

**Fundy Senior
Soccer League
2020-2021**

LEAGUE RULES AND REGULATIONS

1.0 Competition Name & Divisions

- 1.1 The name of the competition shall be the Fundy Senior Soccer League (FSSL), hereinafter, referred to as the FSSL.
- 1.2 The FSSL shall be divided into the following
divisions: Senior Men

Senior Women
- 1.3 The FSSL shall be open to all teams duly registered in accordance with Soccer New Brunswick Rules and Regulations.
- 1.4 The FSSL will be played provided that there is a minimum of four (4) entries in the division.

2.0 Management of the NBPSL

- 2.1 The FSSL League Management Committee (LMC) shall be responsible for developing and implementing the rules, policies and procedures governing the competition.
- 2.2 The League Management Committee shall be responsible for managing and implementing the operational functions of the FSSL.
- 2.3 Members of the FSSL (team reps) League Management Committee will have a direct affiliation with a team participating in the league (i.e. player, coach, manager, administrator or team official).
- 2.4 The FSSL will be operated in accordance with FIFA Laws of the Game, CSA and Soccer NB Rules & Regulations unless otherwise stipulated in this document.
- 2.6 At all general meetings of the FSSL, each club will be entitled to one vote.
 - 2.6.1 Teams expelled or who withdraw from the FSSL prior to the conclusion of the prior season shall forfeit their vote at the subsequent annual meeting of the FSSL.

3.0 Entering the FSSL

- 3.1 Each team must complete the FSSL Entry Form.
- 3.2 The entry form must be received by the FSSL no later than ONE MONTH prior to the start of the competition. Once accepted, a team will pay a non-refundable entry fee of determined by Fundy Soccer Club.

assessed against the team will be automatically deducted from the performance bond. The bond will be cashed once received and will be returned minus fees, fines, bonds or penalties assessed against a team at the conclusion of the NBPSL season.

4.0 Player Registration

- 4.1 Each player must be registered with Fundy Soccer Club prior to taking part in any FSSL competition.
- 4.2 The club is responsible for ensuring that the player registration information submitted to Soccer New Brunswick.

5.0 Scheduling

- 5.1 A draft schedule of all NBPSL games will be issued two weeks prior to the competition.
- 5.2 Rescheduling of games
 - 5.10.1 **ABANDONED/UNPLAYED GAMES**

Games will be rescheduled automatically by the FSSL, in conjunction with the respective teams, in the following instances:

 - The assigned referee does not appear for the match;
 - The permitting authority closes the facility;
 - The referee judges the field to be unfit for play;
 - There are weather factors, such as an electrical storm, which in the opinion of the referee, warrant not playing the game or its abandonment.
 - 5.3 A team that **forfeits more than one game** in a season shall be expelled from the league and all games, past and future shall be expunged. Furthermore, the team will need the majority approval of the team reps for re-entry for the next league season.
 - 5.16 If the referee is required to abandon a game at any time due to the actions of players, officials or supporters of one team the game shall be automatically awarded to the opposing team by the score at the time of 5-0 whichever is more advantageous to that team.
 - 5.17 If $\frac{3}{4}$ (68 minutes) or more of the normal playing time of a game has been completed and a serious injury occurs which makes completion of the game impossible the game shall be considered complete.
 - 5.18 If a game is abandoned by a referee for any other reason before the completion of two equal halves, the LMC shall rule on the status of the game.

7.0 Game Officials

- 7.1 The Fundy Soccer Club will coordinate one (1) registered referee to each game. minutes prior to the scheduled kick off.

Age Category	Referee
FSSL M	\$ 50.00
FSSL W	\$ 50.00

8.0 Competition Rules

8.1 Substitutions

- 8.1.1 Unlimited substitutions are permitted however, only two (2) players may be substituted at any one time during a stoppage of play at the referee's discretion.
- 8.1.2 No substitution shall be allowed for a player who has been ordered from the field of play for misconduct.

8.5 Points and Standings

- 8.5.1 The winning team of each game will be awarded three (3) points.
- 8.5.2 In the case of a tie at the end of play, each team will receive one (1) point.
- 8.5.3 In the case of a default, the non-defaulting team will win by a score of 5-0 and be awarded three (3) points.
- 8.5.4 At the end of league play, total points will determine the standings.
- 8.5.5 The final standings will determine the teams' placement for playoffs.

8.6 Tie-Breaking Procedures

- 8.6.1 FIFA Rule (6) Competitions Rules:
- 8.6.1.1 If two (2) or more teams have an equal number of points on completion of the round robin, the following criteria shall be used, to determine the final standings:
- (a) Previous Match Results**
The winner of the match between two (2) teams tied in points shall be awarded the higher position (not applicable if three (3) or more teams are tied)
- (b) Goals Difference**
Goal difference shall be calculated by subtracting the goals conceded from goals scored. A maximum difference of five (5) goals shall be awarded in each game. The team having the greater goal difference will be awarded the higher position.
- (c) Goal Average**
Goals divided by goals against. A maximum difference of five (5) goals per match will be used for purposes of this rule (e.g. a 7-1 result will be counted as 6-1). The team having the greater goal average will be awarded the higher points.
- (d) Least Goals Against**
The team having the fewer number of goals against will be awarded the higher position.
- (e) Penalty Kicks**
If two (2) teams are still tied under criteria (a) – (d) then the higher standings shall be decided by kicks from the penalty spot as follows:
- i. Two teams tied
As per FIFA Laws of the Game, at a time and place decided by the FSSL League management committee.
 - ii. Three teams tied

Each team is designated A, B, or C. Three mini games shall be played (A v B, B v C, C v A) consisting of five (5) penalty kicks at a time and place to be decided by the NBSL Representative.

