

**South Shore Soccer League  
General Meeting  
June 10, 2019**



**Agenda**

**A) Roll Call:** ABG, ACU, BRA, BRG, BRK, EBG, EAS, HAN, HOL/A, MMR, QNY, RAN, RAY, RCK, SHA, SBO, STO, WBG, WEY, WHT

**B) Minutes of Previous Meeting**

**C) Treasurer's Report**

- League fees and fines must be paid in full before games begin on Saturday

**D) Communications**

- Mass Youth & Leagues Committee
  - MTOC information is available on the MYSA website.
  - MTOC Wild cards: B12.1, G12.1, G10, G8.1, B8.2
- Referees
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- Registrar
  - Our photo rosters are acceptable, bring 12 color copies to be safe.
- Spring Season
  - Quarter-finals went very well, on time, minimal number of cards, and quality games
  - Semi-finals will be a long day, rosters and uniforms must be correct. Instruct your teams to arrive early to be checked in.

**E) Reports of Committees**

- Rules
  - Review the separate rule change document. Focus will be on the modified and new submissions.
- Scholarship
  - 2019 SSSL Skip Gorman Scholarship Recipients are:
    - Dylan Carter – Holbrook
    - Brianna Gibson – Easton
    - Olivia Shaw – Brockton
    - Molly Smith – Braintree
- Sportsmanship
  - Winners are being notified
- TOPS

**F) Reports from the Delegates**

**G) Special Reports**

**H) Unfinished Business**

- Promotion/Relegation process

**I) New Business**

**J)** For the Good of Soccer

**K)** Adjournment

Next meeting is in late August

## 7v7 Rules Modifications

Current Section 8:

A ball put into play by a Goal Kick or a Kick or Throw by the Goalkeeper must be touched by a player or the ground before it crosses the midfield line. A violation of this rule shall result in an Indirect Free Kick for the opponent at the point the ball crossed the midfield line.

### Proposed Modification:

A ball put into play by a Goal Kick, or a Punt or Throw by the Goalkeeper must be touched by a player or the ground before it crosses the midfield line. A violation of this rule shall result in an Indirect Free Kick for the opponent at the point the ball crossed the midfield line.

**Reason: Be more consistent with IFAB wording. Also, make it clearer that if a goalie places the ball on the ground it is in play and can be played over the midfield line.**

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## Rules of Play

### Proposed Modification:

3.3 The S.S.S.L shall issue a single page roster with only those players eligible to play. ~~There shall be a solid black horizontal line after the name of the last player on the roster.~~ All teams shall receive a copy of the opposing team's game roster at the completion of every S.S.S.L game including all S.S.S.L regular season and playoff games. This roster is only for S.S.S.L. play and those requirements for MASSYOUTH and MTOC play shall be met separately.

**Reason: This line does not appear on the current phot rosters.**

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4.4. . . The Scheduler shall try to adhere to the following days and times for the playing of these games.

The Sunday game times are at the discretion of the Game Scheduler for field usage. However, the preferred times for Gr11/12+ is 8:30 AM and Gr9/10 is 10:30 AM. All PG games will start on the first weekend in May and must end by the weekend before the SSSL Playoffs are scheduled. Teams must play a minimum of six (6) games per season within this time frame.

### Proposed Language

4.4. . . The Scheduler shall try to adhere to the following days and times for the playing of these games.

Friday night games starting no earlier than 6PM can be scheduled for all groups at the discretion of the Game Scheduler. The Sunday game times are at the discretion of the Game Scheduler for field usage. However, the preferred times for Gr11/12+ is 8:30 AM and Gr9/10 is 10:30 AM. All PG games will start on the first weekend in May and must end by the weekend before the SSSL Playoffs are scheduled. Teams must play a minimum of six (6) games per season within this time frame.

**Reason: This is the new reality, it should be included in the Rules of Play**

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4.7. All Towns shall report all game results to the Game Scheduler on the appropriate form including all postponed and / or rescheduled games. The game results must be postmarked, faxed or E-Mailed no later than the first Tuesday following the playing of the game. Non-compliance shall result in a fine of \$20.00. Failure to report any score within 10 days shall result in an additional fine of \$100.00.

**Proposed Modification:**

4.7. All Towns shall report all game results using the appropriate program/website/app including all postponed and / or rescheduled games. The game results must be entered no later than the first Tuesday following the playing of the game, or within 48 hours after games played Monday through Friday. Non-compliance shall result in a fine of \$20.00. Failure to report any score within 10 days shall result in an additional fine of \$100.00.

