

LONG ISLAND

# JUNIOR SOCCER LEAGUE



**BUILDING CHARACTER  
THROUGH SOCCER**

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## **CONSTITUTION BY-LAWS RULES & REGULATIONS**

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**SEASONAL YEAR  
FALL 2010, SPRING 2011**

**The Long Island Junior Soccer League,  
Incorporated**

**Member of the  
Eastern New York Youth  
Soccer Association  
(ENYYSA)**

**Affiliated with the  
United States Youth Soccer Association  
(USYSA)**

**ORGANIZED 1966**

**LEAGUE FOUNDERS  
Long Island Football League  
Pat Ryder  
Jack Maher**

**FOUNDER GIRLS PROGRAM  
Liza Gozley**

**PAST PRESIDENTS  
Ron Campbell  
Bill Doyle  
Stan Hobson  
Tom Kenny  
Tony Perez  
Paul Bedell  
Dick Frazita  
Peter C. Collins**

**LONG ISLAND JUNIOR  
SOCCER LEAGUE, INC.**

**CONSTITUTION**

**ARTICLE I - League Name**

The name of this League shall be the LONG ISLAND JUNIOR SOCCER LEAGUE, INC., hereinafter referred to as "LIJSL" or the "League".

**ARTICLE II - League Structure**

**Part 1. Mission** It is the mission of the League to foster the growth and development of youth through the sport of soccer to individuals under the age of nineteen at all levels of competition. The League shall administer the orderly management of governmental affairs of the game of soccer in the Long Island area.

**Part 2. Established** This League shall be established as a nonprofit and educational organization.

**Part 3. Colors** The colors of the League shall be red, white, and blue.

**Part 4. Headquarters** The headquarters of the League shall be located on Long Island using the address of the League Office as the official mailing address.

**Part 5. Affiliation** This League is affiliated with the Eastern New York Youth Soccer Association, Inc. (ENYYSA), and the United States Youth Soccer Association, Inc. (USYSA), a division of the United States Soccer Federation (USSF).

**Part 6. Duration of the League** The duration of the League shall be perpetual.

**Part 7. Corporation Dissolves** In the event that this corporation dissolves, all the funds remaining in its treasury, after the payment of all of its obligations, will be transferred to another organization duly qualified under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

### **ARTICLE III - League Membership**

Every Club in good standing with the Eastern New York Youth Soccer Association, Inc. with headquarters within Long Island shall be eligible for membership in the League.

### **ARTICLE IV - League Management**

**Part 1. Board of Directors** The business of the League shall be conducted and managed by the Board of Directors, which shall consist of eleven Directors. Each Director shall be at least twenty-one years of age. The Directors shall serve for a term of two (2) years. At the Annual General Meeting in June the Directors will be elected by the membership - five (5) during the even numbered years and six during the odd numbered years.

**Part 2. Officers of the League** The Board of Directors shall appoint the officers for one year terms commencing with the first day of July of each year: President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and six Trustees.

**Part 3. Fiscal Year Budget** The Budget Committee will prepare for the next fiscal year a budget, upon receiving from each operational Committee their respective budgets for their activities in the coming year. Budget approval must be carried by a majority of the Directors. Failure of a committee to submit a budget by the due date given by the Budget Committee will result in the Board of Directors imposing a budget upon said committee.

**Part 4. Records of the Corporation** The corporation shall maintain adequate and correct accounts, books and records of its business and properties. All such books shall be kept at its principle place of business and shall be open to the inspection of the Directors and authorized representatives of the Member Clubs.

### **ARTICLE V – Meetings**

**Part 1. Board of Directors Meetings** League business shall be transacted at Board of Directors meetings which shall be held at least six times a year. Each member of the Board of Directors in good standing shall have one vote.

a) Only the members of the Board of Directors shall cast a vote at the Board of Directors Meeting. Unless otherwise specified all actions of the Board of Directors become effective upon adoption.

b) Special meetings may be called as required by the President or by a majority vote of the Directors. All Board meetings shall be open to Member Clubs.

**Part 2. Semi-Annual General Meetings** There shall be a Semi-Annual General Meetings each year during the months of June and December. Notice shall be sent to Member Clubs at least thirty (30) days before said date.

## **ARTICLE VI – Amendments**

**Part 1. Amendments to the Constitution** The Constitution may be amended only at the December Semi-Annual General Meeting, by a two-thirds majority vote of the votes cast, a quorum being present, provided notice was given each Member Club at least thirty (30) days prior.

**Part 2. Proposals of Amendments** Proposals to amend the Constitution may be made by a Member Club, the Board of Directors or a Committee of the League.

**Part 3. Secretary 120 Days** Any proposal to amend the Constitution must be made in writing to the League Secretary 120 days in advance of the December Semi-Annual General Meeting.

**Part 3.1. Rules Committee 90 Days** Proposals shall be forwarded by the League Secretary to the Rules Committee 90 days prior to the December Semi-Annual General Meeting.

**Part 3.2. Board of Directors 45 Days** Proposals shall be submitted by the Rules Committee to the Board of Directors for their consideration 45 days prior to the December Semi-Annual General Meeting.

**Part 3.3. Member Clubs 30 Days** The proposals and recommendations from the Rules Committee shall be sent in writing to each Member Club 30 days in advance of the December Semi-Annual General Meeting.

**Part 4. Priority of Rules** No playing rule shall be passed by this League which is inconsistent with the rules adopted by the United States Youth Soccer Association.

**Part 5. Implementation of the Amendments to the Constitution** Amendments to the Constitution receiving two thirds majority vote shall be implemented on the first day of July of the following calendar year.

**Part 6. Voting** Each Club which is a member of the League in good standing shall have one vote. A Club's vote may be cast by an authorized member of that Club present. All ballots will be cast anonymously. Members of the League's Board of Directors are not eligible to vote.

**Part 7. Quorum** A quorum shall exist when fifty (50) percent of the voting power of the League is present at the Semi-Annual General Meetings.

**LONG ISLAND JUNIOR  
SOCCER LEAGUE, INC.**

**BYLAWS**

**ARTICLE I - Membership**

**Part 1. Petition the Board of Directors for Membership**

Any Organization seeking to become a member of the League must petition the Board of Directors through the Membership Committee. The request for membership must be received by the Committee on or before March 31. The Board of Directors after reviewing the findings of the Membership Committee will decide upon the admissibility of the Organization.

**Part 2. New Membership** New membership will be granted to those organizations who meet the criteria. The criteria is established by the Membership Committee with the approval of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors will give due consideration to the stability of existing Clubs and the best interests of the youth the League serves.

**Part 3. Renewal of Club's Annual Membership** Each Member Club must renew its membership annually. Renewal shall be contingent upon participation in League competition during the prior seasonal year. Clubs which have failed to participate in League competition during this period must apply as a new member in accordance with Article I, Part 1.

**Part 4. Failure to Renew** The Club's annual membership shall be renewed prior to the start of the seasonal year during the League's registration period. Failure to renew will cause the membership to lapse. Should this occur, the Club will be required to seek new membership under the League's guidelines.

**Part 5. Receipt of the League's Regulatory Material** Each Club upon being accepted as a member of the LIJSL shall receive a copy of the Constitution, Bylaws and Rules and Regulations and the Guidelines, Regulations and Procedures of the League.

**Part 6. Suspend from Membership** The Board of Directors, may at its discretion suspend from membership, or expel, any individual, team, or Club who:

a) Willfully refuses or neglects to fulfill any of its obligations as a member, or violates any of the provisions of the Constitution, Bylaws, or Rules and Regulations and the Guidelines, Regulations and Procedures of the League;

b) Commits any act which is inconsistent with the principles and standards of good sportsmanship and fair play.

**Part 6.1. Member Show Cause** Suspension shall require a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors. A member shall have an opportunity to show cause why such action should not be taken.

**Part 7. Reinstate a Member** The Board of Directors may reinstate a member or Club who has been suspended from the League.

**Part 8. Name of the Member Clubs** Member Clubs must be registered and known by the name of a Town, Community or School District. *Comment: The name of a Member Club, said Club being a member prior to January 1, 1988, shall remain.*

## **ARTICLE II – Meetings**

The dates, times, and places of all meetings will be determined by the Board of Directors. **EXCEPTION:** The Semi-Annual General Meetings will be held during the months of June and December.

**Part 1. Semi-Annual General Meetings** There shall be Semi-Annual General Meetings each year, in June and December. Notification and a proposed agenda shall be given to Member Clubs at least thirty (30) days in advance. Member clubs which fail to have a representative present shall be subject to a fine, as listed under the fine schedule.

**Part 2. Convene a Special General Meeting** A Special General Meeting of the membership may be called:

- a) By the League President;
- b) At any time by a majority of the Directors present and voting at any duly convened meeting of the Board of Directors;
- c) By petition of at least 20% of the Member Clubs entitled to vote.

### **ARTICLE III - League Officers**

**Part 1. Nominations and Procedures** The President of the Board of Directors will appoint a Chairman of the Nominating Committee who is not a candidate. The Chairman will notify the membership in writing eight (8) weeks prior to the June Semi-Annual General Meeting. Nominations will be accepted by the Committee up to five (5) weeks prior to the meeting. Nominations will be accepted from the floor. The Chairman of the Nomination Committee, assisted by two tellers and a secretary, will distribute, collect, and count the ballots and report the results. The ballots will be destroyed.

**Part 2. Term of Office - Members of the Board of Directors** shall be elected for a period of two (2) years, and may succeed themselves. During the even years, the five candidates receiving the highest individual totals of the votes cast shall be elected to the Board. During the odd years the six candidates receiving the highest individual totals of the votes cast shall be so elected.

