

OASL BYLAWS

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Article V – REGISTRATION, Para. F – cannot dual roster players in same division of same age group
Article V – REGISTRATION, Para. G – clarify player ID assigned by OYSAN
Article V – REGISTRATION, Para. H – maximum roster sizes
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Article VI – AGE LIMIT DEFINITIONS, Para. A – clarify registration of U8 teams/players
Article VII – PLAYER ELIGIBILTY, Para. E – Guest Player policy
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Article VIII - SCHEDULING, Para. C – schedule conflict resolution
Article IX – LENGTH OF GAMES, Para F & G – length of games for U9/U10
Article X – GAME DAY RULES, Para. C – minimum players to start game
Article X – GAME DAY RULES, Para. E – substitution rules
Article XI – RESCHEDULING OF LEAGUE GAMES, Para. E – severe weather
Article XII – FORFEITS, Para. A – clarify forfeit descriptions
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Article XIII – PROTESTS AND APPEALS, Para. D – review of referee reports
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Part 1: LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP & PROCEDURES

OASL is a non-profit membership corporation organized under section 1702.01, ET of the Ohio Revised Code. Members of OASL shall be youth soccer clubs which are granted membership status in accordance with these bylaws. Such member clubs, as of 1984, the OASL will accept as members only new clubs that represent community (one per community) based clubs or church/ethnic clubs. Community is defined by zip code or school district. No PREMIER (defined as non-restricted, open recruiting) teams or clubs will be accepted.

I. MEMBERSHIP

- A. Submit to the President of OASL, by mail or in person, a completed application for membership indicating the Americanized name and the community represented by the proposed member organization along with a list of coaches, managers, and other officials associated with said club.
- B. Include full payment of bond (returned in full if Club not accepted), and any previous fees or fines owed (if previous member).
- C. All Clubs must have a designated field(s) complying with FIFA laws of the game and OASL Playing Grid (correct size) for each age group represented. Every field must be available for OASL game scheduling during each season. Clubs that do not have a designated field(s) by the scheduling deadline may play all games away for that season (discretion of the Board).
- D. Approval of the application shall be determined by majority vote of the Board of Directors (Board) of OASL and notification of their decision forwarded in writing by the League Secretary to the applicant.

II. OASL ENTRANCE BOND, FEES AND FINES

- A. Initial entrance bond is set annually by the Board. It is due at time of acceptance in the OASL and is non-refundable.
- B. The Board will set and assess fees for membership, and registration fees for teams, players, and coaches. These fees are subject to change.
- C. All Club teams belonging to OASL are subject to fees paid to USYSA and OYSAN-NORTH as long as the OASL is affiliated to those organizations.
- D. Clubs re-applying for membership in OASL will be considered as a new club.
- E. A \$200 fine will be assessed to any team that drops out after the scheduling deadline.
- F. A \$100 fine will be assessed to any team added after the scheduling deadline. Such teams must have prior approval by the Board before registering.
- G. All fines must be paid prior to the next session or the Club will be suspended from play and the unpaid fines will be deducted from the Club's bond money.
- H. A \$25 per player fee will be assessed to any player or coach added to a team after formal registration.
- I. A \$25 fine will be assessed for any game change, after schedules have been finalized, for changes received three or more days before scheduled game.

- J. A \$50 fine will be assessed for any game change, after schedules have been finalized, for changes received less than three days before scheduled game.
- K. A \$50 fine will be assessed for the first forfeit of the session. Any additional forfeits are at a \$75 fine rate.
- L. Any player or coach pass that must be replaced is at a cost of \$5 a pass.

III. LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

- A. League membership meetings will be held monthly of the first Tuesday (excluding January) unless otherwise designated by the Board. The annual meeting of OASL will be held in July of each year.
- B. All league meetings will be for members and invited guests.
- C. Order of Business:
 - 1. Roll Call or sign-in
 - 2. Reading of the minutes of previous meeting
 - 3. Treasurer's report
 - 4. Committee reports
 - 5. Old business
 - 6. New business
 - 7. Adjournment
- D. Representatives of member Clubs in good standing are entitled to one vote per Club at all regular and special League meetings. Clubs who are not represented for more than two consecutive playing sessions will be dismissed from League membership.
- E. Simple majority vote shall decide all questions. In the event of a tie vote, the Board will decide the matter.
- F. Methods of communication have evolved to include email and extensive use of cell phones. Thus, Club reps must maintain and regularly monitor email accounts. Email has become a preferred method to communicate within large organizations with remote membership, and is an acceptable replacement to written/typed hard copy communications that is mailed. It is acceptable to utilize email as a method of communication to replace written communication (unless a signature is required) as documented throughout these by-laws. Email will be the preferred method to submit meeting agendas, minutes, and other information to Club reps.

