

BCMSA POLICIES

2024 SOCCER LEAGUE RULES

Premier Division

BCMSA Soccer League shall follow its own House Rules. If not stated below then FIFA Rules will apply.

Player Qualifications (Premier):

- 1) Only Male-Muslims and/or as approved by the BCMA/BCMSA are allowed to participate in the Soccer League.
- 2) The player/ associate member shall be responsible for providing proof of eligibility to the BCMA.
- 3) **Premier Division is open to all ages with a minimum age of 16 on game day.**
- 4) **Technical Organizing Committee (T.O.C.) - PREM 1 Division & PREM 2 Division- to allow (4 guest players) aka: four non-Muslims to register per team for the 2024 season. Four guest players can play on the field at any given time.** Once the guest players have registered, they cannot be dropped or transferred.
 - a. **The (4 guest player rule will be re-visited before the 2025 season).**
- 5) **Technical Organizing Committee (T.O.C.) – PREM 3 Division - to allow (3 guest players) aka: three non-Muslims to register per team for the 2024 season. Three guest players can play on the field at any given time.** Once the guest players have registered, they cannot be dropped or transferred.
- 6) Players that are in the Premier Division are eligible to play in the other divisions if the player criteria and qualifications are met in the other divisions. (U18, masters, & veterans).

Player Registration:

- 1) **All player registration should be submitted online to the registration secretary no later than 5pm Tuesday prior to the following games.**
- 2) All player registration shall be for the current season.

- 3) Players cannot register and play for 2 or more teams in the same division. (Prem 1 players cannot play in Prem 2 or Prem 3 and vice versa). Any player who signs with more than one club will be fined a minimum of \$100.00.
- 4) All registration forms shall have the players name, address, phone number and I.D. or drivers licence number.
- 5) All players must have their medical insurance coverage. The T.O.C. or the host are not responsible in the event of any mishap.
- 6) Minimum player age is set at 16 years old.
- 7) **All players who are the ages of 16 to 18 years shall have their consent from their parents or legal guardian and it is the teams responsibility in getting the consent who is registering the player in question.** The T.O.C. or the host are not responsible in the event of any mishap. (The letter must be signed or approved online by the parents or the legal guardian and if need be the T.O.C. will verify the consent form via the registration link).
- 8) **Each team can register up to 25 players. (up to 20 players is included within the entry fee). Any player that is registered beyond the 20th player, a fee of \$20 per player will be exercised and must be paid before registering.**
- 9) June 4, 2024 at 8pm is the last day to register players. No additions after this date.
- 10) No player transfers allowed.
- 11) **Players cannot be dropped from the roster. This is final. No dropping.**
- 12) Ineligible players: Any team caught using an ineligible player(s) will immediately forfeit the game. See section “forfeit”.

New Teams: (if applicable)

Any new team entering the league, (in both divisions) may pick up to a maximum of 2 players from the returning team’s roster from the previous year. Any player that is not signed by their previous team before the 1st game of the season will be considered a free agent.

Entry Fee:

- 1) The entry fee will be determined by the Technical Organizing Committee depending on the cost of the League and participation of the number of teams.
- 2) Player registration will be determined by the (TOC) and is non refundable once registration is done.
- 3) All registration, league fees and tournament fees are non–refundable once the fixtures are drawn.

Team Responsibilities:

