

Greater Portland Soccer District, Inc

Rules of Competition

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Rule 1. Notification of Annual Managers Meeting:

Fifteen days prior to the Annual Managers' Meeting a mailing will be made to all managers of record and other interested parties who wish to compete in the upcoming fall season. This mailing may include the following:

- A. Time, date, location and agenda of the Annual Managers' Meeting (AMM)
- B. Fee schedule for the coming season
- C. Details on filing team applications and registration deadlines

Rule 2. Material provided when filing application, or at AMM:

Each Manager shall be provided with the following:

- A. Match Rosters
- B. GPSD, Inc. By Laws
- C. Rules of competition for the upcoming season
- D. A list of players who have contacted the GPSD, Inc. to find a team to play for
- E. A calendar showing the next twelve months of GPSD, Inc. operations

Rule 3. Deadline for Team Application and Payment of Fees:

Applications and fees are due the night of the Annual Managers' Meeting. Applications and payments received after this time are subject to a \$100 late fee. The number of teams allowed to participate in GPSD, Inc. sanctioned matches shall be determined by the Executive Committee based upon date of receipt of registration, payment of registration fees, team and manager conduct in prior seasons and availability of resources.

Rule 4. Distribution of Schedules:

Prior to the start of league play the following will be made available to the managers:

- A. Schedule of Matches
- B. List of team names and uniform colors
- C. Addresses of fields
- D. List of managers with phone numbers

Rule 5. Player Registration and Player Cards:

Individual player registration is conducted by the Oregon Adult Soccer Association (OASA), 1750 SW Skyline Blvd., Suite 121, Portland, OR 97221, (503) 292-1814. By registering with the OASA, the player agrees to abide by the rules of the United States Soccer Federation, the OASA and the GPSD, Inc. The player registration card is the property of the OASA and must be surrendered on demand to any game official or GPSD, Inc. officer or OASA officer.

To be eligible to play in a GPSD, Inc. sanctioned match, a player must hold a valid OASA player card, and have his name appear on a match roster prior to the start of match play. The match roster must be presented to the referee prior to the start of the match. The player registration card must be presented to the referee prior to the player participating in the match.

- A. All player cards issued are valid until expired or revoked by the OASA or the GPSD, Inc. or until a player has been suspended by either association.
- B. Renewal for existing cards may be obtained at the OASA above.
- C. New player cards may be obtained by filling out individual player registration forms and returning them to the OASA with the appropriate fee. Proof of identity will be required prior to the issuance of the player registration card. No player shall be issued more than one (1) OASA card. Any player caught falsifying any information in order to obtain a card while under suspension from GPSD, Inc. participation is subject to permanent expulsion from GPSD, Inc.
- D. Players may register during business hours at the OASA Office.
- E. During any calendar week a player may play in only one GPSD, Inc. match within each GPSD, Inc. division. ***This rule shall not apply to the 0-50 Division. Due to this exception there shall not be a 0-50 championship game. (Approved 4-6-09 by Ex. Committee)***
- F. Teams may register an unlimited number of players on its roster. For the GPSD, Inc. Premier League, rosters are limited to 25 players at any one game. **For GPSD, Inc. Championship Games rosters are limited to a maximum of 18 players, applies to all divisions. (10-6-08 Approved Executive Committee)**
- G. A team's roster is frozen for the last three (3) games of the season (including makeup games). Premier team rosters shall be frozen after the seventh (7th) game of the season and BEFORE the eighth (8th) game is played. A team can use only players who played for the team in at least one GPSD, Inc. match of the current season. Players who have played prior to the last three games are eligible for postseason play. This means that for a ten game season the last game in which a team may add a player to its roster is the seventh game in which it plays. A player participating in violation of this rule is an ineligible payer and subjects himself and the team to discipline by the GPSD, Inc.

