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**TUCSON WOMEN'S SOCCER LEAGUE
CONSTITUTION**

(Revised January 2001)

ARTICLE I - Name, Purpose, Boundaries

- Section 1: The name of this organization is the Tucson Women's Soccer League (TWSL).
- Section 2: The object, purpose and power of this organization shall be to develop, promote, and govern amateur soccer within Southern Arizona under FIFA rules or as otherwise specified by the TWSL.
- Section 3: The headquarters of this league shall be in Tucson, Arizona.

ARTICLE II - Board of Directors

- Section 1: The governing authority of the TWSL shall be the Board of Directors, in compliance with the TWSL Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules and Regulations.
- Section 2: The Executive Committee shall consist of the following officers: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar.
- Section 3: Board of Directors shall consist of one (1) representative from each team in good standing.
- Section 4: Any registered player in good standing may run for office. Any officer, while in office, may run for re-election.
- Section 5: The above officers shall be elected to office at the TWSL annual general meeting (AGM), or by the TWSL General Populace if so decided at the AGM. Terms of office for the positions will be one (1) year and will begin immediately upon tabulation of votes.
- Section 6: Vacancies which occur between elections shall be filled by appointment by the President and ratification by a majority of the Board. If the position of President becomes vacant, the Vice President shall succeed. Should all offices be vacant simultaneously a special election shall be held, after notification of all team representatives. A President may resign by submitting a written resignation to the Vice President, who will automatically succeed to the position of President and will declare the position of Vice President vacant. Any officer shall be required to resign following a vote of no confidence in her ability to carry out the functions of her office. A petition for such a vote must be signed by the team representatives of at least three (3) teams. The vote shall be a two-thirds majority of the team representatives, provided all teams have received due notice and copies of the petitions.

ARTICLE III - Membership

Any properly constituted team that operates within the territory under the jurisdiction of the TWSL may become a member of the TWSL, if all requirements of membership are met. Application for membership must be accompanied by required dues and membership fees as set by the Board of Directors. All amounts shall be returned if the applicant team is denied membership.

Section 1: Each member team, provided it is in good standing, shall have one voting team representative. A team representative shall have one (1) vote in all matters where a vote is necessary.

Section 2: To be in good standing with the TWSL, a member team must meet all the following requirements:

- (a) All current dues, fees, and assessments due the TWSL must be paid. Dues of members are payable on a registration date set by the Board of Directors and become delinquent with commencement of League play for the first playing season following the due date.
- (b) All players and teams must be properly registered and the teams must provide the Board of Directors with names, addresses, and telephone numbers of the team leadership, including the team representative.

Section 3: A member team failing to meet any requirements of good standing shall be subject to discharge from the TWSL, which would include all the entitlements therein. Such discharge shall be accomplished by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors.

Section 4: Upon acceptance into the League, each team will be presented with a copy of the Constitution, Rules and Regulations, and Bylaws as well as any other documents pertaining to the governance of the TWSL. This shall be deemed sufficient notice of the club's liabilities. **IN ANY CASE, A PLEA OF IGNORANCE OF THIS CONSTITUTION, RULES AND REGULATIONS, AND BYLAWS AND ITS REQUIREMENTS SHALL NOT BE SUFFICIENT EXCUSE FROM NON-COMPLIANCE THEREWITH, AND VIOLATORS MAY EXPECT APPROPRIATE DISCIPLINARY ACTION FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**

ARTICLE IV - Jurisdiction

The TWSL shall have jurisdiction over all member teams and players affiliated with it. Each team shall abide by the Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules and Regulations of the TWSL and shall comply with its authority.

ARTICLE V - Meetings

The TWSL shall meet at least once a month. Each team representative will have one (1) vote. The President will cast the deciding vote in case of a tie, or may choose to abstain and waive the right to do so.

- Section 1: A quorum for any official TWSL meeting shall be constituted by one (1) more than the majority of the team representatives present. The majority of the votes cast shall decide all questions except as provided below:
- (a) An amendment to the Constitution and Bylaws of this Organization shall require a two-thirds majority of the quorum.
 - (b) The Board of Directors may bar from office any of the officers, and bar from participation any member, official, club, or other representative by two-thirds majority vote by all members of the Board of Directors.

- Section 2: In the absence of the President, the line of succession for conducting meetings shall be:
- Vice President
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - Registrar

- Section 3: All matters and proceedings of the TWSL which are not otherwise provided herein to the contrary, shall be governed by Roberts Rules of Order as amended.

