

**EAST PENNSBORO PANTHER UNITED SOCCER CLUB
BY-LAWS**

**ARTICLE 1
NAME**

- 1.1 Effective June 2, 2003, the name of this organization shall be East Penn Panther United Soccer Club (hereafter referred to as EPPU or Panther United), formerly known as Panther Soccer Club and Tri-County Soccer Club, in result of merger.

**ARTICLE 2
PURPOSE**

- 2.1 The purpose of EPPU shall be to promote, foster, teach and enjoy the game of soccer for the benefit of the program participants
- 2.2 Mission Statement – EPPU's mission includes the following goals and objectives:
- 2.2.1 Provide all interested youth in the area with a positive soccer experience through participation and fair competition, while teaching the players soccer skills, team play, and sportsmanship in a safe and enjoyable atmosphere.
- 2.2.2 Provide a rewarding experience for parents/guardians, volunteers, coaches, referees, and board members through organization, open communication, and fairness.
- 2.2.3 Work with our leagues, other soccer clubs, local schools, and the community.
- 2.2.4 Develop a love in all members for the game of soccer.
- 2.3 Code of Conduct and Philosophy
- 2.3.1 The philosophy of the club is exemplified by the Code of Conduct of the Panther United Soccer Club.
- 2.3.2 In addition to the code of Conduct, EPPU adopts as its' philosophy the intent to play games, by age group, on a travel basis. The PSC stresses participation in the team concept of the of soccer rather than individual recognition.
- 2.4 EPPU, through it's rules, shall exercise complete control of the youth and adult soccer programs except in those matters reserved by the Central Pennsylvania Youth Soccer League (CPYSL), Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer Association (EPYSA), Eastern Pennsylvania Soccer Association (EPSA), or United States Soccer Federation (USSF)

**ARTICLE 3
ORGANIZATION**

- 3.1 General Membership
- 3.1.1 Shall consist of parents/guardians, coaches and players in good standing with the governing league(s) and organizations in which EPPU competes. Only players who are in accordance with the rules of the game as specified by the USSF may be members of EPPU.

- 3.2 The governing body of EPPU shall be a Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall consist of nine members, who are at least twenty-one years of age.
- 3.3 The general membership present and voting at the Annual Election shall elect by majority vote the following officials: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar and four Members-At-Large. Elected officials shall serve for a period of one (1) year. The President, Treasurer, Registrar and two Members-At-Large shall be elected to take office in odd numbered years. The Vice-President, Secretary, and two Members-At-Large shall be elected to take office in even numbered years.
- 3.3.1 At the Annual Election in 2005, the individuals elected to the President, Treasurer, Registrar and two Members-At-Large positions shall serve a term of two (2) years in order to facilitate the transition to the new election format.
- 3.4 In order to be eligible for election to the office of the President, the candidate must have served as a member of the Board of Directors for at least one (1) year of the most recent (5) years.
- 3.5 It will be the responsibility of the Board of Directors to govern all affairs related to the management of EPPU including, but not limited to, responsibilities specified in these by-laws.
- 3.6 All decisions of the Board of Directors shall be by majority vote except as specified otherwise in these by-laws.
- 3.7 If a Director fails to attend three consecutive meetings of the Board, or fails to attend four meetings within a single term, the office may be declared vacant by a majority vote of the Board. The vacancy shall be filled for the remainder of the term by a member appointed by the Board of Directors.
- 3.8 A CPYSL Representative will be appointed by the president.

