

Bylaws of the Laurel Jones County Soccer Club

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Article I: Organization and Administration

Section 1: Name

The name of the organization shall be the LAUREL-JONES COUNTY SOCCER CLUB (Hereinafter referred to as the "LJCSC" or the "Club").

Section 2: Objective

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

Section 3: Operation

The LJCSC shall operate as a non-profit organization.

Section 4: Headquarters

The headquarters of the LJCSC shall be in Laurel, Mississippi.

Address: Laurel-Jones County Soccer Club
(Current President's Address)
Laurel, MS 39440

Section 5: Membership

Any person (including parent and/ or legal guardian) that has a child registered in the LJCSC for the fall and/ or spring season of that year shall be considered a Member of the Club. Each Member shall be entitled to one vote. Any Member who is not in good standing in the Club may not vote.

Section 6: Affiliation

The LJCSC shall be affiliated with the Mississippi Soccer Association (MSA). LJCSC shall abide by the rules' and regulations of MSA. In the event of any conflict in the LJCSC's constitution, bylaws or local rules and the MSA regulations and bylaws shall control.

Section 7: Age Divisions

- A. The LJCSC shall consist of boys and girls divisions divided between the ages of four (4) and eighteen (18). The divisions shall be Under 19, Under 16, Under 14, Under 12, Under 10, Under 8, Under 7, Under 6 and Under 5. Depending upon

enrollment U8 and U7, and U6 and U5, may be combined. A player's age shall be determined based on the calendar year in which he/she is born.

- B. Teams ages U19, U16, U14, U12, boys and girls, will be formed by DIV III rules and procedures according to MSA rules. The teams will be named according to the coach's last name.

Section 8: Board of Directors

- A. The Board of Directors shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Head Coach, Head Referee and Directors.
- B. The activities and business of the LJCSC shall be conducted by the Board of Directors according to MSA bylaws, regulations and the LJCSC bylaws and operating procedures.
- C. The President shall appoint an individual to fill the remainder of the term of any Officer or Director who has resigned.
- D. Except for the President, each member of the Board shall have one vote on issues that come before the Board. The President shall not vote on issues except in the case of a tie vote, in which case the President shall cast the deciding vote.
- E. A person or persons who wish to be an Officer (but not a director) of LJCSC must be a member of LJCSC.

Section 9: Officers

The Officers of the LJCSC shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Head Coach and shall be designated as the Executive Committee.

Section 10: Directors

The Head Referee shall be elected annually by the LJCSC Referees Association and shall be approved by the Executive Committee to serve as a Director.

There shall be one director for each of the following divisions: Boys Director, Girls Director, Boys U8 and Below Director, and Girls U8 and below Director. These Directors shall be nominated and approved by the Executive Committee to serve as Directors.

Section 11: Fair Play Committee

There shall be a five (5) member Fair Play Committee appointed by the President to hear all coaches, players, referees, parents or Board members discipline issues and make a written recommendation to the Board. The ruling of the Fair Play Committee shall be final unless appealed to the Board within ten (10) days of the committee's decision. The Fair Play Committee shall transact all business according to Article XIII of these bylaws.

ARTICLE II: Duties of the Board of Directors

Section 1: Authority

The Board shall manage and govern the LJCSC in accordance with these bylaws. No member of the Board shall act contrary to these bylaws or contrary to a decision of the Board as reflected in the minutes. The Board may take any action it deems necessary and proper to run LJCSC as long as the action taken is in compliance with these bylaws and the bylaws, or constitution of any soccer organization to which MSA belongs and complies with Article I, Section 2 of these bylaws.

Section 2: Operating Procedures

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

Section 3: Administration

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

Section 4: Approval of Coaches

The Board of Directors shall appoint all head coaches of teams competing under LJCSC jurisdiction. Coaches must meet satisfactorily complete the Kids Safe requirements and/or other background checks as deemed appropriate by MSA or the Board.

Section 5: Minutes of Authority

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

Section 6: Quorum

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

Section 7: Meetings

Board of Directors meetings will be held as often as deemed necessary by the board President, but no less than four times per year Meetings may be held in person and by teleconference. A meeting of the Board of Directors may be held at the discretion of the President anywhere and/or at any time, so long as all Board members are notified of said meeting.

