

Proposed Change to Rule(s) 120.5 Programs

Submitted by:

Rules Committee

Existing Rule:

120.5 League Piedmont Conference: The National League Piedmont Conference program is the regional program for 13U, 14U, 15U, 16U, 17U and 18U boys' and girls' teams.

Rule w/ proposed change:

120.5 National ~~League Piedmont Conferences~~: The National League Piedmont Conferences ~~s~~ and **Georgia Premier League (GPL)** are pathways to national-level play program is the regional program for 13U, 14U, 15U, 16U, 17U, and 18U, **and 19U** boys' and girls' teams.

How the Rule reads after approved change:

120.5 National League Conferences: The National League Conferences and Georgia Premier League (GPL) are pathways to national-level play for 13U, 14U, 15U, 16U, 17U, 18U, and 19U boys' and girls' teams.

Rationale:

To include all current programs

Proposed Change to Rule(s)
150.3 District Recreational Program Committees

Submitted by:

Rules Committee

Existing Rule:

150.3 District Recreational Program Committees will ensure that all member affiliates have the ability to inter-schedule in a practical manner and will be subject to final review and approval of the Georgia Soccer Recreation Program Director – Youth to guarantee participation.

Rule w/ proposed change:

150.3 District ~~The Youth~~ Recreational Program Committees will ensure that all member affiliates have the ability to inter-schedule in a practical manner and will be subject to final review and approval of the Georgia Soccer Director of Youth Recreation Program Director—Youth—to guarantee participation.

How the Rule reads after approved change:

150.3 The Youth Recreation Committee will ensure that all member affiliates have the ability to inter-schedule in a practical manner and will be subject to final review and approval of the Georgia Soccer Director of Youth Recreation to guarantee participation.

Rationale:

We no longer have District Recreational Program Committees.

Proposed Change to Rule 170.2a Player Age Classification

Submitted by:

Rules Committee

Existing Rule:

170.2 Player Age Classification

170.2a Member affiliates must register all their players with Georgia Soccer. Player classification for the soccer year shall be determined based on the official age group chart of Georgia Soccer-Youth.

Rule w/ proposed change:

170.2 Player Age Classification

~~**170.2a** Member affiliates must register all their players with Georgia Soccer. Player classification for the soccer year shall be determined based on the official age group chart of Georgia Soccer-Youth.~~

How the Rule reads after approved change:

170.2 Player Age Classification

170.2a Player classification for the soccer year shall be determined based on the official age group chart of Georgia Soccer-Youth.

Rationale:

Remove verbiage: out of place and unnecessary.

Proposed Change to Rule(s)
180.3 Ineligible players

Submitted by:

Rules Committee

Existing Rules (to be considered together):

180.3 Any team with a player on its roster who is overage, who is a member of another team's roster of players (except where these regulations specifically allow for dual rostering of players or when using the Georgia Soccer Youth Club Pass System) or who utilizes a player not on the official state roster in violation of Georgia Soccer Youth Rules and Regulations, shall forfeit each game in which that player takes part and the coach may be suspended from all Georgia Soccer Youth participation for up to 1 year.

310.3i Any player found to be playing for a team on which that player is not eligible to participate will be deemed an ineligible player and a forfeit will be charged against the team with which the player participated. The D&P Committee has the right to add additional sanctions against either or both the player and the coach after a hearing to determine intent.

730.4 Any player or team official who participates in a game while ineligible will cause that game to be charged as a forfeit. Additional sanctions or suspensions may be assessed at the discretion of the D&P Committee after a hearing. This includes failure to serve a mandatory suspension for a red card or a team official dismissal, for yellow card accumulation, for handwriting a player's name on a game card, for unauthorized club pass use, for unauthorized rostering of a dual registration, or for any other reason that a player participates who is not eligible to do so. Findings of ineligibility and the sanctions levied by the Select or Recreational Committees, the D&P or E&G Committees are not subject to time restrictions. A protest is not required for the D&P Committee to act on issues of Player or team eligibility.

Rules with proposed changes:

~~180.3~~ Any team with a player on its roster who is overage, who is a member of another team's roster of players (except where these regulations specifically allow for dual rostering of players or when using the Georgia Soccer Youth Club Pass System) or who utilizes a player not on the official state roster in violation of Georgia Soccer Youth Rules and Regulations, shall forfeit each game in which that player takes part and the coach may be suspended from all Georgia Soccer Youth participation for up to 1 year.

~~310.3i~~ Any player found to be playing for a team on which that player is not eligible to participate will be deemed an ineligible player and a forfeit will be charged against the team with which the player participated. The D&P Committee has the right to add additional sanctions against either or both the player and the coach after a hearing to determine intent.

Combine and move to 730.4 and Glossary:

~~730.4~~ Any **team with an ineligible** player or team official who participates in a game while ineligible will cause that game to be charged as a forfeit. Additional sanctions or suspensions may be assessed at the discretion of the D&P Committee after a hearing. This includes failure to serve a mandatory suspension for a red card or a team official dismissal, for yellow card accumulation, for handwriting a player's name on a game card, for unauthorized club pass use, for unauthorized rostering of a dual registration, or for any other reason that a player participates who is not eligible to do so **shall forfeit each game in which the ineligible person takes part. The coach may be suspended from all Georgia Soccer Youth participation for up to 1 year. The D&P committee has the right to add additional sanctions.** Findings of ineligibility and the sanctions levied by the Select, or Recreational Committees, the D&P, or **and** E&G Committees are not subject to time restrictions. A protest is not required for the D&P Committee to act on issues of player or team official eligibility.

800. Glossary

950. Ineligible player – a player who is not authorized to participate. This includes but is not limited to: players not on the official state roster; players who are handwritten on the game day lineup sheet; members of another team's roster (except where allowed to Club Pass or Dual Roster); overage players; and players who have yet to serve suspensions for red cards or accumulated yellow cards.

Renumber as needed.

