



Greater Hollywood

Soccer League

Constitution

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And

Playing Rules

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Provisions Not Covered

Where provisions are not covered by this text, the policies and procedures of The Florida Youth Soccer Association shall apply.

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Article 1. Executive Board

1. The name of the Organization shall be “The Greater Hollywood Soccer League Incorporated”. A.K.A. “GHSL”
2. The delegate assembly made up of one delegate and an alternate from each sponsoring organization shall govern the League.
3. Regular scheduled meetings shall be on the scheduled on the second Monday of each month. (Meetings during summer break shall be scheduled at the option of the league)
 - a. Meetings can be rescheduled as per the decisions of the board, to be more frequent or to change the scheduled meeting.
4. June shall be the annual meeting and election of the new officers for the coming year.
5. Officers of the league shall be President, First Vice President, Vice President of Protest, Vice President of Referees, Treasurer, Secretary, Official Score Keeper, and Referee Assignor.
6. The officers shall be elected by ballot at the June meeting and immediately take office.
 - 6.1 An officer of the league need not be the representative of his sponsoring Organization.
 - 6.2 Each officer shall hold office for 2 years and may be eligible for re-election.
 - 6.3 Elections shall be on staggered basis, the First Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Official Score Keeper shall be elected in odd years, and the President, Vice President of Protest, Vice President of Referees and Referee Assignor shall be elected in even years.
7. The President of the league shall preside at all league meetings.
 - 7.1 The President shall appoint all committees.
8. The First Vice President shall succeed to the power of the President in his absence. In the event the First Vice President is required to permanently take over, then the Delegate Assembly at their next scheduled meeting shall elect a new First Vice President.
9. Vice President of Protests (Discipline & Appeals) will be responsible for coordinating the review of all protests in a timely fashion, and will serve as a record of all protest and appeals. The VP will not have a vote at any protest hearing.
10. Vice President of Referees. This Vice President will handle all problems, which may arise among referees, clubs, teams, coaches and coordinate with the Referee Assignor to resolve any such problems. Also the VP of Referees shall preside over all disciplines of Red Cards and Send Offs.
11. All clubs shall use the elected Referee Assignor unless special application is made to the Executive Board and approved by the Board.
12. The Treasurer shall collect all dues and have charge of all money of the league.

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- 11.1 Shall keep a detailed account of income and expenditures.
- 11.2 Shall give an oral report at regular meetings.
- 11.3 Shall pay all bills properly passed upon and approved by the Delegate Assembly.
- 11.4 There shall be a maximum of \$50.00 that can be reimbursed to the President in any one month. No request to the Delegate Assembly for reimbursement will be necessary; however, receipts for reimbursements will have to be given to the League Treasurer.
- 11.5 An outside professional auditor services shall be utilized if the majority of the delegation body request such an audit. This audit shall consist of an annual review of the books and records. This review shall be presented at the annual June meeting.
13. In the event any elected officer has to vacate an office a replacement may be elected, by the delegate assembly, at the next scheduled meeting.
14. The Executive Board shall be made up of the elected officers of the league and the past President (For One Year).
 - 14.1 The Executive Board shall act as the disciplinary committee on any action taken against any player, coach, or manager in this league. Written notice will be sent to the league representative of the club involved, advising time, date and location of meeting.
 - 14.2 The Executive Committee has the right to take disciplinary action against coaches who switch clubs within the G.H.S.L. without completing obligations to their previous club (i.e. not turning in uniforms, not turning in monies, equipment, ect due to their old club) The Executive Board can only take action on such matters after receiving written request from the complaining club.
15. All decisions reached by the Executive Board will be presented to the Delegate Assembly at the next meeting to make the action stand.

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Article #2 (Delegate Assembly)

- 2.1 Each sponsoring organization or club shall appoint one representative to be a member of the Delegate Assembly, and shall attend all scheduled meetings from Roll Call to Adjournment as listed in Article 2.3, and shall be entitled to one vote
- 2.1:1 Each Delegate Assembly member shall have at least one official alternate to attend and vote at regular meetings in the absence of the primary delegate.
 - 2.1:2 **Any Sponsoring Organization absent from regular scheduled meeting shall be fined \$ 50.00 for the first missed meeting in a season, \$75.00 for the second missed meeting, and \$100.00 for the third missed meeting.** Such fines imposed will be subject for payment net thirty days from invoice. If imposed fines are not paid within the allotted time, the amount of the imposed fine will be deleted from the sponsoring organization's performance bond.
 - 2.1:3 **At the September meeting Clubs shall submit Names, Addresses, and Phone Numbers of their Delegates and Alternates. Failure to do so will result in a \$ 25.00 fine.** Such fines imposed will be subject for payment net thirty days from invoice. If imposed fines are not paid within the allotted time, the amount of the imposed fine will be deleted from the sponsoring organization's performance bond.
 - 2.1:4 The League Representative shall be responsible for all communications to and from the league, and his sponsoring organization. This includes but is not limited to Schedule Changes, Score Reporting, Protest, Field Changes, etc.
- 2.2 Members of the league may affiliate with any USYSA organization.
- 2.2:1 Each organization shall present proof of affiliation and insurance at the November Meeting.
 - 2.2:2 If by chance all clubs affiliate with the same state or national organization, then the league shall operate under their By Laws and GHSL By Laws.

