

**ELIZABETH & DISTRICTS JUNIOR SOCCER ASSOCIATION INC.  
(JUNIOR DIVISION SOUTH AUSTRALIAN AMATEUR SOCCER  
LEAGUE INC)**

**CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS**

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**TITLE:**

1. The name of the Body is "Elizabeth & Districts Junior Soccer Association Inc." hereinafter referred to as "The Association"

**OBJECTS:**

2. The objects of the Association shall be:-
  - (a) The promotion of competitive sport among students of schools that are conducted by non-profit bodies.
  - (b) To promote, develop and govern Junior Soccer in the Northern Zone of Adelaide as a District Association affiliated to the South Australian Amateur Soccer League Inc hereinafter referred to as "S.A.A.S.L.", and the South Australian Junior Soccer Association, hereinafter referred to as "The S.A.J.S.A."
  - (c) To accept affiliation from, co-operate with, work in conjunction with, assist, support and delegate powers to District Junior Soccer Bodies or Associations, hereinafter referred to as "Affiliated Bodies"
  - (d) To represent all affiliated Bodies in the Northern Zone of Adelaide in all dealings with the S.A.A.S.L. and S.A.J.S.A..
  - (e) To provide facilities to play soccer for all Juniors, in the Northern Zone of Adelaide, who are not already playing in competitions controlled by the S.A.J.S.A. or the S.A.A.S.L.
  - (f) To adopt the laws of the game of soccer as set down by Federation International Football Association, hereafter referred to as "F.I.F.A."
  - (g) To arrange, organise, control, or delegate permission to others to arrange, organise or control Soccer games, competitions, social events, dances, concerts, film shows and other functions and events.
  - (h) To establish, maintain, control and administer funds for the benefit of Junior soccer players, in the Northern Zone of Adelaide.
  - (i) To delegate authority to affiliated Bodies to establish, maintain, control and administer funds for the benefit of Junior soccer players, controlled and administered by the respective affiliated Body.
  - (j) To purchase, take on lease or otherwise acquire, manage, improve, and erect soccer grounds, clubhouses, pavilions and other conveniences and property in connection therewith and to furnish, repair, enlarge, alter, uphold and maintain the same and permit the same to be used either gratuitously or for payment.
  - (k) To sell or otherwise dispose of, with or without consideration therefore, any rights, concessions or other property which, in the opinion of the Association is no longer required.
  - (l) To invest and deal with any money not immediately required by the Association in such manner as may from time to time be determined.

### **HEADQUARTERS:**

3. The Headquarters of the Association shall be located in a central position in the Northern Zone of Adelaide.

### **ENFORCEMENT OF RULES AND BY-LAWS:**

4. Each and every affiliated club shall acknowledge the Rules and By-laws of the Association and where they may be deemed to conflict with the Rules and By-laws of the affiliated club, the Association Rules and By-laws shall take precedence.
5. The Association's jurisdiction shall be acknowledged by all affiliated bodies in the Northern Zone of Adelaide.

### **MEMBERSHIP:**

6. Full membership of the Association shall be extended to all officials, managers or coaches of teams, and officers of affiliated club committees. For the purpose of this rule only, no team shall be represented by more than one (1) Association member.
7. Associate membership shall be available to all other interested persons upon payment of a nominal annual registration fee to be decided upon by the Council of Clubs. All applications for Association membership shall be submitted through the respective District Clubs to the Council of Clubs.

### **PROCEEDINGS OF ASSOCIATION:**

9. The Association shall meet annually in November on a date to be decided and notified to Clubs by the Executive Committee at least two (2) months prior to the date of the meeting.
10. Special General Meetings may be called at any time during the year upon application being made to the Council of Clubs by any District club, or whenever deemed necessary by the Council of Clubs or Executive.
11. The General Secretary shall give notice of all meetings of the Association, other than the Annual General Meeting, to members, at least fourteen (14) days prior to the date of such meetings.
12. At any Association meeting, a quorum shall consist of representatives from at least fifty per cent (50%) of the District Clubs.
13. At any Association meeting, except as provided for in rule 20, one (1) representative of each Affiliated Club present at the meeting shall be entitled to one (1) vote. In addition, each club represented at the meeting shall be entitled to one (1) vote for every FIFTEEN REGISTERED PLAYERS or part thereof competing for the club in the previous season. Where a meeting is held during a season, each club represented will be entitled to one (1) vote, additional to the club's vote for every FIFTEEN PLAYERS (15) or part thereof currently being fielded by that club.. All life members will be entitled to one (1) vote.

14. The Association shall cause proper minutes to be kept of all business resolutions and proceedings and these shall be recorded in a book provided for that purpose. Such minutes shall be duly signed by the Chairman or Acting Chairman at the succeeding meeting. Copies of such minutes shall be sent to all affiliated Clubs in the Northern Zone.

#### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:**

15. The business to be conducted at the Annual General Meeting shall be:-
  - (a) To deal with the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting.
  - (b) To receive the Annual Reports of the Association.
  - (c) To receive the Treasurer's statement of accounts for the past year and balance sheet as at the 30th day of September.
  - (d) To elect officers as provided in Rule 34.
  - (e) To appoint an Auditor for the ensuing year.
  - (f) To deal with Notices of Motion introduced by any Member.
  - (g) To deal with any General Business.
16. No motions shall be proposed in General Business and all notices of motion shall be submitted in writing to the General Secretary at least twenty-eight (28) days prior to the date of the meeting.

#### **COUNCIL OF CLUBS:**

17. The Council of Clubs, hereinafter referred to as "The Council", shall be responsible for the operational management of the Association.
18. The council shall comprise one (1) representative of each Affiliated Club, who shall be known as the "Club Delegate", and every officer of the Association. The Council shall manage the affairs of the Association in accordance with the Rules as set down. In matters not covered by the Rules, the Council or Executive shall be empowered to act as it seems fit in the interest of the objects of the Association.
19. At any meeting of the Council of Clubs a quorum shall consist of at least fifty percent (50%) of the Club Delegates.
20. At any council meeting, every representative present and all Life Members in accordance with Rule 18 shall be entitled to one (1) vote each on any motion put before it. Officers of the Executive shall not be entitled to vote. In the event of a deadlock in the voting on any motion, the Chairman shall be granted a casting vote.
21. The Council or the Executive may appoint sub-committees or officers to specific duties wherever deemed necessary.
22. All decisions of such sub-committees or officers shall first be ratified by the Council or Executive before coming into effect, except where the Council or the Executive by a majority vote has previously empowered the sub-committee or officer to make a decision on its behalf.

23. The Council or the Executive shall appoint two (2) delegates to represent the Association at meetings of the South Australian Junior Soccer Association and the Delegates shall present reports of all such meetings to the Council of Clubs and the Executive.
24. The council may acquire interests in any real or personal property on behalf of the Association, as set down in Rule 2 (j). Such property shall be used primarily for the benefit of Junior Soccer Players. A nominal fee for the use of such facilities may be fixed by the Council of Clubs. Whenever the property is not required for use by the Association or its committees, the Council of Clubs may allow other interested parties or organisations to use it, gratuitously or for payment.
25. The Executive shall organise or delegate authority to organise any joint sporting or other functions for the benefit of Junior players.

#### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

26.
  - (a) The Executive Committee, hereinafter referred to as "The Executive" and comprising the Officers of the Association, shall be responsible for day to day administration of the Association's affairs on behalf of the Council and for implementation of the decisions of the Council of Clubs.
  - (b) At any Executive Committee meeting, each member present shall be entitled to one (1) vote each on every motion which comes before it. In the event of a deadlock in the voting on any motion, the Chairman shall be granted a casting vote.
  - (c) At any meeting of the Executive a quorum shall consist of at least fifty percent (50%) of the current serving members.
27.
  - (a) The officers of the Association shall comprise the Chairman, Vice Chairman, General Secretary, Assistant General Secretary, League Secretary, Registrar, Registrar Modified Rules, Publicity/Public Relations Officer, Treasurer, Coaching Co-ordinator, Minute Secretary, Equipment Officer, Tours and Special Games Organiser, Disciplinary Chairman, Modified Rules Co-Ordinator and two Ground Marshals who shall form the regular members of the Executive Committee.
  - (b) Any Executive Member being absent from three (3) consecutive meetings without having good cause, shall be deemed to have resigned from that committee.
28. The appointment of General Secretary, Assistant General Secretary, League Secretary, Registrar, Registrar Modified Rules, Coaching Co-ordinator and Treasurer shall be made by the Executive after interviewing applicants, if deemed necessary, for these positions which shall have first been advertised in a newspaper circulating in the Northern Zone of Adelaide. These appointments shall be for a period of two (2) years ending on the 31st day of October, with three (3) of these appointees retiring each year in rotation. Retiring Officers shall be eligible to apply for re-appointment.