How the Rules read after approved changes:

730.4 Any team with an ineligible player or team official who participates in a game shall forfeit each game in which the ineligible person takes part. The coach may be suspended from all Georgia Soccer Youth participation for up to 1 year. The D&P committee has the right to add additional sanctions. Findings of ineligibility and the sanctions levied by the Select, Recreation, D&P, and E&G Committees are not subject to time restrictions. A protest is not required for the D&P Committee to act on issues of player or team official eligibility.

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Rationale:

Combine disparate rules regarding ineligible players and team officials into more appropriate placement within the Rules.

180.4 et al Proposed Change to Rule(s)
Game Day Lineup Sheet* replaces *Game Day Roster* and *Game Card

Submitted by:

Rules Committee

Existing Rules:

180.4a Roster Size

	13U to 19U	11U to 12U	09U to 10U	04U to 08U
Maximum Roster	22	18	14	8
Minimum Roster	11	9	7	4
Maximum on Field	11	9	7	4
Game Day Roster	18	16	12	8

230.1a No referee or assistant referee shall officiate a game in which a relative is coaching or playing unless both coaches provide their specific prior consent by signing both game cards. (04U, 06U and 08U are exempt from this rule.)

230.1b No referee or assistant referee shall officiate a game where they were a recent (within 1 year) member or coach of either team unless both coaches provide their specific prior consent by signing both game cards. (In-house recreational games/play are exempt from this rule.)

230.9d A game cannot be played under protest due to the lack of the required number of certified referees. If a team official agrees to play/continue play once they become aware of the number and types of referees (certified versus club), the team official gives up the right to protest the game based on the number and types of referees. It is recommended that when choosing the club line person, the visiting team be given first right of refusal. Both team officials must provide their specific prior consent by signing both game cards prior to play continuing. This does not eliminate the right to protest other misapplications of the rules.

732.5 Players serving a suspension shall be identified on the game-day roster with an "SUS", an "R," or an indication by the referee showing the suspended player's ineligibility. Any indication of ineligibility marked by the referee must be marked on both teams' game day rosters. The player serving a suspension must be included as one of the maximum number of players allowed on the game card, not as an additional name.

Rules w/ proposed changes:

180.4a Roster Size

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230.1a No referee or assistant referee shall officiate a game in which a relative is coaching or playing unless both coaches provide their specific prior consent by signing both game cards and **day lineup sheets**. (04U, 06U and 08U are exempt from this rule.)

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720.6a Games, once scheduled, will be played as scheduled except in extreme extenuating circumstances and cannot be changed until approved by the Division Committee or its representative. Teams involved in reschedules must present a game day roster and **lineup sheet** that indicates the correct rescheduled date of the game.

732.5 Players serving a suspension shall be identified on the game day roster and **lineup sheet** with an "SUS", an "R," or an indication by the referee showing the suspended player's ineligibility. Any indication of ineligibility marked by the referee must be marked on both teams' game day rosters and **lineup sheets**. The player serving a suspension must be included as one of the maximum number of players allowed on the game cards and **day lineup sheet**, not as an additional name.

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Rationale: Standardize terminology

**Proposed Change to Rule(s)
180.4c Players younger than 8**

Submitted by:

Rules Committee

Existing Rule:

180. Team Registration

180.4 Restrictions

180.4c All Select Program teams may add players who are younger than 8 years old if they are evaluated by the affiliate's Academy coaches and deemed to be talented enough to play in the Academy program.

Rule w/ proposed change:

~~**180.4c** All Select Program teams may add players who are younger than 8 years old if they are evaluated by the affiliate's Academy coaches and deemed to be talented enough to play in the Academy program.~~

How the Rule reads after approved change:

Rationale:

This is an unnecessary restriction on what should be a club and family decision.

Proposed Change to Rule(s) 220.2-3 Coaching Licenses

Submitted by:

Rules Committee

Existing Rule:

220.2 It is recommended that all recreation program coaches meet a *minimum* coaching license as follows:

04U – 08U	G Certificate
10U – 12U	F Certificate
14U – 19 U	Recreational E or E Certificate

220.3 All head coaches must meet a *minimum* coaching license requirement as follows:

Athena Division C, D, E & F	State E
Classic Division III, IV, & V	State E
Athena Division A & B	State D
Classic I & II	State D
Academy	State E

Rule w/ proposed change:

220.2 It is recommended that all recreation program coaches meet a *minimum* coaching license as follows:

04U – 08U	G Certificate
10U – 12U	F Certificate
14U – 19 U	Recreational E or E Certificate

04U – 08U USSF Grassroots 4v4 License or Rec G or Rec 6U/8U Certificate

10U – 12U USSF Grassroots 7v7 License or Rec F Certificate

12U USSF Grassroots 9v9 License or Rec F Certificate

14U – 19U USSF Grassroots 11v11 License or Rec E Certificate

220.3 All **select team** head coaches must meet a *minimum* coaching license requirement as follows:

Athena Division C, D, E & F	State E
Classic Division III, IV, & V	State E
Athena Division A & B	State D
Classic I & II	State D
Academy	State E

Academy 09U – 10U USSF Grassroots 7v7 or USSF E

Academy 11U – 12U USSF Grassroots 9v9 or USSF E

Athena Division A & B USSF National D

Athena Division below B USSF Grassroots 11v11 License or USSF E

Classic I & II USSF National D

Classic Division below II USSF Grassroots 11v11 License or USSF E

How the Rule reads after approved change:

220.2 It is recommended that all recreation program coaches meet a *minimum* coaching license as follows:

04U – 08U USSF Grassroots 4v4 License or Rec G or Rec 6U/8U Certificate
10U USSF Grassroots 7v7 License or Rec F Certificate
12U USSF Grassroots 9v9 License or Rec F Certificate
14U – 19U USSF Grassroots 11v11 License or Rec E Certificate

220.3 All select team head coaches must meet a *minimum* coaching license requirement as follows:

Academy 09U – 10U	USSF Grassroots 7v7 or USSF E
Academy 11U – 12U	USSF Grassroots 9v9 or USSF E
Athena Division A & B	USSF National D
Athena Division below B	USSF Grassroots 11v11 License or USSF E
Classic I & II	USSF National D
Classic Division below II	USSF Grassroots 11v11 License or USSF E

Rationale:

Update to new definitions from USSF

Proposed Change to Rule(s) 220.5 Coach Passes

Submitted by:

Rules Committee

Existing Rule:

220.5 All coaches and assistant coaches of a Georgia Soccer youth select program team will be required to have current US Youth Soccer coach passes provided through Georgia Soccer; these must be either paper or digital. No more than four such cards will be issued per team. The card shall indicate the current license level of the holder, if appropriate. The card shall be presented to the referee with the player cards so as to properly identify the coach(es) of the team.