ARTICLE VI - Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The annual general meeting of the TWSL shall be called during the month of November. The order of business shall be as follows:

- Roll Call and vote accreditation
- Approval of minutes of last meeting
- Reports of officers
- The adoption of a budget for the next operating year
- Amendments to Constitution and Bylaws
- Election of officers
- Adjournment

The board may also conduct other business as it deems appropriate for the meeting.

- Section 1: Each team representative shall have one vote at the annual general meeting.

ARTICLE VII - Amendments to the Constitution

Amendments to the Constitution may be made at any TWSL annual general meeting (AGM) by a vote of two-thirds of the voting memberships present, provided that all the member teams have been given fourteen (14) days written notice of the meeting and a written copy of the proposed changes. Voting members for this purpose are defined as team representatives of affiliated teams in good standing. Voting members at the AGM have the option to extend the vote to the TWSL General Populace, whereby voting will take place on the fields the first games following the AGM. Amendments will go into effect immediately.

ARTICLE VIII - Indemnification

The TWSL shall indemnify, to the maximum extent permitted by Arizona Revised Statutes, Chapter V, Article I, Section 10-1005 (B), any person who is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, or any threatened, pending or completed action or suit by or in the right of the TWSL to procure a judgment in its favor, by reason of the fact that she is or was a director, officer or employee of the TWSL or is or was serving at the request of the TWSL in any other capacity on behalf of the TWSL, against expenses, including attorneys' fees, and against judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement to the extent permitted by law. Expenses, including attorneys' fees, incurred in defending a civil or criminal action, suit or proceeding may be paid by the TWSL in advance of the final disposition of any such action, suit or proceeding to the extent permitted by law.

ARTICLE IX - Dissolution

In the event of the dissolution of this association for whatever reason, all of its assets shall be turned over to the USSF in trust for submission to any state association, which is properly organized and affiliated with the USSF.

**TUCSON WOMEN'S SOCCER LEAGUE
BYLAWS**

(Revised January 2001)

ARTICLE I - President

The President of the TWSL shall preside at all TWSL meetings. The President shall appoint all service committees. The President shall only vote in the event of a tie at a meeting, or may waive the right to do so. The President is responsible for the TWSL and must be informed of everything that goes on. The President is responsible for the growth and welfare of the TWSL. The President is an ex-officio member of all committees.

ARTICLE II - Vice President

The Vice President shall succeed to the powers of the President in the President's absence. The Vice President shall be Chairperson of the Appeals and Disciplinary Committee and shall report the functions of this committee.

ARTICLE III - Secretary

The Secretary shall keep accurate minutes of all TWSL meetings, handle all correspondence, provide notice of meetings. (All correspondence should be available upon request.) The Secretary shall maintain a list of member teams in good standing and their official team representatives to meetings of TWSL. The Secretary shall arrange the meeting place for all TWSL meetings. The Secretary shall continuously review the rules of the TWSL and receive input from the teams and players on proposed changes in TWSL rules. The Secretary shall make recommendations to the Board of Directors concerning such changes. The Secretary shall be responsible for maintaining a current list of TWSL rules which shall be made available to member teams. The Secretary shall appoint assistant secretaries as needed.

ARTICLE IV - Treasurer

The Treasurer shall collect all dues, fees, and assessments and have charge of all monies of TWSL and shall keep a detailed account of income and expenditures thereof. The Treasurer shall submit a written report of income and expenses monthly. The Treasurer shall pay all bills properly passed upon and approved by TWSL. The Treasurer shall also serve as Chairperson of the Budget and Finance Committee. The Treasurer shall provide a receipt of all monies received, which shall be deposited in a recognized bank in the name of TWSL. All bills shall be paid by check and require the signature of the Treasurer or President. The books shall be kept up to date and properly balanced and shall be produced for inspection upon request by any registered player. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the preparing of any and all papers pursuant to the tax status of the TWSL.

ARTICLE V - Registrar

The Registrar shall be responsible for conducting the annual registration of teams and players and for maintaining complete registration records of all teams and players. The Registrar shall also be responsible for issuing player identification cards to affiliated players. The Registrar shall appoint assistant registrars as deemed necessary.

ARTICLE VI - Team Representatives

A Team Representative shall be a representative from each team for the purpose of voting at Tucson Women's Soccer League meetings.

