

# Greater Kingston Senior Soccer Association Outdoor Soccer Rules And Regulations

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## Rule 1 Membership

- A) For active membership to remain in good standing, each active member, that shall be a team, shall
1. Comply with the Constitution of the GKSSA and the published rules (constitution, policies, and procedures) of the OSA.
  2. Remit all outstanding monies to the GKSSA when due.
  3. The bondholder shall be delegated by the team executive and will be listed on the team application form. Notice of any change of bondholder shall be submitted to the GKSSA Executive in writing for approval.
  4. Notify the GKSSA Executive of the current team representative seven (7) days prior to the annual general meeting.
  5. Bonds are not permitted to lie dormant. If a bondholder does not wish to enter a team in the outdoor season, the bond must be redeemed. The GKSSA Executive must be informed in writing of the bondholder's intentions two months prior to the beginning of the outdoor season.

## Rule 2 Player Registration

- A) The GKSSA shall administer player registration, transfer, and movement in conjunction with the published rules of the OSA.
- B) No team shall have less than eleven (11) or more than twenty-four (24) registered players at one time.
- C) No player shall have more than two (2) transfers during the current season.
- D) There shall be no transfers of players after July 1<sup>st</sup> of the current season.
- E) A player shall be eligible, after one (1) day following the registration of a transfer, to play games for the team to which his transfer has been granted. The player will pay a fee of Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00) for the transfer and the transfer notice must be in writing.
- F) A player must be 16 years of age or older as of May 1<sup>st</sup> of the current season to be eligible to play.
- G) Players can only be currently registered to play for one (1) competitive and two (2) recreational (one being Old-Timer) teams in OSA approved leagues for the outdoor season. A player shall only play for one (1) team within the GKSSA league structure.
- H) No recreational team shall have more than six (6) players registered in a competitive league.
- I) For each division, the registration deadline shall be four (4) weeks prior to the last date on which regular season games are scheduled in that division.
- J) The release date deadline will be the same as the transfer deadline.
- K) Teams may not register any player currently under suspension from another outdoor league.
- L) Any player who was last registered in another country requires an international transfer before being able to register.
- M) Any player who was last registered as a non-amateur or professional player requires a re-instatement to amateur status from the OSA and/or the CSA, prior to registering.
- N) It is the team's responsibility to ensure that each of its players complies with Rules 2K, 2L, and 2M.

- O) It is the team's responsibility to enforce suspensions for yellow and red cards as per OSA guidelines.
- P) An ineligible player shall be defined as follows:
  - a. A cup-tied player in a Cup game,
  - b. A player who does not have a valid Player Book at the game in which he plays,
  - c. A player without a play-up permit playing with a team he is not registered with,
  - d. A player registered with another team in the same or higher division,
  - e. An unregistered player,
  - f. A suspended player, or
  - g. A player playing under an assumed name in any division.
- Q) If an ineligible player plays, the team will forfeit any points earned in games played by the ineligible player. The player and team coach will be required to attend a disciplinary hearing conducted by the GKSSA's Discipline Chair. The opposing team will be designated the winner by a 3 to 0 score and receive three (3) points.
- R) Players may play up in a higher division a maximum of three (3) times in a season and may only play for one team per division. The contact or registered coach of the original team and the contact or registered coach of the "calling up" team must each e-mail the GKSSA Registrar prior to the game in question and clearly indicate which player is playing up. Any player who is "playing up" must be indicated as playing up on the game sheet. A maximum of three (3) players may play up on a team per game, and none may occur during Cup Competition or Playoffs. There is no limit on how many players a team may have "playing up" per season. Upon playing up for a third time in one season, a player will be deemed to have transferred to the team for which he most recently played up (and is ineligible to play for his original or any other team for the duration of the season). Any fees associated with the transfer shall be the responsibility of the player's new team.

### **Rule 3 Additional Fees**

- A) Any fees payable to the OSA may be subject to an additional administrative charge as determined by the GKSSA Board of Directors.