Section 8: Open Meetings

All Board meetings shall be open to the public, but Members wishing to address the Board must make arrangements with the President prior to the meeting.

Section 9: Executive Session

Upon a motion, duly seconded and carried by majority vote, the Board may go into executive session for action or discussion concerning discipline of any member, Board member, coach, player or parent and/or to discuss any acts of the aforementioned individuals which could be construed to be detrimental to LJCSC, or in violation of these bylaws or to discuss appointments to committees, Head Coach's approval or a vacancy of any Board member. Further, upon motion, duly seconded and a passage by majority vote, the Board can go into executive session to consider the formation or the approval of teams. No other matters can be discussed in executive session. The Board may go into executive session and/or decide an issue despite the wrongful party's failure to appear.

Article III: Annual General Membership Meetings

Section 1: Annual General Meeting

There shall be an Annual General Meeting held within the month of April or May of each year for the purpose of electing Officers and the Directors, receiving reports on the state of LJCSC, and amending these bylaws. Members shall be allowed one vote each on the election of Officers, amendments of these bylaws and any other matter brought before the meeting. The date, time, and place of the Annual General Meeting shall be established by the Board of Directors and shall be advertised publicly at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting. Any action taken at the Annual General Meeting shall be reflected in the minutes.

Section 2: Elections and Terms of Office

- A. Nominations shall be accepted from the floor at the Annual General Meeting for any Board position up for election.
- B. In order to be nominated for Head Coach, an individual must have a state level "D" license or higher or its equivalent.
- C. A nomination must be seconded to appear on the ballot and candidates should

- be given an opportunity to speak to the Members in attendance.
- D. Candidates do not have to appear in person to qualify for office as long as the requirements herein are met.
- E. The Vice-President and Treasurer shall be elected in even numbered years. The President, Secretary and Head Coach shall be elected in odd numbered years. The Directors and Head Referee shall be elected and/ or appointed every year.
- F. In the first year these Bylaws are in effect, all Officers shall be newly elected, with the provisions of Article III, Section 3, Subsection D to apply to the election of Officers the following year.
- G. The term of office for all Board positions elected at the Annual General Meeting shall be June 1st of the year elected.

Section 4: Post Annual General Meeting/Organizational Meeting

The newly elected Board shall hold an organizational meeting as soon as practicable after the Annual General Meeting of each year. Subsequent regular meetings may be called by the President or by a majority of the Board, or may be set by Standing Rule.

Article IV: Duties of the LJCSO Officers

In addition to abiding by the bylaws and the decisions of the Board as reflected in the minutes, each Officer shall have the following duties:

Section 1: President

- A. The President of the LJCSO shall preside at all Board of Directors' Meetings.
- B. The President shall submit an annual report on the operation of the organization for presentation at the annual meeting.
- C. The President shall appoint, annually, an Auditing Committee of not less than two (2) non-Board Members to review the financial records and reports of the Treasurer and make a report to the Board.
- D. The President shall ensure the LJCSO has representation at the MSA Annual General Meeting (AGM).
- E. The President shall coordinate the efforts of the other Officers to ensure that the intents and purposes of these bylaws and all decisions of the Board are carried out.
- F. The President shall appoint individuals to serve in vacant Board positions for any unexpired term.
- G. The President shall appoint the five (5) Members on the fair play committee according to Article XIII of these bylaws.
- H. The President shall forward all misconduct reports to the fair play committee for investigation and decision.
- I. The President shall approve any hardship waiver of fees.
- J. The President shall form such committees as he/ she deems necessary to carry out the business of the Club.

Section 2: Vice-President

- A. The Vice-President shall assume the duties of the President in his/her absence or resignation from the Board.
- B. The Vice-President shall be the Board representative on any Challenge, D1, D2, Competitive and Select Divisions, serving as the Club's representative on such Select Board of Directors and/ or other committees.
- C. The Vice-President shall preside at meetings of the Board in the absence of the President.
- D. The Vice-President shall be responsible for all Board-approved tournaments hosted by the LJCSC.
- E. The Vice-President shall assist the President as requested by the President.

