outlined in Rule 23. April 2017

21.3 Teams with below-standard Fair Play Points over the course of the season and during the Playoffs, as set out in the Co-Ed Rules and Regulations, and Discipline Code, may be held back from advancing in the Playoffs on a case-to-case basis.

21.4 If a game is tied at the end of regulation, a shootout will be completed to determine the winner. Shootout regulations are;

Best of 5 rounds

Teams must alternate between a male and female shooter, starting with a female

A player cannot shoot a second time until all teammates of his or her gender have taken at least one shot

If tied after 5 shooters, teams will alternate shots until a winner is determined.

21.5 Each team must provide a shootout game sheet provided by the league after Regulation. Failure to follow shootout rules will result in a forfeiture

22. Fair Play

Teams

The Team Fair Play Award is intended to foster the spirit of fair play for the competition. The team includes all players, coaches and other team officials on the team roster.

22.1 Teams may earn merit points as follows:

Completion and submission of referee evaluation within two weeks of the date of the game (+2/evaluation)

Game Official's recording of Fair Play on game sheet (0 to +10)

22.2 When no game official evaluation completed, or only completed for one team:

| | |
|---|----|
| No Cards (caution/red) | 10 |
| 1 yellow card | 8 |
| 1 red card, or 2-3 cards, no more than 1 red card | 5 |
| 2 or more red cards, or, 4 or more cards in total | 0 |

22.3 At the completion of the season, the team(s) with the best total Fair Play score for their division will be eligible for a credit towards their next season's registration fees, equal to 65%, the second place team will receive 35% of the total sum from that division's Fair Play pool.

22.3.1 If there is a tie between teams, then the total credit will be divided equally between the teams tied.

- 22.4 In the absence of fair play points completed by the official, the starting fair play points will be 10. Fair Play Points are deducted as follows:
- 1 for each yellow card issued,
 - 2 points for each red card issued- Receiving Second Caution, Denying Goal Scoring Opportunity
 - 6 points issued for each red card. – Offensive or Insulting or Abusive Language or Gestures, Violent Conduct, Serious Foul Play, Spitting at an Opponent, Boarding
- 22.5 When a team defaults a game, they will receive 0 Fair Play Points
- 22.6 Teams must average no less than 7 Fair Play Points per Game in a season.
- 22.6.1 Any team averaging less than 7 Fair Play Points per Game in a season will be accepted into the League for the next season on a conditional basis pending any recommendations from the Discipline Committee.

Participants

- 22.7 A basic tenant of Co-Ed Rec Soccer is Fair Play as described by the values below. Participants are required to uphold these values or may be subject to disciplinary measures including, but are not limited to, suspension, fines, bonds, or even removal from the League.

FAIR PLAY is an attitude that shows itself in behaviour.

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|---------------------------|---|
| Respect for others | Hold your opponents and game officials in high esteem for without them there would be no game |
| Sportsmanship | Show fairness, recognize and appreciate excellence in performance and attitude regardless of team affiliation, enjoy the sport for its own sake |
| Respect for Rules | Demonstrate respect of written and unwritten rules (and the spirit of those rules) by following them |
| Friendship | Promote fellowship within the soccer community not just your own team |
| Team Spirit | Believe in each other |
| Fair Competition | Be part of a just competition; be as cooperative as you are competitive |
| Equality | Share the sport with others, regardless of creed, ethnicity or ability |
| Integrity | Do the 'right' thing, show grace when winning, good humor when losing |
| Solidarity | Be allies with one another |
| Tolerance | Acknowledge, accept and respect differences |
| Care | Maintain self-control at all times, be considerate of others |

PLAYING IS A PRIVILEGE NOT A RIGHT

23. Restrictive Movement

- 23.1 Teams are eligible to have up to 4 guest players in a match.
- 23.1.1 During the seeding round, a player may only guest within their seeding group.
- 23.1.2 After placed in a division, a player can only guest within the following divisions.