29. Each Officer appointed in accordance with Rule 28 will receive an honorarium and telephone subsidy the scale of which will be determined at the first Council meeting held in each calendar year and will apply for that calendar year.
30. The Chairman shall preside over all meetings of the Association and of the Council and shall be an ex-officio member of all other committees. In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman shall carry out the duties of the Chairman.
31. The General Secretary shall be the Public Officer of the Association and shall be an ex-officio member of all committees. He shall be responsible for all the recognised administration and secretarial duties of his office. The Assistant General Secretary shall assist the General Secretary and act in the position when the occasion arises and assist other positions as directed by the Executive. The League Secretary shall be responsible for all arrangements in respect of League Competitions assigned to him by the Executive. The registrar shall be responsible for recording, checking and filing all registrations, the checking of match cards and dealing with the S.A.A.S.L. and S.A.J.S.A. on registration matters. The Registrar Modified Rules shall be responsible for all Modified Rules matters as directed by The Registrar.
32. The Treasurer shall be responsible for all financial affairs of the Association, The Publicity\Public Relations Officer shall be responsible for the publication of the 'Soccer Scene' or newsletter as may be the case, and assist as directed by the Executive and shall be responsible for maintaining good public relations on behalf of the Association and shall be responsible for advising and assisting in the establishment of new clubs. The Minute Secretary shall be responsible for the recording and presentation of minutes of all meetings of the Association. The Equipment Officer shall be responsible for the safe custody and control of playing equipment owned by the Association. The Coach Co-ordinator shall be responsible for all Coaching matters of the Association.
33.
  - (a) The Tours and Special Games Organiser shall be responsible for detailed arrangements for special games and tours on behalf of the Association.
  - (b) The Ground Marshals shall maintain liaison with clubs by the regular inspection of playing facilities and players I.D. cards. They shall be responsible for investigating of complaints by clubs, regarding any playing facilities, players and/or club officials as well as any other duties directed by the Executive.
  - (c) The duties of the Disciplinary Chairman shall be to inform all members and arrange Disciplinary hearings, ascertain relevant information from the League Secretary, inform Clubs if any changes are made regarding hearings and keep records of all players at all disciplinary hearings.
  - (c)(i) The Modified Rules Co-Ordinator shall be responsible for and implement any changes that may be required for the success of this competition.
  - (d) Modified Rules Committee: A permanent Committee shall be appointed. The committee shall be empowered to conduct the training, appointments and supervision of Modified Rules officials. The committee shall consist of a Chairperson, Secretary\Registrar and a representative from the E.D.R.A. The Chairperson shall be a member of the executive of the E.D.J.S.A. The content and conduct of all meetings shall be minuted and reported to the

E.D.J.S.A. executive at regular intervals. The Secretary\Registrar shall maintain a register of all persons qualified and available to undertake duties as Club Referee officials. The Secretary\Registrar shall ensure that the correct procedures are observed to enable disciplinary issues to be dealt with.

#### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

34. Except as provided in Rule 28, Officers of the Association shall be appointed to serve for a period of two (2) years with one half of the Officers retiring each year in rotation. The Association shall at each Annual General Meeting elect Officers to fill vacancies so arising for the duration of the succeeding two (2) years.
35.
  - (a) Nomination for Officers shall be submitted in writing by the affiliated clubs at least seven (7) days prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting. A retiring Officer shall be eligible for re-nomination.
  - (b) No member of the Executive Committee shall hold any senior position with any member club or Associations i.e. Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer or Registrar. Any person nominated for any Executive position shall have previously served either on a similar club committee or elsewhere considered by the Council of Clubs as suitably similar for at least two (2) consecutive years at some time prior to nomination.
36. The Association may, by resolution passed by a majority of two thirds (2/3) of votes recorded at a Special General Meeting, replace or depose any Officer before the expiration of his period of office and may by such a resolution appoint another Association member to take the place of the deposed Officer. The substitute Officer shall serve on the Executive until the expiration of the period of office of the deposed Officer.
37. Any vacancies occurring on the Executive may be filled by an appointment by the Executive. Any such appointment shall be subject to ratification at the next meeting of the Council.

#### **FINANCE:**

38. The Executive shall prepare a budget for the succeeding year which shall be presented for approval by the Council at it's first meeting in each calendar year.
39. The E & D.J.S.A. shall, wherever possible, be responsible for the hiring and allocation of Council grounds on behalf of member clubs. Where member clubs wish to hire a ground other than a Council ground or where Councils will lease their grounds only to Local Clubs, application shall be lodged in writing with the Executive not later than the 1st day of March in any year for the following season only. Clubs will be entitled to claim the total fees payable in respect of hiring of such grounds or the equivalent hiring fee paid by the E & D.J.S.A. to the Council nearest to the ground in question, whichever is the lower. Where grounds are to be shared by Junior and Senior sections of the Clubs, member Clubs shall be entitled to claim fifty percent (50%) only of the appropriate hiring fee.

40. All monies received by any person on account of the Association shall be paid to the Treasurer, who shall pay it into the Association's banking account. Signatories to cheques shall be any two of the Chairman, General Secretary or Treasurer.
41. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the payment of accounts after approval by the Executive and shall advise the Council regularly of it's financial position.
42. The Treasurer shall keep proper books of account and records showing all receipts and disbursements and assets and liabilities, and shall at the end of the financial year, on the 30th day of September each year prepare a statement of revenue and expenditure in respect of that year together with a balance sheet as at that date. The Annual Financial Statements of the preceding year shall be presented at the Annual General Meeting of the Association.
43. An Auditor shall be appointed annually at the Annual General Meeting of the Association and shall hold office until the next such meeting. The books of account and financial statements shall be audited at the end of each financial year and the Auditor shall, in writing, certify the result of each audit. The Auditor shall not serve on any committee of the Association.

#### **ALTERATIONS TO RULES AND BY-LAWS:**

44. No Rule shall be added, rescinded, altered or suspended otherwise than by a resolution properly approved by at least two thirds (2/3) of the votes lodged by members present at an Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting.
45. Except as provided in Rule 46, no By-Laws shall be added, rescinded, altered or suspended otherwise than by a resolution properly approved by at least two thirds (2/3) of the votes lodged by members present at an Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting.
46. A By-Law may be suspended, by the Executive where good reason exists, anytime during the year, provided changes to that By-Law is voted on at a Special General Meeting. Such Special General Meetings shall be prior to and on the next scheduled council of clubs meeting, regardless of time frames stated in Constitution Rule 11 and 16.
47. Notices of proposed amendments or additions to the Rules and By-Laws shall be lodged in writing with the General Secretary, at least twenty-eight (28) days prior to the date of the meeting, who shall supply details of the proposal to all members together with the official notification of the convening of the meeting.

#### **LIFE MEMBERSHIP:**

48. On the recommendation of the Executive Committee, the Council of Clubs may elect as a Life Member, any person who has rendered outstanding service for a minimum period of five (5) years to the Elizabeth & Districts Junior Soccer Association Inc. There shall not be more than twenty (20) Life Members at one time.

# **ELIZABETH & DISTRICTS JUNIOR SOCCER ASSOCIATION INC**

## **BY-LAWS**

### **INTERPRETATION:**

1 E & D.J.S.A. shall mean the Elizabeth & Districts Junior Soccer Association.

Registrar, Registrar Modified Rules and Disciplinary Chairman shall mean the Registrar, Registrar Modified Rules and Disciplinary Chairman of the Disciplinary Committee of E & D.J.S.A. for the time being or until some other person deputed by the Council of Clubs to act on his behalf.

Council Of Clubs shall mean the Council of Clubs of the E & D.J.S.A.

Season shall mean the period determined by the Council of Clubs during which time in each year Junior Soccer shall be played under it's auspices.

Club or District Club shall mean a club affiliated with E & D.J.S.A.

Team shall mean a team of players under the jurisdiction of a Club, or a team entered independently of a Club.

Club Official shall mean a Manager or Coach of a Team or a member of the Committee of a Club.