Section 3: Secretary

- A. The Secretary shall record the minutes of all meetings, attend to all correspondence and keep the records of LJCSC. The minutes should include the type meeting called, the vote of the Board on all actions taken, the vote on any motions for executive sessions and the general nature of the reason for the motion for executive session, the motion and the vote for adjournment and any other matters the Board deems necessary to be in the minutes.
- B. The Secretary shall be responsible for ordering uniforms.
- C. The Secretary shall keep an up-to-date master copy of these bylaws and the operating procedures of LJCSC.
- D. The Secretary shall prepare and mail all LJCSC correspondence.
- E. The Secretary shall maintain the website and social media pages.

Section 4: Treasurer

- A. The Treasurer shall collect all fees and income of the LJCSC. He/She shall be responsible for paying all Board approved bills and expenses incurred by the LJCSC.
- B. The Treasurer will submit an annual report to the Board of Directors or such other reports as requested by the President.
- C. The Treasurer shall keep records of all financial transactions and accounts.
- D. The Treasurer shall maintain an inventory of all Club assets.
- E. The Treasurer shall submit a financial report at the Annual General Meeting which should include a balance sheet and income statement at the end of the fiscal year.
- F. The Treasurer shall transmit all records and funds to his/her successor at the end of his/her term of office.
- G. The Treasurer shall provide a financial report to the Board at each Board meeting.
- H. The Treasurer shall submit a proposed budget to the President for the anticipated costs of operating LJCSC for the next year so that the President can submit same to the newly elected Board.

- I. The treasurer shall have check writing authority on any LJCSC checking account. However, all checks written shall be for an expense or item approved by the Board of President in carrying out Board decisions or the day to day management of LJCSC and subsequently approved by the Board.

Section 5: Head Coach

- A. The Head Coach shall conduct periodic meetings with all coaches to ensure that they are kept informed of items which might interest them.
- B. The Head Coach shall be principally responsible for finding head coaches for LJCSC teams. The Head Coach shall encourage participation by all coaches in the MSA coaching clinics and shall encourage coaches to be certified by MSA. He shall arrange clinics as necessary and keep records as to which LJCSC coaches are licensed and at what level.
- C. The Head Coach shall provide periodic training for all coaches, with emphasis on "new" coaches, especially for U8's and below.
- D. The Head Coach shall participate in the scheduling of games to ensure that teams are not required to play an inordinate number of games in a single day and that all age divisions play an appropriate number of games during the season.
- E. The Head Coach shall undertake any projects which would improve the quality of the coaching provided to youths registered within the LJCSC.
- F. The Head Coach shall establish and administer a training program for coaches and players.
- G. The Head Coach shall monitor games and practices at his/her discretion and advise the Board.
- H. The Head Coach shall act as the point of contact between the coaches and players with the Board, as necessary.
- I. The Head Coach shall, at the end of each year, collect and store as necessary any of LJCSC's equipment and make an inventory of all of LJCSC's equipment and provide the inventory to the President and Treasurer.
- J. The Head Coach shall preside over any committee created by the Board to promote LJCSC sponsored training clinics.

Section 6: Head Referee

- A. The Head Referee shall be responsible for recruitment, licensing, continued training, assessment and promotion of referees.
- B. The Head Referee shall serve as the LJCSC liaison with referee officials outside of the LJCSC, including MSA District and State Tournaments.
- C. The Head Referee shall be responsible for disseminating referee information within the LJCSC.
- D. The Head Referee shall maintain necessary information on all LJCSC referees so as to allow judicious assignment to games, and reasonable progression of experience.
- E. The Head Referee shall assist with game scheduling and assignments.
- F. The Head Referee shall appoint the Referee Assigner subject to the approval by

the Board. The assignor:

- a. Must be a USSF referee assignor, having the ability to communicate with the league and referees.
- b. Shall serve as a Director for one year.
- c. Shall follow MSA assignor guidelines and should be familiar with the process of becoming a registered referee.
- d. Must be able to organize and assign referees in a timely manner.
- e. Assigns matches under the LJCSC jurisdiction.
- f. May be called upon to assist the state game assignor and tournament assignor when games under their jurisdiction are played in the LJCSC area.
- g. In the absence of the Assignor, the Head Referee shall assume the duties of the Assignor.