IV. RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBER CLUBS (Reps, Managers, & Coaches)

- A. Each Club must assign a representative to attend the scheduled monthly membership meetings discussed in Section III. Each representative must:
 - 1. Provide an up to date phone number, address, email and fax (optional) of Club contact person for League communication.
 - 2. Declare in writing teams (including age groups) to participate each season/session.
 - 3. Report any restrictions for home field use and supply maps to all fields
 - 4. Provide the names and phone numbers of each team's coaches with declarations prior to the start of each session. The Board will approve said coaches for the immediate season.
 - 5. Review and report any schedule conflicts before the session begins at a league meeting and on the declaration form. During the three week formal game changing period Club representatives must work with other Club representative to approve changes. Once

- the schedules are finalized, no changes can be made without approval of both teams and the appropriate Board member. All changes subject to required fines.
6. Register all players, coaches and the club, using required league formatting and paperwork including for example: old passes, new pictures, birth certificates, single year registration form and signatures before date of in-person registration. Coaches need kid safe, risk management form & coaches' oysan registration form. Annually each club must complete an oysan registration form.
 7. Must adhere to all league deadlines, rules and regulations.
- B. Each Club is responsible for maintaining home fields and providing appropriate markings for each age group. Any club not having a designated field and map prior to the scheduling deadline shall be responsible for advising the League Secretary at the time of final team declaration and must play all games away for that session. Any Club failing to advise the league prior to the deadline shall be subject to a rescheduling fine for each team entered.
 - C. Reporting of each game score must be emailed into the designated location. Scores should be emailed within 24 hours of the game.
 - D. Each club is responsible for the behavior of its players, and spectators at all OASL games. Continual complaints against the players, coaches and spectators of any club may result in dismissal of said club from the OASL.
 - E. Clubs who do not maintain an active representative in fulfillment of Article III Section D will be subject to disciplinary action of the Board.
 - F. Clubs/Teams should contact the home coach a few days before each away game to make sure that the time & location is correct and to ensure that fields are playable.
 - G. Each club must not falsify any paperwork, cheat or poach.
 - H. Clubs must be in good standing with OYSAN.
 - I. Clubs must remain financially current with OASL.

V. REGISTRATION

- A. The registrar and officers of the OASL shall register all participating players & coaches.
- B. Proof of age and a recent photograph (size 1x1) of each player and coach must be submitted at the initial registration. Proof of age must be verified by one of the following documents:
 1. birth certificate
 2. baptismal record
 3. immigration and / or naturalization certificate
- C. New photographs and player passes are required when a player first registers in either fall or spring session per year beginning August 1.
- D. Each player must be validated by the OASL registrar prior to OASL play. Only OASL properly rostered players & coaches may participate in OASL league play.
- E. New players may be added to rosters only until 6p.m. the night before the third game on the schedule.

- F. Clubs having more than one team in the same age division must register each player to a specifically named team. Players may not be dual rostered on two teams of same age group and same division.
- G. Each OASL player pass must be prepared with appropriate player ID in accordance with OYSAN registration policies and procedures.
- H. An OASL roster is required for every team registered with the maximum number of players: eighteen (18) for U13/U14 age groups (11v11 teams); fourteen (14) for U11/U12 age groups (8v8 teams); and twelve (12) for U9/U10 teams.
- I. During each session, a team may have a maximum of two players from within the boundaries of other member Clubs provided transfer forms, when required are duly processed. Players from communities that do not have an OASL team at the lowest level age bracket, for which a player would qualify, do not count as outside players.
- J. Unlimited premier players are permitted on any team in Division I. Division II teams may have a maximum of four (4) premier players – if five (5) or more premier players are registered on a team, then that team shall automatically be moved up to Division I. If a Division II team is found to have five or more premier players they will be ineligible for any league awards and will face disciplinary action from the Board. Note that premier players are defined as those who are also registered on non-community based teams/clubs that participate in the OYSAN State league or under other leagues affiliated with US Club Soccer.
- K. OYSAN per player and coach registration fees are payable to the OASL and due at time of formal declarations.
- L. Player Adds, Drops, and Transfers are permitted during the spring season, with submission of associated Player Status form. All changes require a copy of the previous league approved roster with the changes noted. Teams continuing from the fall session must present fall player passes at spring registration for updating (when required). Passes from players not playing in the spring must be turned in to the league registrar. Players dropped from fall do not count as a roster change. Data corrections do not count as a roster change.
- M. All coaches, managers, assistant coaches must appear on a roster and have a coach's pass including picture. Each team must have a minimum of two coaches listed per team.
- N. Any small sided age group team may be registered to play up to any small sided division but they can not move up to play in a full sided (11v11) division.