ARTICLE VII - Committees

The president shall appoint such committees as necessary. The Board of Directors shall be empowered to dissolve any committee which, in their judgment, is not fulfilling the purpose for which it was formed. Committee membership shall be on a voluntary basis. In any event, the president shall have the authority to appoint any member of the board to serve on a committee in any capacity. The board shall be responsible for providing the committees with guidelines of authority and outline of services required. The board shall reserve the right of final judgment of any matters which arise from meetings of the committees. Standing committees shall include:

- Appeals and Disciplinary Committee
- Publicity Committee
- Fields and Scheduling Committee
- Budget and Finance Committee
- Competitions Committee
- Social Committee

Duties of the Committees:

Appeals and Disciplinary Committee

The appeals and disciplinary committee shall consist of not less than three members, one of whom shall be the judicial director. The committee shall review all protests and appeals by players, teams, referees or other parties affiliated with TWSL. This committee shall also be responsible for the interpretation of all constitutions, bylaws and rules and regulations. The committee may appoint a parliamentarian.

Publicity Committee

The publicity committee shall be responsible to promote the TWSL and send out announcements of all registrations and assist the competitions committee in publicizing tournaments.

Fields and Scheduling Committee

The fields and scheduling committee shall be responsible for reserving all playing fields. They shall have schedules for the playing season available for Team Representatives one week after the close of registration. This committee will send a copy of each schedule to the officers and Board of the TWSL, the referee coordinator and to the AVO of the ASSA. This committee will assist the competitions committee in securing fields for competitions.

Budget and Finance Committee

The Budget and Finance Committee shall continually review the financial status of the league, and will prepare an annual budget. The committee will conduct fundraising events as deemed necessary. All funds collected for league fundraising will be given to the treasurer to deposit.

Competitions Committee

The competitions committee shall assist with competitions in the TWSL. The committee may recruit as many volunteers as necessary to assist in their functions and may enlist the support of other committees as needed.

Social Committee

The social committee shall be responsible for arranging all social functions of the TWSL such as Christmas parties, TWSL potlucks, end of the year awards, etc. as deemed appropriate.

ARTICLE VIII: Amendments to the Bylaws

Amendments to the Bylaws may be made at any TWSL annual general meeting (AGM) by a vote of two-thirds of the voting membership present, provided that all member teams have been given fourteen (14) days written notice of the meeting and a written copy of the proposed changes. Voting members for this purpose are defined as team representatives of affiliated teams in good standing. Voting members at the AGM have the option to extend the vote to the TWSL General Populace, whereby voting will take place on the fields the first games following the AGM. Amendments will go into effect immediately.

ARTICLE IX: Establishment of Rules and Regulations

Rules and Regulations shall be established to provide for the effective and consistent administration of TWSL activities.

TUCSON WOMEN'S SOCCER LEAGUE
RULES AND REGULATIONS
(Revised November 2017)

I. Playing Year

The playing year is the period from September 1 of one year to August 31 of the following year. There will be a fall, spring, and summer season. The dates will be determined by the Board of Directors.

A. Eligibility

Any female in good standing with the USSF is eligible to register with up to two teams in the TWSL women's division (See Dual Registration). There will be NO dual rostering allowed in the co-ed division.

B. Youth Players

Players under 19 years of age may register with TWSL provided their parents or legal guardians have expressed their consent in writing.

1. A female youth player officially registered with, and in good standing with the Arizona State Youth Soccer Association (ASYSA) may play an unlimited number of games with TWSL in accordance with USSF rule 2104. She will be issued a player pass, which will indicate her status as a youth registered player. Players must be 18 years or older to register for the co-ed division.
2. Youth in the TWSL will be treated as senior players. Youth league functions take precedence over senior league functions.
3. ASYSA players are not eligible to compete in any competition leading to the USSF Open or Amateur Cup.
4. All regulations regarding eligibility for high school participation must be adhered to.

C. Fees

The registration and affiliation dues must accompany a player's application for membership. The amount of such dues shall be set by the Board of Directors prior to the start of the seasonal year. Dual Registered players (See I. I.) must submit a separate registration payment for each team on which they are registered. For example, if a player registers on both a women's and a co-ed team, two checks must be submitted.

D. Refunds

Refund requests, along with the player pass and a mailing address, must be submitted in writing to the TWSL Board of Directors before the 4th game of the season. 100% of the registration fee is refundable if the request is made before the first scheduled game. After that, only 50% of the fee is refundable. Refunds are only payable to the player asking for the refund.

