

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS OF THE GEORGE GREENE SOCCER ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE I: ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION:

SECTION 1: NAME

The name of the organization shall be the George Greene Soccer Association (hereinafter referred to as GGSA).

SECTION 2: OBJECTIVE

It shall be the objective of the GGSA to foster, promote, and advance the development of youth soccer through organization, training, education and administration of the recreational, rec + and competitive (State) division programs in the Mississippi Soccer Association.

SECTION 3: OPERATION

The GGSA shall operate as a non-profit organization. Non-profit standing, both State and Federally, should be verified and/or updated annually by the Treasurer.

SECTION 4: HEADQUARTERS

The headquarters of the GGSA shall be at the Lucedale Soccer Complex and the Leakesville Soccer Complex.

SECTION 5: AFFILIATION

The GGSA shall be affiliated with the Mississippi Soccer Association (MSA). GGSA shall abide by the rules and regulations of MSA. In the event of any conflict, the MSA regulations and bylaws shall control.

SECTION 6: AGE DIVISIONS

- a) The GGSA recreational league shall consist of boys, girls and co-ed divisions divided between the ages of four (4) and eighteen (18). The divisions shall be Under 19, Under 16, Under 14, Under 12, Under 10, Under 8, and Under 6. A player's age division shall be determined by their birth year and age by December 31st of the fall season and in accordance with MSA.
- b) The GGSA Rec+ league shall consist of boys, girls and co-ed divisions divided between the ages of four (4) and sixteen (16). The divisions shall be the same

as listed in the above listed subsection, but may include the divisions of Under 15, Under 13, Under 11, and Under 9. A player's age shall be determined as of July 31 prior to the Fall soccer season and in accordance with MSA.

SECTION 7: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- a) The Board of Directors shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, George County Head Coach, Greene County Head Coach, Registrar, Head Referee, and Directors.
- b) The activities and business of the GGSA shall be conducted by the Board of Directors according to MSA Bylaws and regulations, and the GGSA bylaws and operating procedures.
- c) Should the resignation of a Board Member occur, the Board shall vote on an individual to fill the remainder of the term of the Member who has resigned.
 - a. Each Member shall have an opportunity to make a nomination within ten (10) days of the notice of resignation.
 - b. After the nominations are made, the Directors are to determine three (3) nominations to be voted on. A special meeting shall be held at a date determined within thirty (30) days of the resignation date of said Member.
- d) The resignation of a member should be submitted to the Board of Directors in writing, with a resignation date. Once that resignation date occurs, the Member shall excuse himself/herself from any Board of Directors communication platform.
- e) Each member of the board, except for the President, shall have one vote on issues that come before the board. The President shall not vote on issues except in the case of a tie vote, in which case the President shall cast the deciding vote.
- f) A person or persons who wish to be a Board of Directors Member does not have to have a child playing with GGSA nor do they have to be a coach with GGSA.
- g) The Board of Directors will hold at least eight (8) meetings a year and each Member must attend the Annual Meeting and at least one (1) meeting in each recreational season and must attend the first meeting of each season.
- h) There shall be quorum participation for each meeting and each member shall participate 50% of each meeting.
- i) If any Board position is not being fulfilled by the member holding that position or the Board as a majority finds a conflict of not doing your role, the Board may terminate that Member by 2/3 majority vote.

ARTICLE II: DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

SECTION 1: AUTHORITY

The board shall manage and govern GGSA in accordance with these bylaws. No member of the board shall act contrary to these bylaws or contrary to a decision of the board as reflected in the minutes. The board may take any action it deems necessary and proper to run GGSA as long as the action taken is in compliance with these bylaws and the bylaws in accordance with MSA.

SECTION 2: OPERATING PROCEDURES

The Board of Directors shall have the power to establish operating procedures to govern any aspect of league operation as the Board determines and shall pass such operating procedures by a majority vote. The operating procedures shall be binding as to future Board activity until modified. Such operating procedures can include but should not be limited to, registration, team selection, financial matters, division play and set up, scheduling, tournaments, and rec + selection and play.

