

# 2023 Rules and Regulations

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## 1. DEFINITIONS:

“Annual Meeting of Members” (AMM) is an annual meeting of registered members in good standing with the Association.

“Association” or “SNB” means Soccer New Brunswick Incorporated.

“Board” means the Soccer NB Board of Directors.

“Canada Soccer” means the Canadian Soccer Association (CSA). The CSA is the recognized National Sport Organization (NSO) for the sport of soccer in Canada as recognized by FIFA and Sport Canada. As the governing body of soccer in Canada the CSA oversees national professional and amateur club championships.

“Club” is an organization that organizes teams in accordance with published rules; is responsible for player development within its area of operation and which is responsible for registering each of its players with Soccer New Brunswick in accordance with the Association’s Rules and Regulations and Policies.

“CSDC” is the Canada Soccer Disciplinary Code

“CSCCE” is the Canada Soccer Code of Conduct and Ethics

“Code of Conduct and Ethics” (CCE) - is a SNB Policy that aims to promote fair play in sport with the goal of maintaining a soccer environment of respect and dignity. The Code describes general matters of misconduct that are not in keeping with the values of the SNB. The CCE is intended to be consistent with the Canada Soccer Disciplinary Code and Code of Conduct and Ethics.

“Executive Director” means the employee of the Association responsible for the day-to-day administration of the affairs of the Association and Board.

Fédération Internationale Football Association (FIFA) is the international governing body of association football (soccer), futsal, and beach soccer. Its membership comprises 209 national associations in 6 regions around the world. FIFA is responsible for the organization of football's major international tournaments, notably the World Cup.

‘Grassroots’ - Refers to the physical literacy-based stages of the Long Term Player Development Model created by the Canadian Soccer Association and includes: Stage 1 (Active Start), Stage 2 (FUNdamentals) and Stage 3 (Learning to Train).

A “League” is comprised of teams whose players belong to a Club and the League is comprised of two or more Clubs who are members of the Association or in the case of interprovincial leagues, Members of Canada Soccer.

“Participant” means Directors, Officers, committee members, coaches, players, trainers, referees, assistant referees, fourth officials, match commissioners, referee inspectors, diversity

officers, persons in charge of safety, and any other person responsible for technical, medical and/or administrative matters in the Association, its Members, clubs or leagues, as well as all other persons obliged to comply with the Association By-laws, rules and policies.

“Region” means one of the five designated regions of the Province. The five regions of Soccer New Brunswick are: North, South, East, West and North-West as defined in the Rules and Regulations.

“Sub-Committee” means any sub-committee of the Board as may be appointed by the Board from time to time.

“Team” is a group of registered players who have been assigned to that team by its Club in order to play in a Registered League or another Sanctioned Competition.

“*Provincials*” - Refers to the SNB Provincial Championships held in indoor and outdoor venues in a number of playing categories. Member Organizations apply to host the championships in partnership with SNB.

“*Recreational*” refers to the participation of people in soccer for the enjoyment of the game, its health benefits, social interaction and the many other benefits that accompany this lifelong activity. The Recreational Stream is a part of Stage 7 (Active for Life) of the CSA Long Term Player Development Model.

“Rules and Regulations” are specific rules and regulations provided to guide participation in New Brunswick for specific activities such as Provincial Championships and matters related to management of the sport of soccer with the jurisdiction of the Association.

“Volunteer” is anyone who serves without compensation or expectation of compensation beyond reimbursement and performs a task at the direction of and on behalf of the Association.

## 2. GENERAL

- 2.1. Soccer New Brunswick shall be organized to the laws of the game as put forth from time to time by the “International Football Board” subject to any change considered by the Soccer New Brunswick Board of Directors to suit the conditions under which the game is played in this Province.
- 2.2. The rules, regulations and policies/procedures of the Soccer New Brunswick shall be consistent with those of Canada Soccer as specified in the CS Disciplinary Code and any discipline hearing shall be conducted in a manner consistent with that Code.
- 2.3. The requirements of Soccer New Brunswick pertaining to ethics and conduct shall be consistent with those of Canada Soccer as specified in the Canada Soccer Code of Conduct and Ethics.
- 2.4. The Laws of the Game as amended by FIFA, unless otherwise stipulated by the Canadian Soccer, shall come into effect at the beginning of the next playing season.

