

CONNECTICUT SOCCER LEAGUE

Rules and By-Laws

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CONNECTICUT SOCCER LEAGUE RULES AND BY-LAWS

PREAMBLE

- A. The name of this organization shall be THE CONNECTICUT SOCCER LEAGUE, Inc.
- B. THE CONNECTICUT SOCCER LEAGUE, Inc. also referred to as the CSL, is a non-profit organization and shall be incorporated with the State of Connecticut.
- C. The purpose of this organization is to promote the game of soccer by arranging and directing a league championship and such other games, competitions, and activities as shall serve to promote the game of soccer.
- D. Clubs affiliating with The CSL do so voluntarily and with the purpose of taking part in the League's activities and agree to abide by these Rules and to the decisions made by the Executive Board.
- E. At not time shall the League, or its officers, be responsible for injuries to players, officials, and/or spectators incurred before, during, and/or after any activities; nor shall the league, or its officers, be held liable for any property damage or loss occurring before, during and/or after any activity at any private field or public park.
- F. Clubs are required to comply with local town or city ordinances when playing or practicing at local facilities. Clubs are responsible for any and all consequences that may occur as the result of failure to comply with these ordinances.
- G. The CSL shall be affiliated with The Connecticut Sate Soccer Association, Inc. and shall observe the rules, regulations, and by-laws of that organization.
- H. If for any cause The CSL should disband, its money and other assets, after payment of all obligations, should be put in escrow by the CSSA to be used in the formation of a new league.

LEAGUE ADMINISTRATION

II.

A. OFFICERS: The officers of the CSL shall be a President, Vice President, Recording Secretary/Treasurer, League Secretary, Registrar, Schedule Secretary, and Referee Coordinator. The officers shall constitute the Executive Board and shall have full power to act on all matters pertaining to the CSL. They shall approve all committees and officials appointed by the President. They shall be responsible for upholding all CSL Rules and By-Laws.

1. TERM OF OFFICE: All officers shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and shall serve for terms for two years. The officers of President, Registrar, Schedule Secretary and League Secretary shall be elected in even numbered years. The Vice President, Referee Coordinator, and Recording Secretary/Treasurer shall be elected in odd numbered years.

2. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

a. PRESIDENT:

- (1) The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the CSL and shall preside at Executive Board Meetings, General Meetings, and any other CSL functions.
- (2) He shall represent the CSL at CSSA functions.
- (3) He shall appoint delegates to the CSSA Annual General Meeting, subject to approval by the general membership.
- (4) He shall not routinely vote during any Executive or General Meetings but shall vote in case of a tie.

b. VICE – PRESIDENT

- (1) The Vice President shall assist the President as the President shall direct and shall assume the duties of the President should he (the President) become incapacitated.
- (2) He shall act as chairman of the Publicity Committee and shall represent the CSL in matters pertaining to public relations.
- (3) He shall represent the CSL in matters pertaining to insurance.

- (4) He shall also act as games chairman and as such will actively seek games and tournaments for CSL teams and for the CSL Select Teams as they may request.
- (5) He shall represent the CSL at CSRA meetings and functions.

c. RECORDING SECRETARY/TREASURER:

- (1) The Recording Secretary/Treasurer shall be responsible for financial matters pertaining to the CSL. He shall keep a complete record of monies and assets of the CSL and shall present a financial report at each Executive Board Meeting, General Meeting, and at such other times as the President may direct. He shall be responsible for the payment of authorized debts incurred by the League.
- (2) He shall keep minutes of official CSL meetings at which he is present and shall present these minutes for approval prior to the next scheduled meeting.

d. LEAGUE SECRETARY:

- (1) The League Secretary shall be responsible for correspondence pertaining to the CSL and shall ensure that copies of all correspondence are forwarded to Executive Board Members as required. He shall be the primary point of contact between the CSL and its members and between the CSL and outside agencies.

e. REGISTRAR:

- (1) The Registrar shall be the main point of contact in the CSL with respect to the registration of players. He shall assist the CSSA Registrar with his duties as they pertain to players participating in CSL play.
- (2) He shall maintain lists of players currently registered with CSL teams and must produce these lists within 24 hours if requested by any CSL team or official.

f. SCHEDULE SECRETARY:

- (1) The Schedule Secretary shall prepare and publish the schedule of play for the CSL.