Article V: Duties of the Directors

Directors shall keep records concerning teams in their respective divisions, provide for playing fields and their maintenance, register players and collect fees as determined by the Board of Directors. Each director shall be responsible for organization and administration of all matters relative to their divisions. Further, each director shall report to the Board any and all matters of concern in their divisions. The director has the authority to waive fees due to financial hardship, but must have approval of the President.

Article VI: Registrar

The Registrar shall be appointed by Board of Directors and shall serve independently from the Board. The Registrar shall not be entitled to vote. The Registrar shall be paid such compensation as the Board shall determine.

The Registrar shall participate in the establishment of registration procedures and requirements and coordinate registration, with each district director being responsible for his/ her own area and shall receive all completed registration forms.

The Registrar shall enter data for individual players into the computer and forward required documents (individual/team) to the MSA state office in accordance with MSA procedures/policies.

The Registrar shall keep a record of all registrations and submit rosters and reports to the State Treasurer and Registrar.

The Registrar shall assist the Secretary updating and maintaining the website and social media pages.

Article VII: Operating Authority and Order of Business

Section 1:

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

Section 2:

The order of business for all LJCSC meetings shall be:

- a) Opening
- b) Roll call
- c) Minutes of previous meeting
- d) Reports of Board Members
- e) Reports of Committees
- f) Special Orders
- g) Old Business
- h) New Business
- i) Good of the Game
- j) Announcements
- k) Program
- l) Adjournment

Article VIII: Registration and Uniforms

- A. To become a member of LJCSC, a player must submit a complete application for registration, including the payment of all required registration fees.
- B. Registration may be completed by mail, personal delivery, online or electronic mail (email). Anyone submitting a registration form by email shall be deemed to have executed the registration form upon submission.

- C. Registration fees shall be established by the Board of Directors.
- D. A player must present a birth certificate or the equivalent at the time of registration or prior to the first league game.
- E. No player shall register without the written consent of a parent or guardian.
- F. Registration cut-off shall be determined by the Board of Directors on a seasonal basis. Any player wanting to register past the registration cut-off date shall do so at the discretion of the Board by first obtaining permission of the Board.
- G. Acceptance of registration and assignment of a player to a team shall be at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

Section 2: Uniforms

The league will supply recreation, challenge and select division players with a uniform (as determined by the Board of Directors) that he/she may keep at the conclusion of the season. The Club shall pay for the cost of all recreational uniforms and the cost of challenge and select division uniforms shall be the responsibility of the respective teams.

Article IX: Teams and Competition

Section 1: Jurisdiction

All games played by members of the LJCSC shall be under jurisdiction of the LJCSC.

Section 2: Team Names

Team names shall bear no resemblance to a religion or nationality, controversial or offensive names as determined by the Board shall not be permitted.

Section 3: Game Participation

Teams shall participate only in games approved by the LJCSC.

Section 4: Players

Team rosters may carry the following number of registered players based on the guidelines as defined in the MSA Administrative Manual.

Teams shall be approved by the Board and all on-time players assignments to teams will be made by the Board without coach input, regardless of the number of players. After a coach has been issued a team, a player can be added by the Board's approval only if adding a player to a team will not make that team exceed the "maximum number on the team," Board approval must be obtained.

Teams shall be formed and conducted according to MSA Bylaws and LJCSC Bylaws and/or the operating procedures of both organizations and pursuant to any statement

provided by MSA.

Teams of ages U19, U16, U14, U12 (boys and girls) will be formed by DIV III rules and procedures according to MSA guidelines.

Section 5: Transfer of Players

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

Section 6: Practice Periods

Team practices for recreational teams shall be restricted to two (2) per week or three (3) per week if no game.

Section 7: Division Requirements

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

Section 8: Player Participation

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

Section 9: Length of Game

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

Section 10: Team Standings

At the end of the Spring Season, a tournament will be held to determine first and second place teams to represent LJCSC in the district tournament.

Section 11: Championship Playoffs

All championship playoffs shall be in accordance with MSA and FIFA rules and bylaws.

Section 12: Tournament Participation

- A. It is an objective of LJCSC to have its teams participate in sanctioned tournament play.
- B. At the Board's discretion, registration fees, in part or full, for eligible recreation and challenge teams for state sponsored tournaments may be paid by the LJCSC.