**Part 3. Restrictions on Directors** No Director of this League shall hold office with any Member Club, nor be a paid employee or compensated agent of any Member Club. A compensated agent refers to a person who receives fees for services rendered, not a person who is reimbursed for expenses incurred in order to fulfill official duties in connection with the business of this League.

## **Part 4. Duties of League Officers**

**The PRESIDENT** shall be the executive officer of the League. The President will serve as Chairman of all meetings of the Board of Directors, the Semi-Annual General Meetings. The President will, with the approval of the Board, establish committees, appoint members of the standing and special committees, appoint and remove all committee chairpersons, and be a member of all committees. The President shall serve as the general representative of this League in all matters. The President shall have the responsibility for the general management of the affairs of the League and shall see that all orders and resolutions of the Board of Directors are carried into effect.

**The FIRST VICE PRESIDENT** shall succeed to the office of the President in the event the office becomes vacant. In the absence or disability of the President, the First Vice President shall perform the duties of the President, and when so acting, shall have all the powers and functions of the President.

**The SECOND VICE PRESIDENT** shall succeed to the office of First Vice President in the event the office becomes vacant. In the absence or disability of the President and the First Vice President, the Second Vice President shall perform the duties of the President, and when so acting, shall have all the powers and functions of the President.

**The SECRETARY** will be the official custodian of all the correspondence of the League. The Secretary shall send reports, notices and agenda of all meetings of the Board of Directors and the League to the proper persons, and shall keep a complete list of all members and their voting power. The secretary shall prepare copies of the minutes and maintain a complete reference file of same. The Secretary shall periodically update, maintain and distribute to the Club Presidents, the LIJSL's Committee Guidelines, Regulations and Procedures.

**The TREASURER** shall be the officer responsible for League finances. In performing his function he shall be the administer of the League's financial accounts. The Treasurer shall:

- a) Report monthly, in writing, to the Board of Directors, on the state of League finances.
- b) Keep accurate and complete records of all financial transactions in accordance with recognized accounting procedures.
- c) Enforce League rules and procedures regarding fiscal matters.
- d) Expend and deposit moneys as directed by the Board of Directors.
- e) Secure an independent audit of financial accounts and transactions.
- f) Assist the Board of Directors in establishing a proposed budget.
- g) Prepare papers regarding the League's exempt status.

The treasurer shall perform additional functions relative to his general responsibility for finances, such as developing League or financial reports as directed by the Board of Directors and as required by state and/or federal regulations, and making available to the auditor(s) all fiscal information requested. All out-going checks carry the signature of two designated Board of Directors members.

**TRUSTEES (six):** The Trustees shall have duties as assigned by the President or the Board of Directors.

**Part 5. Duties of the Board of Directors** The Board of Directors shall conduct the business affairs of the League, including but not limited to the following:

- a) Enforcing the Constitution, Bylaws, or Rules and Regulations and the Guidelines, Regulations and Procedures of the League;

- b) Approval of all competitions under the direct auspices of the League;
- c) Approval of all League promotional, educational, and training programs;
- d) Approval of the President's appointees to all Committees, and the President's appointment and removal of all committee chairpersons.
- e) The Board of Directors shall be empowered to conduct such investigation of the members of the League to establish that they are in compliance with all of the obligations imposed upon a member. If such investigation reveals that the member has not complied with the rules of this League, or the financial obligations imposed on the member, the Board of Directors *by two-thirds vote*, may adjudge the member to be not in good standing and may impose such penalties and/or sanctions as, in their sole judgment, is appropriate in the circumstances;
- f) Approval of amendments to the Constitution, Bylaws, or Rules and Regulations and the Guidelines, Regulations and Procedures of the League.

**Part 6. Board Member Granted Permission to be Absent** A Member of the Board of Directors may be granted permission by the President to be absent from a scheduled meeting.

**Part 7. Board of Director Code of Conduct** The Board of Directors shall be held to the highest standards with regard to the operation of the league. Any action to the contrary to the League's Constitution, By-Laws and Rules and Regulations are grounds for removal (See Article III, Part 8).

**Part 8. Removed from Office** A Director may only be removed from office and his/her position declared vacant by a two thirds vote of the other Directors.

**Part 9. Vacancies Declared** In the event of any vacancy, the President with a majority vote of approval from the Members of the Board of Directors may appoint a person to fill the vacancy. This person will serve until the next

election, at which time the membership will elect a Director to complete the original term.

**Part 10. Resignation of a Director** Should a Member of the Board of Directors resign, the President shall declare a vacancy and appoint a successor in accordance with Article III, Part 9.

#### **ARTICLE IV - Committees**

Each Committee will establish guidelines that will describe the organization and procedures of that Committee in accordance with the Rules and Regulations to be reviewed by the Rules Committee and subsequently approved by the Board of Directors. These Guidelines will be distributed to each Club President by the December Semi-Annual Meeting. These Guidelines and any changes will be updated and maintained at a central location in the League Office for general usage by any of its members. Each Committee shall prepare an annual proposed budget of income and expenses, to be submitted to the Treasurer for approval of the Board of Directors. Committees responsible for coordinating special events shall submit a financial report within thirty (30) days of the conclusion of such event.

#### **STANDING COMMITTEES**

**Part 1. Appeals Committee** Shall be responsible for hearing appeals pertaining to a decision rendered by the Arbitration Board and/or a decision rendered by a Standing Committee or Special (Ad Hoc) Committee.

**Part 2. Arbitration Board** Shall deal with all differences and controversies which may arise from League sponsored competitions.

**Part 2.1.** The Arbitration Board shall have the obligation to deal with violations of the Rules and Regulations of League sponsored competitions. They shall deal with misconduct by any Club, team, player, official, referee, member or spectator under its jurisdiction. They shall be directed by the Board of Directors to handle matters in any other event that such violation or misconduct is not dealt with by the proper organization or authorities in the proper manner.

**Part 2.2.** The Arbitration Board will also administer Game Protests and, at the direction of the Board of Directors, the Arbitration Board will attend to any matter not specifically addressed.

**Part 2.3.** The Arbitration Board shall have the jurisdiction after a hearing, to suspend or fine revoke or nullify the membership of any club officer, adult supervisor, player, registered trainer, or person serving in any capacity whatever, whose conduct is deemed by the Arbitration Board to constitute a grievous offense. Such conduct shall consist of the following:

- (a) The use by such person of any obscene language at any game, tournament, exhibition or competition which is under the jurisdiction of the League.
- (b) The use of physical force or threat thereof by any person at any event set forth in paragraph “(a)” hereinabove.
- (c) The attempt by any person to use the pass or credentials, or other means of identification, not his or her own, or the attempt to enter a player into game participation with the pass of another player or the representation that he/she is someone other than his/her true identity.
- (d) The commission of any act or acts which may embarrass LIJSL and/or inure to the detriment of its good name and reputation.
- (e) The commission of any act or acts which, in the opinion of the Arbitration Board, are indecent, heinous, or present a danger to the safety and well being, physical or mental, of the member player of the League.

**Part 3. Budget Committee** Shall with the assistance of the League Treasurer, manage all matters pertaining to notification, organization and coordination of each Committees yearly budget for the upcoming fiscal year. It shall also assist the Leagues Treasurer in establishing a proposed League Budget.

**Part 4. Coaching Committee** Shall coordinate matters pertaining to coaching youth players in the game of soccer, and the teaching of the individual coach and/or player, the basic principles and techniques of the game. The Committee shall develop and implement a curriculum, with the assistance and approval of the Board of Directors for the Coaching Programs. They shall manage and conduct Coaching Programs.

**Part 5. Convention Committee** Shall manage all matters pertaining to the League's Annual Convention, with the assistance and approval of the Board of Directors.

**Part 6. Games Committee** Shall manage all matters pertaining to the organization, coordination, and planning and regulating of all outdoor games sponsored by the LIJSL, during the Seasonal Year. It shall *not* manage the LIJSL sponsored Indoor Tournament(s) and/or any LIJSL sponsored Cup Competition(s).

**Part 7. Hall of Fame Committee** Will be a five member committee, with the Chairman selected by the President. Their duty is to accept nominations and select individuals to be inducted into the Long Island Junior Soccer League Hall of Fame.

**Part 8. Insurance Committee** Shall manage all matters pertaining to:

- a) Insuring of registered members of the LIJSL;
- b) Indemnification of the LIJSL against specified loss;
- c) Protective measures to indemnify the League from damages arising from any liabilities.

**Part 9. Membership Committee** Shall manage all matters pertaining to the application by organizations for membership.

**Part 9.1.** It shall request from the applicant any information it deems necessary.

**Part 9.2.** It shall examine and present this information with a recommendation to the Board of Directors for their approval.

**Part 10. Nominating Committee** Shall manage all matters pertaining to the nomination of candidates to the Board of Directors.

**Part 11. Olympic Development Program** Shall manage all matters pertaining to the development of LIJSL ODP Team Soccer Players in the Long Island Area.

**Part 12. Publicity Committee (Public Relations)** Shall manage all matters pertaining to the League's publicity.

**Part 13. Referees Committee** Shall manage all matters pertaining to the coordination and communications between the LIJSL and the Referee Association or group.

**Part 13.1.** It shall receive from the member teams an evaluation of the Referee's performance, and report to the Board of Directors any evaluation that indicates a deficiency in the Referee's actions.

**Part 13.2.** It shall make recommendations to the Board of Directors to sanction, suspend or take other disciplinary actions against any referee whose conduct is deemed by the Referees Committee to constitute a grievous offense against any club officer, adult supervisor, or player, or person serving in any capacity at all League sanctioned events.

