



AUSTIN WOMEN'S SOCCER LEAGUE CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 1 – NAME OF ORGANIZATION

The name of this organization shall be the Austin Women's Soccer League, hereinafter referred to as the AWSL, Inc. (AWSL).

ARTICLE 2 – PURPOSE OF ORGANIZATION

The purpose of the AWSL shall be to promote women's participation in soccer, encourage the growth of soccer and to guard the interests of its members, regardless of race, creed, color, sexual orientation, and/or age.

ARTICLE 3 – POWERS OF ASSOCIATION

The AWSL shall govern all divisions, teams, officials, players, non-AWSL members affiliated with the team, duly registered or otherwise, participating in any and all activities of the AWSL. The headquarters of the AWSL shall be in Austin, Texas.

ARTICLE 4 – GOVERNING BODIES

Section 1. Board of Captains

The AWSL shall be governed by the Board of Captains, hereinafter referred to as the Board. The Board shall be comprised of one voting representative from each duly registered team.

Section 2. Executive Committee

The Board shall elect officers to the Executive Committee (See Bylaws Sec. 2). These officers shall be elected by a 51% vote of a quorum (See Bylaws Sec. 6C) of the Board at the fall meeting each year to take office immediately and serve for a term of one calendar year.

Section 3. Judicial Committee

The Judicial Committee shall be composed of a chair and a member from each Division appointed by the President and subject to approval by a majority vote of the Board. The Judicial Committee shall have the power to enforce the rules and policies of the AWSL. No member of the Executive Committee may be appointed to the Judicial Committee. No Judicial Committee member may review any controversy in which her team is involved.

ARTICLE 5 – MEETINGS

The Board shall hold organizational meetings each year prior to each playing season – Fall, Spring and Summer. Additional meetings will be held on an as-needed basis. Adequate notice of such meetings will be given in advance to each member of the Board and Executive Committee. An Annual General Meeting shall be held at the meeting held prior to the Fall season each year for the purpose of election of officers, and old and/or new business.

ARTICLE 6 – AMENDMENTS

Amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws of the AWSL shall be made by a 2/3 majority of the Board. Any other matter shall be decided by a majority of a quorum.



AUSTIN WOMEN'S SOCCER LEAGUE BYLAWS

SECTION 1 – MEMBERSHIP

An AWSL member is any woman who is a registered player on an AWSL team. Only AWSL members may be elected as officers.

SECTION 2 – OFFICERS

A. The officers of the Executive Committee will administer the following functions:

President

The President shall serve as representative and spokesperson of the AWSL, preside over meetings of the Board and Executive Committee, coordinate and direct activities of the Board, collaborate with the referee assignor and field representative, and create game schedules. The President shall appoint all committees, with the exception of the Executive Committee, subject to approval by the Executive Committee. It shall be the duty of the President to enforce the Constitution, Bylaws and Rules of the AWSL. The President shall act as liaison for the AWSL to all affected organizations.

Vice President

The Vice President shall assist the President with league activities, act as substitute for the President in her absence and/or upon request, manage player registration/status, and act as the chairperson of the Tournament Committee, organize other special competitions, and assist in other duties as needed.

Treasurer

The Treasurer shall prepare and maintain an operating budget for the following fiscal year and present such budget to the Board for approval by December 31. The Treasurer shall also prepare a report of the previous budget year and present this report to the first Board held after the end of the fiscal year. The Treasurer shall help collect team fees, fines, and other income, make authorized expenditures, and keep receipts of all expenditures. The Treasurer shall ensure that Federal tax forms and filings are completed in a timely manner.

Secretary

The Secretary shall record the minutes of each Board meeting and incorporate changes in the Constitution, Bylaws and Rules of the AWSL. The Secretary shall also act as parliamentarian at all Board and Executive Committee meetings.

Communications and Media Director

The Communications and Media Director shall communicate special scheduling situations, events, and other league information to players. The Communications and Media Director shall drive media communications across multiple platforms to promote AWSL.

