Policy Manual

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LSA POLICY MANUAL

Policy 101 LSA Business Practices

101.1 Conflicts of Interest

Each year every member of the LSA Executive Committee, all LSA employees and certain consultants employed by LSA shall sign and file with the LSA Executive Director, a Conflicts of Interest statement on a form provided by LSA. The Conflicts of Interest Statement shall contain an affirmation that those required to sign it

101.1.1 shall derive no personal profit or gain, directly or indirectly, by reason of his or her participation with the LSA.

101.1.2 shall disclose any personal interest which he or she may have in any matter pending before LSA and shall refrain from participation in any discussion and decision on such matter.

101.1.3 shall identify his or her affiliation with any LSA affiliated club and/or with any vendor or corporate partner or sponsor of LSA and shall refrain from participation in any discussion or decision relating in any way to that affiliated club, vendor, partner or sponsor.

101.1.4 shall refrain from obtaining any list of LSA affiliated clubs and/or LSA members for personal or private solicitation purposes at any time.

101.1.5 shall avoid even the appearance of impropriety or conflict of interest in any and all LSA business dealings and functions.

101.2 Employee Protection (Whistleblower) Policy

LSA shall not retaliate in any manner against any LSA employee who

101.2.1 in good faith, has filed a complaint against some practice of LSA, or of any individual or entity with whom LSA has a business relationship, on the basis of a reasonable belief that the practice is in violation of law, or a clear mandate of public policy.

101.2.2 discloses or threatens to disclose to a supervisor or a public body, any activity, policy, or practice of LSA that the employee reasonably believes is in violation of a law or a clear mandate of public policy.

101.3 Document Retention and Destruction

LSA shall, in accordance with all applicable laws, regulations and accepted business practices, establish clear policies concerning the retention and destruction of LSA business documents including corporate records, financial records, tax records, personnel records, insurance records, contracts, records of donations and management plans and procedures. When timely, documents shall be destroyed by shredding.

101.4 Availability of Registration and Personal Information

101.4.1 Electronic Communications

LSA's electronic communications systems are to be used only for business purposes. LSA has the right of access to all electronic communications and all information on its own computers. No individual should have any right or expectation of privacy with regard to messages sent to or received from LSA. Any individual who violates this policy or uses the electronic communications systems for improper purposes shall be subject to discipline or termination and possibly, other legal remedies.

101.4.2 Availability of Registration and Personal Information
LSA shall establish specific safeguards to protect the interest of the players, coaches, their families and clubs with regard to the use and control of registration information.

101.4.3 LSA Access to Registration and Personal Information
LSA shall have access to this information for registration purposes, to accomplish day-to-day administrative functions and operations, risk management policy and procedures and any other legitimate communication and business function for which LSA needs access and use of such information.

101.4.4 Email Marketing and Mailing Lists
LSA may use registration and email information to promote LSA programs and events to its membership. LSA shall not sell email addresses of any LSA member or group of members to any third party for marketing purposes. LSA may sell mailing lists of its members under the following conditions

101.4.4.1 The use shall be a single use.

101.4.4.2 The sale and use of any mailing list shall only be accomplished through an independent and bonded mailing house.

101.4.4.3 Only surnames shall be used and no player or family member shall be identified by their first name. For example, mailings shall be sent to "The Smith Family".

101.4.4.4 LSA shall have the right to approve or disapprove the business or entity seeking to purchase any mailing list and shall have full approval authority over the content of any materials to be mailed.

101.5 Employee Manual
LSA shall maintain an employee manual and shall give a copy thereof to each full-time employee of LSA upon the date of their hire. The Employee Handbook shall detail conditions of continued employment, payroll and compensation, benefits, vacation policies, holidays observed and other LSA business practices, procedures and expectations of its full time employees.

Policy 102 Bank Accounts

All LSA Bank accounts in the LSA's Name will have the following allowable signatures: the President,
the Vice President, the Treasurer, the Past President and the Executive Director.

Policy 103 Expense Reimbursement

103.1 Reimbursement of expenses incurred in the scope of LSA business can be made by following the procedures below and with prior approval:

103.1.1 All expense reimbursement forms must submitted to the LSA Office. LSA will reimburse only for actual, reasonable and proper expenses that are necessary in the conduct of LSA business necessary, the appropriate LSA Executive Committee member will be consulted regarding the submitted reimbursement to verify its accuracy. Reimbursement will then be made within 30 days. Expenses submitted to the LSA Office 90 days after they are incurred will not be paid.

103.1.2 LSA Executive Committee members are to submit expense reports for reimbursement with all eligible expenses to be approved by the Executive Director. If charging a specific program, the reimbursement must also be approved by an Executive Committee member in charge of the specific program(s).

103.1.3 All other expense reimbursements for eligible expenses must be approved in advance by the Executive Director or the Executive Committee member in charge of a specific program, if being reimbursed from a specific program.

103.1.4 Eligible expense reimbursements for the LSA Executive Director require approval from the Treasurer or the LSA President. The Executive Director may approve expenses for the LSA Technical Director or other paid LSA employees.

103.1.5 LSA does not reimburse for alcoholic beverages, personal expenses, such as traffic citations, cost of clothing, personal medical expenses, valet, entertainment, loss of personal property, personal grooming, or other personal expenses.

103.1.6 Be specific when coding expense account forms. If you are requesting reimbursement for more than one type of coding (i.e. boys State Select Team, girls State Select Team, youth tournament, etc.) it might be best to use a separate expense form for each program.

103.2 Eligible Expenses

103.2.1 Travel. Price per mile to be set using IRS guidelines for non-profit organizations for travel more than 35 miles to be adjusted annually beginning each LSA fiscal year.

103.2.1.1 Group travel by persons living in the same area should be considered whenever possible.

103.2.1.2 The amount reimbursed for travel by private automobile will not exceed the amount of reasonable air transportation.

103.2.1.3 In most cases, air travel will be secured through the LSA Office for those travelling on behalf of LSA. If that cannot be done, air travel value will be based on 21 days prior to travel using the lowest air fares and from the major airport closest to your home.

103.2.1.4 If it is necessary to fly from a different city due to the availability of flights, LSA will pay mileage to and from the airport. Parking will be paid only if necessary. Executive Committee members or paid employees flying from the city of their residence will not be reimbursed for mileage to and from the airport.

103.2.1.5 One-way tickets might be purchased if party has another way home at no expense to LSA.

103.2.1.6 LSA will not reimburse for changes made after ticket is booked or purchased except in extreme emergencies.

103.2.1.7 If transportation is provided, no mileage will be reimbursed.

103.2.1.8 Local mileage is not reimbursable except when circumstances dictate excessive travel is required.

103.2.2 Under our current Business Auto policy, LSA has Hired Auto Liability in the amount of $1,000,000. LSA does NOT have Hired Auto Physical Damage (comprehensive and collision). LSA Hired Auto Liability coverage extends only to official travel on behalf of LSA and not to personal use of vehicles.

103.2.2.1 This coverage does NOT extend to the transportation of soccer players.

103.2.2.2 LSA does not cover transporting players in owned or rented vehicles. LSA does not authorize the rental of 15-passenger vans to transport youth soccer players under any circumstances.

103.2.2.3 A rental agreement should be signed as "John Doe on behalf of Louisiana Soccer Association" as this will clarify that the rental is for business purposes. Liability coverage should be rejected since LSA already has Hired Auto Liability. However, the Collision Damage Waiver should be purchased to protect against damage to the vehicle itself. LSA policy does not cover collision damage and the only available endorsement will not have as broad a coverage as the rental company.

103.2.2.4 Authorization for a rental car should be obtained in advance of travel.

103.2.3 Lodging. In most cases, lodging will be secured through the LSA Office for those travelling on behalf of LSA. If that cannot be done, reasonable lodging must be secured for reimbursement. Receipts are required. No expenses paid for pay TV channels, movies, or games. No expenses paid on items from a personal bar in the hotel room but this could be counted in meal allowance expense except for alcohol. Tips will be paid at reasonable costs, maximum of $4.00 check-in and $4.00 check-out.

103.2.4 Meals. When overnight travel is required, reimbursement for meals will be limited to actual expenses with a guideline of a $60.00 maximum per day. Itemized receipts for all meals are required. Credit card receipts are not acceptable alone but may be submitted to reflect a gratuity that was paid. If the event attended has certain meals included such as luncheons, banquets, etc. attendance is expected at these events LSA does not pay for the meals of guests unless approved by the LSA President or Executive Director.

103.2.5 Registration Fees. LSA will pay all required registration fees for LSA Executive Committee members, paid employees, or LSA standing committee members attending approved functions. Late fees will not be paid unless the error in submitting such items in a timely manner lies with LSA or if the late fees are approved by the Executive Committee. LSA does not pay registration fee for family or guests.

103.2.6 Exceptions to any of the above can be made by the appropriate LSA Executive Committee member or Executive Director if necessary. Exceptions should be documented. Certain events may supersede reimbursement amounts and expenses.

Policy 104 Program Finances

104.1 Olympic Development Program Finances

104.1.1 The Olympic Development Program is operated as a self-funded program within LSA. Each budget year, the LSA Executive Committee will approve an amount to be funded from the general operating funds of the organization to be dedicated to program need-based financial assistance for the ODP program. The amount will be included in the organization's overall budget for the budget year presented to the membership.

104.1.2 Fees to participate in the program shall be set annually in an amount to cover all program expenses. The LSA ODP Director shall prepare an annual budget for the upcoming fiscal year prior to June 1st. The budget is subject to approval by the LSA Executive Committee and shall become an overall part of the LSA Budget presented to the membership.

104.1.3 Any excess funds generated from year to year by Olympic Development Program fees shall remain within the program. The LSA Executive Committee may budget these funds first to erase past years' deficits, if any, and then for special projects or other non-recurring expenses. In order to have an amount certain, the amount budgeted shall be the excess funds from the previously completed fiscal year.

104.2 Referee Program Finances

104.2.1 The Referee Program is operated as a self-funded entity within the organization.

104.2.2 Income is generated by state fees from referee registrations. The Referee Committee shall prepare an annual budget for the upcoming fiscal year prior to June 1st. The budget is subject to review and approval by the LSA Executive Committee for conformance with US Soccer policy and sound fiscal practices. It shall become an overall part of the LSA Budget presented to the membership.

104.2.3 Any excess funds generated from year to year by referee registration shall remain within the program and carried forward to the following year's budget. The Referee Committee may budget these funds first to erase past year's deficits, if any, and then for special projects or other non-recurring expenses. In order to have an amount certain, the amount budgeted shall be the excess funds from the previously completed fiscal year. (Example: the amount used to prepare the 2015-2016 budget shall be the Referee account balance at the close of 20014-2015 fiscal year.)

Policy 105 LSA Risk Management Policy

This Risk Management Policy is intended to comply with both federal and state law and by doing so promote the safety and welfare of youth players and to join with LSA affiliated clubs in protecting youth players from unsafe conditions. In the event there exists any conflict between this Policy and any federal or state law, such law shall be controlling.

105.1 Application of Risk Management Procedures

105.1.1 Any and all individuals age 18 and older acting within an official capacity and who may have the opportunity to have direct and unmonitored access to children who are involved with any approved or sponsored program of US Youth Soccer, LSA and/or any LSA affiliated club including, but not limited to, coaches, referees, administrators, team manager, trainer and volunteers, older players and other covered individuals as defined herein (hereinafter referred to as "RM individuals") must complete all LSA risk management procedures each year. The only exception to this requirement shall be criminal background checks which shall be required every two years. RM Individuals shall be required to notify the club and LSA of any misdemeanor or felony charges or arrests that occur during the period of time since their clearance through the background check process. These Risk Management Policies and Procedures shall apply to any and all such

RM individuals regardless of whether such individuals receive compensation, whether they work full or part-time, and regardless of the age groups and levels of play in which they are involved.

105.1.1.1 "Coach" shall include all coaches, including assistant coaches, of all teams.

105.1.1.2 "Referee" shall include any person involved in any manner with officiating any scrimmage or game.

105.1.1.3 "Administrator" shall include any person involved to any degree with the organization, management, supervision or governance of any youth soccer club or program. "Administrator" shall include, but not be limited to, all club directors, board members, officers, registrars and employees, whether full-time or part-time.

105.1.1.4 "Team Manager" shall include any person involved in any manner with organizing, administering and managing team affairs and events.

105.1.1.5 "Athletic Trainer" shall include any person involved on a regular basis in the prevention, diagnosis, and intervention of emergency, acute and chronic medical conditions and injuries in youth players.

105.1.1.6 "Volunteers" shall include any person who for any duration of time shall volunteer his or her time to perform a function necessary to the operation of a club and/or a club event
associated with youth soccer during which prolonged contact with youth soccer players can reasonably be expected.

105.1.1.7 "LSA" shall include all members of the LSA Executive Committee, LSA Instructional Coaching Staff, ODP Coaching staff, Office Staff and any person employed by LSA who may have prolonged contact with youth soccer players.

105.1.1.8 "Older player" shall include any person who will turn 18 during the season or is over the age of 18 at the beginning of the season and is on a team with any player not yet 18 at the beginning of the season.

105.1.1.9 Other 'covered individual'. The term 'covered individual' means an adult who is authorized by a national governing body, a member of a national governing body, or an amateur youth sport organization that participates in interstate or international amateur athletic competition, to interact with a minor or amateur athlete at an amateur sports organization facility or at an event sanctioned by a national governing body, a member of a national governing body, or such an amateur sports organization

105.1.2 No RM Individual shall be permitted to participate in any way in any LSA-sanctioned youth soccer program or event and/or in any capacity with or for any LSA affiliated member or club at any time unless and until they have completed all LSA risk management procedures.

105.1.2.1 Any individual who participates in any way in any LSA sanctioned youth soccer program or event without having first completed all LSA risk management procedures and/or who fails to notify his or her LSA affiliated club and LSA of any charges or arrests after having been cleared through a criminal background check as herein

required shall be subject to a fine not to exceed $1,000.00 and to a lifetime suspension from all LSA sanctioned programs or events.

105.1.2.2 Any LSA affiliated member or club that permits any individual to participate in any capacity or in any way in any LSA sanctioned Youth soccer program or event without having first completing the LSA risk management procedures as herein required shall be subject to a fine not to exceed $1,000.00. Further, the LSA affiliated member or club may not be covered under insurance provided by LSA if this procedure is not adhered to in full.

105.2 Risk Management Procedures

LSA shall establish on-line questionnaires, testing and programs to be completed each year by all RM Individuals including:

105.2.1 Criminal Background Check

All RM Individuals must submit to an on-line criminal background check and must cooperate with their Club Risk Management Director and the LSA Risk Management Committee to insure a complete and proper criminal background check has been accomplished. For RM Individuals who have not spent 22 of the last 24 months in the United States an acceptable international background check must be submitted to LSA.

105.2.2 Concussion Awareness

LSA has adopted the US Soccer Comprehensive Player Health and Safety Program. In particular, LSA requires all RM Individuals to complete an on-line Concussion Awareness course and test.

105.2.3 Prohibited Conduct

In accordance with Federal and state law, LSA adopts and incorporates herein the Prohibited Conduct Policy of US Soccer as the same may be amended from time to time. The US Soccer Policy defines conduct which shall be prohibited in all US Soccer operations and such prohibited conduct includes, but not by way of limitation:

105.2.3.1 Sexual contact with a child regardless of whether there is deception or the child understands the sexual nature of the activity.

105.2.3.2 Harassment, discrimination or intimidation against by any individual against any other individual based upon race, color, age, religion, marital status, sex, ancestry, national origin, citizenship, veteran's status, pregnancy, disability, sexual orientation or any other characteristic protected by federal, state or local law

105.2.3.3 Sexual harassment involving unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal, written, or physical conduct of a sexual nature.

105.2.3.4 Sexual misconduct involving any sexual interaction between an athlete and an individual with evaluative, direct or indirect authority is prohibited.

105.2.3.5 Bullying involving the intentional, persistent and repeated pattern of committing or willfully tolerating physical and non-physical behaviors that are intended, or have the reasonable potential, to cause fear, humiliation or physical

harm in an attempt to socially exclude, diminish or isolate the targeted individual(s), as a condition of membership are prohibited.

105.2.3.6 Hazing involving the coercing, requiring, forcing or willfully tolerating any humiliating, unwelcome or dangerous activity that serves as a condition for (a) joining a group or (b) being socially accepted by a group's members are prohibited.

105.2.4 US Center for SafeSport Training

LSA has adopted the US Center for SafeSport Training which covers topics including mandatory reporting laws, sexual misconduct awareness education and emotional and physical misconduct education. LSA requires all RM Individuals, including any player who is 18 or older or will turn 18 during the seasonal year**,** to complete the on-line SafeSport training course.

105.2.4.1 LSA maintains a zero tolerance regarding abuse.

105.2.4.2 The LSA Zero Tolerance for abuse extends to all representatives, members and participants in any and all LSA sanctioned programs, events, activities and competitions.

105.2.4.3 LSA requires every representative, coach and volunteer to assist in creating a safe environment for participants at and during any and all sanctioned programs, events, activities and competitions.

105.3 Club Risk Management Director

105.3.1 Each member organization must designate a Risk Management Director (RMD) on their LSA Annual Report form.

105.3.2 The RMD is responsible for insuring that every club officer, coach, assistant coach, manager, referee, assistant referee, trainer and any volunteer who have regular contact with any youth players complete the LSA online risk management disclosure questionnaire annually and reviews the online video approved by the LSA regarding required reporting of suspicions regarding child welfare.

105.3.3 The RMD shall develop and maintain relevant Risk Management Policy for his/her member organization and communicate risk management information to their members as appropriate. Risk management policies should include, but are not limited to:

105.3.3.1 the required background checks;

105.3.3.2 severe weather safety guidelines;

105.3.3.3 first aid education and guidelines;

105.3.3.4 CPR education and guidelines;

105.3.3.5 field and facility safety, including goals and field conditions and lost child procedures;

105.3.3.6 proper use of social media and electronic communications;

105.3.3.7 safety procedures for team tournament travel; and

105.3.3.8 compliance with the mandatory reporting requirements provided for in federal and state law before attempting to conduct any investigation of their own.

105.3.4 Unless the Applicant chooses to withdraw his/her application, LSA shall notify the RMD of a member Club of the disqualification hereunder of any

Applicant who has indicated the intention of volunteering or working with that member Club. Such notification shall be given to the member Club immediately upon the final determination of disqualification whether by acceptance of the Applicant, real or implied, or following the process of appeal as set forth hereafter. Should an Applicant chose to withdraw his/her application the LSA shall inform the member Club's RMD that the Applicant is not allowed to have unsupervised contact with youth members of the member Club.

105.3.5 Any LSA affiliated club that fails to appoint or to name an RMD on their Annual Report shall be placed immediately into "Not in Good Standing" status and shall remain in "Not in Good Standing" status until and unless LSA is satisfied that an individual has been duly named RMD and that such individual understands his or her role and responsibilities as such. Further, if such deficiency is not remedied then the LSA Risk Management Committee may suspend the club's insurance coverage.

105.4 LSA Risk Management Committee ("RMC")

The Risk Management Committee (RMC) shall have full authority to make all decisions pertaining to an individual's eligibility to participate with LSA and to disqualify an individual based on the results of any criminal history background check(s). The RMC also has the authority to attain more information on questionable or serious offenses and convictions based on the results of any criminal history background check(s).

105.4.1 The RMC shall be composed of those persons so designated in the LSA Bylaws.

105.4.2 LSA shall have the authority to modify the composition of the RMC without notice and for whatever reason it deems appropriate for the proper and expeditious administration of the duties of the RMC.

105.4.3 LSA shall have the authority to contact any risk management applicant regarding their criminal history in an attempt to gather more information. Information provided by the applicant may be taken into consideration by the RMC in determining the eligibility of the applicant to participate with LSA.

105.4.4 The RMC shall review those risk management disclosure questionnaires that indicate the existence of any potential disqualification criteria.

105.4.5 The RMC shall analyze convictions produced from criminal history background check(s) with an incident date between the application date and ten (10) years previous from the application date. The RMC shall have the authority to review and analyze incidents that date back farther than 10 years if it is deemed that a person's criminal history beyond 10 years possesses a serious threat to the well-being and safety of children.

105.4.6 After reviewing an applicant's disclosure statement and criminal background check, the RMC may request additional information or data from the applicant. Should the applicant fail or refuse to provide such additional information or data within ten (10) days of the RMC request, the RMC shall deny the applicant's application.

105.4.7 The RMC also reserves the right to perform criminal history background check(s) at random time periods on any adult who has previously applied for Risk Management and who may or may not have a criminal history.

105.5 Risk Management Disqualification Criteria

Upon reviewing the results of any background check, the convictions listed below, in whole

or in part, may cause the Risk Management Applicant to be immediately disqualified from participation with LSA, all LSA related activities and events, all LSA affiliated club activities and events, and all US Youth Soccer related activities and events.

105.5.1 Individuals found to be guilty of the following crimes will be disqualified from participation as outlined below. The term "guilty" be defined as a judicial finding of guilt

- 105.5.1.1 after the entrance of a plea of "guilty";
- 105.5.1.2 after the entrance of a plea of "no contest" accompanied by the court's finding of guilty;
- 105.5.1.3 after the entrance into any pre-trial probation agreement or program.
- 105.5.1.4 following a trial regardless of whether there was an adjudication of guilt (conviction) or a withholding of a finding of guilt. This policy does not apply if criminal charges resulted in acquittal, dismissal or in an entry of "nolle prosequi":

105.5.2 Ever Found To Be Guilty Of:

- 105.5.2.1 Any sex offense including, but not limited to, child molestation, rape, sexual assault, sexual battery, sodomy, prostitution, solicitation, or indecent exposure.
- 105.5.2.2 Any felony of violence including, but not limited to, murder, manslaughter, aggravated assault, kidnapping, robbery, and aggravated burglary.

105.5.3 Found to be guilty within the past 10 years of any felony offense other than violence or sex related offenses set forth above, including, but not limited to, drug related offenses, theft, embezzlement, fraud, and child endangerment.

105.5.4 Found to be guilty within the past 7 years of any misdemeanor offense involving violence including, but not limited to, simple assault, battery, domestic violence, and hit and run.

105.5.5 Found to be guilty within the past 5 years or guilty of multiple offenses in the past 10 years of misdemeanor drug offenses including, but not limited to simple possession of a any drug.

105.5.6 Found to be guilty within the past 2 years or guilty of 3 or more offenses in the past 10 years of misdemeanor alcohol or drug offenses including, but not limited to, driving under the influence, drunk and disorderly, public intoxication, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

105.5.7 Any other misdemeanor within the past 5 years that, in the opinion of the RMC could reflect or be considered a potential danger to children
or is directly related to the functions associated with working with youth soccer players including, but not limited to, contributing to the delinquency of a minor, providing alcohol to a minor, and theft.

105.5.8 Should any pending charges described above be discovered or should any of the above charges be brought against an applicant during the season, the applicant shall be suspended from serving until such time as the charges have been cleared or dropped and the Club RMD has approved reinstatement.

105.5.9 The LSA Executive Committee shall have the authority to add at any time additional offenses and convictions to the list as outlined above.

105.6 Disqualification Procedure and Right of Appeal

105.6.1 The RMC shall send written Notification of Disqualification to every Applicant who has been disqualified by the RMC. The written notification shall include instructions on how he or she may either withdraw his/her application (if applicable) or appeal the RMC decision.

105.6.2 The disqualified individual has 3 days from the receipt of the Notice of Disqualification to either withdraw his or her application if the disqualification was for a misdemeanor offense to submit a written Notice of Appeal to the LSA Executive Director.

105.6.3 Withdrawal of Application

The Applicant may withdraw his/her application if the disqualification was for a misdemeanor offense, in which case LSA shall delete the Applicant's application and take no further action.

105.6.4 Right of Appeal

105.6.4.1 The disqualified individual has 3 days from the receipt of the Notice of Disqualification to submit a written Notice of Appeal to the LSA Executive Committee. If a Notice of Appeal is not received by LSA Office within such 3-day period, the disqualification will be deemed final and the disqualified individual shall have no further right to appeal the RMC decision. The Notice of Appeal must be accompanied by a check in the amount of $200.00 made payable to LSA.

105.6.4.2 An appeal from a disqualified individual shall be heard by the LSA Executive Committee at its next scheduled meeting. All Executive Committee Members present (including by way of telecommunications) at the meeting with the exception of those Executive Committee members who serve on the RMC and those who identify a conflict of interest with the disqualified individual, shall vote.

105.6.4.3 The Executive Committee shall consider a report and the Notice of Disqualification of the RMC and the Notice of Appeal and any supporting documentation from the disqualified individual. The disqualified individual shall not have the right to personally appear before the Executive Committee.

105.6.4.4 A vote of a simple majority of the Executive Committee members present (including by way of telecommunications) shall be final and binding.

105.6.4.5 The decision of the Executive Committee shall be sent to the appealing individual within than 10 days of the decision. The decision of the LSA Executive Committee shall be final and binding and shall take effect immediately.

105.6.4.6 The LSA RMC may request that an Applicant provide the RMC with further information pertaining to offenses and/or convictions found as a result of criminal history background check(s). If the Applicant fails to respond to the RMC within 10 days of the RMC request, the individual will be disqualified.

105.7 Risk Management Disclosure Process for Referees

All referees, instructors, assignors and assessors shall be held to the same Risk Management standards and criteria for disqualification as all other individuals who may have contact with youth soccer players in Louisiana.

105.7.1 All referees, instructors, assignors and assessors must register with U.S. Soccer annually to be eligible to work any LSA-approved game or event in any capacity. U.S. Soccer's registration is valid for a calendar year.

105.7.2 No referee 18 years of age or older, instructor, assignor or assessor shall be permitted to act as such in any capacity until and unless he or she completes the Referee Risk Management Disclosure Process as administered by US Soccer.

105.7.3 Any LSA affiliated member or club that permits any individual to act as a referee, instructor, assignor or assessor without completing the US Soccer Referee Registration Process including the Referee Risk Management Disclosure as herein required shall be subject to a fine not to exceed $1,000.00.

105.7.4 Any duly registered Referee Assignor who permits any individual to referee or participate in any way in any LSA sanctioned youth soccer program or event without completing US Soccer Referee Registration Process including the Referee Risk Management Disclosure process subject to a fine not to exceed $1,000.00. Any Referee registered or approved by US Soccer shall be deemed in compliance with this Policy.

Policy 106 Grievances, Protests and Appeals

106.1 Purpose

The purpose of this Policy is to establish policies and procedures by which parties who feel they have been aggrieved may file a grievance complaining of the acts or conduct of another and/or may file an appeal seeking relief from an action taken or decision made the appealing party feels is contrary to LSA Policy.

106.1.1 Club Grievance and Appeal Policy and Procedures

106.1.1.1 Each Club shall establish in their own Policies and/or Bylaws, written procedures for resolving internal club disputes or violations of their Club by-laws, policies, rules or regulations.

106.1.1.2 Such Policies and/or Bylaws shall include established procedures for filing an internal Club grievance and procedures for appealing any action taken or decision made by the Club.

106.1.2 No internal Club dispute, grievance, action, appeal or club decision shall be filed with or heard by LSA unless and until all internal club appeal procedures have been exhausted.

106.2 Definitions

106.2.1 "US Soccer Policy" shall mean all policies and procedures set forth in the United States Soccer Federation, Inc. Policy Manual. All policies and procedures contained herein shall adhere to US Soccer Policy.

In the event any policy or procedure of LSA or any LSA-affiliated club shall conflict with any US Soccer Policy, such US Soccer Policy shall be deemed controlling.

106.2.2 "Grievance" shall mean a complaint filed against one or more LSA-affiliated clubs alleging wrong-doing and/or a violation of LSA Policy.

106.2.1.1 Grievances shall include, but not be limited to, allegations of improper recruiting and conducting tryouts for recreational teams.

106.2.1.2 A Grievance may be filed against a Club by another Club or by LSA directly.

106.2.2 "Protest" shall mean a complaint pertaining to the conduct and/or outcome of a game or games.

106.2.3 "Disciplinary Action" shall mean action taken by LSA against a player, coach, team, team supporters and/or a club as a result of conduct or behavior before, during or after a game that is contrary to the Laws of the Game, the Policies of US Soccer and/or US Youth Soccer, LSA Policy, the Laws of the State of Louisiana and/or to the principles of sportsmanship, civilized behavior and fair play promoted by the LSA Mission Statement and expected in all youth sports events.

106.2.4 "Appeal" shall mean a request by a party to review action taken or a decision made by LSA and/or an LSA-affiliated club.

106.2.5 The "Discipline and Appeals Committee" is that standing committee created by LSA Bylaw 9.2.3.

106.2.6 "LSA Game" , shall be defined as and shall include any and all LSA sanctioned games including, but not limited to, all games in all Louisiana State Tournaments and all games in both the LCSL.

106.3 Grievances

106.3.1 Any Club may file a grievance against another Club.

106.3.2 A grievance must be filed by certified mail with the Executive Director of LSA and all parties/individuals charged in the grievance.

106.3.2.1 The grievance must be in writing, signed by the Executive Director or the President of the LSA member club filing the grievance, and accompanied by the required $500 fee payable to LSA as a bond.

106.3.2.2 The grievance must:

a. State the name and any aliases of the parties

b. State the LSA bylaw(s) and/or policy(ies) upon which it is based

c. State the facts upon which it is based in numbered paragraphs with each paragraph containing a single factual allegation

d. Set forth the grieving party's argument in support of the grievance

e. State the specific relief sought

f. Be accompanied by all documents, including statements or declarations, or other written evidence in support of the grievance.

g. Certify that the grievance and all supporting documents have been served by certified mail on all other affected parties on the same date as the grievance was mailed to the LSA Executive Director.