| Division Registered To | Division Eligible to Guest Within | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|---|---------|------------------------------------|---|-------|----------|---------|-------|--|
| | Austria | Group One Belgium Canada | | Denmark | Group Two Ecuador Faroe Islands | | Ghana | Honduras | Ireland | Japan | |
| Austria | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✗ | ✗ | ✗ | ✗ | ✗ | ✗ | ✗ | |
| Belgium | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✗ | ✗ | ✗ | ✗ | ✗ | ✗ | ✗ | |
| Canada | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✗ | ✗ | ✗ | ✗ | ✗ | ✗ | |
| Denmark | ✗ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✗ | ✗ | ✗ | ✗ | ✗ | |
| Ecuador | ✗ | ✗ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✗ | ✗ | ✗ | ✗ | |
| Faroe Islands | ✗ | ✗ | ✗ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✗ | ✗ | ✗ | |
| Ghana | ✗ | ✗ | ✗ | ✗ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✗ | ✗ | |
| Honduras | ✗ | ✗ | ✗ | ✗ | ✗ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✗ | |
| Ireland | ✗ | ✗ | ✗ | ✗ | ✗ | ✗ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Japan | ✗ | ✗ | ✗ | ✗ | ✗ | ✗ | ✗ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |

23.2 The team and the player are responsible to ensure that he or she is eligible to play as a guest player.

23.3 Players may be a guest player 6 times only in a season

24. Provincial Cup Competitions

24.1 CUSA will declare the maximum allowable number of entries and forward this along the necessary fees and list of participants to the Alberta Soccer Association by the appropriate deadline for that season.

24.2 All Provincial and Regional qualifying games played under the jurisdiction of CUSA will be played according to the Alberta Soccer Association Rules for that competition.

24.3 A player may play in only 1 Provincial Cup competition, except for an eligible youth player who may play in both youth and senior competitions.

24.4 Provincial Cup Competitions are as follows:

| COMPETITION | ELIGIBILITY |
|--------------------------------|---|
| Challenge Cup | Any team capable of creditable performance at Provincial & National level |
| Premier | Premier |
| Tier 1 | Division 1 |
| Tier 2 | Division 2 |
| Tier 3 | Division 3 |
| Master's Major/Classic's Major | Master's Elite/Classic's Major |
| Master's/Classic's Premier | Master's/Classic's Premier |

- 24.5 All players, team staff and other persons involved in the Alberta Soccer Provincial Championships are required to conduct themselves in a manner which will bring credit to themselves, their teams, the Host Association, the Alberta Soccer Association and the sport of soccer.
- 24.6 All players, team staff and league representatives shall ensure participation is within full compliance with Alberta Soccer Provincial Competition Rules.
- 24.7 In the event that CUSA receives an ASA fine due to a team's actions at Provincials, CUSA will apply the fine to the team and shall also add additional sanctioning on a case to case basis. April 2017

25. City Cup Competitions and Tournaments

- 25.1 All City Cup competitions are to be considered extra games in addition to the regular League and may be held or cancelled at the discretion of the Board.
- 25.2 For all Outdoor season cup games, if the result is a draw at full time, the game will be decided by penalty kicks except for the Black Cup Finals and Calgary Cup Finals.
- 25.2.1 The procedure for taking penalty kicks will be outlined by FIFA.
- 25.2.2 For the finals of CUSA Black Cup and Calgary Cup play, teams will be afforded a replay if a result is not decided after 2 - 15 minutes halves of overtime.
- 25.2.3 If a replay is necessary, and the result is a draw at full time, an overtime period of 2 - 15 minute halves will be played, followed by penalty kicks if the game is still a draw after the overtime period.
- 25.3 Unlimited substitutions are allowed in all Cup competitions under CUSA's jurisdiction.
- 25.4 For City Cup competitions players may participate as a guest player with one team only in each competition, they will be Cup Tied to the first team they participate with in the Cup competition.
- 25.4.1 For a player to be eligible to participate in a Cup competition the team he is registered to must:
- 25.4.1.1 Meet the competition's Division eligibility requirements.
- 25.4.1.2 League Play guest player rules are in effect, providing the team meets the requirements of Rule 25.4.1.1. These play-ups do not count towards league play accumulations. April 2017
- 25.4.2 If the player's team is registered in the competition they must play with their registered team even in the event that their registered team is eliminated and they have not played in the competition yet. April 2017
- 25.4.3 A player who is Cup Tied in a competition and then transfers to another team or club remains cup tied for the duration of that competition.