E. Registration Dates

1. Registration will open at least four weeks prior to the first scheduled game of each season and will close at the last registration date before the final regularly scheduled game of the season. Specific dates within the period will be established by the registrar.
2. Registration for TWSL tournaments will be established by the TWSL.

F. Pass Card

The official pass to play is a driver's license or board approved I.D. with photo (Military I.D., passport, any I.D. showing player's name and date of birth.) Each player shall present ID to the referee prior to the start of each game. Each team representative must present a roster that the referee can use to check in players. If a player is not listed on the roster they are ineligible to play.

For players participating in tournaments, a player's pass will be issued. Player must provide an acceptable headshot (face only) .jpg file to be affixed to the official pass card and a photocopy of a driver's license or passport. The pass remains the property of TWSL or ASSA and must be surrendered when the player withdraws, transfers from one team to another, or is suspended. Failure to surrender the card may result in disciplinary action. If a pass card is lost, the player may be charged a replacement fee.

G. Transfers

1. A player may transfer from one team to another upon presentation of a transfer form (See Appendix, Transfer Form) signed by the releasing team representative, the player's pass, a registration form for the new team signed by the accepting team's representative and a transfer fee to be established by the Board of Directors.
2. A team representative is obliged to release any player who requests release unless the player has unmet obligations to the team. Refusal to release a player may be grounds for disciplinary action.
3. No transfers will be allowed following the last third of the season. The last third of the season is defined as the completion of two thirds of the games regularly scheduled for the playing season.
4. A player may transfer only once during a season.
5. Transfer procedures must be completed before Tuesday night and the player must sit out the next regularly scheduled game.
6. If a team officially notifies the registrar that it is disbanding at any time during the season, its players may transfer without sitting out a game. All other transfer procedures remain in effect.
7. If a player transfers between fall, spring or summer seasons, that player does not have to sit out the first game of the season. All other transfer procedures remain in effect.

H. Ineligible Players

1. Only properly registered players may participate in sanctioned league games or tournament play.
2. If the player is not properly registered, the team shall automatically forfeit that game and may face further disciplinary action by the Board of Directors.
3. In the case of forfeiture, the score shall stand 1-0 against the forfeiting team.
4. Violations of this rule, including but not limited to the use of altered official passes or use of non-registered players will result in all or any combination of the following disciplinary actions:
 - a. Forfeiture of the game and bond money.
 - b. A fine of not less than \$20 per ineligible player, to be imposed on the team committing the infraction. The fine is to be paid before the next game or within 10 days.
 - c. Suspension of the team coach and or team representative for a minimum of two games in the current or succeeding season of play.
 - d. Failure to pay assessed fines or adhere to suspension will result in suspension of the offending team and each registered player of the team and forfeiture of games as determined by the Board of Directors.

I. Dual Registration

Players may register on two teams in special circumstances as approved by the Board of Directors. Examples include Over 30 and Mother Daughter teams. The co-ed league shall be recognized as a separate division of TWSL.

1. Each player will be issued a player pass which will indicate that she is a dually registered player.
2. The player registered on the special team will designate the special team to be the primary team and will play all scheduled games with that team.
3. The player registered on two teams will pay each team registration, as indicated by the Board. The registration fee itself must be submitted separately for each team (For example, in the form of two checks).
4. No more than 5 players from any one special team may play together on any other team in the TWSL women's division.

II. Team Registration

A. Team Definition

A team is defined as the majority of its players. A new team is defined as one made up of previously unregistered players or of players from other teams not comprising a majority of any one former team at the end point of any season.

B. Registration Fee

Team registration fees will be set by the TWSL prior to each season registration. A bond fee set by the TWSL will be required of each team in order to be scheduled for the season. This bond fee will also be used for penalties incurred during the year. The following penalties may be incurred:

1. A fee of not less than \$20 for the use of ineligible players.
2. The cost of a referee and two linesmen for failing to notify an Executive Board Member of canceled games 96 hours prior to the game.
3. \$10 fine if a team fails to send a representative to three consecutive TWSL meetings within a playing year. The \$10 fine will come out of bond money and must be repaid before the next game.

C. Team Size

A team needs a minimum of eleven registered players in order to register as a team. In the co-ed division, a team must register a minimum of 5 women. Each team will be allowed to register a maximum of 25 players and carry all 25 player passes. A team may play all 25 players in each game. (Note that only a legal team need show up for the game. A legal team is 7 players; in the co-ed division, the number of male players on the field must not be greater than five (5), excluding the goalkeeper. Women are not restricted by numbers, other than FIFA rules that governs a team of 11.)