B. Elections

Nominations for officers shall be taken from a list prepared by each team and/or from the floor at the time of the elections.

C. Vacancies

In case of any vacancy, the Executive Committee shall elect a replacement within one month. Officers having to vacate office should give notice at least two weeks prior to vacating. In case of a vacancy in the office of President, the Vice President shall be Acting President until a special election can be held.

SECTION 3 – VENDORS/CONTRACTORS

The Executive Committee shall enter into a contract with appropriate vendors to provide services needed by the league. Contract proposals will be accepted a minimum of 30 days after posting. Contracts will be for a one year period and will be awarded by the Executive Committee.

SECTION 4 – FINANCIAL SUPPORT

General requests for financial support will be considered and awarded by the Executive Committee at any scheduled meeting. Requests may include, but are not limited to, attending the USSF coaches' clinic, referee training, and teams requesting financial assistance to compete in tournaments. Recipients agree to meet requirements established by the Executive Committee.

SECTION 5 – DIVISIONS

AWSL shall be structured in divisions. In order to determine the number of divisions and the placement of teams within these divisions, the Executive Committee shall use the following rules:

A. Seasons

There shall be three seasons of play: Fall, Spring and Summer.

B. Division and Division Alignment

Division alignments—i.e., how many divisions there will be, how many teams will be in each division, and team placement within each division, division types (including skill and age restricted)—shall be determined by the Executive Committee at the beginning of the Fall, Spring and Summer seasons. The number of divisions and teams in each division shall be based on the number and skill level of teams registering for each particular season. The Executive Committee shall determine a team's placement in a particular division based on the team's standings in the prior season, if any, calculated as set forth in Section D of the rules of the AWSL. If the Executive Committee deems it necessary to facilitate fair and competitive play, other factors may be considered by the Executive Committee in determining division alignments.

Each Fall and Spring season, any team finishing with the highest point total and having a six (6) or more point gap above the team with the next highest point total in their respective division from the prior season may be promoted to the next highest division for the next season of play. In addition, any team with the lowest point total and having a six (6) or more point gap below the team with the next lowest point total in their respective division from the prior season may be relegated to the next lower division for the next season of play. Teams that finish first or last in point total in their respective division but that fall within the six (6) point gap from adjacent teams, may make a request to move up or down a division, respectively, for the next season of play.

Promotions and relegations each Fall and Spring season will be based on the prior season's standings and other factors if necessary to facilitate fair and competitive play, except that a team's points in the standings for Summer play will not be used.

SECTION 6 – BOARD MEETINGS

Each team shall send a minimum of one representative to each Board meeting. Teams who fail to attend such meetings will be fined \$25.00. This fine must be paid to the AWSL Treasurer within 72 hours of their next scheduled game. Failure to meet the deadline for payment will result in forfeiting all subsequently scheduled games until such fine is paid to the AWSL Treasurer.

Minutes shall be made of each Board meeting by the Secretary reflecting all significant decisions. A copy of the minutes shall be made available within 30 days after the Board meeting to each team representative and to each Executive Committee member. All rules, policies, and minutes of the AWSL shall be kept as part of the permanent records of the AWSL for a minimum of seven years.

A. Meeting Schedule

Regular Board meetings shall be held prior to each playing season – Fall, Spring, and Summer.

B. Emergency Meetings

Emergency meetings can be called by a petition of 1/3 of the Board members. Notice of special meetings will be made at least 48 hours in advance.

C. Quorum

A quorum shall consist of the presence of 50% + 1 Board members.

D. Robert's Rules

Robert's Rules of Order shall serve as a general guide but shall not be procedurally binding.

E. Voting is as follows:

Each team may cast one vote. Only the primary Captain or an AWSL member representing that team shall be allowed to vote. The President may cast a vote in the event of a tie.

SECTION 7 – FINANCIAL MATTERS

A. Fiscal Year is the Calendar Year

The AWSL fiscal year will coincide with the calendar year beginning January 1 through December 31.