25.5 Outdoor Season City Cup Competitions are as follows:

| COMPETITION | PROGRAM | ELIGIBILITY |
|-------------|---------|--|
| Black Cup | Men's | Any registered & sanctioned Calgary team. |
| Calgary Cup | Men's | Divisions 2, 3, Master's Elite, any registered & sanctioned Calgary team |

| | | |
|-------------------|---------|--|
| Tony Marques Cup | Men's | Divisions 4 & lower, excluding Masters Elite, any registered & sanctioned Calgary team |
| John Burns Cup | Men's | Master's Premier, Master Division 1 & Over 45 A and lower. |
| Centennial Cup | Men's | Master's Division 2 & lower and Over 45B |
| Kaiser Cup | Men's | Over 55 |
| Pre-Season | Men's | Any registered CUSA team. |
| Open Challenge | Women's | Any registered & sanctioned Calgary team. |
| Legends Challenge | Women's | Classics Premier and Below, Any Over 40 Team |

25.6 Indoor Season City Cup Competitions are as follows:

| COMPETITION | ELIGIBILITY |
|----------------------|---|
| Pre-Season | Any registered CUSA team. |
| Post-Season Playoffs | Open Divisions 4 & lower (non-provincial divisions) |

25.7 The Indoor & Outdoor Pre-season Tournaments are not considered regular League play or a Cup, but rather a method for teams to 'trial' players and select rosters for the Season.

25.7.1 As such, CUSA suspended players are eligible to play, if any fines or bonds are paid prior to the tournament, with any remaining games to be served immediately when regular League play commences.

25.7.2 A player red-carded in the tournament will serve games in the tournament and any remaining games during League play.

25.7.3 Teams are eligible to register players from within their Club to a roster for this competition and transfer them to a League team without the transfer being considered 1 of the eligible ones during the season.

25.7.4 The draw and competition rules will be determined based on team registration numbers.

25.8 The Board reserves the right to run the competition in a tournament format. City Cup fees are non-refundable once the team is accepted.

25.9 Tournament Competitions are as follows: April 2017

| COMPETITION | PROGRAM | SEASON |
|--------------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Outdoor Nations Cup | Men's and Women's | Outdoor/Summer |
| Indoor Nations Cup | Men's and Women's | Indoor/Winter |
| Women's Invitational | Women's | Outdoor/Summer |
| Boxers Bras and Beerfest | Co-Ed | Outdoor/Summer |
| Kick the Winter Blues | Co-Ed | Indoor/Winter |
| Fall Cup | Co-Ed | Outdoor/Summer |
| Futsal Cups | Men's and Women's | Indoor/Winter |

25.10 Tournament Competitions are open to any team, and will follow league Rules and Relegations, and Discipline Code unless otherwise stated.

25.10.1 Players must be registered in the current season otherwise they will be required to pay



the ASA Unregistered Player Fee prior to the competition. Failure to do so will make the player ineligible and the team will forfeit the game. April 2017

25.10.2 Player cards or pictured government identification are required for all games. April 2017

26. Discipline

- 26.1 Player and team discipline will be applied according to the CUSA Discipline Code.
- 26.2 To preserve its effectiveness in containing acts of misconduct by players and/or team officials, fines and bonds or other means can be assessed at the discretion of either the Discipline Committee or the Board.
- 26.3 A member or team may not withdraw or resign from CUSA when the member or team is subject to disciplinary investigation or action from the Discipline Committee or Board. April 2017
- 26.4 The Discipline Committee can recommend to the Board the expulsion of any individual or team. The decision to expel either a team or individual is at the discretion of the Board following a hearing directly to the Board.
- 26.5 Teams owing more than \$500.00 are subject to a review by the Board regarding eligibility.
- 26.6 For an individual to have served a game suspension, their team must “physically” play a League or Cup game or tournament.
- 26.7 Any altercation that results in criminal charges, or notice of pending criminal actions, may not be handled by the Discipline Committee until all potential criminal actions have ended.
- 26.8 The Board will uphold discipline action imposed on a player, team or spectator by a facility operator where CUSA games and events are scheduled, without appeal.
- 26.9 Registered youth players who are under suspension from their youth league, or who have pending discipline action, shall not be eligible to guest into, or register onto a CUSA League team.
- 26.10 CUSA will honor other affiliated league suspensions of team officials and those players who have been suspended from ‘all of soccer.’ Players suspended in other leagues are eligible to play in CUSA excepted as previously noted. Individuals may register to a CUSA team but shall not be active to participate until prior discipline has been served.
- 26.11 Blue/Yellow cards and professional fouls received in a game are not challengeable to administration. Therefore, receiving a dismissal for a second caution or professional foul offense will not be a challengeable to the Discipline Committee.