Rule w/ proposed change:

220.5 All coaches and assistant coaches, **and other team officials** of a Georgia Soccer youth select **and RIAS** program teams will be required to have current US Youth Soccer coach passes provided through Georgia Soccer; these must be either paper or digital. No more than four such cards **--or four per every 12 players where a player pool is used for academy rostering--** will be issued per team. The card shall indicate the current license level of the holder, if appropriate. The card shall be presented to the referee with the player cards so as to properly identify the coach(es) of the team.

How the Rule reads after approved change:

220.5 All coaches, assistant coaches, and other team officials of Georgia Soccer youth select and RIAS teams will be required to have current US Youth Soccer passes provided through Georgia Soccer; these must be either paper or digital. No more than four such cards per team--or four per every 12 players where a player pool is used for academy rostering-- will be issued. The card shall indicate the current license level of the holder, if appropriate. The card shall be presented to the referee with the player cards to properly identify the coach(es) of the team.

Rationale:

To include officials and define requirements for academy player pool rostered teams.

Proposed Change to Rule 230.5a Casts

Submitted by: Rules Committee

Existing Rule:

230.5 The referee(s) is in complete charge of the field and adjacent areas from the time the referee arrives at the game site until the referee departs. The referee is empowered to:

230.5a Rule on what equipment or accessories are considered dangerous (casts are not allowed at any time – reference rule 540.3).

230.5b Issue cautions, send offs, and dismissals for the entire period.

230.5c Terminate a game for team official, player or spectator misconduct.

230.5d Refuse to allow the game to be played if in the referee's judgment, the field is unplayable due to length of the grass, inadequate lines, or other impediments.

230.5e The referee may depart the area certain of receiving his/her fee.

Rule w/ proposed change:

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230.5e The referee may depart the area certain of receiving his/her fee.

Rationale:

Makes rule 230.5 consistent with rule 540.3, as amended at the 2019 SAGM:

540.3 Players may wear a cast on the hand, wrist, forearm, elbow, upper arm or shoulder if it is covered and padded with a closed-cell, slow-recovery foam padding no less than ½-inch thick.

**Proposed Change to Rule(s)
230.8a Referees 13U Select**

Submitted by:

Rules Committee

Existing Rule:

230.8. Select Programs Divisions

230.8a Each member affiliate shall provide three currently certified USSF referees for each home match.

Rule w/ proposed change:

230.8. Select Programs Divisions

230.8a Each member affiliate shall provide three currently certified USSF referees for each **13U and older** home match.

How the Rule reads after approved change:

230.8. Select Programs Divisions

230.8a Each member affiliate shall provide three currently certified USSF referees for each 13U and older home match.

Rationale:

Intended to ensure the complement of a referee staff for 13U and older age group for the select programs.

Proposed Change to Rule(s)
230.8c referee fast track

Submitted by:

Rules Committee

Existing Rule:

230.8c Subsequent to the third reported violation of a member affiliate's using an underage referee (i.e., center official), the home member affiliate will be assessed a penalty for each violation that has occurred during the playing season (except for those young referees who have been placed on a fast track for upgrade by the State Referee Committee).

Rule w/ proposed change:

230.8c Subsequent to the third reported violation of a member affiliate's using an underage referee (i.e., center official), the home member affiliate will be assessed a penalty for each violation that has occurred during the playing season ~~(except for those young referees who have been placed on a fast track for upgrade by the State Referee Committee).~~

How the Rule reads after approved change:

230.8c Subsequent to the third reported violation of a member affiliate's using an underage referee (i.e., center official), the home member affiliate will be assessed a penalty for each violation that has occurred during the playing season.

Rationale:

The referee fast-track program no longer exists.

Proposed Change to Rule(s) 230.9c grammar cleanup

Submitted by:

Rules Committee

Existing Rule:

230.9c In addition, the original home member affiliate will be provided by email the cost of the referees & assignor fees by the original away member affiliate. With an email agreement from the original home member affiliate to pay for the referees, the AGC will reschedule the game. The original home member affiliate is required to make payment prior to the game starting on match day. Failure to pay prior to game being played, the original home member affiliate will “forfeit” the game.

Rule w/ proposed change:

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How the Rule reads after approved change:

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Rationale:

Proofreading

Proposed Change to Rule(s) 250. Scheduling

Submitted by:

Rules Committee

Existing Rule:

None

Rule w/ proposed change:

250 Scheduling

250.1a Each member shall appoint a field scheduler/assignor, who will be responsible for assignment of time and field for each of their select and RIAS teams' home games and will update each time/field assignment in the scheduling system.

250.1b Each member will be required to have the first month of games scheduled and posted to the Georgia Soccer website no later than midnight the Sunday before the season starts. The rest of the season's schedule will be assigned and posted no later than 10 am, the Monday following the opening weekend of the season. Failure to do so may result in the loss of home games.

How the Rule reads after approved change:

250.1a Each member shall appoint a field scheduler/assignor, who will be responsible for assignment and updates of time and field for each of their select and RIAS teams' home games in the scheduling system.

