

## 401 ADULT DIVISION ADMINISTRATION

The LSA Adult Council will be composed of club representatives from affiliated adult soccer organizations, in good standing with LSA, and three elected officers; the Vice-President – Adult , Adult Men’s Commissioner, and Adult Women’s Commissioner. Each officer will have one vote at the Adult Council meetings. The number of votes assigned to each club will be based upon the number of players registered to play in each club.

The Adult Council shall conduct the business affairs of the Adult Division, and it does not require State Council or Executive Committee participation.

The responsibilities of the Adult Council will be to:

- Give fair representation to all clubs/players of Louisiana;
- Establish the rules for the adult division, within the framework that has been established by US Soccer and LSA;
- Administer the State Select Team programs;
- Encourage competition between affiliate clubs, which can include youth tournaments as well as play between US Soccer-affiliated teams from other states and teams from other nations registered through FIFA;
- Elect the Vice-President – Adults and the two Adult Commissioners;
- Administer the Referee Assault Committee
- Encourage the formation of teams in different levels of competition;
- Assist clubs in the registration process, when necessary.

Each club will retain its own autonomy, but must comply with the rules and regulations established by FIFA, US Soccer and LSA. Each will pay fees, which are required by these organizations, and they will also provide a soccer program that will benefit amateur players in Louisiana. Clubs will have an administrative board and will set their own fees. Clubs should forward copies of their constitution, by-laws and governing rules to LSA as they are changed.

The Adult Division will be funded by player registration fees, program fees, sponsorship, etc. The funds will be used for the needs of the Adult Division, to provide information to the clubs and provide programs for the players. Programs available are:

- Coaches’ Training
- Referee Training
- State Select Team Program
- Tournaments
- Competitive/Recreational club play

## 401 PLAYER REGISTRATION

ADULT PLAYERS are to be registered with LSA, through their local associations/clubs, by using the following procedures.

**NO INDIVIDUAL TEAMS OR CLUBS WILL REGISTER DIRECTLY WITH LSA EXCEPT THE U23 CLUB.**

At the conclusion of registration and prior to club play, the following should be submitted to the LSA Office:

### A. REGISTRATION FORM

Adult Division players, which can include youth players playing in adult trial games, will be registered on *United States Amateur Soccer Division Registration Forms*. The form includes the LSA liability waiver and a waiver section that is to be signed which declares the registering player has paid for mandatory medical insurance. **NO OTHER REGISTRATION FORM WILL BE ACCEPTABLE.** Each registrar/commissioner will be provided with a supply of these forms. Copies can be made when needed, provided the copies are clear and easily readable. Registration forms are to be completed with the player signing the liability waiver and again at the bottom of the form on the signature line. When an adult player transfers to another team within the same soccer year, a Transfer request is made with applicable fees and processed by LSA.

## B. TEAM ROSTER FORMS

Twenty-two (22) players will be allowed to register for club play; and twenty-two (22) players will be allowed to participate in any game. The roster is to be typed or legibly printed in **BLACK** ink. LSA Adult Division rules will permit multiple-registration of a player, but will require that the player declares a primary team. A player will be allowed to register with one Open team, one Over-30 team, one Coed team, etc. A player who will be registered to play on more than one team must complete a separate registration form for each team he/she will be playing for and pay the appropriate fee for each level of play he/she will be registered to play. The player(s) should be added to the team's roster and sent to the club registrar/commissioner. *Player Registration Forms*, fees and an *Adult Division Payment Form* must be forwarded to LSA from the club. This must be done prior to participation by any player(s) in a game. The date a roster has been received in the LSA Office will become the player's(s') official date of registration. A roster will then be stamped, dated, and entered into the LSA computer system. Computer-generated rosters will be returned to the club registrar, and the computer-generated rosters will become the official team rosters. Each roster submitted to LSA by a club/association should be checked and verified by its club registrar/commissioner. If there should be a discrepancy, the club registrar/commissioner is to make corrections in **RED** ink, and return the corrected roster(s) to the LSA Office.

### SEE POLICY 402-1

## C. USASA PLAYER PASSES

The *USASA Player Pass* will be mandatory for every LSA Adult Division player. **NO ONE** will be allowed to play without a pass except when approved by a local club. The player pass must bear a passport-size photograph of the registering player (**NO PHOTOCOPIES OF PHOTOGRAPHS WILL BE ACCEPTED**), and show the player's ID number. Passes will be issued by the club registrar/commissioner upon completion of the registration process. The club registrar/commissioner should have signed the pass in the appropriate place on the reverse side of the card. A player should return the player pass to the registrar/commissioner when he/she leaves a team. **Passes must be laminated.** Returning players can use a pass from a previous but recent playing season, and it must be updated by the club registrar/commissioner with a current year registration sticker that is placed on the reverse of the card. Passes, stickers, and laminating pockets can be obtained from the LSA Office upon request.

