



SOUTH ALABAMA SOCCER ASSOCIATION

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RULES

Only players with current ASA cards are eligible to play.

All players shall be on the official ASA team roster.

The roster of each team shall have not less than 15 players and no more than 25 players.

Players may swap teams for free during the off-season as long as they turn in their transfers in writing to SASA.

Players may transfer during the season as long as they meet these requirements:

- The player shall pay \$15.00 league transfer fee.

- The transfer does not take place after 2/3 of the season has been played.

- The player shall turn in the transfer with the signatures from both team managers.

The league schedule shall designate the home team and away team for each game.

The home team shall be responsible for a different color jersey in cases of a conflict.

Every player on a team shall wear the same color shorts, the same color jersey, and the same color socks. Each jersey must have a number no less than 4 inches. No two players may wear the same jersey number.

Every player shall wear shin guards.

- They shall be professionally manufactured, age and size appropriate.

Teams shall be required to be ready for game check-in ten minutes before the start of the game.

- To properly check-in each team needs certified individual player passes for each player, a certified team roster with jersey numbers, and the correct amount of cash for the referee fees.

SASA and ASA will provide the team manager with two official rosters. It is the responsibility of the team manager to keep the roster updated with the registrar and to supply one with jersey numbers to the referee.

Substitutions shall take place on any dead ball, with the approval of the referee.



Yellow card offenses during a game shall constitute automatic substitutions; the player may reenter at the next substitution opportunity.

The Executive Committee determines the league punishment for all Red Card offenses.

Team Managers are responsible for learning Red Card punishments and for recovering Player Cards after the game suspension has been served.

In the event a team cannot play a schedule game, the team manager may contact the other team and try to negotiate an acceptable time, place, and date for reschedule. The league president or a Board member shall be informed no less than 48 hours prior to the original game scheduled. The league has the sole right to approve or disapprove the rescheduling of games. Any games not rescheduled shall be deemed a forfeit and will result in losing the team forfeiture fee.

The point system used to determine league standings will be the same as FIFA.

Point system

3 points for a win

1 point for a tie

Tie breaker: Goal Differential, head to head, and coin toss.

Points do not carry on to tournament play.

The Executive Committee decides before each season if necessary whether inter-division games will count

The league strongly recommends the team manager remember to retrieve and count their player passes after each game.



CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this League shall be the South Alabama Soccer Association, also known as SASA

ARTICLE 2 - PURPOSE

The purpose of the League shall be to promote, foster and perpetuate the game of soccer on the adult level, and provide competition for its members in accordance with high standards of good sportsmanship and fair play.

ARTICLE 3 - HEADQUARTERS

League headquarters shall be within the playing area of the South Alabama Soccer Association and shall be determined by whom authority may be vested.

ARTICLE 4 - AFFILIATION

This League shall be a member of the Alabama Soccer Association and through it, shall be affiliated with the United States Soccer Federation. The authority, rulings and laws of both these bodies shall be recognized at all times.

ARTICLE 5 - MEMBERSHIP

SECTION I (Applications) - To obtain full membership, each club must:

- A. Pay appropriate fees and bond to SASA.
- B. Submit official entry application.

SECTION II (Qualification and Acceptance) - The Executive Committee shall have the power to determine qualifications of applications for membership. They shall make recommendations for acceptance or rejection to the League body that shall have the final vote. Any rejected club may make personal appeal to the League body.

SECTION III (Registration Deadline) - All clubs must have their annual registration fees paid in full by required deadline of the current season to be eligible to play and vote. The Executive Committee may grant short extensions of this deadline.

ARTICLE 6 - ADMINISTRATION

SECTION I (Executive Committee) - The League shall be governed by an Executive Committee which shall make all rules, interpret the Constitution and By-Laws, conduct League business, and decide on matters not covered by the rules.



SECTION II (Executive Committee Rights) - Members of the Executive Committee shall have a vote on all matters except election of officers.

SECTION III (Team Representatives) - Team Representatives or their delegated alternates shall hold the voting power for each club.