### **Rule 4 The Nathalie Cave Memorial Trophy, Carmine Lanzo Sr. Cup, and Alford Cup Competitions**

- A) The GKSSA may annually hold Cup Competitions called the Nathalie Cave Memorial Trophy, the Alford Cup, and the Carmine Lanzo Sr. Cup. The GKSSA may elect to hold one or more cup competitions that include teams from more than one division.
- B) The Cup Competitions shall be based on a random draw to be held prior to the start of the season and in the presence of at least one (1) Executive or team member from each division.
- C) No transferred player shall be deemed registered for Cup Competition unless he has been properly transferred in accordance with the published rules of the GKSSA, not less than one (1) day before participation in Cup Competition. See Rule 2E.
- D) The GKSSA Executive, upon preparation of the schedule, will determine regulation time for the Cup Competitions.
- E) All games in Cup Competitions shall conclude with a winner.
- F) If, in Cup Competition, there is a draw after the stipulated regulation time, the tie breaking procedure will be determined by the GKSSA Executive and submitted to each team representative not less than seven (7) days prior to the Cup Competition.

- G) A player may not play with more than one team in Cup Competition. Any player will be considered ineligible who does so, and any team using an ineligible player will forfeit the game by a 3 to 0 score.

## **Rule 5 Play-Off Games**

- A) The GKSSA may make a provision to hold an annual play-off competition with the games being arranged accordingly to the position in the league standings that each team has achieved. This may vary from year to year.
- B) Prior to the start of the season, the GKSSA Executive shall determine the play-off format.
- C) A play-off competition shall be viewed as a form of Cup Competition and all rules outlined in Rule 4 shall apply to this competition. Rules 4 (A) and 4 (B) shall not apply to play-off games.

## **Rule 6 General Rules**

- A) The laws of the game shall be those adopted by the CSA through its association with FIFA.
- B) Each team shall register its playing colors when applying for membership each year. New teams are not permitted to register playing colors that are similar to any existing team unless they are registering an alternate color as well.
- C) Each team and its officials are responsible for the conduct of their players and are required to take any precautions necessary to prevent their players and team officials from threatening or assaulting game officials before, during, or at the conclusion of a game. Teams will be responsible for all fines and administration fees levied by GKSSA, SOSA, OSA, or CSA.
- D) All games shall be played as scheduled and every effort must be made to do so.
- E) No scheduled game shall be postponed by either of the two (2) teams scheduled to play unless the GKSSA Executive furnish written permission. Application for postponement must be made in writing to the GKSSA Executive seven (7) days prior to the game. The team requesting a change in the date and/or time of a game shall obtain agreement in writing, facsimile, or email, if applicable, from their opponent and this agreement shall be forwarded with the application for postponement. The re-scheduled game must be played within twenty-one (21) days of the original date and the proposed new date must be agreed upon by both teams and shall be submitted with the application for postponement to the GKSSA.
- F) All teams must appear on the field in their registered team colours. Where the uniform colours of competing teams are similar, the away team shall use uniforms (i.e. shirts) of an alternate colour.
- G) Goalkeepers must wear colours which, in the opinion of the referee, plainly distinguish them from the other players and from the game officials.
- H) All players other than the goalkeeper shall wear uniquely Arabic numbered shirts. These numbers shall be clearly visible and distinguishable.
- I) Each team shall be responsible for providing a net and two (2) corner flags prior to the start of the game. The home team shall also provide a properly inflated game ball subject to approval by the referee. The home team is also responsible for unlocking and relocking the gates and for turning on and off the lights as necessary.
- J) Fifteen (15) minutes grace time shall be allowed from the scheduled kick-off time of the game to permit both teams to field the minimum number of seven (7) players. The game shall commence when both teams have the mandatory minimum number.
- K) A game shall be declared forfeited if a team cannot field the mandatory minimum number of players after the grace period and the game shall be awarded by a 3 to 0 score to the opponent. The offending team will face disciplinary action and be fined.