D. Team Colors

Team colors must be designated when a team registers. Every team is required to have an official uniform. All players must wear numbers on the back of their uniforms. The numbers must be distinctly visible against the colors of the jersey. If a team changes colors during a season, it must notify the registrar and its opponents for the remainder of the season. In the case of similar colors between two opposing teams, the home team will be responsible for wearing an alternate color. Failure to comply will result in a forfeit with a score of 1-0 if the game is not played. If color conflict occurs because a team fails to tell an opponent that they changed their team colors, then the team that changed colors will be assessed any penalties resulting from the color conflict whether or not they are the home team and the other team will not be penalized.

E. Sponsors

A team may find any sponsor and advertise the sponsorship provided that the nature of the sponsor's business or advertising brings no discredit to the game, TWSL, or the team.

F. Insurance

Players are responsible for their own medical insurance. The TWSL will purchase liability insurance through ASSA.

G. Disbanding Teams

Teams that disband during the season are required to notify the Registrar and President within 24 hours. The disbanding team's players may transfer without sitting out a game.

H. Team Name Change

A team cannot change its name during the playing year.

I. Scheduling of Games

Game schedules are prepared and distributed prior to the beginning of the season. This system allows teams and their players an opportunity to adjust their personal schedules around preplanned game schedules. After the schedules have been prepared and distributed, teams will not be allowed to deviate from their schedule except for conditions which fall under Rules III. F and IV. A. Accordingly, teams that are unable to play a scheduled game due to other commitments will forfeit with a score of 1-0. All teams will be scheduled an equal number of games, whenever possible. A team that is traveling to a tournament will be allowed to reschedule its game.

III. Rules of Play

- A. FIFA Laws of the game prevail with the following exceptions:
1. Field size is ideally a minimum of 100 by 75 yards, but pragmatism may require variation.
 2. Goal nets will be used.
 3. Substitutions shall be unlimited and may be made, with the consent of the referee, at the following times:
 - a. Prior to the throw-in in your favor.
 - b. Prior to a goal kick by either team.
 - c. After a goal by either team.
 - d. After an injury, by either team, when the referee stops play.
 - e. At half time.
 - f. A player receiving a yellow card may be substituted before play resumes; the other team may substitute an equal number of players.
 4. Metal cleats are prohibited.
 5. Shoes with toe cleats (i.e. a single cleat at the toe of the shoe) are prohibited.
 6. In the co-ed division, the number of male players on the field during play must not be greater than five (5), excluding the goal keeper. Women are not restricted by numbers, other than FIFA rules that governs a team of 11.
 7. In the co-ed division, sliding is only allowed by the goal keeper within the penalty box or by players other than the goal keeper only for the purposes of keeping the ball in bounds when no other players are in proximity (approximately 10 yds). Leaving one's feet for **SLIDING IS NOT ALLOWED** for taking or intending to take possession of the ball from a player or keeping or intending to keep a player from getting possession (i.e. sliding to keep a ball in-bounds when another player is in proximity would be considered as keeping a player from getting possession). For unallowable slides, an **indirect free kick** will be awarded to the opposing team at the site of the slide. It is up to the referee's discretion if a yellow (or red) card should be awarded for dangerous slides or repeated slides in a game by the same team. All other rules regarding sliding (i.e. dangerous play, from behind, etc) still apply.
 8. Upon the stoppage of play and acknowledgment from the referee, a team playing with fewer than 11 players is allowed to add eligible players to the game.
 9. During summer play, teams are allowed at least one water break per half due to the heat.
 10. In the co-ed division, a women will be awarded 2 points for a goal, excluding penalty kicks.
 11. The last offensive player who touches the ball will be awarded credit for the goal.

12. During a co-ed game if a player is red carded the following applies:

For teams playing with 11 players (5 men, 5 women, 1 goalie):

If a team is playing with 5 men (excluding the goalie) and one is red carded, that team will play the remainder of the game with a maximum of 4 men (excluding the goalie). If a team is playing with 5 women (excluding the goalie) and one is red carded, that team will play the remainder of the game with a maximum of 4 women (excluding the goalie).

For teams playing short:

If a man is red carded, that team will play the remainder of the game with a maximum of 4 men and a maximum of 9 players on the field (excluding the goalie). If a woman is red carded, that team will play the remainder of the game with a maximum of 5 men and a maximum of 9 players on the field (excluding the goalie).

Additional players who show up to games where their team is playing short can be added as to adhere to the above rules.