**Part 14. Registration Committee** Shall manage all matters pertaining to the registration of all Member Clubs, teams, players and adult supervisors.

**Part 14.1.** It will receive all questions or situations that present uncertainty or difficulty from the Member Clubs in writing, and consult with the Rules Committee when deemed appropriate.

**Part 15 Risk Management Committee** Shall promote the health and safety and protection of all registered players in the League. Shall govern the administration and implementation of employment/volunteer disclosure statements for all volunteers, employees, coaches, and program administrators who are involved with sanctioned or sponsored programs of the League.

**Part 16. Rules Committee** Shall consider and propose amendments to the Constitution, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, and Guidelines.

**Part 16.1.** It shall review all areas of the Constitution, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations and Guidelines to insure conformity. It shall draft and present to the Board of Directors for their approval, the recommended amendments to the Constitution, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, and Guidelines. Upon approval of the Board of Directors, all proposed changes will be submitted to the membership for their approval.

**Part 17. Scholarship Committee** Shall manage all matters pertaining to the selection of the recipients and the distribution of the Scholarship Fund for registered players of the LIJSL.

**Part 17.1.** It shall recommend to the Board of Directors for their approval the recipient(s) of the Scholarship Fund.

**Part 18. Special Committees (Ad Hoc)** Special committees shall be appointed by the President with the assistance and approval of the Board of Directors.

**Part 19. Sportsmanship Committee** Shall manage all matters pertaining to the theme of Sportsmanship.

**Part 19.1.** It shall provide the methods to implement the League motto: *“Building Character Through Soccer”*. The Committee shall encourage the membership to abide by fair play and sportsmanship. They shall endeavor to instill in the membership a high degree of dignity and respect for one’s fellow human being.

**Part 20. Supervisory Committee** Shall manage all matters pertaining to soccer within the League that does not clearly fall within the parameters of any other LIJSL Committee (such as; Coaches Arbitration, Players Arbitration, Registration, etc.), and any matters that are referred by the Board of Directors and/or Committee Chairpersons.

Part 20.1. It shall have the right to request information and discuss issues with the officers of member clubs, their supervisors, players, trainers, referees and spectators under its jurisdiction.

Part 20.2. The Supervisory Committee shall have the jurisdiction after a hearing, to suspend or fine the membership of any club officer, adult supervisor, player, or person serving in any capacity.

Part 20.3. **Revoke or Nullify** The Supervisory Committee may, after a hearing, make a recommendation to the Board of Directors to revoke or nullify the membership of any club officer, adult supervisor, player, or person serving in any capacity whatsoever.

**Part 21. Tournament Control Committee** Shall coordinate and regulate all matters pertaining to indoor and outdoor tournaments sponsored by Member Clubs of the LIJSL.

**Part 21.1.** It shall coordinate and regulate all matters pertaining to requests made by Member Clubs to participate in a tournament (indoor and/or outdoor).

**Part 22. Tournament and Cup Committees (LIJSL Sponsored)** Shall organize, plan, establish, arrange, coordinate, and regulate the LIJSL sponsored Indoor Soccer Tournaments and LIJSL sponsored Outdoor Cup Competition(s).

**Part 23. Reserves the Right** The Board of Directors reserves the right to approve or disapprove, grant or deny, any and all proposals, plans, requests, suggestions and recommendations submitted by all Standing Committees and/or Special Committees not specifically described in the Bylaws, Rules and Regulations of the LIJSL.

## **ARTICLE V - Amendments**

**Part 1. Proposals and Amendments** Any proposal to amend the Bylaws and/or the Rules and Regulations of the League may be made by a Member Club in good standing, by the League Board of Directors, or by a committee of the League.

**Part 2. Amendments to the Bylaws and/or Rules and Regulations** Amendments to the Bylaws and/or Rules and Regulations may be made only at the December Semi-Annual General Meeting by a two-thirds majority vote of the votes cast, a quorum being present. A quorum shall consist of fifty (50) percent of the membership, as defined in Robert's Rules of Order. All votes regarding amendments will be taken anonymously.

**Part 3. Proposals and Amendments** Changes by the membership from the floor at the December Semi-Annual General Meeting shall not be permitted. The one hundred twenty (120) days advance notice has priority.

**Part 4. Implementation of Amendments** to the Bylaws and/or the Rules and Regulations receiving a two-thirds majority vote at the December Semi-Annual General Meeting shall be implemented on the first day of July of the following calendar year.

**Part 5. Accredited Vote** Only a Club President or his/her appointed alternate from a Club in good standing shall have the right to vote. The appointment of an alternate must be made in writing by the Member Club.

**LONG ISLAND JUNIOR SOCCER  
LEAGUE, INC.**

**RULES AND REGULATIONS**

**PREAMBLE**

The rules contained herein shall govern members of this League in all instances to which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with the Constitution and Bylaws of the League.

**RULE 1 – MEMBERSHIP**

**Part 1. Membership** Each seasonal year, the club registrar must complete and submit to the League's Registrar the appropriate Club Registration Form and any other information required. Full payment of all fees is expected at this time.

**Part 2. Renew Club's Annual Membership** The Club's Annual Membership shall be renewed prior to the start of the Fall Season, during the League's Club and Team Registration period.

**Part 3. Failure to Renew Club's Annual Membership** Should a Club fail to renew its annual membership, the membership will lapse. Should this occur, the Club will be required to seek new membership status with the League, by applying to the Chairperson of the Membership Committee.

**Part 4. Club's Registration Responsibility** Each Club has the responsibility to insure the proper registration of its Players, Teams, and payment of all fees.

**Part 5. Conduct** Each Member Club shall be responsible for the conduct of its Officers, Club Members, Managers, Team Officials, Adult Supervisors (Coaches), Players, and Spectators both on and off the field, in all matters. Coaches and other team officials shall be subject to all rules pertaining to misconduct contained herein, including cautions, ejection, and standard suspension. Any other individuals who may be reasonably construed as being

associated with a team such as relatives and spectators, shall also be subject to the jurisdiction and authority of this League. Any coach or team official may be held responsible for the actions of any individual(s) at any match, that in the opinion of the referee, is a supporter of that team.

**Part 6. Authority to Suspend or Discipline** The Board of Directors shall have the right and authority to suspend or otherwise discipline any Member Club and/or its Officers, Members, Managers, Team Officials, Adult Supervisors (Coaches), and Players.

## **RULE 2 - TEAM AND PLAYER REGISTRATION**

**Part 1. Eligibility** is open to all youth irrespective of race, nationality, color or religious affiliation or non-affiliation. The League is limited to youth players. A youth player is any person other than a professional or an amateur player.

**Part 2. Designate a Registrar and an Alternate** Each Club must designate a Registrar and an Alternate Registrar for the Club. The Club Registrars will be the only authorized persons to register a team and/or a player with the League's Registrar.

**Part 3. League's Playing Period** September 1st through June 30th of the following calendar year is designated as the League's Playing Period. The League's Playing Period will have two (2) playing seasons:

- a) A Fall Season of September through December;
- b) A Spring Season of March through June.

**Part 4. One Team** A player may only be registered on one team at any time.

**Part 5. Team Enter Commensurate with Age.** A team must enter the Age Group commensurate with the highest age of any member based on the August 1<sup>st</sup> thru July 31<sup>st</sup> calendar year and shall be in accordance with the published Registration Committee age group guidelines.

**Part 6. Team Withdrawal - With Penalty** A team may withdraw from participation (competition) by requesting permission in writing from the Chairperson, LIJSL

Registration Committee. However, all fees paid will be forfeited should a team withdraw from participation after the last scheduled date for player registration (rostering), which occurs prior to the start of the scheduled playing season (Fall or Spring). In addition to the forfeiture of all fees paid, for each scheduled game that the team withdraws from, the club shall be fined fifty dollars (\$50.00).

**Part 7. Birth Period Correlation with the Age Group Year** August 1st through December 31st of the current calendar year and January 1st through July 31st of the next calendar year is the Birth Year composition that correlates with the Age Group Year.

**Part 8. Age Limitation** The term “youth” shall mean an amateur player who has not attained his or her 19th birthday prior to the first day of January of the seasonal year for which the player registers. Minimum birth date requirements for a team follow the Registration Committee guidelines.