ARTICLE 4 DUTIES

- 4.1 The PRESIDENT shall preside at all Executive and General Board Meetings; appoint all committees, subject to approval of the Board of Directors; enforce the By-Laws and such Rules and Regulations which have been enacted by the Board of Directors; call meetings as needed and cast a deciding vote on all issues at which EPPU members find themselves deadlocked; supervise the affairs of EPPU; have the authority to co-sign checks necessary to pay bills encumbered by EPPU.
- 4.2 The VICE PRESIDENT shall act as an aide to the President and perform all the duties of the President in the event of his absence or incapacity. The VP shall have the authority to co-sign checks necessary to pay bills encumbered by EPPU.
- 4.3 The SECRETARY shall keep a record of all proceedings of EPPU.
- 4.4 The TREASURER will maintain all financial records for EPPU; have custody of all funds of EPPU and deposit the funds in the depository approved by the Board of Directors; have the authority to co-sign checks necessary to pay bills encumbered by EPPU; present a financial report at every meeting of the Board of Directors and at other times when requested; present a written financial report at the annual election meeting EPPU.
- 4.5 The REGISTRARS will maintain all records of player and team registration and liaison with appropriate bodies to insure this action is correctly performed.
- 4.6 The CPYSL Representative will represent EPPU at all CPYSL meetings and will be responsible for notifying the Board of changes in the CPYSL rules and regulations.

ARTICLE 5 MEETINGS

- 5.1 The Board of Directors shall hold monthly meetings, the date, time and place of which shall be fixed and announced by the Board. The date and time of a set meeting may be changed at the discretion of the President. The president shall notify the board members.
- 5.2 Special meetings of the Board may be called by the President at any time or upon the request of any three Board members.
- 5.3 Election Meetings of EPPU shall be held in the third quarter of each year, on the same date selected for the EPPU Annual Meeting. The exact date, time and place of such meeting shall be fixed and announced by the Board of Directors. Elected officials will assume responsibilities in October following the appropriate transition of responsibilities from the prior official.
- 5.4 The Nominating Meeting EPPU shall be held thirty (30) days prior to the Election Meeting.
 - 5.4.1 A chairman of the nominating committee shall be appointed by the President.
 - 5.4.2 The President may appoint other members of the Board of Directors as needed to comprise the nominating committee.
 - 5.4.3 The committee shall present a list of candidates to the Board of Directors for consideration at the meeting.
- 5.5 Each year the Board of Directors shall set an Annual Meeting during third quarter of the year. Notice of the Annual Meeting shall be given at least thirty (30) days prior to the day of the scheduled meeting.
- 5.6 Special Fill Membership meetings EPPU may be called by the Board at any time with proper announcement.

ARTICLE 6 VOTING

- 6.1 Each adult (age 21 or older) in good standing, who either coaches or has a child playing in the Club, will be considered a member of EPPU. Each Member will have one vote, with a maximum of two (2) votes per family, at the annual election meeting of EPPU for the election of the Directors and for voting on any proposal presented to the members by the Board of Directors.
 - 6.1.1 The Board of Directors may, by majority vote, grant membership to others not meeting the above criteria, if it determines that it is advantageous to the club.
- 6.2 Only the members of the Board of Directors will be considered to have voting rights at the Board of Directors meeting and for all other meetings.
 - 6.2.1 Quorum – No meeting shall be organized for the transaction of business unless a quorum is present. A quorum is defined as the majority of the total board of directors (5 members) or fifty-one percent (51%) of the general membership present. If no quorum is present, those members present may adjourn the meeting to such a time and place as they determine.

ARTICLE 7 REGISTRATION

- 7.1 There shall be a registration held for players prior to each season of participation. The dates and registration fees shall be determined by the Board of Directors prior to the registration process.
- 7.2 The following are required at the time of registration:
 - A. Copy of Birth Certificate.
 - B. Social Security Number.
 - C. Player signature.
 - D. Parent/Guardian signature, if a player is under 18 years of age.
 - E. 1"x 1" picture.
 - F. Medical Release Form

**ARTICLE 8
TEAM/AGE REQUIREMENTS**

- 8.1 The age groups and roster limits shall be in compliance with those of the league(s) or organization(s) in which the EPPU competes.
- 8.2 At the discretion of the Board of Directors, a player may be moved to the next older age group.