B. Operating Budget

The Treasurer shall present an operating budget for the following fiscal year to the Board for approval by December 31. The Treasurer shall also prepare a report of the previous budget year and present this report at the first Board meeting following the beginning of the fiscal year.

C. Non-Budgeted Expenditures

Any expense for a non-budgeted item greater than \$500.00 shall be agreed to by the Executive Committee prior to payment being issued. Any such expense shall be reported to the Board at their next meeting.

SECTION 8 – EMERGENCY ACTIONS

In the event that AWSL is required to take immediate action on a matter where the Board has not previously established a rule or policy and it is impractical or impossible to convene the Board before such an action must be taken, the Executive Committee may, if three members concur, act on behalf of the League. In any such event the Secretary shall send a written report of any such action to each team representative within one month.

SECTION 9 – REVISION OF CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

Revisions to the AWSL Constitution, Bylaws, and/or Rules may be made at Board of Captains meetings. Written notice of the proposed revisions shall be made available to each Board member at least 15 days before the vote.

SECTION 10 – GRIEVANCES

A. Grievance

“Grievance” is any complaint which in the opinion of the complainant is a violation of the AWSL Constitution, Bylaws, or Rules and Procedures.

B. Officers

1. Any AWSL member may file a written complaint with the Chair of the Judicial Committee against any member of the Executive Committee acting outside the scope of her authority.
2. Within seven (7) days of receipt of the complaint, the Chair shall hold a meeting of the Judicial Committee to determine whether the allegations made in the complaint, if taken to be true, indicate that the member of the Executive Committee has acted outside the scope of her

authority. If the Judicial Committee finds that such is the case, the Chair shall set a date for a hearing within fourteen (14) days of receipt of the complaint.

3. Notice of the hearing shall be made available to all members of the Executive Committee, the complainant, and any interested party, as determined by the Chair, at least three (3) days before the hearing. Within fourteen days after the hearing, the Judicial Committee will make a report of their findings and recommendations available to the Board of Captains. The Committee's findings of fact shall be binding upon the Board.
4. The Board of Captains will then vote upon the recommended actions at the next scheduled meeting or at an emergency meeting. A written record of the above will be kept as part of the permanent records of the AWSL for a minimum period of seven years.

C. Judicial Committee

Any AWSL member may file a complaint with the President against a Judicial Committee member acting improperly in connection with her official duties. The President shall hold a meeting of the Executive Committee within seven days of receipt of the complaint to determine whether the allegations, if taken to be true, indicate that the Judicial Committee member acted improperly in connection with her official duties. If the Executive Committee finds that such is the case, the President shall call a joint meeting of the Executive and Judicial Committees to decide what action will be taken.

D. Other Grievances

Any AWSL member aggrieved by the action of any member (other than those actions described above and Section H and I of the Rules) may file a written grievance with the Chair of the Judicial Committee to review the grievance. In the event that there are not three eligible members of the Judicial Committee available, the Chair may appoint any other member of the AWSL. The panel will decide whether any action is warranted. If the panel decides that action is warranted, the Chair may call a hearing before the Judicial Committee or may call a joint meeting of the Executive and Judicial Committees. Notice of the hearing shall be made available to all interested parties, as determined by the Chair.

The hearing committee shall make findings of facts and make recommendations based upon legal or equitable principles not inconsistent with the Constitution, Bylaws or Rules of the AWSL. The Chair shall send a written report containing the findings of facts and the recommendations to team representatives. The findings of facts shall be binding on the Board. The Board, by a majority vote, may set aside or modify the recommendations. A written record of the above will be kept as part of the permanent records of the AWSL for a minimum of seven years.