- B. The Designated Home Team will be responsible for the following:
1. The submission of the official game card for the team roster a minimum of ten minutes prior to the match.
 2. One game ball.
 3. Changing jersey colors in the event of a conflict with the opposing team.
 4. If during the course of the game an injury occurs, the team representative shall be responsible for submitting an injury report within 7 days of the injury (See Appendix, Injury Report)
 5. Each team has the opportunity to submit an evaluation of the game and/or referee (See Appendix, Referee/Game Evaluation Form)
 6. The welfare of the officials before, during and after the match.
 7. Policing the field and adjacent areas for trash.
- C. The Visiting Team will be responsible for the following:
1. The submission of a roster on the official game card that has been provided by the home team.
 2. If during the course of the game an injury occurs, the team representative shall be responsible for submitting an injury report within 7 days of the injury (See Appendix, Injury Report)
 3. Each team has the opportunity to submit an evaluation of the game and/or referee (See Appendix, Referee/Game Evaluation Form)
 4. The welfare of the officials before, during and after the match.
 5. Policing the field and adjacent areas for trash.
- D. Tie Games will remain ties during the regularly scheduled season.

E. A Team Forfeits under the following conditions:

1. Fifteen minutes after the scheduled start of the game, or at any time during the game, the team has fewer than seven acceptable players.
2. The Appeals and Disciplinary Committee judged the team or its spectators responsible for the abandonment of the game by the referee (See III. H).
3. The team uses ineligible players.
4. The home team fails to have uniforms of contrasting colors. If the game is not played, the home team will forfeit with a 1-0 score (See exception in II. D).
5. In the event of the above conditions, the team will forfeit their bond money.

F. Canceling Games

If a team must cancel an upcoming game, the team must:

1. Notify the league by communicating with an Executive Board Member *at least 96 hours prior* to the game. **Only after confirmation from an Executive Board Member will valid notification be complete.** It is team's responsibility to ensure the board has received notice of cancellations in enough time. Messages left on answering machines or email will not suffice for notification unless they are confirmed by the executive board.
2. Notify the opposing team of the cancellation at least 96 hours prior to the game.
3. If any of these conditions are not met, the team will forfeit with a score 1-0. A team that forfeits a game because of lack of proper notification to an Executive Board Member or the other team before the game will forfeit their bond or charged a fee equivalent to at least the cost of the referee and two linesmen.

Note: teams that have been notified of a cancelled game must contact an Executive Board Member if they wish to be considered to fill in if there was another game that was cancelled in the same week.

G. Rescheduling Games

1. If a team wants to reschedule a game that they canceled, the team must give a just cause for canceling, and the Board of Directors agrees that rescheduling is appropriate (such as a team playing in a tournament).
2. If a team wants a game scheduled to make up for a game that was cancelled, they must inform an Executive Board Member immediately after being notified of cancellation.
3. Any tournament play leading to the National or State Cup takes priority over normal TWSL competition. Any TWSL games that are not played because of National or State Cup games will be rescheduled.
4. Every effort will be made to reschedule games but extenuating circumstances (e.g. no fields or teams available, end of season) may result in games in not being re-scheduled or not scheduled with the original teams involved.

H. Non-league Games

Permission must be requested of the TWSL and ASSA to play non-league affiliated games out of the State of Arizona.

I. Abandoned Games

1. If a game is abandoned because of weather conditions, it will be replayed in its entirety. It is the responsibility of the team representatives to notify the President within 48 hours to reschedule the game.
2. If a game is abandoned because of player or spectator conduct, the Appeals and Disciplinary Committee will investigate the incident within ten days and will specify either that the game is to be replayed or the official outcome of the game.

J. Conceding Games

Teams who can field a legal team (See II. C), but have less than 11 players can concede the game to the opposing team at any time, but must play the game until half time in order to retain their bond money. If the team does not play until half time, then they will be charged with a forfeit and bond money will be lost.