- C. All Star teams will provide their own fees and are subject to and must act in compliance with any operating procedures approved by the Board and the bylaws of LJCSC and MSA.
- D. Teams will abide by MSA tournament rules.
- E. The following guidelines will be used to operate and select LJCSC all-star teams:
 - 1. Coaches shall be selected based upon the ranking of their team at the end of the regular spring season. The head coach of the team in first place shall be the all-star coach. If the first place team coach does not take the all-star team, then the second place coach shall be offered the position. Coaches must hold the appropriate level coaching license for their age group. Coaches may select their assistant coaches for the all-star team.
 - 2. A second all-star team may be formed upon player interest and Board approval.
 - 3. Coaches will make an effort to observe two (2) games for each team prior to selection of the all-star team. It should be at a time when the coach can observe objectively. Coaches shall be aware that any player can have an "off" game. This is the reason for observing two games.
 - 4. The first place team coach shall identify players to compete for the all-star team. The players identified shall be placed in a player pool and the size of the pool shall be left to the coach's discretion. If a second all-star team is formed, both coaches shall participate in the selection of the player pool. If a second all-star team is formed only one try-out will be held in that division.
 - 5. The coach of the first or primary team will select the players for the first team. Coach of the second team shall select the players for the second team from the remaining pool.
 - 6. Players not selected for the first team are eligible for second team. Any player who does not try out for the first team cannot be selected for the second team, except by LJCSC Board approval.

Article X: Officiating

Section 1: Referee Responsibilities

- A. All LJCSC Referees must be United States Soccer Federation (USSF) certified for the current year to officiate LJCSC competition games in accordance with LJCSC, MSA, and the FIFA rules.
- B. Referees shall at all times impose the rules and regulations of competition as designated by the LJCSC, MSA and the FIFA rules in general and shall be paid as approved by the SRC Board.
- C. The Laws of the Game recognize only one system for officiating soccer games, namely the diagonal system of control (DSC), consisting of three officials - one referee and two assistant referees.
- D. All LJCSC U-10 and above competition games require the use of this officiating system. In order to comply with the Laws of the Game which MSA and LJCSC, all competition soccer games sanctioned directly or indirectly by LJCSC, must

employ the diagonal system. LJCSC prefers the following alternatives in order of preference:

1. One USSF Referee and two USSF referees as assistant referees.
2. One USSF referee, one USSF referee as an assistant referee and one assistant referee who is unrelated to either team and not registered* as a referee, acting as a club linesman (only if there are not enough USSF referees as stated in 1, above).
3. One USSF referee, and two assistant referees who are unrelated to either team and not registered* as referees, acting as club linesmen, (only if there are not enough Federation referees as stated in 1 or 2, above).
4. One USSF referee and two assistant referees who are not registered* USSF referees and who are affiliated with the participating teams, (only if there are not enough Federation referees as stated in 1, 2 or 3, above).
5. If one USSF referee is not available the game shall not be played. Association linesmen (not registered as USSF Referees) are limited to calling in and out of bounds only.

Section 2: Absence of Referee

In case the appointed referee fails to appear for a scheduled game:

For a LJCSC assigned game the LJCSC Assignor, Head Referee, or President (preferred order) shall be notified to obtain a referee and concurrence for following:

- a. U-7 and below - a referee should be appointed by agreement between teams. Upon arrival at the field of play of the league approved referee, or another league approved referee), the game will be halted at the next stoppage of play at which time the appointed referee or other league approved referee will assume cognizance of the game.
- b. U-8 – If a USSF referee is available, (upon concurrence of LJCSC Assignor, Head Referee, or President) referee should be appointed by agreement between teams. Upon arrival at the field of play of the league approved referee, the game will be halted at the next stoppage of play at which time the appointed referee will assume cognizance of the game. If one USSF referee is not available the game shall not be played.
- c. U-8 – If a USSF referee is available, (upon concurrence of LJCSC Assignor, Head Referee, or President) referee should be appointed by agreement between teams. Upon arrival at the field of play of the league approved referee, the game will be halted at the next stoppage of play at which time the appointed referee will assume cognizance of the game. If one USSF referee is not available the game shall not be played.
- d. U-10 and above – Shall follow SECTION 1.C above.
- e. For a non-LJCSC assigned game, the teams will contact the hosting League for direction, until a league approved referee arrives.