106.3.3 The Chair of LSA's Discipline and Appeals Committee may, within ten (10) days of receipt of the grievance by LSA's Executive Director, dismiss the grievance without further proceedings if the Chair determines that (1) the required procedures have not been followed or (2) if all allegations and the reasonable inferences from facts alleged are presumed to be true, the grievance is without merit. A dismissal under this provision must be in a written statement that sets forth the reasons for the dismissal. If a grievance is not dismissed pursuant to this section, the Chair of LSA's Discipline and Appeals Committee shall cause all affected parties to be notified of such party's right to file a response and the date upon which the response must be filed.

106.3.3.1 A response to the grievance, including any documents or written evidence upon which the response is based, must be filed with the LSA Executive Director by certified mail within thirty (30) days, or such other reasonable time as the Chair of LSA's Discipline and Appeals Committee may direct, of the date of receipt of the grievance by the LSA Executive Director. The response must certify that the response and all supporting documents have been served by certified mail on all other affected parties on the same date as the response was mailed to the LSA Executive Director.

a. Unless good cause is shown, the failure to timely file a response constitutes a default.

b. Default may be the basis for granting the grievance. The existence of a default by itself, however, does not obligate or require LSA to grant the grievance.

106.3.3.2 Within 14 days of the LSA Executive Director's receipt of the response to the grievance or 14 days of the date such a response was due, whichever is earlier, the Chair of LSA's Discipline and Appeals Committee will cause all parties to be notified of the time and place of the hearing on the grievance and the procedures for the hearing. The hearing shall be set at the earliest reasonable time, but in no event later than 90 days from the date of the receipt of the grievance.

106.3.3.3 All hearings shall be conducted in accordance with US Soccer policy.

106.3.3.4 LSA's Discipline and Appeals Committee Chair shall appoint at least three (3) member of LSA's Discipline and Appeals Committee, one of whom shall be designated as the chair, as the hearing panel. The hearing panel may grant or deny the grievance in whole or in part.

106.3.3.5 The hearing panel will notify the LSA Executive Director by mail and when possible by electronic means of its decision in writing within seven (7) days after the completion of the hearing. The LSA Executive Director shall notify the affected parties by mail and when possible by electronic means of the decision in writing the same day or the next business day of the receipt of the decision by the hearing panel. The decision shall state the reasons for the hearing panel's conclusion and provide notice of the right to appeal.

106.3.4 Any decision granting or denying in whole or in part a grievance may be appealed to the LSA Executive Committee by filing a written
notice of such an appeal with the LSA Executive Director within ten (10) days of the date of mailing of the hearing panel's decision. The LSA Executive Committee may elect to review or may decline to review the matter by appeal. The reasons for any decision will be submitted to the affected parties by mail and when possible by electronic means in writing by the LSA Executive Director the same day or the next business day of the receipt of the decision by the hearing panel.

106.4 Protests

106.4.1 To be considered, a protest must be filed with LSA within 3 business days from the LSA game.

106.4.1.1 Only the President or Executive Director of a Club or the Head Coach of the team affected may file a protest.

106.4.1.2 The protest must be in writing and must detail the circumstances, the specific LSA Policy, Law of the Game and/or LSA Rule of Play upon which the protest is being made.

106.4.2.3 The protest must be accompanied by a check drawn on the Club account or a money order in the amount of $300 made payable to LSA. If the protest is upheld, the protest fee shall be returned to the protesting team or club. If the protest is denied, LSA shall deposit the protest fee.

106.4.2 No decision of a referee or a referee's assistant in any game shall be subject to any protest process.

106.4.3 The LSA Executive Director or, in the case of an LSA state tournament game, the Tournament Committee, shall promptly review the protest and determine if it has merit.

106.4.4 As soon after the filing of the protest as is practical, the LSA Executive Director or Tournament Committee shall notify the protesting party of its decision and the specific grounds therefor.

106.4.5 The decision of the LSA Executive Director or Tournament Committee shall be final and binding upon all parties and shall not be subject to any appeal.

106.5 Disciplinary Action

Disciplinary action taken by LSA shall either be specifically set forth in LSA Policy, such as cases of misconduct or the unethical use of ineligible players, or shall be brought by the LSA Executive Committee by filing a complaint with the Discipline and Appeals Committee.

106.5.1 A complaint must be in writing, signed by the Executive Director or the President of the LSA.

106.5.2 The complaint must:

106.5.2.1 State the name and any aliases of the parties;

106.5.2.2 State the Law, Policy, By-law or principal upon which it is based"

106.5.2.3 State the facts upon which it is based;

106.5.2.4 Be accompanied by all documents, including statements or declarations, or other written evidence in support of the complaint; and

106.5.2.5. Certify that the grievance and all supporting documents have been served upon all other affected parties on or before the date the complaint was filed.

106.6 Appeals

106.6.1 Purpose

106.6.1.1 What may be appealed.

a. A determination by the LSA that a grievance has no merit.

b. A determination by the LSA Executive Committee on a grievance after hearing.

c. Disciplinary Action taken by the LSA Executive Committee pursuant to LSA Policy 214.

106.6.1.2 What may not be appealed.

a. Discretionary decisions of referees.

b. The application of the misconduct rules pertaining to the ejection or dismissal of any individual from an LSA Game including, but not limited to, permitting players under suspension for misconduct to participate in an LSA event.

c. The application of procedures, penalties, fines, fees and finance charges as set forth in LSA Policy.

d. Matters not duly filed with LSA in accordance with the rules and procedures set forth herein.

e. Protests that have been denied by the LSA Executive Director or the Tournament Committee.

f. Disciplinary action against a Club or Club Official for use of a player in an age group younger than his birth year.

106.6.1.3 Cases of Referee Assault and Abuse

All cases of Referee Assault or Abuse shall be filed, heard and determined in strict accordance with US Soccer Policy and will not be subject to the rules and procedures contained herein.

106.6.2 Filing a Notice of Appeal

106.6.2.1 All appeals are commenced with the filing of a Notice of Appeal. A Notice of Appeal shall be in writing, shall state specifically what decision is the subject of the appeal, and shall state the specific grounds upon which the appeal is being made.

106.6.2.2 All Notices of Appeal must be filed by the President or Executive Director of the Club affected.

106.6.2.3 All Notices of Appeal shall include any and all written statements or other documentation that will be submitted in support of the appeal. No statements or documentation not submitted with the Notice of Appeal will be considered.

106.6.2.4 In the event the appeal involves a party in addition to LSA, the appealing party must send that party the Notice of Appeal together with all supporting documentation by certified mail.

106.6.2.5 All appeals must be accompanied by a check drawn on the Club account or a money order in the amount of $500 made payable to LSA as a filing fee. In the event the appeal is upheld, the filing fee shall be returned to the appealing party. In the event the appeal is withdrawn or is denied, LSA shall deposit the filing fee.

106.6.2.6 LSA shall have the right to submit a response to the Notice of Appeal to the LSA Discipline and Appeals Committee. If such a response is so filed, LSA shall send a copy of the response to the

appealing party prior to the hearing.Prehearing

106.6.2.7 Upon receiving a duly filed Appeal, LSA shall convene a meeting of the LSA Discipline and Appeals Committee. If a meeting of the Committee is already scheduled, the Appeal will be added to the agenda of that meeting.

106.6.2.8 LSA shall notify all parties to the appeal of the date and time scheduled for the hearing.

106.6.4 Hearings shall be conducted by the LSA Discipline and Appeals Committee and shall be presided over by the Chairman of the Committee or his designee. Hearings are not legal proceedings. LSA merely provides a procedure for resolving disputes or imposing discipline that are fair and reasonable and in compliance with those procedural requirements set forth in US Soccer Policy.

106.6.4.1 An audio recording of all hearings shall be made by LSA. No other party shall be entitled to make such an audio recording. If a transcribed copy of the recording of any hearing is requested LSA shall make such transcription available at the sole cost and expense of the requesting party.

106.4.2 Presentation of Appealing Party

The appealing party will present their written evidence, testimony and oral arguments first. If witnesses are called to corroborate facts, the opposing party shall be permitted to question the witnesses.

106.6.4.3 Response of Opposing Party

The opposing party and/or LSA will then present their responses to written evidence, testimony and oral arguments of the appealing party. The appealing party has the right to question the witnesses.

106.6.4.4 Members of the Committee shall be permitted to ask questions of all parties and witnesses present at the hearing.

106.6.4.5 If testimony is given by a minor, he or she must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

106.6.5 Post Hearing

All parties to the Appeal shall be notified by first-class mail of the decision of the LSA Discipline and Appeals Committee within 14 days of the conclusion of the hearing. Such notification shall also include the procedures of appeal to US Soccer.

Policy 107 Procedures to Conduct a Hearing or Appeal, Disciplinary Action Committees / Hearings / Protest / Appeal Committees

Discipline and Appeals Committees hearing matters involving a referee cannot have a majority membership of current registered referees.

Policy 108 Assaults

US Soccer gives jurisdiction of hearing referee assaults to the responsible State Association which is directly affiliated with the US Soccer and in which association is vested the highest appellate jurisdiction in which the offense shall occur. Any referee assault case is referred to the Discipline and Appeals

Committee that is defined in the LSA Bylaws. Assault Hearings are conducted in compliance with US Soccer Policy 531-9 and 531- 10, and Bylaw 701.

Policy 109 Review Requirements for Suspended Member

109.1 Any LSA suspended member who requests a suspension review and reinstatement must comply with these requirements:

109.1.1 Length of Time Served and Bond

109.1.1.1 5 years or less suspension – a minimum of one year must be served before the suspended member may ask for a suspension review and reinstatement. The suspended member must post a $100.00 bond (certified or cashier's check only, made payable to LSA).

109.1.1.2 5 years suspension – a minimum of two years must be served before the suspended member may ask for a suspension review and reinstatement. The suspended member must post a $200.00 bond (certified of cashier's check only, made payable to LSA).

109.1.2 A letter from a current or past club or State officer requesting a suspension review and reinstatement for the suspended member, listing club affiliation and title.

109.1.3 A letter from one other LSA member requesting a suspension review and reinstatement for the suspended member, listing club affiliation.

109.1.4 A letter from the suspended member requesting a suspension review and reinstatement. The suspended member should state which club he was affiliated with at the time of suspension, the date of the suspension and the sentence imposed, and which club or sponsoring officer and other LSA member are submitting letters requesting a suspension review and reinstatement for the suspended member. The suspended member should print clearly his full name, address and telephone number.

109.1.5 All letters should be submitted in English.

109.1.6 All requirements for a suspension review and reinstatement must be submitted to the LSA Office by June 1 of that seasonal year. The LSA Executive Committee will review suspensions prior to the AGM of each seasonal year.

109.2 Upon receipt of the requirements by a suspended member for a suspension review and reinstatement, notification will be sent to LSA Executive Committee members, the clubs involved, and the suspended member.

Policy 110 Hosting International Games

US Soccer has very specific rules and regulations governing foreign team play. Those rules and regulations, as well as the application to host and information on fees involved, can be found on the US Soccer website. Do not host a foreign team without receiving the proper approval. Referees are chosen by the Chairman, LSA State Referee Committee, and not by the local leagues. In some cases, the strict FIFA Laws of the Game will apply such as substitution.

Policy 200 Player/Team Registration

200.1 Annual Registration

Clubs must register players with LSA at least once per seasonal year.

200.1.1 If the club has multiple registration periods in the same seasonal year, only the new players must be submitted to LSA for the new registration period.

200.1.2 Clubs must ensure that currently suspended persons are not permitted to register.

200.1.3 All LSA affiliates must register every soccer player, coach, team manager and team that is administered by the organization with LSA or another US Soccer affiliate.

200.1.4 The club must have each youth player's parent or guardian provide basic player data, including date of birth, and the approved waiver language.

200.1.5 The club or a parent must enter all of the registration information into LSA's online registration program.

200.1.6 Once the registration process is completed with the club or league, the player is bound to that club or league for the seasonal year.

200.1.7 Once a player is entered into the LSA online registration program, clubs shall have thirty (30) days to place players on teams or pools as defined by the level of play, submit them electronically to LSA (GotSport), and submit payment of the registration fees to LSA for the player to receive insurance coverage. Insurance coverage does not commence until this entire process is completed.

200.1.8 Clubs can upload Recreational and Adult directly to GotSport but Academy and Classic must be placed on rosters.

200.1.9 Roster size limits, if applicable, are detailed herein for youth teams. Adult rosters can be limited to the competition.

200.1.10 Before participating in any LSA activity with youth players, including practices, coaches and team managers must register and successfully complete the Risk Management process, including completion of a disclosure form.

200.1.10.1 All teams must have a primary coach designated in the LSA online registration program.

200.1.10.2 Coaches or team managers who have not completed Risk Management may not be assigned to teams or participate in any LSA activity.

200.1.11 Players may register directly with LSA for programs administered by LSA, including ODP.

200.1.12 Any club that intentionally submits false or inaccurate information to affect a player or coach will be subject to disciplinary actions.

200.2 Dual Registration

200.2.1 With the concurrence of their club, a youth player may roster on two (2) or more intra-club youth teams per seasonal year. The player must indicate his/her primary team at initial registration and may only play for that team during league play unless utilizing a club pass.

200.2.1.2 Dual registration is permitted if the local club and/or league permits it provided the following conditions are met:

a. Players must declare their primary team at the time of registration.

b. A player cannot play for more than one team in the same competition. Competition is defined as any league or tournament standing. Examples are: recreational tournament, classic league, the State Cup, Presidents Cup, Open Cup and any LSA sanctioned tournament. Each age level in the classic league is to be considered as a "competition". Exception: A female player may be registered to a girls' and boys' team, in the same competitive level and age group as her participation on a boys' team does not convert that team to a girls' team.

c. A player cannot play for more than one team on the same day.

d. A player can register on only two competitive teams at the same time. If the two competitive teams are from different clubs, both Association Presidents or Executive Direct by submit written approval to LSA.

e. The youth player is participating in an interscholastic league or a summer league operated by an LSA affiliated member.

f. The youth player is participating on an adult team(s) and a youth team.

g. The youth player is participating with the LSA Olympic Development Program.

h. The youth player is participating with an LSA associated member.

i. The youth player is participating with an LSA affiliated indoor club.

200.2.2 Unless a Club Pass is appropriately used by the Club, a player may be on the roster for only 1 team participating in any LSA state tournament.

200.2.3 Adult players may be on more than one roster and may register with more than one (1) team in a seasonal year, but one "primary" team must be declared.

200.2.3.2 The adult player must complete a separate registration for each team and pay appropriate fees for each registration.

200.2.3.3 The adult player must play for his or her "primary" team in state, regional or national competitions if the dates conflict with playing dates for a secondary team.

200.3 Player Residency

200.3.1 A youth player must register each seasonal year with LSA if he or she resides in Louisiana with his or her parent or guardian; or, for a student in residence at a boarding school, college, or university, the player may register with LSA if the boarding school, college, university, or division of the college or university is located in Louisiana.

200.3.2 Any other questions of residency may be determined by the state association, such as LSA, in which the player is registered to vote or holds a current driver's license.

200.3.3 Any youth player who legally resides in Louisiana who wishes to play on a team that is a member of a state association other than LSA must

200.3.3.2 contact the LSA Office to determine if LSA must register the player and then LSA will provide a written release to the other state association; and

200.3.3.3 contact the state association of the team on which the player wishes to play. Permission must be obtained each seasonal year.

200.3.4 The U.S. Soccer Federation and FIFA have international clearance requirements and procedures for players coming to the United State to play soccer. All member will comply with U.S. Soccer requirements for each player prior to being registered.

200.4 Soccer Across America

2004.1 A "Soccer Across America" player is a player who has been identified as "at- risk." "At-risk" means a child who falls under one of the following categories: low-income (meets standards for federal free or reduced-lunch program), raised by grandparents or foster parents, or from neighborhoods with a high rate of crime, gangs, or drugs.

2004.2 For a Soccer Across America program endorsed by a member club/association to be registered, an Application for Participation in Soccer Across America, approved and signed by the member club/association President or Executive Director and

club program director must be submitted annually to LSA. A completed Soccer Across America program history report must be filed with the LSA office at the conclusion of each playing season, with a minimum of 1 to be filed each LSA seasonal year.

2004.3 Registrations for Soccer Across America players and coaches must include correctly prepared and transmitted information for all registered players and coaches. A reconciliation report showing registrations charged per player must accompany the information.

2004.4 There is no minimum or maximum roster size established by LSA for teams in this program. Transfer forms are not required when a player moves from one Soccer Across America team to another during a seasonal year.

200.5 The Outreach Program for Soccer (TOPSoccer)

200.5.1 TOPSoccer is a community-based training and team placement program for young athletes with disabilities, organized by youth soccer association/club volunteers. The program is designed to bring the opportunity of learning and playing soccer to any child, who has a mental or physical disability.

200.5.2 For a "TOPSoccer" program endorsed/sponsored by a member club/association to be registered, an Application for Participation in TOPSoccer, approved and signed by the member club/association president or Executive Director and club program director must be submitted annually to the state office. A completed TOPSoccer program history report must be filed with the state office at the conclusion of each playing season, with a minimum of 1 to be filed each LSA seasonal year.

200.5.3 Registrations for TOPSoccer players and coaches must include correctly prepared and transmitted information for all registered players and coaches. A reconciliation report showing registrations charged per player must accompany the information.

200.5.4 There is no minimum or maximum roster size established by LSA for teams in this program. Transfer forms are not required when a player moves from one TOPSoccer team to another during a seasonal year.

200.5.5

200.6 LSA Camp and Clinic Program ("CCP")

2006.1 The CCP shall allow member clubs, coaches, clinicians and instructors the opportunity to participate in skills-based, developmental sessions with players as an LSA- approved soccer activity.

200.6.1 Definition of a qualified CCP.

200.6.1.2 A qualified CCP shall include any camp or clinic focused primarily on the technical development of individual players.

200.6.1.3 A CCP can be operated for a group of players and/or on a one-on- one individual player basis.

200.6.1.4 A CCP shall not include any camp or clinic focused primarily on team training or tactics.

200.6.1.5 A CCP shall not include any residential camp or clinic.

200.6.2 Approval Process. To become approved as a qualified LSA CCP, a club or coach must complete and submit a CCP Application to LSA and pay the CCP Application.

200.6.2.2 The Applicant must be an LSA-affiliated Club or a coach registered with LSA and who, during the current seasonal

year was registered with LSA and coached with an LSA-affiliated Club.

200.6.2.3 All individuals coaching at a CCP must be registered with LSA and must hold at least a US Soccer D-License, or an NSCAA or foreign equivalent, as determined by LSA.

200.6.2.4 All individuals coaching at a CCP must have an up-to-date LSA Risk Management approval.

200.6.2.5 The Applicant must certify that all participants in the CCP are duly registered with LSA.

200.6.2.6 Pay the CCP Application Fee of $75.00.

200.6.2.7 The CCP Application and Fee must be submitted no later than thirty (30) days prior to the anticipated commencement of the camp or program.

200.6.7 LSA shall either approve or decline an Application for a CCP within 10 days of the Applicant's submission of the Application and application Fee.

200.6.8 Approval shall be on the basis of an LSA seasonal year.

200.6.3 A CCP is an approved LSA soccer activity and shall be covered under the LSA General Liability Insurance coverage so long as all criteria of this Policy shall be satisfied.

200.6.4 No club, business or organization that is not affiliated and no coach who is not registered and who has not undergone LSA Risk Management approval shall qualify as an LSA-approved Camp and Clinic Program.

Policy 201 100% Registration Rule

201.1 Only clubs that register 100% of their soccer players and teams with LSA will be afforded full rights and coverage of the association including but not limited to:

201.1.1 Primary General Liability on all club-sanctioned events, such as practices, games, camps and tournaments. Covered persons include all Executive Committee, directors, coaches, employees, official team members, referees, teams, leagues and volunteers while acting on behalf of LSA.

201.1.2 Secondary Accident Medical Expense Policy for all registered team members, coaches, managers, referees, officials and volunteers of the teams of the association/club.

201.1.2.1 Covered activities include: scheduled games, team practices or sponsored activities that are under the direct supervision of a team official; or sanctioned local or national tournaments.

201.1.2.2 Insurance coverage hereunder is secondary and only becomes effective upon the exhaustion of primary insurance benefits.

201.1.2.3 Pay per claim for injuries on excess basis after the insured has been reimbursed for medical expenses by other insurance programs and after $500.00 deductible has been satisfied.

201.1.3 Director and Officer Liability coverage for all members of club's Board of Directors and office staff.

201.1.4 Access to clinics and further education by LSA Technical Department Staff.

201.1.5 Risk management (Kid Safe Program) by LSA for all Executive Committee, directors, coaches, employees, and club volunteers.

201.1.6 Participation in all LSA sanctioned events.

201.1.7 Voting privileges based on 100% registration.

201.2 Clubs that split registration between US Soccer affiliates will be provided with restricted liability coverage.

201.2.1 Primary General Liability for all LSA sanctioned events, such as practices, games, camps and tournaments involving LSA registered teams only. Covered persons include: LSA registered coaches and official team members while acting on behalf of LSA.

201.2.2 Accident Medical Expense Policy for all registered team members and coaches of the team registered with the LSA.

201.2.2.1 Covered activities include: scheduled games, team practices or sponsored activities that are under the direct supervision of a team official; or sanctioned local or national tournaments.

201.1.2.2 Insurance coverage hereunder is secondary and only becomes effective upon the exhaustion of primary insurance benefits.

201.1.2.3 Pays per claim for injuries on excess basis after the insured has been reimbursed for medical expenses by other insurance programs and after $500.00 deductible has been satisfied.

201.2.3 Risk management (SafeSports) by LSA for only LSA registered coaches.

201.2.4 Participation in all LSA sanctioned events for only LSA affiliated teams.

201.2.5 Voting privileges based on LSA registration

201.3 LSA shall send an Annual Registration Questionnaire to all member clubs at the conclusion of the fall season. If a club fails to prove 100% registration with LSA and another US Soccer affiliate including failure to respond to the Annual Registration Questionnaire within 30 days, LSA will have the right to:

201.3.1 Declare the club not in good standing and the club would lose participation rights and privileges; and

201.3.2 Suspend voting privileges. These rights would be restored when proof of registration with LSA and another US Soccer affiliate is provided.

Policy 202 Club Affiliation

202.1 Types of Affiliation with LSA -

There shall be 3 types of affiliation with LSA, Full Affiliation, Associate Affiliation and Qualified Outreach Program Affiliation.

202.2 Full Affiliation

LSA will affiliate as a club any if all requirements of affiliation are met. LSA does not discriminate against any group or individual on the basis of race, color, religion, age, sex, or national origin.

202.2.1 To become a Full LSA Affiliate, a prospective club must submit a completed affiliation packet to the LSA. The complete packet will consist of:

202.2.1.1 Completed affiliation application form.

202.2.1.2 First year affiliation fee of $50.00 and application fee of $75.00.

202.2.1.3 Proof of registration with the state of Louisiana as a business. Registration as a non-profit corporation is strongly preferred.

202.2.1.4 Documentation indicating the formation of a governing body

(Executive Committee or Board of Directors) to uphold the LSA Bylaws and Policies of this organization. The Governing Body should consist of but is not limited to a President, a Vice- President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. A complete list of the Executive Committee and certified referee assignor with addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses must be submitted to the LSA Office with the application for affiliation and each year thereafter with the Annual Report on or before September 1st. One person does not constitute a governing body.

202.2.1.5 Documentation indicating the formation of a constitution or Bylaws of the organization which are within the guidelines set by LSA and US Soccer. These governing rules will include organization structure, membership, funding and playing guidelines. These are to be sent to the LSA Office with the affiliation application and changes to these rules each year thereafter with the Annual Report on or before September 1.

202.2.1.6 Provide location of fields to be used, contractual agreement with field owner(s) or written proof of field availability through at least the current seasonal year and general description of area to be serviced by the club. There must be at least 2 full-size fields for practice or game use. Exemptions to the minimum number of fields may be requested in writing and must be submitted with affiliate application.

202.2.1.7 Proof of contact with the State Referee Committee Chairman indicating Louisiana referees' capability to serve the new club, and, if applicable, plans to hold the in-person portion of the referee certification process at or near the club's location. All clubs must have a certified referee assignor.

202.2.1.8 Proof of contact with the LSA Coaching Education Coordinator indicating the intent to hold coaching clinics in the area within 6 months of affiliation if the organization will operate a youth program.

202.2.1.9 Proof of contact with the LSA Registrar to establish a place and time to review all player registration policies and procedures.

202.2.1.10 The applicant must file a Statement of Need describing the specific need of the organization as that need relates to the existence of other LSA Affiliates in the immediate geographic area.

202.2.2 LSA will verify that the application is complete and all necessary supporting documentation is present. A new affiliate is immediately afforded all rights of membership in LSA.

202.3 If the new affiliate intends to sponsor a youth program it must register at least 70 new players with LSA during the new affiliate's first seasonal year. A "new" player shall be defined herein as a player who has not been previously registered with an LSA affiliated club in the current or previous seasonal year.

202.4 If the new affiliate sponsors a youth program it shall be permitted to operate at the recreational level only for the first 2 years of affiliation. A new affiliate's failure to maintain a minimum of 70 registered players during its first 2 seasonal years shall toll the new affiliate's probationary period resulting in a delay in the new affiliate's ability to create teams at the Classic level.

202.5 A new affiliate must operate at the youth level a recreational program only for the first 2

years of its LSA affiliation.

202.5.1 No new affiliate shall be permitted to establish Classic teams and circumvent the 2 year recreational program only limitation set forth herein by registering the players of those teams with an existing member club. Any such teams shall, in all respects, become teams of the existing member club with which they are registered and the new affiliate shall have no control over the organization, administration or coaching of such teams. No team that competes in any LSA sanctioned program or event as a Classic team shall be permitted to wear or exhibit any logo or other method of branding the new affiliate including, but not limited to, any uniform items. No new affiliate shall be permitted to advertise, display or represent in any way that such a team has any connection whatsoever to the new affiliate.

202.5.2 Beginning with the third year of affiliation, clubs may operate recreational and Classic programs and be eligible for all LSA- sanctioned and sponsored activities.

202.5.3 If the State Council approves by a 2/3 vote, an exemption may be granted to this requirement if it is proved

202.5.3.1 The new affiliate has operated as a recreational soccer program in Louisiana for more than 5 years independent of LSA.

202.5.3.2 None of the teams entered into any LSA Classic league by the new affiliate are comprised of more than 50% of players from any other existing LSA affiliate.

202.5.3.3 None of the teams entered into any LSA competitive league by the new affiliate has any coach on its staff who has coached on a Classic team staff of any other existing LSA affiliate for the preceding 2 years unless waived in writing by the existing LSA affiliate.

202.7 Louisiana Soccer Qualified Outreach Programs

202.7.1 Qualified Outreach Programs shall be accepted as a new LSA affiliate if it satisfies the process of affiliation set forth herein. A "Qualified Outreach Program" shall be defined as a non-profit organization and/or grassroots programs that utilizes the game of soccer as a component of a larger social or community-based youth program.

202.7.2 A prospective Qualified Outreach Program must submit a completed affiliation packet to the LSA office not later than thirty (30) days prior to the date of a scheduled meeting of the LSA State Council.

202.7.3 In addition to the LSA affiliation packet a prospective Qualified Outreach Program must submit a completed Qualified Outreach Program Addendum to the Application for Affiliation certifying that it meets the following criteria.

202.7.3.1 It is organized as a 501(c)(3) IRS tax exempt non-profit organization.

202.7.3.2 Less than 75% of its operating expenses is covered by participant registration fees.

202.7.3.3 All participants shall be required to participate in the social or community- based component of the organization.

202.7.3.4 All participants in the Qualified Outreach Program shall be

new players who have not been previously registered with a different affiliated LSA club in the current or previous seasonal year.

202.7.4 All duly affiliated Outreach Programs shall be exempt from the requirement to register a minimum of 70 players in its initial year of affiliation.

202.7.5 Qualified Outreach Programs shall be exempt from the requirement to operate as a recreational program only for 2 years so long as the criteria for existing as a Qualified Outreach Program are met.

202.7.6 In addition to filing an Annual Report, the Outreach Program shall file an Outreach Program Status Report and a copy of their most recent IRS Form 990 on or before July 1st of each year. The Status Report shall reaffirm the criteria of an Outreach Program continue to be satisfied and reports on the status of the larger social or community-based youth program being served. The Status Report shall also set forth specific economic and demographic information and data that support the organizations continued existence as an Outreach Program.

202.7.7 Coaches participating in a duly qualified Outreach Program shall receive coaching education through the US Soccer Grassroots License equivalent free of charge.

202.7.8 In the event a Qualified Outreach Program fails to meet the criteria as such set forth herein, the Program shall thereafter be defined as an LSA affiliated club and all rights and benefits afforded to a Qualified Outreach Program shall immediately cease.

202.8 Associate Affiliation

Any municipal, parish or other governmental organization, including but not limited to Parks and Recreation Departments; any organization that operates youth programs for multiple sports; and any organization that operates as a part of a national non-profit organization devoted to youth development, including but not limited to the YMCA, is eligible for affiliation with LSA as an "Associate Member."

202.8.1 Associate Members are entitled to a number of benefits that full LSA members also receive, but teams from Associate Members shall not be permitted to participate in any LSA League, State Cup or Presidents Cup.