SECTION 3: ADMINISTRATION

The Board of Directors shall control, regulate and administer team formation, league play, coach selection, and parent, coach and/or player discipline.

SECTION 4: APPROVAL OF GGSA COACHES

The Board of Directors shall approve all GGSA coaches of teams in the GGSA jurisdiction and said approval shall be reflected in the minutes of the organization. Coaches must also pass a background check and complete safety courses as provided by the Registrar.

SECTION 5: MINUTES AS AUTHORITY

The Board can only act through its minutes and all decisions of the board shall be reflected in its minutes. Any action taken by the board shall be by majority vote after a motion duly seconded. The minutes should reflect as to each action taken by the board, the name of the board member making the motion, the name of the board member seconding the motion and the vote of the board as to the motion.

SECTION 6: QUORUM

A majority of the members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a Quorum.

SECTION 7: MEETINGS

Board of Directors meeting will be held once a month during the Fall and Spring Soccer Season. Outside of the playing seasons, the Board of Directors will hold meetings during the months of May, July, and January.

SECTION 8: OPEN MEETINGS

All board meetings shall be open to the public, but members wishing to address the board must make arrangements with a Director prior to the meeting and approved by the President.

SECTION 9: DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

Upon a motion, duly seconded and carried by majority vote, the board may execute a disciplinary meeting for action or discussion concerning discipline of any member, board member, coach, player or parent and/or to discuss any acts of the aforementioned individuals which could be construed to be detrimental to GGSA, or in violation of these bylaws.

ARTICLE III: ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS:

SECTION 1: ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

There shall be an Annual General Meeting held within the month of July of each year for the purpose of electing the Board of Directors, receiving reports on the state of GGSA, and amending these bylaws. Members shall be allowed one vote each on the election of officers, amendments of these bylaws and any other matter brought before the meeting. The date, time, and place of the Annual General Meeting shall be established by the Board of Directors and shall be advertised publicly at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting. Any person that is on the Board, has a child playing in the GGSA for that year, or was a head coach of any team shall be considered a member for voting purposes.

SECTION 2: QUORUM:

A quorum at any annual general meeting shall consist of the members in attendance.

SECTION 3: ELECTIONS AND TERMS OF OFFICE:

- a) Nominations shall be accepted from the floor at the Annual General Meeting for any Board position up for election. A nomination must be seconded to

appear on the ballot and candidates should be given an opportunity to speak to the members in attendance. Candidates do not have to appear in person to qualify for office as long as the requirements herein are met.

- b) The terms of Board Members are hereby stated in Article IV.
- c) The term of office for all Board positions elected at the Annual General Meeting shall be held in July of the year elected.

SECTION 4: POST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING/ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

The board shall hold an organizational meeting as soon as practical after the Annual General Meeting of each election year. Subsequent regular meetings may be called by the President or by a majority of the board, or may be set by Standing Rule. ** Add in here about a MOU for each position that must be signed for their duties and consequences if duties are not fulfilled.

ARTICLE IV: DUTIES OF THE GGSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

SECTION 1: PRESIDENT

- a) Board member responsible for officiating board meetings and working with the South District President to maintain State Compliance.
- b) Required to be tie-breaking vote if voted motions are tied during Board meetings.
- c) Required to attend District and/or State meetings at least once a year to receive updated information to keep league compliant.
- d) Position to be held for a two-year cycle, may be re-elected for one consecutive cycle with any majority vote. May not exceed two consecutive cycles unless by 2/3 majority vote.
- e) If resigning from position before completion of current cycle, must offer nomination of willing replacement. Duties may be managed by Vice President in the absence of the President.
- f) One of Four Board members on all League Bank Accounts.
- g) To be voted in on even years.

SECTION 2: VICE PRESIDENT

- a) Board member responsible to work in conjunction with President to maintain State compliance.
- b) To carryout President's duties in absence of the President.
- c) Position to be held for a two-year cycle and may be re-elected for one consecutive cycle with any majority vote. May not exceed two consecutive cycles unless by 2/3 majority vote.
- d) If resigning from position before completion of current cycle, must offer nomination of willing replacement.

- e) To be voted in on odd years.