## D. ADULT DIVISION PAYMENT FORM

This form will be used **ANY TIME** money is sent to the LSA Office for payment of player registration fees, team fees, insurance fees or club affiliation fees. Player registration forms **and** rosters should accompany the payment form. Payment is due prior to the start of club play.

## E. LSA ADULT DIVISION ADD / DROP FORM

The *LSA Adult Division Drop Form* should be used each time a player(s) name will be removed from a team roster. **INCOMPLETE OR ILLEGIBLE PAPERWORK WILL BE RETURNED TO THE CLUB REGISTRAR/COMMISSIONER.**

## 402 TEAM COMPETITIONS

### A. LSA ADULT DIVISION TEAM COMPETITIONS ARE:

1. Men's Adult – A high level competition, players should be sixteen (16) years old or older.
2. Women's Adult – Refer to Men's Adult
3. Men's Over-30 – Competition for players who have reached their 30<sup>th</sup> birthday as of January 1 of the current seasonal year. No one under the age of 30 will be allowed to play.
4. Women's Over-30 – Refer to Men's Over-30
5. Over-40 – Competition for players who have reached their 40<sup>th</sup> birthday as of January 1 of the current seasonal year. No one under the age of 40 will be allowed to play
6. Over 50-.
7. Coed Open – Teams consisting of equal numbers of men and women plus a goalkeeper, players should be sixteen (16) years old or older.
8. Coed Over-30 – Teams consisting of equal numbers of men and women plus a goalkeeper, follows age requirements for Men's and Women's Over-30.
9. Under 20-
10. Under-23 – Competition for those players, male or female, between the ages of sixteen (16) and twenty-three (23), players who have not reached their 23<sup>rd</sup> birthday as of January 1 of the current seasonal year. Competition held in the summer.

Players who will no longer be eligible for youth competition can be considered for adult competition. Players younger than nineteen (19) years old will be able to play on adult teams, however no one younger than sixteen (16) years old will be allowed to register for amateur competition. (See **Section 404 Youth Players on Adult Teams** of this manual).

State Cup Competitions include Men's Adult, Women's Adult, Men's and Women's Over-30, Over 40, Over 50 and Co-Ed. State Cup Competitions can be held in other competitive divisions, if the clubs elect to approve them. (See **Section 41 LSA Adult State Championship Rules** in this manual)

## 404 YOUTH PLAYERS ON ADULT TEAMS

The US Soccer Section 5 concerning youth players registered on adult teams states that a youth player will be permitted to play an unlimited number of adult games without losing his/her youth eligibility. A youth player who signs an adult form shall retain youth eligibility as long as **youth games take precedence over any adult games**. The youth player must notify his or her youth coach or other authorized team official of the player's intention to play adult games.

A youth player playing on both a youth team and an adult team will be required to pay mandatory insurance for **BOTH** levels. An injury would be covered by the insurance of the level of competition the player was involved in at the time of the injury.

## 405 GUEST PLAYERS

Guest players will not be allowed when playing interclub/intraclub play except as follows: Guest players will be allowed for interclub play from women's clubs **ONLY**, as long as players are registered at the same level of competition (i.e. women's open, women's over-30, women's over-40). Guest players will be allowed intraclub for women **ONLY**, if the teams/clubs permit it; and if the same stipulations for interclub play are followed. Rules restricting the use of guest players will be waived when a team will be playing a competition (i.e. tournament) allowing guest players. Guest players can only be used for a competition if teams/clubs permit it.

**No guest players are allowed at LSA State Adult Cup, Regional or National Competitions.** Players must be on an LSA-approved, registered team that will be entering the competitions.

No paperwork will need to be sent to LSA unless the competition will be played out-of-state. When planning to play out-of-state, a current team roster, with guest players indicated on that roster should be sent to LSA. An *Application to Travel Form* must accompany the team tournament roster when it is mailed to LSA. The player pass of any player planning to play as a guest player on a team should temporarily reflect that this player is a guest player.

## 406 PLAYER RELEASE / TRANSFER

An adult player will be bound to the team he/she registered to play with for a playing season as long as the playing season does not exceed one seasonal year (September 1 through August 31). A player wishing to transfer to another team can do so by paying the set transfer fee and completing an Adult Transfer Form. The transferring player's player pass must be updated by the club registrar/commissioner to reflect a transfer to another team. Permission may have to be obtained to transfer, if a club requires it.