27. Appeals, Protests and Disputes

- 27.1 Each appeal regarding the decision of the CUSA Discipline Committee must be made in writing to CUSA within 10 days of the decision and must be accompanied with a \$150.00 appeal fee. These appeals will be dealt with at the next regular meeting of the CUSA Board. In order to be reimbursed the \$150.00 appeal fee, less an administrative charge, the appeal must be successful in its entirety.
- 27.2 Any appeals arising from the business of CUSA shall be made in writing to the CUSA Board. The matter will be entered on the agenda for discussion at the next Board meeting and final disposition of the matter will be made known to the respective party in writing.

- 27.3 Any appeal regarding the decision of the CUSA Board, concerning the matter outlined in Rule 27.2, shall be made in writing to the Alberta Soccer Association in accordance with their rules.
- 27.4 Any appeal regarding the decision of the Alberta Soccer Association shall be made in writing to the Canadian Soccer Association in accordance with their rules.
- 27.5 A team protesting any issue with regards to the current season, will have to inform CUSA in writing no later than 15 days from the date of the game, except as per Rule 7.8.

28. Officiating

- 28.1 A registered player may not officiate in the division in which he plays or for another team within his club and must declare his conflict of interest in this regard to the Calgary Referee Scheduler, prior to the start of the season.
- 28.2 Any registered player in Master's, Over 45 or Over 55 divisions may officiate any game except games in which his team is playing, excluding those divisions where Alberta Soccer organizes Provincial Championships.
- 28.3 No family members are to be scheduled to officiate in the same game, unless approved by CUSA.
- 28.4 CUSA may appoint anyone, who is judged to be qualified to officiate, to maintain the continuity of the schedule, should registered officials become unavailable.
- 28.5 All game officials and/or stand-in official substitute's must be 16 years of age or older.
- 28.6 CUSA will be responsible for appointing officials for the regular game schedule, but may request assistance from member associations from time to time.
- 28.7 Outdoor Divisions, where 3 officials are assigned:
 - 28.7.1 If 1 appointed game official fails to appear at a scheduled game, and then the home team must provide a replacement.
 - 28.7.2 If 2 appointed officials fail to appear at a scheduled game, and then both the home and away teams must provide a replacement.
 - 28.7.3 If all 3 officials fail to appear, then the game will not be played and will be rescheduled.
 - 28.7.3.1 Both teams MAY consent to the use of a mutually agreed upon official. This should be noted on the bottom of both game sheets prior to the commencement of the game. Game results will stand
- 28.8 Men's and Women's Outdoor Divisions, where a single official is assigned, if an official fails to appear, both teams MAY consent to the use of a mutually agreed upon official. This should be noted on the bottom of both game sheets prior to the commencement of the game. Game results will stand
- 28.9 For all COED Programs if the assigned officials do not show up for a game, the Home team is responsible for replacing the on field official, and the away team will be responsible for replacing the box official when required.
- 28.10 For divisions that do not have scheduled assistant referees, each team MUST supply 1, regardless of the number of players in attendance at the game.
 - 28.10.1 For those games where a team does not provide the requested assistant referee the match shall be played with the game official noting on the game sheet which team(s) did not provide the assistant.

- 28.11 The game officials have discretionary powers as soon as they enter the grounds and until they exit the grounds and therefore players can be ejected before the game commences. In this instance players may be replaced, providing this does not delay the game. The infraction by the player ejected however, shall be recorded on the game-sheet.
- 28.12 A team may request in writing once per season that a particular official be removed from officiating their games
- 28.12.1 These requests are honored only for the remainder of the current season.

29. Tournaments and Travel

- 29.1 Teams wishing to participate in tournaments or exhibition games outside of CUSA must apply in writing for permission to travel:
- 29.1.1 Teams participating in tournaments outside of Calgary must have travel approval from CUSA.
- 29.1.2 Teams participating in tournaments outside Alberta must have travel approval from Alberta Soccer.
- 29.1.3 Teams participating in tournaments outside Canada must have approval from the Canadian Soccer.
- 29.2 All players participating in any approved tournaments must be registered with Canada Soccer through their local Association.
- 29.2.1 Players who wish to play that are not registered with Canada Soccer, must apply for temporary player insurance through their home district to be approved by the Alberta Soccer Association.
- 29.3 Clubs and/or teams wishing to hold a tournament must apply in writing for sanctioning to CUSA.