IV. Officials

- A. All games under the jurisdiction of the TWSL shall be officiated by properly designated USSF certified referees. If a certified referee is unavailable, another qualified adult may be asked to referee the game, provided that both team representatives indicate their agreement before the game starts. Rather than use a non-certified referee, a team representative may ask for the game to be rescheduled.
- B. If the designated referee fails to appear for the game a report shall be made to the Board of Directors by the home team.
- C. Should a referee become incapacitated during the course of the game, a report shall be made to the Board of Directors by the home team. The game shall be suspended unless another referee is acceptable to both teams, is present, and is willing to officiate the game.
- D. The referee shall be responsible for officiating and conducting the game in accordance with his powers as governed by USSF/FIFA laws of the game and in agreement with the TWSL rules. In addition, the referee shall be responsible for the following:
 - 1. Keeping a record of goals scored and other pertinent information relating to the game.
 - 2. Holding the player passes of players who were ejected during the game and submitting these passes to the Treasurer along with the game report.
 - 3. Assuring the proper completion and disposition of the line up cards and his/her report.
 - 4. No sanctions against players may be imposed unless the referee withholds their cards and submits a written report by the following Wednesday at 6:00pm.
- E. Each team will have the opportunity to provide an evaluation of the officials for their game each week. These evaluations will be submitted to the TWSL Vice President on a schedule of her discretion. (See Appendix, Referee/Game Evaluation Form)
- F. Only certified referees shall be paid a fee mutually agreed upon by both the league and referees association. Payment shall be by TWSL check.
- G. If a referee physically attacks a player, the team representatives have the right to stop the game. In such a case, the game shall be replayed. A report should be sent to the Vice President.
- H. Referees may be asked to appear before TWSL committees at any time to explain their reports or testify on Appeal and Disciplinary hearings.

V. Divisions and Team Standings

- A. TWSL play shall be conducted in divisions. The Board of Directors shall set the number of divisions and assign the teams on the basis of ability and past performance.
- B. A team shall participate in TWSL play in only one division.

VI. Player Discipline

- A. Disciplinary action taken by the Appeal and Disciplinary Committee may include reprimand, suspension, or forfeiture of game singly or in combination.
- B. Ejections
 - 1. A player ejected from a regularly scheduled game or TWSL sanctioned post season game for infractions, such as foul and abusive language or repeated violations of the rules, will be suspended for the next regularly scheduled game or league game, whichever comes first. A player ejected for violent conduct will be suspended for the next two regularly scheduled games or tournament games.
 - 2. A player ejected three times in the same playing season will be suspended for the remainder of that season and the following season.
- C. Coaches are also subject to yellow and red cards for their behavior.
- D. Discipline Point System and Suspensions
The point system and suspensions will apply to all sanctioned play during the playing year including tournament games.

<u>Disciplinary Action</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Game Suspensions</u>
Caution (yellow card) of player	5	None
Ejection (second caution) of player	10	minimum 1 game
Category #1 Ejection (red card) of player	10	minimum 1 game
Category #2 Ejection (red card) of player	10	minimum 2 games
Category #3 Ejection (red card) of player	15	minimum 3 games
Caution issued to coach	10	None
Ejection of coach	20	minimum 1 game

Offense categories:

- #1 - Including but not limited to foul or abusive language directed at anyone other than a game official; Serious foul play such as intentionally handling the ball to deny an opponent a goal or scoring opportunity or denying a scoring opportunity by a non-dangerous offense punishable by a free kick or penalty kick.
- #2 - Including but not limited to serious foul play other than in #1 or contact such as pushing or striking another player. Foul or abusive language directed at a game official.

#3 - Including but not limited to violent conduct such as fighting, pushing or striking another player more than once.

E. Guidelines

1. A player or coach who receives both a yellow and a red card in a single game will only receive the ejection points.
2. A player or coach will be suspended for the remainder of the fall, spring, or summer season when she/he has amassed 25 points.
3. A player or coach will be suspended for the remainder of the playing year when she/he has amassed 40 points.
4. Individual points amassed by a player or coach will also be attributed to his/her team and will count as team points.
5. Any team accumulating 75 points during a playing year will be suspended for the remainder of the year.
6. Players and coaches retain their individual points for the entire playing year even if they transfer to another team.
7. A team that drops a player, loses a player, or changes a coach who has discipline points shall have those points removed from its team points as a result of the change.
8. Once awarded, discipline points cannot be appealed.
9. All discipline points will be removed at the conclusion of the playing year.

F. Conduct Detrimental to the TWSL

A player, coach or team may be subjected to disciplinary action by the Appeals and Disciplinary Committee for conduct detrimental to the TWSL or the game. The Appeals and Disciplinary Committee is required to initiate an investigation of such behavior upon the request of the Executive Committee. It may also undertake investigation on its own.