(2) He shall chair the Schedule Committee, which shall review the schedule and shall hear protests that arise as a result of this schedule or any changes to it.

g. REFEREE COORDINATOR:

- (1) The Referee Coordinator shall work with the CSSA, CSRA, and the CSL to schedule and assign referees to all CSL games.
- (2) He shall also actively seek to recruit new referees, encourage assessments of referees when eligible, and ensure that payments to referees are made in accordance with established procedure.

3. REMOVAL AND ELIGIBILITY:

- a. In the event an officer resigns, is dismissed or who, through absence or illness, cannot carry out the duties of his office, the President shall appoint an interim officer who shall serve in said office for the remainder of the term, subject to approval by the general membership at the next scheduled general meeting.
- b. Any officer who absents himself from two consecutive, or at total of three, Executive Board meetings without cause shall have his officer declared vacant. The duties of such officer shall be carried out in accordance with Rule II.A.3.a.
- c. Elected CSL Officers may be removed from the Executive Board for cause at any time by the approval of two-thirds (2/3) of the Executive Board and the vacancy caused by the removal to be filled in accordance with Rule II.A.3.a. The person being removed has the right to be present at the removal meeting and has the right to appeal to the General membership should he so desire. This appeal shall be heard at a special General Meeting unless the next regular scheduled General Meeting is within six (6) weeks.
- d. Elected Executive Board members may not be elected members of the Connecticut State Soccer Association.

4. GRANTS AND REIMBURSEMENTS:

- a. Grants shall be awarded to the officers of the CSL in accordance with Appendix C. These grants are to be awarded only to current officials who have attended at least 75% of all schedule meetings.
- b. Reimbursements shall be granted only for expenses incurred as a result of official CSL duties and on presentation of itemized receipts. Travel reimbursement shall not exceed the current Federal rate and only for officially sanctioned trips.

B. COMMITTEE

1. GENERAL:

- a. Committees shall meet as required to fulfill their duties. They shall deliver all minutes and/or reports of these meetings to the Executive Board within four (4) working days of these meetings.
- b. Ad Hoc committees shall be formed by the President as necessary and at his discretion.

2. SCHEDULE COMMITTEE:

- a. Shall be chaired by the Schedule Secretary and include the Vice President and Referee Coordinator.
- b. Shall be responsible for reviewing the schedule prepared by the Schedule Secretary and shall also determine the “seeding” of teams with the view of insuring that the most attractive schedule is produced.

3. RULES COMMITTEE:

- a. Shall be chaired by the Recording Secretary/Treasurer and shall include the Registrar and the Vice-President.
- b. Shall solicit and receive proposed changes to the CSL Rules and shall prepare these changes, with recommendations, for consideration at the next General Meeting.

4. DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE:

- a. Shall be chaired by the resident and shall include the Referee Coordinator and the Registrar.
- b. Shall handle all team and player related discipline issues and shall decide these issues in accordance with CSL Rules.

- c. If any member of this committee is, or within one year was, a member of a team who is to “appear” before this committee, then he shall not participate in any decision and shall be replaced by an alternate chosen by the Chairman.

5. PROTEST COMMITTEE:

- a. Shall be chaired by the League secretary and shall include the Schedule Secretary and the Recording Secretary/Treasurer.
- b. Shall hear all protests filed with the League in accordance with Rule VIII and shall decide on these protests in accordance with the Rules and Procedures of the CSL.
- c. No member of this committee shall hear a protest in which that member is directly involved. If such is the case an alternate member appointed by the Chairman shall sit on the committee.

C. MEETINGS:

1. GENERAL:

- a. All meetings will be conducted in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order.
- b. The agenda for all meetings shall be in accordance with Appendix D. but may be modified to account for special items of interest.

2. EXECUTIVE BOARD:

- a. The Executive Board shall hold meetings at least once a month except for the month of February.
- b. Executive Board meetings shall take place on the First Monday following the CSSA monthly meeting. On those months when a CSSA meeting does not occur, the meeting shall take place as the Executive Board may decide.
- c. A quorum of the Executive Board shall be a majority of elected officers.
- d. CSSA and CSRA representatives shall be non-voting members of the CSL Executive Board and may participate in all meetings.
- e. No member of the Executive Board who has a current or recent affiliation of less than one (1) year with an active club, may speak for that club or vote on any motion involving that club at any Executive, General, or Special meeting or at any Committee meeting.