**ARTICLE 9
UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS**

- 9.1 Shirts, shorts and socks will be furnished by the EPPU and paid for by the player. Any other items are the player's responsibility including shin guards, shorts, rubber cleated shoes, etc.
- 9.2 Goalkeepers shirts will be supplied to U10 and under teams.
- 9.3 Only official EPPU sanctioned uniforms may be worn when representing the EPPU.

**ARTICLE 10
LEAGUE RULES**

- 10.1 PLAYER
 - 10.1.1 The registration fee per player per season (outdoor or indoor) will be determined prior to the registration for the season. This fee is due at registration. Non-payment of required fees may result in a status of "not in good standing" and or imposed sanctions.
 - 10.1.2 Upon assignment to a team and proper notification, it is the responsibility of the player and/or player's parent or guardian to notify the coach when the player cannot be present at a practice or a game.
 - 10.1.3 Players must uphold the Spirit and the Laws of the Game. Any player exhibiting Conduct Detrimental to the Good and Welfare of Soccer may be subject to disciplinary action and/or suspension, as defined in Appendix 2.
 - 10.1.4 Players must be in good standing with EPPU, CPYSL, EPYSA, and other bodies governing the play of EPPU.
- 10.2 COACHES

- 10.2.1 All coaches will be selected and approved by the Board of Directors.
- 10.2.2 Coaches must uphold the Spirit and the Laws of the Game. Any coach exhibiting Conduct Detrimental to the Good and Welfare of Soccer may be subject to disciplinary action and/or suspension, as defined in Appendix 2.
- 10.2.3 Any coach using profanity, fighting, destroying property or exhibiting any form of unsportsman-like conduct during practice or game, shall be reported to the President. The president will apprise the AD. The coach shall be subject to disciplinary action and/or suspension in accordance with Appendix 2.
- 10.2.4 As a consideration for the opportunity to work with the players in the club, it is expected that the coach will: attend all required meetings and clinics; assist in field preparation; follow all rules and regulations of EPPU.
- 10.2.5 Coaches must be in good standing with EPPU, CPYSL, EPYSA, and other bodies governing the play of EPPU.

10.3 PARENTS/GUARDIANS

- 10.3.1 Any parent/guardian exhibiting Conduct Detrimental to the Good and Welfare of Soccer may be subject to disciplinary action and/or suspension, as defined in Appendix 2.
- 10.3.2 Any parent/guardian using profanity, fighting, destroying property, or exhibiting any form of unsportsman-like conduct during practice or game, shall be reported to the President. The president will apprise the AD. The parent/guardian is subject to disciplinary action and/or suspension in accordance with Appendix 2.
- 10.3.3 As a consideration for their child's participation in the league, in addition to any registration fee, it is expected that the parents or guardians will: assist in field preparation and maintenance; provide assistance in the operation of the teams; participate in fund raisers; follow all rules and regulations of EPPU.

10.4 DISCIPLINARY ACTION

- 10.4.1 Misconduct of the youth player will be reported to the President. Disciplinary action for players in the youth divisions shall be in accordance with Appendix 2, Section VII of EPPU by-laws.
- 10.4.2 Misconduct of a coach, team official, parent, or club officer will be reported to the President. Disciplinary action shall be in accordance with Appendix 2, Section VII of the EPPU by-laws.
- 10.4.3 Member Suspension or Termination
 - 10.4.3.1 The AD, as defined in Article 12, may suspend a player, coach, or family member for cause after an appropriate Arbitration and Disciplinary Board hearing.
 - 10.4.3.2 The Board of Directors may by an affirmative vote, of five of the total of all directors, terminate the membership of any member: (a) who becomes ineligible for non-payment of required fees and obligations; or (b) who receives multiple suspensions from the AD for violation of the rules and regulations of EPPU, CPYSL, EPYSA, USSF, or other governing body.
- 10.4.4 Member Reinstatement

Upon written request, signed by a former member and filed with the Secretary of EPPU, the Board of Directors, may by an affirmative vote of five of the total of all directors,

reinstate such former member to membership upon such terms as the Board of Directors may deem appropriate.