- 1) All team must be in good standing with the league
- 2) Each team is to furnish the league with the name, current address, phone, email address of its representative to the league.
- 3) Each team must register its team color at least one month prior to the opening of the current season and all team must have at least two colors (home & away)
- 4) When team colors conflict, the home Team must change.
- 5) Each Team is responsible for seeing that its playing members are properly dressed and equipped. This includes shin guards which are now compulsory. Failure to comply may result in the Referees calling the game off in which case the Team in question will lose the points for the game and will be charged for all costs of the game. In any event, the Referees' decision shall be binding and final. If the Team repeats the above offence, the above penalties will apply plus an additional fine as deemed fit by the Disciplinary committee.
- 6) **ID Cards & Team lists: The team list**, as provided by the League, shall be properly filled out, the names and numbers being printed, stating the full names of the players including substitutes that the Team intends to use in the games. The player name must correspond with the registration ID and the jersey number must correspond with the numbering on the team list. Players on the same team cannot wear the same number. Different numbers must be used, otherwise, the game shall be forfeited. **The ID Cards and the team list “must” be handed to the Referee before the start of a game. If this is not done then the team will forfeit the game. (See section “Forfeit”).**
- 7) **Referees are to be paid at the beginning of a game.** The Referees' fees are to be shared equally between the two Teams.
- 8) Each Team must provide the following
 - a. The field has to be marked.
 - b. Regulation size corner flags properly and securely placed.
 - c. Goal nets are in satisfactory condition and properly installed.
 - d. Provide Game Ball.
- 9) Games are to begin on time as scheduled. However, the referee may allow up to an additional ten minutes after the scheduled time for a team or both teams to be ready. If a team or both teams are not ready then the referee will call off the game. The team that is not ready will have defaulted the game. The referees are still to be paid.
- 10) Any club having defaulted/ forfeit three (3) consecutive games in a season without legitimate cause may be immediately expelled from the League, at the discretion of the T.O.C..

Rules for League Play:

(A) League Play - The winning team shall receive 3 points for an outright win; the losing team will receive no points. In case of a draw, both teams will receive 1 point.

(B) Time wasting will be warranted a yellow or red card by the referee.

Tie breaker – Standings

1. Goals Difference
2. Goals For
3. Head to Head points
4. Drawing of Lots

PLAYOFFS:

- After the regular season is completed, playoffs will determine the league winner based on standings.
- Quarterfinals, Semifinals or Finals will be determined by the number of teams.
- in the event that the quarterfinals, semifinals and Finals are held to a draw on the completion of regulation time, two five (5) minute extra-time periods will be played if time permits otherwise the game will go directly to the penalty kicks to determine the winner.

Rules for Cup Play: (If Applicable)

- (a) there will be a random draw for all teams to participate in the Cup Play.
- (b) A winner must be declared after every game. In the event that the game is held to a draw on the completion of regulation time, the winner shall be decided by penalty kicks.
- (c) in the event that the finals are held to a draw on the completion of regulation time, two five (5) minute extra-time periods will be played if time permits otherwise. If the teams are still tied, penalty kicks shall be used to decide the winner.

SUBSTITUTES:

- (a) each club is allowed unlimited changes during a game, which includes overtime if played.
- (b) a substitute can only go on a field of play when the ball is out of play, and must first report to the referee.
- (c) a playing member cannot be substituted for another sent off the field by the referee.

EXTRAORDINARY POWER OF THE T.O.C.:

- 1) The T.O.C., may, from time to time, institute temporary rules and regulations covering specific circumstances not covered and/or overriding ambiguity in these policies.
- 2) All policy review may be conducted at the Annual/Special General Meeting, if necessary.

PROTESTS:

- 1) All protests must be in writing and must contain the particulars of the grounds on which they are founded.
- 2) All protests must be filled out in email or triplicate (copies accepted) and handed to the League’s secretary (soccer@bcmuslimsports.com) within- twenty four (24), hours of the completion of the game. Proof of mailing within the said 24 –hour period shall be satisfactory compliance.
- 3) The sum of \$100.00 dollars in cash or etransfer (etransfersbcmsa@gmail.com) must accompany the protest and if the protest is not sustained, this amount will be forfeited and if the protest is sustained \$75.00 will be refunded.
- 4) The League Secretary shall send one copy of the protest to the Team against whom the protest was lodged.
- 5) Any Team found guilty of playing an ineligible player in a game should forfeit the game point or points to the opposing Team. (See section “Forfeit”).
- 6) In the event that a losing team is proven to have played an ineligible player in a game, the rule will apply as set under the discipline rule- Team violation. “G”.
- 7) No protest shall be considered from any Team refusing to complete a match when instructed by the referee.
- 8) The decision of the T.O.C. shall be binding and final.

DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE:

- 1) Disciplinary Committee shall consist of the members of the Executive Board.
- 2) All Disciplinary action of the League games shall be handled by the members of the League Board of the T.O.C. and shall be adhered to the disciplinary rules and regulations of the policies of the T.O.C., or as deemed fit.