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- 2.3 The Order of Business for all regular Delegate Assembly Meetings shall be:
- 2.3:1 Roll Call
 - 2.3:2 Minutes of Previous Meetings
 - 2.3:3 Communications
 - 2.3:4 Unfinished Business (Old Business)
 - 2.3:5 Report of Treasurer
 - 2.3:6 Committee Reports
 - 2.3:7 Delegate Reports
 - 2.3:8 Special Reports
 - 2.3:9 New Business
 - 2.3:10 Adjournment
- 2.4 The majority of those present at any regular league meeting shall carry the vote.
- 2.5 The President may call for an emergency meeting of all Delegates to resolve, by majority vote, only the emergency for which the meeting was called.
- 2.5:1 Proper notification for emergency meetings shall be no less than 48 hours notice to each member, and shall state the reason for said meeting.
- 2.6 The Delegate Assembly shall have the power to set up rules governing league competition, tournaments, and special competition within its own structure.
- 2.6:1 The Delegate Assembly shall select teams and reserve the right to select managers and captains for all representative games.
 - 2.6:2 The league shall have first call on any registered player for representative games provided they have the permission from the sponsoring organization.
 - 2.6:3 Playing rules may be changed at any regular meeting. Each year, during the months of April and May, the Delegate Assembly will revise and update the By-Laws. These revised By-Laws will be printed and the newly established rules will be made available to representatives at the September meeting. **(Article 2.6:4 will apply for By-Law changes at the September Presentation)**
 - 2.6:4 Playing rules may be changed by the Delegate Assembly during the year as long as **two thirds** vote in **favor** of the change.
- 2.7 The initial fee into the league shall be **\$100.00, plus a \$ 300.00** performance bond. These monies are payable within thirty days after Organization acceptance into the league.

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- 2.8 No club shall be allowed to participate in the league unless all dues, fees, fines and/or any other monies owed to the league are paid to the league prior to the start of the new season as well no team will be allowed to participate in the playoffs unless all dues, fees, fines and/or any other monies are paid to the League prior to the start of the playoffs. Additionally, any team/club that forfeits a playoff game due to unpaid fines will be charged \$100.00 game forfeit fee.
- 2.8:1 Fines imposed by the league are non negotiable. Relief of fines may not be voted on by the delegates. Clubs may appeal in writing to the executive board any fine that they feel is in error or where extenuating circumstances may exist. The executive board shall report the findings of any appeals to the delegates at the next scheduled meeting.
- 2.9 Any Organization or club may retain membership in the Greater Hollywood Soccer League (GHSL) and Delegate Assembly regardless of number of teams entered, if any, provided written notice is submitted to the league secretary. Such status shall be limited to two consecutive years.
- 2.10 The Greater Hollywood Soccer League **should** be limited to no more than 20 Sponsoring Organizations, with a limit of 12 teams in each divisional bracket. Distribution based upon the number of officially registered teams during the season.
- 2.11 Misc. League Obligations:
- 2.11:1 – The League shall supply to clubs a memo in reference of the most recent rules of the game.
- 2.11:2 – The League shall supply to clubs and their coaches a class on the rules of the game and By–Law changes. **There will be a minimum of two coaches meetings. All coaches must attend at least one class.** If a coach does not attend and does not receive a signed off card he/she will not be allowed to coach.