**ARTICLE 11
CODE OF CONDUCT**

- 11.1 Appendix 1 of the EPPU Soccer Club by-laws contains the Code of Conduct of adopted August 2000
- 11.2 Each member will be required to sign and abide by EPPU's established Code of Conduct [Appendix 1].
 - 11.2.1 Failure to comply shall result in the member given the status of "not in good standing" with EPPU.
 - 11.2.2 Non-compliance shall result in suspension of participation in EPPU.

**ARTICLE 12
ARBITRATION AND DISCIPLINARY BOARD**

12.1 Purpose

The Arbitration and Disciplinary Board ("AD") of EPPU is established in order to provide a forum for the fair, impartial resolution of appeals, complaints or disciplinary action arising from alleged violations of the Law of the Game, or the by-laws of EPPU, CPYSL, EPYSA and/or the USSF. The Board is designed to provide fundamental due process to coaches, players, player's administrators, or parents/guardians who may have violated the Rules of the Game or of EPPU.

12.2 Organization

The AD Board shall consist of five members appointed by the President of EPPU and confirmed by majority vote of the Executive Board. Members shall serve two (2) year terms from the date of appointment. On a yearly basis the full AD Board shall elect a Chairman and Vice Chairman. A minimum of three (3) current officers of the EPPU Executive Board shall sit on the AD Board. The Chairman, or the Vice Chairman should the Chairman be unavailable, is empowered to call meetings of the AD Board, when necessary or appropriate. For the purpose of conducting disciplinary hearings arising from possible violations of EPPU rules or the Law of the Game, the Chairman is authorized to summon the full AD Board or may appoint a hearing panel consisting of no fewer than three members to hear the case.

12.3 Procedures

The AD Board shall conduct hearings pursuant to procedural rules established by the AD Board and approved by the Executive Board. Those rules shall be attached to the EPPU By-laws as an Appendix and copies shall be provided to all members. Changes shall result in updated distribution to all members.

12.4 Violations

The AD Board is authorized to hear all complaints/grievances/appeals arising from alleged violations of EPPU, CPYSL, EPYSA, USSF By-laws or the Law of the Game.

**ARTICLE 13
AMENDMENTS**

- 13.1 These By-Laws may be amended at any regular meeting of the Board of Directors by majority vote of the members present and voting, provided that notice of the proposed amendment was given at the previous meeting.
- 13.2 A committee may be appointed each year to submit revisions to the By-Laws. The requirements for adoption of revisions or a revised set of By-Laws shall be the same as in the case of an amendment.

APPENDIX 1 CODE OF CONDUCT

Panther Soccer Club Codes of Conduct

As stated in its Constitution and By-Laws, the East Pennsboro Panther United Soccer Club's (EPPU) philosophy is to promote and foster the game of soccer on the youth level in East Pennsboro Township. The primary goals of EPPU is to provide game experience at a competitive level and to develop soccer skills and play that the participants will be able to carry with them into the Middle School and High School soccer programs and beyond.

The key element to EPPU's philosophy and soccer experience, is developing strong players through participation in a fun family environment that builds positive character. EPPU adopts the Six Pillars of Character. They are as follows:

Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Caring, Fairness, and Citizenship.

In order to uphold the SIX PILLARS OF CHARACTER and promote a high level of community spirit, EPPU adopts the following "Codes of Conduct "

PLAYERS:

All players participating in EPPU shall...

- ◆ Demonstrate good sportsmanship by example and encourage it from fellow Players, Coaches, Officials and Parents.
- ◆ Play by the laws of the game.
- ◆ View soccer as an opportunity to learn and have fun.
- ◆ Remain respectful toward other players, coaches, referees and spectators.
- ◆ Never argue or complain about referees' calls or decisions.
- ◆ Make every effort to be at ALL practices and games on time.
- ◆ Maintain an even temperament and resist retaliation.
- ◆ Concentrate on playing hard for both themselves and their team.
- ◆ Focus on doing their best in school.
- ◆ Not partake in drug, alcohol or tobacco use.