LSA will allow a player to transfer from one team to another or from one club to another as long as:

1. The player is in good standing (no violations, no owed monies) with LSA, and the club granting release.
2. Club/team transfer rules are upheld.

### A. PROCEDURES TO REQUEST TRANSFER:

1. Request permission to transfer from team/club by using a *Player Transfer/Release Form* (See **Section 415 Forms** in this manual).
2. Pay the current and approved transfer fee to LSA.

The club registrar/commissioner will send LSA an *Add/Drop Form*. LSA will remove the player's name from the roster of the old team, and add the player's name to the roster of the team the player is transferring to. LSA will then update its computer files.

Release/transfer of players will be approved at the local club level. State approval will not be required unless the player is not in good standing with LSA.

### B. FOREIGN AND OUT-OF-STATE PLAYERS – *USSF Policy 601-6*

Players from another National youth or adult state association, professional club or foreign country must obtain clearance papers, or a release signed by the official registration chairman or secretary of the foreign association, out-of-state association or professional club registrar before they will be allowed to register for a team in this Federation/Association (except for players in the armed forces). Temporary permission to register and play, pending a proper release, may be granted by the Federation Secretary upon payment of the applicable fee. The Secretary will inform, and send a copy of the request for permission to play to the National State Association or the professional club for which the player desires to play. A copy of the player's release document must be sent to LSA, along with a registration form and the appropriate player fees.

## 407 MULTIPLE-REGISTRATION

**The LSA Adult Division will allow multiple registrations of adult players.**

An adult player may register and play on more than one team and within more than one club as long as the teams are not in the same competition level (i.e. two Over-30 teams or two Open teams). A player can multiple-register on one team in each of the following competitions: Open, Over-30, Over-40, Over-30 Coed, Coed Open, etc. A player registration form and applicable player fees will be required for each team the player will play on. Mandatory medical insurance will be paid only **ONCE** annually, regardless of the number of teams a player will be registered to play with.

Multiple-registration requires a player to name a primary team. Participating in play with the primary team will take precedence over any other team(s) the player will be registered to play with. At the time of State Competition, the player **MUST** play for his/her primary team unless the competitions will be held on different weekends. If the date should be different, a player would be able to play on more than one of the teams he/she would be registered with. Should both of the player's teams win the State Cup, and he/she would want to participate in the Regional Competitions, the player **MUST** play with the primary team. The USASA Region III does not allow a player to play on more than one team during these competitions. (See **Section 414 ADULT STATE CHAMPIONSHIP RULES** in this manual for more information on Multiple-Registration).

## 408 INSURANCE

### A. MANDATORY MEDICAL INSURANCE

1. Each adult player, regardless of the number of teams the player is registered to play for, must pay for the USASA Medical Insurance coverage at a one-time, per year cost set annually by US Soccer and USASA. A section for the payment of the insurance has been added to the *Adult Division Payment Form*. Because an adult player can register for more than one team, proof that payment for the insurance has been made from each player must be indicated on the roster when it is submitted to the local clubs and LSA.
2. Fees for payment of medical insurance will be reviewed and possibly changed annually by USASA.

### B. LIABILITY

Information on the liability insurance policy held by LSA can be obtained upon request from the LSA Office Administrator.

## 409 TRAVEL PROCEDURES

Travel permits will be required for any team event that will be held outside of Louisiana. Permission to travel will be subject to control and approval by the LSA Executive Committee through the LSA State Office Administrator. **LSA-registered teams will be prohibited from playing non-affiliated teams/clubs in non-sanctioned tournaments or from traveling without permission.**

An adult team wishing to travel out-of-state must complete an *Adult Application to Travel Form* and submit it, along with a team tournament roster **and \$5.00 fee** to the LSA Office for processing. Requests for travel should be made at least **TWO (2) WEEKS** prior to travel in order to give the LSA Office time to process the form. The *Amateur Application to Travel Form* can be requested from local club registrar/commissioner and obtained from the LSA Office. It will be the responsibility of the team wishing to travel and their respective club to get the *Adult Application to Travel Form* completed and submitted in a timely manner. **LSA WILL NOT USE EXPRESS MAIL SERVICES OR FAX** to expedite issuance of the permit. Travel forms will normally be processed, if all information is correctly submitted, on the day they are received as long as the application has been received during the regular working week.