202.8.2 Associate Members are entitled to register players who are also registered as players with a full LSA Affiliate, but, in the event of any conflict, the players obligations to the full LSA Affiliate obligation shall take precedence.

202.8.3 Associate members are entitled to representation at meetings of the state council, youth council, or adult council but are not entitled to a vote without full membership.

202.9 Members in Good Standing

202.9.1 In order to be in "good standing" with LSA, members must:

202.9.1.1 Register 100% of all players, coaches, administrators and volunteers who will have direct interface with its players each seasonal year with LSA or a US Soccer affiliate.

202.9.1.2 Pay all necessary fees, fines, and dues to LSA in a timely manner when invoiced.

202.9.1.3 Agree to comply with all LSA Bylaws, rules, and policies as may currently be in effect or may be instituted in the future as well as the Bylaws, rules, and policies of other organizations with which LSA may be affiliated now or in the future.

202.9.1.4 Agree that the rules and policies of LSA take precedence over the rules and procedures of affiliates when there is a conflict or in the absence of such rules or policies.

202.9.1.5 Insure that any form of suspension, penalty or fine (whether it is club, state, regional or national in origin) ruled upon a member player coach, club officer, team, club, association or organization is honored completely to the full extent of the suspension, penalty, or fine and that fines are paid in a timely manner and in full.

202.9.1.6 Inspect all fields to be used by the member club practices or games each seasonal year prior to practices or games on any fields.

202.9.1.7 Submit a current copy of its Bylaws and policies to LSA to insure compliance with the US Soccer, US Youth Soccer and LSA Bylaws and policies.

a. LSA has the right to require an affiliate to make appropriate corrections or changes to Bylaws or policies in a seasonal year. Failure to comply with such a request may result in loss of good standing if determined by a 2/3 vote of the LSA Executive Committee.

202.10 Members Not in Good Standing

202.10.1 Failure to adhere to all of LSA, US Youth Soccer and US Soccer Rules, Policies and Procedures may result in the member club, association or organization being declared "not in good standing" by a 2/3 vote of the LSA Executive Committee.

202.10.2 Should a member club fail to adhere to all LSA, US Youth Soccer and US Soccer Rules, Policies and Procedures, or fail to pay all monies due LSA or any LSA program or be declared not in good standing, the LSA Executive Committee is empowered to cancel affiliation, place the club on notice to conform and/or place the club in question before the State Council for a ruling with regard to the future of the offending club's affiliation.

Policy 203 Club Alliances

203.1 Two or more LSA-affiliated clubs may officially declare an alliance by submitting an alliance declaration form to LSA signed by the presidents or executive directors of all clubs involved in the alliance no later than August 1. This declaration must be renewed annually prior to the beginning of a new seasonal year.

203.2 The alliance declaration must include the name of the alliance club and identify no fewer than 3 Executive Committee or paid employees from the participating clubs who will serve as the board for the alliance.

203.3 A club may not enter into more than one alliance with another LSA club in any single seasonal year.

203.4 Alliance teams may be formed as Classic teams. Such Alliance teams may participate in LCSL if a Letter of Intent is submitted by the annual deadline.

203.5 Players from a Club participating in an Alliance formed hereunder may club pass onto the Alliance team so long as all LSA club pass policies and procedures are adhered to.

203.6 Fees for players registered only with an alliance team are the responsibility of the alliance formed between the LSA affiliated clubs and must be paid to LSA as with any other registration fee.

Policy 204 Fees

204.1 Youth Fees and Annual Report

204.1.1 Annual Club Affiliation Fees

Affiliation fees are due annually no later than October 1st. Affiliation fees paid after October 1 shall be subject to a late penalty equal to the affiliation fee due. Member clubs that do not submit affiliation fees by October 1 may, at the discretion of the LSA Executive Director, be omitted from the Directors and Officers liability policy until such time as the fee and appropriate penalties are paid.

Youth Club/League Affiliation Fee $50.00

204.1.2 Youth Registration Fees

Registration fees are due no later than 30 days after the date of the invoice sent from LSA. If registration fees are not paid on or before the date due a late penalty equal to 15% percent of the amount due may be assessed.

Player Registration Fee – Recreational Player $13.75 Player
Registration Fee – Academy Player $18.75
Player Registration Fee – Classic Player $33.75
Player Registration Fee $ 8.00
(Summer of Current year after Louisiana State Tournaments)
Player Registration Fee – Associate Member $ 5.50*
Player Registration Fee – Special Programs Player $ 6.50+
Player Registration Fee – Special Event Player $ 6.50^

*To qualify for this rate, the group must meet existing LSA requirements to be an associate member AND must carry Excess Accident Insurance with a medical limit of at least $50,000. Those who do not meet this requirement will pay the recreational player rate.

+To qualify for this rate, which is a 50% reduction on the LSA recreational player rate, the player must not be participating on a Classic team and must be classified as either a Soccer Across America player or a TOPSoccer player AND must also have received a minimum of a 50% reduction in player registration fees from the member club/association.

^ To qualify for this rate, which is a 50% reduction on the LSA recreational player rate, the player must not be currently registered with LSA and must be participating in a special event sponsored by an LSA-affiliated club that does not last longer than 2 calendar days.

204.1.3 Youth Team Entry Fees

Youth Team Entry Fees for the Louisiana Classic Soccer League are due within 5 business days of filing the team's Letter of Intent and the Team Entry Fee for all Louisiana state tournaments shall be due as set forth in Policy 306.

Louisiana Classic Soccer League (LCSL) Fee $275.00
The State Cup and Presidents Cup Entry Fee $700.00
Louisiana Open Cup and the Bob Abbott Cup Entry Fee $500.00

Bob Abbott Cup Entry Fees for LSAP teams shall be determined by LSA on an annual basis not to exceed the Bob Abbott Cup Fee set forth above.

204.1.4 Miscellaneous Youth Fees

Interscholastic League Fee $25.00 /season
Player Transfer Fee (Inter-Club) $25.00
Intra-Club Recreational to Classic $25.00

204.1.5 Club Annual Report

Each member club shall, on or before September 1 each year, file its on-line Annual Report with LSA. If a member club fails to file its on-line Annual Report when due, the club shall be subject to a fine not to exceed $500.00 and/or placement in Not in Good Standing Status as hereinafter provided.

204.2 Adult Fees and Annual Report

204.2.1 Annual Club Affiliation Fees

Affiliation fees are due annually no later than September 1. Affiliation fees paid after October 1 shall be subject to a late penalty equal to the affiliation fee due. Member clubs that do not submit affiliation fees by October 1 may, at the discretion of the LSA Executive Director, be omitted from the Directors and Officers liability policy until such time as the fee and appropriate penalties are paid.

Adult Club Affiliation Fee	$50.00
($25.00 if club/league also has youth affiliation)	

204.2.2 Adult Registration Fees

Registration fees are due no later than 30 days after the date of the invoice sent from LSA. If registration fees are not paid on or before the date due a late penalty equal to 15% percent of the amount due may be assessed.

LSA Player Registration Fee	$25.00
LSA Liability Only Player Registration Fee	$15.00
LSA Indoor Only Player Registration Fee	$13.00
Temporary Player Pass	$10.00

204.2.3 Background Checks for Adult Teams

All adult players, coaches, and staff members associated with an adult team that registers minor players for any length of time must submit to a background check through LSA's registration platform and complete the SafeSport training. The cost for each background search shall be payable directly to the background search vendor or LSA's registration platform provider.

204.2.4 Adult Team Entry Fees

Team Entry Fee for all Adult Louisiana state tournaments shall be due as set forth in Policy 404.

LSA Adult State Cup entry fee	TBD

204.2.5 Adult Club Annual Report

Each member adult club shall, on or before October 1 each year, file its on-line Annual Report with LSA. If a member club fails to file its on-line Annual Report when due, the club shall be subject to a fine not to exceed $500.00 and/or placement in Not in Good Standing Status as hereinafter provided. A member club that registers both youth teams and adult teams shall need only file a single Annual Report.

204.3 Not in Good Standing Fees

204.3.1 If a Club fails to make any payment to LSA when it becomes due, LSA shall notify the Club of its delinquency. The delinquent Club will have 5 business days from the date of LSA's Notice of Delinquency to pay all fees. If the delinquent Club fails to make the payments required to bring their account with LSA current together with the Not in Good Standing Fees as provided below, the Club may be placed into NOT IN GOOD STANDING status at the discretion of the LSA Executive Director.

204.3.2 Once a Club is placed into the NOT IN GOOD STANDING status, the

following additional fees will be charged, and must be paid together will all outstanding fees prior to a Club being released from NOT IN GOOD STANDING status. The fees are as follows:-

1st occurrence during a seasonal year	$100.00
2nd occurrence during a seasonal year	$200.00
3rd and subsequent occurrences during a seasonal year	$500.00

204.3.3 All player, coach & registered volunteer insurance is suspended until the club is reinstated into Good Standing. While Clubs are placed Not in Good Standing, its member teams and players cannot participate in any LSA-sanctioned activities (including but not limited to practices, Olympic Development Program activities, state league games, state tournaments or sanctioned club tournaments).

204.3.4 Players with an outstanding balance from the previous seasonal year for participation in the Olympic Development Program will receive notification at least 30 days prior to the beginning of the new seasonal year detailing the outstanding fees owed and explaining the penalties associated with the delinquent balance.

204.3.5 Any player who has an outstanding balance from the previous seasonal year for participation in the Olympic Development Program may not participate in the current seasonal year's Olympic Development Program until the outstanding balance is paid in full.

Policy 205 Referee Fees

205.1 Game Fees

Effective August 1, 2023

Age Group	Duration	Louisiana State Tournament Rate & LCSL Rate			
		CR	AR	4th	Stand by
9U/10U (7v7)	50 minutes	30	20	20	10
11U	60 minutes	40	25	25	10
12U	60 minutes	40	25	25	10
13U	70 minutes	50	35	35	12
14U	70 minutes	50	35	35	12
15U	80 minutes	55	45	45	15
16U	80 minutes	55	45	45	15
17U	90 minutes	65	55	55	20
18U	90 minutes	65	55	55	20
19U	90 minutes	65	55	55	20
Shoot Outs*		30	20	20	

* Only for Shootouts that occur outside of a game situation such as for team advancement in an Louisiana State Tournament where additional referees are needed to be called in to conduct the shootout.

Bonus Pay (State Cup and President's Cup Only)
Regional Referee $ 5.00 per game

205.2 Assignment Fees
$6.00 per game (when assigned by the club's local assignor)

205.3 Referee Assignments at State Tournaments

205.3.1 For purposes of this Policy "State Tournament Referee Assignor" is defined as the US Soccer certified and registered assignor who assigns the referees for a Louisiana State Tournament.

205.3.2 For purposes of this Policy "State Tournament Coordinator" is defined as the US Soccer certified and registered assignor who will be on-site at a Louisiana State Tournament for purposes of coordinating all of the logistics pertaining to the game day assignment of referees.

205.3.3 The State Tournament Referee Assignor and the State Tournament Referee Coordinator can, but need not be the same individual.

205.3.4 The State Referee Committee ("SRC") shall be credited the amount of $7.50 dollars per game at each Louisiana State Tournament to be used to compensate the State Tournament Referee Assignor and the State Tournament Referee Coordinator for each Louisiana State Tournament. To whom compensation shall be made and in what amounts shall be in the discretion of the SRC.

205.3.5 The SRC shall submit an Invoice within 10 days of each State Tournament to LSA setting forth to whom the funds credited shall be paid and in what amounts. And LSA shall make such payments as requested by the SRC within 30 days.

Policy 206 Modified Rules of Play

206.1 US Soccer Player Development Initiatives Modified Rules of Play

LSA adopts and incorporates the US Soccer Player Development Initiatives, as the same may be amended from time to time, into the LSA Playing Rules. The FIFA Laws of the Game, as they may be modified herein, shall apply to any and LSA Event. For purposes of this Policy the term "LSA Event" shall include, but not be limited to, all practices, training sessions, friendly games or scrimmages, league games, club tournament games, state tournament games, ODP training or game events.

206.2 Modified Rules of the Game for players 8U and younger – the 4 v. 4 game format

206.2.1 Teams

206.2.1.1 Formal rosters are not needed. Player movement between teams is permitted to assist clubs in creating a strong player development environment.

206.2.1.2 All games should be 4 v. 4 with no goalkeeper.

206.2.1.3 Teams should not be participating in tournaments, festivals or jamborees.

206.2.2 Field of Play

206.2.2.1 The field should be 25-35 yards long and 15-25 yards wide.

206.2.2.2 Goals should be no larger than 4 feet high and 6 feet wide.

206.2.2.3. Corner flags need not be used

206.2.2 Games

206.2.2.1 Results and standings should not be recorded.

206.2.2.2 Size 3 ball

206.2.2.3 Substitutions are unlimited and can occur at any time

206.2.2.4 Games should have 4 quarters of no longer than 10 minutes each with breaks between quarters

206.2.2.6 Restarts Kick offs, free kicks, throw-ins, goal kicks and corner kicks are used to start or restart play, but kick-ins and/or dribble-ins in the place of throw-ins can be used as restarts when the ball has gone out over the sidelines. Free kicks shall all be indirect and opponents must stand at least 10 feet from the ball when taken.

206.2.2.7 There shall be no off-sides and no penalty kicks awarded.

206.2.2.8 Referees registered and US Soccer certified referees are not needed at this level of play. Coaches are expected to manage the game environment from the touchline using these standards of play and their best judgment.

206.2.2.9 No heading is permitted during any LSA Event at this age level.

206.3 Modified Rules of the Game for players 10U and younger – the 7 v. 7 game format

206.3.1 Teams

206.3.1.1 Rosters should not include more than 12 players so as to encourage ample playing time for each player. Player movement between teams is encouraged to assist clubs in creating a strong player development environment.

206.3.1.2 All games should be 7 v. 7 with 6 field players and a goalkeeper.

206.3.1.3 Every player should play a minimum of 50% of the time in each game.

206.3.1.4 9U teams may only participate in events (tournaments and festivals) that provide a predetermined number of games with no advancement, placement games or champions. 10U teams (7v7) are allowed to participate in a competitive tournament format. 10U and younger teams are not allowed to play 9v9.

206.3.2 Field

206.3.2.1 The field should be 55-65 yards long and 35-45 yards wide

206.3.2.2 Goals should be no larger than 6.5 feet high and 18.5 feet wide.

206.3.2.3 Fields should be marked as set forth in the US Soccer Player Development Initiatives

206.3.3 Build Out Lines

The build out line promotes player development by encouraging playing out of the back in a less pressured environment, by encouraging team possession and by discouraging aimless distributions from the goalkeeper

206.3.3.1 Build out lines should be equidistant between the penalty area line and halfway line

206.3.3.2 Goalkeepers shall not be permitted to punt or drop kick the ball. They must distribute the ball by passing, throwing or rolling the ball. If a goalkeeper punts/drop kicks the ball, an indirect free kick should be awarded to the opposing team from the spot of the offense. If the punt or drop kick occurs within the goal area, the indirect free kick should be taken on the goal area line parallel to the goal line at the nearest point to where the infringement occurred.

206.3.3.3 When a goalkeeper has the ball in his or her hands during play from the opponent, the opposing team must move behind the build out line until the ball is put into play.

206.3.3.4 Once the opposing team is behind the build out line, the goalkeeper may distribute the ball. Ideally, the goalkeeper will wait to put the

ball into play once all opponents are past the build out line. The goalkeeper may put the ball into play sooner but he or she does so accepting play immediately resumes.

206.3.3.5 After the ball is put into play by the goalkeeper, the opposing team can cross the build out line and play resumes as normal. The opposing team must also move behind the build out line prior to a goal kick and may only cross the build out line once the ball has left the penalty area

206.3.3.6 Build Out Line as Offside Line

The build out line will also be used to denote where offside offenses can be called. Players cannot be called for an offside offense between the halfway line and the build out line only between the build out line and goal line.

206.3.3.7 Obligations of Coaches and referees

To support the intent of the development rule, coaches and referees should be mindful of any intentional delays being caused by opponents not retreating in a timely manner or encroaching over the build out line prior to the ball being put into play. Coaches shall not use the existence of the build out line to seek any competitive advantage. Referees should be flexible when enforcing the 6 second rule and counting the time of possession should only begin when all opponents have moved behind the build out line. Referees can manage the situation with misconduct if deemed appropriate

206.3.4 Games

206.3.4.1 Results and standings should not be recorded.

206.3.4.2 Games cannot be played with less than 5 players on a team.

206.3.4.3 Size 4 ball

206.3.4.4 Substitutions are unlimited and can occur at any stoppage in play.

206.3.4.5 Games should have -2 halves of 25 minutes with a 10-minute halftime. There will be no added time

206.3.4.6 No heading is permitted during any LSA Event at this age level.

206.4 Modified Rules of the Game for players 12U and younger - the 9 v. 9 format

206.4.1 Teams

206.4.1.1 All games should be 9 v. 9 with 8 field players and a goalkeeper.

206.4.1.2 Every player should play a minimum of 50% of the time in each game.

206.4.1.3 11U & 12U teams are allowed to participate in competitive tournaments.

206.4.2 Field

206.4.2.1 The field should be 70-80 yards long and 45-55 yards wide.

206.4.2.2 Goals should be no larger than 7 feet high and 21 feet wide.

206.4.2.3 Fields should be marked as set forth in the US Soccer Player Development Initiatives

206.4.3 Game

206.4.3.1 Size 4 ball
206.4.3.2 Games cannot be played with less than 6 players on a team.
206.4.3.3 Substitutions are unlimited and can occur at any stoppage in play.
206.4.3.4 Games should have -2 halves of 30 minutes with a 10-minute halftime. There will be no added time.
206.4.3.5 No heading is permitted during any LSA Event at this age level.

206.5 Failure to Adopt Modified Rules of Play
Any club that fails or refuses to adopt and adhere to these Modified Rules of Play shall be subject to discipline by LSA.

206.5.1 Should a club fail or refuse to adopt and adhere to these Modified Rules of Play during any LSA-sanctioned league game, a forfeit may be awarded in favor of the opposing team.

206.5.2 Should a club fail or refuse to adopt and adhere to these Modified Rules of Play during any club tournament, the club shall be subject to a loss of LSA sanctioning for any and all remaining tournaments the club may have scheduled and subject to a loss of sanctioning of any such club tournament in the future.

Policy 207 Friendly Games Against Unaffiliated Teams

207.1 Affiliated LSA teams may play exhibition or "friendly" games with other affiliated US Soccer teams providing:

207.1.1 The opposing team is affiliated with another US Soccer affiliate.
207.1.2 All players are registered and in good standing with their home club.
207.1.3 Teams have active roster and player cards.
207.1.4 A certificate or proof of liability insurance including for the facility, if applicable, is provided by the non-LSA affiliated team.

207.2 Affiliated LSA Teams desiring to play friendly games against colleges and/or universities must comply with the following:

207.2.1 In-state
207.2.1.1 Submit a Request to Play Unaffiliated Teams form at least 7 business days prior to the scheduled event.
207.2.1.2 Submit a Certificate of Insurance from the university/college.

207.2.2 Out-of-State
207.2.2.1 Submit a Request to Play Unaffiliated Teams form at least seven business days prior to the scheduled event.
207.2.2.2 Submit a Certificate of Insurance from the university/college.
207.2.2.3 Submit a Travel Permit/Notice at least seven business days prior to the event.

Policy 208 Club Tournaments

208.1 Club Tournaments

208.1.1 If a club wishes to host any type of tournament that will include teams from outside its own club, approval/sanction must be given by LSA.
208.1.2 No tournament/jamboree will be approved for the same dates as LSA state tournaments.
208.1.3 Requests to host tournaments for the following seasonal year are to be submitted at least 10 days prior to the LSA Midyear Meeting.
208.1.4 If a club fails to submit for tournament approval by the LSA Midyear

meeting, it may apply to LSA for approval after the meeting, but subsequent approval by LSA shall be subject to the discretion of LSA and to the scheduling of tournaments duly accomplished at the LSA Midyear Meeting as set forth above.

208.1.5 A US Youth Soccer Application to Host Tournament or Games form and the US Youth Soccer Hosting Agreement form, including the Tournament Safety Addendum form must be completed and submitted to the LSA Office.

208.1.5.1 The request to host must be signed by the Club/League President or Executive Director or the club tournament director.

208.1.5.2 Clubs hosting tournaments may charge fees for parking or admission provided such fees are identified on the Application to Host submitted to LSA and are clearly identified on all advertisements or web pages containing information about the tournament.

208.1.5.3 A copy of the tournament hosting agreement and the approved application to host must accompany all invitations to the event. Enough time should be allowed to fulfill this mandatory obligation as the tournament host.

208.1.5.4 A "restricted" tournament is open only to LSA member clubs or other US Youth Soccer-affiliated clubs. Restricted tournaments do not need to seek additional insurance or indemnify LSA.

208.1.5.5 An "unrestricted" tournament may have any US Soccer affiliate member or US Soccer approved team participate and include teams from outside of US Youth Soccer/LSA membership. In "unrestricted" tournaments, the following text must be added to the hosting form, rules and invitation.

"All teams and tournament participants must abide by the Louisiana Soccer Association's and US Youth Soccer's policies, rules and regulations and are subject to their disciplinary actions." All teams wishing to participate in an 'unrestricted' tournament that are not US Youth Soccer members are required to provide proof of liability insurance paperwork indemnifying LSA from harm."

208.1.5.7 All Requests to Host a Club Tournament must include a copy of the host club's Tournament Safety Certification Addendum.

208.1.5.8 Each Request to Host a Club Tournament must include proof of insurance for vendors at the tournament under the control of the Tournament host naming the Host Club, LSA and US Youth Soccer as insureds and designating the dates of the tournament.

208.1.5.9 Each Request to Host a Club Tournament must include a check drawn on the Club account for $150.00.

208.1.6 There is no insurance coverage of non-sanctioned events and penalties could result if teams outside of an LSA-member club participate.

208.1.7 Denial of approval to host may be subject to a Grievance as provided in Policy 106 herein.

208.2 Jamborees

208.2.1 LSA uses a jamboree format for 6U through 9U age groups.

The purpose of a jamboree format is to emphasize fun and player performance in young players and to de-emphasize outcomes and

results-oriented coaching at our youngest age groups. No team at 10U or younger will be permitted to play at the 11U level or older at any Club Tournament unless the entire age group at that Club Tournament uses the jamboree format as described herein. No 10U player shall be permitted to play up on a team in an older age group, whether that team is a recreational team or a classic team, in any Club or State tournament without having successfully received clearance to do so from LSA pursuant to Policy 300.2.10.

208.2.2 If the jamboree is for teams within a single LSA-affiliated club only, LSA approval is not required, but the guidelines herein shall apply.

208.2.3 If teams outside an LSA-affiliated club will be invited, the jamboree must be LSA-sanctioned.

208.2.3.1 A US Youth Soccer Application to Host Tournament or Games form and the Hosting Agreement must be approved by LSA.

208.2.3.2 The procedures outlined above in 208.1 must be followed to secure approval.

208.2.4 The playing rules set forth in the US Soccer Player Development Initiatives and in US Youth Soccer Modified Playing Rules shall govern tournament play in these age groups.

208.2.5 Jamboree Format & Awards

208.2.5.1 If the number of teams warrants division into smaller groups, there should be no interdivisional play.

208.2.5.2 Scores and standings will not be posted or published at any time.

208.2.5.3 No "Winner" or "Champion" will be named. There shall be no announcements, signage, trophies, medals or any other awards indicating or naming a "Winner" or a "Champion".

208.2.5.4 If awards are presented in these age groups, they shall be presented to all participants. There shall be no trophies for first or second place awarded.

208.2.6 Failure to Observe Jamboree Policy

If a club fails to adhere to this Jamboree policy or any portion thereof, the club shall be subject to a fine of $500.00 and shall be placed into Not in Good Standing status until any such fine is paid in full.

208.3 Invitational Tournament Limitations

No youth tournament may schedule more than 5 games, including elimination rounds, for any one team during the course of the tournament.

Policy 209 Rosters

209.1 8U and younger age groups have a minimum roster size of 4 players with no maximum roster size.

209.2 9U and 10U age groups have a minimum roster size of 5 players with no maximum roster size.

209.3 11U and older youth recreational teams have a minimum roster size of 7 players with no maximum roster size.

209.4 11U and older Classic teams have a minimum roster size of 7 players with a maximum roster size of 22.

209.5 Adult teams do not have a maximum roster size, but only 22 players may be designated on a game roster.

209.6 Each club is responsible for ensuring the accuracy of its rosters. Any player listed on a submitted roster who has not been properly registered with LSA by his or her club will be subject to investigation and possible reprimand. Reprimand may include a fine of $50.00 issued to the club that submitted the improper roster.

209.7 Only rosters and player passes generated from the LSA online program are acceptable. Teams participating as LSA-affiliated teams in LSA- sanctioned invitational tournaments shall only use LSA- generated team rosters and player passes. Clubs hosting invitational tournaments are required to enforce this rule.

Policy 211 Guest and Club Pass Players

211.1 A "guest player" is defined as a player who is registered with a team in one club who wishes to participate with a team in another club during a specific competition. A guest player's "existing team" is defined as the team to which a player is registered for the current seasonal year. A "guest team" is the team for which a player wishes to play as a guest player. An "event" as used herein is defined as the specific soccer event during which the player will be participating with the guest team as a guest player.

211.1.1 A guest player is allowed for friendly games, club tournaments (when allowed by tournament rules), and any other competition that permits the use of such a guest player.

211.1.2 Guest players are not allowed for LCSL games or for any Louisiana State Tournament.

211.1.3 Only players who will attain the age of 9 years by the end of the calendar year in which the seasonal year commences, shall be permitted to serve as a guest player.

211.1.4 A guest player may only participate with his/her guest team during the event as set forth on the Inter-club Guest Player Form. The player may not participate with his/her existing team on any day that they also play as a guest player.

211.1.5 A guest player may not transfer to the guest team during the same seasonal year. LSA may make an exception to this Policy if and only if

211.1.5.1 The player plays in the recreational program of their existing club,

211.1.5.2 LSA determines that no improper recruiting has transpired and that the transfer is in the best interest of the player and

211.1.5.3 The player's existing team assents to the transfer or

211.1.5.4 The player was originally registered with a club outside Louisiana

211.1.6 In order to participate as a guest player, an Inter-Club Guest Player Form must be completed and submitted to LSA.

211.1.6.1 LSA shall make the Inter-Club Guest Player Form available on the LSA website.

211.1.6.2 The Inter-Club Guest Player Form must be completed in its entirety.

211.1.6.3 The player or his/her parents or guardian, the coach and a club official of the player's existing team and the coach of the guest team must all read and sign the Inter-Club Guest Player Form.

211.1.6.4 An Inter-Club Guest Player Form must be duly completed, signed and submitted to LSA no later than 5PM on the Wednesday prior to the commencement of the event and may be submitted electronically.

211.1.6.5 In the event a guest player seeks to participate in an out-of-state

competition with an LSA-affiliated team, the Inter-Club Guest Player Form must be submitted to LSA along with the team's Travel Notice. LSA will add the guest player to the guest team roster.

211.2 A "club pass player" is defined as a youth player who is registered with an LSA-affiliated club on one team who wishes to participate in a competition on a different team in the same club. A player's "primary team" is defined as the team with which a player is registered at the commencement of the seasonal year. A "club pass team" is the team in the same club as a player's primary team with which a player seeks to play via a club pass.

211.2.1 A team may use an unlimited number of players from other teams within the same club, subject only to the applicable rules of competition (including Mid-South Conference, LCSL and Louisiana State Tournaments).

211.2.2 Club pass players are allowed in LCSL games.

211.2.2.1 Players may participate in LCSL games with any team in 11U or 12U age groups regardless of the division of their primary team.

211.2.2.2 No more than three (3) club pass players are permitted for an LCSL game in 13U and older from a team whose primary team is in a higher division.

211.2.2.3 There is no limit on the number of club pass players for an LCSL game in 13U and older from teams that are in lower divisions.

211.2.2.4 There is no limit to the amount of LCSL games a team may use club pass players.

211.2.3 Club Pass Criteria and Restrictions

211.2.3.1 Each team's game roster maximum must still comply with applicable rules of the competition. LSA rules regarding club pass limits apply only to LCSL and state tournament play and do not extend to friendly games and invitational tournaments.

211.2.3.2 A player who is playing up in age on a team as a club pass player is governed by the level of the league in which their primary team competes for the purpose of club pass rules.

211.2.3.3 No player 10 years of age and younger may be club passed to a team 13U or older.

211.2.4 There is no limit on the number of times a player may participate as a club pass player, subject only to the applicable rules of competition.

211.2.5 A player may only play for one team, whether their primary team or their club pass team, on any single day and his or her ability to be club passed shall be subject to applicable rules of the competition.

211.2.6 Playing as a club pass player does not affect the ability of a player to transfer to the club pass team during the seasonal year.

211.2.7 In the event the rules of a particular competition do not require state association approval of club pass players, LSA shall not require

approval or authorization of a club pass player.

211.2.8 For out-of-state travel, the club pass player must be added to the club pass team roster and a roster with the club pass player(s) must be submitted with the team's Travel Notice.

211.2.9 Process of Club Passing a Player

In order to properly club pass a player, a club Registrar or Director shall

211.2.9.1 notify LSA via email prior to the established weekly deadline using the Club Pass Goggle DOC. The club registrar or director must complete the Google DOC and add the player (s) to the game roster on the digital game report for any submitted after the deadline. The player pass notification shall include the player's name, date of birth, primary team (including age/gender and LCSL Division) and the team to which the player shall be club passed (including age/gender and LCSL Division).