30. Trophies and Awards

- 30.1 All League or city cup trophies provided by or donated to CUSA shall remain the property of CUSA.
- 30.2 Trophies may be awarded annually, at the discretion of the Board.
- 30.3 Teams that lose or intentionally damage a CUSA Trophy will be assessed a fine at replacement cost.
- 30.4 All trophies that are presented annually must be returned to the CUSA office by the date requested.
- 30.4.1 Teams that are awarded a trophy from Outdoor play must return the trophy to the CUSA Office on or before the deadline for deposits for the following Outdoor Season.
- 30.4.2 Teams that are awarded a trophy from Indoor play must return the trophy to the CUSA Office on or before the deadline for deposits for the following Indoor Season.

31. Interpretations and Omissions

- 31.1 All other rules and regulations concerning the laws of the game and/or administrative regulations and/or by-laws not covered here, shall be governed by the Board, and if necessary, by those of Alberta Soccer, Canadian Soccer and FIFA.

- 31.2 Singular and plural words indicating the singular number also include the plural, and vice versa.
- 31.3 Masculine and feminine words indicating the masculine gender also include the feminine gender and vice versa.

Definitions

In these Rules and Regulations, the following words have these meanings:

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| Act | the Societies Act R.S.A. 1980, Chapter S-18 as amended, or any statute substituted for it. |
| Adult | any player sixteen years or older that is properly registered in the men's division. |
| AGM | Annual General Meeting. |
| Amateur | a player who does not receive money or other compensation for playing soccer. |
| Appeal | to call upon another, CUSA Board, Alberta Soccer or Canadian Soccer for corroboration, vindication, or decision on a decision of the CUSA Discipline Committee or governing bodies. |
| Alberta Soccer | Alberta Soccer Association the provincial governing body for soccer within Alberta. |
| Association | the Calgary United Soccer Association. |
| Board | the Board of Directors of the Association. |
| Bylaws | the Bylaws of this Association. |
| Club | an organization with two or more teams participating in at least one season annually, which share a common name. |
| Canadian Soccer | Canadian Soccer Association, the national governing body for soccer within Canada |
| CUSA | Calgary United Soccer Association |
| Director | any person elected or appointed to the Board. |
| FIFA | Federation Internationale de Football Association, the international body governing soccer |
| Futsal | The FIFA approved form of Indoor soccer recognized by Alberta Soccer as developmental program |
| Guest Player | any eligible CUSA player that is properly registered in the CUSA who is eligible to play up or play down within CUSA |
| ID Card | Identification card issued by, and the property of, CUSA. |
| Master's | the 35 years of age-and-over men's division. |
| Classic's | The 30 years of age-and-over women's division |
| Member | a member of the Association. |
| Open Division | The division within the League that any participant who has had their 16 th birthday may choose to register in. |
| Professional and/or Non-amateur | a player who has received money and/or other compensation for playing the game of soccer. |
| Replacement Player | a player which replaces another on an Alberta Soccer roster for Provincial Competition. See Alberta Soccer Competition Rules for further guidelines around replacement players. |
| Senior League or Senior Team | any League or team participating within a recognized senior competition as defined by the Alberta Soccer Association. |
| Soccer Related Activities | includes game activities such as coaching and/or managing and/or playing and/or officiating (within CUSA). |
| Team Official | any member of a team who is properly registered and recorded in the CUSA office as a representative of that team. |
| Trialist | any eligible youth player that is properly registered in a youth program but not registered in CUSA. |

Youth

any player eligible to play in a youth league as defined by the Alberta Soccer Association.