- 2.5. Soccer New Brunswick will affiliate with the Canada Soccer or any other sports organizations as deemed appropriate by the Soccer New Brunswick Board of Directors.
- 2.6. The objective of Soccer New Brunswick is to promote, develop and govern the game of soccer, both indoor and outdoor, for all ages and gender within the Province.
- 2.7. Regionalization is intended to make it easier for Soccer New Brunswick to deliver its programs of coaching, refereeing and player development equally throughout the Province. For simplicity, the Province has been divided into five (5) geographical regions – North, North-West, South, East, and West.
- 2.8. Soccer New Brunswick will cover all reasonable travel expenses to Soccer New Brunswick Board of Directors members for the Annual General Meeting, Special General Meeting and committee meetings of the Association.
- 2.9. At the Annual Meeting of Members and Special General Meetings, the By-laws and Rules and Regulations shall be provided in both official languages.
- 2.10. By-Laws and Rules & Regulations of the Canada Soccer take precedence over all other Association documents whenever a conflict regarding interpretation may appear.
- 2.11. The English language version of Association documents shall be controlling in all respects and shall prevail in case of any inconsistencies with translated versions, if any.

### 3. REGIONAL MANAGEMENT

- 3.1. Soccer New Brunswick is responsible for management of soccer related activities, excluding within-club functions, as defined in the policies and procedures of the Association.
- 3.2. Soccer New Brunswick may engage regional representatives to act as Regional Representatives for Referee, Club and Technical Program activities and other affairs deemed appropriate by the Association. Regional Representatives will report to the Executive Director of Soccer New Brunswick or a designate.
- 3.3. The responsibilities of Regional Representatives shall be set out in Policies and Procedures of the Association.

### 4. DISCIPLINE AND APPEALS

- 4.1. The Association shall maintain policies related to discipline, conduct, harassment, appeals and other related matters that are consistent with those of Canada Soccer.

## 5. REGISTRATION

- 5.1. SNB will administer registration of all members in accordance with the policies of the Association.
- 5.2. Notwithstanding article 5.1, Regular members as defined in the SNB By-laws will collect participant registrations consistent with SNB policies and provides the required fees to the Association.
- 5.3. Soccer New Brunswick will accept registration of Members, Associate Members and Affiliate Members subject to fees and policies of the Association.
- 5.4. Registration of international youth players are required using the international youth player request form.
- 5.5. An amateur club is not permitted to register a professional player.
- 5.6. Notwithstanding other membership classes, a team may register as an independent entity with a sanctioned indoor Senior league by approval from Soccer New Brunswick subject to providing the complete information required by Soccer New Brunswick and paying the requisite fees.

## 6. MEMBERSHIP OBLIGATIONS

- 6.1. Regular, Associate and Affiliate Members shall:
  - 6.1.1. Operate in a manner consistent with requirements as provided in policies related to membership types and responsibilities.
- 6.2. Regular Members shall:
  - a) Provide competition for teams;
  - b) Register all of its players and referees with Soccer New Brunswick

## 7. NON-COMPLIANCE

- 7.1. Where a member is not compliance with the By-laws, Rules and Regulation and policies of the Association, the Executive Director shall advise the Board and take action in accordance with Board Approved policy to rectify the non-compliance prior to the member be declared as not in good standing.
- 7.2. The procedure for declaring a member not in good standing shall be posted on the website of the Association in documents related to membership types and responsibilities.

7.3. A member declared as not in good standing according to the policy shall lose all membership rights in the Association until that member is restored to good standing.

## 8. FEES AND PENALTIES

8.1. The Association shall maintain a schedule for memberships fees subject to approval at the Annual Meeting of Members.

8.2. The Association shall maintain a schedule of Service fees.

8.3. The Association shall maintain a schedule of penalties, monetary or otherwise, associated with the business of the Association. Penalties shall be consistent with the Canada Soccer Disciplinary Code.

## 9. COMPETITIONS

9.1. Rules related to players, teams, leagues, games, tournaments, championships and other competitions shall be maintained in appropriate procedures, policies and rules documents that may be amended by the Association from time to time.

## 10. APPENDIX - MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION (1989)

### **MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION SOCCER NEW BRUNSWICK (Incorporated 1989)**

The New Brunswick Soccer Association (NBSA) was founded on November 30, 1965 in Fredericton with the following people present: John Bell, Roger Woolway, Derek Wisdom, Bill Ritchie, Leroy Washburn. Others were present but minutes of the Association were lost under another Administration.

The first President was John Bell with Derek Wisdom the secretary/treasurer.