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Article #3 (Starting the Season)

- 3.1 League scheduled games shall start on a date set by the Delegate Assembly.
- 3.2 The scheduling Chairperson shall be in charge of the league schedule, and will work with the VP of Referees and Referee Assignor to make any changes when necessary.
- 3.2:1 Clubs wishing to make changes in the league game schedule (after it is printed) may do so, if the Scheduling Chairperson, The VP of Referees, and the Referee Assignor can accommodate them. . However, if for any reason there is a miscommunication and the Referees show up and/or have been paid, their fee will be charged to the Club that requested the change.
- 3.2:2 The league schedule shall be considered fixed and permanent one (1) week prior to the seasons' start date. Schedule changes may be requested with a minimum of five (5) days notice prior to the scheduled game. The request must be made with and approved by the league Scheduling Chairperson, who shall confer with the VP of Referees, and the Referee Assignor that the change can be accommodated.
- 3.2:3 Clubs shall notify the Scheduling Chairperson within 48 hours of games cancelled due to un-announced field closures, inclement weather, civil unrest or acts of god. The Scheduling Chairperson shall work with the affected teams (clubs) to reschedule those games in a fair and timely manner.
- 3.2:4 The league reserves the right to cancel any and all league games on any given day(s) should the Executive Board, in consultation with the delegates, deems it unsafe and or hazardous to play.
- 3.3 **Official Scorekeeper** will keep all scores and standings for timely submittal to the Webmaster for posting on the official GHSL website.
- 3.3:1 Both coaches, along with the referee shall sign the GHSL GAME REPORT verifying the game result. Additionally, the referee shall mark the score on each team's roster, sign each roster and exchange rosters with the respective coaches.
- 3.3.2 Scores shall be reported to the official League Scorekeeper by the Home Team Site Director using the GHSL GAME REPORT. All Score reports are due by Midnight on Wednesday for the previous weeks (Monday thru Sunday) games. Any scores not reported shall result in a **\$25.00 fine per game report** to the home team (club). Any score not reported within 5 days of the Tuesday deadline shall result in a loss for the home team.
- 3.3:3 For games played at a neutral site, the designated home team shall be responsible for following the game reporting procedures.
- 3.3:4 The official scorekeeper shall notify the treasurer and executive committee on a weekly basis of fines to be assessed to each club, if

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any, due to a clubs failure to report scores as required by the By-Laws.

- 3.4 The following items are due at the **November Meeting.-(1st Tues in Nov.)**
1. **Any and all past due fines or fees.**
 2. Performance Bond (\$ 300.00- One time only) or become current on fines or fees levied over the year that have reduced the performance bond.
 3. Annual Administration Fee (**\$100.00 per Club**)
 4. Team Fees (**\$ 75.00 per Team**)
 5. Primary and secondary Uniform Shirt Color
 6. Maps or Directions to your field
 7. Copy of the field permit (If required)
 8. **Field Parameters (days & times available for games)**
 9. An accurate count by age brackets of the number of teams the club is going to play in the coming season, submitted to the official Scheduling Chairperson.
 10. A list of Coaches names with Telephone numbers, and the designated contact for each team.

*****Failure to submit any of the above items at the November Meeting will result in a \$50.00 per item fine.**

- 3.5 **After the dead line, any Teams dropped or added will result in a fine of \$500.00 per team.**
- 3.6 The President shall appoint a special committee to organize and administer any special divisions that may arise. (i.e. U19 for instance)
- 3.7 When numbers allow, there shall be two divisions established in the league.
- 3.8 **Girl's teams may be formed where numbers allow and they shall abide by the same rules as the boy's teams in each division.**
- 3.9 Each U6, U8, U10 and U12 team may have up to 14 players on its roster. Each U14 team and older may have up to 18 players on its roster.
- 3.8:1 Sponsoring Organizations may petition the President of the league in writing to exceed the player cap.
- 3.8:2 U12 and below, there shall be no roster changes after the deadline unless the roster falls below 10 players. U14 and above, there shall be no roster additions after the deadline unless the roster drops below 14 players.
- 3.10 Each team prior to the first scheduled league game shall submit to the League Registrar a list of the players on the team (GHSL roster form), with a USYSA players card. **This roster must be typed, not handwritten.**
- 3.11 At the end of the fourth week of regular season play it shall be understood by all delegates, coaches, and players that their rosters are frozen, and no changes will be allowed for the entire season inclusive of playoffs.

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3.12 All Players shall have player passes with the date of birth verified, unless Executive Committee has given special dispensation. These will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

3.12:1 All Player passes, either temporary or permanent, shall have the player's picture permanently attached to the back.

3.12:2 All passes must be laminated.

3.13:2a. Any player not having the above will not be allowed to participate in the GHSL league play.

3.12:3 The above requirements (3.11:1-3.11:2) may be waived by the Delegate Assembly in case of hardship, but only on a player-by-player basis.

3.12:4 August 1st shall be the cut off date to determine age.