SECTION IV (Authorization of Representatives) - Each representative and alternate shall be authorized in writing on team application form which shall be presented with all fees and bond to the Executive Committee at time of registration with the League.

ARTICLE 7 - GOVERNMENT

The Executive Committee in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws shall govern this League, except where this document shall conflict with, and/or be supplemented by, the rules and regulations of the U.S.S.F and/or the Alabama Soccer Association. The Executive Committee shall make all rules and determinations necessary for conducting the regular affairs of this League. Final League authority however shall rest with the membership who may, at their discretion, overrule the Executive Committee by a 2/3-majority vote present.

ARTICLE 8 - LEGISLATIVE AND JUDICIAL

SECTION I (In Whom Vested) - The legislative and judicial powers in all matters presented to the membership shall be vested in the official representative or alternate representative for each team registered and the President of the League.

SECTION II (Power of the Team Representatives) - Each official Team Representative shall cast one vote, or, in the case of his/her absence, the alternate representative will cast his/her vote.

ARTICLE 9 - QUORUM

The presence of representatives of a majority of member clubs shall constitute a quorum to transact business at any meeting of the League or Committee thereof.



BY-LAWS

ARTICLE 1 - JURISDICTION

SECTION I (Scope) - This League shall have full jurisdiction over all clubs, club officials, players, and all matters concerned with soccer, which it shall conduct.

SECTION II (Strength) - It shall have power, in the manner herein provided, after hearing, to suspend or expel any club and/or person under its jurisdiction who is guilty of violations of this League and/or to impose such fines and/or penalties, as it may deem proper.

ARTICLE 2 HEARINGS

SECTION I (Misconduct) - Every case of misconduct which shall arise in this League shall be tried by the Grievance Committee in the presence of all parties of interest who shall be invited to appear. The absence of said persons, after proper notification shall not be grounds for cancellation of the hearing.

SECTION II (Protests and Violations) - All protests of games or rule violations shall also be heard by the Grievance Committee, in the presence of all parties of interest who shall be invited to appear. The absence of said persons, after proper notification, shall not be grounds for cancellation of the hearing.

ARTICLE 3 - RE-HEARINGS AND APPEALS

SECTION I (Re-Hearing) - A club wishing to appeal any decision of the Grievance Committee or Executive Committee, must first request a re-hearing from the appropriate committee. Such request must be based only on new information not available or presented at the original hearing. The request must be typed or printed clearly, state the specific reason or reasons for the re-hearing, be submitted to the General Secretary within five (5) days of the first decision and be accompanied by a fee of twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars. Only after a decision on the re-hearing has been rendered may the next higher authority be approached.

ARTICLE 4 OFFICERS

SECTION I (Officers) - The Officers of this League shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Field Director. They together shall constitute the Executive Committee.

SECTION II (Term of Office) - The Officers shall be elected by ballot at the Annual Meeting to serve a term of two years. It is necessary to receive a majority of votes cast to be elected.



SECTION III (Duties and Powers)

A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - Conduct League business; make rules; interpret the Constitution and By-Laws; decide on all matters not covered by the rules; fine, suspend and/or expel those in violation of this Constitution or the rules of soccer; determine all protests or similar matters including differences between clubs; serve as an Appeal Board for decisions of Grievance Committee; remove from office any Officer who is derelict in his duty or whose actions are not in the best interest of the League.

B. GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE - Shall be appointed by the President and shall consist of the Vice-President as Chairman, two other members of the Executive Committee and two members-at-large (Team Representatives). The Committee shall conduct hearings on all cases of misconduct or other violations of the Constitution and By-Laws, hear all protests and determine disciplinary actions on all matters to come before it.

C. PRESIDENT - Preside at all meetings of the League; serve as Chairman of the Executive Committee; appoint all Committees; enforce the Constitution and By-Laws and such other rules and regulations that may be adopted; call such meetings as herein provided; supervise affairs of the League; sign checks with the Treasurer when same is authorized by the Executive Committee; sign all contracts and necessary documents when same is authorized by the Executive Committee; be an ex-official member of all Committees; and perform such other duties which the Executive Committee or Membership directs.