250.1b Each member will be required to have the first month of games scheduled and posted to the Georgia Soccer website no later than midnight the Sunday before the season starts. The rest of the season's schedule will be assigned and posted no later than 10 am, the Monday following the opening weekend of the season. Failure to do so may result in the loss of home games.

Rationale:

This fall several clubs were delinquent in providing times/fields. In some cases, times/fields weren't posted until the week of a scheduled game; this continued in some cases through the first two weeks of October. The new timing mechanisms provide ample time for schedulers to do their jobs, while allowing individual teams and referee assignors the time they need to plan.

Proposed Change to Rule(s)
310.1a Recreation registration commitments

Submitted by:

Rules Committee

Existing Rule:

310.1a Once a recreational player has registered with a member affiliate, the player is bound to that member affiliate for the specified playing season (fall or spring).

Rule w/ proposed change:

310.1a Once a recreational player has registered with a member affiliate, the player is bound to that member affiliate for the specified playing season (fall or spring) **and until his/her team's post-season commitments are completed.**

How the Rule reads after approved change:

310.1a Once a recreational player has registered with a member affiliate, the player is bound to that member affiliate for the specified playing season (fall or spring) **and until his/her team's post-season commitments are completed.**

Rationale:

To assist in maintaining team integrity for any post season commitments / competitions.

Proposed Change to Rule(s) 310.2d-f Select Registration/Transfers

Submitted by:

Rules Committee

Existing Rule:

310.2d Once a select program player is registered and rostered to a team, that player's financial obligation as published by the member affiliate and accepted by the player must be satisfied before a transfer will be approved. (See Rule 850 Definition of Registration.)

1. Select players are limited to one transfer to another Select team per seasonal year. The Georgia Soccer Registrar may approve an additional transfer in order to allow a Select player to participate when otherwise the player may not have the opportunity.

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.

310.2f Requests for transfers between teams in the same member affiliate (intra-affiliate transfers) will be processed at any time and require a transfer form. (This rule does not override Rule 310.2d.1.)

Rule w/ proposed change:

310.2d Once a select program player is registered and rostered to a team, that player's financial obligation as published by the member affiliate and accepted by the player must be satisfied before a transfer will be ~~approved~~**considered**. (See Rule 850 ~~Glossary for~~ Definition of Registration.)

1. Select players are limited to one transfer to another Select team per seasonal year: **this includes intra-affiliate transfers**. The Georgia Soccer Registrar may approve an additional transfer in order to allow a Select player to participate when otherwise the player may not have the opportunity.

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~~ **above**, 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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How the Rule reads after approved change:

310.2d Once a select program player is registered and rostered to a team, that player's financial obligation as published by the member affiliate and accepted by the player must be satisfied before a transfer will be considered. (See Glossary for Definition of Registration.)

1. Select players are limited to one transfer to another Select team per seasonal year; this includes intra-affiliate transfers. The Georgia Soccer Registrar may approve an additional transfer in order to allow a Select player to participate when otherwise the player may not have the opportunity.

310.2e If a player believes he/she has an extraordinary reason to transfer outside of the parameters stated above, 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.

310.2f Requests for transfers between teams in the same member affiliate (intra-affiliate transfers) will be processed at any time and require a transfer form.

Rationale:

Cleans up references to other rule numbers, which are subject to change.

Proposed Change to Rule(s) 310.2g Guest Play

Submitted by:

Rules Committee

Existing Rule:

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 unauthorized 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 member affiliate's permission. Player is ineligible for guest play participation if there is an unserved disciplinary suspension.

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.

Rule w/ proposed change:

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

How the Rule reads after approved change:

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 unauthorized 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 member affiliate's permission. Player is ineligible for guest play participation if there is an unserved disciplinary suspension.

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

Rationale:

Cleans up references to rule numbers, which are subject to change.

Proposed Change to Rule(s)
330.1-2 Recruitment

Submitted by:

Rules Committee

Existing Rule:

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 member affiliate's 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, or without an approved release on file in the electronic registration system. For Academy players in the 09U through 12U 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, or without an approved release on file in the electronic registration system. For Academy players in the 09U through 12U age groups, no registered player may directly or indirectly contact any other team until fourteen days before the Tuesday following Memorial Day.

Rule w/ proposed change:

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 member affiliate's registrar~~**Prior to May 1**, no person may directly or indirectly induce or attempt to induce that a 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 **either** ~~fourteen days'~~ written notice to the player's coach, or ~~without an approved release on file in the electronic registration system.~~ For Academy players in the 09U through 12U 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 **Prior to May 1**, 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 **either** ~~fourteen days'~~ written notice to the player's coach, or ~~without an approved release on file in the electronic registration system.~~ For Academy players in the 09U through 12U age groups, no registered player may directly or indirectly contact any other team until fourteen days before the Tuesday following Memorial Day.

How the Rule reads after approved change:

330. Recruitment for Select Program

330.1 **Prior to May 1**, no person may directly or indirectly induce or attempt to induce that player to leave the team for which he/she has registered without **either** written notice to the player's coach or an approved release on file in the electronic registration system.

330.2 **Prior to May 1**, no registered player may directly or indirectly contact any other team during the current seasonal year without **either** written notice to the player's coach or an approved release on file in the electronic registration system

Rationale:

Removes the 14-day notice requirement and clears up when active contact may start.

Proposed Change to Rule(s)

430. Game Day Lineup Sheets

Submitted by:

Rules Committee

Existing Rule:

430. Game Day Lineup Sheets

The referee shall not allow a match to take place unless prior to the start of a match, a game day lineup sheet is prepared by an official of each team and presented to the game official, except in the 04U to 08U program. The game day lineup sheet shall include the correct date of the game, the name and jersey number of any players serving a disciplinary suspension, and the name and jersey number of all participating players including club pass players.

For Academy and in-house recreational games: If an electronic form is not available, the game day lineup sheet shall be presented on a member affiliate /club /state-provided official game day lineup sheet.