3.13 All Coaches must have coaches' pass. **The coach must submit 3 copies of the game roster to the referee before the game begins. The referee shall sign the rosters, and note comments if any, after the game. The referee shall return to each coach the white copy of their own team roster, give the pink copy to the opposing coach, and keep the yellow copy of each team's roster, which shall be turned in to the Referee Assignor. This will assist in tracking red cards and any recurring problems.**

3.13:1 A team may have a maximum of three coaches, including the head coach. All coaches must remain within 10 yards of their respective half of the centerline during the game.

3.13:2 A team may have a maximum of three coaches, including the head coach.

3.13:3 In the event a coach has lost his coach's pass and is the only coach from his club present at game time, he may coach provided he shows his driver's license and either a copy of the league schedule or a Xerox copy of the team roster listing him as a coach of that team.

3.13:4 In the event the only coach of a team fails to show for a game or is ejected from a game in progress, another coach from the same club may take his place. The purpose being to let the teams play.

3.14 In the interest of letting the teams play in a fun - worry free environment, each club will be required to have a site director at all home games. The site director shall introduce him/herself to the referees and visiting teams, direct

them

to the fields they are assigned, help maintain crowd control, keep coaches calmed down and in general keep things under control.

3.14:1 **Under no circumstance will the site director be coaching at the same time he is supposed to be directing. This infraction of the rules shall result in a \$25.00 fine.**

3.14:2 The site Director shall report to the Executive Board any serious incident that has occurred at his field. **If no Site Director was at**

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the field, the club will be fined \$25.00 and could face disciplinary action.

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Article #4 (Equipment)

- 4.1 Each sponsoring organization must have approved team colors.
- 4.2 Each sponsoring organization will have their teams travel in primary color. (Jersey Color), this will let the home team know what color the visiting team is wearing. **It is the home team's responsibility to change if there is similarity in colors, as deemed by the Center Referee.**
- 4.2:1 Alternate Jerseys must be numbered, Pinnies with numbers are allowed as alternate jersey)
- 4.2:1a. If a visiting team shows up to a field with a uniform color other than the colors declared above and is a conflict with the home, the visiting team must change into an alternate color jersey. If the visiting team has no alternate then the visiting team is ineligible to play.
- 4.2:2 Players wearing orthopedic cast or metal braces will **not** be eligible for play. (**Any cast or metal brace**)
- 4.3 Goal Keepers will wear colors that distinguish them from all other players and Referees.
- 4.4 Footwear: Molded soccer shoes and plastic screw-in soccer cleats allowed. **No metal cleats all ages.**
- 4.5 Shin guards are mandatory for all age groups up to and including 19 and under.
- 4.6 One (1) leather or synthetic leather ball shall be provided by each team for all league games. Sizes as follows:

All teams 14 and older	#5
12/10 and under	#4
8 and under	#3

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Article 5 (Playing Rules)

5.1 All league games must be played in accordance with modified FIFA rules unless stated otherwise in these league rules.

5.2 Duration of the game:

6 & Under	Four 8 Minute Quarters
8 & Under	Four 12 minute Quarters
10 & Under	Two 25 Minute Halves
12 & Under	Two 30 Minute Halves
14 & Under	Two 35 Minute Halves
16 & Under	Two 40 Minute Halves
19 & Under	Two 45 Minute Halves

5.3 In the event there are not enough players present from one team to start a game at game time, (three less than the maximum number allowed) a forfeit will be awarded after a 15 minute waiting period. **The sponsoring organization forfeiting the game shall be responsible for the referee fees as well as be accessed a \$100.00 Fine by the League.** Referee fees shall be paid at the time of the forfeit and shall be reimbursed to the paying party by the league.

5.4 Referee fees will be a 50/50 split between each team. Under no circumstances are the referees to be paid other than what they are entitled. Referees are to be paid prior to their game. When less than 3 uniformed referees are at a game use club linesmen. Club linesmen are not entitled to receive a fee.

FEES ARE NEGOTIABLE YEAR TO YEAR

Age	Referee	Linesmen (Each)	Total/Team (Ref Only)	Total/Team (Ref + 1 Lnsm)	Total/Team (Ref + 2 Lnsm)
6's	\$ 24	X	\$ 12	X	X
8's	\$ 24	X	\$ 12	X	X
10's	\$ 30	\$ 15	\$ 15	\$22.50	\$ 30
12's	\$ 30	\$ 15	\$ 15	\$22.50	\$ 30
14's	\$ 40	\$ 20	\$ 20	\$ 30	\$ 40
16's	\$ 40	\$ 20	\$ 20	\$ 30	\$ 40

5.5 Each team will turn in an official roster signed by the League Registrar of GHSL to the referee prior to the game. If this roster is not submitted, **the team that does not present the Official GHSL roster will be deemed ineligible to play and will not participate and a forfeit will be awarded.** At the end of the game the referee will switch rosters so that each coach will have the other teams roster.