3. GENERAL MEETINGS:
- a. Two General Meetings shall be regularly held. The Annual General Meeting, which shall occur in January, and the Semi-Annual General Meeting, which shall occur during the mid-season break.
 - b. Special General Meetings may be called by a majority of the Executive Board of by written petition of more than three-fourths of active members of the League.
 - c. VOTING:
 - (1) Each team in good standing shall be entitled to one vote at all General Meetings.
 - (2) The representative of each team shall be identified during the role call and shall be the only person allowed to speak for that team during the course of the General Meeting. Team representation cannot be transferred once the roll call has been answered.
 - (3) Each executive Board member, except the President, shall also be entitled to one vote at all General Meetings.
 - d. A quorum shall consist of a simple majority of voting members.
 - e. General Meetings shall be held at a location chosen by the Executive Board.
 - f. Attendance at General Meetings is mandatory and failure to attend, or tardiness, will result in the member being fined in accordance with Appendix B.
 - g. No Executive Board member shall represent or speak for a team at any General meeting.

TEAMS

III.

A. GENERAL:

1. All teams participating in the Connecticut Soccer league shall do so with the understanding that they will abide by all CSL Rules and Regulations. Failure to do so can result in disciplinary action that can include expulsion.
2. No Team has the authority to sell its right to play in the League.
3. Any team that provides the League with a certified USSF referee or referee candidate shall be awarded a credit of \$100.00 on completion of that referee's participation in five (5) CSL games as either referee or linesman.

B. ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Each team shall be responsible for completing fully the affiliation forms provided by the CSL.
2. Teams are required to notify the League and all teams in their division of any changes in CSL required forms and shall bear full responsibility when this is not done. Notification must be by letter.
3. All written communications with the CSL shall be sent to the League Secretary.
4. Notification of any change of playing field and/or scheduled time shall be made in writing and sent via certified mail to the CSL League Secretary, CSL Referee Coordinator; and return receipt requested, to all respective Division Teams. This notification shall be received no later than five (5) days before the next scheduled home game. Failure to comply with this requirement shall result in the forfeiture of the game.
5. Teams are required to properly and completely fill out all game forms in accordance with CSL guidelines of Appendix D. Failure to do so may result in action by the Discipline Committee.

C. GAME RESPONSIBILITIES

1. All teams must play their games as scheduled or risk forfeit to the opposing team. Only the League can postpone or reschedule a game. Only the assigned referee can rule the field unplayable.

2. All games, the postponement of which was team initiated and League approved, must be played prior to the date of the scheduled final match of the season.
3. Forfeiture of a scheduled game can result in loss of bond and/or the team being declared not in good standing. Teams not in good standing cannot participate in any League activity until such time as they have been restored to good standing.
4. Teams that forfeit a game shall be responsible for all referee expenses and any other expenses that would be required had the game been played as scheduled.
5. Forfeiture of either of the last two games of the season shall result in a fine of \$500.00 (Appendix B).
6. Teams are responsible for securing a playing field acceptable to the CSL. They are also responsible for providing proper nets, corner flags, and preferably spectator restraints, as well as any other stipulations the CSL may provide. They are to ensure that the field is properly lined. The teams that use municipally controlled playing field must ensure that the field is properly lined. The reliance on the municipality or anyone else to line the field does not release the home team from its responsibility. Failure to comply with this rule can result in the game being forfeited to the opposing team and with attendant penalties.
7. All teams are expected to be ready to play at the scheduled time. "Ready to play" shall mean the following as a minimum:
 - a. Field lined and nets, corner flags and, preferably spectator restraints in place.
 - b. At least seven (7) players in uniform with line-up form prepared and passes ready to be checked.
 - c. Club linesmen, if required, properly equipped and ready. Teams who fail to comply with this rule shall be dealt with as the Discipline Committee may decide.
8. Any Team that fails to complete a scheduled CSL game due to an impulsive action such as, but not limited to, walking off the field, shall be immediately suspended and subject to further action by the Discipline Committee.
9. All Teams are required to inform the Referee, prior to the start of a game, of any CSL requirement, such as required police presence. Failure to comply with this requirement can result in action by the Discipline Committee.
10. Team captains are required and shall be identified by a distinctive armband. They shall also be identified on the lineup form.

11. Teams that are required to provide club linesmen are responsible for the providing them with a black shire and red flag. Failure to dos so will result in a fine in accordance with Appendix B.