G. Appeals

1. An appeal must be 1) Presented in writing within 48 hours of the incident to the Chairman of the Disciplinary and Appeals Committee; 2) accompanied by a \$15 fee; and 3) filed with an Incident Report from the official. The appeal must include details of the game, incident, player(s) involved, desired outcome, and date of next game.
2. The Appeals and Disciplinary Committee must notify the other parties involved and prepare written documentation of its decision within 72 hours or before the next scheduled game (whichever is greater) after receipt of the appeal. This written documentation and only a written documentation is considered the official decision of the Committee. The \$15 fee will be refunded if the appeal is upheld.
3. Decisions of the Appeals and Disciplinary Committee may be appealed to the Executive Committee. Such an appeal must be accompanied by a \$25 fee, which will be refunded (along with the other fees previously paid for A&D Committee action) if the appeal is upheld.
4. Appeals of decisions of the Executive Committee can be filed with the Arizona State Soccer Association under provisions of the appropriate regulations governing affiliated leagues.

VII. Play-off Games

- A. At the end of any season the Board of Directors may hold play-off games.
- B. A player participating in any TWSL play-off game shall be ineligible to participate with any other team in subsequent rounds if his original team is eliminated with the exception of dual registered players (See rule I. I).
- C. Teams may only use players in these games that registered prior to the last three regularly scheduled games.
- D. In the event that play-off games are tied at the end of regulation time, play shall be extended by two fifteen minute halves. Overtime shall begin after a rest period of two minutes. Teams line up as for the beginning of the game. If the score remains tied after the overtime periods, the game will be decided by penalty kicks taken in accordance with the USSF/FIFA laws of the game. These same rules shall apply to all tournament games and championship play-off games scheduled by the TWSL.

VIII. Amendments to the Rules and Regulations

Amendments to the Rules and Regulations may be made at any TWSL meeting by a vote of two-thirds of the voting members present, providing that all member teams have been given 14 days written notice of the meeting and written copy of the proposed changes. Voting members for this purpose are defined as the team representatives of member teams in good standing. Voting members have the option to extend the vote to the TWSL General Populace, whereby voting will take place on the fields the first games following the TWSL annual general meeting (AGM) in November. Amendments will go into effect at the beginning of the playing season immediately after the playing season in which they were passed.

Revision History:

- III. Rules of Play, Section A, #7 - Sliding Rule in Coed (1/1/2002)
- III. Rules of Play, Section F & G - Canceling and Rescheduling Games (1/1/2002)
- VI. Player Discipline, Section D - Discipline Point System and Suspensions (1/1/2002)
- I. Playing Year, Section D - Refunds (9/1/2007)
- I. Playing Year, Section F - Pass Card (11/20/2017)

APPENDIX - TWSL League Forms

These are examples of forms used in the TWSL League. You may obtain these forms from the President or Registrar, or you may make an enlarged copy of the forms in this booklet.

I. Transfer Form (See Page 10, G.1.)

Name _____ Date _____

	Transferring From	Transferring To
Team Name		
Team Rep Signature		

II. Injury Report (See Page 14, B.4. and C.2.)

***** Submit this report to the TWSL Registrar within 7 days after injury *****

Injured Player's Name _____

Field where injury took place (be as specific as possible) _____

Briefly describe the extent of the injury _____

If the injury occurred in a game, please answer the following questions:

Who was the official? _____

Was a foul called? (circle one) yes no

Was a card issued? (circle one) yes no

III. Referee/Game Evaluation Form (See Page 14, B.5. and C.3.; Page 16, E.)

Referee's Name _____ Position: Center Line

Evaluator's Name _____

Date of game _____ Time of Game _____ Field _____

Home Team _____ Score _____ Visitor _____ Score _____

Level of play (circle one) easy moderate difficult

How many officials were present? (circle one) none one two three

Did the officials collect player cards? (circle one) yes no

Did the game begin at the scheduled time? (circle one) yes no

Rate the condition of the field (circle one) excellent fair poor unacceptable

Please rate the official using the following scale -

- 0 - unsatisfactory
- 1,2 - poor
- 3,4,5 - average
- 6,7,8 - good
- 9,10 - excellent

All 0's, 1's and 2's must be supported by comments!

CATEGORY	RATING	COMMENTS (REQUIRED FOR 0,1,2)
Consistency of calls		
Maintained control of game		
Maintained flow of game		
Professionalism		
Control of emotions		
Personal conduct		
Attitude		
Communication		
Accuracy of decisions		
Foul recognition		
Use of advantage		
Knowledge of rules		
Positioning on field		
Other:		

Additional Comments _____

For immediate action send this form within 72 hours of game to TWSL President