211.2.10 Failure to Comply With Club Pass Procedure

Any coach, team or club who is found to failed to comply with these Club Pass procedures or who has club passed an ineligible player or who has otherwise sought to circumvent the rules and procedures herein shall be subject to the following.

211.2.10.1 Any and all games during which an ineligible player was club passed shall be recorded as a 0-5 loss to the forfeiting team and the forfeiting team shall lose 2 points from its League standings.

211.2.10.2 Any coach who has failed to comply with these Club Pass Procedures as aforesaid shall be subject to suspension as an LSA approved coach for a period not to exceed two (2) years.

211.2.10.3 Any Club that permits the improper club passing of any player shall be subject to the forfeiture of its Club Performance Bond.

Policy 212 LSA Ethical Standards and Professional Rules of Conduct

212.1 Purpose of LSA Ethical Standards

These ethical standards are a statement of required behavior and objectives that LSA member clubs, their Officers, Directors, Directors of Coaching (DOC), their coaches and team managers herein after referred to as "club officials", all players and all parents of players and any individual reasonably calculated to be acting on behalf of any of the above individuals shall follow. These standards shall be used to interpret and guide the enforcement of the rules in ambiguous situations so that fair and impartial application of the rules consistently serves the mission and goals of the Louisiana Soccer Association.

212.1.1 All LSA affiliated clubs shall observe and adhere to all ethical standards set forth by US Soccer and by US Youth Soccer.

212.1.2 An LSA affiliated club shall not discriminate against the players, teams, coaches or clubs on the basis of that player, coach, team, affiliation or membership in, or with a different LSA affiliated club.

212.1.3 No team may be excluded from any invitational tournament sanctioned by LSA and hosted by an LSA affiliated club on the basis of the team's affiliation with any LSA affiliated club.

212.1.4 Any club found to have discriminated against any player or team on the basis of their affiliation with a different LSA affiliated club shall be subject to a fine not to exceed $1,000.00 and/or other disciplinary action.

212.2 Responsibilities to Players and to the Game

212.2.1 Club officials shall place the holistic development, welfare, enjoyment, and safety of the players above all else. Club officials shall not misrepresent LSA Policy to any player or their parents at any time.

212.2.2 Club officials shall teach players to strive for success while playing fairly, displaying exemplary sportsmanship, and observing the written laws of the game as well as the spirit of the game.

212.2.3 Club officials shall model inclusive behavior in support of diversity while opposing discrimination in all forms, including racism and sexism.

212.2.4 Club officials shall refrain from all manner of personal abuse and harassment of others, whether verbal, physical, emotional, or sexual,
and shall oppose such conduct from players, parents and supporters at all levels of the game.

212.2.5 One-on-One Interactions

Club officials shall insure that any and all one-on-one interactions between minors and an adult (who is not the minor's legal guardian) including but not limited to meetings and private training, are permitted only if they occur at an observable and interruptible distance by another adult. Isolated, one-on-one interactions between minors and an adult (who is not the minor's legal guardian) are prohibited, except under emergency circumstances. Written permission for individual training sessions must be obtained at least every 12 months.

212.2.6 Club officials shall take an active role in education about, and prevention of, drug, alcohol, and tobacco abuse and shall not tolerate the consumption of drugs, alcohol or tobacco products **or the use of vaping devices** at any LSA Event. Any person suspected of consuming drugs or alcohol at, during or immediately prior to any LSA Event shall be subject to immediate ejection from the event and suspension from any or all future LSA events. In addition, should more than one such person associated with the same club or team be suspected of consuming drugs or alcohol at, during or immediately prior to an LSA Event
(e.g. tailgating) the club shall be subject to a fine not to exceed $1,000.00.

212.2.7 Club officials shall treat opponents and officials with respect and dignity, and shall teach their players and their parents to do the same.

212.2.8 Club officials shall respect the declared affiliations of all players and shall not encourage players, coaches, or parents to violate recruitment, eligibility or player rules and policies.

212.2.9 Club officials shall direct players to seek proper medical attention for injuries and follow the physician's instructions regarding proper treatment and recovery.

212.2.10 Club officials shall not misrepresent LSA Policy, By-Law, stated missions or philosophies or make any misleading or untrue statement concerning LSA Policy to any person, group, business or governmental agency at any time.

212.2.11 Social media and electronic communications

212.2.11.1 All electronic communication originating from participating adults to minors must be professional in nature. If an adult needs to communicate directly with a minor via electronic communications, another participating adult or the minor's legal guardian must be copied. If a minor communicates to an adult privately first, if the

adult responds, then the adult must respond to the minor with a copy to another adult or the minor's legal guardian.

212.2.11.2 An adult communicating electronically to an entire team must copy another participating adult.

212.2.11.3 Prohibited electronic communications

a. Adults are not permitted to communicate privately via electronic communications with minors, except under emergency circumstances.

b. Adults are not permitted to "private message," "instant message," "direct message", or send photos via Snapchat or Instagram to any minor who is not their own child.

c. Adults are not permitted to maintain social media connections with minors; such adults are not permitted to accept new personal page requests on social media platforms from amateur athletes who are minors and existing social media connections with amateur athletes who are minors shall be discontinued.

212.2.11.4 Request to discontinue

Legal guardians may request in writing that their child not be contacted through any form of electronic communication by club officials. The LSA-affiliated club shall abide by any such request.

212.2.12 Team Travel

212.2.12.1 An adult who is not also acting as a legal guardian, shall not ride in a vehicle alone with an unrelated athlete who is a minor, absent emergency circumstances, and may only drive with at least two other minors or another adult at all times, unless otherwise agreed to by the minor's parent/legal guardian in advance.

212.2.12.2 Team travel

a. When only one adult and one minor travel to a competition, the minor must have his/her legal guardian's written permission in advance to travel alone with the participating adult.

b. Unless the adult is the legal guardian, sibling, or is otherwise related to the minor athlete, adults shall not share a hotel room or other sleeping arrangement with a minor.

212.3 Responsibilities to Opponents

212.3.1 Club officials shall demonstrate and demand respect for all opponents

212.3.2 Club officials shall not encourage, condone, or permit any player to engage in conduct with the intent to injure an opponent.

212.3.3 Club officials shall not encourage, condone, or permit any player to engage in verbal abuse of an opponent.

212.3.4 Club officials shall refrain from engaging in verbal or physical altercations with opposing players, coaches, or supporters.

212.4 Ethical Standards Regarding Recruiting

All Clubs, coaches, players, team officials and parents of players shall observe the following ethical standards regarding the improper recruiting of players from other member clubs.

212.4.1 "Improper Recruiting" shall be defined herein as any effort or activity whatsoever that could reasonably be construed as attempting to encourage, induce, entice or solicit a player registered with one club to transfer to another club. Improper Recruiting shall include any form of

communication or action, whether written or verbal and whether by post, in person, electronically or by means of mass marketing.

212.4.2 Improper Recruiting shall include, but shall in no way be limited to the following:

212.4.2.1 demeaning or degrading any club in any manner that may reasonably be construed as calculated to encourage any player or his or her parents to transfer from one club to another.

212.4.2.2 marketing or promoting one club in a manner that may be reasonably construed as specifically targeting the players of another club.

212.4.2.3 permitting any player to train, practice or play with one club while the player is duly registered with another club without the expressed written consent of the player's club.

212.4.2.4 offering to any player at any time any material goods, gifts, compensation or other inducement holding any intrinsic value.

212.4.2.5 misrepresenting the potential benefits (e.g. college recruitment) to any player if that player should agree to register with a particular club.

212.4.2.6 encouragement by the coach or anyone on behalf of the coach, of a team registered in one club to move to and register with a different club the following seasonal year.

212.4.2.7 using in any manner whatsoever one's status as a high school and/or an Olympic Development Program coach to pressure or unduly influence a player to stay or transfer from one club to another.

212.4.3 These ethical standards shall apply to all coaches, all club administrators, employees or staff, all players and all parents and any other relative of players. These ethical standards shall also apply to any third party employed or utilized by any of the above to accomplish Improper Recruiting on behalf of any team or club.

212.4.4 The recruitment of players during the Tryout and Invitation Periods as defined herein shall be limited as follows:

212.4.4.1 No players or their parents shall be utilized in any manner to recruit players.

212.4.4.2 No contact shall be made directly to any player under the age of 18 outside the presence or the player's parent or guardian.

212.4.4.3 Any and all contact and communications with a player shall cease immediately upon the request of the player and or the player's parent or guardian to do so.

212.4.4.4 A coach who plans to leave one club for another club at the end of any seasonal year may announce his or her departure to his or her existing team and may give the players on his existing team and their parents the tryout information of the club for which he or she will thereafter be coaching. The departing coach may not have any further discussions, communications or correspondence whether individual or in a team setting with any of his existing players and/or their parents.

212.4.5 Acceptable recruiting practices shall include, but shall not be limited to the following:

212.4.5.1 General public announcements, advertisements and promotional materials.

212.4.5.2 Direct communications by a club with players currently registered with the same club and their parents.

212.4.5.3 Direct communication to players who have not been registered with any club at any time during the current seasonal year.

212.4.6 Grievance, Determination of Violation and Appeal

Any Grievance pertaining to any violation of the ethical standards and/or rules of conduct set forth herein shall be filed and adjudicated pursuant to Policy 106 herein.

212.4.7 Penalties for Violation of the Ethical Standards Regarding Recruiting.

212.4.7.1 Any coach found to have improperly recruited any player or players in violation of this Policy shall be subject to suspension from participation in any LSA sanctioned soccer event for a period of up to 3 years from the date of the violation for first offense and up to a life-time suspension for any subsequent violation.

212.4.7.2 For any violation of the ethical standards set forth herein of any official or anyone reasonably construed to be acting on behalf of the recruiting club, the club shall be assessed a fine of up to $1,000.00 for the first offense and a fine up to $5,000.00 for any subsequent offense. The offending club shall, upon the determination of improper recruiting, be immediately place in Not in Good Standing status and shall remain as such until such fines are paid.

212.5 Enforcement

212.5.1 Member clubs shall be held responsible to LSA for any act or omission by their club officials in violation of these rules whether or not any member of the governing board of the association had advance knowledge or opportunity to prevent the club official from a violation of these rules. It is the responsibility of member clubs to ensure that their club officials are familiar with these rules and to make it part of the terms of their employment that they not violate them. Nothing herein is meant to prevent member clubs from internal discipline or correction of their club official if or when a violation should occur.

212.5.2 Club officials shall be held responsible to LSA for violations of these rules by any coach under their supervision or by any person associated with his/her club. It is the responsibility of member clubs to ensure that their club officials are familiar with these rules.

212.5.3 Club officials of member clubs must report any violation of these rules known to them to have taken place by any person in their association or by any other association to LSA.

212.5.4 Action to enforce these Ethical Standards and Professional Rules of Conduct may be commenced by an LSA Club through the Grievance process set forth herein in Policy 106 or directly by LSA as a result of a vote to do so by a majority of the Executive Committee. In the latter case LSA shall file a Grievance against those alleged to have violated these Standards in accordance with the Grievance procedure.

212.6 Potential LSA Sanctions for Violation of Ethical Standards

Sanctions for the violation of any of the foregoing rules may include, but are not limited to:

212.6.1 Written warning or probationary period;

212.6.2 Suspension of a club official or Olympic Development Program coach;

212.6.3 Dismissal of Olympic Development Program coach;

212.6.4 Requiring any player recruited or solicited in violation of these rules to be removed from the roster of the offending club's team for a specific period of time, including league games or state tournaments;

212.6.5 Forfeiture of all Louisiana Classic Soccer League and/or State Tournament games in which the improperly recruited player participated;

212.6.6 A possible fine of up to $1000.00 against any member association;

212.6.7 Any combination of the foregoing penalties or sanctions that are warranted by the circumstances of any case in the judgment of the standing Committee.

212.6.8 The Discipline and Appeals Committee may not discipline any club, club official or parent more conspicuously than another based on prior precedent and must ensure that any sanction fits the action and is reasonable to avoid needless appeals.

212.6.9 The Discipline and Appeals Committee may, in rendering its decision, consider past violations of LSA Ethical Standards and prior discipline imposed upon the party.

212.7 Ethical Standards Regarding Use of Ineligible Players

Use of any ineligible player in any LSA league game, State Tournament game or Club Tournament game is contrary to the integrity of the game, conveys a destructive life lesson to players and parents and shall not be tolerated at any time.

212.7.1 An ineligible player shall be defined as

212.7.1.1 a player who is not properly registered with LSA.

212.7.1.2 a player not properly registered with the club for which he or she is permitted to play

212.7.1.3 a player not properly rostered with the team for which her or she is permitted to play; or

212.7.1.4 a player who is older than the age group of the game, with the sole exception of those players permitted to play under a 12th Grade Waiver.

212.7.1.5 a player who has not followed proper concussion return to play protocols; or

212.7.1.6 a player serving any suspension for misconduct.

217.7.1.7 a player 18 years of age and older who has not completed the SafeSport course.

212.7.2 Consequences to the ineligible player

Any player who plays for a team knowing that he or she is ineligible to play for that team shall be subject to a lifetime ban from playing in any LSA sanctioned event whether youth or adult.

212.7.3 Consequence to the team for using an ineligible player

Should an ineligible player be used by any team at any time

212.7.3.1 all of the games played by that team in the same seasonal year shall be recorded as a forfeit regardless of whether the ineligible player played in any game or game;

212.7.3.2 the team shall not be permitted to play in any Louisiana State Tournament or club tournament for the remainder of the seasonal year; and

212.7.3.3 should the team use the ineligible player in any Louisiana State Tournament, the team shall be considered to have withdrawn from the tournament and be assessed all such fines as set forth in these Policies.

212.7.4 Consequences to the Coach

212.7.4.1 LSA shall suspend any Coach who allows a player or players serving any suspension for misconduct to play in any LSA game for a minimum of 3 games. This suspension shall not be appealable and shall be served with the team for which the coach allowed suspended players to play. This provision shall not limit any Club from imposing its own disciplinary action.

212.7.4.2 Should a coach allow a player or players serving any suspension for misconduct to play in any LSA State Tournament game, LSA shall immediately suspend the coach from participating in any LSA State Tournament for any team for the remainder of the seasonal year. Such suspension shall not be subject to appeal.

212.7.5 Consequences to the Club

If LSA shall determine that the club for which the ineligible player was used knew or reasonably should have known an ineligible player was used by any of its teams, the club shall be subject to a fine not to exceed $5,000.

212.8 Appeals

Appeals from any decision made pursuant to adjudication of any alleged violation of these ethical standards and rules of conduct shall be made pursuant to Policy 106 herein.

Policy 213 Youth Player Safety Initiatives

213.1 Concussion Education

LSA and all of its affiliated clubs and organizations shall comply with all applicable terms and provisions of the Louisiana Youth Concussion Act (RS 40:1089.1 et.seq.)

213.1.1 Parents

213.1.1.1 LSA shall maintain concussion education resources and links on its website.

213.1.1.2 All LSA-affiliated clubs shall, as a part of their player registration process, require that parents and/or legal guardians of youth players acknowledge annually that they have received, read and understand the concussion video and parent information on concussion symptoms, diagnosis and management and that they have discussed these issues and the need to be candid with coaches and referees about any injury they may sustain with their players.

213.1.2 Referees

213.1.2.1 Licensed Referees. On an annual basis, all referees licensed through U.S. Soccer are required to review the concussion video as well as concussion information/protocols which will be made part of course materials.

213.1.2.2 Unlicensed referees. All LSA-affiliated clubs that utilize referees not licensed through U.S. Soccer system must require referees to confirm in writing on an annual basis that they have reviewed the

concussion video as well as concussion information/protocols available on the U.S. Soccer website.

213.1.3 Coaching Education

All coaches, regardless of level of competition, age, gender of the players they coach, shall on an annual basis, be required to review the concussion video as well as concussion information/protocols which will be made part of course materials.

213.1.4 Player Education

213.1.4.1 All LSA-affiliated clubs shall direct players to the concussion video, information and links on their respective websites and encourage all youth players to become informed on the issue of concussion symptoms, diagnosis and management.

213.1.4.2 All LSA-affiliated clubs shall encourage all youth players to be candid with their parents and/or legal guardians, coaches and referees about any injury they may sustain.

213.1.4.3 All LSA-affiliated clubs shall require youth players over the age of 13 to acknowledge annually that they have reviewed and understand the concussion video and player information on concussion symptoms, diagnosis and management.

213.2 Medical Personnel

As used herein the term "major youth tournament" shall be defined as any tournament held over multiple days and in which 64 or more teams are registered. As used herein the term "health care professional" and its abbreviation "HCP" shall be defined as a licensed health care professional such as an athletic trainer certified (ATC), or a physician (MD/DO), with a skill set in emergency care and sports medicine injuries and with knowledge and experience related to concussion evaluation and management.

213.2.1 An adequate number of health care providers (HCP) shall be present at all times for all major youth tournaments and shall be readily accessible to coaches, referees and athletes as needed during play.

213.2.2 Each major youth tournament host club should collaborate and communicate with an HCP, if available, on an overall emergency action plan and discuss the management of environmental injuries, injury prevention, head injury management and return to play matters.

213.3 Concussion Management

213.3.1 Games at Which an HCP is Present

213.3.1.1 Where an HCP is present at a game, any player who sustains a significant blow to the head or body, who complains about or is exhibiting symptoms consistent with having suffered a concussion or is otherwise suspected of having sustained a concussion, must be evaluated on the sideline by the on-site HCP.

213.3.1.2 Unless the on-site HCP determines that the player has not suffered a concussion, the player will not be permitted to return to play until the player has successfully completed the graduated RTP protocol described below and has been cleared to RTP by a physician.

213.3.2 Games and Practices at Which No HCP is Present

Where an HCP is not present at a game or practice, any player who sustains a significant blow to the head or body, who complains about or is exhibiting symptoms consistent with having suffered a concussion or is otherwise suspected of having sustained a concussion must be removed

from play and shall not return to play until and unless the player has been cleared to return to play in writing by a physician.

213.3.3 Return to Play

213.3.3.1 Return to Play Protocol

The Return to Play Protocol for any player suspected of having suffered a concussion shall include at least the following graduated steps.

a. the player must be symptom free at rest for 24 hours before commencing the protocol;

b. the player must be symptom free after moderate activity for 24 hours;

c. the player must be symptom free after heavy activity for 24 hours;

d. if a baseline test had been performed on the player prior to his/her concussion injury, the player will retake the same baseline test and a licensed neuropsychologist must review and interpret baseline and post-concussion test results;

e. An HCP must confirm in writing to the player's club that the player has completed the Return to Play protocol and

f. A licensed physician unrelated to the player must confirm in writing to the club that the player is approved to return to play.

213.3.3.2 If a player has been removed during a game for a concussion evaluation and the on-site HCP determines that the player has not suffered a concussion, the player shall be permitted to return to play. Before the player returns to play, the HCP shall notify the referee that, after proper evaluation, the player has not suffered a concussion and is permitted to play.

213.3.3.3 No coach shall permit a player who has been removed from play for a concussion assessment to return to play until and unless the player has been cleared to return to play by an HCP. If a coach seeks to allow a player who been removed from a game for a concussion assessment and who has not been cleared to return to play by the on-site HCP who conducted the concussion evaluation, the referee shall

a. immediately stop play,

b. direct the player to leave the field of play and

c. direct the coach to remove the player and select a substitute.

d. issue a warning to the coach.

If a coach persists in seeking to allow such player to re-enter the game after having been issued a warning, the referee shall be entitled to take such other disciplinary measures as are permitted.

213.4 Substitution Rules

In any game in which the teams are limited to the number of substitutions they can make, a substitution for the evaluation of the concussion/head injury will not count against the team's total number of allowed substitutions during each half or overtime period.

213.4.1 If the player with the suspected head injury has received clearance from the on-site HCP who performed the concussion evaluation to return to the game, the player may re-enter at any stoppage of play.

213.4.2 The evaluated player re-entering the game must replace the player who entered the game as their substitute if he or she is still in the game.

213.4.3 The player that was substituted into the game for the player with the suspected head injury will be considered a "temporary substitute" and shall be an available substitute and permitted to re-enter the game as a regular substitute.

213.4.4 A team may only make a temporary substitution for a player suspected of having suffered a head injury if they have a substitution available.

213.4.5 Note that any cautions assessed to the substituted player will carry with that player throughout the remainder of the game and any red card to the substitute would apply to the team and the team would be required to utilize a substitution (if available) for the player with the suspected head injury to re-enter the game.

213.4.6 This substitution rule is subject to change in regional and national competitions.

213.5 Heading Policy

213.5.1 Players 10 years of age and younger shall be prohibited by their coach, club and parents from heading the ball in practices and games regardless of the age group level of competition in which they participate.

213.5.2 No true 10U player will be permitted to participate at the 12U level of competition.

213.5.3 The rules of play at the 12U level shall not be modified to prohibit player younger than a true 12U to head the ball.

213.5.4 Players participating in any 12U program and younger shall not engage in heading, either in practices or in games. In the event a player, in the discretion of the referee, intentionally heads the ball in a game at the 12U level of competition or younger, the referee shall immediately stop play and award the opposing team an indirect free kick.

213.5.5 No LSA state tournament or club tournament in Louisiana shall permit a 12U team upon which there are any true 11U players rostered to play at a 13U level unless the tournament rules specifically prohibit heading for all teams and all games played at the 13U level of the tournament.

213.5.6 Heading training for players in 13U programs, shall be limited to a maximum of 30 minutes per week with no more that 15-20 headers per player, per week. All coaches should be instructed to teach and emphasize the importance of proper techniques for heading the ball.

213.6 As a component of player safety planning, all LSA-affiliated clubs should provide education and certification in basic First Aid and in CPR including the proper use of an automated external defibrillator ("AED") to all of its coaches.

213.6.1 If an LSA-affiliated club opts to make an AED available at training, game and tournament sites during LSA-related events, the club shall publish the availability of the AED and where it is located.

213.7 Each LSA-affiliated club shall have and shall publish a written lightning detection and protection policy. All LSA-affiliated clubs should employ the use of a lightning detection system, whether handheld or permanent, at all times during all soccer events including, but not limited to, practice, scrimmages, games and tournaments.

213.8 LSA shall, at all of its state tournaments, monitor the level of heat stress in sunlight at all LSA-related events including state tournaments. LSA shall employ the WetBulb Globe Temperature ("WBGT") which takes temperature, humidity, wind speed, sun angle and solar radiation into accounts. LSA shall provide water breaks in state tournament competitions in a manner commensurate with the WBGT reading. The implementation of water breaks at state tournaments shall be in the discretion of the Tournament Director

after consultation with the Tournament Referee. All LSA-affiliated clubs should establish a heat stress policy for all of its field facilities and events and shall publish that policy.

213.9 Unmanned Aircraft (Drone)

213.9.1 Definitions

213.9.1.1 "Unmanned Aircraft Systems" (UAS) shall mean any aircraft which is intended to operate with no pilot on board or can fly autonomously.

213.9.1.2 "LSA Event" means any LSA event including, but not by way of limitation all practices, training sessions, friendly games or scrimmages, league games, state tournament games, ODP training or game events.

213.9.2 Prohibitions

213.9.2.1 The un-approved use of an UAS at any LSA Event is prohibited.

213.9.3 Approval of Use

213.9.3.1 The use of an UAS at LSA Events may be approved by LSA for a specified promotional activity at an LSA Event.

213.9.3.2 The use of an UAS at LSA Events may be also be approved by LSA for legitimate player development purposes so long as LSA is satisfied such use shall not pose any risk of harm to any player, coach, spectator or member of the general public.

213.9.3.3 LSA may require a Release Form be signed and submitted prior to such approval.

213.9.4 Enforcement

213.9.4.1 Any person violating this policy may be immediately removed from the LSA Event.

213.9.4.2 If a person who is violating this policy refuses to land his aircraft, the LSA Event can be suspended until he or she lands the aircraft and, in the event of prolonged refusal to land the aircraft the LSA Event can been abandoned.

213.10 Failure to Adhere to Player Safety Guidelines

Any player, parent, coach, referee, club or other person who fails to adhere to the Player Safety Guidelines set forth herein shall be subject to discipline from LSA.

Policy 214 Misconduct

This Policy shall apply equally to all players, coaches, club officials, referees and spectators or team supporters involved or present at any LSA Game as defined herein.

214.1 Definitions

214.1.1 Misconduct is defined as any improper or unacceptable behavior as defined in the FIFA Laws of the Game, LSA Policy, statutory law and the LSA Mission Statement.

214.1.2 "US Youth Soccer Game" is defined as any game played as a part of any US Youth Soccer sanctioned event including not only all LSA Games as herein defined, but also all Club Tournaments as defined in LSA Policy 208.

214.1.3 "LSA Game" is defined as any game played as a part of any LSA League or Louisiana State Tournament.

214.1.4 "LSA League" is defined as the Louisiana Classic Soccer League ("LCSL").

214.1.5 "Louisiana State Tournament" is defined as The State Cup, Louisiana Presidents Cup, Bob Abbott Cup, Open Cup and any other tournament

operated by LSA during the course of a seasonal year.

214.1.6 "Caution" is defined as an individual having been shown a yellow card by a referee in an LSA Game.

214.1.7 "Ejection" is defined as a player having been shown a red card by a referee in an LSA Game or a coach, assistant coach, team manager or team supporter or spectator being ejected from an LSA Game.

214.1.8 "Playable Game" is defined as a game that is duly scheduled through LSA and ultimately played.

214.2 Suspensions in General

214.2.1 Any suspension shall be served in the suspended individual's next playable game or games regardless whether such game or games are in an LSA Game or a game in the US Youth Soccer National League, Regional Tournament game or any combination thereof.

214.2.2 A player participating with a team on a club pass must serve the suspension for whatever game is next whether another club pass game or a game for his/her primary team. Games played by a team in a club or invitational tournament are not games during which a suspended player is eligible to serve his or her suspension.

214.2.3 If a coach or player is ejected from their last game of an LSA State Tournament in a particular seasonal year, their suspension shall carry over to the Louisiana State Tournament competition in the next seasonal year unless that suspension is subsequently served at the appropriate USYS regional and/or national event. Suspensions shall be served without regard to any change of team or teams by the player or coach from one seasonal year to the next.

214.2.4 It is the responsibility of the club, coach and/or team manager to report any and all cautions and ejections issued in an LSA League Game to LSA through the on-line league management system and to submit the Game Card completed and signed by the referee to LSA within two (2) days of the game.

214.2.5 All suspensions for misconduct resulting from an ejection from any LSA league or state tournament game shall be reported, administered and served by the individual ejected regardless of whether the game is completed or subsequently forfeited by either team. No individual ejected from any game shall be permitted to evade the full or any portion of the consequences of such ejection. Similarly, no individual suspended for persistent misconduct under Policy 214.5 herein shall be permitted to evade the full or any portion of the consequences of such suspension. All suspensions shall be served in their entirety.

214.3 Player Misconduct

214.3.1 Players Cautioned During an LSA Game

Cautions issued to players or coaches are not cumulative from game to game in LSA League play other than for calculating penalties for persistent misconduct as set forth herein. Cautions issued to players or coaches in Louisiana State Tournaments are not cumulative from game to game.

214.3.2 Players Ejected During an LSA Game

214.3.2.1 If a player is ejected during an LSA league or state tournament game, the player may remain on the team bench for the duration of the game.

The player may thereafter be removed from the team bench if, in the opinion of the match official or Tournament Director (if

applicable), the player's presence on the team bench causes any degree of disruption to the game.

214.3.1.1 It is the responsibility of the head coach and the team manager to make certain that all suspensions are served. The head coach or the team manager shall notify the referee of suspensions that are being served during a particular game so that the referee can record that a specific player did not participate in that game.

214.3.1.2 The **primary** factor to be considered in determining the nature of the offense for which a suspension is awarded shall be the language used by the Referee in the Referee Report submitted to LSA.

214.3.1.3.1 The match officials retain clerical authority over the contest through Completion of any reports, including those imposing ejections, that are responsive to actions occurring while the referees had jurisdiction. LSA may intercede in the event of unusual incidents that occur before, during, or after the officials' jurisdiction has ended or if a contest is terminated prior to the conclusion of regulation play.

214.3.1.3 One (1) Game Suspension

A player who is ejected shall be suspended and at a minimum shall not be allowed to participate in his or her next playable LSA Game or Games regardless of whether such game or games are in LCSL play, state tournament play or in US Youth Soccer regional or national tournament play. LSA Game is defined in LSA Policy. A one game suspension shall include, but not be limited to,

- receiving a second caution in the same game;
- serious foul play;
- denying a goal or an obvious goal-scoring opportunity;
- delaying the restart of play by the opposing team such as holding on to the ball or kicking it away or obstructing the movement of a player;
- deliberately leaving the technical area to act in an aggressive, confrontational, provocative or inflammatory manner;
- deliberately throwing/kicking an object onto the field of play
- insulting or abusive language and/or gestures

214.3.1.4 Two (2) Game Suspension

A suspension of a minimum of 1 additional game (for a total of 2 games) is mandated in the event the player's ejection was for

- using offensive or violent conduct, including but not limited to pushing and shoving;
- the use or attempted use of excessive force against an opponent when not challenging for the ball, or against a team- mate, team official, match official, spectator or any other person, regardless of whether contact is made.
- kicking, hitting, striking, slapping, or punching another
- deliberately throwing/kicking an object at any other person.