Appendix A - League Structure

Men's League Design and Layout:

AMSL (Outdoor) / Major (Indoor)

| | | |
|-------------|------------------------------|-------------|
| | Premier | |
| | Division 1 | |
| | Division 2 | |
| Division 3A | | Division 3B |
| Division 4A | Division 4B | Division 4C |
| Division 5A | Division 5B | Division 5C |
| Division 6A | Division 6B | Division 6C |
| | Masters Elite/Classics Major | |
| | Masters/Classics Premier | |
| | Masters/Classics Division 1 | |
| | Masters/Classics Division 2 | |
| | Master/Classics Division 3 | |
| | Over 40/45 Division A | |
| | Over 40/45 Division B | |
| | Over 40/45 Division C | |
| | Over 40/45 Division D | |
| | Over 55 Division | |

Note divisional placements are determined by the Board annually upon completion of team registration

Men's Promotion and Relegation:

(AMSL by challenge only)

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|--------------|---------|--------------|---------|--------------|---------|
| | | Major | 2 ↓ | | |
| | | Premier | 2 ↓ 2 ↑ | | |
| | | Division 1 | 2 ↓ 2 ↑ | | |
| | | Division 2 | 2 ↓ 2 ↑ | | |
| *Division 3A | 3 ↓ 1 ↑ | Div 3B | 3 ↓ 1 ↑ | | |
| *Division 4A | 3 ↓ 2 ↑ | *Division 4B | 3 ↓ 2 ↑ | *Division 4C | 3 ↓ 2 ↑ |
| *Division 5A | 3 ↑ 3 ↓ | *Division 5B | 3 ↑ 3 ↓ | *Division 5C | 3 ↑ 3 ↓ |
| *Division 6A | 3 ↑ | *Division 6B | 3 ↑ | *Division 6C | 3 ↑ |

* Divisional winner could potentially use the Promotional Challenge to advance up two divisions.

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| Master Elite | 2 ↓ |
| Master Premier | 2 ↓ 2 ↑ |
| Master Div 1 | 2 ↓ 2 ↑ |
| Master Div 2 | 2 ↓ 2 ↑ |
| Master Div 3 | 2 ↓ 2 ↑ |
| Master Div 4 | 2 ↑ |
| Over 45 Division A | 1 ↓ 1 ↑ |
| Over 45 Division B | 1 ↓ 1 ↑ |
| Over 45 Division C | 1 ↓ 1 ↑ |
| Over 45 Division D | 1 ↑ |

The CUSA Board may adjust promotion and relegation based upon team registrations.

Appendix B - City Cup Regulations

Outdoor

Overall Structure:

A tournament structure may be used for the Tony Marques Memorial Cup (Div 4 and below, excluding Masters Elite), Calgary Cup (Div 2 and below, Master Elite and below), John Burns Memorial Cup (Master Premier and below, any O45), Centennial Cup (Master's Div 2 & below and Over 45B and below).

These tournaments are for CUSA membership and registered & sanctioned Calgary teams. Each City Cup may have additional restrictions for registered teams.

Structure:

The tournament will be a single elimination draw.

Match Play (For Week End Tournament Play):

All games will be 50 minutes (2 x 25 minute halves) with a 5-minute halftime. All games must have a result and will go directly to Penalty Kicks if tied after regulation time.

Referee:

The regular match play will have a single referee and the teams will have to supply a club linesman. The teams will be fined accordingly for non-compliance with regards to club linesmen. The semi-finals and finals will have a referee and 2 assistant referees supplied.

Rules:

1. All matches are 60 minutes except the final matches, with 5-minute halftime. The final matches will be 60 minutes with a 5-minute halftime.
2. Maximum 25 players per team, with 20 dressed per game.
3. Unlimited substitutions (2 players at a time), with the Referees' discretion.
4. Players receiving Red Cards sit out his team's next match.
5. Red Carded Players, whose offense is more then a one game suspension, will be reviewed by the Discipline Committee. In the case of a tournament style play where the team continues to advance in the competition a Committee Hearing will be convened to hear the case.
6. A player that receives two yellow cards in a single match must sit out his team's next game.
7. The players' equipment is the same rules that regularly apply for the regular season.
8. A player can only sign with one team. If the teams are caught playing with ineligible players the team will be disqualified from the tournament.
9. Teams that are deemed to be a "no show" or "forfeit a match of play will be assessed a fine, and are removed from the tournament.
10. If there is discipline action that is deemed to be of serious nature, the discipline action shall be put forth to the CUSA Discipline Committee and thereafter the regular hearing procedures will be followed.
11. Current suspended players cannot be used for the tournament (this does count towards a suspension).
12. If not outlined in this document then the regular CUSA rules and regulations that govern match play will be implemented for this tournament.