**Reason: Reflect the current practice**

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8.3 . . . The S.S.S.L. will only pay licensed referees that it assigns to SSSL games. The referee must be approved by the S.S.S.L. and registered with the Referee Administrator of the S.S.S.L. The referee assigned to an S.S.S.L. game shall . . .

8.3.3 . . insure that only those authorized by the S.S.S.L., by their S.S.S.L. ID and roster form, participate in the game. These shall be defined as registered participants. Insure that the players are wearing shin guards and not wearing anything that could be dangerous to themselves or other player. Insure that the player' uniforms are comprised of SSSL approved shirts, shorts, and socks with each part of the uniform of the same basic color; (exception is the goalkeeper who must wear a Jersey different from their teammates and the opposing team.)

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**Reason: Remove reference to ID cards**

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9.3 . . .A player in a S.S.S.L. game shall . . .

9.3.1 . . . be properly registered, listed on the line up form, and match their S.S.S.L. ID.

**Proposed Modification:**

9.3.1 . . . be properly registered, listed on the line up form, and match their S.S.S.L.-Photo Roster.

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- a) Player pass players may not be added to a match after the match has begun.
- b) Cross gender movement is not allowed with a Player pass unless the receiving team is already a co-ed team playing in a boys division.
- c) Any player rostered on a team in an MTOC eligible division is not allowed to use a Player pass to play on a non-MTOC eligible team.
- d) Player pass use is not allowed in the playoffs or MTOC.
- e) Player pass players who are red carded are automatically suspended from playing in any SSSL game for 8 days. This may be appealed if the player’s primary team is scheduled to play multiple games within the week.
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***Reason: Limits use of player pass in smaller programs. For example: ABG has B8.3 and G8.3 teams that are unable to pull players from any teams. They are the lowest division we have in 7/8 and we only have a G6.2 and B6.2 team (i.e. MTOC division). If a 8.3 team is going to be short players, they should be able to pull from a 6.2 team. The main rule states that the players must be "in a lower division or the next (immediately younger) age group", I believe this is enough restriction.***

Current By-Law:

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Proposed....(if we have 7 at large members)

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***Reasoning: It takes approximately 1 – 1 1/2 years for a new member to get comfortable and make progress.***

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## **Rules of Play**

### Current rule

1.3.4 . . . final Team Rosters plus Player and Coach ID cards. The Final Team roster will include the coach's name, telephone number and E-mail address to be listed on the web site. The Registrar shall not release the roster without this information. The team roster shall comply with Rule 2 even when additional plays are being added to the team roster during the playing season. If all ID cards and final rosters are not in the hands of the SSSL registrar by February 1st, then said town shall be assessed a fee of \$10.00 for each missing team for each week the ID cards and/or completed roster is late. This will not pertain to late added teams.

### Proposed...

1.3.4 . . . final Team Rosters plus Player and Coach **Photos**. The Final Team roster will include the coach's name, telephone number and E-mail address to be listed on the web site. The Registrar shall not release the roster without this information. The team roster shall comply with Rule 2 even when additional plays are being added to the team roster during the playing season. If all **Photos** and final rosters are not in the hands of the SSSL registrar by February 1st, then said town shall be assessed a fee of \$10.00 for each missing team for each week the **Photos** and/or completed roster is late. This will not pertain to late added teams.

***Reason Housekeeping only (remove ID cards and replace w/ Photos)***

### Current rule

2.1.1 ... A town may request to play in one section or the other when submitting the team for S.S.S.L. play. In the event a town does not request placement, the S.S.S.L. Executive Committee shall use its best judgment in the placement of the team.

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***Reason placement into sections of a division are strictly random. Utilizing a randomizing program.***

### Current rule

3. The President of the S.S.S.L shall appoint a Registrar for the league to assure that all S.S.S.L. teams for Division I and Division II (Gr5/6 and older) shall adhere to MTOC Eligible League Agreements and players are properly registered for each team.

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***Reason Bring all wording and teams in accordance and have the Registrar oversee which they do already***

### Current rule

3.1.1 . . .the player shall reside in the SSSL Town they are playing for on the day of the first game of the season or have obtained written permission of the President of the SSSL Town in which they live and the President of the SSSL Town that they want to play for. **A Copy of**

**this written permission will be provided to the SSSL Registrar before the player may be added to the team's roster. If the player lives in a Town outside of the SSSL, then a League's Committee Inter League Form or its equivalent must be completed and provided to the SSSL Registrar before the player may be added to the team's roster.**

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***Reasoning: avoids conflicts with towns and allows home town to possibly approach and have player added to the home town roster.***

Current rule:

5.3 . . . If the current or new game date is less than 10 days away, the request will be rejected.

