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## **Rules & Regulations For Referees**

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### **1.0 Scope and Application**

- 1.1 These rules and regulations shall apply to any soccer game scheduled in the Province of Alberta requiring the provision of Referee Services by a Referee.

### **2.0 Definitions**

- 2.1 The capitalized terms contained in these Rules and Regulations shall mean the same as those terms defined in Appendix "A" attached hereto.
- 2.2 Notwithstanding Section 2.1 above, In the event of a conflict between any definition found in Appendix "A" attached hereto and the document entitled "ASA Key Definitions for By-Laws, Governance Policies and Rule & Regulations", as amended from time to time, the definitions contained in the latter document shall prevail.

### **3.0 Referee Obligations**

- 3.1 All Referees must register with the ASA annually according to the requirements or guidelines set forth by ASA as amended from time to time. The current ASA requirements and guidelines are located at <http://albertasoccer.com/referee/registration/>.
- 3.2 No person shall purport to provide Referee Services in any Sanctioned Game unless he or she is a Referee and his or her name is listed on the Eligible List of Referees for the relevant registration period.
- 3.3 No Referee may provide any Referee Services to any Unsanctioned Game whether in or out of Alberta.
- 3.4 Failure to comply with Section 3.3 shall result in sanctions or penalties against the offending Referee as outlined in Schedule C attached hereto.

### **4.0 Unavailability of Assigned Referee**

- 4.1 If the assigned Referee is unavailable or is unable to provide Referee Services for any reason whatsoever or no Referee has been assigned to a Sanctioned Game, the participating teams



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may agree on some other person to provide the required Referee Services provided that both participating teams provide their consent in writing on the official game sheets prior to the commencement of the Sanctioned Game.

- 4.2 Failure to provide prior written consent by the participating teams shall cause the match to be not considered an Official Game.
- 4.3 If the person selected by both teams to provide Referee Services as outlined in this Section 4.0 is in a conflict of interest as outlined in Section 6.0 below, such conflict shall be noted on the official game sheet before each team has provided its written consent.

## 5.0 Senior Team Requirements

- 5.1 Any Affiliated Member who registers Senior Teams may require each of its Senior Teams to qualify one person as Referee during each registration period.
- 5.2 Any Senior Team whose governing Member has instituted the requirement outlined in Section 5.1 above and who has not complied with this requirement prior to the start of any season may specify that the non complying Senior Team require at least one of its players to attend a course to become a Referee within 1 year of entry into any league that allows Senior Teams.
- 5.3 Such Affiliated Member may specify any penalty, sanction or fine for a failure to comply with this Section 5.0.

## 6.0 Conflict of Interest

- 6.1 Subject to Section 4.3, no Referee may accept an assignment to provide Referee Services in any Sanctioned Game that involves a member of his or her immediate family as a player or team official of one of the teams involved.
- 6.2 Subject to Section 4.3, no Referee may provide Referee Services in any Sanctioned Game within a division or grouping in which the Referee is also a player or Team Official unless prior written consent has been obtained from ASA and the affected Member.

## 7.0 Referee Badges

- 7.1 While providing Referee Services, no Referee shall wear any badge on his or her referee uniform other than the approved form of CSA or FIFA badge indicating any of his or her appropriate Referee classification level.



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7.2 Failure to comply with Section 7.1 shall result in sanctions or penalties against the offending Referee as outlined in Schedule C attached hereto.

## 8.0 Referee Code of Conduct

8.1 All Referees shall comply with any relevant code of conduct specified by the ASA.

## 9.0 General

- 9.1 Any assignment of a Referee to provide Referee Services pursuant to these Rules and Regulations shall be subject to any assignment of Referee Services specified by CSA, CONCACAF or FIFA.
- 9.2 Any Affiliated Members shall be entitled to select any Referee to be assigned to provide Referee Services to any of their league games.
- 9.3 These Rules and Regulations may be amended by a special resolution of the ASA membership at an AGM or Special Meeting or by special resolution by the ASA Board of Directors and ratified by the membership all of which shall be in accordance with the ASA By-laws, Article XI).
- 9.4 Notwithstanding any other provision of these Rules and Regulations, any Sanctioned Game involving the age groups Under 4, Under 6 or Under 8 shall not require a Referee to provide Referee Services and any Team Official, parent or other person may provide such services.



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## APPENDIX A – DEFINITIONS

Subject to the document entitled “ASA Key Definitions for By-Laws, Governance Policies and Rule & Regulations”, as amended from time to time, the following terms shall be defined as follows:

- (a) “**Affiliated Member**” shall have the meaning provided for in the ASA document entitled “Rules & Regulations on Membership” as amended by ASA from time to time;
- (b) “**ASA**” shall mean the Alberta Soccer Association, a society incorporated pursuant to the Societies Act (Alberta);
- (c) “**CONCACAF**” shall mean the Confederation of North, Central American and Caribbean Association Football;
- (d) “**CSA**” shall mean the Canadian Soccer Association;
- (e) “**Exhibition Game**” or “Exhibition Games” shall mean any competition where three (3) or less teams compete against each other in less than seven (7) calendar days;
- (f) “**FIFA**” shall mean the Federation Internationale de Football Association;
- (g) “**Eligible List of Referees**” shall mean the annual list of registered Referees eligible to provide Referee Services in a Sanctioned Game, whether played indoor or outdoor, as published by ASA from time to time;
- (h) “**Laws of the Game**” shall mean the laws, rules and regulations governing the game of soccer published by the International Football Association Board, as amended from time to time, and as modified by any Regular Member ;
- (i) “**Member**” shall have the meaning provided for in the ASA document entitled “Rules & Regulations on Membership” as amended by ASA from time to time;
- (j) “**Official Game**” shall mean any soccer game that is a Sanctioned Game and has met all of the ASA requirements in order for its results to be recorded by ASA for any league play, tournament or competition;
- (k) “**Referee**” or “**Match Official**” shall mean any person who has met the requirements set forth by ASA (as amended from time to time) and has become eligible to provide Referee Services to any Sanctioned Game and shall include an assistant referee, fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) official, any referee assessor, any referee mentor, referee instructors or any other person specified by ASA to be a Referee and whose name is listed on the Eligible List of Referees for the relevant soccer season;
- (l) “**Referee Services**” shall mean any person who enforces the Laws of the Game for any Sanctioned Game;
- (m) “**Sanctioned Game**” shall mean any soccer game that is not an Unsanctioned Game;
- (n) “**Senior Team**” shall mean a registered team of players participating in an open age competition or Masters/Classics competition or as otherwise specified by ASA;
- (o) “**Team Official**” shall mean any coach, assistant coach or team manager of any soccer team; and



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- (p) **“Unsanctioned Game”** shall mean any soccer game where:
- (i) any player is not registered with ASA;
  - (ii) the organizing entity or league is not registered with ASA;
  - (iii) either team is registered with any soccer organization that is not registered with ASA including but not limited to organizations who operate soccer camps or soccer academies or otherwise; or
  - (iv) the person purporting to enforce the Laws of the Game is not a Referee, or a person agreed to by the participating teams under article 4.0