VI. AGE LIMIT DEFINITIONS

- A. Teams will compete by single age groups in Division I (highly competitive) or Division II (less experienced and/or skilled) or Division III (currently used only for the U8 teams to allow them to play under U9 SSG rules). True U8 teams participating in U9 Division III may not include U9 players.
- B. Age groupings are:
 1. Summer league – high school amateur players
 2. U14- amateurs not exceeding 14th birthday on or before July 31st of the seasonal year.
 3. The OASL allows for league play only up to three(3) “trapped” amateur U15 players (place on page 2 of the roster) not exceeding their 15th birthday on or before July 31st of the seasonal year. These “trapped” U15’s must be 8th graders not participating on a school soccer team.

They may not be eligible to play in some U14 tournaments. Refer to the rules for a trapped U15 on the OYSAN website.

4. U13 - amateurs not exceeding the 13th birthday on or before July 31st of the seasonal year.
5. U12 - amateurs not exceeding the 12th birthday on or before July 31st of the seasonal year.
6. U11 - amateurs not exceeding the 11th birthday on or before July 31st of the seasonal year.
7. U10 - amateurs not exceeding the 10th birthday on or before July 31st of the seasonal year.
8. U9 - amateurs not exceeding the 9th birthday on or before July 31st of the seasonal year.
9. U8 - amateurs not exceeding the 8th birthday on or before July 31st of the seasonal year

VII. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- A. Only players who are registered for their OASL team by game day and have a validated OASL player pass may participate in an OASL game. A forfeit will result for all OASL games in which a non-OASL player participates.
- B. No player registered in the OASL may participate in OASL games while registered and /or playing for another OASL affiliated club's team. A forfeit will result for all OASL games in which the player in question participated.
- C. A player may not transfer during the season except as follows:
 1. The team which he plays suspends operation.
 2. The player moves to a new address at a distance, which makes it impractical for him to continue his original team.
 3. His current club gives him a voluntary release to transfer to another club.
 4. By Board approval, transferring of players between teams within their own Club membership may be permitted as restricted by other by-laws.
- D. All transferred players must be re-registered. Transferring players complete a form stating one of the reasons from Section VII. C and submit at the time of re-registration. After the OASL receives the transfer form, a player may play for his new team when his player pass is validated by the registrar.
- E. **GUEST PLAYER RULE:** It is permissible for players, within a club, to play up ("guest") for their club's higher age group team. Guesting down is not permitted.
 1. Guest players must bring their validated OASL player pass.
 2. Guest players must be identified and noted on the game cards.
 3. The total number of premier players, including the guest players, at a Div2 (or lower) game cannot exceed 4 premier players.
 4. When guest players are used, there cannot be more than x total players at the game (9 for U9/U10; 11 for U11/U12; 15 for U13/U14).

Note that the spirit of this rule exists to help teams play scheduled league matches when unforeseen circumstances cause rostered players to be absent, and without said guest players, the team could not properly field a team. It is not intended to provide a venue for coaches to showcase players, nor float premier-caliber players to other teams with the sole purpose of winning. It is to allow coaches the flexibility to bring up some players to help when a team is short - because of some unforeseen circumstances. It should also not be used to load up a team with lots of extras. If you are truly short players, then guest a few up to help out - but don't bring the entire lower team.

- F. **DUAL-ROSTERED RULE:** Players may be dual rostered on no more than two teams within the same club. Unless otherwise stated in this paragraph, these dual rostered players must comply

with the age limits defined in Section VI., all registration rules in Section V, and all player eligibility rules defined in this section. Players cannot be dual rostered on two teams that are within the same division of the same age group. It is permissible for players to be dual rostered on a lower age group division 1 team, and a high age group division 2 (or lower) team. Note that the spirit of this rule exists to help teams roster enough players to properly field teams with enough players to play scheduled league matches, and prevent forfeits due to player absences. Using the dual rostered player rule, smaller clubs are provided with a method to insure that an effective number of players are rostered and can attend scheduled league matches.