PARENTS/GUARDIANS:

ALL parents/guardians shall...

- ◆ Encourage good sportsmanship and self-discipline by demonstrating positive support for ALL players on both teams.
- ◆ Make athletic participation for their child and others a positive, fun experience.

- ◆ Give encouragement and show interest in their child's teams.
- ◆ Help their child work toward good sportsmanship in every game.
- ◆ Attempt to relieve the pressure of competition and place the Emotional and Physical well being of players ahead of a desire to win.
- ◆ Be respectful toward coaches, referees and other parents.
- ◆ Alert coaches of any players' health conditions.
- ◆ Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from youth sports activities.
- ◆ Refrain from coaching and refereeing from the sidelines.
- ◆ Make every effort to drop off and pick up players at designated practice times.

COACHES:

ALL coaches shall...

- ◆ Encourage good sportsmanship by example; the game is for the children, not the adults.
- ◆ Learn the rules of soccer.
- ◆ Maintain the safety and well being of their players, remembering the large range of emotional and physical development in any age.
- ◆ Explain to parents/guardians what is expected of them and their children.
- ◆ Provide a positive, enjoyable atmosphere for the players and parents/guardians.
- ◆ Refrain from open arguments with referees and other coaches.
- ◆ Encourage parents/guardians to support the team with their presence as much as possible.
- ◆ Ensure equitable playing time for ALL players.
- ◆ Provide necessary guidance and equipment at games and practices.
- ◆ Discipline players in a FAIR and CONSISTENT manner.
- ◆ Refrain from making negative comments about other coaches, players and referees.
- ◆ Be prepared to deal with injuries in a timely manner by reviewing first aid principles.
- ◆ Maintain a consistent practice schedule that is fun and challenging for the players.

All participants of EPPU shall abide by the club's "Code of Conduct" at all times.
Inappropriate behavior that violates this "Codes of Conduct" shall result in
Disciplinary Action by the EPPU Board of Directors.

**APPENDIX 2
ARBITRATION AND DISCIPLINARY BOARD (AD)**

SECTION I

Establishment

The Arbitration-Disciplinary Board (AD) is established under the Constitution and By-Laws of the Panther Soccer Club (PSC).

SECTION II

Responsibility and Authority

A. Arbitration of Claims

The AD shall arbitrate all claims, which arise from within the structure of the PSC and shall judge all matters pertaining to player, coach and/or member infractions.

B. Authority

The AD has the authority to penalize all individual officers, coaches, team officials, members, and players affiliated with the PSC. Penalties shall include but not be limited to letters of censure, fines, restrictions of participation, and temporary or permanent "suspension" from the activities of PSC.

C. USYSA Rules

Nothing stated herein shall conflict with the rules or regulations of the United States Youth Soccer Association (USYSA), Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer Association (EPYSA), or Central Pennsylvania Youth Soccer League whose rules and regulations in these matters shall always take precedence.

SECTION III

Membership

A. Members

The AD shall consist of five members (minimum of three current board members) all are appointed by the PSC President, subject to the approval by the Board of Directors. The AD Chairman shall vote only in a case of a tie.

B. Secretary

The AD Chairman shall appoint a recording secretary from the membership of the AD to record the minutes of all AD meetings and to maintain permanent records of all AD activities.

SECTION IV

Meetings

A. Convene Meetings

The AD Chairman will convene the entire AD or panels consisting of no less than three members of the full AD committee for disciplinary action, hear appeals, or at any other time when deemed necessary.

B. Petitioning

Petition to the AD Chairman from a majority of the AD membership, exclusive of the AD Chairman, shall be sufficient cause to convene the entire AD

C. Quorum

A majority of the AD membership shall constitute a quorum.