AUSTIN WOMEN'S SOCCER LEAGUE RULES

A. REGISTRATION RULES

1. The Executive Committee will determine the registration deadline needed to allow adequate time prior to the start of the season.
2. A team is registered when it has completed the online team registration, which includes paying any required fees by the deadline and submitted the following:
 - a) Team name, team captain and alternate captain names, phone numbers and email addresses designated to receive league information;
 - b) Team colors
3. Any registered AWSL player may play on more than one AWSL team.
4. New team registration may be accepted following the closing of regular registration, as long as scheduling permits and if space exists for additional teams.
5. Players must complete the online player registration which includes player information, paying required fees and release consent. Players must be at least 18 years of age to register.
6. Any game played by a team with an unregistered player shall have the outcome recorded as a 0-2 loss. The offending team shall pay a fine of \$100.00 for each game in which the unregistered or improperly registered player participates. The fine must be paid no later than 48 hours before the next scheduled league game. The offending player may not play until registration is properly completed and all fines are paid. Any player who is found to be an unregistered player two times or more will be subject to the ruling of the Judicial Committee.
7. A temporary player pass, also called a weekend pass, allows a player to play for one weekend. In the event of a rainout or other game cancellation by the league, the expiration date for the temporary pass will be extended to the next weekend of scheduled games. The fee paid towards a temporary player pass may be applied to the players registration fee if the player registers within the same calendar year.

B. TEAM CAPTAIN RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Responsible for your team's player's eligibility.
2. Responsible for the submission of all necessary rosters, fees, fines, etc., called for in these Rules.
3. Represent their team at all general meetings and communicate the business conducted to his/her team members. In the event that the captain is unable to attend a general meeting, she should identify a team member to attend in her place. (See Bylaws Section 6 – Board Meetings).
4. Notify their team of the date, time and location of each game.
5. Ensure that team members are familiar with and abide by the AWSL Rules and FIFA Laws of the Game. Each team representative is responsible for ensuring that all rules of competition are complied with by her players and spectators and for the conduct and courtesy of her players and spectators.
6. Responsible for maintaining order and respect for the authority of the referee during games.
7. Ensure that your team contact information is current and accurate with the President

C. STANDINGS

1. Standings will be determined each Fall and Spring season.
2. Standings shall be determined by a point system using 3 points for a win, 1 for a tie, and 0 for a loss.
3. When two teams in the same division have an equal number of points, final standings will be determined and the tie broken as follows:
 - a. Goal differential for the season. Goal differential is computed by subtracting all goals scored against the team from all goals scored by the team. Only scores against teams in the same division are considered and no more than three clear goals are allowed.

- b. The winner of head to head play.
- c. Goal differential for the games the two teams played against each other.
4. The league shall use these guidelines to the extent possible in determining standings for competitions occurring when only partial season standings are available.

D. PLAYING RULES

The playing rules shall be those promulgated by FIFA, with the following exceptions:

1. Team rosters are unlimited – there is no limit on the maximum number of players registered for a team or suited up per game.
2. Substitutions will take place according to FIFA rules (unless the referee determines weather or other circumstances require freer substitutions) except that a player may be substituted and may return to the game any number of times during an AWSL league game. A player may not play in multiple games occurring at the same scheduled time. In other words, a player cannot play in one game for the first half and then move to another team's game to play the second half when the two games are taking place at the same scheduled time.
3. If a game is called by a referee because of player or spectator misconduct or because one team decides it does not want to or cannot continue play for any reason, the score at that time shall stand as the final score if at least one complete half (forty-five minutes) of the game has been played. The team responsible for the early game cancellation shall be responsible for paying the opposing team's referee fees unless the Judicial Committee, upon timely appeal by the canceling team, determines otherwise. Additionally, the Executive Committee may refer to the Judicial Committee any early game cancellation so that the Judicial Committee can determine whether a monetary fine up to \$50.00 shall be imposed against the team for canceling the game. If a monetary fine is imposed, the team must pay the fine to AWSL before resuming play in the league.
4. If a game is called because of weather and the second half had not started, then the game will be considered cancelled for a rainout and will be treated like any other rained-out game.
5. In the event of a uniform color conflict, the home team shall change uniforms. If after the schedule is published, a team changes its uniform colors, that team is responsible for avoiding color conflicts, regardless of whether it is the home team.