VIII. SCHEDULING

- A. The OASL will play separate fall and spring sessions. Awards for winners and runners up and participation awards may be awarded at the end of each session at the discretion of the Board.
- B. The OASL board or competition committee will be responsible for the fair bracketing of teams in each age group.
- C. The League scheduler will schedule all games based on the directions given by the Board or competition committee. Local club scheduling conflicts may be resolved during the period designated for club-to-club resolution of schedule conflicts.
- D. Preliminary schedules will be issued and a defined change period will be allowed each session. After the defined change period concludes final schedules will be issued and no changes are permitted without pre-approval and agreement to late change applicable fines.

IX. LENGTH OF GAMES

- A. Summer league- two halves at 45 minutes each
- B. U14/U15 – two halves at 35 minutes each
- C. U13 – two halves at 35 minutes each
- D. U12 – two halves at 30 minutes each
- E. U11 – two halves at 30 minutes each
- F. U10 – two halves at 25 minutes each
- G. U9 – two halves at 25 minutes each
- H. There will be a rest interval of five minutes at half time of all games.
- I. No extra time shall be allowed in league games.

X. GAME DAY RULES

- A. Teams will follow the OASL “playing grid” rules that may be updated seasonally. This grid defines by age group:
 - 1. field size
 - 2. goal size
 - 3. ball size
 - 4. maximum number of players on the field
 - 5. tracking of winners
 - 6. maximum roster sizes
 - 7. rules
 - 8. duration of games
- B. Points will be awarded as follows: win=3pts; tie=1 pt; loss=0pts. (Forfeits recorded as 4-0 wins).

C. To start a game, each team must have a minimum of seven (7) registered players on the field for U14/U13 (11v11 match); six (6) players for U12/U11 (8v8 match); and four (4) players for U10/U9 (6v6 match).

D. All games will be played under current FIFA laws of the game unless the OASL has enacted a league rule.

E. Substitutions

1. Both teams may substitute as follow:

- a) on goal kicks,
- b) after a goal,
- c) at half time,
- d) on throw-ins, provided that the team with possession is substituting,
- e) when the game is stopped for injury, provided that the team with the injured player is substituting for the injured player (one-for-one).

2. When a player has been cautioned – recommended but not required (only the yellow-carded player may be replaced).

3. Substituted players may return to play in the game.

4. There is no substitution limitation.

F. Corner Kicks

1. All age groups will take long corners, at intersection of goal and touch line.

G. Adult supervision

1. Coaches and managers that have been registered must supervise and be responsible for the behavior of team members at each league game. The OASL reserves the right to discipline a coach for behavior problems.
2. Coaches must control parents and/or spectators. The OASL reserves the right to discipline a team and/or club for chronic player or spectator behavior problems.
3. Each club must have listed on the team roster two coaches for each team who along with the club/team manager will represent their team in all communications with the League.

H. Equipment

1. Shoes: a player shall not wear anything that is dangerous to another player. Footwear should be made of leather, rubber, vinyl or any other FIFA approved materials (no metal studs).
2. Warm-up suits and other accessories:
 - a) May be worn under team uniforms in inclement weather by U12 and younger teams. Long trousers must be tucked inside the socks.
 - b) Older age groups are subject to the referee's discretion.
 - c) A goalkeeper may wear a distinctive colored suit at any time. If approved by the referee, he may also wear a hat or cap as part of his uniform. Other players need referee approval to wear headgear in inclement weather.
 - d) Jewelry may not be worn. At the referee's discretion, medical bracelets or religious medals taped to the body so they are not a hazard to other players may be worn. The referee's decision is final.
3. Shin guards are required per current FIFA laws.

I. Uniforms

1. Teams must furnish the League with their normal colors before the start of the season. These colors shall be worn throughout the current season. In the event that teams have the same jersey colors, the home team must change to an alternative distinct color.

2. Numbers must be displayed on team uniforms. OASL requires numbers to be prominently displayed on the back side of the shirt. In addition, numbers may be worn on the front of shirts or a pant.

