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731 Coach Misconduct

731.1 and 731.1a vote postponed to AGM

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732 Player Misconduct

Postponed to AGM

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Proposed Change to Rules **Replace word *league* with word *affiliate* where appropriate**

Submitted by: Rick Skirvin, Executive Director and Board Secretary

Existing Rules:

Entire Youth Rules and Regulations

Rules w/ proposed change:

Replace the word “league” with the words “member affiliate” wherever “league” is used in this context. Example:

180.1 Only teams properly registered with a ~~league or association affiliated with~~ **member affiliate** of Georgia Soccer Youth may be entered in the select programs or recreational divisions.

How the Rules would read after proposed change:

See above. Example:

180.1 Only teams properly registered with a member affiliate of Georgia Soccer Youth may be entered in the select programs or recreational divisions.

Rationale:

The word *league* is used in several contexts throughout the Youth Rules and Regulations. To avoid confusion, replace *league* with *member affiliate* wherever this meaning is indicated. The word *league* will remain in the context of a division of play.

This usage would be consistent with the definitions in the Georgia Soccer Bylaws:

4.1 “Affiliate” Any organization affiliated with GSSA, which has an identifiable membership of players, on whose behalf the organization conducts or engages in soccer activities in a manner consistent with the provisions of Article 2 (above). An Affiliate shall be further defined as the club, league, or association that serves as the basic administrative unit of GSSA. Each Affiliate must register all players and other persons participating in that Affiliate’s soccer activities with GSSA.

4.15 “GSSA Membership” A member is an individual, league organization that has applied for and/or been approved for affiliated membership with Georgia State Soccer Association. Membership in GSSA through each defined Affiliate is open to all players, coaches, trainers, managers, administrators, officials, referees and honorary members.

Proposed Change to Rules All U6 reference to include U4

Submitted by: Strickler, Life Member; Debbie Parks, Chair, Registrars Committee

Existing Rules:

120.1a, 170.1, 180.4, 220.2a, 230.1a, 230.1b, 230.6a, 410.1, 510.1, 510.2, 510.3, 520, 530, 530.2, 530.3e, 530.4g, 570.1k, 580.4, 610.1, 620, 630.1, 630.1a, 630.2, 640, 650.1, 660.1, 670.1

Rules w/ proposed change:

To change existing rules to incorporate the definition and recognition of the U4 program

How the Rules would read after proposed change:

Inclusion of U4 age group to all appropriate rules and regulations.

Rationale:

Housekeeping – U4 definition was included in our rules and regulations as an identifiable age group.

PASSED

Proposed Change to Rule(s) 120.4 U10 – U12 Select Play

Submitted by: Carl Joiner Smyrna Soccer Club

Existing Rule:

120.4 Academy: Academy program is the select developmental program for boys' and girls' teams from U10 through U12.

Rule w/ proposed change:

120.4 Academy: Academy program is ~~the~~ **an optional** select developmental program for **leagues that do not wish to participate in the Classic and Athena programs for teams** boys' and girls' teams from U10 through U12.

How the Rule would read after proposed change:

120.4 Academy: Academy program is an optional select developmental program for leagues that do not wish to participate in the Classic and Athena programs for teams from age U10 through U12.

Rationale:

This rule would give leagues an option to participate in either the Classic and Athena program or Academy program at the U10 through U12 age groups. This would allow leagues with small numbers at the said age groups in the Academy program to play Classic and Athena and play a state-scheduled season. Leagues with small numbers are having a very hard time scheduling Academy play dates due to not enough teams. Smyrna Soccer Club had only 2 at home play dates for Academy teams during the Fall 2011 season.

Proposed Change to Rule 180.4c – Roster Size

Submitted by: Cy Strickler, Life Member; Debbie Parks, Chair, Registrars Committee

Existing Rule:

180. Team Registration

180.4c For U-11 and U-12, no team shall be allowed less than 8 or more than 14 registered players at any given time. For U-13 to U-15 recreational and select, no team shall be allowed less than 11 or more than 18 registered players at any given time. For all teams U-16 and older, no team shall be allowed less than 11 or more than 22 registered players at any given time; of these, no more than 18 shall be allowed on any game roster.