- L) If neither team can field the mandatory minimum number of players, the game shall be declared a double default, marked as a 0-0 loss for each team, and neither team shall receive any points. Both teams will face disciplinary action and be fined.
- M) Substitutions are unlimited and may be made at the discretion of the referee:
- After a goal is scored,
  - At half-time,
  - At the award of a goal kick,
  - At the award of a throw-in, in a team's favor or either throw-in, if other team is substituting, and
  - To replace an injured player.
- Substitutions shall take place on the halfway line, and players must leave the field before the substitutes enter. A team may change its goalkeeper for any player already on the field at any stoppage in play provided proper notice is given to the referee in accordance with Law 3 of the FIFA Laws of the Game.
- N) In all league games, three (3) points shall be awarded for a win, one (1) point for a tie and zero (0) points for a loss. Division placements shall be determined by the following protocol, with the protocol applying regardless of the number of teams that may have the same number of accumulated points:
- The team with the highest number of accumulated points;
  - Head to head records between the tied teams;
  - Team with fewest goals against for all regular season games;
  - Team with highest goal differential for all regular season games;
  - A coin toss (or coin tosses, depending on how many teams are tied).
- When more than two teams are tied on points, if one team emerges the winner before the coin toss stage, the process begins again from the start for the remaining teams.
- O) Should any team drop out or be suspended from the League before the completion of the season, all of their games played will be declared null and void and removed from the League standing. The GKSSA Executive may terminate the membership of the team.
- P) Referees and Referees Assistants appointed to games under the jurisdiction of the GKSSA shall be selected from the Official List of Referees published by the OSA.
- Q) Only team officials and substitute players shall be confined to the technical area. If there are no benches, the area shall be situated twenty (20) yards on each side of the halfway line of the playing field. These areas, where possible, shall be located on the same side of the field.
- R) Team officials (manager, coach, or trainer) listed on team sheets are subject to the same disciplinary action as players and are required to conduct themselves in an appropriate fashion so as not to bring the game into disrepute.
- S) Any team official or player reported for assaulting a game official shall be automatically suspended until the OSA holds a hearing as per OSA Discipline Section, Policy 10.2.
- T) Each team must complete the game sheet for each game. The team sheet must contain the printed first and last name (neither initials nor signatures) and number of each player eligible to take part in the game. Only the players whose names appear on the team sheet may take part in the game. The completed team sheet shall be forwarded to the referee prior to the start of the game. No players may be added to the game sheet after the second half of play begins. All players entering the field of play must be on the game sheet. All players must be accounted for in every game. If a player is playing up or suspended, this must be marked as such on the game sheet. Failure to mark a suspended player listed on the game sheet as "suspended" will deem that the player played as a suspended player. There may be up to three (3) team officials recorded on the game sheet, and all team officials present must be listed. At the end of the game each team's representative or team official must sign the sheet, acknowledging the score and any cautions given to their players. No challenges to the score, goal scorers, or cards will be

allowed after this time. Game sheets improperly filled out may result in forfeiture of the game in addition to fines.