D. PLAYER RESPONSIBILITIES OF TEAMS:

1. Teams are required to provide positive identification for all players they wish to register. No player will be registered without positive, picture identification.
2. A player currently not in good standing with the CSL, the CSSA or any affiliated organization, for any reason, may not be released or signed by any CSL team until good standing has been restored.
3. Discipline points accumulated by any player shall transfer with the player.
4. No team shall have more than twenty-three (23) players registered at any one time. The team roster for a CSL game shall be limited to eighteen (18) players. Any club who registers more than twenty-three players shall be subject to action and/or fine by the Discipline Committee. Fines shall be in accordance with Appendix B.
5. No team shall be allowed to use a player without a valid pass. If a pass is lost, stolen, or becomes unusable, one-time written permission to play may be granted by the Registrar. This permission must be obtained in writing at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the scheduled game.
6. The team's roster of players will be frozen upon the completion of more that 50% of the team's scheduled matches in the second half of the season.

E. ADMISSION OF NEW TEAM(S):

1. Teams that desire admission to the CSL may apply by requesting the appropriate forms from the League Secretary. Application and the appropriate fee(s) must be received in time for formal consideration by the League.
2. Teams that apply for admission do so with the understanding that they intend to abide by all the Rules of the CSL and shall not conduct themselves in such a manner as to discredit the USSF, CSSA, CSL, or the game of soccer.
3. Once a formal application for admission is received, the team's officers shall appear before a screening committee, which shall investigate the suitability of the team for admission to the CSL. This committee shall be appointed by the President.

4. Teams requesting admission to the CSL shall designate the field they intend to use as their home field. This field must meet FIFA regulations as well as CSL requirements and shall be subject to approval by the CSL screening committee. Use of a field currently being used by a CSL team does not necessarily mean acceptance.
5. Any team that is admitted to the CSL, must supply a valid referee candidate who is required to attend and pass the CSSA referee certification. Failure to comply could result in action by the Discipline Committee.
6. A club admitted to the CSL shall be on probation for a period of at least two (2) years. If the team fails at any time during this period to comply with the standards of conduct, administration requirements, or rules of the CSL it shall be subject to expulsion.

PLAYERS

IV.

A. REGISTRATION

1. All players shall be registered with the Registrar/Treasurer of the Connecticut State Soccer Association who has charge of all such registrations.
2. Players are responsible for all information contained on the registration forms. Any player who falsifies this information shall be suspended from the CSL until an inquiry can be held by the discipline committee.
3. Players who receive cautions(s) and/or ejections(s) during any CSSA sanctioned event shall be awarded discipline points in accordance with the schedule of Appendix B. These points shall be paid by the player, who is solely responsible for this payment, and not player shall be allowed to participate in any CSL event until such time as that assessment is paid.

B. CAPTAINS:

1. Captains shall be appointed for each game and shall be designated as such on the Line-up form and by the wearing of a designated armband.
2. Captains shall be the only person/player who may converse with the referee during the game. All such communication shall be conducted in a respectable manner.

REFEREES

V.

A. GENERAL:

1. Referees shall be assigned in accordance with procedures of the CSSA and in consultation with the CSL Referee Coordinator.
2. Only USSF Referees in good standing shall be assigned to referee CSL games. Members of the Connecticut State Referee Association (CSRA) shall be assigned to CSL games on a priority basis.
3. The power of the Referee for CSL games shall be in accordance with FIFA Laws of the game.
4. Referees shall be responsible for the ensuring that the field is playable.
5. It is the intent of the CSL to provide each CSL game with a three-man referee team. In the event that all games cannot be provided with such, the games in Division I shall be given priority.

B. GAME ADMINISTRATION:

1. Referee shall administer CSL games in accordance with the following guidelines:
 - a. Field inspection should take place prior to the start of the game. If any field does not meet the guidelines of these Rules, it shall not be used until discrepancies have been corrected. Referees shall not allow a game to be played on any field that may present a safety hazard to any participant or fan.
 - b. Referees shall receive the lineup forms and conduct an inspection of player passes prior to the scheduled start of a game. All pass inspections should be conducted in the presence of the manager of captain of the opposing team. One copy of the completed lineup form shall be given to the opposing team. Lineup forms that are not filled out completely or are filled out improperly shall not be accepted. Any discrepancy found with player passes or lineup forms shall be reported to the CSL by telephone on the day of the game. Referees shall keep any passes found to be suspect or in disrepair. Only CSL player pass number acceptable on lineup forms.

c. Referee reports shall be completed using only the forms designated by the CSRA. All reports shall be completed and filed within twenty-four (24) hours of the scheduled game. Passes retained as a result of ejections shall be sent to the CSSA Discipline Chairman.

