

SISL BYLAWS

ARTICLE 1 OBJECTIVE

The objective of the indoor League shall be:

To provide and operate indoor soccer for various ages within the geographic and political area governed by the Scarborough Soccer Association.

ARTICLE 2 MEMBERSHIPS

Membership is open to soccer team as follows:

Youth teams must be registered properly through constituted Youth Soccer Club according to the Ontario and Scarborough Soccer Association Bylaws, Rules and Regulations governing the formation of youth soccer clubs.

Adult teams must be registered according to the Ontario and Scarborough Soccer Association Bylaws, Rules and Regulations.

ARTICLE 3: LEAGUE COMMITTEE

A league Committee, which shall be comprised of the elected Chairman, shall conduct the business of the Indoor League and the Chair appointed office.

ARTICLE 4: LAWS OF THE GAME

The Indoor League shall support and maintain the principles of the Laws of the Game, as established by the International Football Association Board and recognized by F.I.F.A., except as amended by the Indoor League for use in indoor soccer and to Accommodate differences in age or physical conditions within the playing facilities.

Changes shall come into effect in the playing season immediately following their adoption.

ARTICLE 5: OTHER REGULATIONS

The Indoor League may make such miscellaneous rules and regulations as may be deemed necessary to promote, develop, govern and control the game of indoor soccer within its jurisdiction.

The Indoor League may impose such other regulatory measures, as it deems necessary for the efficient administration of the playing structure of the game within its jurisdiction.

No such regulation may violate the individual's rights of freedom, except as may be required to protect the rights and freedom of any other individual, and to ensure the stability of the basic structure of the game.

ARTICLE 6: LEAGUE FEES

League fees shall be set each year by the League Committee and will be based on the League's operating expenses.

All monies owing to the Indoor League shall be due and payable within thirty days of invoicing unless otherwise stipulated.

ARTICLE 7: REGISTRATION PLAYERS & TEAM OFFICIALS

1. All players shall be registered prior to playing in a league game, or prior to a cup game.
2. Transfers and De-Registration of players are closed as of January 31 of each playing season.
3. Youth players must present proof of age in the format of a birth certificate, a passport, or a baptismal certificate, that clearly shows the date of birth. Photocopies will be accepted.
4. Teams may register a maximum number of players as per the Ontario Soccer Association Guidelines.
5. All rules and regulations as set out in the Ontario Soccer Association Administrative Guide regarding the signing and transfer of players shall apply.
6. The determining factor for age groupings shall be taken from the O.S.A. Registration Guide, following the year of commencement of the league competition.
7. A PLAYER MAY PLAY ON ONLY 1 (ONE) TEAM IN THE LEAGUE. They may coach a team in another division but NOT the same division they play in.
8. No Trial permits will be allowed.
9. No Guest Players
10. Players are Cup-Tied. If a player has played for a team he is considered Cup Tied for the season.

ARTICLE 8: PLAYING SEASON

The playing season shall commence on or about October 15 and shall conclude on or about April 30.

ARTICLE 9: DISCIPLINE

The SISL Discipline procedures are governed by Section 9: Discipline of the OSA's Published Policies. From time to time, the league encounters various incidents that do not fall comfortably within the Misconduct structure contained in Section 9: Discipline Policies.

Broadly speaking these situations occur outside the game itself—before or after a game—

and reflect various forms of anti-social behaviour including assault, threatening, property damage and unsporting conduct that the league is obliged to deal with.

The league has the right to incorporate its own sanctions for Misconduct that occurs within the Scarborough Soccer Centre and its environs. Accordingly, herein, the SISL states Rule 1 of its Discipline procedures as follows:

1. At its discretion, the League reserves the right to fine, suspend or—if necessary—ban from the Scarborough Soccer Centre any player, coach, other team staff or spectators for activities it deems violate the orderly running of the league and the safety and comfort of all those people engaged in the league as players, officials and spectators.

FINES

The SISL has the right to impose fines up to \$1000.00 and/or demand a team increase its Bond for actions a Discipline panel concludes fall under this SISL rule (Rule 1).

SUSPENSIONS

The SISL has the right to impose time suspensions of up to three months for actions that a Discipline panel concludes fall under this SISL rule (Rule 1).