**SEASONAL YEAR 2010/2011**  
**September 1st, 2010 through August 31st, 2011**

Age Group	Born (Birth Year) on or after August 1 <sup>st</sup> of	Born (Birth Year) Between August 1 <sup>st</sup> and December 31 <sup>st</sup> of	Born (Birth Year) Between January 1 <sup>st</sup> and July 31 <sup>st</sup> of
Under 19	<b>1991</b>	<b>1991 &amp; 1992</b>	<b>1992 &amp; 1993</b>
17	<b>1993</b>	<b>1993</b>	<b>1994</b>
16	<b>1994</b>	<b>1994</b>	<b>1995</b>
15	<b>1995</b>	<b>1995</b>	<b>1996</b>
14	<b>1996</b>	<b>1996</b>	<b>1997</b>
13	<b>1997</b>	<b>1997</b>	<b>1998</b>
12	<b>1998</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>1999</b>
11	<b>1999</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>2000</b>
10	<b>2000</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>
9	<b>2001</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>

**SEASONAL YEAR 2011/2012**  
**September 1st, 2011 through August 31st, 2012**

Age Group	Born (Birth Year) on or after August 1 <sup>st</sup> of	Born (Birth Year) Between August 1 <sup>st</sup> and December 31 <sup>st</sup> of	Born (Birth Year) Between January 1 <sup>st</sup> and July 31 <sup>st</sup> of
Under 19	<b>1992</b>	<b>1992 &amp; 1993</b>	<b>1993 &amp; 1994</b>
17	<b>1994</b>	<b>1994</b>	<b>1995</b>
16	<b>1995</b>	<b>1995</b>	<b>1996</b>
15	<b>1996</b>	<b>1996</b>	<b>1997</b>
14	<b>1997</b>	<b>1997</b>	<b>1998</b>
13	<b>1998</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>1999</b>
12	<b>1999</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>2000</b>
11	<b>2000</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>
10	<b>2001</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>
9	<b>2002</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>

**SEASONAL YEAR 2012/2013**  
**September 1st, 2012 through August 31st, 2013**

Age Group	Born (Birth Year) on or after August 1 <sup>st</sup> of	Born (Birth Year) Between August 1 <sup>st</sup> and December 31 <sup>st</sup> of	Born (Birth Year) Between January 1 <sup>st</sup> and July 31 <sup>st</sup> of
Under 19	<b>1994</b>	<b>1994</b>	<b>1995</b>
17	<b>1995</b>	<b>1995</b>	<b>1996</b>
16	<b>1996</b>	<b>1996</b>	<b>1997</b>
15	<b>1997</b>	<b>1997</b>	<b>1998</b>
14	<b>1998</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>1999</b>
13	<b>1999</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>2000</b>
12	<b>2000</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>
11	<b>2001</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>
10	<b>2002</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>
9	<b>2003</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>

**Part 9. EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES** In the event that a team registered with the maximum number of players finds itself with extenuating circumstances, whereby an additional player or players may be required, the Club may petition the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors, at its discretion, may grant such a request so as long as no more than the age group player roster limitation is not exceeded at any one time during the season. (Revised 12/03).

**Part 10. Ineligible Player and/or Adult Supervisor (Coach)** A forfeit will be declared on all games in which an ineligible player and/or adult supervisor (coach) participates. The club will be assessed a game forfeit fee for each game in which an ineligible player and/or coach participates. Additional sanctions may be levied against the club at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

**Part 11. False Statement** A player registration form containing a false signature or false statement will subject the club and the Club Registrar to disciplinary action by the Board of Directors.

**Part 12. Junior Re-Registration (Amateur Trial Games)** A youth player will be permitted to play an unlimited number of senior (amateur) games without losing his/her youth eligibility. The youth player must obtain permission from his/her youth coach and an authorized club official (President and/or Registrar). The authorized club official shall in writing or by a form, request eligibility clearance from the National State Youth Association (Eastern New York Youth Soccer Association/ENYYSA). The authorized club official must, in writing or by a form, request permission from the State Senior (Amateur) Association. When the above clearance and permissions have been granted, the State Amateur Association has sole discretion in permitting a youth player to play senior games and will be responsible for establishing the procedures under which this will be implemented. In the event of a conflict between an amateur trial game and a youth game, the youth game shall take precedence. A youth player who is required to sign an amateur form shall retain youth eligibility. The youth player must register through his/her junior club in order to play an unlimited number of senior (amateur) games without losing his/her eligibility to play an unlimited number of junior games.

**Part 13. LIJSL ODP Team Program Player Eligibility** Under no circumstances may a player participate with the LIJSL ODP Team Program unless that player is registered with the LIJSL through a Member Club. The player's name must appear on the Club's player registration (Travel or Intramural) which is on file with the League.

**Part 14. A Club Does Not Field A Team For The Spring Season** A club that registers a team for the Fall season, and

that team participates in League competition and subsequently the club does not field that team for the Spring season will have the players registered to the team who are not utilized (rostered) on any other team of that club declared released players.

**Part 15. Matters Not Provided** Any matters not provided for in these procedures and/or rules shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

**Part 16. Poaching** No team, through its coaching staff, players, parents or guardians, responsible officers or any other representatives, is permitted to induce a LIJSL registered player to leave his or her team to transfer to and play with another LIJSL team during the current seasonal year. Allegations of poaching shall be subject to a hearing by the Arbitration Board of the LIJSL. Penalties for violation of this rule shall be set by the Arbitration Board.

**Part 17. Concurrence Required** The team seeking to utilize a guest player for tournament competition must receive the concurrence of:

- a) The guest player's club (Club Registrar);
- b) The League's Registrar.

The League office will be notified by the League's Registrar of such an arrangement.

### **RULE 3- RELEASE and TRANSFER of PLAYERS**

**Part 1. Application** The provisions of this Rule apply only to LIJSL teams in regular League competition. Teams registered for State or National competition shall be governed by the rules of the Eastern New York Youth Soccer Association or the United States Youth Soccer Association, as appropriate.

**Part 2. Bound to a Team** When a team roster has been approved by the LIJSL, each player registered to a team is bound to that team for the entire seasonal year unless the player has been voluntarily or involuntarily released (as defined by USSF Rule 4031).

- a) The player has committed a significant violation of the rules of the US Soccer Federation, the US Youth Soccer Association, Eastern NY Youth Soccer

Association, or this League, as determined by the appropriate authority, and such authority directs the League to release the player; or,

b) Upon petition to the League Registrar by the Member Club President or Registrar citing significant cause (such as disruptive behavior) and approval of the League Registrar.

Players released involuntarily shall be declared ineligible for the remainder of the playing season (Fall or Spring).

A player may be released voluntarily only:

a) Upon petition by the player, endorsed by the player's parent or guardian, to the League Registrar; and,

b) Upon surrender of the player's pass to the League Registrar by the Member Club Registrar; and,

c) Upon approval by the League Registrar.

Players voluntarily released due to relocation of their residence beyond a reasonable travel distance are immediately eligible for transfer subject to the limitations of Part 3, hereof. Players voluntarily released for other cause are eligible for transfer by submitting a request for player transfer form to the registration committee as per that committee's guidelines. In Club transfers are not required to submit the aforementioned form, but must follow the Registration Committee guidelines for affecting transfer. (*Revised 12/02*)

Players seeking to transfer teams please refer to the Registration's Committee Guidelines maintained at the League office for use by the General Membership.

**Part 3. Limits of Transfer** A team shall be limited to five (5) transferred players per seasonal year. A transfer shall be defined as adding a currently USYSA registered player to a roster or a player who returns to their original roster. A player transferring from one team to another within their own Club is considered a transfer for League and State purposes.

**Part 4. Certification** The Team Roster Form on file with the League's Registrar will constitute the members of the

team. Errors and omissions will not be accepted as valid reasons in the event of a protest or dispute.

**Part 5. Player Transferred** Any player transferred from one team to another team during the period from July 1st through August 31st (the League's player registration period - Fall season) of any year shall be considered as a member of the team the player has transferred to for the League's ensuing playing period (September 1st through June 30th). Such a player will not be considered as one of five (5) players per team permitted to be accepted by any one team during a seasonal year (July 1st through June 30th of the following calendar year).

## **RULE 4 - RULES OF PLAY**

*All LIJSL sanctioned competitions shall be played in accordance with the most current FIFA Laws of the Game and the modifications noted within these rules unless specifically accepted by authorization of the LIJSL Board of Directors. It is imperative that all coaches and referees be thoroughly familiar with and abides by FIFA Laws and these modifications.*

### **Part 1. Ball Size**

<b><u>Age Group - Boys and Girls</u></b>	<b><u>Ball Size</u></b>
Under 19 & 17	#5
Under 16 & 15	#5
Under 14 & 13	#5
Under 12 & 11	#4
Under 9 & 10	#4

The game ball will be provided by the Home team.

### **Part 2. Duration of the Game**

<b><u>Age Group - Boys and Girls</u></b>	<b><u>Duration of the Game</u></b>
Under 19 & 17	2 - 45 minute half's
Under 16 & 15	2 - 40 minute half's
Under 14 & 13	2 - 35 minute half's
Under 12 & 11	2 - 30 minute half's
Under 10	2 - 25 minute half's

There shall be no overtime periods in regular League competition.

### **Part 3. Players Equipment**

**a) Uniforms** The Visiting team's Adult Supervisor shall verify the uniform colors with the Home team's Adult Supervisor, prior to the game date. All field players on a team shall wear similar colored jerseys, shorts, and stockings. A legible non-duplicating number on the back of each jersey is required. Players and substitutes shall not change numbers or remove their jerseys prior to the completion of the game without specific permission of the referee.

The colors of a team's jerseys may be different from the color of the team's shorts and/or stockings. At each game, both teams shall be able to make a change of jersey color. If both teams are wearing similar colored jerseys, the home team shall be required to change. Goalkeepers shall change jerseys as the referee directs, regardless of home/visitor status. All players shall have their jerseys tucked into their shorts.

1. Only the member Club's official uniform may be worn by a team participating in any USYSA sanctioned matches, including but not limited to USYS national finals, Region, Premier, State Cup, League and tournament play, (Added 12/05)

2. No insignia, patch or sponsorship is permitted to be worn on a member's team uniform except the American Flag and the Sportsmanship and Chevron patch (on the left shoulder).

**b) Shin Guards** Shin Guards are basic compulsory equipment for all players and are to be worn at all matches and practices. Shin guards are to be covered entirely by the players' socks. Shin Guards are to be made of suitable material, rubber or plastic to provide a reasonable degree of protection.

**c) Team Captain Identification** The captain(s) of a team shall wear an arm band for identification purposes which is to be displayed only on the arm.