D. VICE-PRESIDENT - Perform all duties and exercise all powers during absence or incapacity of the President; serve as and maintain all records of Chairman of the Rules Committee and Grievance Committee; receive all referee reports from Game Officials (Referees) misconduct.

E. SECRETARY - Sign all contracts and documents with the President and when authorized by the Executive Committee; send preseason notice of registration forms to all clubs; attend to all correspondence concerning League affairs.

F. TREASURER -Collect all dues and monies; deposit all monies in a depository in the League's name; take charge of the books and accounts of League's finances; liquidate all bills against the League when authorized by the Executive committee; present financial report at each monthly meeting and detailed written report of full year at Annual Meeting.

G. FIELD DIRECTOR -Be liaison with field location officials; at public parks ensure fields are ready for play prior to league games. Act as liaison with referee association. During season determine if fields are playable for league games prior to scheduled games.



ARTICLE 5 - MEETINGS

SECTION I (Annual) - The Annual Meeting shall be held prior to the Fall Season each year to elect officers and conclude League affairs for the business year.

SECTION II (General Membership) - Regular membership meetings shall be held during the playing season as determined by the President.

SECTION III (Executive Committee) - Executive Committee meetings shall be held as determined by the President.

SECTION IV (Seating of Officers) - Annual financial report and seating of Officers shall occur at the Annual Meeting.

SECTION V (Special) - Special meetings of the membership or Executive Committee may be called at the discretion of the President.

SECTION VI (Notice) - Secretary shall send notice of all meetings at least one week in advance.

SECTION VII (Annual Notice) - Notice for the Annual Meeting shall be sent at least two (2) weeks in advance.

SECTION VIII (Payment of Fines)

A. All fines for any cause are due and payable immediately upon presentation of notice. Teams may not engage in any competition until outstanding fines are paid. Forfeits will be levied against any team missing a game because of non-payment of fines.

B. If fines are still not paid by the start of the next season following the Annual Meeting, the club will not be accepted into the League for that season. The fine will then be apportioned equally among the team's players, coaches and representatives. These players and team officials may then not participate or register with the League until their portion of the fine is paid

ARTICLE 6 - FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year for this League for accounting purposes shall be January 1 to December 31.



ARTICLE 7- FEES

SECTION I (Obligation) - All clubs desiring membership shall pay an annual registration fee.

SECTION II (Component Parts) - Said fee is comprised of three parts: League registration, State registration, and Forfeit bond.

SECTION III (Explanation)

A. League registration shall be determined by the Executive Committee and shall consist of operating expenses plus trophy/awards fee.

B. State registration is determined solely by the Alabama Soccer Association. Fee consists of State affiliation fee plus charges for amateur player registration.

C. Forfeit bond is a fee required by the League to assure presence at each scheduled game. This fee shall be determined by the Executive Committee and will be put in a special escrow account credited to each club and need be paid only once club's initial entry into the League. Faithful attendance at all games will keep bond in force for as many years as club remains in the League. If club disbands or withdrawals from the League, the bond will be reimbursed less any outstanding financial obligations owed the League. However, should a club forfeit a game at any time, the bond will be transferred to the League Treasury as a fine, and said club must post another bond before being allowed to play next scheduled game. If this bond is not deposited by the next scheduled game, an additional forfeit shall continue to be levied for each game until all fines are paid

SECTION IV (Forfeiture of Rights) - All clubs, team officials, or players who have outstanding obligations, financial or material, beyond deadline set by the Executive Committee, shall be suspended and lose all rights and privileges.



ARTICLE 8 - ORDER OF BUSINESS

SECTION I (All Meetings Except Annual General Meetings)

1. Roll Call
2. Minutes of Previous Meeting
3. Report of Executive Committee
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Report of other Officers
6. -----
7. Reports of Committees
8. Communications
9. Old Business
10. New Business
11. Miscellaneous

SECTION II (Annual General Meeting)

1. Roll Call
2. Minutes of Previous Annual Meeting
3. Communications
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Report of Committees
6. Officer's Reports
7. Unfinished Business
8. Appoint Election Board
9. Release of Officers
10. Nominations and Election
11. New Business
12. Good of Soccer

ARTICLE 9 - DISSOLUTION

In the event of dissolution of this League, all assets remaining after payment of debts shall be returned equally to the member clubs of SASA.