SECTION 3: HEAD COACH

- a) Board member responsible for selecting and regulating coaches for each season and to be the person of contact for conflict between coaches.
- b) Must have at least two years' experience in coaching soccer and have acquired at least one coaching license/certification.
- c) Responsible for communicating requirements to teach coaches (Background checks, Coaching licenses, etc.).
- d) One of three board members that must be present for team selections.
- e) **There will be a Head Coach for each city/complex within the League**
- f) The Head Coach is not limited to term cycle, by may step down in May following the Spring Season.
- g) The Head Coach should provide a nomination of willing replacement. The replacement must be voted and approved prior to registration of the Fall season.
- h) The Head Coach for both George and Greene have the discretion to appoint a subcommittee member(s) to assist in the duties that the Head Coach is responsible for.

SECTION 4: HEAD REFEREE

- a) Board member responsible for regulation of referees for game days during the season.
- b) Steps in for conflict resolution between referee, coaches, and/or parent.
- c) Must maintain a current Referee license, be at least 18 years of age, and have at least two years' experience as a Referee.
- d) Has authority to adjust Ref assignments established by the Referee Assignor only if an assigned Referee is absent or a game was not assigned.
- e) This position may be held concurrently with the Referee Assignor position if necessary.
- f) This position has no term cycle limit, but the Head Referee may step down in May following the Spring season.
- g) Prior to stepping down, the Head Referee must nominate a willing replacement and assist them with acquiring licensure prior to the first game of the following Fall Season once they have been approved by the Board.

SECTION 5: REFEREE ASSIGNOR

- a) Board member responsible for staffing games with age and experience appropriate referees.
- b) Must remain aware of license expirations of current referees and offer or direct options for maintaining current licensure.

- c) Responsible for tallying and confirming payment to referees following their worked assigned games.
- d) Must maintain a current State Assignor license and a current State Referee license.
- e) Must have at least two years' experience as a Referee and be at least 18 years of age.
- f) This position has no term cycle limit, but the Referee Assignor may step down in May following the Spring season.
- g) Prior to stepping down, the Referee Assignor must nominate a willing replacement and assist them with acquiring licensure prior to the first game of the following Fall Season once they have been approved by the Board.

SECTION 6: FIELD MANAGER

- a) Board member responsible for overseeing maintenance and upkeep of the soccer complex.
- b) Responsible for notifying Treasurer of supplies needed for field upkeep (new nets, field paint, etc.)
- c) The Field Manager for Lucedale is responsible for the upkeep of the bathrooms and be in contact with the City of Lucedale (601-941-1213).
- d) Create a paint schedule and encourage coaches to assist in field maintenance.
- e) Be available to educate new coaches on field painting.
- f) Must be aware of measurements of fields for all age groups.
- g) There will be a Field Manager for each city/complex within the League.**
- h) This position has no term cycle limits and the Field Manager may step down at the end of the Spring Season.

SECTION 7: TREASURER

- a) Board member responsible for maintaining League accounts and tax identification, paying League bills, and monitoring League expenditures.
- b) Must be listed as one of four Board members on all League bank accounts.
- c) This position is for a two-year cycle and must be voted in during the Annual Meeting on every odd year.
- d) There is no term limit for this position.
- e) If resigning the position prior to the end of the Spring Season, the resigning Treasurer is responsible for finding a willing temporary replacement to fulfill those duties until the position can be voted on at the appointed time.
- f) The resigning Treasurer is also responsible for updating and transferring accounts to the incoming Treasurer prior to the beginning of the Fall Season

SECTION 8: REGISTRAR

- a) Board member responsible for registering players with the State for each season and be the point of contact for the State Registrar.
- b) Assists the Head Coach in confirming Coach compliance with State Regulations.
- c) Be able to monitor team rosters for compliance.
- d) This position is a two-year cycle minimum term that may be continued as the Registrar is willing.
- e) The Registrar may resign at the end of any Spring Season after the initial two-year cycle in complete.
- f) The resigning Registrar must be available to orient the new registrar of duties, state website access, and contacts prior to the beginning of the following Fall season.