E. FORFEITURES OR CANCELLATIONS

1. The procedures and ramifications for a team requesting that a game be cancelled are:
 - a) The team captain or representative must send an email to the President and opposing team captain of the cancellation by no later than four days before the scheduled AWSL game to avoid a cancellation fee or fine. The captain of the cancelling team remains responsible for following up and ensuring the notification was received by all involved by four days before the scheduled game.
 - b) If the team captain or representative fails to notify the President and opposing team captain within the timeframe in-subsection (a) above, then the team cancelling the game will be fined an amount equal to the total payment due to referees assigned to the game and the game will be considered as a forfeit. The game score will be recorded as a 2-0 win for the non-forfeiting team.
 - c) If a team forfeits due to having fewer than the required minimum number of players, seven for 11v11 and five for 8v8, at the field on the day of the-scheduled game or cancels the day of the game, then the team will be fined an amount equal to the total payment due to referees assigned to the game, plus \$50. The game score will be recorded as a 2-0 win for the non-forfeiting team.
2. In the event of a forfeiture, all fines must be paid to the AWSL Treasurer no later than 48 hours before the next scheduled AWSL game. If the fine is not paid within this time frame, then the next scheduled AWSL game will be forfeited by the team in arrears and an additional \$50.00 fine will be imposed.

3. If a team has fewer than the required minimum number of players at the scheduled game time, seven players for 11v11 and five players for 8v8, the referee will postpone the decision of forfeiture for up to ten minutes after the scheduled start time. If the game is so postponed, the referee shall shorten both halves proportionally as needed so as to end the game at the appointed time.
4. If neither team has the required minimum number of players at the scheduled game time the referee shall postpone the kickoff by 10 minutes. If at the end of 10 minutes one team has the required minimum number of players but the other team does not, the referee shall record a forfeit by the team with fewer than the required minimum number of players. If at the end of 10 minutes neither team has the required minimum number of players ready to play, the referee shall record a double forfeit.
5. If the scheduled referee is not present at the scheduled game time, both teams may agree to a substitute referee. If no referee is available, or if both teams cannot agree, the teams shall wait 15 minutes (or more if both teams agree) for the scheduled referee. If the referee has not appeared within the stated time, the game shall be rescheduled. The team captains must notify the President.
6. In the event that either subsections 3 or 4 above occur simultaneously with subsection 5 above, then subsection 5 takes precedence.
7. Any team that requests the cancellation of, or otherwise forfeits, two games in a season (for reasons other than play in a tournament) is subject to disqualification from the AWSL for the remainder of the season, with no refund of registration fees. The disqualified team will be removed from the schedule and will not play the remainder of the season and must pay all assessed fines before returning to the league. The Judicial Committee may reassess the removal penalty upon submission of an appeal by the team within five days of the second forfeiture and upon a showing of good cause. The team appealing a decision to remove the team from the schedule must put forward a \$50.00 appeal bond, which will be returned only if the Judicial Committee finds in the team's favor. The Judicial Committee, in its discretion, may impose lesser sanctions than removal of the team from the schedule if the circumstances so warrant. The Judicial Committee will issue its decision regarding the team within four days of the appeal. If removal of the team from the league is warranted, the Judicial Committee will determine if a team's removal from a schedule will continue for only a portion of the season or for the entire season.

F. RESCHEDULED GAMES

A regularly scheduled game may be rescheduled after cancellation by a team if:

1. A team is registered to play in any tournament and informs the captain of the opposing team, and President four days before the scheduled game.
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2. The team desiring a cancellation notifies all relevant parties pursuant to Section F.1.a. above and pays the applicable fine, and the opposing team agrees to try and reschedule the game.
 3. AWSL will put forth its best efforts to reschedule voluntarily cancelled games, because of limited field and costs to the league, rained out games will take rescheduling precedence over cancelled games. Voluntarily cancelled games thus may not be rescheduled even if the opposing team agreed to try and reschedule.
 4. For all games that are slated to be rescheduled, whether by cancellation or rain out, the President shall determine the date of the rescheduled game based on field and referee availability.