2. Any referee who fails to comply with the game administrative requirements of these Rules may not be assigned CSL games.
3. Any referee who consistently and repeatedly fails to display a professional manner in the conduct of his games may not be assigned to future CSL games.

C. FEES:

1. Referees shall be paid in accordance with Appendix A. with neutral Linesmen to be paid one-half of the Referee's fee.
2. Payment shall occur prior to the start of the second half and no game shall continue until such payment has been made.
3. In the event that scheduled game, or any part of a scheduled game does not take place, the referee and linesmen shall be paid half the normal fee.

VI.

GAME REGULATIONS

A. GENERAL:

1. All games shall be played in accordance with the FIFA Laws of the Game, except as modified in these Rules.
2. Games of less than seventy (70) minutes duration shall not be considered complete games and shall be dealt with at the discretion of the Executive Board
3. Should the referee terminate a game as a result of misbehavior by any player, team, fan(s), of any other misconduct the matter shall be taken up by the Discipline Committee.
4. Only the referee can declare the field unplayable.

B. SUBSTITUTIONS:

1. A maximum of eight (8) substitutes shall be permitted during the game. This includes re-substitutes.
2. Substitutions, the act of, will be pursuant to FIFA Rules and Regulations.

C. POSTPONEMENTS:

1. Games may be postponed by permission of the Schedule Secretary. Teams may request postponement of a game by writing to the League no less than two (2) weeks in advance of the game. If permission is given, the Schedule Secretary shall inform the applicable teams immediately.
2. The Schedule Secretary is responsible for rescheduling any postponed games and must give the participating teams at least forty-eight (48) hours notice. Notice may be given by telephone but must be followed up by letter.

D. GAME PROCEEDS:

1. No member of an opposing team or any official listed on the team's affiliation form shall be charged for admission to any CSL league game in which they are to participate.
2. No USSF, CSSA, or CSL official may be charged admission to any CSL game.

VII.

COMPETITION

A. GENERAL:

1. The executive Board, with recommendations from the Schedule Committee, shall determine the assignment of teams to divisions.
2. Any team that forfeits two (2) games in a row, or any three games in a season shall be expelled from the CSL.

B. LEAGUE STRUCTURE:

1. The CSL shall be divided into two Divisions of no more than twelve teams each. The second division (Division II) shall be divided into Division IIN (north) and Division IIS (south).
2. Teams shall play a schedule of games against members of their own division and shall play each member home and away.

C. STANDINGS:

1. A team's position in the Division's Standings shall be based on the points accumulated during league play, with three (3) points awarded for a win, one (1) point awarded for a tie, and zero (0) points awarded for a loss.
2. In the event teams are even in total points, positions shall be determined by the following:
 - a. Goal Difference. The tea with the greater goal difference shall be placed higher in the standings.
 - b. Head-to-head. The team with the most points in matches against tied teams shall be placed higher in the standings.
 - c. Goals scored. The team scoring the most goals shall be placed higher in the standings.
3. In the event that a team fails to finish the season schedule for any reason, the following guidelines shall apply.
 - a. Where one-half (1/2) or more of the schedule has been completed, the results for the first half of the season shall stand and any games played in the second half of the season shall be declared null and void.
 - b. Where less than one-half (1/2) of the scheduled games has been played, all games shall be declared void and shall be deducted from the standings.

D. PROMOTION, RELEGATION, AND AWARDS:

1. The Champion of the Connecticut Soccer League shall be the team that finishes Division I with the greatest number of points.
2. Trophies shall be awarded to teams finishing first, second, and third in all divisions.
3. A game shall be played between the winners of the two-second division and the winner of that game shall be declared the Second Division Champion.
4. The last and second to the last placed teams in Division I shall be relegated. Any team in Division I that is suspended, expelled or voluntarily drops out of the CSL shall count as a relegated team. The number of relegated teams shall not exceed two (2). All relegated teams shall be replaced by a corresponding number of the highest placed Division II teams.
5. Any team that forfeits a game(s) after having accumulated enough points to win the Division shall not be considered the Division Champion and shall be placed at the bottom of the Division.
6. No team may refuse promotion. Failure to accept promotion shall result in forfeiture of the Championship and any other action the Executive Board may decree.