SECTION 9: SECRETARY

- a) Board member responsible for maintaining the minutes of all Board meetings, manage all social media accounts for the League and be the point of contact for parents with soccer league related questions and direct them to the appropriate board member if necessary.
- b) This position rotates on a two-year cycle and must be voted on by the Board after the Spring Season of every even year.
- c) One of four Board Member on all League bank accounts.

SECTION 10: SCHEDULER

- a) Board member responsible for creating the season game play schedule.
- b) The point of contact for other league schedulers who would like to schedule inter-league play.
- c) Work with the Ref Assignor to set game times that can be appropriately staffed.
- d) This position is to be voted on each year at the end of the Spring Season and there is no term limit for the position.

SECTION 11: REC PLUS DIRECTOR

- a) Board member responsible for regulating, coordinating, and monitoring all Recreational Plus Teams playing within the League.
- b) The Point of Contact for Rec Plus Coaches.
- c) Assists Rec Plus Coaches in tournament selection and League compliance.
- d) Must maintain current knowledge of Rec Plus Regulations.
- e) Liaison between Rec Plus teams and the League.
- f) Must have at least one year of experience as a soccer coach and hold a 9v9 or higher coaching license.

- g) This position must be voted on every odd year prior to the beginning of the Fall recreational season.

SECTION 12: UNIFORM MANAGER

- a) Board member responsible for ordering appropriate size, design, and color uniforms for teams at the beginning of each season and replacements as needed.
- b) Must relay order information and cost to the treasurer.
- c) This position may be held concurrently with another board position.
- d) Position assigned prior to registration of the Fall season.
- e) This position does not require terms and the Uniform Manager may step down at the end of any season, but must give notice prior to the end of the season.

ARTICLE VI: OPERATING AUTHORITY AND ORDER OF BUSINESS:

SECTION 1:

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall govern in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order the club may adopt. The order of business to be used in all meetings shall be as stated therein unless a special rule of order to the contrary has been adopted.

SECTION 2:

The order of business for all GGSA meetings shall be:

1. Opening
2. Roll Call
3. Minutes of previous meeting
4. Reports of Board Members
5. Reports of Committees
6. Special Orders
7. Old Business
8. New Business
9. Announcements
10. Program
11. Adjournment

ARTICLE VII: REGISTRATION AND UNIFORMS

SECTION 1: REGISTRATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

- A. To become a member of GGSA, a player must submit a complete application for registration. Registration fees shall be established by the Board of Directors.
- B. A player registered by his initial season must present a birth certificate or the equivalent at the time of registration or prior to the first league game.
- C. No player shall register without the written consent of a parent or guardian.
- D. Registration cut-off shall be determined by the Board of Directors on a seasonal basis. Any player wanting to register past the registration cut-off date shall do so at the discretion of the board by first obtaining permission of the board.
- E. Acceptance of registration and assignment of a player to a team shall be at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

SECTION 2: UNIFORMS

The league will supply each recreation and rec plus division player with a uniform (as determined by the Board of Directors) that he/she may keep at the conclusion of the season.

ARTICLE VIII: TEAMS AND COMPETITION

SECTION 1: JURISDICTION

All games played by members of the GGSA shall be under the jurisdiction of the GGSA, unless otherwise approved by the Board for play outside the jurisdiction of GGSA.

SECTION 2: TEAM NAMES

Team names shall bear no resemblance to a religion or nationality. Controversial or offensive names shall be subject to the board approval.

SECTION 3: GAME PARTICIPATION

Teams shall participate only in games approved by the GGSA.

SECTION 4: PLAYERS

- a) Team rosters must conform with the guidelines set forth in MSA. Teams shall be approved by the Board and all on-time player assignments to

teams will be made by the Board without coach input, regardless of the number of players. A player may be added to a team by Board approval and in conformity to MSA guidelines.

- b) Teams shall be formed and conducted according to MSA Bylaws and the operating procedures of both organizations and pursuant to any statement provided by MSA.

SECTION 5: TRANSFER OF PLAYERS

A player may only transfer and/or release from one team to another according to MSA regulations and must be handled by the registrar.