Only senior soccer came under the administration of NB Soccer in the Province until 1976 when Youth soccer became a part of soccer in Canada.

The name was changed to Soccer New Brunswick and incorporation was achieved in 1989.

The trophies of the Association are:

The Soccer NB Cups for Provincial Youth categories.  
The Challenge Cup for Senior Men  
The Jubilee Trophy for Senior Women  
The Michael Dunn Cup for Senior Men  
The Van Horne Cup for Senior Men  
The Wisdom Cup for Senior Women

1. The name of the Association is Soccer New Brunswick Incorporated.
2. The registered office of the Association shall be situated in New Brunswick.
3. The objects for which the Association is established are:
  - 3.1. To acquire and take over the whole property and assets of the present Soccer New Brunswick.
  - 3.2. To promote, foster and develop in all its branches the game of Association Football (sometimes called Soccer) and to take all such steps as may be deemed necessary or advisable for preventing infringements of the rules of the game or other improper methods or practices in the game, and for protecting it from abuses.
  - 3.3. To regulate all variations of the game of Association Football whether played indoors or outdoors.
  - 3.4. To make, adopt, vary, and publish rules, regulations, by-laws and conditions for the regulation of the said game or otherwise, and to take all such steps as shall be deemed necessary or advisable for enforcing such regulations, by-laws and conditions.
  - 3.5. To promote, provide for, regulate, and manage in all or any of the required details or arrangements, including any arrangements for the benefit of Associations or clubs, soccer competitions, contests, and matches, international or otherwise, in New Brunswick and to do or provide for all or any such matters and things, as may be considered necessary for or ancillary to the comfort, conduct, conveyance, convenience, or benefit of players and of the public, or of any other persons concerned or engaged in such competitions, contests, or matches.
  - 3.6. To accept, take over, or otherwise acquire all cups, shields, and other prizes, and to provide for the proper custody, insurance protection, exhibition, awarding, distribution, or loan of or other dealings with all or any of the same.
  - 3.7. To provide for, make and vary all such rules, regulations, and by-laws as to amateur, non-amateur and professional players as may from time to time be determined on.
  - 3.8. To provide by rules, regulations, and by-laws, or otherwise, for deciding and settling differences that may arise between Members, clubs or players, or any persons, who are members of or alleged to be members of, or are employed or engaged by, any such Associations, or clubs, or any other persons in reference to due compliance with the laws of the game, or the rules, regulations, or By-Laws of the Association, or to contracts or to any other matter of dispute or difference arising between such Associations, clubs, or persons, or any of them, and whether this Association is concerned in such dispute or difference or not, and to make such provisions for enforcing any award or decision as may seem fit.
  - 3.9. To co-operate with or assist any District Soccer Association or club in any way which the Association shall think proper, and to enter into or adopt any agreement or arrangement with such Association or club.
  - 3.10. To co-operate with the CSA or any other Board or Association in all matters relating to International or other competitions or otherwise relating to the game of soccer or the rules or regulations affecting the same.
  - 3.11. To purchase, lease, or otherwise acquire any heritable leasehold, or other property, or any estate of interest whatever, which may be necessary for or calculated to promote or assist in the promotion of any of the objects of the Association.



- 3.12. To build, construct, maintain, alter, remove or re-build any buildings, offices, and dwelling-houses, and to clear sites for the same, or to join with any person, firm, or company in doing any of the things aforesaid, and to work, manage, and control the same, or join others in doing so.
- 3.13. To promote, support, or assist in all or any such athletic contests or sports for which any property of the Association may be available, or which may be determined on or approved by the Association.
- 3.14. To invest and deal with the monies of the Association not immediately required upon such securities and in such manners as may from time to time be thought fit.
- 3.15. To support and subscribe to any religious, charitable, or public objects.
- 3.16. To amalgamate or co-operate with any District Association, club, or body having all or any of their objects similar to any of the objects of the Association.
- 3.17. To effect insurance against risk or loss to the Association, or against risk or accident to any employees, players, coaches and referees in the course of their efforts in the Association, and to pay premiums on any such insurance.
- 3.18. To do all such other things as may be deemed incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects or any of them.
4. The Association is not empowered to promote or financially assist directly or indirectly any professional league, club or player. The liability of the members is limited. The income and property of the Association shall be solely towards the promotion of the objects of the Association as hereinbefore set forth.

**WE**, the several persons whose names and addresses are subscribed, are desirous of being formed into an Association in pursuance of the foregoing.

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