- U) A player whose name appears on a game sheet for a game will be considered to have participated in that game even if it was not played (i.e. a default by the either team) unless they are marked as suspended or a line is drawn through their name.
- V) Should a game be abandoned by the referee for any reason prior to its minimum completion time, the GKSSA Executive has the right to determine whether the game shall be replayed and under what conditions.
- W) A league game, to be considered official, shall consist of a minimum of seventy (70) minutes of playing time and consist of two (2) equal halves if weather conditions permit.
- X) Should any game not be completed (abandoned by the referee) for an occurrence of any type of misconduct, such as spectator problems, fights, assaults, or a team leaving the field of play without the permission of the referee, the team shall be fined in accordance with the OSA Published Rules.
- Y) All GKSSA trophies presented annually shall remain the property of the GKSSA unless the team representative is notified otherwise in writing by the GKSSA Executive. These trophies shall be returned to the GKSSA Executive before July 15<sup>th</sup> of each year and must be in the same condition as received. The GKSSA shall repair damaged trophies at the expense of the team responsible for the damage. The expenses must be paid prior to August 1<sup>st</sup> of that year. Failure to do so will result in the GKSSA taking the repair costs from the bond.
- Z) If a referee fails to appear, the game will be re-scheduled and a disciplinary report will be submitted to the District's Discipline Chair by the GKSSA.
- AA) Both teams must report the game result, all scorers, and all cards from each game by noon of the day after the game. Reporting must be done by e-mailing the GKSSA Statistician. If a game is cancelled or abandoned for a reason such as inclement weather, damaged fields, or fields closed by the City, both teams must report the cancellation in the same manner.
- BB) Each team must have their player registration forms (player books being the standard player's picture and signature approved by the GKSSA registrar) at every game, subject to the following:
  - i. One representative from each team shall inspect the player registration forms of the players on the opposing team. It shall be the responsibility of the Team representative to notify the referee of any discrepancy prior to the game. The referee shall record such discrepancies in his/her report but will not take any further action.
  - ii. In extenuating circumstances where the player registration forms are not present at the start of the game, the player registration forms shall be checked at any time prior to the beginning of the second half. In such cases, it shall be the responsibility of the opposing team representative to notify the referee of any discrepancy immediately after the player registration forms have been checked, and the referee shall record such discrepancy in his/her report.
  - iii. A player whose name is included on the team sheet, but is not present at the time when the player registration forms are checked by the opposing team representative, shall not play in the game until after his player registration form has been checked by the opposing team representative in his presence. In such cases, it shall be the responsibility of the opposing team representative to notify the referee of any discrepancy immediately after the player registration forms have been checked, and the referee shall record such discrepancy in his/her report.
  - iv. When a team representative has reported a player eligibility discrepancy to the referee, the referee shall have the player clearly write his name, date of birth, and signature on the reverse side of the game sheet.
- CC) All new team applications must be in writing to the GKSSA Executive and accompanied by a Two Hundred Dollar (\$200.00) bond.

- DD) Any new team will be delegated into either the B, C, or D division at the discretion of the GKSSA Executive.
- EE) In the event that a team is relegated to another division based upon their final standings in the previous season, a minimum of seven (7) players from the relegated team must move with that relegated team. If the above number of seven (7) players cannot be met for whatever reason, the GKSSA Executive will have the authority to deal with such situations on a case-by-case basis.
- FF) The GKSSA Executive will have the authority to designate all team movement between the A, B, C, and D divisions. Champions of each division shall be promoted to the next highest division, if possible, and teams finishing in the lowest rank in each division shall be relegated to the next lowest division, if possible.
- GG) A new team cannot be formed by signing seven (7) players from an already existing or previously registered team in the GKSSA. The intention of this rule is to prevent teams from disbanding and re-registering in the same division (thereby avoiding their possible relegation or promotion to another division), and shall not apply where both the new and previous teams will be playing in the same division.

## **Rule 7 Protests**

- A) All protests (except for protests made as a result of playing ineligible players – see rule 7K) shall be lodged and submitted in writing to the GKSSA Statistician (if the Statistician has advised that he/she will not be available, any available Executive member may be used as an alternate) not more than two (2) business days following the game concerned. Saturdays, Sundays and holidays are not considered business days. The GKSSA Statistician's e-mail address is available on the GKSSA website.
- B) All protests shall be submitted in writing by e-mail, registered mail, or recognized courier service.
- C) A copy of the letter or protest shall be sent by e-mail, registered mail, or courier service to the appropriate individual or organization against which the protest is directed. The person receiving it should acknowledge this copy. Proof of delivery should accompany the original protest.
- D) Every protest involving an individual shall be made by the individual and shall be accompanied by a protest fee of Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00) by cheque or money order to be made out to the GKSSA.
- E) Every protest involving a team shall be made by a member of the team's executive and shall be accompanied by a protest fee of Seventy-Five Dollars (\$75.00) by cheque or money order to be made out to the GKSSA.
- F) Any protest not submitted in compliance with all of the above regulations shall be ruled out of order and shall not be heard.
- G) Assuming all of the other requirements have been met, the protest shall be heard as per OSA regulations within three (3) weeks of its receipt by the Discipline Chair.
- H) In the event the protest is upheld, the protest fee shall be refunded.
- I) In the event the protest is denied, the protest fee shall be forfeited.
- J) If either party to the protest submitted to the GKSSA is not satisfied with the decision, that party may appeal to the OSA.
- K) Protests made as a result of playing ineligible players can be brought to the attention of the GKSSA Executive at any time during the season.
- L) For Cup and Playoff Tournaments where the protest will impact subsequent games, the protest must be delivered at the first available opportunity and sufficiently in advance of any subsequent games that might be affected by it. The GKSSA reserves the right to refuse to consider a protest if it is not delivered at the first available opportunity and/or not sufficiently in advance of any subsequent games that might be affected by it.