Section 3: Game Reports

Referees shall report to the designated Director (on a LJCSC official score card) the personnel of the team, goals scored, and the result of the game. Any significant violations of rules and regulations by either team or their team officials (those violations resulting in cautions and/or ejections) must be included in the report, which shall be delivered to the Director within twenty- four (24) hours of the game.

Section 4: Circumstantial Departure of Referee during Game

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

Section 5: Referee Uniforms

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

Section 6: Other Referee Responsibilities

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

Article XI: Duties of Coaches and Officials:

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

Section 1:

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

Section 2:

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

Section 3:

Coaches shall train and coach their respective teams to the best of their ability and shall

be encouraged to become certified by MSA.

Section 4:

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

Section 5: Misconduct

Any case of misconduct on the field of play by players, parents, coaches or officials, shall be reported by the coach to the Head Referee or Area Director or Head Coach of LJCSC within forty-eight (48) hours of the misconduct. The report should be in writing and a complete statement of the misconduct should be included.

Additionally, the Referee shall report any misconduct of a player, coach or parent to the Head Referee within forty-eight (48) hours of said misconduct and shall prepare a written report of same.

Section 6: Player Discipline

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

Section 7: Team Line Up Rosters

The coach or designated representative of each team shall furnish the Referee the team's line- up of players for the game. The line-up shall consist of the following numbers of players:

Minimum number Minimum to continue division: during a game: to start game: after injury or ejection:

AGE DIVISION	MAXIMUM FIELD PLAYERS DURING A GAME	MINIMUM FIELD PLAYERS TO START A GAME	MINIMUM FIELD PLAYERS TO CONTINUE AFTER INJURY OR EJECTION
U19	11	8	7
U16	11	8	7
U14	11	8	7
U12	8	6	5
U10	6	4	4
U8 & U7	4	3	3
U6 & U5	3	2	2

Section 8: Request to Play in a Different Division

A Member may request at registration that his/ her child be placed in a higher, but not lower age division. The decision of whether or not to allow the requesting Member's child to "play up" shall be in the sole discretion of the Board, which decision shall be final.

Section 9: Referee Game Assignment

No one shall assign or appoint a referee, assistant referee or fourth official in any match under the jurisdiction (direct or indirect) of the LJCSC who is not registered as a Referee Assignor with MSA for the current year. The LJCSC Board, Head Referee and/or Assignor may appoint an unregistered assignor in an emergency during the current seasonal year without becoming registered.

ARTICLE XII: FORFEITS. PROTESTS AND DISCIPLINE

Section 1: Postponement of Games

A game will only be rescheduled if a significant number of players are effected on a team because of a school/community event. The game may be rescheduled at the discretion of the Board.

Section 2: Refusal or Failure to Play

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

Section 3: Notification of Rescheduled Games

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

Section 4: Consequences of Forfeiture

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

Section 5: Delay of Games

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

ARTICLE XIII: FAIR PLAY COMMITTEE:

Section 1: Jurisdiction

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

Section 2: Authority

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

Section 3: Chairman

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

Section 4: Hearing

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

written report of the alleged violation, a copy of said written report has been provided to the wrongful party and the wrongful party acknowledges a desire to go forward with the hearing.

Section 5: Postponement of Hearing

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

SECTION 6: Appeals

Any party to a discipline hearing may appeal any decision of the committee to the Board of Directors by notifying in writing the President, Vice President or Secretary of the Board of Directors. The Board shall hear the matter at its next scheduled meeting and said hearing shall be in compliance with Article III, Section 9.

ARTICLE XIV: AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS:

Section 1: These bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of the Members in attendance at any Annual General Meeting.

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

Section 3: If the Special General Meeting ratifies the modification, such ratification shall be effective until the date of the next Annual General Meeting, at which time the modification shall be submitted as a proposed amendment to these bylaws.

Section 4: If the Special General Meeting fails to ratify the modification, the Board may not consider the same modification again until after the next Annual General Meeting.