PREMIER TEAMS:

Premier League Teams will submit a roster signed by each player agreeing to play on that team for the season. A team manager may drop a player from a team before the final team roster date by submitting written notice to the league that the player has been released from the team. The released player is free to play on another Premier League team during the current season. If a player wishes to be released from his current team to play on another Premier League Team, he must submit a release form signed by the manager of the team releasing him and signed by the manager of the team he wishes to play on. A player requesting to change teams during a season will be required to sit out the next 3 games of the season for the new team and may not switch teams after the final team roster date. If a player is released from a team by a team manager, the player is not required to sit out the next 3

games for the new team but can begin play as soon as player is added to the new team roster by the league. If a team folds or drops out of the Premier Division after the 7th game of the season the dropped team's players may not play for another team in the Premier Division in that season. If the team folds or drops prior to the 7th game the team's players may join another Premier Division team as free agents. Any player refused a transfer request by a team manager can appeal the transfer request decision. The procedure to follow will be the same process defined later Rule 11 Judicial Protests by a Team.

- H. Teams playing in the championship must submit a roster to the league no later than one week prior to the championships.

- I. Premier Teams: Only during the playoffs and final championship games, in the event of a tie at the end of the regulation period a max. Ten (10) minute overtime period will be played. If by the end of the overtime period the score is still tied an addition max. Ten (10) minute overtime period will be played after a five (5) minute max. break. The second (2nd) overtime period will be sudden death/golden goal period. If the score still remains tied at the end of the second (2nd) overtime period, then the winner will be determined by I. Only during the playoffs and final championship games, in the event of a tie at the penalty shots.

Rule 6. Uniforms:

- 1. Similarly Colored Shirts: When both teams in a match are wearing the same or similar colors, the Home team shall change to an alternate shirt. Upon the request of the visiting team, the referee may require the Home team to change to dissimilar colors before beginning the match.
- 2. For Premier teams all of a team's players shall wear the same uniforms; shirt/jersey, shorts, socks. If a player is found to be in violation of this uniform requirement and plays in the game he will be deemed an illegal player and the team is subject to penalties under Rule 15. Team Fines and Penalties: 1) Illegal Player.
 - A. Failure of the Home team to change is grounds for forfeiture of the match.
 - B. Goalkeepers may not wear similar colors to the field players of either team.
 - C. If a team changes colors from the colors declared on their application, they must notify the GPSD, Inc. and the managers within their division, in writing, stating what their new colors are.
 - D. Numbering of Uniforms: All players' uniforms (home or alternate), except the goalkeepers', must be numbered. No two players may wear the same number on their respective uniforms. The fine per unnumbered shirt is (\$5.00) per shirt. Tape is not acceptable as numbering on a shirt. Use of an unnumbered penny is ok provided that the number can be seen through the penny.

Rule 7. GPSD, INC. Match Preparation (Prior to the match):

- A. Cards: Players must present, in person, to the referee his OASA player card. The referee will match the picture with the player and inspect for a valid card. The referee will also inspect the player's equipment, which shall include:
 - A numbered shirt, shorts, shoes, shin guards completely covered by socks.

- No player may wear anything, which is dangerous to himself or others. The match referee has total authority to determine compliance with this rule. Players that do not comply., may not play.
- B. Matches should begin on time. A 15-minute grace period after the scheduled time of the match is allowed for a team to assemble the minimum of seven players. When a team has seven players with valid player I.D. cards present, the match will begin.
- C. Field Condition Protests must be made prior to the start of the match to the referee, who will note that the match was played under protest, and notify the opposing team.
- D. Rosters: At the beginning of the game, each team manager will submit to the referee a roster either computer generated or on an approved form provided by the GPSD, Inc. Each roster shall contain the following: the date of the Match, the Match number, the home team, the visiting team, the name of the field, the OASA registration number, card expiration date, name and shirt number of each player. The fine for an improperly completed or illegible roster is twenty-five dollars for the first offense. A second offense may result in forfeiture of the match. Failure to provide identifying information for a player on the roster will be grounds for the referee to exclude the player from the match.
- E. The home team will provide:
 - Goal Nets. Failure to provide will result in a twenty- five (\$25) dollar fine.
 - Regulation corner flags. They must be at least five (5') feet high with a flag or pennant not smaller than 10" wide by 5" high. Bicycle safety flags are acceptable. Failure to provide corner flags will result in a fifteen (\$15) dollars.
 - Exceptions: For the first 3 matches of the season, new teams entering the may ask the manager of the opposing team (a minimum of five days in advance of the match) for the use of that team's nets. It is the responsibility of the home team, in any case, to install the nets and corner flags.