G. USE OF THE FIELDS

1. A player may use a field under the jurisdiction of the AWSL only at times scheduled through the appropriate authority.

2. In the event of a rainout, players may not use the affected fields. A player(s) or team that violates this rule shall result in the suspension of the player(s) or teams for the rest of the season plus a \$100.00 fine per team.
3. In the event of a forfeit, players may scrimmage on the field during the time allotted for their scheduled game.

H. RAIN OUT POLICY

A rain out occurs when a game is cancelled due to the condition of a field caused by weather conditions or possible danger due to weather. If a game is cancelled due to a rain out and a team (s) does not play a minimum of eight (8) games (which constitutes an AWSL Season) a refund may be given for the cancelled game.

1. If a rain out occurs and a game was previously cancelled a refund will not be issued.
2. If a rain out occurs and a team had a bye week and was not scheduled to play a refund will not be issued.
3. If a game is rained out and rescheduled at the end of the season a refund will not be issued.

I. REVIEW OF REFEREE'S DECISIONS

1. A written petition shall be submitted within five days of the played match. A \$100.00 bond must accompany the written petition. Copies will be delivered to the President, Vice President, registered representative(s) of the opposing team, and the referee assignor.
2. The petition shall state the date, time, place, names of the referee(s) and other individuals involved, and the names of both teams. It shall detail material facts surrounding the controversy and list grounds for contention.
3. The Judicial Chair shall select a panel composed of three members of the Judicial Committee to examine the petition. In the event that there are not three eligible members of the Judicial Committee available, the Chair may appoint any other member of the AWSL, except that no member may review a case in which she or her team is involved.
4. If a majority of the panel finds that the petition indicates failure by the referee to properly interpret the Laws of the Game, and that the outcome of the game was thereby materially affected, the Chair shall hold a hearing the persons named in subsection 1. The referee(s) involved shall be required to appear at the hearing. If a referee is unable to appear at the hearing, he/she shall send a written response or may be represented by another certified referee.
5. If the panel finds that one of the conditions set out in subsection 4 is not met, it shall dismiss the petition without a hearing and shall retain the bond.
6. If the petitioner prevails, the bond shall be refunded and the match replayed.

J. CAUTIONS AND EXPULSIONS

1. Caution/yellow cards may be issued by the referee for:
 - a) Foul play
 - b) Dangerous play
 - c) Criticism of the referee's or linesmen's decision, protests, etc.
 - d) Disparaging remarks about referees, linesmen, other players, or any other person present at the match
 - e) Ill-mannered (incorrect) behavior
 - f) Unethical conduct
 - g) Gamesmanship (time wasting, deliberate hand ball, etc.)
 - h) Temporarily leaving the field of play without notifying the referee
 - i) Other unsporting behavior (feigning, making rude gestures to the public, etc.)
 - j) Any other behavior prohibited under the FIFA rules