214.3.1.5 Three (3) Game Suspension

A suspension for a minimum of 1 additional game (for a total of 3 games) is mandated in the event the player's ejection was for violent conduct and involved physical or aggressive behavior toward any

other person including

- fighting;
- racial or ethnic slurs; comments about race, skin color, ethnicity, nationality, social origin, gender, disability, sexual orientation, language, religion; or
- biting or spitting at another.

If a player's violent conduct was solely in the act of defending him or herself as noted on the Game Report, the player may be absolved from the third game suspension set forth above after a review by SRC and LSA.

214.3.1.6 The SRC and LSA shall have the discretion to add additional game suspensions or further disciplinary action if in their collective discretion it is warranted given the nature and extent of the misconduct. This discretion extends to all instances of misconduct whether they originally warranted a 1, 2 or 3-game suspension. As one example, if an individual who has been ejected from a game continues his or her misconduct after being ejected, further disciplinary action may be taken beyond that warranted by the original misconduct causing the ejection.

214.3.1.6.1 The SCR and LSA shall have the discretion to correct an obvious error made in the application of the "Laws of the Game" that directly affected the outcome of the game or affects a suspension of a player or coach who participated in the contest without the filing of a protest or appeal.

214.3.1.7 A player ejected from an LSA Game may attend his or her team's next game or games during the term of their suspension, and may sit on the team bench during the game or games, but shall not wear any portion of his or her team's uniform.

214.3.1.8 Appeals

No 1-game suspension shall be appealable. An appeal for a 2-game or a 3-game suspension may be filed by the President or Executive Director of the suspended player's Club. The appeal shall be in writing, addressed to the Chairman of LSA Discipline and Appeals Committee (D&A). The appeal shall be accompanied by a check in the amount of $500. Such fee shall be refunded if and only if the appeal is upheld. Only written statements shall be permitted. Video evidence may be introduced in appeal of a suspension for fighting or leaving the bench area without permission. Should such evidence be introduced, LSA reserves the right to reduce a suspension as well as administer additional suspensions based on the video review. At least 3 members of the D&A Committee shall convene within 72 hours of the filing of the appeal and may convene virtually or by telephone. The D&A may request a statement from the SRC and/or LSA to detail their reasons for the initial ruling. The SRC shall forward all Referee Reports pertaining to the incident to the D&A Committee immediately upon the filing of the appeal. The decision of the D&A Committee shall be final with no further appeal.

214.4 Coach Misconduct

A Coach who is ejected from a game is subject to the same suspension as a player for like misconduct as set forth above. The only factor to be considered in determining the nature of the offense for which a suspension is awarded shall be the language used by the Referee in the Referee Report submitted to LSA.

214.4.1 A coach who is ejected from any US Youth Soccer Game shall immediately leave the soccer complex and be out of sight and sound of the game until the match officials have left sight and sound of the field after the match concludes. The ejected coach is prohibited from any further contact, direct or indirect, by any means whatsoever including, but not limited to, communication through a third person, with the team during the remainder of that game. If a coach who has been ejected from an LSA Game violates this prohibition, he or she shall, in the sole discretion of LSA, be subject to suspension beyond that occasioned by his or her original ejection. If a credentialed team or club official is not present, the game shall be terminated and the offending team shall forfeit the game.

214.4.2 It is the responsibility of the head coach and team manager to make certain that suspensions are served. If a coach is ejected during a league game, the team manager shall retain possession of the coach's pass. During Louisiana state tournaments, LSA shall retain the coach's pass until the coach has served his or her suspension. The team manager or the head coach shall notify the referee of suspensions that are being served so that the referee can record that a specific coach did not participate in that game.

214.4.3 A coach who is ejected from a US Youth Soccer Game shall be suspended and as a minimum shall not be allowed to participate in that team's next playable game or games regardless of whether such game or games are in LSA league play, Louisiana state tournament play or in regional tournament play. If the coach's ejection is from a Club Tournament game, the coach's suspension shall be in addition to any suspension given by the Club Tournament Director and any suspension served during the Club Tournament shall have no effect and shall not reduce the LSA suspension set forth in this Policy.

214.4.4 If a coach coaches more than one team, any suspension he or she are required to serve shall be during playable games for the same team he or she was coaching at the time of their ejection. If at the time the suspension is to be served, he or she no longer coaches the team he or she was coaching when ejected, the coach shall serve such suspension at his or her next LSA Game regardless of team.

214.4.5 In the event the coach is ejected for violent conduct including, but not limited to, hitting, kicking, punching or fighting, racial or ethnic slurs and/or spitting on or at another, the coach shall be suspended for a minimum of 3 games. LSA shall have the discretion to lengthen the period of suspension.

214.5 Penalty Point Accumulation for Persistent Misconduct

214.5.1 In addition to the suspensions of players and coaches set forth above, penalty points for persistent misconduct shall be awarded to all individuals as follows:

214.5.1.1 Recorded cautions: One (1) point per caution to the individual

214.5.1.2 Recorded ejections: Five (5) points per ejection to the individual

The maximum accumulation of penalty points in a single game by an individual is 5 points.

214.5.2 Disciplinary Action for Persistent Misconduct and Penalty Point Accumulation.

214.5.2.1 10 accumulated penalty points – individual is suspended for the next 2 playable games by the team. 12 accumulated penalty points – individual is suspended for the next 3 playable games by the team.

214.5.2.2 16 accumulated penalty points – individual is suspended for the next 4 playable games by the team.

214.5.3 Individual penalty point accumulations received for persistent misconduct during LCSL play shall be extended into the Louisiana State Tournaments, but shall not continue into regional or national tournament play. If a suspension for persistent misconduct hereunder that is not fully served by the conclusion of the individual's team play in the Louisiana
State Tournaments in a particular seasonal year, the remaining term of the individual's suspension shall be carried over to and served in the individual's next regularly scheduled LSA League game or games in the following seasonal year.

214.6 Team Misconduct

The club and the head coach of a team are responsible for the conduct of its spectators and supporters. Unacceptable and unsporting behavior shall not be tolerated and will be subject to sanctions by LSA. Prohibited conduct shall include, but not be limited to the following

214.6.1 Abusive Behavior to Referees

214.6.1.1 Disputing or dissenting in any way from calls during or after the game,

214.6.1.2 Criticizing, harassing or intimidating the referee or referee assistants.

214.6.1.3 Instructing players to increase their physical play beyond the scope of the Laws of the Game because the referee is allowing it,

214.6.1.4 Showing dissent toward a referee or referee assistant indirectly through ones players,

214.6.1.5 Directing the referee to watch certain players.

214.6.1.6 U.S. Soccer's Referee Abuse Prevention Program applies to conduct in any game involving a team registered with a U.S. Soccer affiliated, whether it is a league game, tournament game or friendly game.

214.6.1.7 Any penalties incurred as a result of findings from a violation of the Referee Abuse Prevention Program guidelines must be served with the team that the suspended individual was coaching or playing with when the documented offense occurred. The coach or player may not coach or play again until his/her suspension has been served.

214.6.1.8 If the offense occurs during an LCSL game, the suspension must be served during LCSL and/or state tournament play (depending on the length of the suspension) with the team that the suspended individual was coaching or playing with when the documented offense occurred.

214.6.2 Consumption of Alcohol

214.6.2.1 The consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited at any LSA sanctioned event including but not limited to team practices,

scrimmages, friendly matches, LSA league games, LSA state tournaments and all Club Tournaments as defined in LSA Policy 208.

214.6.2.2 The term "at" shall be defined as anywhere at, in or in close proximity to the field complex in which the game is being played.

214.6.2.3 Anyone found to have violated this prohibition on the consumption of alcohol shall be subject to

- immediate removal from the field complex and/or
- suspension from attendance at any future LSA sanctioned event.

214.6.3 Team Consequences of Prohibited Behavior by Spectators and Supporters

214.6.3.1 The coaches of each team are responsible for the behavior of theirspectators and supporters. If any coach is found to permit any prohibited behavior or fails to control such prohibited behavior, he or she shall be considered as supporting a risk management issue and shall be subject to suspension of a period not to exceed 2 years.

214.6.3.2 If the conduct of a team's spectators and supporters causes a game to be prematurely abandoned, the opposing team shall be awarded a forfeit and the club shall be subject to further review and discipline by LSA. Any caution or ejection issued during a game that is prematurely abandoned shall still be subject to those suspensions set forth herein.

214.7 Procedure for Reporting Misconduct

214.7.1 At the completion of every game during which any player or coach was cautioned or ejected or which was abandoned as a result of the misconduct of players, coaches or team supporters or spectators, the game referee shall clearly note any and all misconducts on the digital match reportand shall, in the case of the issuance of a red card, complete a US Soccer Game Report and submit a copy of that report to LSA.

214.7.2 Within 24 hours of the completion of a game during which any player or coach was cautioned or ejected a club official, coach or manager from each team shall report such misconduct when reporting the score of the game in the LSA registration platform. Failure to accurately report any such misconduct shall result in a fine to the Club failing to report in an amount not to exceed $1,000.

214.7.3 Any misconduct occurring after a game is over must be reported immediately to the LSA for appropriate action. LSA retains the right to administer discipline as appropriate for misconduct occurring after a game even if the game officials did not issue a red card.

214.7.4 Decisions of the Referee are Not Subject to Appeal

No decision of a referee or referee's assistant in any game shall be subject to any appeal process. No evidence, whether oral or recorded by audio and or video, shall be entertained at any time regarding a referee's decision unless such video is required to correct a misidentification of the player who received discipline. Tn that case, LSA reserves the right to rescind the incorrectly administered discipline and correctly award discipline to the player guilty of the offense.

214.8 Failure to Serve a Suspension

If an individual participates in any LSA Game before serving his or her suspension, that game will be recorded as a forfeit and the individual shall still have to serve his or her suspension. If an individual fails to

properly serve his or her suspension on more than one occasion during any seasonal year, LSA shall have the discretion to suspend the individual for up to one year.

214.9 Referee Obligations Concerning Misconduct

214.9.1 For purposes of this Policy, the term "LSA Game" shall be defined and shall include any and all Louisiana State Tournaments and all games in both the LCSL.

214.9.2 The completion and submission of LSA digital match reports (DMR) and post-game reports is an important duty of a referee and a requirement of US Soccer.

A referee shall complete those portions of the LSA digital match report (DMR) that include scores, goal-scoring, cautions and ejections. In LSA Games involving referee assault, referee abuse, dismissal of team officials, sending-off offenses, serious injuries, game abandonment or other substantial occurrences, LSA requires a referee to file a U.S. Soccer Referee Report and a US Soccer Supplemental Referee Report if needed prior to leaving the game location.

214.9.3 In the event a referee fails to fully complete an LSA digital match report (DMR) and/or a US Soccer Referee Report and/or a US Soccer Supplemental Referee Report as may be required for an LSA Game, LSA shall have the authority to suspend the referee from officiating any LSA Game until such US Soccer Referee forms are properly completed in satisfactory detail and submitted to LSA as required. If the Assignor fails to respond in a timely manner, LSA shall notify the Club, the Assignor, State Referee Chairman, State Referee Administrator and State Director of Assignment.

214.9.4 If LSA suspends a referee hereunder, all referee assignors in Louisiana shall be notified and such referee shall not be permitted to referee any LSA Game unless and until all referee assignors are notified that the suspension of the referee has been revoked by LSA.

214.9.5 Any referee assignor who assigns any LSA Game to a referee suspended hereunder, whether as a center referee, assistant referee or fourth official, shall be reported to US Soccer and shall be subject to a fine not to exceed $500.00. The Assignor who assigned the match may not act as an Assignor for LCSL games for the next calendar year as determined by LSA.

214.9.6 Any referee assignor who excuses or allows any referee of and from his or her duty to complete the proper game reporting set forth above or who excuses or allows any referee from fulfilling his or her duties under these Policies or under the Laws of the Game shall be subject to immediate suspension by LSA.

Policy 300 Levels of Play - Youth

300.1 Recreational Level

300.1.1 A "recreational team" is defined as any team that participates in an intra-club or "in-house" recreational league and/or in an inter-club recreational league and a "recreational player" shall be defined as any player whose primary team is a recreational team.

300.1.2 All recreational leagues must be certified by LSA on an annual basis so as to insure the league adheres to the principles of providing a recreational

soccer environment.

300.1.3 Players registered as recreational players and teams established as recreational teams shall not participate in more than 2 club tournaments per season (Fall and Spring), 1 of which may be the Louisiana Open Cup. Participation in any such club tournament shall be subject to Club approval.

300.1.4 All teams registering in age groups 10U and younger shall be defined as recreational teams and all 10U players shall be defined as recreational players subject only to the play-up provisions set forth in Policy 300.2.10 herein. No 10U team shall be permitted to compete in any tournament at the 11U level or higher.

300.1.5 A club shall accept as recreational players any and all eligible players (subject to reasonable terms of registration) as players.

300.1.6 Assigning players to recreational team rosters on the basis of talent by the use of tryouts, invitations, recruiting or any like process is prohibited. Recreational teams shall be formulated in a manner that encourages parity and balance between teams and not in a manner that stratifies teams on the basis of talent.

300.1.7 LSA strongly recommends that all players on a recreational team be guaranteed at least 50% playing time in each game.

300.1.8 Clubs are prohibited from advertising and/or conducting tryouts in order to form any recreational teams. Any club or association found to have advertised and/or conducted such tryouts for any recreational team shall be subject to a fine not to exceed $1,000 as well as additional disciplinary

300.2 Classic Level

300.2.1 A "classic team" is defined as any team formulated for the purpose competing in a results-oriented environment and a "classic player" shall be defined as any player whose primary team is a classic team.

300.2.1.1 Classic teams shall include all teams that participate in the Louisiana Classic Soccer League ("LCSL") and all "tournament teams", so-called, formulated to compete in competitive tournaments, but not in the LCSL.

300.2.1.2 Only teams registering in age groups 11U and older shall be eligible to become classic teams. In order to form teams for the following seasonal year on the basis of the talent of players, a club must be affiliated with LSA, in Good Standing at the commencement of the Tryout Period and must be eligible under LSA Policy to field classic teams. Pool teams must be registered under Classic Registration.

300.2.2 The Tryout Period for Classic Teams in the following seasonal year.

300.2.2.1 For the 11U through 13U age groups shall commence on the Monday following the conclusion of the Bob Abbott Cup and shall conclude on the second Friday thereafter at 12:00 Noon.

300.2.2.2 For the 14U through 19U age groups shall commence for each specific age group on the Monday following the conclusion of the LSA State Cup for that age group and shall conclude on the second Friday thereafter at 12:00 Noon.

300.2.4 Prohibition Against Contacting Players

No club, team, coach or any other team official or individual otherwise associated with a team including, but not limited to, all players and their parents shall have any communication with any player who has attended

any of the club's tryouts regarding the results, whether actual, potential or anticipated, of those tryouts until the commencement of the Invitation Period.

300.2.5 The Invitation Period shall commence immediately upon the conclusion of the Tryout Period in each specific age group.

200.2.5.1 Clubs must honor the specific team invitation that is offered to a player for at least the fall season of LCSL play. If they do not, then the player is no longer required to honor his/her commitment to the club.

300.2.6 Each club and/or team that conducts tryouts must inform the players who attend their tryouts and their parents of these LSA Tryout Policies and of the club and team restrictions on communicating with players who attend their tryouts.

300.2.7 Players who are not selected by a club or team may contact any club or team at any time after the commencement of the Invitation Period.

300.2.8 Clubs and teams may conduct additional tryouts beginning on the Friday after the commencement of the Invitation Period.

300.2.9 A true 10U player or younger may not participate on a Classic team at any time or for any event including, but not limited to friendly, league or tournament games without having successfully received clearance to do so from LSA pursuant to Policy 300.2.10. A true 10U player must play either recreational soccer or as a member of a Louisiana Soccer Academy Program.

300.2.10 In the event a Director of Coaching of an LSA affiliated club is of the opinion that a player who will turn 10 years of age during the second calendar year of a seasonal year (a true 10U player) is such an exceptional player that they should be permitted to play at the 11U level, he or she, together with the player's parents, may petition the LSA Technical Director for an exemption from this age limitation Policy. Any such Petition must be made prior to September 1st of each year and is for the player to play at the 11U level for the entire seasonal year. Such determination will be made with the player's safety and well-being in mind. Exemptions shall not be granted for any reason other than the development of the exceptional player. For example, an exemption shall not be granted to fill roster spots on a particular team and shall not be granted for single games.

300.2.11 If a club that permits a player who fails to turn 10 years of age by the end of the calendar year in which the seasonal year commences (a true 11U player or older) true 10U player or younger to participate on a Classic team at any time or for any event including, but not limited to friendly, league or tournament games without having successfully received clearance to do so from LSA pursuant to Policy 300.2.10 it shall be subject to a fine of $500.00 and shall be placed into Not in Good Standing status until any such fine is paid in full.

300.3 Louisiana Soccer Academy Program

300.3.1 Purpose

The LSAP is designed specifically to make learning the game enjoyable for youth players, to focus on the technical development of each player, to de-emphasize results as a measure of success and reduce pressure on players and coaches to earn results and to educate parents and players on the importance of defining long term success in terms of player performance

rather than team outcomes.

300.3.2 Players and Age Groups

300.3.1 All players must be duly registered with LSA as a Academy Player.

300.3.2 The LSAP shall combine players from 9U and 10U age groups so clubs can create a larger pool environment to accommodate all levels of ability regardless of age.

300.3.3 Admission In to LSAP. The LSAP is a club-based program. To be admitted into the LSAP a Club must file an application to LSA on a form provided by LSA and support such application with any and all required documentation. To be considered for participation in the LSAP, a club must meet the following criteria:

300.3.3.1 LSAP Clubs must commit to participating in the LSAP for the entire seasonal year.

300.3.3.2 Each Club must have an Academy Director who acts as the liaison with the Academies of other LSAP Clubs and LSA. The Academy Director must possess a minimum of a National Youth License from US Youth Soccer, a National D-License from US Soccer or the equivalent as determined by the LSA. LSA has the discretion to approve all clubs that petition to join LSAP.

300.3.3.3 Each Club shall have a written training curriculum for each of their LSAP pools. LSA shall assist any club in developing and updating their LSAP curricula. Each Club's curricula shall be submitted to LSA along with the club's LSAP Application each year and shall be reviewed by the LSA Technical Director. Each Club's LSAP curriculum must be posted on the Club's website and otherwise made available to the parents of LSAP players. Goalkeeping must be a component of the Club's LSAP curriculum.

300.3.3.4 The Club shall have submit their Financial Aid Policy to LSA along with their LSAP Application.

300.3.4 Coaching Standards and Training Environment

300.3.4.1 All Coaches in a Club's LSAP must possess at a minimum

a. a US Soccer E-License or

b. have successfully completed 1 on-line and 2 in-person US Soccer Grassroots Modules. One of the in-person modules must be the 11 v. 11 Module), or

c. have successfully completed both the 7 v. 7/9 v. 9 and the 11 v. 11 in-person United Soccer Coaches Coaching Development Courses.

d. A coach who possesses a US Soccer F-License will be considered to have completed one on-line US Soccer Grassroots Module.

e. US Soccer and United Soccer Coaches coaching education pathways are cumulative and not interchangeable. Each Coach must choose one coaching education pathway or the other.

300.3.4.2 Players participate in pool training format shall be matched up developmentally in smaller groups with a preferred ratio of 10 players to each qualified coach. Players may not participate in more than 3 training sessions per week.

300.3.4.3 LSA recommends that Players receive 2 written evaluations annually.

300.3.4.4 Clubs must maintain at least a 3:1 training to match ratio throughout the year.

300.3.5 Rosters

300.3.5.1 Each player participating in the LSAP shall have an original US Youth Soccer player pass and each coach shall have an original US Youth Soccer coach's pass for the LSAP pool he or she coaches. Each pass shall have a current photograph of the person and the person's date of birth (required for players only) and all passes must be individually laminated.

300.3.5.2 Rosters shall be LSAP Pool Rosters and shall not be limited in size.

300.3.5.3 Pool Rosters must be presented to the referee at the beginning of every game. The players playing in a game are limited to those listed on the Pool Roster. The names of players not playing in a particular game must be crossed off the Pool Roster. Names of players can be added to the roster. Handwritten changes to the roster are permitted.

300.5.3.4 Clubs shall be free to move players from one team to another from game to game even between games played on the same day so long as every player is named on the Pool Roster.

300.3.6 Academy Games and Play Dates

LSAP Rules of Play shall adhere to all US Soccer Player Development Initiatives and to the LSA Modified Rules of Play set forth in LSA Policy.

300.3.6.1 LSAP Clubs shall be responsible for scheduling their own Matches and Play Dates. Clubs are encouraged to have teams play multiple games in a single day. Travel for visiting clubs should be minimized. LSAP Club should reciprocate in playing home and away.

300.3.6.2 No scores, rankings or standings will be kept or published in any manner.

300.3.6.3 Each player shall be guaranteed at least one half of playing time per match

300.3.6.4 Players shall not participate in match play for more than 100 minutes in a single day.

300.3.6.5 LSAP Clubs participating in a Play Date shall cooperate with each other in the format of the Play Date. Teams can be balanced or by ability, but Clubs must insure that opposing teams shall be using the same format.

300.3.5.6 LSAP Clubs participating in matches or play dates should share expenses such as the cost of referees for each match or on each play date.

300.3.7 Louisiana Soccer Academy Jamboree and Bob Abbott Cup

300.3.7.1 LSA will schedule a statewide LSAP play date in the fall and in the spring. Multiple sites across the state shall be used for the play dates so as to minimize travel and these sites shall be changed so as to be as fair as possible to all participating LSAP Clubs.

300.3.7.2 LSAP clubs will also be permitted to enter 10U LSAP teams into an a 10U Academy Division in the Bob Abbott Cup. Players on all LSAP teams entered into the Bob Abbot Cup shall be age

appropriate.

Policy 301 Dual Registration

301.1 Interscholastic (School-based) teams

301.1.1 LSA-affiliated clubs/associations may sponsor school-based (interscholastic) leagues in addition to the recreational and Classic teams already included in the potential offerings.

301.1.2 An interscholastic team is not eligible for competition in Louisiana state tournaments.

301.1.3 Its roster may be comprised of all-male, all-female, or co-ed players.

301.1.4 Players may be registered with an LSA-affiliated club/association for recreational or Classic teams in addition to their interscholastic team.

301.1.5 At the high school level, it is important to understand the most current Louisiana High School Athletic Association (LHSAA) requirements and rules regarding players, coaches, and working together during the season outside of the high school season.

301.1.6 There is no minimum or maximum roster size established by LSA for teams in this program.

301.1.7 Players who are not currently members of an LSA-affiliated club/association must join the sponsoring member club/association at a rate specified by the club/association. The LSA-affiliated club/association must pay LSA the per-player registration fee as listed in Policy 204 for these players.

301.1.8 LSA-affiliated clubs/associations that sponsor an inter-scholastic league must also pay a league affiliation fee as listed in Policy 204.

301.2 Summer Play

301.2.1 LSA affiliated clubs/associations may operate summer playing leagues that may be comprised of players who have registered with any LSA affiliated club/association during the current seasonal year who have completed their playing season and/or whose age group has completed its State Cup/Presidents Cup for the seasonal year.

301.2.2 Transfers are not required for summer play.

301.2.3 Any player not registered with LSA in the current seasonal year may register under the special summer registration rate as set forth in Policy 204.

301.3 Single Season Recreational Players

Players who participate as a recreational player in single-season (for example, fall only) playing clubs/associations that are LSA-affiliates may register with another LSA-affiliated club/association for a subsequent playing season within the same seasonal year.

Policy 302 Age Groups

302.1 Age Groups

302.1.1 Age Groups for Inter-club Play

All age groups for youth soccer players playing in any inter-club league or competitions shall be determined by birth year. A player's age group shall be determined by subtracting his or her year of birth from the year in which a seasonal year ends.

302.1.2 Age Groups for Intra-club Play

LSA affiliated clubs may establish age groups for youth soccer players playing in an intra-club league or competitions by August 1 to July 31 seasonal year. A team with its age group calculated by any method other

than birth year will be required to play at the birth year of their oldest player or players in the event they play in competitions outside their club.

302.1.3 Louisiana Open Cup

Age groups for the Louisiana Open Cup will be calculated on the basis of the calendar year. Teams will be placed in Open Cup brackets based upon the calendar year of birth of their oldest player or players.

302.2 Age groups may be delineated by either the calendar year of birth (e.g. 2013s) or by using the applicable age together with the term "Under" (e.g. 11U).

302.3 A player must be at least 3 years of age at the time of registration.

302.4 Playing down in age is prohibited at all competitive levels of play.

302.4.1 All clubs shall require proof of birth at registration and maintain a copy of this proof in their files for Classic players. It is the responsibility of the club to be accurate when registering players within their proper age groups.

302.4.2 Proof of age shall consist of a birth certificate, or birth registration issued by an appropriate government agency; passport; alien registration card issued by the United States Government; a certificate issued by the Immigration and Naturalization Service attesting to age; or a Certification of an American Citizen born abroad issued by the appropriate government agency. Hospital, baptismal or religious certificates are not acceptable.

302.4.3 It is the Club's sole responsibility to confirm and attest to each player's date of birth.

302.4.4 Any club, team, coach, manager or other club official who accepts a falsified document as proof of age and uses it to register a player at an age younger than his or her year of birth shall be subject to a fine not to exceed $5,000 and or suspension from participation in any and all LSA events.

302.5 Playing Down

302.5.1 Recreational players may play down in age at the discretion of the LSA affiliated club in order to remain with players of the same grade level, but are prohibited from doing so at any competition outside of the LSA affiliated club including any LSA or invitational tournaments. In the interest of all parties, under no circumstances should a player be permitted to play down more than 2 age groups below their true age group.

302.5.2 Under no circumstances shall a player play down in age for any Classic team or in any competitive league or tournament.

302.5.3 Any affiliated club and/or coach of a team found to have permitted a player to play down in age for any Classic team or in any competitive league or tournament shall be subject to discipline including, but not limited to loss of a club's performance bond and or suspension of the coach.

302.6 Playing up is defined as a player playing on a team at a higher age group than his or her own birth year age group when all or a majority of the players on the team are playing at their appropriate age group.

302.6.1 The sole factor in determining whether a youth player shall play up shall be the best interests of the player given the player's development physically, psychologically and as a soccer player.

302.6.2 Players 13 years and younger shall not play up more than a single age group.

302.6.3 Players 14 years and older may play up 2 age groups.

302.6.4 Players seeking to play up more than the limits set forth herein must submit the appropriate LSA Playing Up form signed by the players parents and the Club.

302.6.5 Once a player has reached ninth grade, he or she may play on a team with other high school-aged players without requesting to play up.

302.7 19U players who are in the 12th grade will be allowed to be rostered on an 18U team for the purposes of in-state competition, including LCSL play and

302.8 15U players who are in the 8th grade will be allowed to be rostered on a 14U team during the player's high school season. The player will not count against the team's roster limit but must be considered when naming an 18-player roster for games.

302.8.1 The team may participate in tournaments in Louisiana and out-of-state but may be required to participate at the 15U age level at the discretion of the tournament host.

302.8.2 The player is not eligible to compete in the US Youth Soccer National League with the 14U team.

302.8.3 The LSA Eighth Grade Certificate/Waiver must be completed and submitted to the LSA Office in order for the player(s) to be eligible for competition.

302.9 Under 4 players should be placed in a pool of players and not on teams.

Policy 303 Transfer / Release of Youth Players

303.1 Registration with an LSA affiliated club.

A player shall be deemed to be registered with an LSA-affiliated club when he or she (or a parent or guardian on their behalf) completes and submits a registration form to that club for a particular seasonal year.

303.1.1 A player may only be registered with one (1) club at a time.

303.1.2 Registration with a club shall be for a single seasonal year. Players shall be free to change clubs without the need for a transfer during the tryout process at the conclusion of each seasonal year.

303.1.3 Once a player (or his or her parent or guardian)registers with an LSA-affiliated club whether in writing or on-line, that player is bound to that club for the entire seasonal year unless the player properly requests to be released or transferred from that club.

303.2 A Request for Player Transfer/Release shall not be required when:

303.2.1 A player who is not registered with any club desires to register with a club for the first time during the course of a seasonal year.

303.2.2 A player in a club's recreational program moves from one team to another team within that club's recreational program. Clubs may transfer players among and between teams in its recreational program without limitation.

303.2.3 If a player's team in a club's recreational program disbands and there no longer exists any playing opportunities in the club's recreational program for that player, the player can transfer to another club's recreational program.

303.2.4 A player who is registered with the recreational program of a club that only

conducts a single playing season may register with the recreational program of another club in a subsequent playing season in the same seasonal year.

303.3 A "player transfer" is defined as the movement of a player from one club with which that player is duly registered to another club. The "releasing club" is defined as the club from which the player seeks to be released or transferred and the "accepting club" is defined as the club to which the player seeks to be transferred. A player transfer shall not be required in the event a player seeks to transfer from one team in a club to another team in that same club.

303.3.1 All player transfers shall be subject to LSA Player Transfer and Release policies, procedures, fees and approval.

303.3.2 A player transfer may be requested if

303.3.2.1 The player has moved his or her place of residence more than 50 miles during the seasonal year.

303.3.2.2 The team upon which the player is rostered is disbanded by the club during the seasonal year.

303.3.2.3 The releasing club and the accepting club agree to the transfer.

303.3.2.4 If extenuating circumstances exist and the player and his or her parents have determined the transfer is in the best interest of the player, the player may request a transfer from one club to another.

303.3.3 Failure of Releasing Club to Approve Player Transfer

303.3.3.1 If the releasing club refuses or fails to approve a player transfer, it shall submit a detailed explanation of the reasons for such disapproval.