SECTION V

Procedure

All matters of concern to the AD or its subordinate authorities shall originate from the referee's game report or from a formal complaints or protests/appeals submitted in writing, by a "party of interest". The following procedures shall be followed:

A. Referee Game Reports

A referee's game report that identifies violations of the Laws of the Game or Conduct Detrimental to the Good of the Game shall constitute sufficient reason to convene the AD for disciplinary action where a player, coach, team official, or cautions, or suspensions, or spectator problems, or irregularities are involved.

B. Formal Complaints

Formal complaints of alleged violations of the PSC by-laws submitted to the PSC Board of Directors in writing will be reviewed and forwarded to the AD if deemed appropriate. Copies of the complaint shall be forwarded to the PSC secretary.

C. Formal Protests

1. Laws of the Game

All protests which arise from an infringement of the Laws of the Game shall be submitted to the AD in writing. Copies of the protest shall be made in triplicate; Two (2) copies shall be forwarded to the PSC secretary, postmarked no later than forty-eight (48) hours after the decision of the AD. The third copy shall be retained by the protesting party.

2. Timely Grievances and Protests

Protest, claims or appeals not filed within the required time limit, or filed without sufficient supporting material, or filed without proper protest claims may be rejected by the AD Chairman

3. Grievances and Appeals

The AD shall prepare the procedural rules for the governing the conduct and manner of the hearing.

D. Notice of Hearing

Notice of the hearing before the AD shall be served by 1st class mail by the Chairman or the Secretary of the AD no later than ten (10) days prior to the day of the hearing. The notice shall advise all interested parties of the nature, date, place, and time of the hearing.

Having received hearing notice, the failure of any individual to appear shall not preclude the hearing of evidence and the rendering of a decision based upon such evidence.

E. Conflicts of Interest.

1. No individual shall be represented at any hearing by an officer of the PSC or a member of the AD.

F. Exparte Communications

Telephone calls or written communications directed to a member or members of the AD to discuss or explain the details of a given case, after a hearing has been established, may be cause for an adverse decision. Contact for procedural matters is allowed.

G. Publication of Decisions

The decisions of the AD shall be promptly served on all parties via 1st class mail. Verbal notification may supplement but shall not supplant this responsibility.

SECTION VI

Expulsion From Game and Suspensions

A. Player, Coach or Team Official

A player, coach, or team official who has been ordered from the field of play or from the sidelines by the referee shall automatically incur the penalty or penalties for the given offense or offenses as stipulated in Section VII of these rules. The referee's game report shall automatically initiate the action against the expelled individual.

B. Player Under Suspension

A player, while under suspension, shall not be released by the PSC until completion of the team's playing season or the end of the seasonal year.

C. Coach or Team Official Under Suspension

A coach or team official, while under suspension, shall not change his club affiliation.

D. Serving Suspensions

All periods of suspension shall run continuously. Game suspensions in effect at the termination of one playing season or registration year shall remain in effect even into the satisfied.

Game Suspensions received as a result of misconduct in a league game, or as a result of infractions of league rules and regulations, must be served in the PSC.

SECTION VII

Penalties

All members shall be subject to the penalties stated below and in addition to other remedies set forth in herein. Player penalties are in accordance with the age group registered with rather than the player's chronological age. Penalties for all other non players are stated. A "Non Player" is defined as club officer, coach, team official, parent or guardian.

A. Use of "Ineligible Players"

1. A coach who fields a player, without PSC or League sanction, who is ineligible because of improper or non-registration shall be suspended for four (4) games and shall be responsible for all fines assessed to the PSC by a higher authority.
2. A player who, during a given registration year, registers to play for a second club without first having obtained a release from the first club shall be suspended for four (4) games and shall be responsible for all fines assessed to the PSC by a higher authority.

B. Suspensions for Misconduct Toward Game Officials

1. If serious injuries are inflicted to a game official due to an assault the minimum suspension will be at least five (5) years.
2. Deliberately striking or kicking or attempting to kick a referee, Assistant Referee (AR):

	Under 14	14&Over	Non Players
1st offense:	1 year	1 year	1 year
2nd offense:	2 years min.	2 years min.	2 years min.