Rule 8. GPSD, Inc. Match Play (During the Match):

- A. Substitutions: Unlimited substitutions for both teams will be allowed at any dead ball situation, subject to the discretion of the referee, and provided that the player entering the field has properly presented himself to the referee prior to participating in the match.
- B. Late arriving players: There are no arrival time restriction for late arriving players, as long as they have been declared for the match on the roster, and present their card to the referee before entering the match.
- C. Forfeiture will be defined as not competing in a match for any reason, including not having enough players at match time, refusing to abide by the referee's decision; refusal to take the field, or leaving the field of play before the end of the match. Forfeiture may be punished by a fine.
- D. 1. GPSD, Inc. will schedule games, at GPSD., Inc.s discretion, based on fields available. In some instances teams may have games scheduled on dates, times, and fields that are not to their choosing. A team not showing up for a scheduled game shall have that game recorded as a forfeit. See Rule 15 – Team Fines and penalties – 2 for No Show fine. See Rule 8. GPSD, Inc. – Match Play D.2- for team initiated rescheduling of game(s) (Approved 7/7/08 By Exec. Comm.7/28/08 AMM tabled for further refinement)**

D.2. An agreement between two teams to postpone a match may not be considered forfeiture as long as the game scheduler is notified two days (48 hours) prior to the match, by *fax, e-mail, or written*. Requests for game changes should be communicated to the game scheduler. GPSD, Inc. will make an effort to reschedule the game at a time convenient to both teams, and the referees. GPSD, Inc. will also make every attempt to secure a field. If rescheduling is possible, a fifty-dollar (\$50.00) rescheduling fee must be paid before the game is rescheduled. If rescheduling is not possible, the game will stand. Although a forfeit loss may be assessed, the forfeiting team will not be fined, see **Rule 15.**

- E. Incomplete match: If a match is stopped before half time, the referee will note the time, reason, and the score when the match is stopped. If a match is stopped after half time, the referee will note the time, reason, and the score when the match is stopped. If the match is stopped after half time the game will be considered complete and the score at stoppage of the game will be the final score of the game. The referee does not have the authority to determine the outcome of the match. The referee will submit a game report and the executive committee will determine the match outcome. If a match is stopped, at any time, due to fighting, the team responsible for the fight will lose the game and in addition the losing team shall have three (3) points subtracted from their point standing for the season. Any protest of the game score or outcome may be protested according to GPSD, Inc. Rule 11. Judicial Protest by a team.
- F. **Conduct of Team Supporters:** All teams are directly responsible for the actions of their supporters before, during and after a match. The team manager will be presumed to control the team supporters. The referee may terminate the match if the team manager refuses or fails to control the team supporters during the match when requested to do so by the referee. Any incident involving a team's supporters will be reviewed by the judiciary commissioner. Disciplinary action may be taken against the team, individual players, the manager and the coach. Such action may include, but is not limited to; suspension, fines, bonding, probation or dissolving of the team.
- G. **Shortened Matches:** If a match begins late, the referee can subtract time from the match in order to insure that the match is played within the scheduled. The match shall be shortened with equal time intervals being deducted from each half. The referee shall announce this decision to the team managers and the amount of time he intends to deduct from each half prior to the start of the match. If the match delay results in a starting time which is unreasonably late, the referee has the authority to terminate the match without following this procedure.
- H. Premeir Teams: During any game a team is required to have a designated captain on the field at all times. This player shall be wearing a captain's band on his arm, and he is the only one to confer with referee during the course of the game. Failure to comply with this rule will result in a twenty dollar (\$20.00) fine for the team. Three (3) failures will result in a point taken from that team in addition to paying the sixty dollar (\$60.00) fine.

