

## Proposed Change to Rule(s) or Bylaw(s)

**Submitted by: Georgia Soccer - Youth Adjudication Committee**

### **Existing Rule or Bylaw:**

**160.4** Classic: The Classic Division Committee will assign teams to appropriate playing divisions at the start of each season (i.e. - Fall & Spring), according to the following guidelines:

**160.4a** There will be age group divisions ranging from U-10, U-11, U-12, U-13, U-14, U-15, U-16, U-17 and U-19.

### **Rule or Bylaw w/ proposed change:**

**160.4** Classic: The Classic Division Committee will assign teams to appropriate playing divisions at the start of each season (i.e. - Fall & Spring), according to the following guidelines:

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### **How the Rule or Bylaw would read after proposed change:**

**160.4** Classic: The Classic Division Committee will assign teams to appropriate playing divisions at the start of each season (i.e. - Fall & Spring), according to the following guidelines:

**160.4a** There will be age group divisions ranging from U-13, U-14, U-15, U-16, U-17 and U-19.

### **Rationale:**

Removes pre-Academy language and eliminates the discrepancy between this rule and the definitions in rule #170:

**170.1c CLASSIC:** Age groups will be: U-13, U-14, U-15, U-16, U-17 and U-19.

**170.1d ACADEMY:** Age groups will be: U-10, U-11 and U-12.

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**180.5** Electronic Registration: All affiliates must submit registrations electronically. Affiliates registering their players electronically (either by disk or online) must submit the registration information to Georgia Soccer no later than the date designated and published by Georgia Soccer. Failure to meet the published deadlines may prevent the teams from participating in the coming season.

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### **Rationale:**

Housekeeping: removes unnecessary language.

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### **Existing Rule or Bylaw:**

#### **230.6 Recreational Programs**

**230.6a** U-06 and U-08: Each league reserves the right to determine whether to use certified referees, club linesmen, coaches or parents during these games.

**230.6b** U-08: For inter-scheduled games, it is recommended there be a certified referee provided.

**230.6c** U-10 and older: Each league shall provide at least one certified referee for each game scheduled at its own fields.

**230.6d** U-10 through U-16: Leagues are encouraged to provide assistant referees for all games.

**230.6e** U-10 through U-16: For inter-scheduled games, it is strongly recommended that two certified assistant referees be utilized.

**230.6f** U-19: Each league shall provide three currently certified USSF referees for each home game.

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**230.6d** U-12: For inter-scheduled games, each league shall provide at least one certified referee, and it is strongly recommended that two certified assistant referees be utilized as well.

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**How the Rule or Bylaw would read after proposed change:**

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**Rationale:**

Clarifies responsibilities of providing officials for recreational games.

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### **Existing Rule or Bylaw:**

#### **310.2. Select Programs**

- 310.2a.** Once a select program player has registered with an affiliated league, the player is bound to that league from the date that registrations are due to Georgia Soccer (Rule # 180.5 or 180.6) to the end of the upcoming seasonal year. If registration information is submitted after that date, the player is bound to that league from the date that the registration is submitted to the end of the upcoming or current seasonal year.
- 310.2b** Once a select program player is rostered to a team, a transfer request is required to move to a team in another league (inter-league) during that seasonal year; however, a player who leaves his/her team may not transfer to a team in another league until his/her team's full year commitments are completed including State Cup, unless the transfer request has been approved by all parties.
- 310.2c** A player may be released from his/her team at any time and will be put on inactive status with Georgia Soccer. In order to be returned to active status during the same seasonal year, the player must go back to his/her original affiliated league and re-register or initiate a transfer request with that affiliated league.
- 310.2d** Once a select program player is rostered to a team, that player's financial obligation as published by the club and accepted by the player must be satisfied before a transfer will be approved.
1. Transfers are limited to a one transfer/player/seasonal year basis. The Georgia Soccer Registrar may approve an additional transfer in order to allow a player to participate when otherwise the player may not have the opportunity. In the event that a true U-14 player, playing up one or more age groups during the fall season, and whose team does not participate in a spring season, transfers to a U-14 roster in the league to participate in the Region III Premier League, the player will be allowed a second transfer per seasonal year to accommodate the player's transfer back to his original team.
- 310.2e** If a player believes he/she has an extraordinary reason to transfer outside of the parameters stated in Rules 310.2b, 310.2c, 310.2d & 310.2d1, then the player must submit written notification of appeal with the rationale for consideration to the Georgia Soccer Registrar's Committee. Extraordinary circumstances could include but are not limited to unethical behavior by any party (to be determined by Georgia Soccer Ethics and Grievance- Youth) or significant change of address.
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**310.2g** For tournament purposes, a select program player may play with another team as a guest player within the rules of a given tournament. Invitations to players listed on valid rosters for out-of-league play, such as indoor or guest player, must be initiated by the requesting coach through the player's current coach or it is considered illegal recruiting. Once a coach has been contacted, he/she has the option to approve or deny the request. No player may guest play with another team without his/her current coach's and league's permission.