**d) Safe Equipment** In addition to the authority granted to the referee under FIFA Law V to determine the safety of a player's equipment as defined in FIFA Law IV, the following shall not be permitted:

- 1) Hair control devices with any hard parts;
- 2) Earrings or any other jewelry, regardless of covering.

In addition to the authority granted to the referee under FIFA Law V, the following shall be permitted:

- 1) A soft splint or a soft cast, provided that the match referee has determined that it is not a danger to himself or another player;
- 2) A brace, joint or prosthetic device, provided that the match referee has determined that it is not a danger to himself or another player;
- 3) Sports Spectacles: Protective sports spectacles or plastic prescription frames sports spectacles with the lenses fully contained with the frame, and held on by an elastic strap are expressly permitted. Any eyewear containing glass, metal or any sharp edges are prohibited.

If the Referee finds that a player is wearing articles not permitted by the Laws or this Rule, the Referee shall order the player to remove them. If a player fails to carry out the Referee's instruction, the player shall not take part in the match. The decision of the match referee is to be adhered to, but is subject to a game protest under Rule 6, Part 2.

**Part 4. Severe Weather** In the event of severe weather conditions, players will be permitted to wear a sweat suit or similar trousers and stockings, or other type of clothing under their team uniform. Sweat pants must have no metallic buckle, snaps, buttons or other items that the referee considers dangerous to any player.

**Part 5. Goalkeeper** The Goalkeeper is permitted to wear a track suit or similar trousers and stockings or other type of clothing in all League sanctioned activities. The Goalkeeper is also permitted to wear a vinyl foam soft soccer helmet.

**Part 6. Coaching** from the sidelines is permitted, so long as one is giving direction to one's own team on points of strategy, tactics and position provided that the following conditions are complied with:

- a) No mechanical devices are used;
- b) The tone of voice is informative and sportsmanlike;
- c) No coach, substitute, or player is to be anywhere but within an area extending along his sideline, no more than 20 yards on either side of the mid-field line.

No Club official, Club member, team manager, adult supervisor, player, or spectator may enter the field of play regardless of the circumstances, unless they have been given permission by the Referee. If this is disregarded, they shall become subject to disciplinary actions by the League's Arbitration Board.

**Part 7. Unusual Incidents or Accidents** The Adult Supervisor is required to report any unusual incident or accident to his/her Division Supervisor and/or their Age Group Coordinator.

**Part 8. Suspended Adult Supervisor (Coach)** Any Adult Supervisor who has been placed on suspension is not permitted to participate in any manner whatsoever in the activities of the League during the suspension. The suspended person is not permitted to be present at the site of a match or areas immediately adjacent.

PENALTY: Disciplinary action by the Arbitration Board.

**Part 9. Suspended Player** A player who has been placed on suspension is not permitted to dress for any match during the time period of his/her suspension, nor be present at the site of a match or areas immediately adjacent (player may participate in team practices).

PENALTY: Disciplinary action by the Arbitration Board.

**Part 10. Field of Play** The field of play shall conform to FIFA Law I, except that in the Under 9, Under 10 and Under 11 age divisions:

- a) The length of the field shall be not more than 80 yards nor less than 70 yards, and the width shall be not more than 50 yards nor less than 40 yards;
- b) The center circle shall be 8 yards in radius;
- c) The goal area shall extend 6 yards beyond each goal post and 6 yards into the field;
- d) The penalty area shall extend 14 yards beyond each goal post and 14 yards into the field;
- e) Within the penalty area a penalty mark is made 10 yards from the midpoint between the goalposts and equidistant to them. An arc of a circle with a radius of 8 yards from each penalty mark is drawn outside the penalty area.
- f) The goals shall be 7 feet high and 21 feet wide.

**Part 11. Number of Players** A match shall be played by two teams, each consisting of not more than eleven players, one of whom shall be the goalkeeper, except that in the Under 9 and 10 age division the teams shall consist of not more than eight players, one of whom shall be the goalkeeper. In the Under 11 age division, the teams shall consist of not more than nine players, one of whom shall be the goalkeeper.

## **Part 12. Other FIFA Exceptions**

- a) **Start of Play** The start of play shall conform to FIFA Law VIII except that in the Under 10 and Under 11 age divisions at the beginning of the game, after a goal has been scored, and after half time every player shall be in his own half of the field and every player of the team opposing that of the kicker shall remain not less than 8 yards from the ball until it is kicked-off.
- b) **Free Kicks** Free kicks shall conform to FIFA Law XIII except that in the Under 9, Under 10 and Under 11 age divisions no player of the opposing side shall encroach into the penalty area, or within eight yards of the ball, as the case may be, before the free kick is taken.

**c) Penalty Kicks** Penalty kicks shall conform to FIFA Law XIV except that in the Under 9, Under 10 and Under 11 age divisions all players with the exception of the player taking the kick and the opposing goalkeeper shall be within the field of play but outside the penalty-area. The under 9, under 10 and under 11 age group shall take the penalty kick within the penalty area at a penalty mark made 10 yards from the midpoint between the goalposts and equidistant to them.

**d) Corner Kicks** Corner kicks shall conform to FIFA Law XVII except that in the Under 9, Under 10 and Under 11 age divisions players of the team opposing that of the player taking the corner kick shall not approach within 8 yards of the ball until it is in play.

### **Part 13. Standings**

**a) Standings Determined** Standings will be determined by the following point system:

WIN	3 points
TIE	1 point
LOSS	0 points

**b) Play-off Games** In the event of a tie for first place in the standings at the completion of the season's regular game schedule, a play-off game will not be required in order to determine a champion in any age groups (Boys and Girls).

**c) Tie Games** If a regularly scheduled game ends in a tie score at the end of regulation playing time, the game and score shall stand as official.

**d) Team Withdraws from Competition:** If a team withdraws from competition prior to having completed half of the original schedule of games, results of these games will be deleted from the records.

**e) Team Withdraws from Competition After Half of the Original Schedule of Games:** If a team withdraws from competition after half of the original schedule of games has been completed results of such games will be recorded as played and all remaining games as forfeits.

## Part 14. Awards

a) **Concept** The concept of awards is one of acknowledging and recognizing the dedication, discipline, interest, and the effort necessary to achieve a level of excellence.

b) **First Place Award** The League will present a first place award only to the Champion of each division and/or section of each age group. In the event there is a tie in the standings at the end of the season's regular game schedule, the League will present a first place award to each team tied for first place in all age groups (Boys and Girls).

c) **Recipient** Each player and the Adult Supervisor(s) of a champion team listed on the League's copy of the official Team Roster will receive an Award.

d) **Fail to Complete All Games in a Playing Season** A team that fails to complete all its games in a playing season (through its own forfeit, withdrawal, or any and all other actions) will not be eligible for an award.

## RULE 5 - GAME REGULATIONS

### Part 1. Scheduling

**Club Registrar** The Club Registrar shall provide the League's Game Committee with the required registering information, no later than the dates specified by the League's Games Committee.

a) ***Playing Dates:*** The playing dates, Saturday or Sunday as determined by the Games Committee.

b) ***Verify Availability of Club Team:*** The Club Registrar must verify with each club team fielded in a specific season, the dates which the club team cannot for any reason, participate in League competition.

c) ***Accommodate Club's Request:*** The League Games Committee will arrange the game playing schedule in such a manner that a Club's request to participate or not on certain dates will be accommodated to the extent permitted by the guidelines adopted annually by

the Games Committee in accordance with Article IV of the Bylaws.

**d) Club's Request May Be Considered:** Any request for an adjustment to the League's Game Playing Schedule received after the dates specified by the Games Committee may be considered under specific guidelines of the Games Committee.

**e) Club is Responsible for Initiating the Request:** The club, through the Club Registrar, is responsible for the request for the accommodation to the League's Game Playing Schedule. Individual coach's requests not submitted by the Club Registrar will not be considered.

## **Part 2. Fields**

**a) Home Team Responsibility** The Home team is responsible for the condition of the playing area. The proper field markings, and proper equipment. Nets and 5 foot corner flags are required.

**PENALTY:** For failure to comply, the Home team will forfeit the match and the club will be assessed a fifty dollar (\$50.00) fine. This fine is in addition to the forfeiture fee.

**b) Neutral Playing Field** If a neutral playing field is used, the designated Home team must provide the field markings. Placing the lines which represent the field of play, setting up the goal nets and corner flags. At the neutral site, the designated Home team is not responsible for the condition of the playing area.

**PENALTY:** For failure to comply, the Home team will forfeit the match and the club will be assessed a fifty dollar (\$50.00) fine. This fine is in addition to the forfeiture fee.

**c) Home Field** Each club must have a Home field. The League is not responsible for providing a home field for the Club(s); nor is the League responsible for any liability or negligence incurred by the Club(s) in obtaining or using their home field. If for any reason a club is temporarily without a Home field for a League scheduled match, or it finds itself without a match site due to circumstances beyond the control of the team

and/or Club, it may arrange with the visiting Club(s) to use *their* field for the match. The visiting Club is under no obligation to provide their field for such a match. It is the responsibility of the Home Team to notify the designated Coordinator and or Supervisor no later than two (2) hours prior to the scheduled time of the match of the absence of a Home field..

**d) Confirmation of Time, Field, and Colors** The Visiting Team's Adult Supervisor shall confirm the game time, field location, and will verify uniform colors with the Home team's Adult Supervisor prior to the game date.

**e) Position of the Team and Spectators at the Game Site**

Spectators for each team will take a position on the opposite side of the field than the valid Adult Supervisors, valid Trainers and rostered players. The Home Team shall have the choice of which side the spectator's will be positioned.