#### A. ADULT TRAVEL REQUEST AUTHORIZATION

1. Complete the *Adult Application to Travel Form* by filling in the appropriate section, either for a tournament or a friendly game. A separate permit will be required for each tournament a team will be attending. The permit will **ALWAYS** be required whenever a team from Louisiana will be **traveling out-of-state for any type of competition.**
2. The *Adult Application to Travel Form* will also be required of any teams traveling to Louisiana to participate in tournaments or friendly games. **No out-of-state or foreign teams will be allowed to play in Louisiana without having first submitted the travel permit form or having obtained special permission from US Soccer, USASA and the Region.**

#### B. TRAVEL TO TOURNAMENT

A team intending to travel to an out-of-state event must first submit a completed *Adult Application to Travel Form*, accompanied by the hosting organization's approved *Application to Host* or their *Official Letter of Invitation* to the LSA Office. Every State Association should have documentation, which shows that they have been sanctioned by their State Association to hold the tournament. If such documentation has not been received prior to a team submitting their *Adult Application to Travel Form*, applying to play in the event, the form should be requested from the hosting organization. **LSA teams will not be authorized to attend non-sanctioned events.**

#### C. TRAVEL TO FRIENDLY GAMES

A team may apply to travel to play friendly games with affiliated teams in other states for a period of one seasonal year. The team wishing to travel for play out-of-state must provide each State Association that it will be traveling to for competition an *Adult Application to Travel Form*. The travel form must have been properly completed and approved by LSA before the team will be authorized to travel out-of-state for competition. A separate application will also be required when traveling and playing in those states where there is more than one soccer organization (i.e. North Texas, includes Dallas and South Texas, includes Beaumont).

#### D. PROCEDURES FOR COMPLETING AN ADULT APPLICATION TO TRAVEL PERMIT

1. Complete applicable sections of the form.
2. Attach the *Application to Host/Official Letter of Invitation* received from the hosting organization.
3. Enclose the current LSA Adult Roster (the team tournament roster) for the team planning to participate in the event **and \$5.00 fee**. Guest players need to be indicated. The team roster must be signed by the team representative and stamped by the local club registrar/commissioner as being an official and approved roster. **No rosters previously submitted for other tournaments will be accepted. An *Application to Travel* will be required for each tournament that a team will be participating in.**
4. After paperwork has been checked by the LSA Office and the submitted information is known to be correct, the LSA Office Administrator will approve the permit, sign it and affix the LSA seal on it. A copy will be sent to the team representative/coach and a roster will be forwarded to the Tournament Director.

## 410 HOSTING TOURNAMENTS

Clubs/associations wanting to host a tournament or a friendly game, where US Soccer-registered, affiliated teams will be participating, must submit an *Application to Host Form* to LSA. The form can be obtained by interested groups from the LSA Office through their club administrator/coordinator. **No tournament will be sanctioned by LSA unless this form has been completed and submitted to the LSA Office prior to sending out notices for the event.** This form must also be furnished to out-of-state/foreign teams wishing to participate so these teams can submit the proper paperwork to their home associations for approval.

## 411 PLAYING RULES

**FIFA LAWS OF THE GAME** shall apply to all adult competition within LSA, except where provided for in this manual.

### A. EXCEPTIONS TO *FIFA LAWS OF THE GAME*

1. Players must wear shin guards in all soccer activities, including practices.
2. Unlimited substitution will be allowed, at the discretion of the referee.
3. Local club rules will sometimes be applied in games. Teams should provide copies of their local rules to visiting players/teams.

(See **Section 414 LSA Adult State Championship Rules** and **Section 412 Under-23 Club** in this manual. Also refer to **Section 211 Hosting an International Game** in this manual).

## 412 UNDER-23 CLUB

The LSA U-23 Club will be for players (recreational, open, college) who are at least sixteen (16) years old and who have not reached their twenty-third birthday as of January 1 of the current seasonal year. The playing season is summer.

Each player must follow LSA adult registration procedures, and every player will be issued a US Soccer-approved, **LAMINATED** Player Pass. Local clubs, when possible, will handle registering teams/players within their areas. Otherwise, registration will be done by LSA. A *Letter of Intent* and

a roster, with at least seven (7) players listed, must be submitted no later than the deadlines set by LSA. A maximum of twenty-two (22) players can be placed on the roster and twenty-two can participate in the match. The first eight teams that have applied, prior to the deadline from each region, will be accepted. A minimum of four (4) teams will be necessary for a club to be formed.

A per team registration fee, set by LSA, will include referee fees, liability insurance fees, team and player fees. An additional fee will be assessed per player to cover costs for mandatory medical insurance. This cost is set annually by US Soccer and USASA. A *Letter of Intent*, along with a \$100 bond should be sent to the LSA Office by the deadline date set by LSA. The postmark date will serve to determine whether a team has met the deadline. The \$100 performance bond will be credited toward the team registration fee. Final rosters and the remainder of fees will be due no later than the deadline date set by LSA.