1. If a member ascertains that another member of the association has violated Rule 310.2g, that member is entitled to seek redress by filing a grievance with the Georgia Soccer Ethics and Grievance Committee - Youth.

**310.2h** Teams within a league that registered for the fall season cannot reorganize/reform outside of the above restrictions for the spring season.

**310.2i** No team shall be allowed to transfer from one league to another league during the seasonal year.

**310.2j** Teams may not disband during a fall or spring playing season. If a team disbands during a fall or spring playing season, the league/association may be sanctioned as the playing program committee deems appropriate.

**310.2k** The team coach and league may request that a player be released involuntarily from a team only if a player is unable to play for one of the following reasons:

1. Player had violated US Youth Soccer rules or state disciplinary rules.
2. Player has moved beyond a reasonable travel distance.
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1. Any select program player U-15 and above whose primary team does not participate in a spring friendly season may dual roster with another team, either with its league or another league that is participating in the spring friendly season.

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### **Existing Rule or Bylaw:**

#### **330. Recruitment for Select Program**

- 330.1** Once a youth player has signed a Georgia Soccer registration form or registered online, and that registration information has been submitted to Georgia Soccer by the league registrar, no person may directly or indirectly induce or attempt to induce that player to leave the team for which he/she has registered during the seasonal year, until the Tuesday following Memorial Day or fourteen days prior to the allowed start of tryouts for that age group, without fourteen days' written notice to the player's coach. For Academy players in the U-10 through U-12 age group, no person may directly or indirectly induce or attempt to induce that player to leave the team for which he/she has registered until the Tuesday following Memorial Day.
- 330.2** No registered player may directly or indirectly contact any other team during the current seasonal year, until the Tuesday following Memorial Day or fourteen days prior to the allowed start of tryouts for that age group, without fourteen days' written notice to his/her present coach. For Academy players in the U-10 through U-12 age groups, no registered player may directly or indirectly contact any other team until fourteen days before the Tuesday following Memorial Day.
- 330.2a** If a member ascertains that another member of the association has violated the recruiting rules, that member is entitled to seek redress by filing a grievance with the Georgia Soccer Ethics and Grievance Committee - Youth.
- 330.3** Recruitment Sanctions: If a coach, team official, player, parent of a player, or anybody acting on behalf of the team is found guilty of illegal recruiting, the sanctions may include, but are not limited to the following: warning, coach suspension, tournament play restrictions, team advancement restrictions, coach dismissal, and team suspension.

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**330.2** No registered player **or his/her parent** may directly or indirectly contact any other team during the current seasonal year, until the Tuesday following Memorial Day or fourteen days prior to the allowed start of tryouts for that age group, without fourteen days' written notice to his/her present coach. ~~For Academy players in the U-10 through U-12 age groups, no registered player may directly or indirectly contact any other team until fourteen days before the Tuesday following Memorial Day.~~

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**Rationale:**

The Rule as it currently reads prohibits Academy players from being “recruited,” but allows parents to contact other leagues within the 14-day window. This has caused a great deal of concern from coaches and affiliates who do not know whether they are permitted to talk to the parents as that action could be construed as “inducing” the player to leave.

## Proposed Change to Rule(s) or Bylaw(s)

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### **Existing Rule or Bylaw:**

**530.2.** Prior to the start of a match, a complete team roster shall be prepared by each team coach and presented to the referee, except in the U-06 program.