Rule w/ proposed change:

180.4c For U-11 and U-12, no team shall be allowed less than 8 or more than 14 registered players at any given time. ~~For U-13 to U-15 recreational and select, no team shall be allowed less than 11 or more than 18 registered players at any given time.~~ For all U13 and older Select teams and U14 and older Recreational teams, no team shall be allowed less than 11 or more than 22 registered players at any given time; of these, no more than 18 shall be allowed on any game roster.

How the Rule would read after proposed change:

180.4c For U-11 and U-12, no team shall be allowed less than 8 or more than 14 registered players at any given time. For all U13 and older Select teams and U14 and older Recreational teams, no team shall be allowed less than 11 or more than 22 registered players at any given time; of these, no more than 18 shall be allowed on any game roster.

Rationale:

This proposed rule change is in response to the approved rule change for the National Championship Series which increased roster limits to 22 players for U13 and up teams. Affiliates will still have the ability to define their own roster limits as long as they are not in conflict with those of Georgia Soccer or US Youth Soccer.

Proposed Change to Rule 310.2a – Select Programs

Submitted by: Cy Strickler, Life Member; Debbie Parks, Chair, Registrars Committee

Existing Rule:

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.

Rule w/ proposed change:

310.2. Select Programs

310.2a. Once a select program player has registered with ~~an affiliated league affiliate member,~~ the player is bound to that ~~league affiliate from the date that registrations are due to Georgia Soccer (Rule # 180.5 or 180.6) to~~ until the end of the upcoming seasonal year for which the registration applies. ~~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.~~

How the Rule would read after proposed change:

310.2. Select Programs

310.2a. Once a select program player has registered with an affiliate member, the player is bound to that affiliate until the end of the year for which the registration applies.

Rationale:

Removes the reference to when registrations are due to Georgia Soccer. Once the player has registered with the member affiliate he/she is considered registered. The current rule caused some confusion with the Academy Program since teams do not have to be declared and the declaration date was always when registrations are due to Georgia Soccer. Affiliate Registrars will still be allowed to cancel a registration application if needed if before the team is activated.

Proposed Change to Rule 310.2b – Player Rostered to a Team

Submitted by: Cy Strickler, Life Member; Debbie Parks, Chair, Registrars Committee

Existing Rule:

310.2. Select Programs

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.

Rule w/ proposed change:

310.2b Once a select program player is **registered with an affiliate and** 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 is released from** his/her team may not transfer to a team in another ~~league~~ **affiliate member** until his/her team's full year commitments are completed, including State Cup, unless the transfer request has been approved by all parties.

How the Rule would read after proposed change:

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Rationale:

Housekeeping

Proposed Change to Rule 310.2d1 – Transfer Limits

Submitted by: Cy Strickler, Life Member; Debbie Parks, Chair, Registrars Committee

Existing Rule:

310.2. Select Programs

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.

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Rationale:

This proposed change is a result of the R3PL rule change that allows club passing in the R3PL program. True U14 players playing up during the fall can be rostered to a fall U14 team and club pass to a R3PL team.

Proposed Change to Rule 440.2 – Scoring

Submitted by: Debbie Parks, Chair, Registrars Committee; Cy Strickler, Life Member

Existing Rule:

440.2 Each team is required to electronically submit their game score into the ADG Scheduling / Gaming system within 72 hours of the match. Electronic game scoring consists of the following information: score by team, yellow / red cards for all players, and coach ejections for both teams. Additional information can be supplied in the comments section and with the required Coach Incident Report outlined in Rule 730.1a.

Rule w/ proposed change:

440.2 Each team is required to electronically submit their game score into the ADG Scheduling / Gaming system within 72 hours of the match. Electronic game scoring **for Athena and Classic teams** consists of the following information: score by team, yellow / red cards for all players, and coach ejections for both teams. **Electronic game scoring for RILS games consist of the following information: yellow / red cards for all players, and coach ejections for both teams.** Additional information can be supplied in the comments section and with the required Coach Incident Report outlined in Rule 730.1a.

How the Rule would read after proposed change:

440.2 Each team is required to electronically submit their game score into the ADG Scheduling / Gaming system within 72 hours of the match. Electronic game scoring for Athena and Classic teams consists of the following information: score by team, yellow / red cards for all players, and coach ejections for both teams. Electronic game scoring for RILS games consist of the following information: yellow / red cards for all players, and coach ejections for both teams. Additional information can be supplied in the comments section and with the required Coach Incident Report outlined in Rule 730.1a.