SECTION 6: PRACTICE PERIODS

Team practices for recreational teams shall be restricted to two (2) per week or three (3) per week if no game. Team practices for rec+ teams shall be restricted to one (1) per week and may not interfere with recreational team practice times or two (2) per week outside of the recreational seasons.

SECTION 7: DIVISION REQUIREMENTS

Normally, a minimum of two (2) teams shall be required to form a division. However, with the approval of the Board of Directors, a single team may be considered a division.

SECTION 8: PLAYER PARTICIPATION

Player participation requirements and substitution rules for all age groups shall be in accordance with the currently published MSA rules and bylaws and the intent stated herein. All players of all play at least two (2) quarters per game.

SECTION 9: LENGTH OF GAME

Each game played by GGSA shall be of the length as stated in the current MSA rules and bylaws.

SECTION 10: TEAM STANDINGS:

At the end of the Spring Season, the first and second place teams in each division will be determined based on wins, losses, and point differential. If the first-place team wishes to participate in either district or state tournaments, their registration fee will be paid in full by the Board of Directors. If the second-place team wishes to participate in either district or state tournaments, half of the registration team will be covered by the Board of Directors with the other half to be paid for by the team. If any other team wishes to

participate, the team shall notify the Head Coach of their intent to participate and registration costs will be covered by the team.

SECTION 11: TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION

- a) It is an objective of GGSA to have its teams participate in sanctioned tournament play.
- b) Registration fees for eligible recreation teams for state sponsored tournaments will be paid by the GGSA or by the team if approved by the Board.
- c) Rec+ teams will provide their own fees and are subject to and must act in compliance with any operating procedures approved by the board and the bylaws of GGSA and MSA.
- d) Teams will abide by MSA tournament rules.
- e) The following guidelines will be used to operate and select GGSA Rec+ teams:
 - 1) GGSA and/or the Rec+ Director will pick Rec+ Coaches for u10-u16 age groups in the fall of the year if enough interest is present in that age group and gender. Rec+ teams will pay an additional registration fee equal to but not less than normal registration fee to cover state fees. This fee will also cover the cost of uniforms. Scheduling is up to each individual team according to MSA Bylaws and referee fees will be the responsibility of each Rec+ team. All scheduling must be approved by the Rec+ Director.
 - 2) Rec+ Coaches may pick their teams by try-outs.
 - i. Try-outs must be made public to all GGSA members with the date, time and location of try-outs.
 - ii. All players in the age group must be made aware of try-outs.
 - iii. Try-outs must conform with MSA bylaws and guidelines.
 - iv. Try-outs may begin after GGSA Recreational Registration begins. A player cannot tryout before he/she registers for the Fall Season.

ARTICLE IX: OFFICIATING

SECTION 1: REFEREE RESPONSIBILITIES

- 1) All GGSA Referees must be United States Soccer Federation (USSF) certified for the current year to officiate GGSA competition games in accordance with GGSA, MSA, and the FIFA rules.

- 2) Referees shall at all times impose the rules and regulations of competition as designated by the GGSA, MSA and the FIFA rules in general and shall be paid as approved by the GGSA board.
- 3) The Laws of the Game recognize only one system for officiating soccer games, namely the diagonal system of control (DSC), consisting of three officials - one referee and two assistant referees. All GGSA U-10 and above competition games require the use of this officiating system. In order to comply with the Laws of the Game which MSA and GGSA, all competition soccer games sanctioned directly or indirectly by GGSA, must employ the diagonal system. GGSA prefers the following alternatives in order of preference:
 - 1) One USSF Referee and two USSF referees as assistant referees.
 - 2) One USSF referee, one USSF referee as an assistant referee and one assistant referee who is unrelated to either team and not registered* as a referee, acting as a club linesman (only if there are not enough USSF referees as stated in 1, above).
 - 3) One USSF referee, and two assistant referees who are unrelated to either team and not registered* as referees, acting as club linesmen, (only if there are not enough Federation referees as stated in 1 or 2, above).
 - 4) One USSF referee and two assistant referees who are not registered* USSF referees and who are affiliated with the participating teams, (only if there are not enough Federation referees as stated in 1, 2 or 3, above).
 - 5) If one USSF referee is not available the game shall not be played.