**530.2a** The referee shall not allow a match to take place unless a roster is presented.

**530.2b** For Select (U-13 and above) and RILS teams: The roster (i.e., electronic game card) shall be prepared on-line using the ADG system. The roster/electronic game card shall include the name of each registered player on each team, whether present or not, and any Club Pass players if playing. All player names, including Club Pass player names, must be included electronically; no names can be handwritten. For all other teams: If the electronic form is not available, the team roster shall be written on a league/club/state provided official game day roster and shall include the name and jersey number of each registered player on each team, whether present or not, and any Club Pass players if playing.

**530.2c** For Select (U-13 and above) and RILS teams, a player not listed on the roster at the start of the game, or whose name is hand written and not preprinted on the game card, shall be ineligible to play in that game.

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### **Rationale:**

Allows for corrections to opponent listings on game-day roster in the event that opponents made changes to their roster after this team's game-day roster was already printed.

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### **Existing Rule or Bylaw:**

**600. LAW #10: METHOD OF SCORING**

**600.1.** All forfeits shall result in a score of 3-0 against the team being penalized.

**600.2.** In the event of a forfeit, the 3 goals shall not be credited to any one member of the winning team, but to the team as a whole.

### **Rule or Bylaw w/ proposed change:**

**600. LAW #10: METHOD OF SCORING**

**600.1.** All forfeits shall result in a score of ~~3~~4-0 against the team being penalized.

**600.2.** In the event of a forfeit, the ~~3~~4 goals shall not be credited to any one member of the winning team, but to the team as a whole.

### **How the Rule or Bylaw would read after proposed change:**

**600. LAW #10: METHOD OF SCORING**

**600.1.** All forfeits shall result in a score of 4-0 against the team being penalized.

**600.2.** In the event of a forfeit, the 4 goals shall not be credited to any one member of the winning team, but to the team as a whole.

### **Rationale:**

Makes this rule consistent with rules 440.4f and 720.5a:

**440.4f** Games decided by forfeiture will be recorded as a 4-0 score.

**720.5a** In the event that neither team is able to field the required minimum number of players, then both teams will show a 0-4 (forfeit) loss.

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#### **720. Match Terminations, Suspensions, and Forfeits**

**720.1.** Games played short time through any cause (i.e., suspended or canceled by the referee) shall be replayed in their entirety providing neither team is at fault.

**720.2** Should one of the teams be adjudged at fault by the D&P Committee, it shall be at the discretion of the Division Committee as to whether the game is to be replayed or declared a termination. Terminated games carry a four-point penalty assessment.

**720.3** Coaches who feel that their players are receiving an excessive number of cards, or that the referee has lost control of the match, are cautioned against using these reasons to justify removing their team from play.

**720.4** If a coach removes his team from the field of play without proper justification, his team will forfeit the match and the coach will be suspended from his team's next match. Further D&P action may result.

**720.5** Teams that do not show for scheduled games (i.e., failure to notify the opposing team within seven days of the scheduled match) will be charged with a forfeit at the discretion of the playing division committee. Should the game be rescheduled, at the discretion of the playing division committee, the cost of the referees for the reschedule shall be borne by the team that was responsible for the match not being played. The referee fees must be paid to the home association prior to the game being rescheduled.

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#### **720.6 Inter-league Recreational**

**720.6a** Failure of a team to show up for a scheduled inter-league game, without prior notice to the opposing coach will result in a forfeit of that game.

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## **Rationale:**

“Reschedules” need to be included in the section heading. The rest is housekeeping: remove unnecessary language, then renumber remaining text.

## Proposed Change to Rule(s) or Bylaw(s)

**Submitted by: Georgia Soccer - Youth Adjudication Committee**

### **Existing Rule or Bylaw:**

#### **730. Misconduct**

**730.1** Referees must submit written reports of all player send-offs and coach dismissals, directly to Georgia Soccer, postmarked within 48 hours after the game.

**730.1a** Coaches should submit a written incident report to the Georgia Soccer D&P Committee - Youth regarding all game misconduct issues within 72 hours of the game.

**730.1b** Coaches who elect not to submit a written incident report within 72 hours of the game forfeit their right to request an administrative review of all sanctions of three games or less.