Rule 9. Team Manager's Duties:

- A. Maintain a record of team members' names, addresses and phone numbers.
- B. Forward GPSD, Inc. communication marked for distribution to all players.
- C. Supply team members with current copies of the Rules.

- D. Supply the referee at each match a completed team roster.
- E. Do not allow unregistered, suspended, expelled or illegal players to play. Violation of this provision may be cause for suspension or expulsion of the manager from further GPSD, Inc. participation.
- F. Report match scores. Each manager is responsible for phoning in the winning score to the GPSD, Inc. game report telephone number. For Fall league play, scores must be phoned in before 6:30 p.m., Sunday. (For the Spring/Summer season they must be phoned in by Wednesday evening at 10:00 p.m.)
- G. Submit referee evaluation reports after each match.
- H. Attend the AMM and the Mid-Year Managers' Meeting.
- I. Be financially responsible for any GPSD, Inc. property in the team's possession. Perpetual Trophies must be returned at the Mid-Year Managers' Meeting.
- J. Ensure acceptable behavior from the team and its supporters during and after matches. Remove players from the team who violate GPSD, Inc. Rules..
- K. Officially represent the entire team in matters such as financial matters, Judiciary matters and match protests.
- L. Enforce the GPSD, Inc. rules of competition, and cooperate with all judicial inquiries and investigations concerning team misconduct, including providing relevant and accurate information concerning players, spectators and other persons who violate those rules.
- M. If a team changes managers, the league must be notified in writing within ten (10) days.

Rule 10. Player Fines, penalties and Cards :

GPSD, Inc. reserves the right to review the conduct of every participant and to determine the appropriate sanction to be imposed in the case of player misconduct. Sanctions include, but are not limited to suspension from games, bonding, fines, and requiring participation in remedial courses and supplying services prior to reinstatement in good standing.

Yellow and Red Cards:

- A. ~~Players that receive yellow or red cards during a GPSD, Inc. League match may appeal that card by contacting the Judiciary Commissioner by phone within 7 days (7/28/08 AMM) of the completion of the match in which the card was issued. (9-8-2008 Ex. Com.)~~
- B. The Judiciary Commissioner will issue a ruling.
- C. The player or the team manager may appeal the original ruling of the Judiciary Commissioner to a Special Judiciary Hearing. At this hearing, the GPSD, Inc. President or his designate will entertain testimony from the referee, the petitioner or other concerned parties. Each is entitled to arrange for a representative to testify on their behalf. Based on the evidence presented, the GPSD, Inc. President or his designate may reverse or amend the prior decision. An Appeal to the Special Committee must be made in writing, mailed and postmarked within 7 days (9-8-2008 Ex. Com) of the first Judiciary Decision, and be accompanied by a twenty-five (\$25) dollar Appeal Fee. If the appeal is upheld the fee will be refunded, if the appeal is denied the fee will be forfeited.
- D. The player or team manager may appeal the decision of the Special Judiciary Committee to the OASA. The appeal must be in writing, and be accompanied by an Appeal Fee of

twenty-five (\$25) dollars to the GPSD, Inc. plus the current OASA appeal fee. The appeal must be made in writing, mailed and postmarked within 72 hours of the time of the decision by the GPSD, Inc. Special Judiciary Committee. The OASA will schedule a hearing and inform the player of the time and place of the hearing, and the procedure to be followed at the hearing.

- E. Suspensions are for GPSD, Inc. match weeks, a week your team has a match. If the team has a bye, the suspension could be for two calendar weeks. If the suspension spans seasons, it could be for several weeks. Suspensions from competition for violation of rules will apply only to GPSD, Inc. games, and the player may actually miss additional games in other OASA sanctioned leagues.
- F. Players sent from the field for will receive suspensions and/or fines as described in the table below. ***These fines do not include processing or card handling fees. This table is a guideline; the Judicial Commissioner may impose fines or suspensions outside the guidelines when appropriate.***