* Club linesmen (not registered as USSF Referees) are limited to calling in and out of bounds only.

SECTION 2: ABSENCE OF REFEREE

- a) In case the appointed referee fails to appear for a scheduled game:
For a GGSA assigned game the GGSA Assignor, Head Referee, or President (preferred order) shall be notified to obtain a referee and concurrence for following:
 - 1) U-7 and below - a referee should be appointed by agreement between teams. Upon arrival at the field of play of the league approved referee, or another league approved referee), the game will be halted at the next stoppage of play at which time the appointed referee or other league approved referee will assume cognizance of the game.
 - 2) U-8 – If a USSF referee is available, (upon concurrence of GGSA Assignor, Head Referee, or President) referee should be appointed by agreement between teams. Upon arrival at the field of play of the league approved referee, the game will be halted at the next stoppage of play at which time the appointed referee will assume cognizance of the game. If one USSF referee is not available the game shall not be played.

- 3) U-10 and above – Shall follow SECTION 1.C above.
- b) For a non-GGSA assigned game, the teams will contact the hosting League for direction, until a league approved referee arrives.

SECTION 3: CIRCUMSTANTIAL DEPARTURE OF REFEREE DURING GAME

Should any referee become incapacitated during the progress of a game from any cause that would prevent him/her from continuing the game, the referee shall turn over control of the game to any other affiliated Referee or a person mutually agreed upon by each team. The proxy chosen shall, in turn, officiate the game to its conclusion, or until the appointed referee agrees to return or another league approved Referee arrives. (In the event the substitute Referee is not league approved)

SECTION 4: REFEREE UNIFORMS

Referees should wear the official (FIFA) uniform with the current-year official (FIFA) emblem. Referees shall abide by the MSA and FIFA Standards of Dress and Appearance.

SECTION 5: OTHER REFEREE RESPONSIBILITIES

The Referee shall at all times put great emphasis on the welfare of the players and officiate the game in such a manner as to promote clean competition and good sportsmanship.

ARTICLE X: DUTIES OF COACHES AND OFFICIALS:

It shall be the duty of each coach and official to:

SECTION 1:

Conduct him/her in a manner becoming of a member of the GGSA and MSA and educate and control his/her parents to their responsibilities of good sportsmanship to players, referees, and opposing sidelines.

SECTION 2:

Coaches shall at all times, encourage clean and fair competition, good sportsmanship and compliance with GGSA and MSA bylaws and operating procedures.

SECTION 3:

Coaches shall train and coach their respective teams to the best of their ability and shall be encouraged to become certified by MSA.

SECTION 4:

Coaches shall enforce the bylaws and operating procedures of the GGSA and shall take any and all steps necessary to learn and become familiar with said bylaws and operating procedures.

SECTION 5: MISCONDUCT

- a) Any case of misconduct on the field of play by players, parents, coaches or officials, shall be reported by the coach to the Head Coach of GGSA within forty-eight (48) hours of the misconduct. The report should be in writing and a complete statement of the misconduct should be included.
- b) Additionally, the Referee shall report any misconduct of a player, coach or parent to the Head Referee within forty-eight (48) hours of said misconduct and shall prepare a written report of same.

SECTION 6: PLAYER DISCIPLINE

If a Coach deems it necessary for disciplinary reasons to limit the playing time of a player to less than the normal one-half, he shall so inform the Referee and the Head Coach. The Head Coach can overrule the coach and let the player play the required quarters of each game until the matter is presented to the board, at the request of the coach. The Referee shall note the players on the score card and report to the Head Referee or the Board of Directors when a player is not playing the required quarters. The Coach shall inform the parent and player of his decision and their right to appeal the matter to the Head Coach and/or the GGSA board.

SECTION 7: TEAM LINE-UP ROSTERS

The coach or designated representative of each team shall furnish the Referee the team's line-up of players for the game. The line-up shall consist of the player's name, jersey number, and quarters played during the game. If an injury shall occur during a game, the coach shall notate that on the team's lineup.