Official of E & D.J.S.A. shall mean a person holding the office for the time being of Chairman, Vice Chairman, General Secretary, Registrar, Registrar Modified Rules, League Secretary, Disciplinary Chairman, Assistant General Secretary, Treasurer, Coaching Co-ordinator, Publicity\Public Relations Officer, Minute Secretary, Equipment Officer, Tours & Special Games Organiser, Modified Rules Co-Ordinator or Ground Marshal of the E & D.J.S.A.

Laws of Soccer shall mean the Laws of Soccer as laid down by the F.I.F.A. from time to time and shall include such modifications to such laws as may be made by the E & D.J.S.A. to take account of local conditions.

Rules shall mean the Rules of the game of Soccer as played under the auspices of the E & D.J.S.A.

Game shall mean the game of Soccer.

Words denoting the singular shall also include the plural and vice-versa

### **CLUB DELEGATES:**

2. (a) Each and every affiliated Club shall appoint one (1) person to represent it upon the Council of Clubs and such appointment shall be notified in writing to the General Secretary not later than seven (7) days before the first Council of Clubs meeting to be held in each calendar year.
- (b) Club delegates shall be prepared to serve upon not more than one (1) sub-committee of the Council of Clubs if so required.
- (c) In the event of the official Club delegate being unable to attend a Council or sub-committee meeting, a Club shall be required to appoint a substitute delegate for that meeting. The name of the substitute delegate shall be advised to the General Secretary by the Club Secretary before the due time for the commencement of the meeting.
- (d) Clubs shall be bound by the views expressed and votes cast by delegates or substitute delegates at any Council or sub-committee meeting.
- (e) No appeals shall be made to any outside body by any Member Club or the Executive against any decision made at a Council of Clubs meeting or a Special General Meeting or an Annual General Meeting except where the decision made and appealed against involves the currently prevailing rules for the playing of soccer as laid down by F.I.F.A.

### **ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS:**

- 3 (a) Any Club competing in the Association's competitions failing to be represented at an Association Annual General Meeting, Special General Meeting, Council of Clubs Meeting or meeting of a sub-committee to which it's delegates have been appointed shall be fined the sum of five dollars (\$5)
- (b) Any Club fined in accordance with By-Law 3(a) shall not be permitted to be represented at any further meetings of the Association until such fine has been paid in full. For each and every meeting at which a Club is not permitted to be represented, such Club will be fined the sum of five dollars (\$5)
- (c) All Clubs must submit Chairman, Secretary, Registrar and Council of Clubs Delegate by 28th February of each year, otherwise two dollars (\$2) fine per day for late advice. General Secretary to notify all Clubs by 14th March each year.

### **REGISTRATION OF TEAMS:**

- 4 (a) Every Club shall pay to the E & D.J.S.A. on a date to be determined by the Executive each year, in respect of each and every team under it's jurisdiction which it is intended shall enter into competitions conducted by the E & D.J.S.A. in respect of the season next following, such fee, to be known as a 'Team Nomination Fee', shall be determined by the Council of Clubs at it's first meeting in each calendar year. Such nomination fees shall be forfeited in respect of any teams withdrawn after acceptance and incorporation in Association competitions has been made.

- (b) All Clubs in the E & D.J.S.A. fielding teams in other Associations must field equivalent teams up to and including U/14s in the E & D.J.S.A. otherwise nominations will be refused for all teams in all age group in that Club
- (c) **On Registration Day Clubs will be required to register players by listing players on team sheets as supplied to Club Registrars. Each team submitted must contain 9 named players for the U\9's upwards games and 8 named players for U\6 to U\8 games. Any team sheet submitted that does not contain these named players will not be accepted. All named registrations must be paid for on Registration Day. Failure to do so, will result in non-acceptance of these registrations and team nominations.**
- (d) All clubs must supply a list of Coaches and their relevant age group and coach Coordinator by the first kick off date.

### **REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS:**

- 5 (a) (i) Every player must apply for registration on an official registration form as supplied by the E & D.J.S.A.
- (ii) No player registered with the E & D.J.S.A. may register or play for any other Junior Soccer Association except in accordance with By-Law 5(a)(iii). Any player found guilty of this offence will NOT be allowed to play for the E & D.J.S.A. and if a Club play them after being notified by the Association they become an illegal player. Re-instatement of player to be at the discretion of the Executive.
- (iii) Players may be registered and play with a School Soccer Association at the same time as being with the E & D.J.S.A.
- (iv) Players registered with E & D.J.S.A. who wish to transfer and register with another association except as per By-Law 5(a)(iii) may NOT do so until written cancellation of their current registration with E & D.J.S.A. has been issued to them by the Registrar for E & D.J.S.A. Likewise players currently registered with any other association except as per By-Law 5(a)(iii) who wish to transfer and register with E & D.J.S.A may NOT do so until they produce written proof of cancellation of their registration with the other association from which they are transferring. In each instance the transfer of the player will be considered as a 'Transfer' for the purposes of By-Law 8 which will then apply.
- (b) Registration fees shall be payable to the E & D.J.S.A. at such rates as shall be determined by the Council of Clubs at it's first meeting in each calendar year in respect of the following playing season.
- (c) Every player, before being permitted to play in any match shall be properly registered by 9.00 pm on Wednesday prior to the commencement of such match.
- (d) It shall be permissible for the Registrar before registering any player, to satisfy himself, by whatever means he deems necessary, that the information contained in the registration form is correct in every detail. Once the Registrar has satisfied himself that the subsequent information renders the registration acceptable, then the registration shall be deemed to have been accepted at the time of lodgement.

- (e) Lodgement of registration forms and submissions of proof of age with a Birth Certificate or C.A.F.S. Book or any legal document will be made with the Registrar. Registrations shall be made only by a Club Registrar or Secretary of the Club desiring to register the player.
- (f) In the event of the Registrar refusing, under any circumstances, to register a player, it shall be permissible for the Club desiring to register such player, to request the Executive to meet, within seven (7) days of such refusal by the Registrar, to adjudicate upon such refusal in the presence of the Registrar and an official appointed by said Club.
- (g) In the event of any Club entering two (2) or more teams in any particular age group, players must be nominated within fourteen (14) days after the commencement of the season as to the team in which they will be playing for the remainder of the season, thereafter, a written application to the Registrar must be made for any intra-club transfer of players in the same age group. Players registered in a playing season must be nominated to a particular team upon registration. Clubs fielding more than one (1) team in the age groups 6, 7, or 8 must nominate which specific team players intend to play for within fourteen (14) days after the commencement of the season, thereafter, any player playing more than three (3) games in any team other than that for which they were nominated, shall be considered a registered player for that team.
  - i). Once a player is registered in an Age Group even if it is his/her correct d.o.b age group, the player must remain in that age group for the remainder of the current season and cannot revert to his/her d.o.b. Age Group.
- (h) Any school which has been accepted and registered by the District Association to enter their own teams in any competition controlled by the Association will enjoy the same rights and privileges as any District Club which has registered.
- (i) Registration of players closes on the 31st August. All players registered after the first day of August will NOT be allowed to play in any Cup games.
- (j) In the event of a club entering two teams in the same league competition, then such teams must be entered separately in the Challenge Cup. Bye-Law 5(g) will continue to apply.
- (k) Once a player has played in any team in the Challenge Cup under the Auspices of the E & D.J.S.A., he shall NOT play for any other team or any other club in that particular competition except in accordance with 6(c).
- (l) All players Under 9 and over must be in possession of an I.D. card, laminated containing a recent photograph of head and shoulders no smaller than 4.5 cm high x 3.5 cm wide and no larger than 6 cm high x 5 cm wide. I.D. cards must be lodged with the League Registrar each season at time of registering. I.D. cards must show in addition to photo, player's full name, pass number, date of birth. This information must be verified by the Club Registrar in the space provided. Such identity card must accompany respective players to all matches and shall be produced to any authorised member of the Executive who requests to see them. Player's ID cards may be checked if desired by Coaches, provided sufficient notice is given to the opposing team. I.D. cards so requested must be produced before the end of the match in question.  
**ANY PLAYER FOR WHOM A PROPER IDENTITY CARD CANNOT BE PRODUCED SHALL BE DEALT WITH BY THE EXECUTIVE.**