For Select (13U and above) and RIAS teams: The game day lineup sheet shall be prepared electronically using the Affinity system. Any player not listed on the game day lineup sheet at the start of the game, or whose name is handwritten and not preprinted on the game day lineup sheet shall be ineligible to play in that game. Game officials may, however, add handwritten names of players from the opposing team, provided those names appear on the opposing team's own preprinted game day lineup sheet as presented before the game, making those players eligible to play in that game.

430.3a A team shall present two pre-printed game day lineup sheets to the game official prior to the beginning of the match; if the match has been rescheduled, the game day lineup sheet must reflect the new date.

430.3b A team must have the player jersey numbers pre-printed on the game day lineup sheet.

430.3c Failure to do this will result in a "negative" one point per game assigned to your team totals. This "negative" one point per game shall be returned to the team if the team demonstrates to Georgia Soccer that they have fixed the issue within 72 hours (Wednesday) following the weekend games.

Rule w/ proposed change:

430. Game Day Lineup Sheets

430.1 The referee shall not allow a match to take place unless prior to the start of a match, a game day lineup sheet is prepared by an official of each team and presented to the game official, except in the 04U to 08U program. The game day lineup sheet shall include the correct date of the game, the name and jersey number of any players serving a disciplinary suspension, and the name and jersey number of all participating players including club pass players.

430.1a A team must have the player jersey numbers pre-printed on the game day lineup sheet. Failure to do this will result in one penalty point per game assessed against your team totals.

430.1b This penalty point shall be removed from the team if the team demonstrates to Georgia Soccer that they have fixed the issue within 72 hours (Wednesday) following the weekend games.)

430.2 For Academy and in-house recreational games: If an electronic form is not available, the game day lineup sheet shall be presented on a member affiliate /club /state-provided official game day lineup sheet.

430.3 For Select (13U and above) and RIAS teams: The game day lineup sheet shall be prepared electronically using the Affinity system. Any player not listed on the game day lineup sheet at the start of the game, or whose name is handwritten and not preprinted on the game day lineup sheet shall be ineligible to play in that game. Game officials may, however, add handwritten names of players from the opposing team, provided those names appear on the opposing team's own preprinted game day lineup sheet as presented before the game, making those players eligible to play in that game.

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~~**430.3c** Failure to do this will result in a "negative" one point per game assigned to your team totals. This "negative" one point per game shall be returned to the team if the team demonstrates to Georgia Soccer that they have fixed the issue within 72 hours (Wednesday) following the weekend games.~~

How the Rule reads after approved change:

430. Game Day Lineup Sheets

430.1 The referee shall not allow a match to take place unless prior to the start of a match, a game day lineup sheet is prepared by an official of each team and presented to the game official, except in the 04U to 08U program. The game day lineup sheet shall include the correct date of the game, the name and jersey number of any players serving a disciplinary suspension, and the name and jersey number of all participating players including club pass players.

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430.3a A team shall present two pre-printed game day lineup sheets to the game official prior to the beginning of the match; if the match has been rescheduled, the game day lineup sheet must reflect the new date.

Rationale:

Sub-rule moved to more appropriate location.

Proposed Change to Rule(s)
430.4 Game Day Lineup Sheets -
Players not listed in game day lineup

Submitted by: Rules Committee

Existing Rule: 430. Game Day Lineup Sheets

430.4 Game officials must check the paper or digital passes and pre-printed game day lineup sheet before each game and report any discrepancies to both coaches. If the game official fails to perform this duty properly, discovery after the fact of players who played in the game but were not listed on either game day lineup sheet will result in the replay of the game at the away team's venue and at the home team's expense.

Rule w/ proposed change: 430. Game Day Lineup Sheets

430.4 Game officials must check the paper or digital passes and pre-printed game day lineup sheet before each game and report any discrepancies to both coaches. If the game official fails to perform this duty properly, ~~discovery after the fact of~~ and players who played are allowed to participate in the game but ~~who~~ were not listed on either game day lineup sheet ~~will result in the replay of the game at the away team's venue and at the home team's expense~~ those players will be deemed ineligible and a forfeit will be charged against the team with which the players participated.

How the Rule reads after approved change:

430. Game Day Lineup Sheets

430.4 Game officials must check the paper or digital passes and pre-printed game day lineup sheet before each game and report any discrepancies to both coaches. If the game official fails to perform this duty properly, and players are allowed to participate in the game who were not listed on either game day lineup sheet, those players will be deemed ineligible and a forfeit will be charged against the team with which the players participated.

Rationale:

Playing ineligible players is a forfeit and should be charged no matter if the referee does not identify those players before the game.

Proposed Change to Rule(s)
440.4 Maximum number of club-pass players

Submitted by:

Rules Committee

Existing Rule:

440.4 A player may play with the team on which he is registered and one other team on a given day. A player may not play in more than two games in any one day. 13U – 16U teams may use a maximum of three club-pass players in any one game. 17U – 19U teams may use a maximum of five club-pass players in any one game.

Rule w/ proposed change:

440.4 A player may play with the team on which he is registered and one other team on a given day. A player may not play in more than two games in any one day. 13U – 16U teams may use a maximum of three ~~five~~ club-pass players in any one game. 17U – 19U teams may use a maximum of ~~five~~ seven club-pass players in any one game.

How the Rule reads after approved change:

440.4 A player may play with the team on which he is registered and one other team on a given day. A player may not play in more than two games in any one day. 13U – 16U teams may use a maximum of five club-pass players in any one game. 17U – 19U teams may use a maximum of seven club-pass players in any one game.

Rationale:

Will give more flexibility to teams, and fewer forfeits will be charged due to lack of players.

Proposed Change to Rule(s)

460. Scoring: Game Reports

Submitted by:

Rules Committee

Existing Rule:

460. Scoring

Scoring is used by Athena and Classic for regular league play. Scoring is used by Recreation at the discretion of the Recreation Committee. Academy does not record scores for regular league play at 10U and 11U. Scoring may be necessary for 12U Academy in order to seed teams.