SECTION 8: REFEREE GAME ASSIGNMENT

No one shall assign or appoint a referee, assistant referee or fourth official in any match under the jurisdiction (direct or indirect) of the GGSA who is not

registered as a Referee Assignor with MSA for the current year. The GGSA Board, Head Referee and/or Assignor may appoint an unregistered assignor in an emergency during the current seasonal year without becoming registered.

ARTICLE XI: FORFEITS. PROTESTS AND DISCIPLINE:

SECTION 1: POSTPONEMENT OF GAMES

A game will only be rescheduled after being agreed upon by both coaches. The coaches then are to report to the Scheduler for approval and rescheduling.

SECTION 2: REFUSAL OR FAILURE TO PLAY

Any team refusing/failing to play a game without complying with this Constitution and Bylaws as determined by the Referee and approved by the responsible Director shall forfeit all points for that game.

SECTION 3: NOTIFICATION OF RE-SCHEDULED GAMES

Teams which are to play postponed or re-scheduled games must be notified by the responsible Director at least forty-eight (48) hours before the game. The Director of the district in which the game will be played shall notify the referee Assignor at least forty-eight (48) hours before the game.

SECTION 4: CONSEQUENCES OF FORFEITURE

A team which fails to appear at any scheduled game shall forfeit the game by a score of 0-1, in favor of the opposing team.

SECTION 5: DELAY OF GAMES

All games shall start at the scheduled time. After fifteen (15) minutes of delay, the tardy team shall forfeit its game points.

ARTICLE XII: FAIR PLAY COMMITTEE:

SECTION 1: JURISDICTION

The Fair Play Committee shall conduct all discipline hearings necessary to ensure good sportsmanship, fair play, and compliance with GGSA bylaws and operating procedures as well as MSA bylaws.

SECTION 2: AUTHORITY

Every player, coach, referee, parent, board member or any other individual at GGSA practices or games must act, at all time, in a manner of good sportsmanship, fair and competitive play and in compliance with GGSA and MSA bylaws and/or operating procedures. Any of the above referenced individuals acting contrary to this section may be punished by the Fair Play Committee in any manner deemed necessary to enforce this section and/or the purpose of this organization.

SECTION 3: CHAIRMAN

The Chairman of the Committee shall be appointed by the President and approved by the board. The Chairman shall conduct all hearings in an orderly manner.

SECTION 4: HEARING

The Fair Play Committee shall hear all matters referred to it by the President or a majority vote of the board. The hearing shall be set at a time where at least three (3) committee members are present and the wrongful party has had sufficient notice of said hearing. Witnesses shall be allowed to testify, but the committee may require the hearing to be executive in nature which would require all individuals and witnesses except the wrongful party, his or her parent and/or representative to leave the room until called to testify. The committee shall not hear an appeal for discipline unless there is a written report of the alleged violation, a copy of said written report has been provided to the wrongful party and the wrongful party acknowledges a desire to go forward with the hearing.

SECTION 5: POSTPONEMENT OF HEARING

If the wrongful party requests, either in writing or orally, that a hearing be postponed, the committee shall accommodate the request on the first instance but may in its discretion; order whatever action deemed necessary to enforce good sportsmanship, fair play and compliance with these bylaws pending the hearing. Any other requests for a postponement shall be granted at the discretion of the committee.

SECTION 6: APPEALS

Any party to a discipline hearing may appeal any decision of the committee to the Board of Directors by notifying in writing the President, Vice President or

Secretary of the Board of Directors. The Board shall hear the matter at its next board meeting.

ARTICLE XIII: AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS:

SECTION 1:

These bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of the members in attendance at any Annual General Meeting.

SECTION 2:

In an emergency and in order to protect the provisions of Article I Section 2 of these bylaws, any portion of these bylaws may be modified by a two-thirds majority vote of the Board. In that event, the President shall call a Special General Meeting within thirty (30) days of the Board's action to seek ratification.

SECTION 3:

If the Special General Meeting ratifies the modification, such ratification shall be effective until the date of the next Annual General Meeting, at which time the modification shall be submitted as a proposed amendment to these bylaws.

SECTION 4:

If the Special General Meeting fails to ratify the modification, the Board may not consider the same modification again until after the next Annual General Meeting.