- M) No referee's decision may be protested. Any dispute concerning the awarding of a card to a player shall be considered an appeal and is subject to the provisions of Rule 12.

## Rule 8 Discipline

- A) The GKSSA shall operate its own discipline committee.
- B) GKSSA discipline matters shall be conducted in accordance with the Discipline by Review (DBR) procedures set out in the OSA Discipline Policies and Procedures. A copy of these Policies and Procedures shall be forwarded to each team representative. A decision rendered in accordance with the DBR Policies and Procedures cannot be appealed.
- C) The GKSSA Executive shall appoint two individuals per division (the Discipline By Review Committee) to review the reports and base their judgment upon the game report.
- D) The GKSSA Executive will appoint a Discipline Chair for appeals and discipline on major offences.
- E) All referee assaults shall be forwarded to the District's Discipline Chair.
- F) All players who receive red cards shall incur at least an automatic one (1) game suspension. The suspension will start immediately after the game in which the player received the red card, whether the game is a regular league game, a cup game, or a playoff game. If the red card is awarded for an offence that carries a minimum suspension of more than one game, then that player must serve that minimum suspension before playing again. **The offence shall be specified by the referee on the game sheet, and it is the team's responsibility to discover the offence from the referee.** The dismissed player's team is responsible for ascertaining the duration of the suspension.
- G) Additional sanctions may be imposed after the Discipline By Review Committee has had their opportunity to review the game report. The Committee will email the team's two (2) representatives the length of discipline for their player along with the dismissal offense and applicable OSA rule.
- H) A player who has served the minimum applicable suspension for receiving a dismissal shall be allowed to continue to play until the Discipline By Review is completed and the player's team representatives have been contacted.
- I) The Discipline By Review shall follow the published OSA guidelines. While reviewing the penalty, if the DBR Committee feels a more severe penalty is warranted, a hearing will be scheduled and the player will be required to attend. Sees Rule 9C through 9F.
- J) Any players or team officials who are presently suspended shall not be allowed to be in the team's bench area. OSA discipline guidelines will apply.
- K) All suspensions shall be for a stated number of games, except where the OSA Discipline Policies and Procedures provide otherwise. Such time-based suspensions shall be based on the equivalent of one game per week.
- L) All discipline procedures, hearings, and suspensions for players and team officials shall be conducted in accordance with the current published OSA guidelines.
- M) Yellow cards are accumulated throughout the season separately for regular league games, cup games, and playoff games.
- N) A player dismissed for a second cautionable offence in a game will not have an accumulation of yellow cards from that game.
- O) A Discipline by Hearing (DBH) shall be convened to deal with any offence not covered by the OSA Discipline Policies, including offences by team officials.
- P) In discipline cases, when a team disputes the identification of an ejected player, the onus is on the team to prove the correct identity of the player.
- Q) Suspensions shall be served within the same competitive level in which the misconduct occurred. A player cannot play up during a suspension or use a play up game as time served.