Each team will provide a contact person/representative to represent the team during the season. Each team/club shall provide a field(s) with goals and nets. The field should be at least 110 yards long.

The State Referee Administrator will handle referee assignments. The State Association will pay referees based on a set scale and according to LSA game reports, which are to be submitted by referees to the State Referee Administrator after each match has been completed.

#### A. ELIGIBILITY

1. The competition shall be open to affiliated U-23 adult teams in good standing with Louisiana Soccer Association – Adult Division (LSA – AD). The club will be under the administration and jurisdiction of the Louisiana Soccer Association.
2. Teams wishing to participate in the club must pay a non-refundable bond and an applicable team fee, and send a completed *Letter of Intent* to LSA no later than the deadlines set by the State U-23 club commissioner. Failure of a team to attend scheduled club games will be cause for the team to relinquish all fees, including the \$100 bond.
3. Players shall carry US Soccer Adult Division approved, **LAMINATED** Player Passes which bear a recognizable photograph of the registering players (**NO PHOTOCOPIES OF PHOTOGRAPHS WILL BE ACCEPTED**) and show player ID numbers

#### B. COMPETITION ADMINISTRATION

The LSA – AD officers or their designated representative(s) shall be responsible for administering the competition.

#### C. DURATION OF GAMES

1. Games will be played in a round-robin format and consist of two (2) forty-five (45) minute halves. **There will be no overtime.**
2. Games which have been played into the second half; or where the first half has been completed, but had to be stopped due to circumstances beyond the control of either participating team, will be considered complete.

#### D. FORFEITS

1. A team proven guilty of using an ineligible player shall forfeit the game, in which the ineligible player was used, to the opposing team.
2. A team shall forfeit a game to the opposing team for failure to comply with the rules of the competition.
3. If a team will be unable to field seven (7) players within fifteen (15) minutes of the time the game was to have begun, it shall forfeit the game. The score will be recorded as 1-0 in favor of the opposing team.

#### E. TEAM UNIFORMS

Each team should, when possible, have two (2) sets of jerseys with each set of jerseys being of different colors and each jersey marked with a clearly visible number on the back.

#### F. SUBSTITUTION

Unlimited substitution will be permitted whenever a team will be taking a throw-in; and by either team prior to a goal kick, after a goal, after injury, or at half-time.

#### G. POINT SYSTEM / STANDINGS

1. The point system for round-robin will be:
  - a. 2 points for a win
  - b. 1 point for a tie
  - c. 0 points for a loss

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#### H. PLAYER AND TEAM MISCONDUCT

This section will apply to all teams registered with LSA when they participate in games in-state or out-of-state:

- 1<sup>st</sup> send-off – 1 game suspension
- 2<sup>nd</sup> send-off – 2 games suspensions
- 3<sup>rd</sup> send-off – suspension for the rest of the season

1. A send-off during the last game of the season will result in the suspension of that player during his/her **next TWO** regularly scheduled season games.
2. The Penalty Committee, appointed by the LSA Adult Officers, will review all cautions and send-offs, and if necessary, will assess additional penalties.
3. When a game has been terminated because of team misconduct, the score at the time of termination will stand. If the team guilty of misconduct was leading at the time the game was terminated, the score will be recorded as 1-0 in favor of the opposing team. Any send-offs in the forfeited game will still be subject to the penalties discussed in **Section 412:H** above. LSA – AD could also apply further penalties or sanctions against the violating team.

#### I. PROTESTS

The LSA – AD shall decide and apply any interpretations of the U-23 competition rules. Its decisions will be final.

1. Procedures to protest a game:
  - a. Within forty-eight (48) hours of the termination of the game to be protested, a written report that gives the reasons for the protest, and a \$100 protest fee should be submitted to the LSA Office.
  - b. No protest will be considered if it has been based on a decision considered to be referee judgement.
  - c. The protest fee will be returned to the team if the protest is upheld and forfeited if the protest is rejected.

#### J. AWARDS

A team trophy will be awarded to the first place team.

#### K. MATTERS NOT PROVIDED FOR

Matters not provided for in these rules shall be determined by the LSA – AD. **Its decisions will be final.**

### 413 STATE SELECT TEAM PROGRAM

The purpose of the Select Team Program will be to identify outstanding men and women soccer players for the United States Amateur Soccer Association, and to provide a high level of competition for the selected players. In addition, the select team program will give identity and purpose to the State Associations, the Regions, the Adult Division and US Soccer.