Athena, Classic, and RIAS teams are required to electronically submit the game scores into the ADG Scheduling / Gaming system within 72 hours of the match. Electronic game scoring for Select and RIAS teams consists of the following information:

1. Scores of both teams
2. Yellow Cards for both teams
3. Red Cards for both teams
4. Head Coach / Assistant Coach / Team Manager ejections for both teams
5. Spectator ejection must be submitted via Coach Incident Report
6. Game Forfeit
7. Game Termination must be submitted via Coach Incident Report
8. Team removed from field by coach must be submitted via Coach Incident Report

460.2a Additional information can be supplied in the comments section and with the required Coach Incident Report.

460.2b Failure of EITHER TEAM to report any of the above incidents in ADG may result in an E&G ethics investigation of the person or persons involved in omitting this information.

460.2c The referee will send a written report to Georgia Soccer for all send-offs, dismissals, injuries and game terminations.

460.2d After review of all game misconduct reports and any ruling by the Discipline & Protest Committee, the electronic scheduling / scoring system will be updated to reflect any sanctions levied to a team official or player.

460.3 Athena and Classic Scoring:

- 460.3a** Win 5 points
460.3b Tie 2 points
460.3c Loss 0 points
460.3d The maximum number of points a team may obtain in a match is five.
460.3e Standings will be based on accumulated points, adjusted by penalty points.
460.3f Games decided by forfeiture will be recorded as a 4-0 score.
460.3g To determine divisional standings, in case of a tie in total points within any Division or Sub-division thereof, the following tie-breaking procedure will apply:

1. Results of head-to-head competition. This criterion is not used if more than two teams are tied.
2. Largest difference in goals scored versus goals allowed (maximum 4 per game, calculated per game)
3. Fewest goals allowed
4. Fewest accrued penalty points
5. Coin Toss

Rule w/ proposed change:

460. Scoring

Scoring is used by Athena, ~~and Classic~~, **and GPL** for regular league play. Scoring is used by Recreation at the discretion of the Recreation Committee. Academy does not record scores for regular league play at 10U and 11U. Scoring may be necessary for 12U Academy in order to seed teams.

Athena, Classic, **GPL, 12U Competitive Academy** and RIAS teams are required to electronically submit ~~the game score~~ **reports** into the ADG Scheduling / Gaming system within ~~72~~ **48** hours of the match. Electronic game ~~scoring~~ **reports** ~~for Select and RIAS teams~~ consists of the following information:

1. Scores of both teams **(for RIAS, only if required by the Recreation Committee)**
2. Yellow Cards for both teams
3. Red Cards for both teams
4. Head Coach / Assistant Coach / Team Manager ejections for both teams
5. Spectator ejection must be submitted via Coach Incident Report
6. Game Forfeit
7. Game Termination must be submitted via Coach Incident Report
8. Team removed from field by coach must be submitted via Coach Incident Report

460.2a3 Additional information can be supplied in ~~the comments section and~~ with the required Coach Incident Report.

460.2b4 Failure of EITHER TEAM to report any of the above incidents in ADG may result in an E&G ethics investigation of the person or persons involved in omitting this information.

460.2c5 The referee will send a written report to Georgia Soccer for all send-offs, dismissals, injuries and game terminations.

460.2d6 After review of all game misconduct reports and any ruling by the Discipline & Protest Committee, the electronic scheduling / scoring system will be updated to reflect any sanctions levied to a team official or player.

460.37 ~~Athena and Classic Scoring~~ Standings, if used:

460. ~~3e7a~~ Standings will be based on accumulated points, adjusted by penalty points.

460.3a7b Win 5 points

460. ~~3b7c~~ Tie 2 points

460. ~~3c7d~~ Loss 0 points

460. ~~3f7e~~ Games decided by forfeiture will be recorded as a 4-0 score.

460. ~~3d7f~~ The maximum number of points a team may obtain in a match is five.

460. ~~37g~~ To determine divisional standings, in case of a tie in total points within any Division or Sub-division thereof, the following tie-breaking procedure will apply:

1. Results of head-to-head competition. This criterion is not used if more than two teams are tied.
2. Largest difference in goals scored versus goals allowed (maximum 4 per game, calculated per game)
3. Fewest goals allowed
4. Fewest accrued penalty points
5. Coin Toss

NOTE: This will also require a change to 730.1a A team official should submit an electronic incident report to the Georgia Soccer D&P Committee - Youth regarding all game misconduct issues within ~~72~~**48** hours of the game.

730.1b A team official who elects not to submit an electronic incident report within ~~72~~**48** hours of the game forfeits the right to request an administrative review of all sanctions of three games or less.

How the Rule reads after approved change:

460. Scoring

Scoring is used by Athena, Classic, and GPL for regular league play. Scoring is used by Recreation at the discretion of the Recreation Committee. Academy does not record scores for regular league play at 10U and 11U. Scoring may be necessary for 12U Academy in order to seed teams.

Athena, Classic, GPL, 12U Competitive Academy and RIAS teams are required to electronically submit game reports into the ADG Scheduling / Gaming system within 48 hours of the match. Electronic game reports consist of the following information:

1. Scores of both teams (for RIAS, only if required by the Recreation Committee)
2. Yellow Cards for both teams
3. Red Cards for both teams
4. Head Coach / Assistant Coach / Team Manager ejections for both teams
5. Spectator ejection must be submitted via Coach Incident Report
6. Game Forfeit
7. Game Termination must be submitted via Coach Incident Report
8. Team removed from field by coach must be submitted via Coach Incident Report

Additional information can be supplied in the required Coach Incident Report.

460.4 Failure of EITHER TEAM to report any of the above incidents in ADG may result in an E&G ethics investigation of the person or persons involved in omitting this information.

460.5 The referee will send a written report to Georgia Soccer for all send-offs, dismissals, injuries and game terminations.