Appendix C – Pre Season Cup Regulations Indoor

Overall Structure:

A tournament structure may be used for the Pre Season Cups. A variety of competitions will be offered to accommodate equitable divisions for the teams.

These tournaments are only for CUSA membership. The purpose of the competition is to provide a means by which Clubs / teams may determine placement of players onto league teams prior to the commencement of the Indoor League (tryouts).

Structure:

The tournament will guarantee teams a predetermined number of games each.

Match play:

All games will be played under the current edition of Alberta Soccer Indoor Rules of Play. Unless stated specifically on the draw a result will not be required from each game. There is no extra time or penalty kicks required in this competition.

Player Registration:

Players must be registered and active on the team's Pre Season Team roster. Following the competition players will have the opportunity to sign with a league team different from their Pre Season Cup team prior to the start of the Indoor League without utilizing a season's transfer. Once the Indoor League commences any change of team will be a transfer regardless if the particular team or division has commenced play.

Rules:

1. Maximum 25 players per team, with 20 dressed per game.
2. Player ID cards are required for the competition however; as the Preseason allows for teams to combine rosters the ID card does not require the name of the team on it to align with the team playing Preseason with.
3. Players red-carded during pre-season play will be subject to discipline as per the Discipline Code.
4. A player that receives two yellow cards in a single match must sit out his team's next game.
5. The players' equipment is the same rules that regularly apply for the regular season.
6. A player can only sign with one team. If the teams are caught playing with ineligible players the team will be disqualified from the competition.
 - 6.1 A player can be released from one pre-season team to tryout for another team. Emailed release from team manager must be received in office prior to player playing for another team.
 - 6.2 A player can appear on up to 2 rosters for the duration of the pre-season.
7. Teams that are deemed to be a "no show" or "forfeit a match of play will be assessed a fine, and are removed from the competition.
8. CUSA players, suspended before the start of the pre-season competition, can be used providing any fine has been paid and the player ID collected from the CUSA Office. The player must serve the balance of the suspension at the beginning of the Indoor season.
9. If not outlined in this document then the regular CUSA Rules and Regulations that govern match play will be implemented for this competition.

Appendix D – Pre Season Cup Regulations

Outdoor

Overall Structure:

A tournament structure may be used for the Pre Season Cups. A variety of competitions will be offered to accommodate equitable divisions for the teams.

These tournaments are only for CUSA membership. The purpose of the competition is to provide a means by which Clubs / teams may determine placement of players onto league teams prior to the commencement of the Outdoor League (tryouts). As the competition's goal is to provide teams an opportunity to tryout players there are no championship games.

Structure:

The tournament will guarantee teams a predetermined number of games each.

Match play:

All games will be played under the current edition of FIFA Laws, as modified for Alberta Soccer and CUSA play. Unless stated specifically on the draw a result will not be required from each game. There is no extra time or penalty kicks required in this competition.

Player Registration:

Players must be registered and active on the team's Pre Season Team roster. Following the competition players will have the opportunity to sign with a league team different from their Pre Season Cup team prior to the start of the Outdoor League without utilizing a season's transfer. Once the Outdoor League commences any change of team will be a transfer regardless if the particular team or division has commenced play.

Rules:

1. Maximum 25 players per team, with 20 dressed per game.
2. Player ID cards are required for the competition however; as the Preseason allows for teams to combine rosters the ID card does not require the name of the team on it to align with the team playing Preseason with.
3. Players red-carded during exhibition play will be subject to discipline as per the Discipline Code.
4. A player that receives two yellow cards in a single match must sit out his team's next game.
5. The players' equipment is the same rules that regularly apply for the regular season.
6. A player can only sign with one team. If the teams are caught playing with ineligible players the team will be disqualified from the competition.
 - 6.1 A player can be released from one pre-season team to tryout for another team. Emailed release from team manager must be received in office prior to player playing for another team.
 - 6.2 A player can appear on up to 2 rosters for the duration of the pre-season.
7. Teams that are deemed to be a "no show" or "forfeit a match of play will be assessed a fine, and are removed from the competition.
8. CUSA players, suspended before the start of the pre-season competition, can be used providing any fine has been paid and the player ID collected from the CUSA Office. The player must serve the balance of the suspension at the beginning of the Outdoor season.
9. If not outlined in this document then the regular CUSA Rules and Regulations that govern match play will be implemented for this competition.