J. Field Condition and Game Ball

1. The home team is responsible for the condition of the playing field, including goal nets and corner flags (which must be 5 feet high and in accordance with FIFA laws).
2. The home team field size must conform to the OASL grid requirements by age group. The referee must approve the field size before play. The league has the right to allow exception to field sizes as deemed necessary.
3. The home team shall provide the game ball, which must conform to OASL playing grid size requirements. The referee must approve the ball for play.
4. Clubs with more than five teams must have two home fields or petition the Board for exception.

K. Line-up game cards, player passes and rosters on game day

1. Line-up game cards shall be provided by the home team and filled in by both teams and submitted to the referee before the start of the game. Information to be included:
 - a) Names of all coaches and assistant coaches on the team roster that day.
 - b) Names and uniform numbers of all players present.
 - c) Division, age group, date (original scheduled date if different at game time)
2. Each player and coach must display his OASL pass to the referee to be checked before the start of any league game. Even if the referee doesn't ask for them, you must offer them and ask the referee to do a pass and equipment check of all players. Also always carry a copy of the approved OASL roster in case asked to produce by the referee. Failure to comply with the pass display requirement will be noted on the game card and verbally told to the opposing coach prior to the game. The offending player(s) may take part if the opposing coach agrees and the offending player signs the game card initialed by the opposing coach prior to the game. The player(s) are subject to subsequent protest and, if upheld, disciplinary action by the Board.
3. After the game, the line-up game card must be mailed to the league along with the pass of any red carded player or coach.
4. Each team must email the OASL system to report the game score. Failure to do so with-in one week of the last game on the schedule will result in no points being recorded for that game. Teams should use the game tracking form to ensure that all the data required has been provided.

L. Start of game

1. Both teams must be present and ready to play at the assigned game time. A 15-minute grace period is allowed after which time the game is called and reported by the referee on the line-up game card as a no show. The Board will decide all rulings in this matter.

XI. RESCHEDULING OF LEAGUE GAMES

- A. Rescheduling of games after final schedules have been issued will not be permitted except under extreme mitigating circumstances as pre-approved by the OASL Vice President and the Club pays the rescheduling fine which varies depending on the notification given (fine rate is defined in Section II).
- B. Any games cancelled must be rescheduled within 7-days of the date that the league has issued approval for a game to be rescheduled, or rescheduled within 7-days of the date that the game was cancelled due to weather/field conditions. Rescheduled games must be played before the end of that respective season.

- C. When the league approves the reschedule and has confirmation that the fine will be accepted, the team requesting the reschedule will make sure that the referee and the opposing team knows the game has been postponed. It is that team's responsibility to offer new game date options to allow that game to be played.
- D. In or after extreme bad weather, if your fields are closed to play by your landlord – notify the opposing club, referee assignor, the OASL VP contact and email that note to the game tracking system ASAP.
- E. In bad weather, the referee has the final decision whether to play or not and must not be challenged. If lightning is seen or thunder heard, then the threat is present and the game must be immediately suspended until the severe weather clears the area. The game may not be resumed until 30 minutes after the last thunder is heard or lightning is seen. It is the referee's discretion how long to wait or call a game.
- F. Games that make it to half time and get called for any reason by the referee are considered complete and will not be rescheduled.

XII. FORFEITS

- A. The following infringements constitute a forfeit and automatic full payment of referee fee:
 1. Failure to show for regularly scheduled game. See article X, paragraph L, regarding grace period.
 2. Failure to field minimum number of players, one of whom must be a goalkeeper, within 15 minutes after the scheduled start. See article X, paragraph C, regarding minimum number of players.
 3. Playing an ineligible player. Any player taking part in an OASL game and deemed to be ineligible shall cause his team to forfeit that game and any other in which he played as an ineligible player. Further disciplinary action may also be taken by the Board.
 4. Removing a team from the field without the referee's permission.
 5. Any other offense as determined by the Board may constitute a forfeit.
- B. A first forfeit in any session will be punished by a \$50 fine payable not later than the following session team registration.
- C. A second and third forfeit in the same playing session will be punished by a \$75 fine for each forfeit. The third forfeit may result in disciplinary action to the team, players, and coach from the league for the remainder of that season.
- D. Forfeit fines are payable to the OASL and are in addition to the entire referee fee that is payable to the referee. All fees must be paid by registration of the next session.