3. The throwing of a soccer ball or any object and hitting a referee or AR:

	Under 14	14&Over	Non Players
1st offense:	1 year	1 year	1 year
2nd offense:	2 years min.	2 years min.	2 years min.

4. The throwing of a soccer ball and other objects at a referee or AR:

	Under 14	14&Over	Non Players
1st offense:	3 games	3 games	3 Games
2nd offense:	1 year min.	1 year min.	1 year min.

5. The spitting on a referee or AR:

	Under 14	14&Over	Non Players
1st offense:	1 year	1 year	1 year
2nd offense:	2 years	2 years min.	2 years min.

6. The verbal threat of bodily harm or property damage directed at a referee or AR:

	Under 14	14&Over	Non Players
1st offense:	3 games	3 games	3 games
2nd offense:	1 year min.	1 year min.	1 year min.

7. Gesturing or signaling obscenely at a referee or AR:

	Under 14	14&Over	Non Players
1st offense:	3 games	3 games	3 games

8. Abusive language directed at a referee or AR:

	Under 14	14&Over	Non Players
1st offense:	3 games	3 games	3games
2nd offense:	4 games min.	8 games min.	8 games min.

9. Dissent:

	Under 14	14&Over	Non Players
1st offense:	1 game	1 game	1 game
2nd offense:	2 games	2 games	2 games

C. Suspensions for Misconduct Toward an Opponent, Coach, Colleague, or Spectator

1. Fighting (i.e. engaging in combat with an opponent, coach, colleague or spectators by means of the mutual exchange of blows delivered by hand, head, foot or other portions of the body).

	Under 14	14&Over	Non Players
1st offense:	2 games	4 games	4 games
2nd offense:	4 games min.	8 games min.	8 games min.

2. Deliberately attempting to strike or kick an opponent, coach, colleague or spectator:

	Under 14	14&Over	Non Players
1st offense:	1 game	2 games	2 games
2nd offense:	4 games min.	8 games min.	8 games min.

3. The throwing of objects (i.e., soccer balls, snow or ice balls, stones, rocks, dirt, mud, sand, etc.) at an opponent, coach, colleague or spectator:

	Under 14	14&Over	Non Players
1st offense:	1 game	2 games	2 games
2nd offense:	2 games min.	4 games min.	4 games min.

4. The spitting at or on an opponent, coach, colleague or spectator:

	Under 14	14&Over	Non Players
1st offense:	1 game	2 games	2 games
2nd offense:	2 games min.	4 games min.	4 games min.

5. The verbal threat of bodily harm or property directed at an opponent, coach, colleague or spectator.

	Under 14	14&Over	Non Players
1st offense:	1 game	2 games	2 games
2nd offense:	2 games min.	4 games min.	4 games min.

6. Gesturing or signaling obscenely at an opponent, coach, colleague or spectator:

	Under 14	14&Over	Non Players
1st offense:	1 game	2 games	2 games
2nd offense:	2 games min.	4 games min.	4 games min.

D. Suspensions for Serious Foul Play and Persistent Misconduct

1. Serious foul play shall be understood to be play characterized by fouls, as defined by Law XII of the Laws of the Game of an aggravated nature committed with such fervor as to threaten an opponent with serious physical harm:

	Under 14	14&Over	Non Players
1st offense:	2 games min.	2 games min.	2 games min.
2nd offense:	4 games min.	4 games min.	4 games min.

2. Suspensions for Abusive Language directed at an opponent, coach, colleague or spectator:

	Under 14	14&Over	Non Players
1st offense:	1 game	2 games	2 games

3. Persistent Misconduct (i.e., Unsporting behavior, persistent infringement of the Laws of the Game, unauthorized entry onto the field of play, etc.):

	Under 14	14&Over	Non Players
1st offense:	1 game	1 game	1 game
2nd offense:	2 games	2 games min.	2 games min.