- R) It is the team's responsibility to enforce suspensions for yellow and red cards as per OSA guidelines.
- S) Any suspension not completed by the end of the season (including playoffs) shall carry over to the next outdoor season.
- T) If the wrong player is identified on the game sheet by the game officials for a caution or a dismissal, the affected team shall have 24 hours to inform the GKSSA Statistician of the error. If the error is not reported within 24 hours, the identity of the disciplined player shall be assumed to be correct.

### **Rule 9 League Discipline Committee**

- A) The GKSSA Discipline Committee shall be responsible for all matters of discipline of players, teams, or team officials under the jurisdiction of the GKSSA, after the matter has been reviewed by the DBR Committee (if applicable).
- B) The GKSSA Discipline Chair shall deal with all protests.
- C) The Discipline Committee shall be comprised of a Discipline Chair as well as two members from an opposite division to which the discipline matter pertains. None of these members shall be from the division in which the discipline matter pertains. This will avoid conflict of interest within the division.
- D) The members of the Discipline Committee shall be selected at random from available teams. The teams selected shall be required to serve as committee members unless they can present a conflict of interest. No team shall be required to serve twice in the same season unless all available teams have served as committee members already or no other teams are available due to a possible conflict of interest.
- E) Once team representatives have been notified that they are to provide a Discipline Committee Member for a scheduled hearing, the team is responsible for sending a member to the hearing.
- F) Failure of a team to provide a Discipline Committee Member when a member has been requested shall result in a fine under Rule 11 and possible additional consequences at the discretion of the GKSSA Executive.

### **Rule 10 Fees and Fines: General**

- A) A fine set out in the schedule of fees and fines shall be levied against teams for infractions agreed upon by the team representatives prior to each playing season. All fines are to be paid to the GKSSA as per Rule 11M.

### **Rule 11 Schedule of Fees and Fines**

- A) Failure to furnish corner flags of a minimum height of five (5) feet, Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00) for each instance.
- B) Failure to furnish nets, Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00) for each instance.
- C) Failure of the home team to furnish a game sheet, Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00) for each instance.
- D) Failure to return GKSSA trophies by July 15<sup>th</sup>, Fifty Dollars (\$50.00), as per Rule 6Y.
- E) Failure to report game results by e-mail by noon of the day following the game date, Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00) for each instance. See Rule 6AA.
- F) Failure to provide player registration books at a game, Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00) for each instance. See Rule 6BB.
- G) Failure to provide a Discipline Committee member when selected, One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for each instance. See Rule 9F.



- H) A team representative must attend the annual general meeting and each membership meeting of the GKSSA. Failure to do so will require the team to pay a fine of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00), according to Article 10.5 of the GKSSA Constitution.
- I) Forfeiture of any scheduled game, without seven (7) days notice in writing to the GKSSA scheduler, will require the team to pay a fine of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).
- J) Excessive profanity and taunting by players directed toward any officials, managers, coaches, or players will result in a Twenty Dollar (\$20.00) fine for each occurrence as per the game report.
- K) Should a game be abandoned by the official(s) due to lack of lines or no lines at all, the team responsible for the field shall pay for the official's fees for that game. This rule only applies to teams that have their own fields and are responsible for their own lines.
- L) If the team is found guilty of intentionally playing an ineligible player by the GKSSA disciplinary committee that team shall be fined One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).
- M) All fines are due within forty-eight (48) hours of the time levied or they will be deducted from the team's performance bond, in which case the bond must be reimbursed not fewer than forty-eight (48) hours prior to the team's next game. Failure to do so will result in a 3 to 0 loss of that game and suspension from play in all GKSSA competition until the bond has been reimbursed.
- N) Every team shall be charged an additional fee of \$200.00 if their roster does not contain a licensed referee (or referees) who officiate a minimum of 5 GKSSA games during the current season. If a team has more than one licensed referee, the games officiated by each referee may be combined. This rule is designed to encourage GKSSA members to obtain their refereeing credentials, due to the shortage of qualified officials. The team referee must be present for at least 5 games as a player or coach.
- O) If a player is "suspended until he/she requests a hearing", such request must be accompanied by a fee of \$50.00 to pay for the cost of the hearing.
- P) Every team shall be charged an additional fee of \$300.00 if they do not provide at least four (4) representatives on its scheduled "field construction and maintenance day."
- Q) Any team (or their spectators) parking their vehicles in any spot at Novelis other than those properly designated (back lot or Shoppers lot) shall be fined \$200. This may be reported by any GKSSA representative.