Rationale

To clarify that all misconduct for state level, interplayed programs is to be reported through the appropriate avenues and to insure that notification of suspended players is available by the scheduling / game day lineup sheet processes.

Proposed Change to Rules 730-733 Misconduct

Submitted by: Nancy Marsden, Life Member, Chair, Youth Rules Committee

Existing Rule:

730. Misconduct

730.1 Referees must submit written reports of all game misconduct, with the exception of players cautioned, directly to Georgia Soccer, postmarked, emailed, or faxed 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 Games forfeited and then played as scrimmage games will not count for the game suspension(s).

730.3 Misconduct of parents or spectators shall be handled as determined by the Board of Directors or its designee.

730.4 All outdoor suspensions apply to outdoor, and all indoor suspensions apply to indoor.

731. Coach Misconduct

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 competition. The coach shall not be present at the field or in the parking lot or any adjacent area to the field of play.

731.2 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.

731.3 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.

731.4 Once dismissed from the game, coaches may not approach the referee crew during or after the match.

- 731.5** As Academy teams may play multiple games in a given day, all suspensions for Academy coaches shall be day specific for that age group, not game specific for that age group.
- 731.6** Game suspension(s) will apply to the team for which the coach received the dismissal.
- 731.7** 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.
- 731.8** In the event the team is disbanded or has played its last game, the sanction will be served at the next game coached by this individual accordingly.
- 731.9** 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.
- 731.9a** 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.
- 731.10** 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.
- 731.10a** Also, a 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.
- 731.10b** Standings will be adjusted accordingly, as if the team decided to forfeit.
- 731.10c** Points, if appropriate, accrue.
- 731.11** Failure to adhere to the above rules in section 731 (Coach Misconduct) may result in additional sanctions being imposed upon the coach by the Georgia Soccer – Youth Discipline and Protest Committee.

732. Player Misconduct

- 732.1** 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.

732.2 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 accordingly.

732.3 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.

732.4 Players serving suspension shall be identified on the game card with an "R" or an "X" showing the suspended player's ineligibility.

732.5 For rosters in excess of 18 players, the suspended player may be handwritten on the bottom or back of the game card. The referee shall acknowledge the player serving his/her suspension by signing next to the handwritten name. The referee should also, as a courtesy, notify the opposing team.

732.6 As Academy teams may play multiple games in a given day, all suspensions for Academy players shall be day specific for that age group, not game specific for that age group.

732.7 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.

732.7a Standings will be adjusted accordingly, as if the team decided to forfeit.

732.7b Points, if appropriate, accrue.

732.8 Any player receiving 3 cautions in a playing season will sit out the next scheduled and played game for the team that he/she is rostered to under US Youth Soccer affiliation and competition.

732.8a 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.

732.8b Sanctions for yellow card accumulations end when seasonal play has been completed. Sanctions do not carry over into the next seasonal year.

732.9 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.

732.10 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.

732.10a 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.

732.11 If the team or coach would like to request an exception to the above rules in section 732 (Player Misconduct), the request must be submitted and approved by the Georgia Soccer – Youth D&P Committee.

Rule w/ proposed change:

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

730.3 ~~Misconduct of parents or spectators shall be handled as determined by the Board of Directors or its designee.~~

730.4 All outdoor suspensions apply to outdoor, and all indoor suspensions apply to indoor.

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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 competition. The coach shall not be present at the field or in the parking lot or any adjacent area to the field of play.

731.2 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.

731.3 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.

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731.8 In the event the team is disbanded or has played its last game, the sanction will be served at the next game coached by this individual accordingly.

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733 . Parent and Spectator Misconduct

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733.3 Any parent or spectator 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.

733.4 Failure to leave sight and sound after a dismissal may result in the game being terminated by the referee. Parents and Spectators 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.

733.5 Once dismissed from the game, parents and spectators may not approach the referee crew during or after the match.

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732.8b Sanctions for yellow card accumulations end when seasonal play has been completed. Sanctions do not carry over into the next seasonal year.

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732.10 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.

732.10a 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.

732.11 If the team or coach would like to request an exception to the above rules in section 732 (Player Misconduct), the request must be submitted and approved by the Georgia Soccer – Youth D&P Committee.

733 . Parent and Spectator Misconduct

733.1 Misconduct of parents and spectators will be handled by the Georgia Soccer – Youth D&P Committee using the same standards of conduct and behavior and sanctions as those used with players, coaches or administrators.