The Select Team Programs for both the Men and Women are designed to identify potential United States National Team players.

The Teams which players may qualify for are:

- United States Men's National Team
- United States Major Club Soccer
- United States Olympic Team
- United States Pan-American Team
- United States University Games Team
- United States Women's National Team
- United States WUSA

The selection process involves all State Associations. The State Associations will either enter eligible teams to compete against All-Star Teams within their states, or have open trials where registered and non-registered players can tryout for the state teams. The State Select Teams' coaches will use the tryouts as an opportunity to select the best players while they observe the players competing.

In the spring, the four regions will each hold a Regional Select Team Tournament. Participation will include those interested State Select Teams from around each of the regions.

The Regional Coaches (Men's and Women's) will select the Regional Select Team players who will participate in the Olympic Festival. The Festival will be staged by the United States Olympic

Committee and the Adult Division National Select Team Tournament. The Division can extend the Select Team Program to include a national competition for state select teams, with the four regional winners competing for a national championship. The semi-finals and finals would be played on a date that would be selected by the Executive Committee. The final four round could be in addition to the Select Team Finals, or it may be substituted for the final competition of the regional teams.

#### A. REGIONAL SELECTION GUIDELINES

1. The Regional Select Team Tournaments will include any State Select Teams who choose to participate and that are in good standing with the USASA.
2. Affiliated players, from State Associations that do not have teams participating, may petition the Select Team Coordinator for permission to enter the regionals with a composite team.
3. A player, adult or youth, chosen for the State Select Team must be currently registered with their respective State Associations.
4. An officer of the State Association must submit a certified *State Select Team Roster* to the Regional Select Team Committee. Each player must have filled out a *Player Profile Form*. (See **Section 415 Forms** in this manual).
5. A player selected to the Regional Select Team must have been a State Select Team player who has played at Regional Competition. A youth player who is on an Under-19 team at Regional Competition and is Under-30 at the National Competition may be placed on a Regional Team with the approval of the Regional Director.
6. Players, who at the time of the National Tournament have not been released from their college commitments and did participate at the regional level, may be considered for the National Team, provided he/she will be seen again at the spring regional tournament.
7. Players who fail to fulfill their commitment to appear for his/her Select Team Competition after making a commitment may be subject to the following actions by the USASA Executive Committee:
  - a. Mandatory reimbursement to the state/region/division for fees/expenses paid on behalf of the player.
  - b. Player could be suspended from all competitions for up to one (1) year. Disciplinary actions can be appealed through the proper channels.

#### B. NATIONAL SELECT TEAM RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. A player must have been a member of a State Select Team and have participated in one of the Regional Select Team Tournaments.
2. Regional rosters cannot exceed sixteen (16) players, one (1) coach and one (1) administrator.
3. Games will be two (2) forty-five (45) minute halves. *FIFA Laws of the Game* will apply.
4. Once a player has been substituted for, the player **CANNOT** return to play in that game.

## C. CODE OF CONDUCT FOR SELECT TEAMS

1. Players must have matching jerseys and coordinating shorts and socks. Goalkeepers' uniforms can be different from the other players' uniforms on his/her team.
2. Shirts will be worn tucked into the shorts, and socks will be pulled over the shin guards. **SHIN GUARDS MUST BE WORN.**
3. A *Player Profile Form* must have been completed on each participating player prior to his/her participation in any Regional/National level competition.
4. Players must read and sign the Certificate of Agreement. A duplicate copy will be given to the player for his/her records. (See **Section 415 Forms** in this manual).

## D. STATE SELECT TEAM ADMINISTRATOR DUTIES

1. Act as liaison between team and coach and the Select Team Committee.
2. Obtain team uniforms and soccer balls, arrange for travel and accommodations, and schedule practices and games/scrimmages.
3. Advise Select Team Coach of any arrangements and schedules.
4. Coordinate trainers for medical assistance for the Team, and keep the Select Team Committee informed of any injuries sustained by any player(s) on the Team.
5. Attend meetings relating to the Select Team and Tournament, and advise coach and team of the information obtained.
6. Inform Select Team Committee of arrival of team on the playing site.
7. Responsible for team administration and management.
8. Coordinate arrival/departure times of the Team coach and players, and inform the proper person(s) on the Select Team Committee about the departures.
9. Responsible for conduct of all persons, players, coaches, spectators supporting the team and self. Report violations of the tournament rules and policies and procedures to the Select Team Committee.