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5. 5:1 The referee shall immediately notify the referee assignor if he/she feels that a roster has been altered or changed in any way. If the roster has been altered or changed in any way, that team shall be deemed ineligible to play, resulting in a forfeit and a \$100.00 fine as well as the referee fees. Additionally, the coach of that team shall be fined an additional \$100.00 as well as being suspended for a minimum of the remainder of the regular season and playoffs.

5.6 League player passes and coaches' passes will be presented to the referees prior to game commencement.

5.7 The opposing coach along with the center referee will check in all players and coaches, using the official league roster and laminated players' cards.

5.7.1 Team members registered with the GHSL shall only play for that team he/she is registered. This means no other League or team sanctioned by FYSA or AYSO. (Except during a League sanctioned tournament)

5.8 If the referee abandons a match in play due to inclement weather (lightning, etc.), power outage, etc., the game shall be replayed if abandoned prior to halftime. If the match is abandoned after the end of the first half, the score at the time of abandonment and subsequent result shall stand. If the referee is forced to abandon a match due to the actions (both verbal and/or physical) of any coach, player, spectator, or bystander, that team shall immediately forfeit the match and the offending club shall be fined \$200.00. This rule applies before, during, or after any GHSL sanctioned game. The league may impose additional sanctions as per article 7. In any event, the referee shall be paid for any subsequent replay.

5.9 Substitutions:

A: Prior to a throw - in a teams favor

B. Prior to a goal - kick in either teams favor

C. After a goal by either team

D. After an injury by either team, with the referee's permission and after play has stopped.

E. Half time

F. Goalie change must be reported to referees

G. A substitute shall not enter the field of play unless the player he/she is replacing has left and only after having received a signal from the referee. Players shall enter the field from the halfway line.

H. Under 6 and Under 8 substitutions are only allowed at the start of each quarter (4 times per game) and to replace injured players

5.9 Infraction Consequences: (Player or Coach)

5.9:1 Refer to FYSA Discipline Chart (Article 507, Page 27)

5.9:2 Repeat Offenders from this or prior seasons will be subject to much stiffer penalties as ruled by GHSL Delegate Assembly.

5.9:3 **Any Coach receiving a Red Card shall result in a \$ 25.00 fine as well as a minimum one game suspension.** Such fines imposed will be subject for payment prior to the next available game the coach is eligible to coach after serving his/her suspension.

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- 5.9:4 Any GHSL Executive Board Member, who witnesses any unsportsman like conduct during the course of a League game, may request and is entitled to receive the Player's or Coach's Card after consultation with the center Referee. Results of the pulled card will be determined upon review in accordance of Rule 8.1:3 of the GHSL By Laws.
- 5.10 Tied Games
- 5.10:1 Regular Season- Tie Stands, each team receives 1 point
- 5.10:2 If more than 2 teams are tied at the end of the season. Head to head competition will be considered first, still tied , accumulated goal differential- records against common opponents. Still tied - Goal differential + 3 maximum goals will be decide seeding for playoff play.
- 5.10:3 Championship play ends in a tie for U6 thru U8
- a. U10/U12 – 1- 12-minute overtime, still tied, 2nd – 12 minute overtime, still tied, Penalty Kicks as per FIFA. Full overtime played per FIFA rules.
 - b. U-14 and older – 1- 15-minute overtime, still tied, 2nd – 15 minute overtime, still tied, Penalty Kicks as per FIFA. Full overtime played per FIFA rules.
- 5.11 Mercy Rule
- Upon a differential of 10 goals, the game will end, but the first half must be completed.
- 5.12 **Under 6 Special; rules**
- 5.11.1 Field dimensions 70 yards long by 50 yards wide maximum, 60 yards long by 35 yards wide minimum
- 5.11.2 Markings
- a. Distinctive lines not more than 5 inches wide
 - b. A halfway line shall be marked out across the field
 - c. A center circle with a six yard radius
 - d. Four corner arch with a two foot radius
- 5.11.3 Goal Area - six yards from each goal post and six yards into the field of play joined by a line drawn parallel with the goal line.
- 5.11.4 Substitutions on the quarters only
- 5.11.5 Special playing Rules.
- a. All fouls shall result in an indirect free kick with the opposing players standing a minimum of six yards away.
 - b. The Referee shall explain to the players all infractions.
 - c. A second throw in must be allowed if the player commits a foul on the initial attempt. The referee shall explain the proper method before allowing the player to re-throw.
 - d. There shall be no offsides.