XIII. PROTESTS AND APPEALS

OASL disciplinary policy is derived from the USSF policy manual. Policy 531-9, USSF By-Law 701 and 705, and violations of section 201(b) (6) of the Amateur Sports Act of 1978.

- A. The Board will rule on all protests after listening to both sides involved in a game under the jurisdiction of the League. All aspects of disciplinary or appeal hearings will be documented. All persons subject to a judgment at any level are to be notified as a part of the written notice of judgment of their right to appeal, and the process, time and cost to do so. League discipline for parent/spectators concerning sideline behavior can not be appealed.
- B. Both parties involved in a protest are entitled to present their case to the Board.

- C. Protests shall be submitted to the OASL Board in a timely manner, utilizing the league complaint form. No protests will be accepted 30-days after the end of the season. An email that is acknowledged by an OASL Board member is an acceptable form of communication. A \$25 non-refundable protest fee must be submitted to the OASL prior to the start of a hearing. Notice of time, date, and location of a hearing, if needed, will be sent at least 10 days prior to the hearing, to all parties involved.
- D. The referee's written report on the game line-up card shall be the basis for all game conduct and prerogatives granted him by the current laws of the game published by FIFA shall not be challenged. Additional referee reports submitted to the OASL after the game are acceptable documentation that may be reviewed by the OASL regarding disciplinary hearings, protests, and appeals.
- E. Only violations of the League by-laws and misapplication of same shall be proper subject to consider for protests.
- F. Actions regarding protests and appeals shall be governed by current OASL procedures and/or the OYSAN.

XIV. DISCIPLINARY RULINGS AND PUNISHMENTS

- A. Each Club will be held responsible for the conduct of their coaches, officials, players and accompanying spectators. The Board shall discipline any of the aforementioned engaged in unbecoming conduct before, during or after any game. A Board member may physically check up on a Club if conduct warrants it. All Clubs and their members must comply with all requests involving OASL policies made by Board members present at any game. Failure to comply may result in game stoppage and forfeitures.
- B. Any player ejected from a game by the referee shall receive a red card and this action must be noted on the game card. This player is automatically suspended for the next League game and his pass retained by the referee to be forwarded to the OASL President. The offending player's coach must notify the OASL email system that his player has received a red card. Failure to notify email may result in a forfeit with all fines applicable.
- C. Any player receiving a second red card in the same year will be automatically suspended for a minimum of three games and again subject to further disciplinary action by the Board pending the review of the game card as submitted by the referee.
- D. Any player receiving a third red card in the same year will be suspended for a complete calendar year, and at the discretion of the Board, subject to disbarment for life from further participation in OASL competition with notification sent to OYSAN.
- E. The referee and all other game officials must be treated with respect before, during and after every game by all those in attendance. FIFA standards for respect of the powers granted to game officials is expected at all times from OASL member Clubs. Each Club and its' officials, players and members are bound to uphold this ruling and as such, all coaches, officials, players etc. are subject to extreme disciplinary action by the OYSAN for failure to ensure the safety and courteous conduct toward game officials. FIFA standards for respect of the powers granted to game officials is expected at all times from OASL member Clubs. Referees have a responsibility to report assault and abuse to the OYSAN within 24 hours. The OASL is responsible to assist the referee to make this report.

- F. Any coach receiving a yellow card may be disciplined by the Board after review of the referee written report on the game line-up card. Additional referee reports submitted to the OASL after the game are acceptable documentation that may be reviewed by the OASL.
- G. Any coach receiving a red card or otherwise being ejected from a match will automatically receive a twelve month probation period from the date of offense and also receive a one game suspension. Additional disciplinary action may be taken by the OASL Board following a review of the incident.
- H. It is not necessary to initially give yellow cards before giving a red card – the nature of their offense and the referee’s discretion shall prevail.
- I. A team whose coach has been ejected cannot continue playing that game unless another adult accepts the position of assistant coach for the duration of the game. In the event the game is stopped, the referee shall write this in his written report and the Board will rule on its outcome. The acting coach must furnish his name to the referee.
- J. Any coach receiving a second red card, in a twelve month period, will be suspended from participating in any capacity within the framework of the OASL, as designated by the Board.
- K. Falsification of records of players, coaches, scores, etc shall be grounds for disbarment from future participation in this League as designated by the Board.