2. Any player who shall accumulate four cautions in the Fall, Spring and Summer seasons will be fined \$25.00 and suspended until the player has appeared before the Executive Committee to justify further participation in the league.
3. Expulsion/red cards may be issued by the referee for:
 - a. Serious foul play
 - b. Very dangerous play
 - c. Violent conduct
 - d. Persistent protests against decisions by the referee and linesmen
 - e. Leaving the field of play in protest without notifying the referee
 - f. Repeated misconduct despite a previous caution by the referee
 - g. Extremely unethical conduct
 - h. Repeated gamesmanship
 - i. Insulting players, team officials, or any other person present at the match
 - j. Other serious acts of unsporting behavior
 - k. Any other behavior prohibited under the FIFA rules
4. Punishment for an expulsion/red card: minimum suspension for one match. In the case of a player who plays on more than one team and is involved in a disciplinary problem resulting in that player's suspension, the suspension shall apply to that player's participation in all of the next scheduled games.
5. Any player who shall accumulate two expulsions/red cards in the Fall, Spring and Summer must appear before the Executive Committee to justify further participation in the league.
6. Any player or non-AWSL member who receives a red card must immediately leave the field area and not stay near the field the remainder of the game. Any player or non-AWSL member who refuses to leave the field area shall face additional fines/punishment by the Judicial Committee.
7. If the Executive Committee deems appropriate, within seven days of receipt of the referee report showing that a player or non-AWSL member affiliated with the team has been guilty of misconduct described in this section, the Executive Committee may submit such referee report to the Judicial Committee, which shall decide whether to impose only the minimum punishment set within this section or whether a greater punishment should be imposed. The Judicial Committee may consider materials submitted by the referee, opposing team, player and any other relevant persons. If the Judicial Committee determines that greater punishment should be imposed, the Chair of the Judicial Committee shall inform the President and player of the Committee's decision and ask whether the player desires a hearing or whether the player will accept the punishment the Judicial Committee deems appropriate without a hearing. If the player chooses a hearing, such hearing shall be conducted as timely as possible, and the player must submit a \$50.00 bond (in addition to the \$50.00 fine for a red card) in order to play in any league games pending the hearing and the Judicial Committee's final decision.
8. The punishment the Judicial Committee decides to impose under this section may reflect further game suspensions and/or additional fines. If a non-AWSL member affiliated with an AWSL team (for example, a spectator or coach) receives a red card or engages in any conduct set forth above in Rule J. 3., the Judicial Committee may impose sanctions (including game suspensions and/or fines) on the team with which the non-AWSL member is affiliated.
9. Any player or non-AWSL member affiliated with a team who receives a red card may appeal the red card to the Judicial Committee by posting a \$50.00 bond and stating in writing the reasons for the disagreement. The Judicial Committee may also consider materials submitted by the referee, opposing team, player and any other relevant persons so long as the player receives copies of that information. The Committee will convene to consider the appeal during which time the suspended player may participate in league and tournament play as long as that player has sat out the first game following the incident. Regardless of the appeal or its outcome, the player must sit out the first game following the incident. Therefore, the appeal shall only concern whether the player must pay the \$50.00 fine.

10. Once a preliminary decision concerning the appeal is made, the Judicial Committee will inform the red- carded person of its decision and ask whether the player desires a hearing or whether the player will accept the decision of the Judicial Committee without a hearing. If the player chooses a hearing, such hearing shall be conducted as timely as possible.
11. In determining the validity of a player's appeal, the Judicial Committee may consider imposing no fine at all or a lesser fine than \$50.00. If the Committee considers the appeal frivolous, then the AWSL shall retain the bond.
12. Any non-AWSL member affiliated with the team ejected from a game shall be suspended from the next game and the team fined \$50.00. If ejected from the area of the field a second time during the same season he/she will be prohibited from attending any AWSL game during the remainder of the season. Any infringement of the prohibition from attendance may result in the affiliated team's forfeiture of the game.
13. Fines shall be paid to the Treasurer within 48 hours prior to playing in the next scheduled game and the Treasurer will notify the President about the paid fines. The President will notify the player and team captain the date the player may return to play
14. Any player or non-AWSL member affiliated with the team sent off for conduct manifesting a clear intent to injure shall be suspended for a minimum of three games. A second offense shall result in a minimum suspension of 15 games.
15. Any player or non-AWSL member affiliated with a team sent off for flagrant verbal harassment or foul and abusive language shall be suspended for a minimum of one game per the rules above. A second offense shall result in a minimum suspension of five games.
16. Any player or non-AWSL member affiliated with the team who assaults a game official shall be permanently suspended from the AWSL. Assault includes, but is not limited to the following acts committed upon a game official: hitting, kicking, punching, choking, spitting at or on, grabbing or bodily running into a game official, the act of kicking or throwing any object at the official that could inflict injury, damaging the official's uniform or personal property, etc. In the event of an assault, a \$100.00 fine will be assessed to the team and must be paid to the Treasurer prior to the next scheduled AWSL game in order to play.
17. Any player or non-AWSL member affiliated with the team in the AWSL is subject to the Rules of the AWSL while at any AWSL game regardless of whether he/she is a participant.