	Suspension	Fine	Points
Foul	Game weeks	Dollars	
1) Yellow Card			1
2) Persistent Infringement (two yellow cards in one game)	1	0	2
3) Serious foul play – denying goal by deliberate hand ball	1	0	2
4) Serious foul play – denying goal by deliberate foul	1	0	2
5) Serious foul play – Recklessly Endangering Opponent	2 - 4	0 - 50	2
6) Foul or Abusive Language to players or spectators	1 - 2	0	2
7) Foul or Abusive Language toward referee	1 - 4	0 - 50	2
8) Spitting at opponents or spectators	4	50	2
9) Violent Conduct – Unintentional but reckless	2-4	0-50	2
10) Violent Conduct – Intentional	4 – 6	50 – 100	2
10.1) Violent Conduct – Intentional – Any punches thrown or any violent kicking or fighting	Min. 1 year Suspension No Exception	100-500	2
11) Referee Assault	OASA Review		

G. Cumulative Points. Players that accumulate five (5) points during any season will be fined an additional fifty dollars (\$50.00) cumulative points fine. Players that continue to accumulate points during the next twelve (12) months will be fined an additional fifty dollars (\$50.00) per points.

Rule 11. Judicial Protests by a team:

A team may protest the outcome of a match or a team fine to the Judiciary Commissioner provided that the protest is made within two days (48 hours) of the day of the match. Grounds of protest shall be limited to misapplication of the FIFA Laws of the Game, USSF

Regulations, and OASA and GPSD, Inc. Rules of Competition. In no event will a judgment call by a referee be a reason or ground for protest of a match outcome.

- A. The Judiciary Commissioner shall issue a ruling .
- B. The manager may appeal the ruling of the Judiciary Commissioner to a Special Judiciary Hearing. At this hearing, the GPSD, Inc. President or his designate will entertain testimony from the referee, the petitioner or other concerned parties. Each is entitled to arrange for a representative to testify on their behalf. Based on the evidence presented, the GPSD, Inc. President may reverse or amend the prior decision. An Appeal to the Special Committee must be made in writing, mailed and postmarked within ~~72 hours~~ 7 days (10-6-2008 Ex. Com) of the first Judiciary Decision, and be accompanied by a twenty five (\$25) dollar Appeal Fee. If the appeal is upheld the fee will be refunded if the appeal is denied the fee will be forfeited.
- C. The manager may appeal the decision of the Special Judiciary Committee to the Oregon Adult Soccer Association (OASA). The appeal Rule must be in writing and be accompanied by an OASA Appeal Fee plus a twenty-five (\$25) dollar GPSD fee. The appeal must be made within 72 hours of the GPSD, Inc. Special Judiciary Committee. The OASA will inform the manager of the time and place that the appeal will be heard.
- D. Protests regarding field conditions or similarly colored shirts must be made to the referee and the opposing manager before the match is played.

Rule 12. Promotion and Relegation:

- A. Promotion and Relegation is determined according to the total number of points earned by the respective teams during the previous Fall Season. Spring/Summer season play will be considered in the promotion and relegation process. However, Winter season play will not be considered. Match scoring will be as follows:
 - Win = (3) points Tie = (1) point Loss = 0 points
 - Forfeit wins are scored as three points for the winner; zero points for the forfeiting team. The scoreline will be shown as 1-0. However, the winning team will not receive credit for the goal as a "goal scored".
- B. **Ties:** Are resolved by the Executive Committee in the following order:
 - Wins by forfeit. Teams will not receive credit for any "goals scored" in a forfeit win. No team may break a tie in the standings if they have a better goal differential caused by a regulation win with "goals scored" against an opponent, while the team they are tied with was required to take a forfeit win against the same opponent, with no credit for "goals scored".
 - Goal Differential: Subtracting the "Goals Against" from the "Goals For" equals goal differential. The maximum goal differential accrued by a team in one game is three. Only three points per game can be accrued toward final season.
 - The most "Goals For" will have the better standing.
 - The team that won the match (es) between tied teams will have the better standing.
- C. **CrossOver Games:** Cross-over" games are games between teams of the different leagues. The result of a crossover game will count as a 1-0 win for both teams, regardless of the score, and points are included in the league standings. If one team forfeits the game it will count as a win for the non-forfeiting team and a loss for the forfeiting team.