The standings after these three (3) mini games shall be ranked according to the criteria (a) – (d) above;

iii. Four teams tied

Each team is designated A, B, C or D. Six mini games shall be played (A v B, C v D, A v C, B v D, D v A, and C v B) to decide the final rankings as in the three (3) team case.

10.0 Code of Conduct

- 10.1 Players, team officials and other persons involved in the FSSL are required to conduct themselves in a manner which will bring credit to the competition and the sport as a whole.

12.0 Discipline

- 12.1 The FSSL LMC will deal with all FSSL related disciplinary matters involving players and/or team officials in accordance with Soccer New Brunswick Rules and Regulations.
- 12.2 A red card (ejection) will result in a minimum of a one (1) game suspension.
- 12.3 Two (2) yellow cards (cautions) in the same game will result in a minimum of a one (1) game suspension.
- 12.4 The accumulation of five (5) yellow cards (cautions) in the same season will result in a minimum of a one (1) game suspension.
- 12.5 The accumulations of yellow cards and suspensions due to yellow cards do not carry over to playoffs. Red card suspensions do carry over to playoffs.
- 12.6 Serving Suspensions
- 12.6.1 A suspended NBPSL player must serve his/her suspension during the next scheduled FSSL game(s).
- 12.6.2 The suspended person's name shall appear on the game sheet with 'SP' written beside it and the suspension game # – i.e. Jim Smith (SP – 1 of 3).
- 12.6.3 A suspended player may participate in exhibition games or tournaments while serving a suspension from the FSSL; however, a suspended player may not sit out in an exhibition game or a tournament game in order to serve his/her suspension.
- 12.6.4 Notwithstanding Rule 12.5, red card suspensions rendered during the regular FSSL season that are not served to completion during the regular FSSL season shall carry over to the playoffs.
- 12.7 The FSSL shall keep a database of all cautions and dismissals and will convey the information regarding suspensions to the coaches and referees.

12.8 The following mandatory minimum suspensions shall be rendered for misconduct occurring in FSSL games (offences not outlined herein shall be subject to Soccer New Brunswick and/or Canadian Soccer Association Rules & Regulations):

a) **Players**

Five cautions (within the same NBPSL season)	First seasonal offence Second seasonal offence	1 game suspension 1 game suspension
Dismissed for receiving a second caution in the same game (neither offence was directed at the game official(s))	First seasonal offence Second seasonal offence	1 game suspension 3 game suspension
Dismissed for receiving a second caution in the same game (either offence was directed at the game official(s))	First seasonal offence Second seasonal offence Third seasonal offence	2 game suspension 4 game suspension 8 game suspension
Dismissed for offensive, insulting or abusive language (not directed at the game official(s))	First seasonal offence Second seasonal offence	1 game suspension 3 game suspension
Dismissed for offensive, insulting or abusive language (directed at the game official(s))	First seasonal offence Second seasonal offence Third seasonal offence	2 game suspension 6 game suspension Season and playoffs
Dismissed for denying an opponent a goal or an obvious goal-scoring opportunity by deliberately handling the ball	First seasonal offence Second seasonal offence	1 game suspension 1 game suspension
Dismissed for denying an opponent a goal or an obvious goal-scoring opportunity to an opponent moving towards the player's goal by an offence punishable by a free kick or penalty kick	First seasonal offence Second seasonal offence	1 game suspension 2 game suspension
Dismissed for serious foul play (all other types of serious foul play)	First seasonal offence Second seasonal offence Third seasonal offence	2 game suspension 4 game suspension 6 game suspension
Dismissed for spitting at an opponent or any other person	First seasonal offence Second seasonal offence	4 game suspension 8 game suspension
Dismissed for violent conduct	First seasonal offence Second seasonal offence Third seasonal offence	2 game suspension 4 game suspension 6 game suspension

b) **Team Officials**

Persisting in misconduct "after receiving a warning 'for misconduct' from the	
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game official" (neither offence was directed at game official)		
	First seasonal offence	1 game suspension
	Second seasonal offence	3 game suspension
Persisting in misconduct "after receiving a warning 'for misconduct' from the game official" (at least one offence was directed at game official)		
	First seasonal offence	2 game suspension
	Second seasonal offence	4 game suspension
Using offensive, insulting or abusive language (not directed at the game official)		
	First seasonal offence	2 game suspension
	Second seasonal offence	4 game suspension
Using offensive, insulting or abusive language (directed at the game official)		
	First seasonal offence	3 game suspension
	Second seasonal offence	6 game suspension