303.3.3.2 If the releasing club disapproves or fails to take any action on a Request for Transfer in a timely manner, LSA shall determine whether the requested transfer shall be approved.

303.3.4 Limitations on transferred players.

303.3.4.1 A player transferred prior to or before January 31st of the seasonal year shall not be limited as to their participation in the LCSL, the US Youth Soccer National League or Louisiana state tournaments.

303.3.4.2 A player transferred on or after February 1st of the seasonal year shall not be eligible to participate in the LCSL, the US Youth Soccer National League or any Louisiana state tournament.

303.3.4.2.1 A player whose team does not register for the appropriate LSA state tournament in his/her age group may transfer to any team that will be participating in the appropriate LSA state tournament and play in the tournament as long as roster freeze deadlines are met.

303.3.4.3 A player who is registered with the recreational program of a club that only conducts a single playing season may transfer to a Classic team of another club in a subsequent playing season in the same seasonal year at any time prior to the scheduled date of that team's first game and still be eligible to participate in the LCSL, the US Youth Soccer National League or any Louisiana State Tournament.

303.3.4.4 Registration with a Middle School League alone shall not constitute registration with the Club hosting the league. A player who first registers with a Club solely to participate in a Middle School League

hosted by that Club, may transfer to a team of another club and still be eligible to participate in the LCSL, RPL or any Louisiana state tournament.

303.4 A "player release" is defined as the removal of player registered with a club from his or her team without movement of that player to another team or club.

303.4.1 All player releases shall be subject to LSA Player Transfer and Release policies, procedures, fees and approval.

303.4.2 Player Release Requested by the Player

Any player wishing to be released from the club with which they are registered may do so by submitting an LSA Request for Player Transfer/Release form to his or her club and to LSA.

303.4.2.1 There shall be no charge for a player release.

303.4.2.2 Approval from the releasing club shall not be required.

303.4.2.3 If a player has obtained a player release from one club at any time during a seasonal year and thereafter desires to play for another club during the same seasonal year, the player must undergo the player transfer process as set forth herein as if the player release process had not been undertaken.

303.4.3 Player Release Requested by the Club

As set forth above, player releases, including those requested by the club, shall require the signature of the player or the player's parent or legal guardian. A player release may be requested by the club without the need for the signature of the player or the player's parents or legal guardian in the following limited circumstances:

303.4.3.1 The player has violated disciplinary rules of LSA, US Soccer or US Youth Soccer.

303.4.3.2 The player has moved his or her place of residence more than 50 miles during the seasonal year.

303.4.3.3 The player is injured in such a manner that renders the player unable to participate for the remainder of the seasonal year.

303.4.3.4 The player is deceased.

303.4.3.5 If a player and/or the player's parents have failed to respond to repeated attempts by the Club to contact the player and or the player's parents. In such a case the Club shall submit documentation to LSA supporting their claim to have made such repeated attempt to contact the player and/or the player's parents.

303.5 The Player Transfer/Release Procedure.

303.5.1 The LSA Request for Player Transfer/Release form.

All requests to be transferred or released shall be submitted to LSA in writing on the LSA Request for Player Transfer/Release form.

303.5.1.1 The Request for Player Transfer/Release form shall be available on the LSA website.

303.5.1.2 The form contains sections that must be completed by the player (or parent or guardian), the releasing club, the accepting club and LSA.

303.5.1.3 All requests to be transferred or released shall include a detailed statement citing the reason or reasons for the requested transfer or release.

303.5.1.4 Player Transfers.
In the case of a player transfer, all sections of the Request for Player Transfer/Release form must be completed prior to submission of the form to LSA. The Player Transfer fee shall be paid to LSA at the time the request form is submitted to LSA.

303.5.1.5 Player Releases Requested by Player
If a player who seeks to be released by his or her club and who is not seeking a transfer to another club, need only complete the Player section of the form and submit it to the club and to LSA.

303.5.1.6 Player Releases Requested by Club
Should a club wish to release a player pursuant to the criteria set forth above, the club must complete the Player and Releasing Club sections of the Request for Player Transfer/Release form and forward the form on to LSA for approval. The releasing club must attach documentation identifying and supporting the criteria upon which the club relies in seeking the release of the player.

303.6 LSA Approval
All requests for player transfer and requests for player release are subject to the approval of LSA.

303.6.1 All Request for Player Transfer/Release forms together with any supporting documentation, if required, shall be submitted to the LSA office.

303.6.2 A player may not participate with the team to which they are seeking a transfer unless and until LSA has officially added the player to the roster of the team to which they are seeking a transfer.

303.6.3 Any club that permits a player to participate on a team without having received proper approval of the player's transfer and any club who otherwise attempts to circumvent or fails to adhere to these Transfer and Release policies and procedures shall be subject to disciplinary action.

Policy 304 Travel Procedures

304.1 Interstate travel by LSA-affiliated teams is governed by US Youth Soccer Policies and Procedures.

304.1.1 Interstate Travel to a US Youth Soccer sanctioned tournament.

304.1.1.1 Teams traveling out of state to a tournament sanctioned by US Youth Soccer shall complete the Travel Notice procedure in the LSA registration platform.

304.1.1.2 Such teams shall be authorized to use their LSA team roster and passcards subject only to the rules and procedures of the tournament host.

304.1.1.4 Such teams shall play with the same LSA and US Youth Soccer benefits as if the tournament was a US Youth Soccer sanctioned tournament being played in Louisiana.

304.1.2 Interstate Travel to non-US Youth Soccer sanctioned tournament.

304.1.2.1 Teams traveling out of state to a tournament that is not sanctioned by US Youth Soccer shall not play with the same LSA and US Youth Soccer benefits as if the tournament were sanctioned by US Youth Soccer.

304.1.2.2 US Youth Soccer Travel Policy prohibits teams participating in a non-US Youth Soccer sanctioned event from using either a US Youth Soccer roster or passcards. Teams traveling to such a

tournament therefor must create an alternate team roster and alternate passcards.

304.2 US Youth Soccer Travel Policies and Procedures do not apply to:

304.2.1 All out of state US Youth Soccer National Championship Series and Presidents Cup competitions.

304.2.2 ODP regional and national events.

304.2.3 Teams participating in a league approved by one or more state associations and/or US Youth Soccer in which teams from different state associations engage in interstate travel for regularly scheduled league games.

304.3 International travel by an LSA-affiliated team for a game, games or a tournament is governed by US Soccer. All such international travel must first be approved by US Soccer and any team desiring to travel internationally must comply with any and all US Soccer policies and procedures.

Policy 305 Louisiana Classic Soccer League

305.1 Classic League Format

305.1.1 The purpose of the Louisiana Classic Soccer League ("LCSL") shall be to foster and advance competitive soccer in Louisiana while providing a venue for advancement to Louisiana state tournaments through participation in the LCSL. The purpose shall also be to promote the ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty and courage through organized athletic competition.

305.1.2 The LCSL shall be open to 11U through 19U boys and girls Classic teams as defined in Policy 300 who are in good standing with their LSA affiliated club and the Club is in good standing with the LSA. Individual team standing and eligibility will be verified by the team's Club President or Executive Director at the time of declaration for LCSL play.

305.1.3 11U and 12U Divisions. There will be two seasons of LCSL play with one in the Fall and one in the Spring.

305.1.3.1 Fall LCSL play may, at the discretion of LSA, commence on the weekend 2 weeks before Labor Day weekend and will be completed no later than the weekend before Thanksgiving. Each team must be available for four (4) LCSL weekends, 3 as primary LCSL weekends and 1 as a make-up weekend.

305.1.3.2 Spring League Play will commence in January.

a. Based on the results of league play in the Fall, LSA may realign each 11U and 12U division in the LCSL. In making any such realignment, LSA shall

- Consider the best interest of the players on each team to be either promoted or relegated.
- Attempt to maintain consistency in the number of teams promoted and relegated between each division.
- Maintain the same number of teams in each division as established at the beginning of the seasonal year.
- Take travel considerations into account.

b. Each team must be available for 4 LCSL weekends, 3 as primary

LCSL weekends and 1 as a make-up weekend.

c. Any 11U or 12U team that did not compete in the Fall, but submits a letter of intent to play in the Spring of any seasonal year will be considered a "new Team" as herein defined and shall be placed in the second division or lower in the age/gender.

305.1.3.3 State Tournament: All 11U and 12U teams that complete their play in the play will be eligible to participate in the Bob Abbott Cup.

305.1.4 13U-19U Divisions. At 13U-19U there may be multiple divisions in each age and gender group as allowed by the number of teams participating in the LCSL. There will be one season of LCSL play that will be played over the Fall and Spring. The results of the previous year's LCSL competition will determine team placement. A team must be registered with the same LSA-affiliated club as the prior seasonal year and must be comprised of at least 50% plus 1 player from that same LSA-affiliated club. If a team does not return 50% plus 1 of its previous year roster as players registered from the same LSA-affiliated club the team will be considered a new team for league placement purposes. All new teams must be placed in the lowest division.

305.1.4.1 LSA will determine the appropriate number of teams to play in each division, based on the total number of teams in the age/gender group.

305.1.4.2 Placement in a US Youth Soccer regional league will be determined by US Youth Soccer based on applications received from pre-qualified and/or eligible teams.

305.1.4.3 LCSL Division 1 should have at least 4 teams to make up a league. If necessary to achieve a 4-team league, LSA may combine two age groups. The league will be comprised of the following:

a. Teams from the previous seasonal year's LCSL Division 1 that have not been relegated to LCSL Division 2.

b. Teams from the previous seasonal year's LCSL Division 2 that were promoted to LCSL Division 1.

c. The fall portion of league play may, at the discretion of LSA, commence on the weekend 2 weeks before Labor Day weekend and will be completed by the weekend before high school practice starts. The spring portion of league play will begin in January for the 13U-14U age groups and after the conclusion of the last high school championships for the 15U-19U age groups. Teams may mutually consent to play on Easter weekend, but no team can be compelled to do so.

d. Each team shall schedule at least 40% of their LCSL games in the fall portion of league play. Teams can play two (2) league games in one day provided that both teams agree and that the starting time of the second game of the day is at least 2 hours from the ending time of the first game of the day.

305.1.4.4 LCSL Division 2 and lower divisions will be comprised of the remaining teams. The divisions will be comprised of the following:

a. Teams from the previous seasonal year's LCSL Division 2 or lower that have not been promoted to Division 1.

b. All newly formed teams for the age group as defined by LSA policy.

c. The fall portion of league play may, at the discretion of LSA, commence on the weekend 2 weeks before Labor Day weekend and will be completed by the weekend before high school practice starts (end of October). The spring portion of LCSL will begin in the

spring in January for 11U-14U younger age groups and in March for 15U-19U age groups older age groups. Teams may mutually consent to play on Easter weekend, but no team can be compelled to do so.

d. Each team shall play at least 40% of their LCSL games in the fall portion of LCSL play.

e. Teams can play 2 LCSL games in one day provided that both teams agree and that the starting time of the second game of the day is at least 2 hours from the ending time of the first game of the day.

305.1.4.5 State Tournament: All 13U-19U teams that complete their LCSL play will be eligible to participate in the Louisiana state tournaments.

305.1.4.6 Promotion and Relegation

a. After the conclusion of LCSL play for a seasonal year, the lowest finishing team in one Division may, at the discretion of LSA, be relegated to the next lowest Division for the upcoming seasonal year.

b. After the conclusion of LCSL play for a seasonal year, the highest finishing team in a Division 2 may, at the discretion of LSA, be promoted to the next highest division for the upcoming seasonal year.

c. LSA shall have discretion to make further promotions and/or relegations as it deems fit following the submission of the Letters of Intent of the team or teams involved.

305.2 Classic Team Coaching Education Minimum Standards

305.2.1 Anyone registering as a head coach or as an assistant coach with a Classic team must have earned the Coaching Education Minimum Standard as described herein.

305.2.2 This Coaching Education Minimum Standard shall be satisfied by successfully completing

305.2.2.1 at least 2 in-person US Soccer Grassroots Modules and 1 on-line US Soccer Grassroots Module. One of the in-person Grassroots Modules must be the 11 v. 11 Module.

305.2.2.2 at least the United Soccer Coaches combined 7 v. 7/9 v. 9 course and 11 v. 11 Pre-National course.

305.2.2.3 some level of coaching licensure as may be determined, in the sole discretion of the LSA Technical Director, to be the equivalent of the US Soccer and United Soccer Coaches courses set forth above.

305.2.3 Anyone registering as a coach in the LCSL must establish an account in U.S. Soccer's on-line Learning Center (LC) and shall update and maintain all of their coaching licenses, including United Soccer Coaches diplomas and foreign licenses, in US Soccer's National Coaching Database in the LC. In the event a coach fails to establish an account in the LC and/or fail to timely update and maintain all of their coaching licenses as required herein, they shall be deemed ineligible to coach in any LSA competitive league.

305.2.4 A club that permits an individual who does not possess the coaching education licensure as set forth in this Policy to register as a head coach or an assistant coach with a team shall be subject to a fine not to exceed $1000.00.

305.2.5 An individual who misrepresents his or her coaching education licensure to their Club, LSA or both shall be subject to suspension for a term not to exceed 2 years or until the coaching education requirement set forth in this Policy.

305.3 Rosters and Game Rosters for Classic Teams

305.3.1 Roster sizes for Classic League teams will comply with Policy 209.

305.4 Classic League Scheduling

305.4.1 LCSL Scheduling

305.4.1.1 As early as is practical after the submission by all Clubs of their LCSL Letters of Intent, LSA shall produce and publish a Preliminary Schedule for the upcoming seasonal year. Each team in each age and gender bracket or division shall receive the Preliminary Schedule pertaining to their bracket together with Club and team contacts of each of their opponents.

305.4.1.2 The Preliminary Schedule shall delineate which team shall be the Home Team and which shall be the Away Team for each game and shall designate a Game Number for each game. However, LSA shall not designate a date, time or field.

305.4.1.3 Each Team shall contact all other Teams in their bracket and shall determine the date, time and field of their game or games. They shall confirm the date, time and field with both the Home Team Field Assignor and the Home Team Referee Assignor. The Home Team shall then enter the date, time and field of their game in GotSport.

305.4.1.4 Teams shall have until the LCSL scheduling deadline to submit their completed Team Schedules.

305.4.1.5 In the event a Team is unable to complete its Team Schedule on or before the deadline, it shall notify LSA. LSA may grant an extension to the Team and/or may assist the Team in completing its Team Schedule. If the Team fails to notify LSA of its failure to complete its Team Schedule by the deadline or fails to complete its Team Schedule by the end of LSA's extension the Team shall be subject to a fine not to exceed $250.

305.4.1.5 Travel Considerations for LCSL Games

In establishing the Preliminary Schedule for the LCSL LSA shall

a. Seek to give each team approximately the same number of home games.

b. Consider the total miles of anticipated travel for all teams.

c. Seek parity in travel between teams from season to season.
d. Shall, in developing league brackets at 11U, consider travel concerns for all teams.

305.4.2 Double Scheduling

305.4.2.1 Teams that participate in one of the US Youth Soccer National leagues may, upon the written consent of coaches from both teams, count their US Youth Soccer National League game against each other as their LCSL game.

305.4.2.2 LCSL Games can be scheduled or rescheduled to be played in a club tournament. Both teams must pay the full club tournament, however, they do not have to pay the referees for their LCSL game as those fees shall be paid by the tournament host. In order for a club tournament game to count as an LCSL game, the coach or manager of each team and the tournament host must each notify LSA in writing that

a. Both teams consent to having the club tournament game count as their LCSL game and that they have notified all players and parents that the club tournament game will count as their LCSL game.

b. The tournament host agrees to that the game will be the first game of the day for both teams on any day of the tournament.

c. The tournament host agrees that a full 3-person referee crew will be assigned to the game. Should a full 3-person crew not be present to officiate the game, both coaches may consent to play the game pursuant to Policy 305.5.1.5. If the teams do not consent to playing the game with less than a 3-person referee crew, the tournament host shall refund each team $100 from their tournament fee paid.

d. the club tournament must be a US Youth Soccer sanctioned tournament.

305.4.3 Rescheduling LCSL Games

Should a team or teams find it necessary to reschedule a game or games after they have duly submitted their Team Schedule, they may do so under the following conditions.

305.4.3.1 No reschedule shall be deemed approved or final until the game has been changed in LSA registration platform by LSA.

305.4.3.2 Short Notice Rescheduling. Any team or teams that submit a reschedule request for any game on or after 6 days preceding the scheduled date and time of the game shall be subject to a Short Notice Rescheduling Fee that includes the cost of the officiating crew for the match and a $50 fine. All such Short Notice Rescheduling requests shall be subject to all reschedule rules and procedures and to the final approval of LSA. In the event LSA determines the reason for the Short Notice Reschedule request was unavoidable and under emergency circumstances the Short Notice Rescheduling Fee may be waived.

305.4.3.4 If weather requires a postponement of an LCSL game, the game shall be made up except in cases where the game will not have an impact on LCSL standings. In such a case both teams are required to agree to not play the game and must submit written consent to LSA. The Teams will not be penalized for fa

Failing to play the game.

305.4.4 Communication and Cooperation by and between Clubs and Teams

305.4.4.1 Communication. Team managers and coaches shall use the contacts list from GotSport to communicate about scheduling and rescheduling games and game weather-related updates. Communications should be accomplished by email to maintain a record of the Teams' agreements.

305.4.4.2 Cooperation. Teams shall cooperate with each other throughout the seasonal year in scheduling and rescheduling games and shall be reasonable and accommodating with each other.

305.4.4.3 Priorities in Scheduling

In the Team Scheduling and rescheduling processes teams must observe priorities in soccer events, but shall also be reasonable in accommodating conflicts. Below are priorities for teams that would excuse them from scheduling or rescheduling a game on a particular day.

1. The team is playing in a US Youth Soccer National League game
2. There is an education-related activity (e.g. ACTs, required school event, etc.) that affects 20% of the team
3. The team is already scheduled to play an LCSL game
4. The team is participating in a tournament hosted by the Team's Club
5. At least 20% of the team is participating in an ODP Event
6. The team is participating in a Tournament not hosted by their Club
7. Community or social events (e.g. festivals, school social events)
8. All other soccer events

305.4.4.4 Failure to Communicate or Cooperate

In the event a team fails to communicate or cooperate with another team in scheduling or rescheduling an LCSL game, LSA shall have full authority to schedule the game. Should LSA determine that a team's failure to communicate or cooperate with another team is unreasonable, the team shall be subject to loss of home field advantage and/or a fine not to exceed of $250.

305.4.5 Failure to Play a Scheduled LCSL Game.

Any team that fails to play a duly scheduled or rescheduled LCSL game shall be deemed to have forfeited that game, the game shall be recorded as a 0-5 loss to the forfeiting team and the forfeiting team shall lose 2 points from its LCSL standings. The forfeiting team shall submit the reason or reasons for the forfeiture in writing to LSA.

305.4.5.1 After reviewing the submissions, LSA has the authority to assess a fine not to exceed $500 to the club of the forfeiting team.

305.4.5.2 The Club may file an appeal of LSA's decision.

305.4.5.3 In the event any team forfeits a second duly scheduled or rescheduled LCSL game in a seasonal year, the team shall be removed from the LCSL and all the team's games will be removed from the LCSL as if the team never participated and the team shall not be permitted to participate in any Louisiana State Tournament.

305.5 Louisiana Classic Soccer League ("LCSL") Rules

305.5.1 Rules of Play

305.5.1.1 Rules of Play shall be in accordance with LSA Tournament Rules, unless hereafter noted.

305.5.1.2 At the referee's discretion, if a game must be terminated due to inclement weather and/or unsafe field conditions and one half of the game has been completed prior to termination, the results of the game at the time of termination will stand. The game will not be replayed.

305.5.1.3 Pre-Game Check-in Process

a. Managers/coaches must complete the DMR (digital match roster) prior to the game so that the officials may check in players prior to the beginning of the game. The deadline to create the report is 2 days prior to the game.

b. Club Pass Players must be added to the DMR and must have followed the LSA club pass procedure. The deadline to submit club passes to LSA is every Friday by 9AM.

c. The referee shall check the players against the digital match report prior to the start of the game. If the referee fails to perform the above check as required, the coaches must perform the above check before the start of the game.

d. The DMR MUST be completed for the game to be started. Failure to have this completed may result in a forfeit. A maximum of a 10-minute grace period may be given unless LSA approves a longer extension.

e. All coaches must present their US Youth Soccer Coach Pass (digital or physical) to the referee prior to the game. Any coach who presents a coach pass indicating they are a registered coach for a classic-level team for that particular LSA-affiliated club shall be eligible to coach the team.

305.5.1.4 Games may end in a tie (no overtimes, etc.).

305.5.1.5 If a Louisiana Classic League Game does not have 3 referees, the game can be played as long as both coaches agree. Every effort should be made to contact the assignor to see if referees can be obtained in a reasonable time. If both coaches do not agree to play the game with less than 3 referees, then LSA shall determine the reason a full referee crew did not appear. Unless LSA concludes the absence of referee(s) was due to an emergency, the home team may lose home field advantage and the game shall be rescheduled by the teams accordingly. Anytime a game does not have three referees at a league game, LSA shall be notified by both teams regardless if the teams agree to play the game or not.

305.5.1.6 A player participating in a game as part of Classic league and/or Louisiana State Tournament play must display the name and/or logo of his/her LSA-affiliated club on the jersey or the shorts to be worn during the game. Goalkeepers are exempt.

305.5.2 Protests and Appeals

305.5.2.1 Protests and Appeals shall be referred to the Discipline and Appeals Committee.

305.5.2.2 Clubs involved in the hearing will not have anyone from their club serve on the panel if they are regularly members of the Discipline

and Appeals Committee.

305.5.2.3 Protests & Appeals Procedures

All Protests and Appeals shall be filed and considered in accordance with Policy 106 set forth herein.

305.5.3 Tabulation of Results

305.5.3.1 Classic League games will be scored as follows: 3 Points for a win, 1 point for a tie and 0 points for a loss.

305.5.3.2 Ties will be broken per Policy General Tournament Rules.

305.5.3.3 To apply tiebreakers to age groups that have divisions that do not have the same number of teams the following will be used for the application of Most Wins, Goal Differential and Goals Allowed if they are part of the tiebreakers:

a. Most Wins: number of wins divided by the number of games played.

b. Goal Differential (maximum of plus or minus 5). For example, for a score of 2-1, the goal differential for the winning team would be +1. Another example is 6-0, the winning team's goal differential would be +5. If the divisions do not have the same number of teams, and a tie exists between two teams in different divisions calculate a percentage. The percentage would be calculated as follows: Goal Differential/Maximum Possible Goal Differential (each game's maximum would be assumed to be +5).

c. Goals Allowed (no maximum). If the divisions do not have the same number of teams, and tie exists between two teams in different divisions calculate the average goals allowed per game. The average would be calculated as follows: Goals Allowed/Games Played

305.5.4 Reporting Game Results

It is the ultimate responsibility of each Coach to ensure that the scores and misconduct of each game is properly reported to LSA. All DMR for games during which a red card is received or a red card suspension is being served must be submitted prior to leaving the game location.

305.5.5 Assignors/Referees

305.5.5.1 Assignment of referees for all Louisiana Classic Soccer League ("LCSL") shall be the responsibility of Association hosting the Classic League game. LSA will pay each Referee Assignor a referee assignor's fee in the amount of $6.00 per game assigned. Payment shall be made directly to the Referee Assignor and shall not be made to the Club unless the Referee Assignor is a full-time employee of the Club in which case payment shall be made directly to the Club. Each Referee Assignor shall submit an invoice to LSA detailing those LCSL games he or she has assigned. Such Referee Assignor Invoices shall be submitted to LSA no later than December 31 for games in the fall and no later than June 30 for games in the spring. All Referee Assignors must submit an IRS W-9 Form to LSA with their first Referee Assignor Invoice submitted in each seasonal year. LSA shall be under no obligation to pay any Referee Assignor Invoice not submitted in a timely manner or should a Referee Assignor fail to submit an IRS W-9 Form to LSA as required herein.

305.5.5.2 Payment of referees for officiating at LCSL games shall be made by

the teams or their clubs at the field at the time of the game. Each team shall contribute one-half the total referee fees due for a game played in that age group.

305.5.5.3 Referees shall be permitted to use electronic communication devices such as headsets, electronic watches, and electronic beeper flags in any and all LSA Games.

Policy 306 Louisiana State Tournaments

306.1 Tournaments

LSA will host 4 separate state tournaments each year.

306.1.1 The State Cup

306.1.1.1 The State Cup shall determine the Louisiana State Champion in each age and gender group from 13U through 19U inclusive. The State Cup is conducted as the qualifying event in Louisiana for the U.S. Youth Soccer National Championship Series ("NCS").

306.1.1.2 The State Cup will be open to the top 4 finishing teams in Division 1of the LCSL in each age and gender group from 13U through 19U inclusive.

306.1.1.3 In the event the 4th place team and the 5th place team in the LCSL are tied in points in the LCSL standings and tied in head-to-head competition, the 5th place shall have the option to request a play-in game against the 4th place team. The winner of that play-in game shall compete in the State Cup and the loser shall be eligible to play in the Louisiana Presidents Cup as provided below. If more than 2 teams are tied in points in the LCSL standings and head-to-head, the LCSL standings determined by tie-breakers shall control and the 4th place team shall play in the State Cup.

306.1.1.4 Each age and gender bracket in the State Cup will have seeding determined by the final standings of the LCSL for that seasonal year.

306.1.1.5 All teams that finish in the top 4 teams in Division 1 of the LCSL are required to compete in The State Cup. Failure to duly register an eligible team for The State Cup may result in a fine to the Club in an amount not to exceed $1,000. Should a team that finished in the top 4 teams in the LCSL standings failure or refuse to participate in the State Cup, LSA shall have the discretion to invite another team, beginning with the next finishing team in the LCSL, to participate in the State Cup.

306.1.1.6 Every team that enters and participates in The State Cup is obligated to represent Louisiana at the USYS National Championships if eligible after committing to do so prior to State Cup weekend.

a. In the event a team fails to participate in the National Championship when selected to do so after committing to attend, the team's Club shall be responsible for any and all fees and fines assessed by US Youth Soccer for withdrawal if LSA does not have an eligible replacement team.

b. Failure to pay any such fine within 30 days of receipt of the fine in writing shall result in that Club being deemed "Not in Good Standing" and all teams from that Club shall be denied participation in the LCSL and any Louisiana State Tournaments until said fine is

paid in full.

306.1.1.7 LSA shall have the discretion to conduct the State Cup for 18U/19U age groups at a different time and place than the State Cup for the other age groups.

306.1.1.8 All teams entering the Louisiana State Cup shall become familiar with all the US Youth Soccer National Championship Series Policies, Rules and Procedures as they affect critical issues such as player and team eligibility.

306.1.2 Presidents Cup

306.1.2.1 The Presidents Cup is conducted as the qualifying event in Louisiana for the U.S. Youth Soccer Presidents Cup. The Presidents Cup will be open to all LSA affiliated teams that played in but did not finish in the top 4 teams of LCSL Division 1 and all other teams that competed in the LCSL. Teams that participated in LCSL Division 1 will be seeded higher than the LCSL Division 2 Teams but will not be seeded high enough to earn a bye if a bye is awarded in a specific age group. LSA shall also have full discretion to seed a team from a division lower than Division 2 in the LCSL in the Presidents Cup if it is evident the team achieved exceptional results in league play in the lower division. The placement of such team may, in the discretion of LSA, displace teams from the LCSL Division 2 from the Presidents Cup.

306.1.2.2 Each age and gender bracket in the Presidents Cup will have no more than 8 teams except in circumstances in which LSA, in its sole discretion, determines the level of competition across the state and the number of applications to play in the Presidents warrants a bracket in excess of 8 teams. In such a case LSA shall only expand the bracket in multiples of 4 teams (e.g. 12, 16 teams…) to maintain consistency in the tournament structure. The seeding will be determined by the division of the LCSL in which each team played and by the final standings of LCSL play for that seasonal year.

306.1.2.3 Teams participating in the Presidents Cup finals weekend must commit to participation in the US Youth Soccer National Presidents Cup Qualifier and, if applicable, the US Youth Soccer National Presidents Cup.

a. In the event a team fails to participate in the US Youth Soccer National Presidents Cup Qualifier or the US Youth National Presidents Cup when selected to do so, the team's Club shall be responsible for any and all fees and fines assessed by US Youth Soccer for withdrawal.

b. Failure to pay any such fine within 30 days of receipt of the fine in writing shall result in that Club being deemed "Not in Good Standing" and all teams from that Club shall be denied participation in any Louisiana State Tournaments until said fine is paid in full.

306.1.2.4 In the event that there is no Presidents Cup for an age group, or if all of the teams in an age group decline, LSA may invite any other team duly registered with LSA to participate in the Southern Regional Presidents Cup. Participation in the Southern Presidents Cup from such a team may require the participating team to pay an additional fee.

306.1.2.5 LSA shall have the discretion to conduct the Presidents Cup for the **18U/19U** age group at a different time and place than the Presidents Cup for the other age groups.

306.1.2.6 All teams entering the Louisiana Presidents Cup shall become familiar with all of the US Youth Soccer Presidents Cup Policies, Rules and Procedures as they affect critical issues such as player and team eligibility.

306.1.4 Bob Abbott Cup

306.1.4.1 The Bob Abbott Cup is conducted as a single weekend state tournament for all 11U and 12U teams that competed in the LCSL and all teams or pools that participated in the LSAP during the seasonal year.