APPEALS:

- 1) Decisions rendered by the disciplinary committee may be subject to an appeal process. All appeals must be in writing and must be in the hands of a League Secretary no later than twenty four (24) hours after the Disciplinary Committee has rendered a decision. A fee of one hundred

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and fifty (\$150.00) in cash or e-transfer (etransfersbcmsa@gmail.com) shall accompany and appeal. If the appeal is not sustained this amount will be forfeited and if the appeal is sustained \$125.00 will be refunded. The appellant shall serve any disciplinary actions handed down by the discipline committee until the appeal is heard.

ALL APPEALS WILL BE HEARD BY THE T.O.C. AND SHALL BE BINDING

2) During the appeal process, any member of the T.O.C. who is either affiliated with the Team in question, or has a direct interest in the matter being dealt upon and is in conflict of interest shall not vote.

ABANDONED GAMES:

The game is abandoned in the opinion of the referee:

- 1) The player/players of one or both teams conduct themselves in such a manner and in such a disregard for the rules of the game or directions of the referee that injury or physical conflict may ensue or,
 - 2) By the reason of the issuance of red cards the number of players on a team falls below the minimum required by the rules of the game or,
 - 3) The refusal of a team official or player to leave the field of play and the arena in which the game is played and renders further play impossible.
 - 4) The infringement to cause the abandonment of the game shall occur in the playing field.
- Outside factors shall at no time be considered to abandon a game in any form or another.

If in the Opinion of the Referee:

- 1) The winning team (players, coaches and managers) are found to be the instigators, the game points shall be forfeited and awarded to losing team.
- 2) The losing teams found to be the instigator; the game points shall be awarded to the winning teams.
- 3) Both teams are equally responsible, then neither team shall receive any points or goals scored.
- 4) If the game is a tie, the instigator shall receive zero (0) points and the other team shall be awarded one (1) point and one (1) goal.

In all instances above, no replay of games shall be allowed, and further disciplinary actions shall be taken against the offenders. Notwithstanding the above, where the findings of the Referee cannot conclusively establish the identity of the instigator, the matter will then be decided by the T.O.C. and appropriate actions, as deemed necessary, shall be taken.

FORFEIT/ DEFAULT GAMES:

- 1) Any club having defaulted/ forfeit three (3) consecutive games in a season without legitimate cause may be immediately expelled from the League, at the discretion of the T.O.C.
- 2) Any Team responsible for defaulting a game shall be charged with all expenses incurred for the preparation of such game and a fine, as deemed appropriate by the T.O.C., will be imposed on such team.
- 3) The Team defaulting/ forfeiting a game shall forfeit three (3) points of that game and three goals against while the opposing club shall be awarded three (3) points of that game and three goals for.
- 4) If both teams forfeit their game, then both teams will receive zero points and three goals against.
- 5) There shall be no postponement of scheduled league games except as authorized by the T.O.C., or in a case of death in the immediate family of a player and/or official of the team concerned. Immediate family consists of: Parents, children, grandparents, brothers, sisters and in-laws. Any team falsifying the above clause shall be subject to a two hundred (\$200.00) dollar fine and shall forfeit the game in question. Games may be postponed in cases of field conditions or cancellation by the Parks Boards.
- 6) any team found to have influenced another team in defaulting a scheduled game will be fined two hundred dollars (\$200.00) and will be removed from the league.

TEAM WITHDRAWAL:

- 1) In the event that a team withdraws from the league, the entire record for the season for that team shall receive zero points while the opponents receiving a 3-0 victory with 3 points.
- 2) The team will be subjected to a fine as deemed by the Board.

Discipline:...see disciplinary section.

IN ALL INSTANCES ABOVE, NO REPLAY OF GAMES SHALL BE ALLOWED AND FURTHER DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS SHALL BE TAKEN AGAINST THE OFFENDERS.

THE T.O.C. DECISION WILL BE BASED SOLEY ON REFEREE'S WRITTEN REPORT.

DISCIPLINE - PLAYER VIOLATION

Violation

A. Red Card (Soccer Foul)

B. Red Card (Violent Conduct)

C. Second Red Card

D. Three Yellow Cards

Penalty

One additional game suspension plus \$25.00 fine & further action as deemed fit by the T.O.C.