D. Promotion and Relegation is subject to Executive Committee discretion, acting on behalf of the best interests of the GPSD, Inc. Promotion and Relegation will be determined *in each division of age play the following rule shall apply where there are enough division teams for it to apply (4-6-09 by Ex. Committee)* :

- The last two teams in the First and Second Division are relegated to the next lower Division.
- The first two teams in the Third and Second Division are promoted to the next higher Division.

E. Declining Promotion or Relegation:

- If a team places first or second in its division, that team must accept promotion to the *next higher division for the next season in order to be eligible to play in the District Championships*. Failure to accept promotion precludes the team from playing in the District Championship for two years in a row. A team may decline promotion by contacting the President of the GPSD, Inc. not later than the AMM and stating the team's intent. The Executive Committee reserves the right to honor or deny the team's request if it is deemed to be in the best interest of the GPSD, Inc..
- A team may decline relegation by contacting the President of the GPSD, Inc. not later than the Annual Managers' Meeting. The Executive Committee is expected to make a decision based on the best interest of the GPSD, Inc. and its teams.

Rule 13. Post Season or Tournament Play:

- A. Any competition or tournament requesting GPSD, Inc. sponsorship must receive permission prior to the beginning of play. Application for sanction must be made to the GPSD, Inc. Executive Committee and should include a list of the participating teams and tournament rules. If teams from outside the OASA will be participating, those teams must furnish traveling papers from the state organization with which they are affiliated. These are required to ensure that if the team is involved in any activity that is unlawful or violent that the OASA will have recourse against the team or players. No team shall use the GPSD, Inc. name without prior permission.
- B. **Traveling Teams:** All GPSD, Inc. teams participating in competition outside the GPSD, Inc. must obtain traveling papers from the OASA. These papers indicate that the team is a member in good standing with the OASA and that all fees have been paid.

Rule 14. Standing Trophies and Competitions:

Division Champions: At the end of the fall season, trophies will be awarded to the champions of each league if the winning team, with a sponsor, petitions the Executive committee in writing before the last league game.

- A. Open 1st Division: The John Topich Trophy: The founder of the Portland Americans team. Mr. Topich managed the Americans from 1960 to 1983.
- B. Open 2nd Division: The George Jenkins Trophy: George Jenkins played in the Portland leagues for twenty- five years and served with distinction as the OASA Treasurer.
- C. Open 3rd Division: The Marc Alexander Trophy: The second President of the GPSD who managed the Puddle City teams during the early and mid-1980's.
- D. Over Thirty 1st Division: The Ted Zyelinske Trophy: Ted Zyelinske, the undisputed master of Portland men's amateur soccer for the first 15 years of the GPSD existence.

- E. Over Forty 1st Division: Clive Charles Trophy. Clive contributed to the Portland Area by coaching many of the area's finest athletes. Clive played on the Portland Timbers, Coached University of Portland Men's and Women's teams as well as various youth development teams .
- F. Over Fifty 1st Division: Ivan Ivanov Trophy. Mr. Ivanov is considered the originator of the over 50's League.

Rule 15. Team Fines and penalties:

A team is a single entity of registered players enrolled and qualified to participate in GPSD, Inc. competition. Any punishment imposed against a team by the GPSD, Inc. is enforceable against any successor team. A "successor team" is any team enrolled for GPSD, Inc. competition comprised of five or more players of a team previously punished or sanctioned by the GPSD, Inc. Players will not be allowed to avoid a sanction imposed by the GPSD, Inc. by partial disbanding and reorganizing of the team.