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5.11.6 All players in uniform must play 50% of the game, unless a player has become injured or ill. This is not the referee's responsibility to keep track of the player's time on the field. It is the responsibility of the Coaches. Failure to follow this rule will result in the team forfeiting the game.

a. Maximum number of players on the field at one time is seven and one of the players shall be the goalkeeper.

b. Maximum number of players on a roster shall not exceed fourteen.

5.11.7 Coaches must exchange line up cards before the start of each game.

5.11.8 One Coach per team may be on the field, during play and only to verbally assist his/her players.

5.12 Under 8 Special Rules.

5.12:1 Field dimensions 70 yards long by 50 yards wide maximum, 60 yards long by 35 yards wide minimum

5.12:2 Markings

e. Distinctive lines not more than 5 inches wide

f. A halfway line shall be marked out across the field

g. A center circle with a six yard radius

h. Four corner arch with a two foot radius

i. Goal Area - six yards from each goal post and six yards into the field of play joined by a line drawn parallel with the goal line.

j. Penalty Area shall be fourteen yards from each goal post and fourteen yards into the field of play, joined by a line drawn down parallel with the goal line.

5.12:3 Number of players

a. Maximum number of players on the field at one time is seven and one of the players shall be the goalkeeper

b. Maximum number of players on a roster shall not exceed fourteen.

c. All players in uniform must play 50% of the game, unless a player has become injured or ill. This is not the referee's responsibility to keep track of the player's time on the field. It is the responsibility of the Coaches. Failure to follow this rule will result in the team forfeiting the game.

5.12:4 Special playing Rules.

a. All fouls shall result in an indirect free kick with the opposing players standing a minimum of six yards away.

b. The Referee shall explain to the players all infractions.

c. A second throw in must be allowed if the player commits a foul on the initial attempt. The referee shall explain the proper method before allowing the player to re-throw.

d. There shall be no offsides.

e. A goal may not be scored from a goal kick

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5.13 Under 10/12 Special Rules

5:13.1- Field Dimensions

- a. Maximum Field dimensions shall be 50 yards wide by 80 yards long.
- b. Minimum field dimensions shall be 40 yards wide by 80 yards long

5:13.2 Markings

- a. Distinctive lines not more than 5 inches wide
- b. A halfway line shall be marked out across the field
- c. A center circle with a eight yard radius
- d. Four corner arch with a two foot radius
- e. Goal Area - six yards from each goal post and six yards into the field of play joined by a line drawn parallel with the goal line
- f. Penalty Area shall be fourteen yards from each goal post and fourteen yards into the field of play, joined by a line drawn down parallel with the goal line.

5.13:3 Number of players

- a. Maximum number of players on the field at one time is eight and one of the players shall be the goalkeeper
- b. Maximum number of players on roster shall be 14.

5.14 Field Conditions

5.14:1 The home team will be responsible for the condition of the grounds including but not limited to proper field markings and equipment. Nets and 5' corner flags are required. In the event that the referee deems that the field is not in proper playing condition, the home team will forfeit the game. The referee's judgment in these matters according to the Laws of the Game shall be final and unchallenged.

5.14:2 The size of the goals shall be as follows:

Under Six		6'x12'
Under Eight		6'x12'
Under Ten/Twelve		7'x21'
All Others		8'x24'

5.14:3 Alongside the side touchline, a line not more than 5 inches wide and not less than 1 yard away, shall run parallel to the side touchline from goal-line to goal-line. The purpose is to maintain a clear defined path for the assistant referee.

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Article 6 (Post Season and Playoffs)

6.1 Playoff Positions.

6.1:1 The teams in the League will be placed in playoff divisions in accordance with the total number of points accumulated during the regular season. If the points are equal, then the ranking is decided first by head to head, 2nd by goal differential, 3rd by Goals against, 4th by Goals for, and 5th by Penalty Kicks.

6.1:2 Points will be awarded in the following manner.

- a. Win = 3 points
- b. Tie = 1 point
- c. Loss = 0 points

6.1:3 Teams will be divided into equal divisions based on the amount of teams in that division.