- (m)(i) In Modified Rules any club that has included an ineligible player on the match card shall be fined \$10 (TEN DOLLARS) for every ineligible player.
- (m)(ii) In FIFA Rules soccer (Under 10 and above) any club that has included an ineligible player on the Match card will be fined the sum of Twenty Five Dollars (\$25) for the first offence. For any offences thereafter a fine of Twenty Five Dollars (\$25) will apply and the game WILL be forfeited in the manner outlined in Bye-Law 13.  
In all Challenge Cup games any club that has included an ineligible player on the Matchcard according to the Rules and Bye-Laws of the E&DJSA will be fined the sum of Twenty Five Dollars (\$25) and the game WILL be forfeited.
- (n) Development squads
  - (n)(i) Upon payment of a registration fee per child, as determined in 5(b), to E&DJSA, clubs will be permitted to conduct “development sessions” for children aged 5 years or under, at 0001 hours on the 1<sup>st</sup>. of January of that year.
  - (n)(ii) These squads are to be used solely for the purpose of teaching and developing the skills of these children in non competitive, game free sessions, designed to allow an introduction to modified rules teams at under 6 and over
  - (n)(iii) All sessions shall be conducted and supervised by appropriate personnel that have passed a minimum of level O or equivalent coaching accreditation, hold an E&DJSA accreditation certificate and shall have passed a Police check carried out by SAPOL.
  - (n)(iv) The above squads shall not be instigated in lieu of fielding under 6 modified rules teams. Wherever enough under 6 players are available to field teams then the club shall field teams accordingly.
  - (n)(v) No development squad member shall be permitted to play in a modified rules team during their period of development unless they receive a transfer to the team approved by the E&DJSA Registrar.
  - (n)(vi) Any contravention of bylaw 5(n)(v) shall be treated as an ineligible player and the club will be fined accordingly.

**AGE OF PLAYERS:**

- 6. (a) The eligibility of a player in any age group throughout the season is determined by his age at 0001 hours on the 1st of January of that year.
- (b) For the purpose of defining the age of a player in respect to competitions conducted by an organisation superior to the E & D.J.S.A. the ruling of that particular superior body as to age definition shall apply.
- (c) **After playing a total of four (4) league matches in any age group or groups higher than that for which he is a registered player, shall not be eligible to play in his original age group for the remainder of the season. He shall however, become a registered player for the HIGHEST age group for which he has played during the season.**

- (d) A player shall not be eligible to play for a team in a higher age group in the Challenge Cup Competition except where he has qualified in accordance with 6(c) prior to the semi-finals or where written application has been made by his club to transfer the player to the higher age group within the club BEFORE the respective cup competition has commenced. Upon such application being approved the player will then become ineligible to play for a lower age group for the remainder of the season in any league or cup competition under the auspices of the E & D.J.S.A.
- (e) The executive may grant permission for a player to play in the age group immediately below his rightful age group in competitions conducted by the E & D.J.S.A.:-
  - (i) **Upon written application by the player's District Club and supported by suitable recommendations on medical grounds supplied by the Player's Doctor.**
  - (ii) Where approval is granted under By-Law 6(e)(ii) eligible teams will be limited to two (2) over age players only. Any team fielding more than two (2) approved over age players will not be eligible to win any League or Cup competition.
- (f) In Modified Rules players can only register or play up ONE age group from their eligible age group. In Competitive Soccer a player can only play up or register TWO age groups from their eligible age group.

#### **LAWS OF THE GAME OF SOCCER:**

- 7. All matches shall be played in accordance with the Laws of Soccer as laid down from time to time by F.I.F.A. except such adaptations or modifications as may be contained in these By-Laws to take into account local conditions and regulations and the ages of players registered with the E & D. J.S.A.

#### **TRANSFERS:**

- 8. (a) The Registrar shall accept the transfer of a player from one Club to another provided the application is in accordance with the Constitution Rules, By-Laws and other regulations in force at the time, and provided one of the following conditions is deemed to apply:-
  - (i) A change of location of a player's residence from one district to another.
  - (ii) A player being declared surplus when:-
    - (1) He has not been selected to play for three (3) consecutive weeks although he has made himself available on each occasion.
    - (2) The Club he is registered with is not fielding, or ceases to field, a team in the age group the player is eligible and/or wishes to play for.
  - (iii) **Such transfer is considered by the registrar in consultation with both Club Secretaries or Registrars involved, to be in the best interest of the player. Written reason to accompany such requests, together with any written objections from the releasing Club. Transfers under this section, (a) (iii) will be limited to three (3) players into a specific team.**

- (iv) A player who ceases to register and play for his District Club for a minimum of one (1) season shall be eligible to register and play with another Club without having to obtain a transfer.
- (b) (i) Application for transfer must be submitted to the Registrar on an official transfer form which must be signed by the Secretaries or Registrars of the Club releasing the player (stating any objection) and the form to be submitted by the Club Secretary or Registrar opposing to accept the player.
- (ii) All transfers must be carried out by the Club Secretaries or Registrars at all times.
- (c) Application for transfer must be lodged with the League Registrar by 9.00 pm on Wednesdays prior to the weekends games, approval will not be granted whilst a player is known to be un-financial and/or in possession of Club equipment unlawfully. Any objection to transfer must be noted on application form and supported by written reason within twenty four (24) hours of transfer being signed by releasing club.
- (e) No transfer will be accepted after the 31st of August in any season except under By-Law 6(d). Any player transferred after the 1st day of August will not be allowed to play in any Challenge Cup game for their new club.
- (f) Once a player has been transferred from one Club to another, he will not be allowed to transfer again during that season, except where special circumstances exist and then only at the discretion of the Executive who may impose any condition that they may consider necessary.
- (g) Any player granted a transfer before the commencement of a playing season shall be registered only for the Club to which he has been transferred and the appropriate E & D.J.S.A. player registration fee shall be paid by the Club to which the player has been transferred.
- (i) Where special circumstances exist i.e. Club not fielding a team in player's age group, Club may, by mutual consent, apply to the League Registrar for players to be placed on loan for the current season. Players from disbanded Clubs do not require a transfer to play for a currently registered Club. Clubs accepting players from under this Law must notify the League Registrar when doing so.

#### **MATCH CARDS:**

- 9. (a) It is the responsibility of Clubs to ensure that their appointed match official makes out the Match Cards in a proper manner. Names of players, including initials, must be printed legibly, any club failing to ensure that their officials comply, will be fined five dollar (\$5) for each and every Match Card unsatisfactorily made out.
- (b) It is the responsibility of the club whose team is the Home Team, to ensure that Match Cards in respect of such teams are properly completed five (5) minutes prior to the commencement time of the match, signed by the referee at the end of the match and retained by the Club's Match Official.
- (c) Completed Match Cards are to be in the hand of the League Secretary or designated Executive Member, not later than 2.00 pm every Sunday throughout

the season. Clubs not lodging Match Cards by the due time will be fined during each and every season, two dollars (\$2) for the first card and five dollars (\$5) for each and every subsequent card, up-to and including a total of five (5) cards, where-after the fine shall be ten dollars (\$10) for each and every subsequent card not lodged on time as specified above.

#### **OUTSTANDING DUES:**

10. (a) Whilst and so long as any Club is in debt to the E & D.J.S.A. for a period in excess of twenty-eight (28) days after presentation of an account in respect of Team Nomination Fees, Player Registration Fees, Match Fees, Fines levied or any other debt whatsoever, that Club, at the discretion of the Executive, may not be permitted to take part in any of the Association's activities, nor may any Club affiliated with the E & D.J.S.A. be permitted to play against, or with, the team or Club that is in default. Any Club in default may forfeit to its respective opponents, all competitive matches whilst and so long as it is in default with the payment of any dues aforesaid at the discretion of the Executive.
- (b) Any Club required to forfeit three (3) consecutive week-ends' matches or at any time during the period of any season a total of six (6) week-ends' matches in accordance with this By-Law, shall be suspended from future participation in the affairs of the E & D.J.S.A.
- (c) The General Secretary shall notify the Club that upon payment of such outstanding dues, the Club will be re-instated and will be able to take part in all future Association activities.

#### **AMATEURS:**

11. No player who is not an amateur, is permitted to play in any match conducted under the auspices of the E & D.J.S.A. For the purpose of this By-Law, an amateur is a properly registered player who does not receive payment in cash or kind for the services he renders to any Club, team or organisation, the primary function of which, is to play and promote the game of Soccer.