**730.2** Any coach dismissed from a game shall be automatically suspended from the next game scheduled and played under US Youth Soccer affiliation and competition. The coach shall not be present at the field or in the parking lot or any adjacent area to the field of play. Any player sent off during a game shall be automatically suspended from the next game scheduled of the team in which he/she is rostered and played under US Youth Soccer affiliation and competition. Player is also ineligible for participation in the Georgia Soccer Youth Club Pass System until the suspension is served. During the suspension, the player must be present at each game, dressed in street clothes and sitting on the player's bench throughout the game. The coach must denote on the game card an X showing the suspended player's ineligibility. If the team or coach would like to request an exception to this requirement, a request may be submitted to the Georgia Soccer D&P Committee - Youth.

**730.2a** Ineligible players shall be marked with an "X" (such as players serving suspensions).

**730.2b** Any coach dismissed by the referee from a game must immediately leave sight and sound of the field and cannot return to the field of play until the referee crew has left the field after the completion of the game. Failure to leave sight and sound after a dismissal may result in the game being terminated by the referee. Coaches are not permitted to have any contact with players, team management or other coaches during the course of the game from which they are dismissed.

**730.3** In the event the team is disbanded or has played its last game, the sanction will be served at the next game(s) to be played/coached accordingly.

**730.4** Games forfeited and then played, as scrimmage games will not count for the game suspension(s).

- 730.5** Note: Since some coaches coach more than one team, game suspension(s) will apply to the team for which the coach received the dismissal.
- 730.6** In the event a player or coach abuses either physically or verbally, a player or coach after a contest in the general area of play, he shall be suspended as determined by the Board of Directors or its designee.
- 730.7** Misconduct of parents or spectators shall be handled as determined by the Board of Directors or its designee.
- 730.8** All outdoor suspensions apply to outdoor, and all indoor suspensions apply to indoor.
- 730.9** Any player who plays subsequent games without serving the mandatory suspension will be deemed an illegal player, and will cause any games in which he plays to be forfeited.
- 730.9a** Standings will be adjusted accordingly, as if the team decided to forfeit.
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- 730.10** Any coach who coaches subsequent games without serving the mandatory suspension will be deemed an illegal coach and will cause any games in which he coaches to be forfeited.
- 730.10a** Also, the coach will be indefinitely suspended until the Discipline & Protest Committee receives an application for a hearing from the suspended coach, holds such a hearing with the coach present, and approves the coach's reinstatement.
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- 730.10c** Points, if appropriate, accrue.
- 730.11** When a player receives a third red card in a seasonal year, he is suspended until such time as he arranges for a hearing and appears before the Georgia Soccer Discipline & Protest Committee - Youth to hear cause for reinstatement.
- 730.11a** When a player has been reinstated after the third red card in a seasonal year, player must request reinstatement for each additional send off in that seasonal year. Player may receive additional sanctions.
- 730.12** When a coach is dismissed for a second time for the same team (equivalent to a second red card) in a seasonal year, he is suspended until the Discipline & Protest Committee receives an application for a hearing from the suspended coach, holds such hearing with the coach present, and approves the coach's reinstatement.
- 730.12a** When a coach has been reinstated after the second dismissal, coach must request a reinstatement for each additional dismissal in that seasonal year. Coach may receive additional sanctions

**730.13 Athena and Classic**

- 730.13a** Any player receiving 3 cautions in a playing season will sit out the next scheduled and played game.
- 730.13b** In addition, the player shall sit out the next scheduled and played game when 2 more cautions are received. The player will then sit out the next scheduled and played game each time an additional caution is received.
- 730.13c** Two yellow cards received in the same match by a player will count as zero (0) cautions for the purpose of this rule and as a red card as per rules 740 and 760.
- 730.13d** Any coaching misconduct reported by the referee must be considered by the Georgia Soccer D & P Committee - Youth before that coach will be allowed to coach at a regularly-scheduled game.
- 730.13e** Any delay or suspension of this sanction must be granted by the Chairman of the D & P Committee.

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- 731.1** Any coach dismissed from a game shall be automatically suspended from the next game scheduled and played under US Youth Soccer affiliation and

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## **732. Player Misconduct**

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**Rationale:**

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Rule 732.5 has been added so as to not penalize remaining eligible players of a team.

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Rule 732.8b clarification of consequences of yellow card accumulations.