2. The League Discipline Committee shall deal with players and Club or Team Officials reported for misconduct.

3. Discipline will be by review, which means that each case will be reviewed by the committee and given an automatic suspension and fine as per the referees report. SISL Discipline Rules are those of the Ontario Soccer Associations Discipline Rules.

4. If a player wishes to have a hearing they must book it within 3 days of receiving a Red Card. The Discipline Committee shall meet as requested on Wednesday at 7:00pm at the Scarborough Soccer Centre. The Committee shall consist of the Chairman of Discipline and one or more Committee members.

Clubs/Teams shall be responsible for ensuring that any player or official ordered off requesting a hearing appears before the Committee on the scheduled hearing date and time.

5. In all cases of alleged physical assault on a game official, by a player, Club or Team Official, s/he shall be suspended until a Discipline Committee of S.S.A., as per the O.S.A. Constitution has dealt with the case.

6. Any player or official failing to appear as above shall be suspended until the Indoor League in writing receives a request for a hearing.

7. It will not be necessary for a player receiving a caution to appear before the Committee. If, however a player receives three cautions during the season, s/he will be informed to appear before Committee.

8. Players appearing before the Committee may be accompanied and or represented by a team or club official.

9. Any player or official appearing before the Discipline Committee must pay an administration fee per the fee schedule prior to the start of the hearing.

10. Any player, Coach, Club or Team Official reported for violent conduct during a match, who is found guilty of such conduct, may be suspended for the remainder of the season.

11. Players, officials and spectators are allowed to take part in or attend matches on condition that they observe the Constitution of the Ontario Soccer association, the

Scarborough Soccer Association and the Indoor League.

12. Every club is responsible to the League for the actions of their players, officials and spectators, and is required to take all precautions necessary to prevent spectators threatening or assaulting Officials and players.

13. No referee, player or official of any club shall bet on any soccer match under the jurisdiction of the Indoor League.

14. Players and club or team officials suspended from the Indoor League shall not take part in any soccer activities until the completion of their suspension.

15. The Indoor League has the right to levy monetary fines against players, coaches, teams, or clubs where it is necessary to maintain a higher degree of control over the game of soccer. Teams or clubs may be required to post bonds for future participation in certain instances.

16. Anyone found guilty and subsequently penalized by the league Discipline Committee has the right to appeal the decision to the Committee of the Scarborough Soccer Association in accordance with the rules of Appeal of the S.S.A.

ARTICLE 10: PROTESTS

Each protest arising from a game in the competition shall be sent to the Indoor League by Written Request or Email with a confirmation reply receipt from the league, accompanied by a protest fee of \$125.00, paid by cash, money order, or certified cheque.

If you win your protest a \$60.00 administration fee will be deducted from the \$125.00 protest fee.

In all protests, the protesting team must also send to the team protested against an email within two days of the game to which it relates, a copy of the protest that was submitted to the league.

Teams directly involved in the protested game can only protest a game.

ARTICLE 11: APPEALS

Appeals of decisions made by the League Discipline Committee shall be submitted by Written Request or Email to the Ontario Soccer Association (OSA). Any appeal to the OSA must be accompanied with the required fee of \$500.00 payable to the OSA. There is an administration fee charged by the OSA.

Any appeal of an SISL decision must be made to the OSA within 10 days of receiving the decision.

The lodging of an appeal shall not affect the decision of the SISL and remains in effect while the appeal is being lodged and considered. Any fine payable to the SISL must be paid prior to an appeal. (Under OSA policies an unpaid fine would be grounds not to consider the appeal at all.)

ARTICLE 12: GENERAL RULES

The team official must present the Player Books of all players dressed for the game with the game sheet and the appropriate officiating fee to the assistant referee.

Failure to do so may result in forfeiture of the game, even though the game is played to completion.

The team official is responsible for obtaining the player books from the assistant referee at the end of the game.

The assistant referee shall retain the player books of all players ejected for discipline.

The team official is responsible for all the players on her/his team at all times, and shall conduct her/him self in a sportily manner in accordance with the rules of the league, and shall confine her/himself to the bench area along with the players.