E. OTHER COMPETITIONS:

1. Any Club wishing to organize a competition shall do so in accordance with the requirements of the CSSA and cannot be in conflict with any USSF, CSSA or CSL game(s).
2. Should a club or the CSL organize a competition in addition to regular League play, the rules and conduct of that competition must be promulgated and approved before the competition can take place.
 - a. These rules must stipulate exactly the disbursement of any funds that may result from the competition.

VIII. PROTEST, APPEALS, AND FINES

A. GENERAL:

1. All protests of any CSL game, procedure, Executive Board decision, or any other CSL matter, shall be filed in accordance with the procedures contained in this Rule.
2. No procedure will be entertained unless it complies with the administrative requirements of this rule and is accompanied by the prerequisite protest fee.
3. Although the CSL Protest Committee will hear any and all protests submitted, teams are reminded that any protest that rests solely on a difference of opinion between the club lodging the protest and a judgment call of the referee of a game shall usually be denied.

B. PROCEDURE:

1. All protests shall be lodged with, and received by, the League Secretary within five (5) days of the incident being protested.
2. Protests must be sent by Certified Mail and must contain the following as a minimum.
 - a. A protest fee in accordance with Appendix B.
 - b. Five (5) copies of the letter of protest (including the original).
 - c. Five (5) copies of any supporting documentation.
3. Protests shall be type written and legible and should state clearly the following information:
 - a. The game, decision, or incident being protested.
 - b. A short concise explanation of the reason for the protest.
 - c. A recommended alternate or corrective action.
4. Protest fees are to be returned to the club should the protest be upheld. If the protest is denied, the fee is kept by the CSL.
5. Copies of the protest(s) and notification of the protest hearing shall be supplied to any individual and/or team that are involved with the incident and/or decision being protested.

C. APPEALS:

1. Appeals to the decisions of the Protest Committee shall be lodged, in writing, to the CSL Executive Board within three (3) days of notification of the Protest Committee's decision.
2. These appeals shall not require an appeal fee, and only one copy of the appeal is required. However, all other requirements of Rule VIII.B are required.
3. Further appeals, if desired, shall be filed with the CSSA in accordance with that body's requirements.
4. The Protest Committee shall hear all protests within seven (7) days of receiving the protest. This hearing may be by meeting and/or tele-conference.
5. The club or individual lodging the appeal must be notified of this hearing and has the right to be present should they so desire, for the sole purpose of stating their case. They are not to be present during deliberations.

D. FINES:

1. Any and all fines, fees, or assessments that are required to be paid in accordance with the CSL Rules or due to action by the Executive Board, shall be paid within ten (10) days of notification of the requirement.
2. Any team that fails to pay within the allotted time shall be declared not in good standing and shall be dealt with as the Executive Board may decide.
3. If a team is undergoing an appeal, the payment is deferred until such time as the protest is decided. If the appeal is denied, the payment becomes due on notification.

IX. RULES, AMENDMENTS, AND STANDING ORDERS

A. GENERAL:

1. Any situation that is not addressed by these Rules shall be dealt with by the Executive Board using the Rules of the USSF and/or CSSA as guide(s) if applicable.

B. RULE CHANGES:

1. Any proposed rule changes or amendments shall be submitted to the League in accordance with the following procedure.
 - a. Proposals shall be submitted in triplicate.
 - b. Proposals shall be type written and shall include a reason for the proposed change.
 - c. Proposals must be received by the League at least thirty (30) days before the next Annual Meeting.
 - d. Copies of any proposed changes shall be sent to each club at least fifteen (15) days before the Annual Meeting at which they are to be discussed.
2. No Rule change or amendment may take effect during the course of a season.
3. In order for a rule change or amendment to take place, it must receive votes of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the members present at the Annual Meeting.

C. STANDING ORDERS:

1. Standing Orders shall be regulations adopted by the Executive Board that are intended to meet a temporary situation or to improve the efficiency of the CSL.
2. Standing Orders shall remain in effect for no more than one (1) year or until rescinded or incorporated into the CSL Rules in accordance with procedure.