Two additional games suspension plus \$50.00 fine & further action as deemed fit by the T.O.C.

Three additional games plus \$100.00 fine and further action as deemed fit by the T.O.C.

If a player accumulates three yellow cards in the league/cup games then that player will receive a one game suspension plus a \$25.00 fine

*All Fines and Suspensions will immediately carry forward to the next game or tournament that BCMA/ BCMSA is hosting.

The above fines and suspensions are not subject to the appeal process.

OFFENCE COMMITTED

A. Physical abuse of referees
Or T.O.C.

B. Abuse in any language
towards any T.O.C. official
or game officials

C. Participants in a fight

PENALTY

One calendar year suspension from the date of the incident plus \$500.00 fine and further action as deemed fit by the T.O.C. Fines to be paid before reinstatement.

Minimum 5 games plus \$100.00 fine and additional fine as deemed fit by the T.O.C.

500.00 fine and the player suspended from the date of the incident for one calendar year & further action as deemed fit by the T.O.C.



D. Indecent exposure or influence
Of alcohol or banned substance \$200.00 fine and the player suspended for life under the

E. Any playing member who deliberately tries to injure another player shall be suspended for a minimum of one calendar year. The referee’s report and/or verbal input, in the presence of the T.O.C. shall be a factor in the decision imposed.

F. All playing members who are disciplined by the T.O.C. their infringement will also be carried out in the entire tournament hosted by the BCMA and the BC Muslim Sports Association.

Discipline - Team Violations

The term Team includes team officials, players and fans of the team

Violation

Penalty

- A. Physical abuse of referees
Or T.O.C. One calendar year suspension from the date of incident plus \$700.00 fine for the team further action as deemed fit by the TOC.
- B. Abuse in any language towards any T.O.C. officials or game officials \$200.00 fine, fines and further action as deemed fit by the T.O.C.
- C. Any team crossing the white line \$300.00 fine, fines and further action as deemed fit by the TOC

The above fines and suspensions are not subject to the appeal process

- D. Participants in a fight/ brawl \$700.00 fine, fines and further action as further action as deemed fit by the T.O.C.
- E. Indecent exposure or under the influence of alcohol or banned substance suspended for life
- F. Brawl immediate expulsion from the tournament
- G. Ineligible player Loss of point plus \$50.00 fine
Ineligible player 2nd offence Loss of point plus \$75.00 fine
Ineligible player 3rd offence Loss of point plus \$100.00 fine

NB.

- A. In the case of team being suspended for the year or season, re-entry would depend on the T.O.C. and if approved re-entry would be \$1500.00 plus bond of \$1000.00
- B. In the case of team official being found guilty, the fines will apply as defined above and if the said party is a sitting member of the association he would be immediately suspended from the sports association and only be reinstated with the approval of the sports association. Additional fines will be imposed as deemed fit by the association.
- C. The club will be responsible for the actions and fines of all their supporters.
- D. In the case that the guilty party is not a fan of the team, it is the team's responsibility to request that person to leave the area. If the subject refuses to leave than the team official has to inform the T.O.C. The T.O.C. then, will handle the matter.
- E. **In case of discrepancy or ambiguity in the game laws or bylaws, FIFA ruling will be final.**
- F. **Previous record of parties concerned will be taken into consideration.**
- G. **No one under the influence of alcohol or banned substance and/or using foul, abusive language will be allowed to participate. Anybody found under the influence of alcohol or banned substance will be asked to leave the field complex and if he doesn't comply then the T.O.C. would hand the matter with the local law enforcement officer.**
- H. **In circumstance where specific technicalities are not covered by the policies of the T.O.C.. then the Technical Organizing Committee shall have the powers to implement certain rules and regulations pertaining to the situational problems that may arise during the league/ tournament.**
- I. **In the event of a player or team or individual being suspended for life, the T.O.C. will recommend to the BCMA and BC Muslim Sports Assn. to suspend the guilty party from the associations and recommend taking further disciplinary action or referring the matter to the B.C.M.A. disciplinary board.**