XV. GAME OFFICIALS

- A. All game officials shall be assigned by the director of officials or in his absence by a Board member.
- B. The referee shall have all the powers granted by FIFA to enforce the Laws of the Game.
- C. Referee fees shall be as agreed upon with the OASL and the referees association for the current season.
- D. Referee uniform is as decreed by FIFA.
- E. Assigned referees not in uniform will be reported to the director of officials for disciplinary action.
- F. Referee may request coaches to supply club linesmen, and is responsible for providing linesmen flags. Club linesmen may assist only with calls involving the ball in/out of play. Club linesmen are not permitted to signal for fouls or offside violations.
- G. Referee is sole authority to decide condition of field and markings, bearing in mind prevailing weather conditions.
- H. Referee must inspect each player’s equipment to determine it meets FIFA requirements. No player whose equipment is in violation will be allowed to compete until it is corrected and approved by the referee. The commencement of the game must not be delayed to effect equipment changes. No metal studs will be allowed.
- I. Referee must inspect individual player passes prior to all games and retain same for the duration of the game. All discrepancies must be noted on game line-up card and the opposing coach notified of the finding.

- J. Referee has powers as granted by FIFA to call a game on account of unsportsmanlike conduct by coaches, players or other parties. The reasons for stoppage must be noted on the game card for further action by the Board.
- K. Referee has the power to stop the game during progress or before commencement due to severe inclement weather conditions. The game shall be rescheduled in accordance with Article XI, Paragraph F.
- L. All assigned referees must be paid scheduled fees before commencement of the game.
- M. Referee must forward the game cards to the League specified Board member and mail within three days of the game.
- N. Referee must retain player passes of players who are ejected and forward these passes to the League specified Board member along with the game report. All incidents must be clearly stated on game report cards. Coaches are also encouraged to report incidents to the OASL via the email game tracking system and the OASL Complaint, Complement and Comment form.
- O. Referees who fail to report misconduct for which he awarded a red or yellow card shall be subject to disciplinary action as designated by the director of officials.
- P. In the event the scheduled referee does not show up for a game, one of the following must occur:
 - 1. A substitute referee may be agreed to and appointed by coaches.
 - 2. Each coach, or an appointee of his, may referee half of the game.
 - 3. Home teams may provide a backup referee if possible.
 - a) The substitute referee and both coaches must sign the game card before the start of the game.
 - b) If the above is not mutually agreeable, both teams will be awarded a loss (0 points) for the game.
 - c) Substitute referees are entitled to payment of regular fees, and are entitled to all powers and respect of a regular referee.
 - d) Home team is responsible for legibly completing (including the score) and mailing the line-up card in lieu of the referee.

XVI. STANDINGS

- A. Standings in each division will be determined by points won during the current session. A maximum goal differential of five (5) will be used for determining the final standings.
- B. In the event of a tie for first or second place the following will apply:
 - 1. Head to head play
 - 2. Goals allowed head to head
 - 3. Goals allowed in league games
 - 4. If still tied, decision by Board

Part 2: CORPORATE PURPOSE AND GOVERNANCE

XVII. NAME, PURPOSE AND PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES

- A. The formal name of the corporation governed by these by-laws is Ohio Amateur Soccer League, Inc (OASL). OASL is a non-profit corporation organized under Section 1702.01, ET seq., of the Ohio Revised Code and shall at all times be operated in accordance with the provisions thereof.
- B. As set for in the Articles of Incorporation of OASL (Articles), OASL has been organized exclusively for charitable purposes and shall, at all times, be operated in furtherance of said non-profit purposes as contemplated by Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time to time (The Code). The specific non-profit purposes for which OASL has been organized are the following:
 1. To promote the sport of soccer within the Greater Cleveland, Ohio area by providing players aged nineteen(19) and younger with the opportunity and training to learn the game of soccer through the development of individual skills, fitness, teamwork and fair play.
 2. To take and hold by bequest, devise, gift, purchases, or lease, either absolutely or in trust, for any purposes, any property, real or personal, without limitation as to amount or value; to sell, convey, manage, use, operate, and dispose of any such property and to invest and reinvest the principal, of OASL for any of the purposes herein set forth, as the Board of Directors may from time to time determine.
 3. To do anything necessary, incidental or ancillary to the accomplishment of the foregoing and of any other charitable, religious, educational or scientific purposes which qualify under the Code or any corresponding provisions of future United States Internal Revenue law.
- C. OASL shall possess all powers and authorities permitted by law except:
 1. No part of the net earnings of OASL shall insure the benefit of, or be distributed to, its members, trustees, officers or contributors or any other private persons, with the exception that OASL shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments in furtherance of the purposes set forth in the Articles and subsection (B) here in above.
 2. No substantial part of the activities of OASL shall include the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and OASL shall not participate in, nor intervene in (including the publishing of distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.
 3. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Articles of these by-laws, OASL shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (i) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code, or (ii) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170 of the Code.