- a. Example: 12 team division will be divided in three - four team divisions, with the teams with the most regular season accumulated points placing first through fourth respectively, in "A" division. The next four teams will be placed in "B" division and the next four teams in "C" division. All in ascending order in respect to the total amount of accumulated points

6.1:4 Playoff games

- a. U-8 and U-10 if regulation time ends and teams are tied. The teams shall go directly to penalty kicks as FIFA.
- b. U-12 if at the end of regulation time teams are tied, **2 – ten minute overtime periods per FIFA rules** without any breaks between periods. If still tied there will be Penalty Kicks as per FIFA
- c. U-14 & U16 same as U-12, however there will be **2 - ten minute overtime periods per FIFA rules.**

6.1:5 Under 8-10 Championship game

- a. If the game is tied at the end of regulation time no further play will ensue and teams will be declared co – champions.

6.2 Playoff and Championship Game Locations

6.2:1 All Field locations are on a voluntarily basis, presented to the Executive and Scheduling VP

6.2:2 All Fields are to be inspected by a member of the League Executive

- a. If a field is deemed not play worthy another site will be selected.

6.2:3 In the interest of letting the teams play in a fun - worry free environment, each club will be required to have a site director at all games. The site director shall introduce himself to the referees and both teams. Direct them to the fields they are assigned, help maintain crowd control, keep coaches calmed down and in general keep things under control.

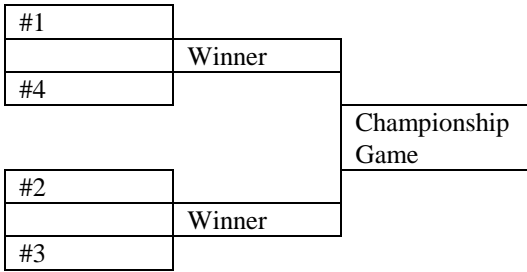
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- 6.2:3.1 Under no circumstance will the site director be coaching at the same time he is supposed to be directing.
- 6.2:3.2 The site director shall report to the Executive Board any serious incident that has occurred at his field. If no Site Director was at the field, the club will be fined a sum of \$50.00 and /or face disciplinary action

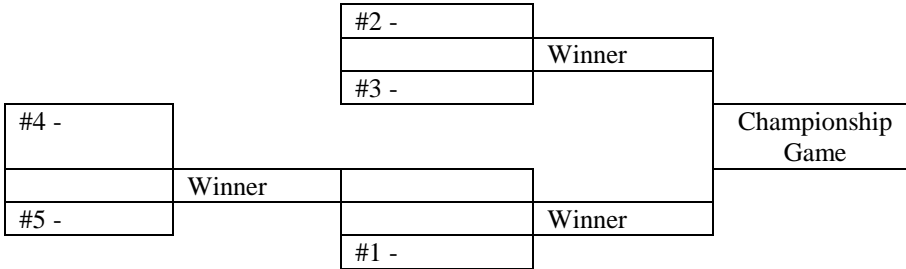
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6.3 Playoff setups:

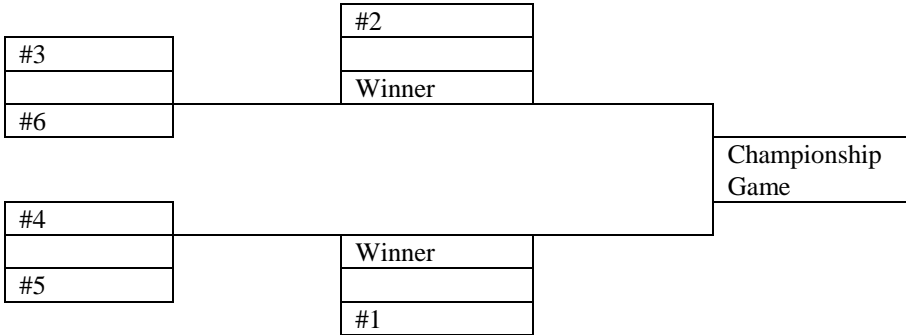
6.3:1 Four-Team Division:



6.3:2 Five-Team Division



6.3:3 Six-Team Division



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Article 7 (Referees)