## E. STATE SELECT TEAM COACH DUTIES

1. Schedule Select Team Tryouts and related practices or scrimmages and coordinate these through the LSA Adult Commissioner – Men & Women, and the State Select Team Administrator.
2. Train and coach the State Select Team at Regional Competition and other related events.
3. Be responsible for the conduct and behavior of the Team players and self at events in which the State Select Team might participate.
4. Represent self in professional and positive manner, especially when dealing with the Regional/National Coaching Staff and the Select Team Committee.

## 414 LSA ADULT STATE CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

### A. ELIGIBILITY

Competition will be open to affiliated adult teams registered with and in good standing with the Louisiana Soccer Association – Adult Division (referred to in these rules as LSA – AD).

Competitions will be for the following categories, and teams can play in only **ONE** of these competitions:

Men's Amateur Cup	Women's Amateur Cup
Men's Over-30 Cup	Women's Over-30 Cup

A player must present **a** valid USASA Player Pass.

Dual-registered players will be allowed to play on both an Open team and an Over-30 team in the Adult State Tournaments, provided the tournaments are not held on the same dates. If the dates will be the same, the involved player(s), having designated a primary team at the time of registration, **MUST** play with the primary team during the tournament.

1. The following rules will apply to dual-registered players:
  - a. Players who are dual-registered must be clearly indicated on the Open roster and/or Over-30 roster at the time they are submitted to LSA – AD for approval for tournament play. **A primary team must be designated.**
  - b. If a player will be playing on an Open and an Over-30 team, and both teams should win their respective tournaments, the player(s) **MUST** play for the primary team **ONLY** at the Regional Tournament of Champions.
  - c. An exception to Rule #2 would be made to allow the player(s) to play for the secondary team if the player's(s') primary team would release him/her (them). 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 the appropriate Adult Commissioner – Men or Women c/o LSA – Adult Division for approval. If approved, the player(s) would be free to play on his/her (their) secondary team.

All teams planning to enter the Championship must pay a non-refundable entry fee, and complete and submit the entry form no less than thirty (30) days prior to the tournament. Each team must post a performance bond. To do so, the team will be required to present a separate check or money order in the amount set by LSA, made payable to their local club. The club will issue a final check, made payable to LSA. Failure of a team to play all scheduled games in the tournament will be cause for that team to relinquish all entry fees and the performance bond. Also, the team will not be allowed to participate in the following year's Championship competition.

The roster on file with the LSA Office at the time of the deadline set by the Tournament Director, will be the official team roster for a team entering the state championship tournament. A maximum of twenty-two (22) players will be allowed on the roster. On the day of the tournament, a team will be allowed to use **ANY** of the registered players from its approved roster. (See **Section 402 Player Registration**).

All players shall be required to carry a US Soccer Adult Division-approved and **LAMINATED** player pass which must bear a recognizable photograph of the participating player (**NO PHOTOCOPIES OF PHOTOGRAPHS WILL BE ACCEPTED**) and show a player ID number (usually a player's Social Security Number). Before each scheduled game, passes must be presented to an appointed official of the Championship Tournament Committee, and the official will check the passes against the team roster that had been submitted to LSA prior to the tournament. Each player will also be identified with his/her player pass. Player passes, of players scheduled to play, are then to be presented to the assigned game official prior to each game.

## B. COMPETITION ADMINISTRATION

The LSA – AD officers or their designated representative(s) shall be responsible for administration of the Championship.

## C. FORMAT OF THE COMPETITION

The tournament will be held one weekend, whenever possible. Modification of the competition format can be made by the Adult Council if there is lack of participation, cancellations, inclement weather conditions, etc. The format of the competition will be determined by the total number of teams officially entered. 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 and final rounds. If the number of teams entered prohibits division into multiple brackets, there will be one bracket and all games will be full-length.

## D. DURATION OF GAMES

All round-robin games will consist of two (2) forty-five (45) minute halves for men's games and two (2) thirty-five (35) minute halves for women's games. **There will no overtime in round-robin play.** The LSA Tournament Committee has the right to, and can change the lengths of times of halves of State Championship games. Halves cannot be changed to be less than two (2) thirty-five (35) minute halves, and the duration of the halves will be determined by the number of teams participating in a bracket. A change would only be made after consultation and agreement of the Adult Tournament Referee Committee. Semi-finals and finals will consist of two (2) forty-five (45) minute halves. In the case of a tie game, two (2) fifteen (15) minute overtime periods will be played to determine a winner. If a tie should still exist after the conclusion of overtime play, FIFA penalty kicks will be used to break the tie. If a game is stopped due to circumstances beyond the control of either participating team, the game shall be considered completed as long as one entire half of the game has been completed.