XVIII. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

All the authority and powers of OASL shall be exercised by its Board of Directors, except as otherwise provided by the Constitution, the Articles, these by-laws or applicable provisions of federal and/or state law. Without limiting the foregoing, the Directors shall have the specific authority and powers set forth in the Constitution.

- A. The number of Directors shall be five (5), unless said number is changed in accordance with the governing documents of OASL and applicable law. As set forth in the Constitution the Board shall be composed of the following officers of OASL: The President, the two (2) Vice-Presidents, the Secretary and the Treasurer. These officers shall be elected annually as set forth in the Constitution and Section XIX here in below.
- B. Regular meetings of the Board shall be the first Tuesday of each month (excluding January) in conjunction with the regular meetings of the membership. The annual meeting of the Board shall be held in July of each year in conjunction with the annual meeting of membership. Any Director who is absent for three (3) consecutive meetings without due cause will be automatically removed from office, and his or her replacement will be appointed as set forth in Section XIX here in below.
- C. The Directors shall not receive salaries, fees or compensation for their services as Directors of OASL or their attendance at any meeting thereof. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Board may adopt a policy to reimburse Directors for their reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred in the performance of their duties as Directors.

XIX. OFFICERS

- A. OASL shall have a President, two (2) Vice-Presidents, a Secretary and a Treasurer. Said officers shall automatically serve as the Directors of OASL by virtue of holding the aforementioned offices.
- B. Officers shall be elected upon the majority vote of the members at the annual meeting of the corporation held in July of each year. Prior to said annual meeting, the Nominating Committee of OASL will nominate a slate of candidates to be presented to the membership at the annual meeting. Officers shall hold office for one year and shall be eligible for appointment at the conclusion of their terms. Officers may belong to membership clubs of OASL. In the event of a vacancy in any office for reasons other than the expiration of the term, the remaining officers and Directors shall appoint a League member to fill the unexpired term of office.
- C. Any officer who is absent for three (3) consecutive meetings without due cause will be automatically removed from office, and his or her replacement will be appointed as set forth in subsection (B) herein above.
- D. The various officers of OASL shall have such specific authority and duties as are set forth in the Constitution, as well as any other duties that the Board may prescribe from time to time.

XX. INDEMNIFICATION

- A. OASL shall indemnify every Director and officer of OASL to the fullest extent provided by, or permissible under, Section 1702.12(E) of the Ohio Revised Code. The indemnification rights under the preceding sentence with respect to an action, suit or proceeding referred to in said Section 1702/12(E) (a Proceeding) shall include the right to be paid by OASL for expenses, including attorneys fees, incurred in defending any such Proceeding in advance of its final disposition if authorized by the Board and if the person seeking such advance payment delivers to OASL an understanding to repay the amount advanced unless it shall be ultimately determined that he or she is entitled to be indemnified by OASL under the preceding sentence. The indemnification provided for herein shall not be deemed to restrict the right of OASL to indemnify employees, agents and others as permitted by said Section 1702.12(E) and shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights of indemnification that any person may have in any capacity as a matter of law, under any vote of the members or Board, under any agreement, or otherwise.

- B. The Board shall be authorized to obtain liability insurance coverage in amounts deemed reasonably necessary to cover any indemnity obligations of OASL arising hereunder.

XXI. FISCAL YEAR

- A. Unless otherwise determined by the Board, the fiscal year of OASL shall be the calendar year.

XXII. NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY

- A. OASL shall in no way discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, age, sex or handicap at any time.

XXIII. AMENDING THE BY-LAWS

The OASL Board of Directors may approve amendments to the By-Laws. Such changes require a majority vote of the Board members present, at a meeting duly called and specified for such action. Any proposals or motions to amend or change the By-Laws must be presented to the Board members in writing (email is acceptable) at least two-weeks prior to the meeting scheduled for that purpose. An email vote of the Board members is acceptable. The revised By-Laws and/or any amendments shall become effective after the adjournment of the meeting upon which it was voted, providing there is no other date specified for the effective date.