ARTICLE 10 - AMENDMENTS

Proposed amendments to the Constitution, By-Laws and Rules must be submitted in writing to the Vice-President. First reading will be made upon submission and a second reading and voting will occur at the next meeting. Proposal must be passed by 3/4 of delegates present.



ARTICLE 11- COMPETITION

SECTION I (Amateur Clubs) - Competition is open only to amateur clubs and players. Professionals are expressly forbidden. Any club using a professional player shall be expelled from the League.

SECTION II (Registration. Player Passes. Releases)

A. All players assume risk for personal injury sustained before, during or after game and/or practice. They shall not hold any club, League or affiliated Association responsible.

B. All players are required to submit a properly completed amateur registration form and player pass, and photo, to SASA for registration.

C. Photos must be current and the player identifiable.

D. Passes will be returned to players for each match play identification and certification of valid registration.

E. Passes must be inspected by the referee prior to each scheduled game and no player may participate in any game without a pass. This rule will be rigidly adhered to without exception. Lost or misplaced passes are no excuse.

F. Clubs are limited to a maximum of twenty-five (25) players on their roster. An official roster will be submitted to the Registrar at time of registration of players. This roster must be kept up to date and it is the responsibility of the club to process all changes through the League Registrar to comply with this requirement. Failure to do so will result in such changes being declared invalid and illegal.

G. Every club that plays an ineligible player or a player without a pass shall forfeit to the opponents all matches in which the ineligible player participated.

H. Clubs may add new players to the roster if the roster is not at a maximum of 25, or make room for a new player by obtaining a release for an existing player.

I. Registration with a club binds a player to that club for the season unless the club grants a player his official release.

J. A club may refuse to release a player if he has outstanding financial or material obligations to the club. Once said obligations have been cleared, the release must be issued. If the club still refuses, the player may appeal to the Executive Committee who shall grant release.

K. Any club that induces or attempts to induce a player to change his club shall be fined.



L. All players are automatically free agents upon completion of season year provided they have no outstanding obligation to the club or League.

SECTION III (Withdrawal)

A. No team may withdraw from the League without submitting written request to the General Secretary. The Executive Committee will grant permission to withdraw provided all obligations to the League have been met. A fine will be imposed for any withdrawal prior to completion of the scheduled competition.

B. Failure to complete said obligations shall result in forfeiture of all rights, privileges, and funds to the League. In addition, the standard forfeit fee must be paid for each game forfeited from point of withdrawal.

C. Acceptance of withdrawal by Executive Committee during the playing season shall prohibit club from re-applying for membership for a period of one year from date of acceptance.

D. If a club withdrawal occurs with less than one-half of its games played, all games played are rescinded.

E. If one-half of all games have been played, the scores stand and the remaining games are forfeited to opponents with normal forfeit score (3-0).

SECTION IV (Responsibilities of Clubs)

A. All clubs are responsible for the conduct of its players, team officials and spectators.

B. Home clubs are required to take all precautions necessary to prevent spectators, team officials or players from threatening or assaulting the referees or visiting players and spectators either before, during, or after a game. They will guarantee protection of referees at all times.

C. Visiting teams are equally responsible for protection of referees and for the proper conduct of its players, team officials, and fans.”)

D. Violations of any part of the rule by either or both clubs will result in automatic expulsion from the League with forfeiture of all rights and privileges. Additional severe penalties will be levied by SASA for assaults on referees.



Registration Form

Name	
Date of Birth	
Address 1	
Address 2	
City, State	
Zip Code	
Telephone	
E-mail	

Name	
Date of Birth	
Address 1	
Address 2	
City, State	
Zip Code	
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