## E. FORFEITS

A team guilty of using an ineligible player shall forfeit the game in which that player was played. A team shall forfeit a game for failure to comply with the rules of the Championship. The score will be recorded as 1-0 for the opposing team. Exceptions to this rule can only be made by LSA – AD. Failure of a team to attend/participate in the Championship will cause the team to relinquish its entry fee and the posted performance bond. In addition to the forfeiture of all monies submitted by the team, other penalties and/or sanctions can be taken by the Adult Council against the violating team.

## F. GRACE PERIOD

A team not ready to start play a scheduled game (i.e. a team is unable to field a team with at least seven (7) players at the scheduled game time) shall be granted a fifteen (15) minute grace period. 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. The main game official shall note the game as a forfeit on his/her tournament game report. Only the Tournament Director can extend the grace period if he/she feels there are extenuating circumstances to do so.

#### G. TEAM UNIFORMS

Participating teams, when possible must have two (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. When there is a conflict of jersey colors of two competing teams, the home team, as designated on the game schedule, will change jerseys.

#### H. SUBSTITUTIONS

Unlimited substitutions shall be allowed, at the discretion of the referee, by the team taking a throw-in, and by either team prior to a goal kick, after a goal, after an injury, or at half-time.

#### I. METHODS FOR ADVANCEMENT

1. The point system for round-robin play will be:
  - a. 2 points for win
  - b. 1 point for tie
  - c. 0 points for loss
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:
  - a. Winner of head-to-head competition.
  - b. Highest Goal Average (G for divided by G against) 3 goal maximum per game.
  - c. Highest Goal Difference (G for minus G against) 3 goal maximum per game.
  - d. FIFA Penalty kicks

#### J. PLAYER AND TEAM MISCONDUCT

A player sent-off must sit out the remainder of the game he/she was sent-off, in addition to the next tournament game. If it was the player's second tournament send-off, the player **WILL NOT** be allowed to participate in the remainder of the tournament. **No substitution will be allowed for a player who is sent-off.** If a player or coach has been disciplined by the game official and was asked to leave this site, and the player or coach refuses to comply, this could be cause for the offending player's or coach's team to forfeit the game. The decision will be made by LSA – AD. A player or coach who persists in misconduct after being sent-off from a game might subject his/her team to forfeiture of that game. The decision will be made by LSA – AD. When a game has been terminated because of team misconduct, the score at the time of termination will stand. If the violating team was ahead, the score will be recorded as a 1-0 win in favor of the opposing team. The team guilty of misconduct will be disqualified from the Championship. Any send-offs in the terminated game will be subject to

the penalties listed in **Section 412:H Under-23 Clubs**. If a team does not complete all of its schedule tournament games for any reason other than an official cancellation, inclement weather, etc. that team will not be allowed to participate in the LSA Adult State Championship the following year. Also, **NO** team, who has failed to compete in the state tournament after having applied to do so, will be allowed to compete with a team composed of any eight (8) members of this same team in the Championship the following year.

#### K. PROTESTS

1. The LSA – AD will control interpretations of the Championship Competition Rules. **Its decisions will be final.**
2. To protest a game, the following procedures will be followed:
  - a. Within one (1) hour after the termination of the game to be protested, a written report, with reason(s) for the protest, and a \$50 (cash) protest fee shall be submitted to a representative of the LSA – AD at the Championship Competition site.
  - b. No protest will be entertained if the protest is based on a decision that was considered to be referee judgement.
  - c. The protest fee will be returned to the team if the protest is upheld, and forfeited if the protest is rejected.

#### L. AWARDS

First and second place teams in each division will receive a team trophy and individual player awards.

#### M. ISSUES NOT PROVIDED FOR IN THE RULES

Issues not provided for in these rules and regulations will be determined by the LSA – AD. **Its decisions will be final.**

### 415 FORMS

US Adult Soccer Division Player Registration Form  
US Soccer Federation Adult Division Team Roster  
US Adult Player Pass  
LSA Adult Division Payment Form  
LSA Adult Registration Drop Form  
LSA Proof of Insurance Request Form  
LSA Goal/Field Inspection Criteria Form  
LSA Application for Travel Form  
LSA U-23 Club Letter of Intent  
LSA Adult Division State Cup Entry Form  
Medical Insurance Form

**211 HOSTING INTERNATIONAL GAMES**

Any foreign youth or adult team wishing to enter Louisiana to play friendly games or in a tournament with LSA affiliated teams MUST CONTACT THE LSA OFFICE.

*See Policy 211-2 Hosting International Games*