#### **CONDUCT OF COMPETITION:**

12. (a) The duration of all competitive matches conducted under the auspices of the E & D.J.S.A. with the exception of Carnivals, shall be:-

Under 6 years of age	20 minutes each half
Under 7 years of age	20 minutes each half
Under 8 years of age	20 minutes each half
Under 9 years of age	20 minutes each half
Under 10 years of age	20 minutes each half
Under 11 years of age	25 minutes each half
Under 12 years of age	25 minutes each half
Under 13 years of age	30 minutes each half
Under 14 years of age	35 minutes each half
Under 15 years of age	40 minutes each half
Under 16 years of age	40 minutes each half

Under 17 years of age	40 minutes each half
Under 18 years of age	40 minutes each half

- (b)(i) In Challenge Cup matches, for all age groups up-to and including U/10s, in the event of there being no result at the end of the official period, after an interval of five (5) minutes, a further ten (10) minutes shall be played consisting of two periods of five (5) minutes each way without a further interval. For all age groups U/11 and over, in the event of there being no result at the end of the official period, after an interval of five (5) minutes, a further twenty (20) minutes shall be played consisting of two periods of ten (10) minutes each way, without a further interval..
- (ii) In Challenge Cup finals where no result has been obtained after extra time has been played as per section (i) of this By-Law, then in age groups up-to and including U/12 the trophy shall be shared by the competing teams under conditions previously agreed to. For teams U/13 and above where no result has been arrived at after extra time has been played as per section (i) of this By-Law, then a penalty competition will be played as per Rules laid down by F.I.F.A.
- (c) Any matches which are abandoned, shall be separately judged by the Executive and a decision made depending on the scores at the time of abandonment and the time remaining to be played.
- (d) With the exception of special arrangements which apply under certain circumstances and which shall be separately notified, Kick-off times for all League Matches and preliminary Challenge Cup Matches shall be as follows:-

Under 6 years of age	12.00 noon Saturday
Under 7 years of age	11.00 a.m. "
Under 8 years of age	10.00 a.m. "
Under 9 years of age	9.00 a.m. "
Under 10 years of age	10.00 a.m. "
Under 11 years of age	11.00 a.m. "
Under 12 years of age	12.15 p.m. "
Under 13 years of age	1.30 p.m. "
Under 14 years of age	9.00 a.m. Sunday
Over 14 years of age:	At the discretion of the League Secretary before the commencement of each season.

- (e)(i) For all League and Challenge Cup games, Clubs shall be responsible for the ground markings, including spectator lines as per section 12(e)(ii) where possible, the provision of regulation corner flags and the proper fitting of goal nets if available at their allocated grounds. A fine of ten dollars (\$10) shall be imposed against any Club failing to comply with this By-Law. Where grounds are shared by two (2) or more Clubs a roster shall be issued by the Executive, allocating ground marking, corner flags and goal nets responsibilities between such Clubs.

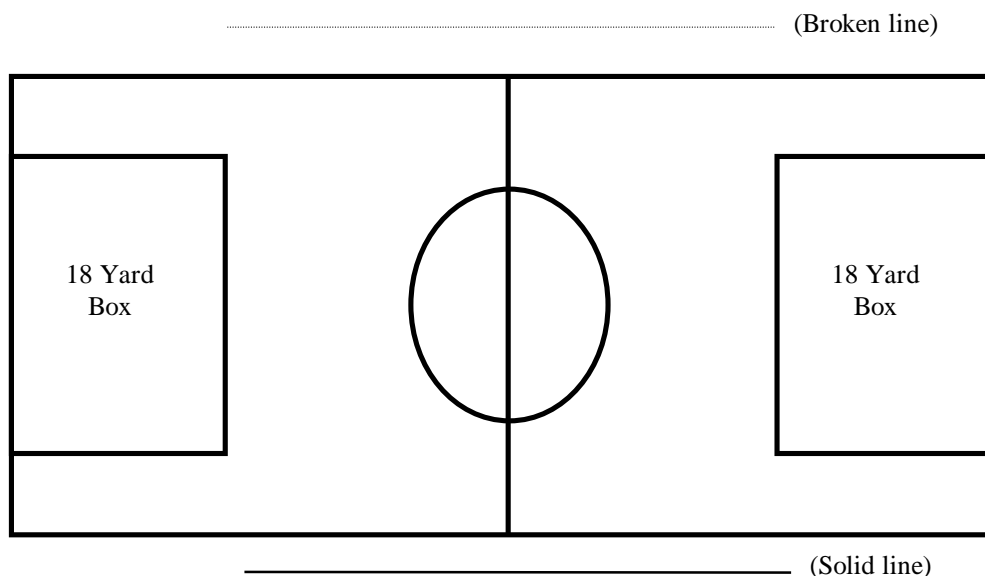
(e)(ii) **Honour Lines**

**Minimum Specifications**

- 1 A clearly visible line 2 metres from the touch line on both sides of the pitch, running from a point adjacent to the front of one eighteen yard box to a point adjacent to the front of the other eighteen yard box and parallel to the touch line.
- 2 Lines can be broken or full. The spacing of any broken lines must be solid sections approximately 30 cm in length spaced approximately 30 cm apart.

**Notes:**

1. Existing natural barriers such as fences, pine logs, posts or similar can be designated by the individual club as an honour line or as an honour line terminators with final approval for these sought from the EDJSA Executive.
2. Public car parks automatically qualify as spectator standing and viewing position.
3. The individual club will be held responsible for the following;
  - A. All spectators must stand behind clearly defined honour lines or designated natural barriers not imaginary extensions of them.
  - B. Any areas not able to sustain honour lines may be designated by the individual club as areas “Not for Spectators” but must be clearly sign-posted and policed by the club.

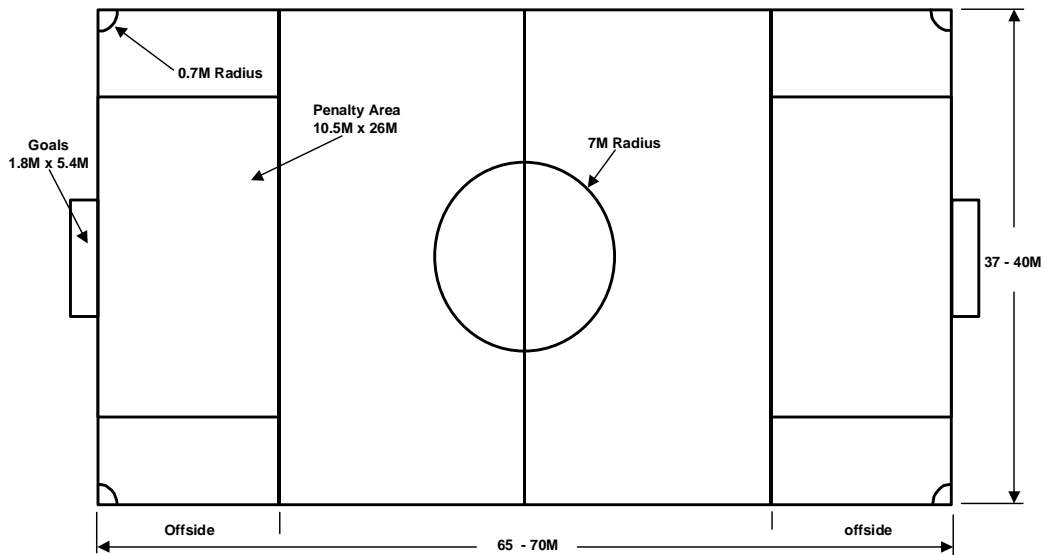


- (g) Any Club which does not return trophies on or before a day, being eight (8) weeks prior to the date of re-presentation, shall be fined a fixed fee to cover the replacement cost.

**MODIFIED RULES :**

12 (h)

1. The Under 6, 7 & 8 age groups will play on the Mini Pitch.
2. Under 9's play on a full size pitch.
3. All age groups will play **NON COMPETITIVE** soccer.
4. Modified Rules will apply in Under 6, 7, 8 & 9 age groups only.
5. Corner flags will be compulsory to assist Referees.
6. Under 6, 7's & 8's will use a size 3 ball.
7. Under 9's will use a size 4 ball.
8. Except where stated below the normal rules of soccer will apply.
- 9. All age groups will be allowed their coach on the pitch with them.**
- 10. The Interchange box will be marked on all pitches.**
- 11. Small sided games formula should be used in training sessions.**
- 12. The emphasis of all games will be player enjoyment and quiet instruction - NOT winning.**



**Modified Rules Pitch U/6, U/7 & U/8**

**Pitch Size Under 6 7 & 8**

Pitch	<b>65 -70</b> meters x <b>37 - 40</b> meters
Goals	1.8 meters x 5.4 meters
Penalty Area	10.5 meters out from the goal line by 26meters wide.