Proposed rule:

5.3 . . . If the current or new game date is at least 4 days and less than 10 days away, the request will be **honored upon payment of an additional fee of \$100, otherwise the request will be rejected.**

***Reasoning: teams need a definite time to determine if a game can be rescheduled***

Current rule:

6.1 . . . In the event of unsafe natural conditions, the game shall be stopped for the duration of the conditions. If the game cannot be restarted on the same day, then it shall be replayed in its entirety as a Make-Up Game.

Proposed rule – replace with:

**6.1 . . . Weather Delays. In the event that a portion of the game is suspended due to weather or unsafe natural conditions, the following rules will apply: a. In the event of a stoppage, games that have completed a half, or are in the second half, after an appropriate stoppage time and unable to resume play will be deemed completed and the score at the time of the stoppage will stand. b. In the event of a stoppage, games that are in the first half and unable to resume play, the game will be re-played in their entirety (both halves) as a Make Up game.**

***Reasoning: need more exact guidance with weather delays and results. Same as the policy we use in playoffs & at MTOC.***

Current rule

9.1.3 . . . The S.S.S.L. Executive Committee shall deal with any registered participant ejected by a referee before, during or after a game as inappropriate conduct. Any registered participant ejected by the referee must leave the vicinity of the playing field before the match can resume. If the participant is under the age of eighteen (18), they must be escorted by an adult. A coach who is ejected (Red Card) shall automatically be suspended for three (3) games and must attend a SSSL Disciplinary Hearing. A coach receiving two yellow cards in the course of the



season will be suspended for one (1) game. Any player ejected (Red Card) for violent conduct shall automatically be suspended for three (3) games and must attend a SSSL Disciplinary Hearing. Any player ejected (Red Card) for Abusive Language shall be suspended for two (2) games and may be required to attend a SSSL Disciplinary Hearing.

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**Reasoning:** *There have been a spike in cards regarding this issue and the total lack of respect in certain age groups.*

#### Current

10.1 . . . duration of the game shall be . . .

PG	(2)	45-minute halves
Gr11/12	(2)	45-minute halves
Gr9/10	(2)	40-minute halves
Gr7/8	(2)	35-minute halves
Gr5/6	(2)	30-minute halves
Gr3/4	(2)	25-minute halves

#### Proposed

10.1 . . . duration of the game shall be . . .

11-PG	(2)	40-minute halves
Gr9-11	(2)	40-minute halves
Gr7/8	(2)	35-minute halves
Gr5/6	(2)	30-minute halves
Gr3/4	(2)	25-minute halves

**Reasoning:** *The Age groups for MTOC play are changing for HS ages and HS games do not need to be 45 minute halves, HS play and Academy play all stop at 40 minutes, so should we.*

#### BY-LAW

ADD at end of paragraph

3.5 - In order for member Associations to remain in good standing, they shall be responsible for all financial obligations incurred by the Association to the South Shore Soccer League and Massachusetts Youth Soccer Association. The member Associations shall also be responsible for the conduct and actions of all players, coaches, spectators or other persons associated with their Association at the venue at the time of a match **or while representing their team or Association outside of a match.**

**Reasoning: to have control over membership trying to access personal information or degrading remarks.** (In 2017 a change limited this only to a match)

ADD By Law 4.1.1:

4.1.1 – At-Large executive board members shall have designated duties as follows – attend SSSL regular meetings and all executive board meetings, unless excused and shall be assigned as an age group director to oversee or other duties as necessary.

**Reasoning: Further explain duties of At-Large Executive Board members**

Current

4.1 The Executive Board shall consist of the following Officers: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, (Immediate Past President) and five (5) At-Large Members.

Proposed

4.1 The Executive Board shall consist of the following Officers: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, **seven (7) At-Large Members**, and the immediate Past President

**Reasoning: Better representation among the membership and need for additional people to share the workload.**

Current: (remove the strike outs)

5.7. Appointments by the President 5.7.1. The South Shore Soccer League President shall appoint a Game Scheduler ~~and/or Game Results Recorder~~ with the approval of the Executive Board. The Game Scheduler shall be responsible for scheduling all League games and have them posted by February 1 of the current season and during the season as needed in the event of a team disbanding, revised team placement, and/or other reasons as warranted. ~~The Game Results Recorder shall be responsible for collecting, tabulating and reporting results and standings of all scheduled games played within the South Shore Soccer League, and shall provide to the South Shore Soccer League Treasurer all fines resulting from forfeits.~~

**Reasoning: Not needed as the results are entered in the online app by the coaches.**