The player's bench shall be deemed to be an area designated as such by the indoor league. Only the players and team officials entered on the Game Sheet are allowed on the bench.

The Clock does not stop unless at the Referees discretion.

ARTICLE 13: TIE BREAKER

A team that wins a League game will be awarded 3 points, a tie will net 1 point a loss will net 0 points.

In case of a tie, the following criteria shall apply:

- a. Points
- b. Head to Head
- c. Goal Difference
- d. Most Goals
- e. Least Goals
- f. Goal average = Goals Against divided by Goals For
- g. Draw/Toss of a coin

ARTICLE 14: SISL BONDS AND BOND RETURNS

All Men's SISL teams are responsible for paying a \$200 Bond for the league. The team contact(s) are responsible for the team Bond. The contact(s) can decide to keep the team bond with the league if they wish to return. All teams who are not returning are responsible for their team bond. If the team does not return the bond will only be

available for pick-up within 1 year of the team leaving the SISL. If the bond is not claimed within 1 year it will no longer be available for pick-up.

ARTICLE 15: RULES NOT COVERED

Rules not covered by the Indoor Leagues Rules and Bylaws, the rules of the Scarborough Soccer Association and/or the Ontario Soccer Association shall apply.

INCLEMENT WEATHER AND THE SISL

The Scarborough Indoor Soccer League (SISL) believes scheduled games should be played whenever possible. Indeed, until (2007-2008) the league had never closed its doors on a scheduled game day.

Nonetheless, our experience last year made it clear we require a policy to address such extreme weather eventualities and that all teams are aware of it.

Accordingly, the SISL reserves the right to cancel all games on a specific day if inclement weather threatens to make the arrival of ALL teams uncertain. It would lead to a chaotic situation to have some teams arriving and their opponents not due to the road and weather conditions.

Thus, all teams should be aware that if the SISL decides to close down for a day of games this will be treated as “an act of nature” and these games will not be replayed at a later date.

TEAMS WITH A BYE WEEK

It is possible that some teams may have a bye week (no game) on the day of cancelled games. This could result in them playing one more game than their opponents over the season (because they missed no games) and effectively “gift” such team’s three points that all other teams in the division do not have the chance to compete for.

In such circumstances, the SISL may—at their discretion—remove three points from those teams who have a bye on a day games are cancelled. This ensures that ALL teams have the same number of games played at season’s end.

This is the only way the league can ensure all teams are treated equally and also allow an equitable assessment of the Division standings.

All teams should be aware of this policy and note that no protests or appeals will be considered under this policy.

The league has a long history of meeting all its scheduled game days. Canceling an entire day of games is never taken lightly. Such a decision would only be made where the league judges that many teams simply could not navigate to the centre to play their game.

ARTICLE 16: FEE & FINE SCHEDULE 2021-2022 SEASON

TEAM REGISTRATION: SENIOR – \$1800.00 (+\$200 Bond for Men only)

OFFICIATING FEE (SENIORS) – \$22.50
PER TEAM, PER GAME

DISCIPLINE:

RED CARDS/SPECIAL INCIDENT REPORTS

- \$30.00 FOR 1ST OFFENCE
- \$50.00 FOR 2ND OFFENCE
- \$100.00 FOR 3RD OFFENCE
- 4TH OFFENCE – SEE YOU NEXT SEASON!

YELLOW CARDS – NO FEES FOR YELLOW CARDS!
THREE YELLOWS BECOME A RED CARD!

FINES FOR NO SHOWS – \$50.00 + FULL REFEREE FEES

FINE FOR NO BOOKS – \$50.00 + FULL REFEREE FEES

FINES FOR PLAYING AN UNREGISTERED INELIGIBLE, OR SUSPENDED
PLAYER – \$200.00

PROTEST FEE – \$100.00 + \$25.00 ADMIN FEE

NSF CHEQUE – \$25.00

PLAYER BOOK/TEAM OFFICIAL – \$5.00

PLAYER REGISTRATION FORM – \$25.00

**TO FORFEIT/CANCEL A GAME MUST BE IN WRITING TO OFFICE 3 FULL
BUSINESS DAYS BEFORE GAME**