Center Circle	7 meters radius
Corner Quadrant	0.7 meters radius

### **Rules for Under 6, 7 & 8 Games:**

1. Duration of Game Under 6 & 7, - 20 minutes each half with 5 minutes at half time
2. Under 8, - 20 minute each half with 5-minute half time.
3. Number of Players - 8 including goalkeeper - with a maximum of 4 interchange players
4. All games will be conducted on friendly basis with no points or cup competitions.
5. Goal kicks will be taken from any point on the line marking the front of the penalty area and closest to where the ball is retrieved.
6. Corner kicks
  - i. Under 8, to be taken from the corner quadrant on the appropriate side.
  - ii. Under 6 & 7, to be taken from the junction of the penalty area and the goal line on the appropriate side.
8. There will be **NO PENALTY KICKS**.
9. **OFFSIDE LAW WILL** only **APPLY** between the goal line and a line drawn parallel to it across the full width of the pitch along the front of the penalty area.
10. Free Kicks
  - i. All **INDIRECT** free kicks awarded inside the penalty area will be taken with the ball placed on the line drawn across the full width of the pitch along the front of the penalty area at a point nearest to where the offence occurred.
  - ii. Penalty kicks will be replaced by a **DIRECT** free kick taken as above with the ball placed **IN THE CENTER** of the above mentioned line, but the defending team may defend their goal providing all players are at least 5 meters from the ball.
  - iii. A player marking or obstructing the opposing goalkeeper will be penalized by an **INDIRECT** free kick taken from the point on the above mentioned line nearest to where the offence occurred.
11. Players may be interchanged with any of the substitutes
  - i. For interchange to take place **all the following** criteria must be met:
  - ii. At any time the ball is out of play.
  - iii. Subject to notification to the Referee of your intention to interchange, and then only with the Referees approval.
  - iv. Any player taken off may return to the game at any time later subject to the above conditions.
  - v. It is **compulsory** that **interchange** only take place at the **halfway line**.
12. Coach may be on the field with the players for the purpose of instruction.
  - i. Coaching will be done in a quiet and non-hysterical manner.
13. **The coach must not enter the penalty area whilst the ball is in play.**
14. When any free kicks are being taken, all players from the offending team must be at least 5 meter from the ball.
15. Goalkeepers will be subject to the normal FIFA rules accept that they can take up to

double the time (12 seconds) to release the ball back into play. It is recommended that all keepers carry the ball to the edge of the penalty area before kicking or throwing it back into play.

16. All players listed on the match card will play at least half a game in total time during each game played.
17. The minimum qualification to Referee a modified rules game to be as follows:
  - i. The current EDJSA Modified Rules Referees Course.
18. Each club must provide a minimum of:
  - i. One (1) qualified referee for each three (3) registered modified rules teams.

or

One (1) qualified referee in every registered team.
  - ii. In all instances the club must ensure that a QUALIFIED Modified Rules referee is available for each and every home game.

#### **Rules for Under 9 Games:**

1. All games will be played on a full size pitch with normal size goals and normal field markings.
2. Games will be of forty (40) minutes duration comprising two (2) twenty (20) minute halves with a five (5) minute half time.
3. Size 4 balls will be used.
4. Teams will consist of eleven (11) players including a goalkeeper with four (4) substitutes who are interchangeable at any time during the game. Such interchanges will be made at the half way line when the ball is out of play and subject to notification by the Referee.
5. All games will be conducted on a friendly basis with no points or League Tables, however all teams will compete in the Challenge Cup Competition.
6. All other normal soccer rules apply.
7. All players will play at least half a game in total playing time during each game with the exception of the Challenge Cup when it will be left to the Coaches discretion.
8. The coach may coach on the pitch but must not enter the penalty area whilst the ball is in play. All coaching should be done in a quiet manner. Coaches are not allowed on the pitch during Cup Finals.

#### **FORFEITURE OF MATCHES:**

13. Forfeiture of matches shall be on the following basis:-
  - (a) In the case of the forfeiting team being the losing team, the score of that particular match shall stand.

- (b) In the case of the forfeiting team not being the losing team, that team shall receive neither points nor goals, but shall be deemed to have conceded two (2) goals. Their opponents shall receive Three (3) match points and be credited with two (2) goals.
- (c) In the event of a Club forfeiting three (3) matches in any one age group during the season, the Club will be summoned to appear before the Executive Committee to give an explanation.
- (d) A forfeiture will not be granted to any team where it has been proved to the satisfaction of the Executive that the opposing team has failed to play a scheduled match because of a genuine misdirection or failure to notify, changed playing times or grounds.
- (e) No team be allowed deliberately to forfeit a match if the outcome could affect the final outcome of league positions in regard to promotion or relegation.

**DEPLETED TEAMS:**

- 14. (a) Any team not playing Modified Rules Soccer unable to field seven (7) or more players for any match, shall forfeit that match and it's opponents shall be awarded three (3) points and two (2) goals. The defaulting team shall not be awarded any match points or goals.
- (b) It shall be the responsibility of the Secretary of the Club whose team is defaulting, to notify the League Secretary and the Referees' Appointment Secretary as early as practicable. Any expense unavoidably incurred as a result of the default shall be borne by the Club who has defaulted.
- (c) It is permissible for the depleted Team and its Opponents to play a friendly match in lieu of the competition match subject to all players being registered and complying to competition rules and subject to agreement of the Officials of both Clubs.
- (d) In the event of a team failing to be ready to commence the match within ten (10) minutes of the scheduled kick-off time, the match will be forfeited to their opponents in accordance with Paragraph (a) hereof. Subject to another match being scheduled to commence immediately following, in the event of a match commencing within ten (10) minutes of the scheduled kick-off time, both halves shall be shortened proportionately to enable the match to be completed on time, and such fact shall be noted on the Match Card by the Referee.

**POSTPONEMENTS:**

- 15. (a) Any team losing the services of two (2) or more players due to commitments to State S.A.P.S.A.S.A. or Association Representative teams may apply to the appropriate League Secretary to have it's league or Cup games postponed until it's representative players are available. This application must be made in writing and received by the League Secretary six (6) days before the scheduled day, except in cases of emergencies.
- (b) Apart from games postponed by the Referees due to weather or ground conditions and emergency postponements declared by the Executive, under no circumstances will postponements be allowed.

- (c) Any game postponed for any reason whatsoever shall be played within twenty-one (21) days of the original date or seven (7) days prior to the last scheduled league game for that season, whichever is the sooner. Any team being unable to play for any reason whatsoever in the stipulated time shall forfeit the game.

#### **SUBSTITUTIONS AND INTERCHANGE:**

- 16 (a) For all teams up to and including colts four (4) players may be interchanged at any time during the game.
- (b) Referees are to be notified of the interchange of players by the Team Manager or Coach.

#### **GOAL KICKS:**

- 17 Goal kicks in any match in U/12 competition and under shall be taken from an imaginary line drawn at a distance of twelve (12) yards parallel to the goal line and extending the width of the penalty area. This rule does not apply where any match is played under the Modified Rules Competition. In that case the rules laid down for Modified Rules Competition shall apply.

#### **CORNER KICKS:**

- 18 Corner kicks in any match in U/12 competition and under, shall be taken from the intersection of the goal line and penalty area line and no allowance shall be made for the placing of the ball inside an imaginary quadrant at the intersection. This rule shall not apply where any match is played under the Modified Rules Competition. In that case the rules laid down for Modified Rules Competition shall apply.

#### **BALLS:**

- 19. In all competitions conducted by, and under the auspices of the E & D.J.S.A. teams who play in matches in U/6, U/7 and U/8 age groups shall play with a regulation size three (3) ball, U/9 to U/13 age groups, a regulation size four (4) ball and U/14 and over age groups a regulation size five (5) ball.

Size 3 = 55 - 60 cm      Size 4 = 61 - 66 cm      Size 5 = 67 - 72 cm

Clubs must use the official match ball for every Association authorised game.

#### **COLOURS:**

20. (a) Each club, upon affiliation and thereafter before the commencement of each season shall register club colours with the Association. When a club applies to register new colours, if the colours closely resemble those already registered by another club, preference will be given to the club whose colours have already been approved.
- (b) When the playing colours of opposing teams are sufficiently similar as to be considered likely to confuse the Referee or other players, it shall be the responsibility of the home team to play in colours distinguishable from its opponents. If the league Secretary deems there is a clash of strips in the Cup Final both teams will change strip. If a further clash occurs the League Secretary will adjudicate.
- (c) Every player in a team, with the exception of the goal keeper, who shall wear distinguishable colours, shall display a number in a prominent position, which shall correspond with his number on the match card.