460.6 After review of all game misconduct reports and any ruling by the Discipline & Protest Committee, the electronic scheduling / scoring system will be updated to reflect any sanctions levied to a team official or player.

460.7 Standings, if used:

- 460.7a** Standings will be based on accumulated points, adjusted by penalty points.
- 460.7b** Win 5 points
- 460.7c** Tie 2 points
- 460.7d** Loss 0 points
- 460.7e** Games decided by forfeiture will be recorded as a 4-0 score.
- 460.7f** The maximum number of points a team may obtain in a match is five.
- 460.7g** To determine divisional standings, in case of a tie in total points within any Division or Sub-division thereof, the following tie-breaking procedure will apply:
1. Results of head-to-head competition. This criterion is not used if more than two teams are tied.
 2. Largest difference in goals scored versus goals allowed (maximum 4 per game, calculated per game)
 3. Fewest goals allowed
 4. Fewest accrued penalty points
 5. Coin Toss

AND ALSO:

730.1a A team official should submit an electronic incident report to the Georgia Soccer D&P Committee - Youth regarding all game misconduct issues within 48 hours of the game.

730.1b A team official who elects not to submit an electronic incident report within 48 hours of the game forfeits the right to request an administrative review of all sanctions of three games or less.

Rationale:

Includes other programs that are being offered, and uses more suitable verbiage for the reporting process.

Proposed Change to Rule(s)

720. Match Terminations, Suspensions, Forfeits, & Reschedules 720.5 Referee Fees for no-show matches

Submitted by:

Rules Committee

Existing Rules:

720. Match Terminations, Suspensions, Forfeits, and Reschedules

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.

760. Discipline and Protest (D&P) and Ethics and Grievance (E&G), and Appeals

760.6 The D & P Committee will notify the appropriate member affiliate President of any matters to be considered. Fines and Fees approved by general membership:

Protest Fee \$100.00

Appeal Fee \$150.00

Fines:

1. Underage official (per occurrence after 3rd reported violation) \$ 50.00
2. Unregistered official (per occurrence) \$ 10.00
3. Improperly postponed game \$ 10.00
4. Team forfeiting match as no-show \$100.00
5. Academy team no-show (per scheduled league or district match) \$100.00

In addition, the team which failed to show must pay the referee fees for the missed matches directly to the home member affiliate.

Rules w/ proposed changes:

720. Match Terminations, Suspensions, Forfeits, and Reschedules

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. **If the game cannot be rescheduled, the team that failed to show for the original match must pay the referee fees for the missed match directly to the home member affiliate.**

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4. Team forfeiting match as no-show \$100.00
5. Academy team no-show (per scheduled league or district match) \$100.00

~~In addition, the team which failed to show must pay the referee fees for the missed matches directly to the home member affiliate.~~

How the Rules read after approved changes:

720. Match Terminations, Suspensions, Forfeits, and Reschedules

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. If the game cannot be rescheduled, the team that failed to show for the original match must pay the referee fees for the missed match directly to the home member affiliate.

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3. Improperly postponed game \$ 10.00
4. Team forfeiting match as no-show \$100.00
5. Academy team no-show (per scheduled league or district match) \$100.00

Rationale:

Referee fees for no show games should be paid regardless if game is rescheduled or not. Referee expenses were incurred by the original hosting affiliate. Moved to more appropriate listing under reschedules.

Proposed Change to Rule(s) 720.6 Forfeits and Reschedules

Submitted by: Rules Committee

Existing Rule: 720.6 Forfeits and Reschedules

720.6a Games, once scheduled, will be played as scheduled except in extreme extenuating circumstances and cannot be changed until approved by the Division Committee or its representative. Teams involved in reschedules must present a game day roster that indicates the correct rescheduled date of the game.

720.6b Rainouts or unplayable field conditions will be determined by the referee at the field or the official of each home member affiliate. In cases where games are canceled by the member affiliate official or referee, a staff member of the Home Team shall notify a staff member of the Opposing Team of the canceled game.

720.6c Both teams shall agree to a reschedule date, time, and field within 7 days of the agreed date to cancel the game and shall report to the AGC for website update.

Rule w/ proposed change: 720.6 Forfeits and Reschedules

720.6a Games, once scheduled, will be played as scheduled except in extreme extenuating circumstances and cannot be changed until approved by the Division Committee or its representative. Teams involved in reschedules must present a game day roster that indicates the correct rescheduled date of the game.

720.6b All reschedules that include a change of date will be completed by October 15 during the Fall season and April 1 during the Spring Season. The only exceptions will be weather related, unplayable fields or lack of referees. Any game cancelled due to failure to provide referees will result in the away team becoming the home team for the rescheduled games.

720.6c Once a game assignment has been published on the scheduling website, all changes must be agreed to by both teams involved and submitted to the Age Group Coordinator.

720.6bd Rainouts or unplayable field conditions will be determined by the referee at the field or the official of each home member affiliate. In cases where games are canceled by the member affiliate official or referee, a staff member of the Home Team shall notify a staff member of the Opposing Team of the canceled game.

720.6ce Both teams shall agree to a reschedule date, time, and field within 7 days of the agreed date to cancel the game and shall report to the AGC for website update.

Note: Continue renumbering with no other changes.

How the Rule reads after approved change:

720.6 Forfeits and Reschedules

720.6a Games, once scheduled, will be played as scheduled except in extreme extenuating circumstances and cannot be changed until approved by the Division Committee or its representative. Teams involved in reschedules must present a game day roster that indicates the correct rescheduled date of the game.

720.6b All reschedules that include a change of date will be completed by October 15th during the Fall season and April 1st during the Spring Season. The only exceptions will be weather related, unplayable fields or lack of referees. Any game cancelled due to failure to provide referees will result in the away team becoming the home team for the rescheduled games.

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720.6e Both teams shall agree to a reschedule date, time, and field within 7 days of the agreed date to cancel the game and shall report to the AGC for website update.