733.2 Any parent or spectator dismissed from a game shall be automatically suspended from the next game scheduled and played under US Youth Soccer affiliation and competition. The parent or spectator shall not be present at the field or in the parking lot or any adjacent area to the field of play.

733.3 Any parent or spectator dismissed 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.

733.5 Failure to leave sight and sound after a dismissal may result in the game being terminated by the referee. Parents and Spectators 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.

733.6 Once dismissed from the game, parents and spectators may not approach the referee crew during or after the match.

Rationale:

Proposed Change to Rule 732.8 and 8a – Rec Card Clarification

Submitted by: Cy Strickler, Life Member; Debbie Parks, Chair, Registrars Committee

Existing Rule:

732. Player Misconduct

732.8 Any player receiving 3 cautions in a playing season will sit out the next scheduled and played game for the team that he/she is rostered to under US Youth Soccer affiliation and competition.

732.8a 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.

Rule w/ proposed change:

732.8 Any player receiving 3 cautions in a playing season will sit out the next scheduled and played game for the team that he/she is rostered to under US Youth Soccer affiliation and competition. **Player is ineligible for participation in the Georgia Soccer Youth Club Pass System until the suspension is served.**

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How the Rule would read after proposed change:

732.8 Any player receiving 3 cautions in a playing season will sit out the next scheduled and played game for the team that he/she is rostered to 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.**

732.8a 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. **Player is also ineligible for participation in the Georgia Soccer Youth Club Pass System until the suspension is served.**

Rationale:

The rules are clear for red card suspension, however they are not clear when 3rd yellow is received for the year. This proposed rule change clarifies that.

Proposed Change to Rule 760. Discipline and Protest (D&P)

Submitted by: Nancy Marsden, Life Member, Chair, Youth Rules Committee

Existing Rule:

760.5 The Georgia Soccer Discipline and Protest Committee - Youth will meet regularly during the playing season.

Rule w/ proposed change:

760.5 The Georgia Soccer Discipline and Protest Committee - Youth will meet regularly during the playing season.

760.5a A minimum of four D&P Committee members shall review all incident and misconduct reports on a weekly basis. The D&P Committee will collectively determine which cases will be evaluated for suspensions of greater than one-game.

760.5b The D&P Committee will have a referee liaison assigned to it by the State Referee Committee whose function is to advise the Committee on the Laws of the Game as it pertains to misconduct and protests. The Referee Liaison will also represent youth referees in hearings on a needs available basis.

How the Rule will read after proposed change:

760.5 The Georgia Soccer Discipline and Protest Committee - Youth will meet regularly during the playing season.

760.5a The State Referee Committee (SRC) will compose a group of at least four senior referees to act as rules interpreters for Discipline and Protest hearings. The D&P Chair will contact the SRC when an under-18 referee will be involved in a D&P hearing so the SRC can offer assistance.

Note: The first part (760.5a) of this proposal was ruled out of order because it conflicted with an existing Board of Directors policy. The second part of the proposal was rewritten and became 760.5a instead of 760.5b when the first part was removed from consideration.

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Proposed Change to Rules Glossary 850 – Player Registration

Submitted by: Cy Strickler, Life Member; Debbie Parks, Chair, Registrars Committee

Existing Rule:

800. Glossary

- 850.** Player Registration – Parental submission of player information to an affiliated league authorizing participation of the player in all sanctioned play for the seasonal year. This may be accomplished either manually or electronically.

Rule w/ proposed change:

- 850.** Player Registration – ~~Parental submission of player information to an affiliated league authorizing participation of the player in all sanctioned play for the seasonal year. This may be accomplished either manually or electronically.~~ Execution (via electronic or manual means) of an intent to play the sport and the paying of fees (as defined by the affiliate member) with a registered member affiliate of Georgia Soccer or member affiliate of a State Association of US Youth Soccer.

How the Rule would read after proposed change:

- 850.** Execution (via electronic or manual means) of an intent to play the sport and the paying of fees (as defined by the affiliate member) with a registered member affiliate of Georgia Soccer or member affiliate of a State Association of US Youth Soccer.

Rationale:

Added wording to note players must be registered through an affiliate of US Youth Soccer to avoid a team using existing loopholes to gain opportunity to participate within our state. Also includes the payment of fees as part of a valid registration. The fee is outlined by the affiliate and can be \$0 for scholarship players, reduced fees, regular fees, etc.