**Part 3. Number of Players**

**a) Minimum Number of Players** - A minimum number of players shall be required for a scheduled match. Should a team not have at least the minimum number of players within 15 minutes after the scheduled match time (or delayed match time as provided in Rule 5, Part 6); it shall forfeit the game 1-0. For Under 9, 10 and 11 Division teams, the minimum number of players shall be six (6). In all other age divisions, the minimum number of players shall be 7.

**b) Start at the Scheduled Time** At the scheduled time for the match, the minimum number of players specified in Rule 5, Part 3(a) will constitute a team. Therefore, the match will start at the scheduled time if at least the minimum number of players are present. In this situation, the specified waiting period (15 minutes) cannot be used by a team in order to wait for additional players to arrive at the game site.

**Part 4. Substitutions (Unlimited)** Substitutions may be made, with the consent of the Referee at any stoppage in play.

**1. Change With The Goalkeeper** Any of the other players may change places with the goalkeeper provided that the Referee is informed before the change is made, and that the change is made during a stoppage in the game.

**2. Substitution Procedure** When a goalkeeper or any other player is to be replaced by a substitute, the following conditions shall be observed:

- a) The Referee shall be informed of the proposed substitution before it is made.
- b) The substitute shall not enter the field of play until the player he is replacing has left, and then only after having received a signal from the Referee.
- c) Enter the field during a stoppage in the game, and at the half-way line.

**Part 5. Delaying the Start of a Scheduled Match** Any team delaying the start of a scheduled game more than fifteen (15) minutes without the sanction of the League's designated Coordinator and/or Supervisor shall forfeit the game F-0. This condition is waived should the game be delayed by a preceding game that is a Long Island Junior Soccer League or Eastern New York Youth Soccer Association or Regional Premier Leagues scheduled match. The fifteen (15) minute forfeit time will commence upon completion of the previous match on fields with multiple games.

**Part 6. If a Team Fails to Appear** The team that does appear must complete the Game Roster Form, line up, and kick off. The Referee will then terminate the match and file a referee's report.

**PENALTY:** The Club will be assessed a fifty dollar (\$50.00) fine for each occasion that a team fails to appear for a scheduled match.

**Part 7. If Both Teams Fail to Appear** In the event *both* teams do not appear for a scheduled match, and the Referee

rules the ground playable, both teams will be assessed a forfeit.

**PENALTY:** The Clubs involved will be assessed a fifty dollar (\$50.00) fine for each of its teams for each occurrence.

**Part 8. Option to Forfeit (Home or Visiting Team)**

Should the Home team or the Visiting team exercise the option to forfeit a scheduled match, the forfeiting team must inform the League's Coordinator and/or Supervisor of the action. The League's Coordinator and/or Supervisor will notify the opposing team of the status of the match. In this situation, upon notification from the League's Coordinator and/or Supervisor, the opposing team is *not* required to appear at the site of the match.

**PENALTY:** The forfeiting team's Club will be assessed a fifty dollar (\$50.00) fine for each occurrence.

**a) Forfeiture and Failure to Compete (Complete One's Scheduled Games)** If a team fails to complete its scheduled games, the matter will be reviewed by the Games Committee, which shall have the authority to take such actions against the team as it deems appropriate.

**Part 9. If the Referee Fails to Appear** If a Referee should fail to appear for a scheduled match, the Adult Supervisors of the competing teams must agree upon a person to substitute for the Referee. The substitute need not be a certified Referee. The substitute must officiate the complete match. The substitute Referee shall have those prerogatives granted to him/her by the 'Laws of the Game', as published by FIFA and amended by the LIJSL. The home team must furnish to the League's office, a report of the match and the 'Game Roster Forms' within forty-eight (48) hours of the completion of the match. The Home team will be assessed fifty dollars (\$50.00) for not furnishing the report. The match must be played under penalty of default.

**a) Canceled and Rescheduled** If the Referee fails to appear for a match in the following age groups, the match will be canceled and rescheduled by the League: Under 15, 16, 17, and 19.

## **Part 10. Bad Weather and/or Poor Field Conditions**

**a) Inspection of Playing Site** It shall be the home team Adult Supervisors or the Club's designated governing authority's responsibility to inspect the game field prior to the match. In the event of bad weather, the Home Team Adult Supervisor, after inspection of the field, must notify the League Coordinator and/or Supervisor no later than 2 hours prior to the scheduled starting time of the match that field conditions may require postponement of the match.

**b) Both Teams Must Appear** Should any part of the two (2) hour notification period lapse, regardless of weather and/or field conditions, Adult Supervisors and their teams must appear at the match (game) site, ready to play at the scheduled time of the match, or forfeit the match. Once any part of the two (2) hour notification period has lapsed, the Referee is the only person authorized to cancel the match. In the event that weather and/or field conditions are questionable for playing the match and the Referee fails to appear, the decision to play or cancel is granted to the Home team.

**c) Game Terminated by the Referee** Should the match be terminated by the Referee prior to the time specified in the rules, for reasons of bad weather, poor field conditions, or darkness, the *entire* game must be replayed. (FIFA Law VII)

**d) Game Terminated by the Referee for other Reasons** Should the match be terminated by the Referee for any other reason the (Coaches/Players) Arbitration Committee will decide whether the game should be replayed.

**Part 11. Availability of Home Field** Should a Home team find itself without a match site due to circumstances beyond the control of the team and/or Club, the Home team's Adult Supervisor must notify the League's Coordinator and/or Supervisor no later than two (2) hours prior to the scheduled time of the match.

## **Part 12. Rescheduled Match (Game)**

**a) Responsibility** The League's Coordinator and/or Supervisor must be informed so that a Referee can be assigned to the match. The responsibility for rescheduling rests with the Home team. Failure to comply will result in a forfeit. Should the Adult Supervisors of the two (2) teams in question fail to agree on a rescheduling date within seven (7) days of the date of the canceled or postponed match, the League's Coordinator and/or Supervisor will establish a date.

**b) Notify** The League's Supervisor must notify his/her Coordinator and/or the chairperson of the Games Committee of all rescheduled matches. The Coordinator and/or the chairperson of the Games Committee are the only persons authorized to request a Referee to the rescheduled match. (Rev 12/03).

**Part 13. Change A Scheduled Match** Under no circumstances will an Adult Supervisor or any other Club representative change a scheduled match or reschedule a match without permission from the League's Coordinator. Should this occur, both teams will forfeit the match and their respective Clubs will be assessed a fifty dollar (\$50.00) fine.

**Part 14. Change of Game Location** Should there be a last minute change to a match (game) site, the Home Team must provide a person at the original site to escort the Referee and the Visiting team to the new site.

**Part 15. Reporting the Score - Home Team Responsibility** It is the responsibility of the Home team to notify the League's designated authority on the day and hours specified by the League, in order to notify him/her of the score. Online scoring. Failure to report the score will subject the Club to a Ten dollar (\$10.00) fine.

## **Part 16. Adult Supervisor**

**a) Adult Supervisor (Coach) Must Be Present** The Club's designated Adult Supervisor of a team must be present at all scheduled matches in which the team participates. If circumstances prevent the designated Adult Supervisor from being present at a scheduled

match, a substitute, in possession of a certified Adult Supervisor's pass from that Club, must be assigned prior to the start of the match, under penalty of default.

**b) Minimum Age of an Adult Supervisor** An individual must have attained the minimum age of eighteen (18) years old in order to coach up to Under fourteen (14) and twenty-one (21) years old in order to coach up to Under nineteen (19), prior to being issued an Adult Supervisors Identification Card from the League.

**c) Possession of Adult Supervisors Identification Cards** Adult Supervisors must be in possession of a laminated Adult Supervisors Identification Card, which is punched with a Risk Management Expiration Date and issued by the League. The Adult Supervisors Identification Card is the sole property of the League.

**1) Club selection of Adult Supervisors.** The Club's are responsible for selecting Adult Supervisors. The Clubs Adult Supervisors must adhere to the Rules, Regulations and Guidelines set forth by the League. The League is not responsible for the selection process or for providing Adult Supervisors to the Clubs.

**2) Adult Supervisors - New Identification Cards.** Any Club registering for a new adult supervisors pass, upon meeting the guidelines of the Registration Committee, will receive a Temporary pass for that Adult Supervisor, which includes an expiration date prior to the season's end. All new Adult Supervisors must attend the League offered orientation course to receive the Permanent Adult Supervisor's Pass. No Adult Supervisor shall be issued a second temporary pass.

**d) Present Adult Supervisors and/or Registered Trainer Pass** These cards will be presented to the Referee prior to each scheduled match. The Referee will retain the Adult Supervisors Cards and Registered Trainers Cards until the match has been concluded. If an Adult Supervisor or Registered Trainer arrives after the start of the game and wishes to present his/her Adult Supervisor's or Registered Trainer's pass to the referee, the referee is to accept the pass.

**e) Ejection from a Match** In instances where the designated Adult Supervisor or Registered Trainer has been ejected from a game, or has failed to control the activities at the match site to the detriment of the match, the Adult Supervisor or Registered Trainer card will be sent by the Referee to the League's Arbitration Board. The Arbitration Board, at its discretion, will implement disciplinary action.

**PENALTY:** An Adult Supervisor with his/her Card **must** be present during the entire match or the match will be forfeited to the opponent, 1-0. The Club of the team that forfeits will be assessed a fifty dollar (\$50.00) fine.

**f) One Club/One Card** An Adult Supervisor shall not be registered with more than one Club, and may not have more than one Adult Supervisors card. An Adult Supervisor may supervise (Coach) any team within his/her respective Club if the rostered Supervisors (Coaches) are unavailable.