306.1.4.2 Seeding in the Bob Abbott Cup will be determined by the final standings of the 11U and 12U LCSL play for that seasonal year. LSAP Divisions in the Bob Abbott Cup shall be seeded according to requests made by the LSAP Academy Directors.

306.1.4.3 LSA shall have the discretion to invite teams from outside Louisiana to compete in the Bob Abbott Cup and shall seed such teams accordingly.

306.1.5 Louisiana Open Cup

306.1.5.1 The Open Cup will be open to all of the following teams that are properly affiliated with LSA:

a. all Recreational teams – 11U and up;
b. all Academy teams that did not participate in the LSAP (10U);
c. all 13U-19U LCSL teams that played in Division 2 or lower in the LCSL during the preceding seasonal year and that opted not to play or were not accepted to play in the Louisiana Presidents Cup;

306.1.5.2 The Open Cup will have ~~3~~ distinct divisions and LSA shall seed each team in the division that is appropriate to their level of play. Each team shall have the opportunity to request a particular division, but final seeding is in the discretion of LSA.

306.1.5.3 No team that is eligible to play in the Louisiana State Cup, or the Bob Abbott Cup shall be eligible to play in the Open Cup.

306.1.5.4 The Open Cup will be played prior to the commencement of the Presidents Cup and the State Cup each year

306.3 Registering Teams for an LSA Tournament

306.3.1 To register for a Louisiana State Tournament, a team must submit the requisite entry forms and tournament fees to LSA on or before the deadline established and published by LSA for each event. In the event all of the requisite entry forms are not submitted or payment in full is made, the team shall not be considered entered into the applicable Louisiana State Tournament.

306.3.2 Only teams whose players are all duly registered with LSA shall be eligible to enter the Louisiana State Tournaments.

306.3.3 If an LSA affiliated club is put into Not in Good Standing status at any point during the seasonal year, the affiliated club's eligibility to enter teams into the Louisiana state tournaments shall be determined at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

306.3.4 Only teams that have participated in the LCSL shall be admitted to the Louisiana State Cup and the Louisiana Presidents Cup.

306.4 Team Eligibility

306.4.1 State Cup

To be eligible to participate in the State Cup

306.4.1.1 A team must comply with all of the terms and conditions of the U.S. Youth Soccer National Championships Policy.

306.4.1.2 The club with which a team is affiliated must be duly affiliated with LSA and shall not have been placed in Not in Good Standing status with LSA at any time during the current seasonal year.

306.4.1.3 A team must compete in a league in any of the following: the Louisiana Classic Soccer League or the highest division of U.S. Youth Soccer National League.

306.4.1.4 A team must demonstrate Continuity of Rosters with at least 50% of the players at the USYS National Championships and/or USYS Qualifier/National Presidents Cup matching those on the roster used to qualify at the state event.

306.4.1.5 A team must have at least 50% percent of its players registered in Louisiana.

306.4.2 Presidents Cup

To be eligible to participate in the Presidents Cup

306.4.2.1 A team must be comprised of properly registered and rostered youth players (as defined by US Youth Soccer).

306.4.2.2 The club with which a team is affiliated must be duly affiliated with LSA and shall not have been placed in Not in Good Standing status with LSA at any time during the current seasonal year.

306.4.2.3 No team that participated in the National League or the most competitive division of the respective regional league, during the immediately preceding seasonal year, shall be eligible to participate in the Presidents Cup.

306.4.2.4 A team participating in the Presidents Cup must enter the competition in the age group in which it competed during the immediately preceding seasonal year in LCSL play.

306.4.3 Open Cup

The Open Cup is intended to be inclusive and to provide teams with balanced competition. To be eligible to participate in the Open Cup

306.4.3.1 All players on a team's roster must be duly registered with LSA.

306.4.3.2 The club with which a team is affiliated must be duly affiliated with LSA and shall not have been placed in Not in Good Standing status with LSA at any time during the current seasonal year.

306.4.3.3 All teams shall play in an age, gender and level of competition in the Louisiana Open Cup commensurate with the level of competition in which it competed during the immediately preceding seasonal year.

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306.5 Roster Freeze Dates

306.5.1 The Roster Freeze Date for each Louisiana State Tournament shall be 5:00 PM on the Monday of the week prior to the week during which the particular Louisiana State Tournament commences.

306.5.2 In the event any Louisiana State Tournament shall be postponed due to inclement weather, the Roster Freeze Dates of all Louisiana State Tournaments shall remain Unchanged.

306.5.3 Once a roster is "frozen" no players shall be permitted to be added to or moved from the roster by any means or to or from any team whether in the same club or in another club.

306.5.4 Once a team is no longer participating in a Louisiana State Tournament, whether through withdrawal or elimination from or the conclusion of the tournament, its roster shall become "unfrozen". When a roster becomes "unfrozen" players may be eligible to move to the roster of another team by either LSA Club Pass procedures or by transfer as herein provided.

306.6 Player Movement in Anticipation of Louisiana State Tournaments

306.6.1 An LSA affiliated club may issue a Club Pass to a player registered in that club in anticipation of Louisiana State Tournament competition so long as

306.6.1.1 The player is duly registered with LSA and with the Club;

306.6.1.2 The team from which the player is being club passed has not registered to participate in any Louisiana State Tournament or has participated in a Louisiana State Tournament, but has been eliminated from the tournament or that particular Louisiana State Tournament has concluded.

306.6.1.3 The Club Pass process is completed in accordance with LSA Policy and procedures.

306.6.1.4 The Club Pass procedure is accomplished on or before the Roster Freeze date that applies to the LSA Tournament in which the team to which the player is being club passed will be playing.

306.6.1.5 The team to which the player is being club passed strictly adheres to all policies and procedures pertaining to roster size and composition of players on its roster.

306.6.2 The Louisiana State Cup

Any player movement in anticipation of The Louisiana State Cup shall be governed by the U.S. Youth Soccer National Championships Series Policy and procedures.

306.6.2.1 No player shall be permitted to be on the roster of more than one (1) team competing in the Louisiana State Cup.

306.6.2.2 A player who competed in the Louisiana State Cup for one team may compete for another team in the same club at the national level of the U.S. Soccer National Championship series so long as their original team is no longer participating at any level of the National Championship series.

306.6.2.3 In order to move a player from one team in a Club to another team in the same Club, the club must comply with all LSA Policies and procedures pertaining to club passing a player.

306.7 Withdrawal from a Louisiana State Tournament

306.7.1 A team that withdraws from any Louisiana State Tournament after registering shall forfeit its entire tournament entry fee.

306.7.2 In the event an LSA Tournament is postponed due to inclement weather or some other Act of God, and a team is unable to participate in the tournament due to the postponement, the team shall receive a 50% refund of its entry fee upon receipt by LSA of a written request.

306.7.3 In the event an LSA Tournament is cancelled in its entirety due to

inclement weather or some other Act of God or a portion of any such tournament must be cancelled due to a lack of participation, affected teams shall receive a full refund of their entry fee.

306.7.4 In addition to forfeiture of its entire tournament entry fee as set forth above, a team that withdraws from a Louisiana State Tournament after the applicable Roster Freeze Date shall be assessed a fine not to exceed one $1,000.00. Any such fine shall be made payable to LSA. Failure to pay the fine within 30 calendar days of receipt of the written invoice from LSA shall result in that club being deemed Not in Good Standing with LSA and teams from that club shall be denied participation in all age/gender groups in LCSL or any Louisiana State Tournament until said fine is paid in full.

306.7.5 Should LSA be unable to realign the brackets for the particular LSA Tournament all games for the team that has withdrawn shall be recorded as forfeits with a score of 5-0 in favor of the non- forfeiting team.

306.7.6 If a team fails to play all of its scheduled games at an LSA State tournament the club with which the team is affiliated may be assessed a fine not to exceed $1,000.00 dollars and shall, at the discretion of LSA, be placed in Not in Good Standing status. All games forfeited will be recorded as forfeits with a score of 5-0 in favor of the non-forfeiting team.

306.7.7 Any fine assessed hereunder shall be addressed to the President and/or Executive Director and the Primary Contact of the offending club and shall be sent electronically.

306.7.8 The club assessed a fine hereunder may file an appeal to the LSA Executive Committee.

306.7.8.1 The appealing club must file a written statement of appeal with LSA within 3 business days of the assessment by sending a Notice of Appeal detailing relevant facts and circumstances surrounding their appeal together with a cashier's check or money order in the amount of $200.00 made payable to LSA.

306.7.8.2 The appeal shall be addressed by the Executive Committee at its next scheduled meeting or at any special or electronic meeting called.

306.8 General Tournament Rules

306.8.1 Rules of Play

Except as otherwise noted, the rules and procedures set forth in the FIFA "Laws of the Game" as modified by US Youth Soccer shall apply to all tournament games.

306.8.2 Team and Game Rosters

306.8.2.1 The coach is ultimately responsible for verifying player eligibility. Violations of player or team eligibility rules will result in the forfeiture of any game in which an ineligible team or player has participated. A coach who permits an ineligible player to play shall be suspended for a minimum of one league or tournament game and subject to immediate review by the Discipline and Appeals Committee for potential additional penalties.

306.8.2.2 The official team roster used for player verification and tournament eligibility shall be the official LSA roster as provided by LSA for the state tournaments. Team rosters must have player's jersey number listed. Team rosters presented by coaches, managers or club officials at the tournament site are not acceptable.

a. All players listed on the game rosters, including goalkeepers, shall have a jersey number printed on the roster. Any changes to the jersey number must be written in on the game roster prior to the start of the game.

306.8.2.3 Players serving a suspension must be identified, but the game roster is not reduced accordingly. A suspended player may sit on the team bench during the game or games he or she is suspended, but shall not wear any portion of his or her team's uniform.

a. Any such non-participating player sitting with his/her team will be considered team officials..

b. As a team official any such non-participating player sitting with his/her team cannot be shown a card, but they may be dismissed from the field for irresponsible behavior.

c. Any such non-participating player sitting with his/her team who is dismissed from the field for irresponsible behavior will not be allowed to participate in his or her team's next scheduled game and may be subject to additional penalties.

306.8.3 Player and Coach Passes and Medical Release Forms

306.8.3.1 Each player shall have one and only one original US Youth Soccer ID pass and each coach shall have one and only one original US Youth Soccer ID pass for the team or teams he/she coaches (list all teams on one pass).

a. This pass shall have a current photograph of the person and the person's date of birth (required for players only).

306.8.3.2 The coach or team official must complete the check-in process on the first day of the tournament at least 30 minutes prior to the team's first game.

306.8.3.3 Failure to have verification prior to the first game may result in the team being deemed ineligible for the tournament and all bracket games being recorded as forfeits.

306.8.3.4 LSA will not provide or print player and/or coaches passes at any tournament site.

306.8.3.5 No player or coach shall be allowed to enter the team sideline that does not have a duly validated pass even if the absence of the coach or the player in question results in forfeiture of the game.

306.8.3.6 Each team is permitted to have a maximum of four (4) coach passes. After initial verification and processing on the first day of the tournament, all coach passes will be returned to the coaches. Each coach shall maintain custody of their coach pass, and the pass shall be visually displayed while on the team sideline.

306.8.3.7 A Director of Coaching (DOC) Pass may be issued, upon request, to a maximum of four (4) Directors of Coaching (DOCs) per club provided the DOC holds a minimum of a US Soccer D-License or its equivalent, is duly registered with the US Soccer DCC, is listed as a DOC on the Club website, is listed as a DOC in the Club Annual Report and has been held out to the general public as a Director of Coaching for the entire seasonal year. This pass allows any DOC the ability to coach one of his or her club's teams during LSA league play and LSA state tournaments without having to be listed on the official team roster. The LSA DOC Pass is not

recognized by US Youth Soccer at any of its regional or national events. The limitation of 4 coaches on the team sideline at any time during any game shall include any and all coaches using a DOC pass. A Club must apply to LSA for its DOC pass or passes on or before March 1st.

306.8.3.8 Teams must have a credentialed coach or team official from their club to participate. If a credentialed coach or team official from their club is not present during the entire game, the game will be terminated and will be deemed a forfeit by the team without such a credentialed coach or team official.

306.8.3.9 Coaches and/or team officials must have a complete, accurate and duly signed Medical Release Form for each player participating in tournament play. The Medical Release Form shall be on a form provided through LSA. The information on each Medical Release Form will be verified at the team's check-in on the first day of the tournament. The Medical Release Forms will be retained by coach and/or team official.

306.8.4 Minimum Field Sizes

306.8.4.1 The following minimum field sizes shall apply to tournament play. (Maximum size is set forth in FIFA "Laws of the Game").

Age	Field	Goal
15U and older	110 yards by 70 yards	8 feet by 24 feet
13U-14	110 yards by 60 yards	8 feet by 24 feet
11U-12	70 yards by 50 yards	7 feet by 21 feet

306.8.4.2 For 11U & 12U play in the Louisiana Classic Soccer League ("LCSL") and in the Bob Abbott Cup the fields and goals must comply with the following:

Length: minimum 70 yds – maximum 80 yds
Width: minimum 50 yds – maximum 55 yds

306.8.4.3 The above requirement may be modified by LSA if:
a. There are no clubs that can host the Louisiana State Tournaments due to the size requirements.
b. Severe weather, rain or other circumstances make it impossible to continue the State Tournament and comply with the size requirements.

306.8.4.4 The host club shall prepare and line the fields, including the Technical Areas and lines delineating spectator areas. If two (2) or more fields are placed side-by-side, they shall be lined so that team Technical Areas and spectator areas are never adjacent to each other.

306.8.4.5 Each team must bring a properly inflated game ball to each State Tournament game and furnish it for use in games if requested to do so by the referee.

306.8.5 Referees

306.8.5.1 Certified and currently registered US Soccer Referees must be used for all tournament games.

306.8.5.2 The 3-referees system will be used in all games.

306.8.5.3 A 4th official may be used in all semifinal and final games if available.

306.8.5.4 Care will be taken in assigning referees to State Tournament games that are perceived as neutral (e.g. not residing in the same city or town as one of the participating teams).

306.8.5.5 Referees shall be permitted to use electronic communication devices such as headsets, electronic watches, and electronic beeper flags in any and all LSA Games.

306.8.6. Home Team

306.8.6.1 The team listed first in each pairing in the schedule and on the game card shall be designated as the home team.

306.8.6.2 The home team shall select on which side of mid-field it will locate its team bench if there is a choice and will wear their light kits.

306.8.7 Grace Periods and Failures to Appear

306.8.7.1 Teams are expected to be ready to play at the scheduled time of the game.

306.8.7.2 Teams not ready to play at the scheduled start time of any game shall be granted a 10-minute grace period.
a. For 11 v 11 games, a minimum of 7 players on each team are needed to start a game.
b. For 9 v 9 games, a minimum of 5 players on each team are needed to start a game.

306.8.7.3 If either or both teams are not on the field of play within the 10-minute grace period, the referee shall notify the Tournament Committee.

306.8.7.4 The Tournament Committee shall review the circumstances surrounding the failure of a team to appear and may:

a. Allow additional grace time,

b. Order the game to be played at another time and place of the Committee's choosing, or

c. If only 1 team has failed to appear, award a forfeit to the other team.

306.8.7.5 Only the Tournament Committee may decide that a forfeit will be awarded to a team.

306.8.7.6 All participants in the game shall remain on the field of play until dismissed by the Tournament Committee. If a team leaves before being dismissed, that departure may be considered a forfeit.

306.8.7.7 The decision of the Tournament Committee in this matter is final and not subject to appeal.

306.8.8 Player's Equipment and Uniforms

306.8.8.1 All players shall wear age-appropriate size-specific manufactured shin guards.

306.8.8.2 Knee-high stockings, both of the same color, shall be worn over the shin guards and shall cover the shin guards entirely at all times.

306.8.8.3 All field players on a team shall wear similar color jerseys, similar color shorts, and similar color stockings. The name and/or logo of his/her LSA-affiliated club must be displayed on the jersey or the shorts worn during the game.

306.8.8.4 The color of a team's jerseys may be different from the color of the team's shorts and/or stockings.

306.8.8.5 The home team shall wear light-colored jerseys and the visiting team shall wear dark-colored jerseys. The team that is not in compliance with the above, in the opinion of the referee, shall be required to change jerseys.

306.8.8.6 A legible non-duplicate number (6" min. height) on the back of each player's jersey is required.

306.8.8.7 Teams will have jerseys that are distinguishable from each other at all scheduled games. If a club's "dark" jersey is a color that is similar to white (light grey, for example), teams from that club must wear dark-colored pinnies for matches in order to comply. It is that club's responsibility to provide the pinnies for their team(s) in such a situation or risk forfeiture for being out of compliance with uniform regulations.

306.8.8.8 Players and substitutes shall not change numbers or remove their jerseys prior to the completion of the game without specific permission of the referee.

306.9 Length of Game, Overtime Periods and Sizes of Soccer Balls

306.9.1 All Louisiana State Tournament games shall use the following rules to govern the length of the game, and appropriate ball size.

306.9.1.1 The Louisiana State Cup and Louisiana Presidents Cup

Age Group	Game Length	Ball
Size 17U-19U	2-45 min halves	#5
15U and 16U	2-40 min halves	#5

13U and 14U	2-35 min halves Overtime will be replaced with "FIFA Kicks from the Penalty Mark"	#5

306.9.1.2 Bob Abbott Cup

Age Group	Game Length	Ball Size
11U – 12U	2-30 min halves	#4

306.9.1.3 In the Open Cup and other LSA hosted recreational tournaments LSA shall have the discretion to establish game lengths. Games that are tied at the end of regulation play in Open Cup finals with determined by FIFA kicks from the penalty mark. Games that are tied at the end of regulation play in Open Cup finals will be determined by FIFA kicks from the penalty mark. These game lengths shall be published by LSA in advance of each such tournament. The ball size to be used shall be consistent with US Soccer Player Development Initiatives.

306.9.2 During single elimination competition in any LSA State Tournament (e.g. after round robin competition is completed) if a game ends in a tie, FIFA kicks from the penalty mark will be used to decide the winner.

306.9.3 If the LSA Tournament Committee or the referee determines that any LSA State Tournament game or games must be suspended due to weather conditions, the LSA Tournament Committee will have full discretion as to if and when the Louisiana State Tournament game or games shall be restarted. In the event that multiple games shall be stopped due to weather or any other unsafe condition, the LSA Tournament Committee shall full discretion to shorten the length of games, relocate games or to use any other method to complete all Louisiana State Tournament games.

306.9.3.1 Bracket – Round-robin competition (tied scores can stand)

a. If the game cannot be restarted within 60 minutes from the stoppage, the game will be terminated.

b. A second stoppage of play due to weather conditions after a restart will automatically result in termination of the game.

c. If the game is terminated the following will apply:

- If one-half of the game has been completed prior to the termination, the result of the game at the time of termination will stand. The game WILL NOT be replayed.
- If less than one-half of the game has been completed at the time of stoppage of play, the LSA Tournament Committee will evaluate the tournament standings and decide if the terminated game is needed to determine final standings. If necessary, a make-up game will be scheduled by the LSA Tournament Committee at a time and place of their choosing.

306.9.3.2 Championship Games and games that cannot end in a tie. If the game cannot be restarted within 60 minutes from the stoppage of play, the LSA Tournament Committee shall have the following options:

a. If one-half of the game has been completed prior to the stoppage of play, the LSA Tournament Committee may rule that the result of the game at the time of the stoppage of play will stand as

the final result of the game; or

b. Waive the restart time limit and continue the game once conditions, in the discretion of the LSA Tournament Committee, allow play to resume; or

c. If less than one-half of the game has been completed at the time of the termination of play stoppage, the game will be replayed in its entirety at a time and place of the Tournament.

306.10 Substitutions

306.10.1 Except as stated herein, all substitutions at Louisiana State Tournaments shall be unlimited.

306.10.2 For all LSA State Cup games in the 13U & 14U age groups, unlimited substitutions are permitted over three moments per half per game plus halftime.

306.10.3 For all LSA State Cup games in the 15U through 19U age groups, unlimited substitutions are permitted over four moments per game plus halftime.

306.10.4 Substitutions may be made with the consent of the referee at any stoppage of play.

306.11 Conduct of Coaches, Players and Spectators

306.11.1 Coaches are responsible for controlling the actions of their players, spectators and team officials.

306.11.2 A referee has full authority to terminate a game if a player or a coach becomes unruly or physically menaces a referee or other player(s). If the game must be terminated, it will be considered a forfeit.

306.11.3 If a spectator(s) becomes unruly or physically menaces a referee or player(s), the referee has full authority to temporarily suspend the game, pending the removal of the spectator(s). Any person reasonably construed as being associated with a team shall be subjected to the jurisdiction and authority of LSA Tournament Director or his or her designee.

306.11.4 All of a team's spectators must stay on the opposite side of the field from where their team's bench is located, and within the spectator boxes. The spectator boxes shall be 2 yards back from the touchline and 20 yards in length on either side of the halfway line.

306.11.5 Coaching staff (not to exceed four non-playing persons) and players shall stay on the opposite side of the field from the spectators and within their designated team area. No one shall be on or in close proximity to the goal lines.

306.11.6 No coach or spectator may interfere with the opposing team in any way. The use of noise making, amplifying devices, or laser pointers is prohibited and shall be grounds for immediate removal from the game site.

306.11.7 If a coach walks off the field with his/her team during tournament play, before the game is terminated by the referee, the game shall be forfeited and the team will not be allowed to continue play in the tournament. The only

exception to this ruling shall be if a coach reasonably believes that the game is not under control and that as a consequence, he or she reasonably believes his or her players are in genuine danger or risk of harm. In such event, the coach should, before abandoning the field of play, notify the referee of his or her intentions and his or her reason for

abandoning the field of play.

306.12 Consolidated in Policy 214

306.13 Point Awards for Games

313.13.1 The following points will be awarded for games played during the round-robin competition:

3 points for a win
1 point for a tie
0 points for a loss

313.13.2 The following points will be awarded for forfeited round-robin games: The non-forfeiting team shall be awarded

3 points for a win
5 goals for, 0 goals against
The forfeiting team shall be accorded:
0 points for a loss

306.14 Tiebreakers

At the completion of round-robin competition, if 2 or more teams are tied in the number of points awarded, advancement will be decided in the following sequential order (Note: bracket winners are determined first before wildcards or overall best second teams):

306.14.1 Winner of head-to-head competition during round-robin competition. This applies for advancement only if teams have played one another.

306.14.2 Head-to-Head is not used if more than two teams are tied.

306.14.3 If more than 2 teams are tied, the following sequence will be followed until a team is eliminated. The remaining teams will then restart the sequence at 306.14.3.2 below, until the tie is broken.

306.14.3.1 In all cross-bracket formats, if more than 2 teams are tied then head-to-head will be used if one team has defeated all other teams with which it is tied.

306.14.3.2 Most wins

306.14.3.3 Team with the greatest net goal difference (NGD) which is computed as "goals for" minus "goals against" with a maximum of 5 NGD in each game.

Example: A team's 3 game scores vs. opponent are:

5 – 1 = +4
1 – 3 = -2
2 – 2 = 0
Total goal difference = +2

306.14.3.4 Team with the least goals against (there is NO limit on the number of goals that will be counted to determine this tiebreaker)

306.14.3.5 Teams with most goals (maximum of 4 goals in each game).

306.14.3.6 FIFA kicks from penalty mark

306.15 Forfeits

306.15.1 A forfeit during the competition shall be considered a withdrawal from LSA State Tournament competition.

306.15.2 Should a team in round-robin competition forfeit any game, the official

game scores for all of that team's games shall be recorded as54-0 losses. A team that forfeits a game will be considered to have withdrawn from the Louisiana State Tournament.

306.16 Protests

306.16.1 All protests related to a Louisiana State Tournament game that has been played to a conclusion shall be referred to the LSA Tournament Committee of the tournament being played.

306.16.1.1 To be valid and eligible for consideration, each protest must be lodged only by the head coach, club president, or club executive director within 1 hour of the end of the game under protest or the decision of policy being made and shall include:

306.16.1.1.1 A protest fee in the amount of $300.00. This fee shall be in cash, certified check, or money order and will be paid with the protest. Personal checks will not be accepted. A certified check or money order must be made payable to Louisiana Soccer Association. The protest fee is not refundable if the protest is denied.

306.16.1.1.2 A written copy of the protest giving full particulars of the grounds upon which the protest is based.

306.9.3.3 Acceptable causes for protesting the game or decision of policy:

a. Ineligible Player - A team knowingly plays an unregistered, ineligible, or suspended player.

b. Misinterpretation of the Rules - There has been an obvious error made in the application of the "Laws of the Game" that directly affected the outcome of the game. No protests can be entertained if they are based solely upon decisions made by the referee during play.

c. Grounds, Goal Posts, etc. - Any protest relating the grounds, goal posts, or other appurtenances of the game shall not be entertained unless an objection has been lodged with the referee before the commencement of the game.

d. Misapplication of LSA Bylaws or Policies

306.9.3.4 Upon receipt of a properly lodged protest, the LSA Tournament Committee shall notify:

a. The head coach of the team against whom the protest is made in order for an appropriate defense to be heard

b. The referee of the game under protest, in order to obtain a copy of the Game Report.

306.9.3.5 Decisions of the Tournament Committee shall be final and binding on all the teams involved and not subject to appeal to LSA or higher authorities.

306.9.4 All protests related to interpretation of LSA Policy regarding State Cup shall be made in accordance with Policy 106 herein.

306.10 State Tournament Formats

306.10.1 Two Team Bracket

306.10.1.1 There will be no 2-team brackets at the Louisiana Open Cup or in the Bob Abbott Cup.

306.10.1.2 In all other state tournaments a bracket of 2 teams shall be played as a one-game winner-take-all event.

306.10.2 Three Team Bracket

306.10.2.1 There will be no 3-team brackets at the Louisiana Open Cup or in the Bob Abbott Cup.

306.10.2.2 One bracket of 3 teams will play in a single weekend round robin. With the written consent of the Coaches of all 3 teams, these games may be played in a semi-final/final format with A2 playing A3 and the winner advancing to the final against A1. Each team will play their bracket opponents once. No game may end in a tie and must go to overtime and penalty kicks if necessary. The winner shall be determined by most points accumulated and otherwise through the tie-breaker procedure set forth herein.

Four Team Bracket

306.10.2.3 State Cup Format – The State Cup will be in a 4-team single weekend format with teams going straight to semi-finals. Teams shall be seeded according to the LCSL standings at the conclusion of the season. Semi-finals shall be #1 seed v. #4 seed and #2 seed v. #3 seed and shall be played on Sunday. The winner of each semi-final shall play in the finals on Sunday. LSA shall have full discretion in the scheduling of the State Cup in instances of inclement weather.

306.17.3.1 All 4-team brackets in both The State Cup and the Presidents Cup will be in a 4-team single weekend format with teams going straight to semi-finals. Teams shall be seeded according to the LCSL standings at the conclusion of the season. Semi-finals shall be #1 seed v. #4 seed and #2 seed v. #3 seed and shall be played on Sunday. The winner of each semi-final shall play in the finals on Sunday.

306.17.3.2 Single Weekend Format (other than the State Cup) – The single weekend format shall be used for the Louisiana Open Cup and the Bob Abbott Cup. Each team will play their bracket opponents once in a round robin. 2 games on Saturday and 1 on Sunday. If it is determined that the game on Sunday will be a final (top 2 teams), then the 3rd game will take the place of a Final. Placement will be based on LCSL Standing, if applicable.

306.10.3 Five Team Bracket

306.10.3.1 Single Weekend Format - The single weekend format shall be used for the Louisiana Open Cup and the Bob Abbott Cup. Each team will play their bracket opponents once in a round robin for a total of 4 games. All teams will play 2 games on Saturday and 2 games on Sunday. Games may end in a tie. The winner shall be determined by most points accumulated and otherwise through the tie-breaker procedure set forth herein.

Saturday	Round 1	A5 v A2	A4 v A1
	Round 2	A3 v A5	
	Round 3	A1 v A3	A2 v A4
Sunday	Round 4	A5 v A1	A2 v A3
	Round 5	A4 v A5	
	Round 6	A1 v A2	A3 v A4

306.10.3.2 Two Weekend Format – The two-weekend format shall be used for

the Presidents Cup. The 1st seed will receive a BYE in the first weekend. The remaining 4 teams shall play in a 4-team bracket format as set forth above. The 3 teams with the most points shall advance to the Semi-Finals on the second weekend. The Semi-Finals shall be played on Saturday with the 1st seed (the team having received a BYE in the first weekend) playing the lowest seeded team coming out of the Round Robin.
The 2 teams with the highest seeds coming out of the Round Robin will play each other. The winners of the 2 Semi-Final games will play in the Finals on Sunday.

306.10.4 Six Team Bracket

306.10.4.1 The single weekend format shall be used for the Louisiana Open Cup and the Bob Abbott Cup. Each team will play 3 games in a crossover format. All teams will play 2 games on Saturday and 1 game on Sunday. Games may end in a tie. The 2 teams with most points, regardless of bracket, advance to Finals to be played on Sunday.

Saturday	Round 1	A1 v B3	B1 v A2	A3 v B2
	Round 2	B2 v A1	A2 v B3	B1 v A3
Sunday	Round 3	A1 v B1	A2 v B2	A3 v B3
	Final	Most Points v 2nd Most Points		

306.10.4.2 Two Weekend Format - The 1st seed and the 2nd seed will receive a BYE in the first weekend. The remaining 4 teams shall play in a 4-team bracket format as set forth above. The 2 teams with the most points shall advance to the Semi-Finals on the second weekend. The Semi-Finals shall be played on Saturday with the 1st seed playing the second-place team coming out of the Round Robin and the 2nd seed will play against the team with the most points in the Round Robin. The winners of the 2 Semi-Final games will play in the Finals on Sunday.