### **COACHING:**

- 21 (a) Coaches or officials of any team shall not coach their team from behind either goal line.
- (b) Spectators must be kept away from the area behind either goal line.
- (c) In matches in U/6 and up to U/9 age groups, the coach is permitted on the field of play. He must not impede play and he must not enter either penalty area. This By-Law will not apply in any Carnival or Cup Finals.
- (d) In competitive games, only one club official shall be allowed from each team between the honor lines and the touchline on each side of the field of play during the game. Such persons will at all times allow the linesperson an uninterrupted view of the touchline and shall not impede the linesperson in their duties. No other person will be allowed into the space delineated by the honor line and touchline unless crossing to enter the field of play after the consent of the Referee has been obtained. In the case of Modified Rules only one person per team be allowed on touchline.
- (e) Shin pads must be worn in all games either at training or competitive games. This is for the protection of all players.

### **REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES:**

22. (a) The E & D.J.S.A. Executive shall annually appoint a coach, Manager and Trainer where necessary for each Representative Team after duly considering all applications for all positions.
- (b) The arrangements for such Representative Matches shall at all times be vested in the Executive or a Sub-Committee appointed for this .
- (c) Not more than sixteen (16) players shall finally be selected to represent any one Representative Team.
- (d) Any person(s) appointed to coach Association Representative Team(s) shall advise the General Secretary of the final squad twenty-one (21) days before taking part in Representative games.

### **FRIENDLY MATCHES:**

23. (a) During the League season, any club desiring one (1) or more of its teams to play within the confines of the E & D.J.S.A. with any other team or teams, shall make application to the League Secretary not later than forty-eight (48) hours prior to the date of such friendly match or matches. Permission will not be refused providing the proposed ground is not required for any E & D.J.S.A. purposes.
- (b) Any club desiring one (1) or more of its teams to play friendly matches with any team or teams outside the confines of the E & D.J.S.A. shall make application to the Executive not less than one (1) week prior to the date of the match.
- (c) The Executive may arrange friendly matches for Representative Teams providing they do not clash with any official E & D.J.S.A. competitions. Any friendly matches so arranged shall be notified to the clubs concerned not less than one (1) week prior to the date of the match.
- (d) Friendly matches arranged for Representative Teams by the Executive shall take precedence over all other friendly matches.
- (e) Referees have the right to report or send off players and report coaches and officials in all friendly matches and Club Carnivals.
- (f) All Carnivals are run under the auspices of the E & D.J.S.A. Clubs who agree to attend shall be subject to the Laws that govern the conduct of normal league matches. To enable the E & D.J.S.A. to monitor such conduct a list of teams who have agreed to attend shall be submitted to the Executive prior to the date of the Carnival.

### **REFEREES:**

24. (a) The authority is delegated to the Elizabeth & Districts Referees' Association to appoint Referees to matches conducted by the E & D.J.S.A.
- (b) In the event of an Official Referee not being appointed to officiate any particular match, the home team shall nominate a Referee for that particular match. In the event of the person not being acceptable to the opposing team's officials at the time at which the match is timed to commence, the home team or the team named first in that particular fixture as the case may be, shall appoint such Referee notwithstanding any objection of its opponents. Such objection shall be noted on the match card before the commencement of the match.
- (c) If requested, Official Referees shall produce some official notification of being the appointed official before the start of the game.
- (d) All Assistant Club Referees must be at least two years older than the team He\She is officiating for, unless He\She is a qualified Referee and known as such to the Officiating Referee.

### **APPROACHES TO REFEREES:**

- 25 (a) It is not permissible for Club Officials to approach a Referee immediately prior to any match except for the purpose of ascertaining that the Referee is the person properly appointed or for the purpose of electing a Referee in accordance with the previous By-Law, nor is it permissible for any Club Official, Parent, Spectator or Players to approach a Referee during the course of any match or after the match, howsoever appointed. Coaches or Managers will be asked to sign the Match Cards after the game in the presence of the Referee. It is not permissible for anyone to alter or add to the match card after the card has been signed.
- (b) Objections or complaints relating to the conduct of any match by the Referee howsoever appointed, shall be lodged in writing by the Secretary of the club concerned to the general Secretary within twenty-four (24) hours of the cessation of the match in question.
- (c) All such objections and complaints to be passed to the E.D.R.A. The General Secretary of the E & D.J.S.A. to be advised of their findings in writing and advise the club in question.

#### **DISCIPLINARY MATTERS:**

- 26 (a) The disciplinary Committee shall be empowered to deal with alleged violations of the Laws of the Game of Soccer as reported by the Referee or Executive Member in so far as they may be infringed by any player or Club Official and all breaches of Disciplinary Matters arising from a game as reported to the Executive, unless covered elsewhere in the Constitution or Bye-Laws. **Reports by Executive Members must be in writing and submitted to the General Secretary by no later than the next official meeting.**
- (b) The Disciplinary Committee shall comprise of the Disciplinary Chairman as per Constitution Rule 26(a) and two (2) members to be appointed by the Council of Clubs at its first meeting in each calendar year, together with one (1) member of the Executive Committee and one (1) member of the Elizabeth & Districts Referees Association. A necessary quorum for the Disciplinary Committee shall be three (3).
- (c) In every violation as set out in By Law 26(a), or, for violations selected by the DC Chairperson as being outside the current EDJSA DC Players Policy, the Disciplinary Committee shall, at a lawfully convened hearing, receive evidence from all parties concerned, adjudicate and impose such penalties if any, against any player, Team or Club Official as it may consider just and equitable in all circumstances.
- (d) Regulations introduced during the course of any year ending on the 31st day of October, shall not be enforceable after the end of that year, unless such regulations have been included in alterations to the Rules or By-Laws, which have been properly approved in accordance with Rules 44, 45 and 46.
- (e) Complaints, protests or claims by Affiliated Clubs, members or players endorsed by the Club Secretary or Chairman, shall be lodged in writing with the General Secretary within twenty-four (24) hours of the incident accompanied by a protest fee of five dollars (\$5.00). This fee may subsequently be forfeited at the discretion of the Executive, provided that if the complaint, protest or claim is

upheld the protest fee will be refunded. Such complaints or claims shall be heard and determined by the Executive in whatever manner they see fit.

- (f) Appeals against decisions of the Disciplinary Committee or Executive shall be lodged in writing with the General Secretary within seven (7) days of such decision being notified, together with additional evidence for consideration by the appropriate Appeals Committee i.e. the Executive or Council of Clubs respectively at its next meeting and endorsed by the Club Secretary or Chairman. The appeal should be accompanied by an Appeal Fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) this fee may subsequently be forfeited at the discretion of the Appeals Committee provided that if the appeal is upheld, the Appeal Fee, together with any Protest Fee which may have been previously lodged, will be refunded.
- (g) The Association shall have the power to act as arbitrator in cases of protests and disputes arising within or between Affiliated Clubs.
- (h) All players sent off or have accrued the maximum number of Cautions, will automatically receive a one (1) game suspension, plus, any other suspension stated in the EDJSADC Player Policy, which shall be his next competitive game\\$.The DC Chairperson reserves the right to direct players to appear before the DC Committee if he deems the circumstances of the players infringement serious enough and therefore feels it may be necessary to impose further penalties. The EDJSADC Players Policy defines penalties which will be incurred by players who are sent off, cautioned or reported by the Referee or by any EDJSA Executive member. Any Official sent off or reported must appear when notified by the DC Chairperson.
- (i) Where applicable, every player appearing before the Disciplinary Committee must produce his identity card for inspection.

## **CLUB RESPONSIBILITIES**

- 27 (a) All clubs shall be responsible for the behaviour of their players,all club officials,and spectators\parents at all games or events held under the auspices of the E.D.J.S.A. This area of responsibility shall cover travelling to and from the games or events.
- (b) Each club will appoint a Home Club Marshal. A club marshal shall be present at **ALL** its clubs home games.
- (c) The club marshal shall wear a distinctive white coat with the club badge or emblem affixed thereto. The club marshal designated for duty at home games shall make himself known to the referee before the commencement of a game.
- (d) The club marshal shall ensure that all the requirements under clause 12 e (1)(ii) and 25a are carried out and duly observed.
- (e) The club marshals duties shall include the protection of any official appointed to regulate the match.