4. Dissent:

	Under 14	14&Over	Non Players
1st offense:	1 game	1 game	1 game
2nd offense:	2 games	2 games min.	2 games min.

E. The Accumulation of Cautions

A player, coach, or team official who, in a given registration year, accumulates three (3) cautions shall be suspended for one (1) game. The second accumulation of three (3) individual cautions within the same registration year shall result in additional suspension equivalent to two (2) games. Further misconduct on the part of the individual during the same seasonal year shall be sufficient cause for the AD to consider additional penalties of increased severity. In each case, action against the individual is automatically initiated by the referee's game report.

F. Accumulation of Red Cards

Any player earning two red cards during a season shall be prohibited from participating in the PSC program for the remainder of the season or a minimum of six (6) games.

G. Conduct Detrimental to the Good and Welfare of Soccer

Any player, team official, coach or Club officer whose conduct is considered to be detrimental to the good and welfare of soccer shall be suspended for one (1) game for the first offense and for a minimum of two (2) games for the second offense or more within two (2) year period. Such misconduct shall include but shall not be limited to misbehavior while a player, team official, coach, Club officer or a spectator at a USSF sanctioned event.

H. Refusal to Play

A coach or team official who refuses to play a scheduled game or games as directed by "higher authority" shall be held liable for payment of all applicable referee fees and fines assessed to the club by the higher authority.

I. Player Transfers

1. An individual who intentionally submits false information relevant to his past player record or past or present club affiliation in order to register as a player or to effect a player transfer shall be suspended for four (4) games and held liable for payment of all applicable fees and fines assessed to the club by the higher authority.
2. A coach who intentionally submits false or inaccurate information to affect a player registration or to transfer shall be suspended for four (4) games and held liable for payment of all applicable fees and fines assessed to the club by the higher authority.

J. Misconduct and Tournament Rules Violations During Privately Sponsored Play

1. Incidents of misconduct or tournament rules violations occurring during the playing of any privately sponsored competition shall be penalized as the Sections of these AD rules provide for such misconduct or rules infractions.
2. Where misconduct or rules violations have been displayed by a club official, coach, player, or team official not playing within the jurisdiction of the CPYSL at the time, but

during a tournament sanctioned by the EPYSA or USSF shall be penalized in accordance with these AD Rules. A report from the appropriate authority may initiate disciplinary action.

K. Payment of Fines

1. Unless appealed, fines not paid within the time limits stipulated by the PSC shall cause the delinquent member to be declared in poor standing. Members in poor standing shall be ineligible to participate in further competition until the proper financial obligation has been fulfilled.
2. The PSC time limit for the payment of fines or the reporting of forfeit bonds shall be thirty (30) days from the date a fine is imposed or a bond is declared forfeited.

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Suspension: The withdrawal of rights and privileges such as, but not limited to: the right to play, coach or otherwise administer or participate (directly or indirectly) in the game of PSC affiliated soccer. Any person that has been suspended shall be in less than good standing for the entire term of the suspension with rights and privileges withdrawn unless specifically stated otherwise by the PSC.

Second Offense: Except where stated otherwise, it shall be understood to mean the recurrence of a stated offense for the second or more times during a registration year. This definition shall not apply to an offense against a referee or AR which shall remain a permanent part of a player's or member's official's record.

Ineligible to Play/ Ineligible Player: This means a player not officially registered or is registered and under suspension.

Year/Registration Year: August 1st through July 31st of the following year.

“Interested party” or “party of interest”: May include, a club or association president, team official, coach, player, Referee or Assistant Referee, tournament official, and any other representative of the CPYSL, EPYSA, or USSF on behalf of their respective organization, or any other person or organization recognized by the AD Chairman, committee, or panel.

“Higher authority”: May include the Referee, Assistant Referee, CPYSL, EPYSA, USSF, or any governing body with jurisdictional authority over the PSC.

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