306.10.5 Seven Team Bracket

306.10.5.1 There will be no 7-team brackets at the Louisiana Open Cup and the Bob Abbott Cup.

306.10.5.2 Two Weekend Format - The 1st seed and the 2nd seed will receive a BYE in the first weekend. The 6th seed and the 7th seed will play a self-scheduled play-in game at the home field of the 6th seed. Winner of this game advances to the state tournament (as the sixth seed). The 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th (as determined by the play-in game) seeds shall play in a 4-team round robin format as set forth above. The Semi-Finals shall be played on Saturday with the 1st seed playing the second-place team coming out of the Round Robin and the 2nd seed will play against the team with the most points in the Round Robin. The winners of the 2 Semi-Final games will play in the Finals on Sunday.

306.10.6 Eight Team Bracket – Two 4-team brackets

306.10.6.1 The single weekend format shall be used for the Louisiana Open Cup and the Bob Abbott Cup. Each team will play their bracket opponents once in a round robin. All teams will play 2 games on

Saturday and 1 game on Sunday. The 2 teams with the most points in each bracket will advance to the Finals on Sunday.

Saturday	Round 1	A2 v A3	B2 v B3	A1 v A4	B1 v B4
	Round 2	A3 v A1	B3 v B1	A2 v A4	B2 v B4
Sunday	Round 3	A1 v A2	B1 v B2	A4 v A3	B4 v B3
	Final	Winner Bracket A v Winner Bracket B			

306.10.6.2 Two Weekend Format - Each team will play their bracket opponents once in a round robin during the first weekend. Games may end in a tie. The winner of Bracket A will play the 2nd place team of Bracket B and the winner of Bracket B will play the 2nd place team of Bracket A in the semi-finals. The Winner of the 2 Semi-Finals game will play in the Finals on Sunday.

306.10.7 Brackets of Greater Than Eight Teams
In the event a bracket of greater than 8 teams shall be formed, LSA shall formulate the bracket consistent with the formatting methods set forth above.

306.10.8 Louisiana Open Cup
In order to maintain fairness, parity and consistency in structuring the Louisiana Open Cup, LSA shall have full discretion in formatting the brackets for the Open Cup including the discretion to require brackets to be in multiples of 4-teams.

306.10.9 Election Not to Play.
Should a team elect not to participate in the play-in game, the team shall so notify LSA in writing no later than 5 days prior to the scheduled game. With such notice, there shall be no penalty and tournament fees shall be refunded to the team electing not to play. Notice received after such 5-day deadline will result in no penalty, but tournament fees shall not be refunded to the team electing not to play. In all instances, the team willing to play shall advance in the state tournament as if the game had been played and the team had prevailed.

306.10.10 State Tournament Games on Friday and at Night
In organizing state tournament events LSA shall have the discretion to schedule games on Fridays and at night. In doing so, however, LSA shall endeavor to avoid circumstances in which teams are scheduled to play an evening game on one day and an early morning game on the next.

306.10.11 All self-scheduled games, including but not limited to play-in games, must be played on or before the Monday prior to the commencement of the scheduled state tournament weekend pertaining to the self-scheduled games.

306.18 Players and coaches from both teams that participate in an LSA State Tournament final are expected to remain for the appropriate award ceremony. Failure to do so will result in a fine not to exceed $500 being assessed to their club.

Policy 307 Olympic Development Program

307.1 Description
LSA will have an Olympic Development Program in accordance with guidelines established by US Youth Soccer and US Soccer. LSA's Olympic Development Program is to provide high-level training to benefit and enhance the development of players at all levels; and, through

the use of carefully selected and licensed coaches, develop a mechanism for the exchange of ideas and curriculum to improve all levels of coaching.

307.2 General Information

307.2.1 The program must conform to national and regional policy and is implemented through the LSA Sporting Director.

307.2.2 The Olympic Development Program year follows the requirements by regional or national policy. Tryouts, training and other activities for the following year may be conducted in advance.

307.2.3 All affiliated members of LSA (to include coaches, DOC's, referees, and club officials) are asked to work with this program and encourage their talented players to participate. Club support is needed to allow time during the year to schedule tryouts, games, tournaments, etc.

307.2.4 The LSA Sporting Director shall publish a schedule of events in advance. Tryouts/training for the following year shall be scheduled on or before and available at the LSA Annual General Meeting. The schedule may be changed to accommodate weather, tournaments, regional requirements, etc.

307.2.5 Regional/sub-regional are held each year, as needed based on national/international events, for certain age groups to identify players for possible selection to a national team. Sub-regional events may also be scheduled within the year.

307.3 Player Information

307.3.1 All LSA players will be notified by LSA either by email or postings to LSA's web site of the schedule of tryouts and training for LSA's Olympic Development Program, LSA will attempt to notify all coaches and club officials to assist in notifying their players of LSA's Olympic Development Program. All official correspondence will come from the LSA Office. The official spokesperson for the Olympic Development Program will be the LSA Sporting Director.

307.3.2 Players should reside within Louisiana but need not be an LSA member. However, players must be registered with an affiliate of US Soccer in a capacity whereby they are fully insured for all soccer-related activities. Proof of affiliated registration and insurance will be required. Players who are not residents of Louisiana who are invited to participate in LSA's Olympic Development Program, must show a hardship (e.g. no ODP at their particular age/gender in their state of residence) before they may be invited to participate. Whether the hardship is sufficient to permit participation in LSA's Olympic Development Program shall be in the discretion of the LSA Sporting Director.

307.3.3 Players will respond by application form (may be web-based process) and necessary tryout fees paid prior to participating.

307.3.3.1 The Olympic Development Program fees are set annually and are subject to change.

307.3.3.2 The players named to a pool or team may be assessed additional fees to cover all expenses incurred such as team entry fees to tournaments or games and to cover administrative costs of mail, telephone calls, field expenses, practice uniforms, etc.

307.3.4 No player will be permitted to participate in LSA's Olympic Development Program without having submitted all required, properly completed forms and fees.

307.3.5 LSA's Olympic Development Program is self-funded by the participants. LSA does provide a minimal amount of funds to cover some of the administrative operating expenses. Players shall assume all expenses for travel, lodging and food, unless specifically provided for by LSA. Fees c collected will cover such expenses as coaches/ administrator/coordinator expenses, field charges, etc.

307.3.6 If funds are available, financial aid to some extent may be made available to participants in LSA's Olympic Development Program. Any such financial aid shall be based on need as demonstrated by documentation including IRS forms submitted by the player's parents or guardians. Financial aid for LSA's Olympic Development Program shall be determined by the Executive Director and the LSA Sporting Director.

307.3.7 Any player cut for any reason shall not be considered for selection beyond that point in the current year. Exceptions to this can only be approved by the LSA Sporting Director.

307.3.8 LSA firmly expects that all persons involved in any part of LSA's Olympic Development Program to adhere to the principles of good Fair Play and to commit no acts of misconduct.

307.3.9 All players participating in LSA's Olympic Development Program will play in their appropriate age groups. If the LSA Sporting Director determines a player's best interest would be served if the player were to play at a higher age group, the LSA Sporting Director, in consultation with the player's parents, may invite a player to play in LSA's Olympic Development Program at a higher age group.

307.4 Olympic Development Program Coaching Staff

307.4.1 The LSA Sporting Director will appoint coaches to the LSA Olympic Development Program coaching staff. All ODP Staff Coaches must pass the LSA Risk Management program and will not participate in the training/identification sessions until risk management is secured. At least two (2) ODP Staff Coaches must be in attendance at each session. A female coordinator must be present at all female events. The LSA Sporting Director shall insure the attendance of an adequate number of ODP Staff Coaches to properly conduct each session, with a minimum of two. The LSA Sporting Director shall provide the ODP Staff Coaches with a syllabus tailored to the appropriate age group and skill level.

307.4.2 All payments to ODP Staff Coaches will be made by LSA after submission of a completed LSA Expense Reimbursement form that has been reviewed and approved by the LSA Sporting Director.

307.5 Olympic Development Program Selection Process

307.5.1 The LSA Olympic Development Program has endorsed the emphasis of the development and training goals of the national and regional programs as the most important aspects for the Louisiana player. Therefore, the final selection will be postponed until necessary to meet regional and national deadlines.

307.5.2 Registration shall be open to all players. Training /identification sessions will be scheduled by age group to be selected. Prior to the deadline for

naming of the LSA Olympic Development Program teams, the LSA Sporting Director and the LSA ODP Coaching Staff shall meet and choose players for each age and gender group ODP pool. After the selection of all ODP pools, the LSA Sporting Director shall appoint ODP Staff Coaches to specific teams for further training and attendance at Sub-Regional and Regional events. In the event roster sizes are limited at such Sub-Regional and Regional events, the LSA Sporting Director and the ODP Staff Coaches will determine which players from each ODP pool will be invited to attend.

307.5.3 Training/identification sessions will be scheduled in a manner that will fairly and reasonably address travel concerns of all LSA ODP players and their families.

307.5.4 All players are expected to participate in the training/identification sessions each year regardless of whether they were selected as an LSA ODP pool player in the prior year. This requirement and the registration fee may be waived for any player who has been selected as a regional pool player or to a higher level. The LSA Sporting Director may carry over a team if regional or national requirements demand it.

307.5.5 Attendance at a minimum of one (1) LSA ODP sessions relative to the selection process shall be mandatory. Failure to attend any such ODP sessions relative to the selection process shall be grounds for non-selection to ODP.

307.6 Deadlines

307.6.1 Deadline dates for paperwork and/or on-line registration and fees are set by LSA.

307.6.2 Failure to submit applications and payments timely will be grounds for not allowing participation in the LSA Olympic Development Program.

307.6.3 Walk-up registration and payment of fees is not encouraged. An additional fee will be required for any such registration.

307.7 Citizenship

Citizenship shall not be a factor for selection in the LSA Olympic Development. Determination of need for citizenship will be made by the US Youth Soccer. If a player is selected to a Regional/National team, citizenship is required prior to the player's participation in a National event.

307.8 Olympic Development Program Player Priorities

The following is a list of priorities for players selected to the LSA ODP. This list of priorities is made to assist players and their parents to make choices in the event a scheduling conflict shall arise.

1. Any National ODP Event (e.g. training, games, camp or showcase)
2. South Region ODP event (e.g. training, games, camp or showcase)
3. US Youth Soccer National League games
4. Louisiana State Championship games
5. Louisiana ODP event at which intra-regional games will be played
6. Louisiana Classic Soccer League ("LCSL") games
7. Invitational tournament with LSA affiliated club team
8. ODP State Pool training
9. ODP State Pool tryouts (ODP tryout dates are to be posted on the LSA website on or before 60 days prior to tryout dates)
10. LSA affiliated club team training
11. LSA affiliated club team tryouts

12. All other soccer events

Policy 400 Adult Players - Registration

400.1 Youth Players on Adult Teams

400.1.1 US Soccer permits a youth player to play an unlimited number of adult games without losing his/her youth eligibility.

400.1.2 No one younger than sixteen (16) years old will be allowed to register for adult competition.

400.1.3 Youth games are required to take precedence over any adult games.

400.1.4 Youth players registering on adult teams are required to notify the youth coach or an authorized club official of the player's registration with an adult team or teams.

400.1.5 Youth players registered on both an adult and a youth team must pay required insurance for both levels of play.

400.2 Player

400.2.1 A USASA Player Pass is mandatory for every adult player.

400.3.2 Passes are required for participation in any contest or competition except when approved by a local club/league/association.

400.3.3 A passport-size photograph of the registered player (not a photocopy) and the player's ID number must be on the player pass

400.3.4 Passes are issued by the club/league/association registrar upon completion of the registration process and must be signed by the registrar in the appropriate place.

400.3.5 Passes must be laminated.

400.3.6 Returning players may use a pass from a previous (but recent) playing season, but it must be updated by the club registrar with a current year registration sticker.

400.3 Guest Players

400.3.1 Guest players are permitted in adult competitions by LSA but are not permitted in regional or national competitions.

400.3.2 Host tournaments or leagues/club/associations may have their own rules regarding the use of guest players.

400.3.3 The temporary player pass may be used by any player eligible for adult league play who is not otherwise registered with a USASA-associated league.

400.3.4 The pass is good for 3 consecutive calendar days, which will be input on the physical pass by the administrative entity at the time of issuance.

400.3.5 The cost of the pass from LSA may be found in Policy 204. Clubs may charge an additional fee at the club level for administrative requirements.

400.3.6 Individual clubs may set their own policies and limits for use of the temporary player pass and may choose to opt out of accepting the temporary pass. For example, a club may choose to allow temporary player passes for tournaments, but not league play.

400.3.7 Any club that does not wish to recognize the temporary pass of players either for league play, tournaments, or both, must inform LSA of its policy to opt out. The club is responsible for making referees aware of its policy in regards to temporary passes.

400.3.8 Players receiving the pass must be registered into LSA's online registration system per LSA established guidelines/requirements.

400.3.8.1 Clubs may choose to administer the temporary pass registration per LSA guidelines.

400.3.8.2 Each player registered directly through a club for a temporary pass will count toward that club's total adult member count.

400.3.8.3 Clubs that do not wish to handle the administration of the temporary pass may choose to allow players to register directly through LSA. However, the registered players will not be included in a club's total adult member count, but will be included in the overall state adult member count as unaffiliated

400.3.9 Sanctions against players improperly using a temporary pass should be handled according to the rules of the competition for which the pass is being used.

Policy 401 Adult Team Competitions

401.1 LSA's adult division team competitions are:

401.1.1 Men's Open

401.1.2 Women's Open

401.1.3 Men's Over 30 – Competition for players who have reached their 30th birthday as of January 1st of the current seasonal year.

401.1.4 Women's Over 30 – Competition for players who have reached their 30th birthday as of January 1st of the current seasonal year.

401.1.5 Coed Open - Teams consisting of equal numbers of men and women plus a goalkeeper.

401.1.6 Coed Over-30 – Teams consisting of equal numbers of men and women plus a goalkeeper and follows age requirements for Men's and Women's Over-30.

401.1.7 Under-20 – Competition for those players, male or female, between the ages of sixteen (16) and twenty (20) who have not reached their 20th birthday as of January 1st of the current seasonal year

401.1.8 Under-23 - Competition for those players, male or female, between the ages of sixteen (16) and twenty-three (23) who have not reached their 23rd birthday as of January 1st of the current seasonal year.

401.2 State Cup competitions may be held in any of the above divisions if there is sufficient support from the adult soccer community.

401.3 LSA will determine what teams, if any, represent Louisiana at any regional or national competition. Teams participating in any regional or national competition are responsible for insuring that all fees are paid and all deadlines are met in order to compete.

Policy 402 LSA Adult State Tournaments

402.1 Eligibility

402.1.1 Competition will be open to affiliated adult teams registered with and in good standing with LSA.

402.1.2 An unaffiliated adult team that wishes to participate in the LSA Adult State tournament(s) is required to purchase a three-day or five-day USASA tournament pass from LSA prior to competition. Such a team must affiliate with LSA if it will be the LSA representative at the Region III tournament.

402.1.3 The following rules will apply to dual-registered players:

402.1.3.1 Players who are dual-registered must be clearly indicated on the Open roster or Over-30 roster at the time they are submitted to LSA for approval for tournament play. A primary team must be designated.

402.1.3.2 If a player plays on an Open and an Over-30 team, and both teams win their respective tournaments, the player(s) must play for the primary team only at the Regional III Tournament.

a. An exception to 402.1.3.2 may be made to allow the player(s) to play for the secondary team if the player's(s') primary team would release him/her. This can be done by writing to LSA, and requesting release from the primary team. The request has to be signed by the requesting player(s), the team coach/representative and the club director/ administrator/registrar. After obtaining permission to play with the secondary team, the request should be submitted to LSA for approval. Once approved, the player(s) is free to play on his/her (their) secondary team.

402.2 Entry In LSA Adult State Tournaments

402.2.1 All teams that enter an LSA Adult State Tournament must pay a non-refundable entry fee, and complete and submit the entry no less than thirty
(30) calendar days prior to the tournament.

402.2.2 If a team enters an LSA Adult State Tournament and withdraws prior to the first game being played, the team shall forfeit its entry fee but face no further penalty to the team or the club/league.

402.3 Rosters and Player Passes

402.3.1 The roster on file with the LSA Office at the time of the deadline set by LSA will be the official team roster for a team entering an LSA Adult State Tournament.

402.3.2 A maximum of 22 players are allowed on the roster.

402.3.3 On the day of the competition, a team will be allowed to use any of the registered players from its approved roster.

402.3.4 All players shall be required to carry a US Soccer Adult Division-approved and laminated player pass, which must bear a recognizable photograph

(not a photocopy of a photograph) the participating player and show a player ID number. Teams may also utilize the electronic player passes available through LSA registration platform.

402.3.5 Before each scheduled game, passes must be presented to a game official, who will check the passes against the team roster that has been submitted to LSA prior to the tournament. Each participating player will also be identified with his/her player pass.

402.4 Competition Administration

The LSA Adult Vice President and the LSA Adult Competitions Commissioner or their designated representative(s) shall be responsible for administration of LSA Adult State Tournaments.

402.5 Format of the Competition

402.5.1 The format of the competition will be determined by the total number of teams officially entered.

402.5.2 Whenever possible, teams will be divided into two or more brackets so as to be able to compete in round-robin play. Bracket winners will proceed to the semi-final (if applicable) and final rounds.

402.5.3 If the number of teams entered prohibits division into multiple brackets, there will be 1 bracket and all games will be full- length.

402.5.4 Modification of the competition format can be made by LSA Executive Committee if there is lack of participation, cancellations, inclement weather conditions, etc.

402.6 Duration of Games

402.6.1 All round-robin games will consist of 2 45-minute halves for men's games and 2 35-minute halves for women's games. There will no overtime in round-robin play.

402.6.2 LSA, including a designated representative(s) at LSA Adult State Tournament game site, may change the lengths of times of halves of games.

402.6.2.1 Halves cannot be changed to be less than 2 35-minute halves, and the duration of the halves will be determined by the number of teams participating in a bracket.

402.6.2.2 A change would only be made after consultation and agreement of the Adult Tournament Referee Committee.

402.7 Forfeits

402.7.1 A team guilty of using an ineligible player shall forfeit the game or games in which that player participated.

402.7.2 A team shall forfeit a game for failure to comply with the rules of any LSA Adult State Tournament.

402.7.3 The score for any game forfeited in any LSA Adult State Tournament will be recorded as 3-0 for the opposing team.

402.8 Grace Period

402.8.1 A team not ready to start play a scheduled game (i.e. a team is unable to field a team with at least 7)players at the scheduled game time) shall be granted a 15-minute grace period.

402.8.2 If the team will not be able to start play at the end of the granted grace period, the game will be deemed a forfeit by the team unable to field a complete team. The prepared team will be awarded a win, and the unprepared team a loss with the game scored as in Policy 402.7.3.

402.8.3. The main game official shall note the game as a forfeit on his/her

game report.

402.8.4 Only the LSA representative(s) at the tournament site can extend the grace period if he/she feels there are extenuating circumstances to do so.

402.9 Team Uniforms

402.9.1 Participating teams, when possible, must have 2 sets of jerseys with each set of jerseys being of a different color, and each jersey marked with a clearly visible number on the back.

402.9.2 The home team shall wear their light jerseys and light socks.

402.9.3 Participating teams, by mutual agreement, may reverse the preferences and the home team can wear dark and the visiting team can wear light.

402.10 Substitutions

Unlimited substitutions shall be allowed, at the discretion of the referee, by team taking a throw-in, and by either team prior to a goal kick, after a goal, after an injury, at half-time, or for a player who has just received a caution.

402.11 Methods for Advancement

402.11.1 The point system for round-robin play will be:

3 points for win
1 point for tie
0 points for loss

402.11.2 In round-robin competition, should two or more teams be tied in the number of awarded points, final standings will be determined in the following order:

Winner of head-to-head competition.
Highest Goal Differential with a 3-goal maximum per game.
FIFA Penalty kicks

402.11.3 Player and Team Misconduct

402.11.3.1 A player sent-off must sit out the remainder of the game he/she was sent-off, in addition to the next tournament game.

402.11.3.2 If it was the player's second tournament send-off, the player will not be allowed to participate in the remainder of the LSA Adult State Tournament.

402.11.3.3 No substitution will be allowed for a player who is sent-off.

402.11.3.4 If a player or coach has been disciplined by the game official and asked to leave the site, and the player or coach refuses to comply, this is cause for the offending player's or coach's team to forfeit the game. That player or coach will be ineligible for the remainder of the LSA Adult State Tournament.

402.11.3.5 The decision will be made by the LSA representative(s) at the tournament site.

402.11.4 When a game has been terminated because of team misconduct, the score at the time of termination will stand.

402.11.4.1 If the violating team was ahead, the score will be recorded as a 3-0 win in favor of the opposing team.

402.11.4.2 The team guilty of misconduct will be disqualified from the LSA Adult State Tournament.

402.11.4.3 Any send-offs in the terminated game will still be subject to suspensions and/or penalties.

402.11.5 Failure to participate in a scheduled state cup game or games will result in an initial fine of $100.00 to be assessed to the

sanctioning club/league/association.

402.11.5.1 A fine of $50.00 per each additional scheduled game not played will be assessed to the sanctioning club/league/ association.

402.11.5.2 If a team does not complete all of its scheduled tournament games for any reason other than an official cancellation, inclement weather, etc. that team will not be allowed to participate in the following year's championship competition.

402.12 Protests

402.12.1 The LSA representative(s) at the championship tournament site will control interpretations of the LSA Adult State Tournament Rules. Their decision(s) will be final.

402.12.2 To protest a game, the following procedures will be followed:

404.12.2.1 Within 1 hour after the termination of the game to be protested, a written report, with reason(s) for the protest, and a $200.00 (cash or money order) protest fee shall be submitted to LSA representative(s) at the championship tournament.

404.12.2.2 No protest will be entertained if the protest is based on a decision that was considered to be referee judgment

404.12.2.3 Any protest relating to goals, nets, or playing field conditions shall be entertained only if an objection had been lodged with the game referee prior to the start of the game.

404.12.2.4 The protest fee will be returned to the team if the protest is upheld, and forfeited if the protest is rejected.

404.13 Awards

First and second place teams in each division will receive a team trophy.

404.14 Issues for Which Provision Is Not Made Herein

Issues not provided for in these rules and regulations will be determined by the LSA representative(s) at the tournament site. Their decisions will be final.

Policy 500 Louisiana Soccer Association Awards

500.1 Coach of the Year Award

The Coach of the Year Program is to recognize top coaches in Louisiana and throughout the United States in both the boys and girls programs for both the Classic and recreational levels of play. The boys coaches' award shall be known as the John Knighten Coach of the Year award (classic) and the Derek Godwin Coach of the Year award (recreational). The girls coaches' award shall be known as the Ortner Family Coach of the Year award (classic) and the Garey Family Coach of the Year award (recreational).

500.1.1 Criteria

Our search each seasonal year will be for coaches who exemplify the following characteristics:

a. Dedication and service to the game
b. Longevity in the program
c. Sportsmanship, as exemplified by coach and his/her team
d. Success within the program (not a record of wins and losses)
e. Success in developing players for the next level of play.

500.1.2 Each club or association is responsible for establishing the method and criteria for selecting its nominee. LSA will solicit nominations from the Louisiana soccer community in order to determine those who are selected for recognition.

500.1.3 Notification of when to submit nominations, using the LSA Coach of the

Annual LSA Awards Ceremony and their names will be forwarded to Region III for further consideration for the Region III Coach of the Year Award.

500.2 Fair Play Award

The Fair Play Award may be presented to a team in each age/gender group at all LSA state tournaments from 11U-18U for a consistent display of sportsmanship team-wide. The conduct, behavior and sense of fair play of each team will be evaluated by members of the LSA Tournament Committee. The LSA Tournament Committee may consider nominations from sources unconnected with the team nominated.

500.2.1 Conduct and Cooperation of Coaches

In evaluating a team for the Fair Play Award, consideration will be given to the conduct and cooperation of the team's coaches and team officials. These factors will include, but no be limited to

a. Encourages his or her players, not berates them
b. Respects officials, players, and opponents
c. Observes the Laws of the Game
d. Knowledge of the Game
e. Sets a good example of sportsmanship for players and fans

500.2.2 Conduct of Team

In evaluating a team for the Fair Play Award, consideration will be given to the conduct and cooperation of the players. These factors shall include, but not be limited to

a. Observe the Laws of the Game
b. Enthusiasm for the Game
c. Plays to their Utmost Potential
d. Respect for teammates, coaches, officials, and opponents
e. Participates in a sportsmanlike manner

500.2.3 Conduct of Supporters

In evaluating a team for the Fair Play Award, consideration will be given to the conduct and cooperation of the team's supporters.

The conduct and behavior of parents, supporters and spectators is a direct reflection of a team's belief in fair play and good sportsmanship. These factors will include, but not be limited to

a. Are respectful and supportive of players and coaches of both teams
b. Avoid criticism of game officials
c. Respect for all spectators and supporters from both teams
d. Conduct themselves in a manner the fosters and sets a good example of good sportsmanship to all players

500.2.4 Conduct Adversely Affecting Consideration for the Fair Play Award Players receiving red cards, teams that receive multiple yellow cards and or teams that exhibit persistent dissent or criticism of game officials or other unsporting behavior shall all be factors in eliminating a team from consideration for the Fair Play Award.

500.3 LCSL Club Championship Award

Once all LCSL play in a seasonal year has concluded, LSA shall determine the recipients of the Annual LCSL Club Championship Awards based on league play in the 13U through 18U age groups.

500.3.1 Awards to Clubs of Varied Size

There shall be three (3) Club Championship Awards awarded each year

500.3.1.1 Large Club Award. A Large Club shall be defined as one with 1,500 or more youth players registered during the previous seasonal year.

500.3.1.2 Mid-size Club Award. A Mid-size Club shall be defined as one with between 501 and 1499 youth players registered during the previous seasonal year.

500.3.1.3 Small Club Award. A Small Club shall be defined as one with 500 or less youth players registered during the previous seasonal year.

500.3.2 Point Structure

LCSL Club Championship Awards will be determined based upon the point structure set forth below.

500.3.2.1 Champion – 20 points

500.3.2.2 Runner-Up – 15 points

500.3.2.3 3rd Place – 10 points

500.3.2.4 4th Place – 6 points

500.3.2.5 5th Place – 5 points

500.3.2.6 6th Place – 3 points

500.3.2.7 7th Place – 2 points

500.3.2.8 8th Place – 1 point

500.3.3 In the event that two teams are tied, both teams will earn the points awarded for the spot. LSA will recognize the winners of the LCSL Club Championship at the AGM.

500.4 Golden Boot and Golden Glove Awards

500.4.1 Teams participating in the LCSL in the 13U through 19U age groups will identify their leading scorer(s) to LSA. Only goals scored in LCSL play may be counted.

500.4.2 Teams participating in the LCSL in the 13U through 18U age groups will identify their leading goalkeeper(s) to LSA that will include number of minutes played and number of goals conceded. Only goals scored against in LCSL play may be counted.

500.4.3 Once all league play has concluded, the winners of the annual LCSL Golden Glove and Golden Boot Awards will be determined based upon goals scored or goals against/minutes played as described above.

500.4.4 In the event that two players are tied, both players will be recognized.

500.4.5 LSA will recognize the winners of the Golden Boot and Golden Glove Awards for each age group and each league at the AGM.

500.5 Scholarships

500.5.1 LSA shall annually award at least two (2) scholarships to high school graduates of that seasonal year who have been members of Louisiana Soccer Association for a period of time as established by scholarship criteria adopted by the LSA Executive Committee.

500.5.2 The scholarship shall be known

500.5.3 as the Hank and Polly DesBordes Scholarship and the Chip and Barbara Burke Scholarships and shall be disbursed to the recipients to help with post-secondary educational expenses. They are not renewable.

500.6 The Community Service Cup

500.6.1 LSA shall annually recognize individual(s) who make positive contributions to their community. The club(s) who member players contribute the higher number of community service hours shall also be recognized.

Policy 501 LSA Hall of Fame

501.1 Hall of Fame Committee

The Hall of Fame Committee shall be composed of not less than five (5) members. These members shall include:

501.1.1 Chairman;

501.1.2 At least two of the members of the current Executive Committee of this Association;

501.1.3 At least one representative from an LSA-affiliated club/association in good standing;

501.1.4 Selection must be by unanimous vote. Voting must be recorded by name and be made a part of the Hall of Fame records;

501.1.5 When selected, nominees will be honored annually;

501.1.6 After the first year of selection, not more than three (3) persons shall be so selected each year.

501.1.7 Committee members shall be appointed by the President and serve two (2) year terms.

501.2 Criteria for Selection for Hall of Fame

501.2.1 At least ten (10) years of high achievement and excellence in contributing to Louisiana Soccer Association and/or as a representative of Louisiana soccer in one or more of the following categories:

501.2.1.1 Player

501.2.1.2 Coach

501.2.1.3 Referee

501.2.1.4 Administrator

501.2.2. Contributions of individuals must be properly documented and substantiated.

501.2.3 Documents may be in the form of letters, clippings, articles and/or statistics from Internet sources, and other papers from which a legitimate selection may be made, or from which proof of accomplishments can be determined and recommendations made.

501.3 Limit

There will be no limit as to the number of active Hall of Fame Members.