**PENALTY:** Violation will cause the suspension of the person involved. The Arbitration Board will determine the length of the suspension.

## **Part 17. Referees**

### **a) Player Verification**

1. *Game Roster Form* The Referee shall require that both teams enter all the appropriate information on the League's Game Roster Form prior to the start of the match.

2. *Collect Player Passes* The Referee shall collect the player's laminated passes prior to starting the match and retain them until the conclusion of the match. The Player's Pass is the sole property of the League.

3. *Verify the Player's Identity* The Referee shall verify the identity of the players represented on the player's pass by inspecting the Player's photograph which is on the pass.

4. *Player Not Permitted to Participate* The Referee will not permit a Player to participate unless a player pass has been furnished.

5. *Player Not Permitted to Participate (Added 12/03)* The Referee will not permit a Player to participate unless a laminated player pass, duly stamped and signed by the League Registrar has been furnished

6. *Verify Written Data* The Referee shall verify that the Player's pass indicates the correct Age Group, Division, and/or Section, Club and Team name.

7. *Discrepancy in the Data* Should there be a discrepancy in the Age Group, Division and/or Club and/or Team name, the player shall be permitted to participate in the match. The Referee shall retain the pass and shall forward the Player's pass in question, with his/her report, to the League's Arbitration Board, which will administer disciplinary action for any or all infringements and violations regarding Player eligibility.

## **b) Referee Reports**

1. *Submit Referee Reports* The Referee shall submit (mail) a Referee Report for each match officiated, within forty-eight (48) hours (Holidays excluded) after the completion of the match. The Referee shall attach to the Referee Report, the white copy of the league's Game Roster Form.

2. *Supplementary Referee Report* The Referee shall submit (mail) a Supplementary Referee Report for each player and/or Adult Supervisor ejected from the match, to the League's Arbitration Board within forty-eight (48) hours (Holidays excluded) after the completion of the match. The Referee shall attach the card (pass) of each Player and/or Adult Supervisor ejected from the match to the Supplementary Referee Report.

3. *Violation Will Be Held In Abeyance* In the event that the Supplementary Referee Report is not received by the League's Arbitration Board within forty-eight (48) hours (Holidays excluded) after the completion of the match, the violation will be held in abeyance until the report is received.

### **c) Caution**

1. *Yellow Card - Cautioned* A Yellow Card is displayed by the Referee to indicate that a Player, Adult Supervisor or Registered Trainer is being cautioned for violating FIFA, Laws of the Game.

2. *Two (2) Cautions* If a Player, Adult Supervisor or Registered Trainer receives two (2) cautions during one match, the Player, Adult Supervisor or Registered Trainer will be ejected from the match, and a suspension is in effect.

3. *Four (4) Cautions* If a Player, an Adult Supervisor or Registered Trainer receives four (4) cautions during a season, a suspension is in effect.

4. *Arbitration Board* The Arbitration Board, at its discretion, will determine the length of the suspension and any other punishments, fines, and/or assessments.

### **d) Ejection**

1. *Red Card - Ejection* A Red Card is displayed by the Referee to indicate that a Player, an Adult Supervisor or Registered Trainer is ejected from the match, and a suspension is in effect.

2. *Arbitration Board* The Arbitration Board, at its discretion, will determine the length of the suspension and any other punishments, fines and/or assessments.

3. *Appear Before Arbitration Board* A player, an Adult Supervisor or Registered Trainer who receives a red card or the equivalent, will, at the discretion of the Arbitration Board, be summoned to appear at a hearing. Should the player, Adult Supervisor or Registered Trainer fail to appear, he/she will be suspended until such appearance is made. The Arbitration Board, at its discretion, will determine the length of suspension and/or any other punishments, fines, or assessments. The club will be assessed a minimum of \$50.00 each time a coach (Adult Supervisor) is issued a red card, unless waived by the Arbitration Board. Should a player be summoned to appear, he/she must be accompanied by the designated Adult Supervisor for his/her team.

4. *Suspended from Consecutive Competition* A player, an Adult Supervisor or Registered Trainer shall be suspended from consecutive competition. The suspension will include all League sponsored outdoor games (games scheduled during a season and League sponsored Cup Competition). The suspension will also include games sponsored by the State Association, which includes Cup Competition.

5. *Team Refuses to Continue* If a team refuses to continue to play after being so instructed by the Referee, the team will forfeit the game, F-0.

6. *Reports Will Be Reviewed By The Arbitration Board* The Referee Report and the Supplementary Referee Report shall be reviewed by the League's Arbitration Board. The Arbitration Board, upon determination of a breach of the LIJSL Constitution, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations and laws of the particular competition, shall determine the punishment, fine, and/or assessment. The Arbitration Board shall notify the parties involved, in writing, of the decision.

**Part 18. Eligibility Protest** Protests on questions of eligibility must be filed in writing, with substantiating facts to the Arbitration Board, anytime within the current season.

## **RULE 6 - PROTESTS and APPEALS**

**Part 1. Arbitration Board** It shall manage all matters requiring arbitration which pertain to League sponsored competition(s). The Arbitration Board will administer Game Protests and Behavioral Incidents. At the direction of the Board of Directors, the Arbitration Board will attend to any matter not specifically addressed in the Bylaws. The Arbitration Board has the authority to suspend or fine any Player, Coach, Team, Team Official, Club Official, Team and/or Club Supporter. The Arbitration Board has the authority to fine any Member Club.

1. *Composition* There will be no less than three (3) and no more than five (5) members, plus a Committee Chairman on the LIJSL Arbitration Board. Arbitration Board members shall be selected by the League's President, with the approval of the Board of Directors for a one or two year term. No more than one member

from the League's Board of Directors shall be a member of the Arbitration Board. The League's President shall appoint the Chairman of the Arbitration Board.

2. *Voting* of this Committee shall be one (1) vote for each member of the Committee including the Chairman. The Chairman may cast a vote only in case of a tie. A minimum of three (3) voting members, which includes the Chairman, will be required to hear a case and render a decision. No member of the Long Island Junior Soccer League Arbitration Board shall participate at any other level of appeal or discipline.

3. *Participants at an Arbitration Board Meeting* The Arbitration Board reserves the right to determine the participants and number of participants that may attend an Arbitration Board meeting.

4. *Convene Arbitration Board* The Arbitration Board will convene at the discretion of the Chairman.

5. *Possession of Cards* All cards (USYSA Player Registration Pass or LIJSL Adult Supervisor Pass or LIJSL Trainer Pass) will remain in the possession of the Arbitration Board until a decision is rendered and/or a suspension has been served.

6. *Records of the Arbitration Board* The records of the Arbitration Board will be maintained for a three (3) year period.

7. *Club Will Be Assessed Each Time An Adult Supervisor is Issued a Red Card* In the event that a coach (Adult Supervisor) or player is issued a red card, the Arbitration Board will notify the Club President in writing of the offense. The club will be assessed a minimum of \$50.00 each time a coach (Adult Supervisor) is issued a red card, unless waived by the Arbitration Board.

8. *Adult Supervisor to Appear at the Arbitration Board Hearing* In the event that an Adult Supervisor or Registered Trainer is awarded a Red Card, at the discretion of the Arbitration Board, said Adult Supervisor or Registered Trainer will be notified by

the Arbitration Board to appear in person, at the Arbitration Board hearing of the case.

a) The Arbitration Board will notify the Adult Supervisor or Registered Trainer of the date, time and location of the hearing.

b) The Adult Supervisor's or Registered Trainer's card (LIJSL Registration Form) will remain in the possession of the Arbitration Board until said Adult Supervisor or Registered Trainer appears at the hearing.

*9. Player to Appear at the Arbitration Board Hearing*

In the event that a Player is awarded a Red Card, at the discretion of the Arbitration Board, said Player and the Coach (Adult Supervisor) of the said Player's team may be notified by the Arbitration Board to appear in person, at the Arbitration Board hearing of the case. The Adult Supervisor must accompany the player to such a hearing.

a) The Arbitration Board will notify the Coach of the date, time and location of the hearing.

b) The Player's card (USYSA, Player Registration Pass) will remain in the possession of the Arbitration Board until said Player *and* Coach appear at the hearing.

**Part 2. Protests and Disputes** (*Revised 12/96*) All questions relating to the qualifications of competitors or interpretation of the rules or any dispute or protest whatever, shall be referred to the Arbitration Board of the LIJSL. Protests and disputes are filed by the Member Clubs who will bear responsibility for adherence to the rules regarding disputes and protests and guarantee all fees and fines. Decisions of the Arbitration Board shall be final and binding unless and until overturned under appeal as provided for in Rule 6, Part 4.

**1. Valid and Eligible for Consideration** To be valid and eligible for consideration, each protest or dispute must:

a) Be accompanied by a protest fee in the amount of fifty dollars (\$50.00), in the form of a check or money

order, made payable to the Long Island Junior Soccer League.

b) Be submitted in triplicate on the League's Game Protest Form. The form must describe in full detail the grounds for the protest or dispute and bear the signature of the Club's President and/or Registrar, as well as the signature of the coach of the team initiating the protest or dispute.

c) Be accompanied by three (3) copies of any information to be presented by witnesses and/or supporting documents.

d) Be provided by certified or registered mail (along with all supporting information and documents) to the opposing team and/or Club.

e) Pertain to a League sponsored competition.

f) Be initiated by a party directly involved in the incident under protest or dispute. An involved party, as used throughout this Part, is defined as a team coach, a club President and/or a club Registrar.

g) Include all information necessary to allow a fair and just decision.

h) Be mailed to the League's office, addressed to the Chairman of the Arbitration Board, by certified or registered mail, and postmarked no less than midnight of the third business day following the incident giving rise to the protest or dispute. A business day, as used throughout this Part, is defined as any weekday that the offices of the League are normally open for business. A business day shall not include Saturdays, Sundays, or legal holidays observed by the League office.