Rationale:

Many clubs/teams are abusing not only the intent of the rescheduling process, but the rules that are already on the books. Games are being moved at the last minute and teams are being asked to move games sometimes the night before a scheduled match.

The result is a back-loaded schedule where teams are forced to play multiple games in a short time frame (i.e., 5 games in an 8-day span at the end of the season). When weather is factored in, the result is a delay in the end of the season (i.e., Fall 2019), with a large number of DNPs that may or may not affect promotion/relegation.

The deadlines provided should promote teams to communicate more effectively concerning the use of blackout dates and the schedule for the entire season, lightening the burden on team managers/coaches, players and parents from a planning perspective. It should also lessen the number of DNPs and resulting fallout from those lost games.

Proposed Change to Rule(s)
740. Misconduct – Penalties
Deduction of Points

Submitted by:

Rules Committee

Existing Rule:

740. Misconduct -- Penalties for Players, Team Officials, Teams and Member Affiliates

[Athena, Classic and RIAS Programs]

740.1 Points will be deducted from standing points as the result of player and/or team official misconduct during games played during the regular season in the following manner:

740.1a Player caution (yellow card) 0 points

740.1b Player send-off (red card) 2 points

740.1c Dismissal of Team Official 3 points

740.1d Game termination (team responsible) 4 points

740.1e Game forfeiture 4 points

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

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.

740.1f If at the end of the playing season, a team has 5 penalty points or less, no deductions from the standings will be charged to the team.

740.1g No team will be assessed more than 5 penalty points in one match.

740.1h Penalty points from forfeiture are not subject to 740.1f and are assessed to the team regardless of other penalty point accumulations.

Rule w/ proposed changes:

740. Misconduct -- Penalties for Players, Team Officials, Teams and Member Affiliates

[Athena, Classic, GPL, 12U Competitive Academy and RIAS Programs]

740.1 Misconduct by ~~Points will be deducted from standing points as the result of players, and/or team officials, teams, and member affiliates misconduct during games played during the regular season~~ **games** in the following manner ~~will result in the deduction of points from the standings, if used, as follows:~~

740.1a Player caution (yellow card) 0 points

740.1b Player send-off (red card) 2 points

~~740.1c Dismissal of Team Official~~ **740.1c Team official send-off (red card)** 3 points

740.1d Game termination (team responsible) 4 points

740.1e Game forfeiture 4 points

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

~~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.~~

740.1f Missing jersey numbers 1 point per game if not corrected within 72 hours

740.1fg If at the end of the playing season, a team has 5 **disciplinary** penalty points or less, no deductions from the standings will be charged to the team.

~~740.1g No team will be assessed more than 5 penalty points in one match.~~

740.1h Penalty points from forfeiture **and missing jersey numbers** are not subject to 740.1fg **above** and are assessed to the team regardless of other penalty point accumulations.

How the Rule reads after approved changes:

740. Misconduct -- Penalties for Players, Team Officials, Teams and Member Affiliates

[Athena, Classic, GPL, 12U Competitive Academy, and RIAS Programs]

740.1 Misconduct by players, team officials, teams, and member affiliates during regular season games will result in the deduction of points from the standings, if used, as follows:

740.1a Player caution (yellow card) 0 points

740.1b Player send-off (red card) 2 points

740.1c Team official send-off (red card) 3 points

740.1d Game termination (team responsible) 4 points

740.1e Game forfeiture 4 points

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

740.1f Missing jersey numbers 1 point per game if not corrected within 72 hours

740.1g If at the end of the playing season, a team has 5 disciplinary penalty points or less, no deductions will be charged to the team.

740.1h No team will be assessed more than 5 penalty points in one match.

740.1i Penalty points from forfeiture and missing jersey numbers are not subject to 740.1g above and are assessed to the team regardless of other penalty point accumulations.

Rationale:

To clarify penalty points for missing jersey numbers; to clarify disciplinary points vs admin points; ~~remove max 5 penalty points per game~~. Bad and unacceptable behavior continues to increase in severity and frequency. Clarify that team officials can now be shown red cards.

Proposed Change to Rule(s) 760.4a Ethics and Grievance Sanctions

Submitted by:

Rules Committee

Existing Rule:

760.4a Ethics and Grievance Sanctions: If a coach, team official, member affiliate official, player, or parent of a player is found guilty of an ethics or grievance violation, sanctions may include, but are not limited to, the following: a warning, a fine, community service, suspension of the guilty party, tournament play restrictions, team advancement restrictions, coach dismissal, team suspension, or recommendation to the Georgia Soccer Board of Directors that the member affiliate be placed in bad standing.

Rule w/ proposed change:

760.4a Ethics and Grievance Sanctions: If a coach, team official, member affiliate official, player, or parent of a player is found guilty of an ethics or grievance violation, sanctions may include, but are not limited to, the following: a warning, a fine, community service, suspension of the guilty party, tournament play restrictions, team advancement restrictions, ~~coach dismissal, team suspension,~~ or recommendation to the Georgia Soccer Board of Directors that the member affiliate be placed in bad standing.

How the Rule reads after approved change:

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Rationale:

To clean up duplicate verbiage.

Proposed Change to Rule(s)
890. Team Official

Submitted by:

Rules Committee

Existing Rule:

890. Team official – an individual properly registered and listed on a team’s official state roster. No more than four such individuals can be listed to a roster except in cases where a player pool is used for academy player rostering.

Rule w/ proposed change:

890. Team official - an individual properly registered and listed on a team’s official state roster **or an adult 18 years old or older who assumes the duties and responsibilities of a team on game day.** ~~No more than four such individuals can be listed to a roster except in cases where a player pool is used for academy player rostering.~~

How the Rule reads after approved change:

890. Team official - an individual properly registered and listed on a team’s official state roster or an adult 18 years old or older who assumes the duties and responsibilities of a team on game day.

Rationale:

To match other descriptions of team officials