## Rule 12 Appeals

- A) The decision of the GKSSA Discipline Panel on any protest or complaint may be appealed in writing to the district (SOSA). The Discipline Chair will discuss the proper procedures at the hearing.
- B) A player or his team representative **cannot** appeal a decision made by the DBR as per OSA guidelines. However a player may appeal the decision rendered by the official on the field (but only with respect to the awarding of a card) not more than forty-eight (48) hours after the said game has been completed. If a card is successfully appealed, the only consequence would be the modification of the player's discipline record: the outcome of the game is not affected.
- C) All appeals shall be lodged and submitted in writing via email to the Discipline Chair of the GKSSA.
- D) An appeal fee of Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00) made payable to the GKSSA must be submitted within twenty-four (24) hours of the appeal.
- E) Any appeal, which is not submitted in compliance with all of the above regulations shall be ruled out of order and shall not be heard.
- F) The appeal shall be heard within two (2) weeks of its receipt by the Discipline Chair of the GKSSA.
- G) In the event the appeal is upheld, the appeal fee shall be refunded.
- H) In the event the appeal is denied, the appeal fee shall be forfeited.
- I) If either party to the appeal submitted to the GKSSA is not satisfied with the decision, it may appeal to the OSA.

- J) In the event of an appeal flowing from a playoff or cup tournament game that will affect subsequent games within a short period of time, the provisions of Rule 7L shall apply by analogy with necessary modifications.

### **Rule 13 Team Representatives**

- A) Each team shall forward to the secretary of the GKSSA two (2) contact names and their email addresses.  
B) Only the two (2) team contacts shall be emailed on the happenings of the GKSSA.  
C) Team contacts shall be the only individuals to be forwarded decisions regarding suspensions, protests, decisions on appeals, and dates, times, and locations of hearings.

### **Rule 14 Conduct**

- A) No team shall be allowed to drink alcoholic beverages (including but not limited to beer) at or near the soccer fields. These facilities are public or private facilities made available for the use of the league with the understanding that the privilege of their use will be respected. Any team (or their supporters) that is proven to be breaking this rule will be fined a minimum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for each occurrence.  
B) A player, coach, or team official who tries to or does impede, harass, or otherwise intimidate a game official or opposing team coach shall be subject to disciplinary action including a 2-4 game suspension in addition to any other penalty imposed by the Disciplinary Committee according to the OSA Published Rules.

### **Rule 15 Other Regulations**

- A) The GKSSA Executive may add to these Rules and Regulations as required to ensure that all members are treated fairly and consistently, and to uphold the standards of the League.  
B) Upon actively serving for the entire outdoor season (ordinarily March-September of each year), each member of the GKSSA Executive shall be entitled to a credit of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00). This credit is intended to encourage participation on the executive and to acknowledge the time commitment involved in the administration of the GKSSA.  
C) Upon actively serving for the entire outdoor season (ordinarily May-September of each year), each member of the Discipline By Review Committee (other than the GKSSA Executive member responsible for DBR matters) shall be entitled to a credit of Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00). A maximum of 2 members per division shall be entitled to this credit. This credit is intended to encourage participation on the Discipline By Review Committee and to acknowledge the time commitment involved in the administration of league discipline. If a member should resign prior to the end of the season, their replacement (if any) shall be entitled to the credit instead if the replacement serves for the remainder of the season.

### **Appendix A Discipline And Hearing Dates, Times And Place**

- A) Discipline and/or protest hearing dates may be posted on the GKSSA web site and may be distributed to all team contacts prior to the season.