(f) **Police checks are mandatory for all coaches and will be renewed every three years. It is the responsibility of each club to ensure that all of their coaches have police clearances or have submitted an application to EDJSA Assistant General Secretary no later than one week prior to the commencement of the season. Non compliance will result in the coach being banned from coaching until his/ her application has been received by EDJSA. EDJSA will fine any clubs that do not comply.**

### **SPONSORSHIP:**

28. (a) The primary sponsorship badge or logo or advertising permitted to be displayed on any player's shirt shall consist only of a square, rectangle or round badge, no more than 10 cm x 20 cm or 200 sq cm of total surface area. Such badge to be worn only on a player's shirt and shall be displayed only on the chest of the shirt. In addition to the "primary" sponsor and club badge which shall not contain any advertising or sponsorship of any kind, an additional two (2) sponsorship badges of no more than 10cm x 10cm or 100sq cm shall be permitted. These additional badges shall be worn only on a players shirt and shall be displayed only on the sleeves or below the number on the rear of the players shirt. No advertising of any kind may be displayed on player's shorts or socks except the manufacturers logo. Players track-suits, sports bags or anything else shall not be restricted by this section.
- (b) Details of all such advertising proposed to be displayed on any player's shirt, track-suit or anywhere else shall first be submitted to the Executive for approval prior to display. Any Club failing to comply with this direction will be required to remove the offending material immediately or take whatever other steps are ordered by the Executive.
- (c) Failure to comply with section (b) above will result in the loss of all or any points gained during the relevant period and/or disqualification from any Cup Competition that a particular team or Club may have won or be participating in during the relevant time.
- (d) Upon such application as made under section (b) above being approved the applicant will receive written notice of approval of their submission from the Executive. Any changes to the approved material made by the club will require the submission of a fresh application to the Executive.  
This section to apply to all sponsorship etc. being displayed by Clubs at the time of its introduction into the Association By-Laws.

Notes & Amendments.....

## **APPENDIX 1**

### **LAWS OF THE GAME TO COVER MODIFIED RULES**

#### **AGE GROUPS U/6, U/7 & U/8's**

##### **LAW 1 PLAYERS EQUIPMENT:**

1. All players shall not wear anything which is dangerous to another player.
2. All players boots must be checked before each game commences and any dangerous studs must be corrected before the player is allowed to take part in the game
3. Shin pads must be worn at all times.

##### **LAW 2 REFEREES DUTIES:**

1. The referees duties start as soon as he/she enters the field of play. The referees decisions on points of fact connected with the play shall be final, so far as the result of the game is concerned. The referee shall:-
  1. Enforce the laws of the game.
  2. Refrain from penalising in cases where he/she is satisfied that by doing so he/she would be giving an advantage to the offending team.
  3. Keep a record of the game, act as timekeeper and allow the full or agreed time, adding thereto all time lost through accident or other cause.
  4. Have powers to stop the game for any infringement of the laws and to suspend or terminate the game whenever, by reasons of the elements, interference by spectators, or other cause, he\she deems such stoppage necessary.
  5. Allow no other person other than the players, the team coach or the linesman to enter the field of play without his\her permission.
  6. Stop the game if in his\her opinion a player has been hurt. Allow him/her to be treated.
  7. Signal for re-commencement of the game after all stoppages.

Note:

- (i) Should the referee stop the game for a player being hurt, he/she must restart with a dropped ball.
- (ii) If at the time the referee stopped the game the ball was out of play, i.e. throw in, goal kick or corner, then the game shall restart with that action.

### **LAW 3                    START OF PLAY:**

At the beginning of the game, choice of ends and the kick off shall be decided by the toss of a coin. The team winning the toss shall have the option of choice of ends or the kick off.

### **LAW 4                    BALL IN AND OUT OF PLAY:**

The ball is out of play:-

- (i) When it has wholly crossed the goal line or touch line, whether on the ground or in the air, or
- (ii) when the game has been stopped by the referee.

### **LAW 5                    METHOD OF SCORING:**

A goal is scored when the ball has passed wholly over the goal line, between the posts and under the cross bar, provided it has not been thrown, carried or intentionally propelled by hand or arm, by a player of the attacking side, except in the case of a goal keeper who is within his own penalty area.

### **LAW 6                    OFFSIDE:**

1. A player is in an offside position if he/she is nearer to his\her opponents goal line than the ball, unless:
  - (i) there are at least two of the opposing team nearer to their goal line than he/she is.
  - (ii) if he/she is outside the line drawn parallel across the full width of the pitch along the front of the penalty area.
2. A Player shall only be declared offside and penalised for being in an offside position, if, at the moment the ball touches, or is played by, one of his/her team, he/she is, in the opinion of the referee:
  - (i) Interfering with play or with an opponent,  
or
  - (ii) Seeking to gain an advantage from being in that position.
3. A player shall not be declared offside by the referee,
  - (i) Merely because of being in an offside position,  
or
  - (ii) If he/she receives the ball direct, from a goal kick, a corner, a throw in or when the ball has been dropped by the referee.

Note:

- (i) Offside shall not be judged at the moment the player receives the ball but at the moment the ball is played to him/her by one of his/her own side.
- (ii) A player is not therefore OFFSIDE if he/she goes forward during the flight of the ball.

## **LAW 7**

### **FOULS AND MISCONDUCT:**

The following offences are punished with a **DIRECT FREE KICK** taken by the opposing team from the place where the incident occurred.

- (i)
  - 1. Kicks or attempts to kick an opponent.
  - 2. Trips an opponent.
  - 3. Jumps at an opponent.
  - 4. Charges an opponent in a dangerous manner.
  - 5. Charges an opponent from behind, unless the latter be obstructing.
  - 6. Strikes or attempts to strike an opponent or spits at him.
  - 7. Holds an opponent.
  - 8. Pushes an opponent.
  - 9. Intentionally handles the ball.

Note:

- 1. If the offence took place within the area defined between the line drawn across the full width of the pitch along the front of the penalty area and the goal line but outside the penalty area, the free kick shall be taken at the point along the front of the penalty area adjacent to where the offence occurred.
- 2. If the offence took place within the penalty area then the kick will be taken from the the line drawn across the full width of the pitch along the front of the penalty area and in the centre of that line.

(ii)

- (1) Any other offence is penalised with an **INDIRECT FREE KICK**.  
e.g. a deliberate back pass to the goal keeper, offside, obstruction etc.
- (2) A player must be sent from the field of play for the following:
  - 1. Foul or abusive language.
  - 2. Serious foul play.
  - 3. Persistent misconduct after having received a caution.

Note:

With the exception of hand ball, any of the other 8 offences above could, depending on their severity, come under serious foul play.

## **LAW 8**

### **FREE KICKS:**

Free kicks are under two headings

- (i) "DIRECT" from which a goal can be scored against the offending side.
- (ii) "INDIRECT" from which a goal cannot be scored unless the ball has been touched by another player other than the kicker.

Note:

Should the kicker play the ball a second time before it has been touched or played by another player he/she shall be penalised with an **INDIRECT** free kick.

## **LAW 9**                      **THROW IN:**

- (i) When the whole of the ball passes over the touch line, either on the ground or in the air. It shall be thrown in from the point where it crossed the line, in any direction, by a player of the team opposite to that of the player who last touched it.
- (ii) The thrower, at the moment of delivering the ball must face the field of play and part of each foot shall be either on the touch line or on the ground beside the touch line.
- (iii) The thrower shall use both hands and shall deliver the ball from behind and over the head.
- (iv) The ball shall be in play immediately it enters the field of play but the thrower shall not again play the ball until it has been touched or played by another player.
- (v) A goal cannot be scored direct from a throw in.

Note:

- (i) If the ball is improperly thrown in, it shall be taken by the player of the opposing team.
- (ii) A throw in taken from any position other than the point where the ball passed over the touch line shall be deemed a foul throw and the throw will then go to the opposing team.
- (iii) Should the thrower touch or play the ball a second time before it has been played or touched by another player, he/she shall be penalised with an INDIRECT free kick.

## **LAW 10**                      **GOAL KICK:**

When the whole of the ball crosses over the goal line excluding that portion between the posts and under the cross bar, having last been played by one of the attacking team, the goal kick shall be taken from any point on the line marking the front of the penalty area closest to that at which the ball was retrieved.

## **LAW 11**                      **CORNER KICK:**

When the ball passes wholly over the goal line, excluding that portion between the goal posts and under the cross bar, having last been touched or played by one of the defending team, a corner kick shall be awarded to the opposing team, to be taken on that side that the ball left the field of play.

The kick shall be taken from:

- (i) Under 6 & 7, the junction of the goal line and penalty area.
- (ii) Under 8, the corner quadrant.