**2. *Protest Fee Forfeited*** The protest fee shall be forfeited to the League if the protest is not upheld by the Arbitration Board.

**3. *Lawyer Shall Not Represent*** An Arbitration Board hearing is not a legal proceeding. Involved parties may not be represented by legal counsel. Attorneys may appear before the Board only as involved parties in an individual capacity and not as legal counsel.

**4. *Ignorance of the Rules*** A plea of ignorance of the rules and regulations of the League is not sufficient grounds for the filing of a protest or dispute.

**5. *Conflicts of Interest*** The members of the Arbitration Board shall avoid both apparent and actual conflicts of interest. In the event that a member of the Board may be considered on any basis by a reasonable individual to have a bias for or against any interested party in a protest or dispute, that member shall excuse himself/herself from the deliberations concerning that protest or dispute.

**6. *Convening the Board and Notifying Involved Parties*** The Arbitration Board shall be convened by the Chairman at his/her discretion. Notice shall be given to involved parties and those others invited to aid in the Board's deliberations and/or to present relevant information, no later than five business days prior to the scheduled meeting.

**7. *Forfeiture of Appeal Rights*** An involved party failing to appear before the Arbitration Board after having received notice as required in Rule 6, Part 2, Section 6 shall forfeit all rights to appeal under Rule 6, Part 4.

**8. *Basis of Decision*** The Arbitration Board shall render a decision on any protest or dispute on the basis of any information, from any source, that it deems appropriate under the circumstances.

**9. *Timeliness of Decision*** The Arbitration Board shall render a decision within fifteen (15) days of receipt by the Board of a protest or dispute. Failure to render a decision within this period shall entitle the party filing the protest or dispute to submit the protest or dispute to the Appeals Committee without determination and the protest fee submitted shall be applied to the appeal fee.

**10. *Notification of Decision*** All parties to a protest or dispute shall be notified in writing within (10) days of a hearing of the decision rendered by the Arbitration Board.

**11. *Rejection of Protests or Disputes*** Any protest or dispute not submitted to the Arbitration Board in full compliance with Rule 6, Part 2, Section 1 shall be returned, along with all submitted documents and fees, without consideration.

**12. Appeal of an Arbitration Board Decision** A Club may appeal a decision of the Arbitration Board only to the Appeals Committee of the League in accordance with Rule 6, Part 4.

**Part 3. Appeals Committee** The Long Island Junior Soccer League Appeals Committee shall be responsible for hearing appeals pertaining to a decision rendered by the League's Arbitration Board, Standing or Ad Hoc Committees. All avenues of appeal must be exhausted at all levels below this body before the Appeals Committee will consider hearing an appeal.

**a) Composition of the Appeals Committee** There shall be no less than three (3) and no more than five (5) members plus a committee chairman. Committee members shall be selected by the League's President with the approval of the Board of Directors, for a one, two, or three year term. No more than one member from the League's Board of Directors shall be a member of the Appeals Committee. The League's President shall appoint the Chairman of the Appeals Committee.

**b) Authority of the Appeals Committee** The Appeals Committee has the authority to suspend or fine any Player, Coach, Team, Team Official, Club Official, Team and/or Club Supporter. The Appeals Committee has the authority to fine any Member Club.

**c) Minimum Number of Voting Members** Voting of this Committee shall be that one (1) vote for each member of the Committee including the Chairman. The Chairman may cast a vote only in case of a tie. A minimum of three (3) voting members, which includes the Chairman, will be required to hear a case and render a decision. No member of the Long Island Junior Soccer League Appeals Committee shall participate at any other level of appeal or discipline.

**d) Participants at an Appeals Committee Meeting** The Appeals Committee reserves the right to determine the participants and number of participants that may attend an Appeals Committee meeting.

**e) Convene Appeals Committee** The Appeals Committee will convene at the discretion of the Chairman.

**f) Records of the Appeals Committee** The records of the Appeals Committee will be maintained for a three (3) year period.

**Part 4. Appeals** All appeals of a decision rendered by the Arbitration Board, a League Standing Committee, or a Special (Ad Hoc) Committee shall be referred to the Appeals Committee of the LIJSL. Appeals are filed by the member Clubs who will bear responsibility for adherence to the rules regarding appeals and guarantee all fees and fines. Decisions of the Appeals Committee shall be final and binding unless and until overturned under appeal as provided for in Rule 6, Part 4, Section 12.

**1. Valid and Eligible for Consideration** To be valid and eligible for consideration, each appeal must:

a) Be accompanied by an appeal fee in the amount of one hundred dollars (\$100.00), in the form of a check or money order made payable to the Long Island Junior Soccer League, or protest fee credit as provided for in Rule 6, Part 2, Section 9.

b) Be submitted in triplicate on member Club stationery. The submittal must describe in full detail the grounds for the appeal and bear the signature of the member Club's President and/or Registrar.

c) Be accompanied by three (3) copies of any information to be presented by witnesses and/or supporting documents.

d) Be provided by certified or registered mail (along with all supporting information and documents) to all affected parties.

e) Pertain to a decision rendered by the Arbitration Board, LIJSL Standing Committee or Special (Ad Hoc) Committee, or result from the lack of a timely decision by the Arbitration Board as provided for in Rule 6, Part 2, Section 9.

f) Be initiated by a party directly affected by the decision under appeal. An affected party, as used throughout this Part, is defined as a team coach, a club President and/or a club Registrar who was party to the decision under appeal.

g) Include all information necessary to allow a fair and just decision.

h) Be mailed to the League's office, addressed to the Chairman of the Appeals Committee, by certified or registered mail, and postmarked no later than midnight of the fifth business day following the date of notice of the decision giving rise to the appeal. A business day, as used throughout this Part, is defined as any weekday that the offices of the League are normally open for business. A business day shall not include Saturdays, Sundays, or legal holidays observed by the League office.

**2. Appeals Fee Forfeited** The appeals fee shall be forfeited to the League if the appeal is not upheld by the Appeals Committee.

**3. Lawyer Representation** An attorney or other advisor may attend the Appeals Committee hearing. During the course of the hearing, the party may confer briefly or request a recess in order to confer with the attorney or other advisor. The attorney or advisor may not present the party's oral argument, question any witness or directly address the hearing panel.

**4. Ignorance of the Rules** A plea of ignorance of the rules and regulations of the League is not sufficient grounds for the filing of an appeal.

**5. Conflicts of Interest** The members of the Appeals Committee shall avoid both apparent and actual conflicts of interest. In the event that a member of the Committee may be considered on any basis by a reasonable individual to have a bias for or against any affected party in an appeal, that member shall excuse himself/herself from the deliberations concerning that appeal.

**6. Convening the Committee and Notifying Affected Parties** The Appeals Committee shall be convened by the

Chairman at his/her discretion. Notice shall be given to affected parties and those others invited to aid in the Committee's deliberations and/or to present relevant information, no later than five business days prior to the scheduled meeting.

**7. Forfeiture of Appeal Rights** An affected party failing to appear before the Appeals Committee after having received notice as required in Rule 6, Part 4, Section 6 shall forfeit all rights to appeal under Rule 6, Part 4, Section 12.

**8. Burden of Proof** The appellant shall bear the burden of showing that the decision being appealed is clearly erroneous.

**9. Basis of Decision** The Appeals Committee shall render a decision on any appeal on the basis of any information, from any source that it deems appropriate under the circumstances.

**10. Timeliness of Decision** The Appeals Committee shall render a decision within fifteen (15) business days of the hearing of an appeal. Failure to render a decision within this period shall entitle the party filing the appeal to submit the appeal to the next level of authority without determination and the appeal fee submitted shall be refunded.

**11. Notification of Decision** All parties to an appeal shall be notified in writing within twenty (20) business days of a hearing of the decision rendered by the Appeals Committee.

**12. Rejection of Appeals** Any protest or dispute not submitted to the Appeals Committee in full compliance with Rule 6, Part 4, Section 1 shall be returned, along with all submitted documents and fees, without consideration.

**13. Appeal of an Appeals Committee Decision** A Club may appeal a decision of the Appeals Committee only to the State Youth Association.

**Part 5. Matters Not Provided** Any matters not provided for in these rules shall be determined by the Board of Directors of the Long Island Junior Soccer League and decisions so made shall be final and binding.

**Part 6. Penalties** No Long Island Junior Soccer League official, club, league, team, coach, referee, player, or other representative may invoke the aid of the Courts of any State or of the United States without first exhausting all available remedies within the appropriate soccer organizations.

For violation of this rule the offending party shall be subject to the sanctions of suspension and fines and shall be liable to the LIJSL for all expenses incurred by the Long Island Junior Soccer League and its officers in defending any court action, including but not limited to the following:

- 1) Court costs
- 2) Attorneys fees
- 3) Reasonable compensation for time spent by Long Island Junior Soccer League officers and/or employees in responding to and defending against allegations in the action, including responses to discovery and court appearance.
- 4) Travel expenses
- 5) Expenses for holding special Long Island Junior Soccer League meetings necessitated by court action.

**Part 7. Line of Authority for an Appeal** The line of authority for an appeal of a decision rendered by the League's Board of Directors or Appeals Committee shall be:

1. State Youth Association
2. USSF National Appeals Committee

Appeals following the line of authority listed above are made directly to each level. The fee for an appeal is prescribed by each level of appeal and are made payable to each level.

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