A. Fine, Suspension Guideline	1 st Time Penalty	2 nd Time Penalty
1) Illegal player	\$100.00 team fine automatic forfeit	Suspension of manager for 1 year, \$100 fine, \$100 bond
2) Team no-show	\$75.00 fine	Team suspension
3) Team no-show meeting Rule 8D.2 description	No fine	
4) Alcohol at game	\$100 fine	\$100 Fine and \$200 bond
5) Alcohol at game for 3 rd time	Forfeit bond, manager suspended, \$100 fine, \$200 bond	
6) No nets:		\$25 fine
7) No corner flags		\$15 fine
8) Incomplete, illegible or Non- approved roster		\$25 fine
9) Unnumbered shirt		\$5 fine per shirt

- B. Fines must be paid within 15 days of the day that they are posted to the team by the Judiciary Commissioner. Should a fine remain unpaid at the end of a scheduled season, or prior to any Division Championship, that team or its successor team will be prohibited from all USSF, OASA and GPSD, Inc. competitions until the fine is paid in full.
- C. **Cumulative Points.** Teams that accumulate 15 points during any season will be fined a two hundred dollar (\$200.00) cumulative points fine. Teams that continue to accumulate points during the next twelve (12) months will be fined an additional fifty dollars (\$50.00) per point.
- D. **Non-Cooperation during inquiries and investigations:**
Any team which does not comply with reasonable requests for information during the course of a GPSD, Inc. judicial inquiry, including but not limited to identifying players or spectators who are accused of referee assault or abuse, or who fails to take affirmative steps to prevent such assault or abuse, may be punished by suspension from the GPSD, Inc. for such periods of time as may be deemed appropriate by the Judicial Commissioner. They may also be punished by fine, bond or any other sanction available to the GPSD, Inc. in order to enforce compliance with GPSD, Inc., OASA, and USSF rules and regulations.

Rule 16. Alcoholic Beverages or Illegal Substances at GPSD, Inc. Matches:

- A. Players or managers shall not consume alcoholic beverages before, during, or after the match at the match site premises at any GPSD, Inc. sanctioned match. Violation of this rule shall be noted by the referee on his game report. Violation of this rule will result in a \$100.00 fine.
- B. Players, managers and team supporters shall not use any illegal substance before, during or after a GPSD, Inc. sanctioned match, in the immediate area of the field, parking lot or in the street near the field.
- C. Violation of the rule shall be noted on the referee's report. Any manager or player in the GPSD, Inc. may report the use of illegal substances to any GPSD, Inc. Executive Committee Member. At the next meeting the Executive Committee shall summon the alleged user of an illegal substance to a hearing. If this player or manager is found to have used an illegal substance before, during or after the playing of a GPSD, Inc. match, the player or manager shall be suspended for a minimum of one (1) year.
- D. Players, managers and team supporters shall not possess, use, brandish, display, or threaten to use brandish or display any object or thing which may be utilized or construed to be utilized as a weapon or dangerous instrumentality at any GPSD, Inc. sanctioned match. Any player or manager doing so, or allowing any team supporter to do so, shall result in the immediate suspension of that team from further GPSD, Inc. competition pending further judiciary action. The GPSD, Inc. reserves the rights to permanently refuse to allow any such person (or team) from participating in GPSD, Inc. sanctioned matches for his lifetime.

Rule 17. Over 30, Over 40, and Over 50 Soccer Divisions

- A. **The Over 30 Divisions** shall be comprised of teams of players 30 years of age and older. A player becomes eligible to play in an over 30 division on his thirtieth birthday.
- B. **Over 40 Divisions** shall be comprised of teams with players 40 years of age and older. A player becomes eligible to play in an Over 40 division on his fortieth birthday. Due to the nature of the competition in the Over 40 Division, slide tackles are not allowed. A slide tackle is to be punished with the award of a direct free kick to the team the tackle was committed against. With this in mind, the referees are asked to strictly enforce this rule, and if the slide tackle is committed with unnecessary force, is dangerous or from behind, a card (yellow or red, as appropriate) is to be issued to the offending player.
- C. **The Over 50 Divisions** shall be comprised of **players 50 years of age and older.**(8/11/08 Exec. Com.) The same rules concerning slide tackling in the Over 40 divisions will also apply to the Over 50 Division.

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