- 7.1 The league is responsible for assigning official referees.
 - 7.1:1 The referees must be given 24 hours notice of games canceled to avoid being paid. Any game not played and the referees are due fees, the league will pay such fees by check. The league will bill clubs responsible.
- 7.2 Referees will report to the field in plenty of time to do the equipment and card check and get the game started on time.
- 7.3 Referees who have given either Red Cards or Send Offs shall within 48 hours mail an Official State Referee report with the secured player or coaches pass to the VP of Referees.
- 7.4 Any field location that becomes a reported “ Poor Sportsmanship Area” in terms of crowd control or coach/player behavior can result in request by the officials association for specific action by the league.
- 7.5 After a hearing upon request, the league may:
 - 7.4:1 Forfeit all future games
 - 7.4:2 Order Police protection and bill the offending organization for incurred expenses.
 - 7.4:3 Transfer remaining scheduled games to another location.
 - 7.4:4 Take other action deemed appropriate.
- 7.5 Each organization shall recruit potential referees from within its ranks to take the referee courses offered in October and November.
- 7.6 The referee organization shall inform the league VP of the officials school dates so he may inform the delegates of the same
- 7.7 The league shall hire an official assignor for the referees; to pay a fee determined by the delegate assembly.
- 7.8 Soccer officials have been instructed to maintain strict sportsmanship behavior. It is absolutely essential that all participants be aware of this and assist and stand behind the referees, whether they agree or not.

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Article 8 (Discipline, Protest, and Appeals)

- 8.1 The purpose of this document is to establish a body of procedures and regulations to be followed in all matters of the league administered by the VP of Protest. Such matters include:
- 8.1:1 Protests directed to the league by members arising from violation of the rules.
 - 8.1:2 Appeals directed to the Executive Committee by members arising from rulings issued by the VP.
 - 8.1:3 Requests for disciplinary action arising generally from but not limited to cautions and ejection issued to players/coaches in game situations.
- 8.2 For the purpose of filing such matters with the league, protest, appeals and requests for disciplinary action will be accepted only when they are in writing and in complete accordance with the instructions that follow.
- 8.3 Protests
- 8.3:1 Protest must be submitted in writing within 48 hours of the completion of the specific event in which the rule violation occurred.
 - 8.3:2 The letter must be submitted and signed by one of the following on behalf of the member claiming the rule violation(s).
 - a. Members President or Commissioner
 - b. Members Representative to GHSL
 - c. Members alternative Representative to the GHSL
 - 8.3:3 A fee of \$ 25.00, refundable if the protest is upheld, must accompany the filing.
 - 8.3:4 Only rules violations can be protested and must state specifically the rule(s) violated by citing the following:
 - A. Rule source - FIFA modified rules / GHSL
 - B. Book or document where the rule can be found
 - C. Page number
 - D. Rule number (E.G., 3.6:1)
 - 8.3:5 Protest must be complete, but briefly state the events and facts supporting the contention that the rules were violated.
 - 8.3:6 Upon receipt, the VP will review for completeness and conformity to items (8.3:1 - 8.3:5) above.
 - 8.3:7 If the protest is not submitted in conformity, The VP will reject the protest and return the fee to the filer. Rejections may be appealed to the Executive Committee by the following appeal Procedures.
 - 8.3:8 If the protest is accepted The VP will convene the Executive Committee for a hearing within 7 days of the receipt of the protest along with a date, time and place of the hearing, at least 48 hours prior to the date of the hearing

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8.3:9 The burden of the substantiation or defense with respect to a protest will rest with the members involved. It is not the responsibility of the VP, GHSL, or any of its Designees to gather facts or solicit statements or testimony.

8.3:10 **Judgment calls are not protestable. (Referee Calls)**

8.4 Appeals

8.4:1 Decisions of the VP or Executive Committee (Hearing Board) may be appealed to the Delegate Assembly

8.4:2 Appeals must be submitted in writing within 48 hours after losing protest. Another \$ 25.00 refundable fee must accompany the filing along with all documents relative to the original ruling.

8.4:3 Upon receipt, The President will prepare the Agenda for the next regular meeting to resolve the matter. If it is warranted, in the interest of time, The President may call a special meeting of the Delegate Assembly to hear and act only on the appeal. Notice of the special meeting to be at least 48 hours prior to the same.

8.5 Discipline

8.5:1 Request for disciplinary action by the league against a member can be initiated in one of the following two ways

- a. Written Referee report filed by GHSL VP
- b. Written request from any league representative.

8.5:2 The submission of a written referee report will result in conference among the VP of Appeals, VP of Referees, and the referee filing the report. Based on this conference the VP of Appeals will issue a decision to the league Delegate involved within 24 Hours.

Disciplinary action involving suspension requires the VP to hold the Player/ Coach pass for the duration of the suspension. Decisions in these matters may be appealed as explained under heading Appeals.

8.5:3 Written Request by a league representative will be handled according to procedures established for protest. The only difference is that the request is for disciplinary action instead of a rule violation.