



CASCADIA PREMIER LEAGUE BYLAWS

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**Highlighted portions are changes from the previous version to the current version*

**All versions will be kept in a shared folder with league members and the official adopted, voted on rules will be posted to the league site.*



LEAGUE OPERATION RULES PLAYERS

All CASCADIA PREMIER LEAGUE TEAMS (Cascadia) soccer players on Cascadia team rosters will be registered with the US Club soccer and gotsport.) in the Adult Player category. All Cascadia soccer players must possess and upon request present proof of registration through US Club soccer prior to participating in a Cascadia Premier League soccer match.

ANTI-DISCRIMINATION

Cascadia does not tolerate discrimination, prejudice, bias or harassment of any kind by its clubs, players, coaches and staff. All Cascadia club soccer players, coaches and staff will hold themselves to a high standard and embrace unity, respect, fair play, equality and acceptance. If a situation arises where discrimination is taking place or in question, the league officials will conduct a quick and thorough investigation.

CLUBS/TEAMS

Each Cascadia club will be allowed to have an UNLIMITED league team roster, however game day rosters cannot exceed 18 players. Clubs will maintain and update their team's roster, which will include first and last name, date of birth and picture..In addition removed players can be added back to a club's roster.Roster changes must be made no later than Thursdays at 11:59 pm forSaturday/Sunday matches or 18 hours prior to a weekday match. Signed players can be removed from the roster and replaced with another player via a declared release to the league and proof that the new player is registered in the US Club Adult Player category. Any CPL club proven to the league to have played an ineligible player shall automatically forfeit the game concerned and the opposing club will be awarded the three points. Clubs must have home and away soccer kits consisting of a jersey with number on back. Shorts, socks, shin guards and appropriate footwear is required. It is highly recommended but not required that player numbers be on the front of jerseys and/or shorts. Scrimmage vests, pinnies or bibs are not acceptable active match play. Home and away clubs must use different color socks



during a match. All goalkeepers must have several different color kits available at home/away matches. The home club must advise the away club of its kit color at least three days prior to a match. The away club must provide the home club with their match day player list with names and jersey numbers at least 24 hours prior to a match. Clubs should identify their players as ACTIVE 11, BENCH 7 and IN-ACTIVES. A team's match day roster will consist of 18 rostered players and teams must start match play with at least 11 rostered players.

ROSTER: SEASON & GAMEDAY

Cascadia teams will be required to submit a minimum of 25 player roster prior to Week 1 of the season (March 23rd, 2022 by 11:59 PM). Players can add and subtract from the roster once it has been submitted, but are not allowed to drop below 22 active players at any point during the season. A player acquisition form must be submitted when a new player is added to the roster. A special exemption can be made for teams who would be calling up players from their second team, that they would be left with most likely less than the acceptable amount. Final rosters must be submitted for First Division teams prior to Matchweek 13 (June 16th, 2022 by 11:59 PM). Players will still be allowed to be added onto second teams after that point, but those players will not be permitted to be promoted to the first team. The purpose of this rule is to ensure the playability of scheduled matches, and will be strictly enforced. Any team found to be without the correct number of players or to violate the transfer of players between teams will receive a \$250 fine from the league if not rectified within the given time period allotted by the league office.

All game day rosters will need to be submitted two days prior to the event taking place (if a Saturday match, Thursday by 11:59 PM, Sunday match Friday by 11:59 PM). Failure to do so will result in a \$25 dollar fine. Continued transgressions could result in a points deduction, which would be voted on by the League Rules and Standards committee.

HOME RESPONSIBILITIES

The home club will provide at least three match-quality soccer balls, with the FIFA APPROVED, FIFA INSPECTED or IMS logo or designed and manufactured in



accordance with FIFA specifications. It is the responsibility of the home club to provide proof that their match balls meet the above requirements when it is called into question by a match referee, visiting team or league officer. The home club will have a printed copy of the Cascadia League Operation Rules available at each home match venue for review by assigned referees, home/away clubs and league officers. **The home club will provide home/away secure locker room access at least 75 minutes prior to a match.**

The home club will provide home/away access to the pitch at least 60 minutes prior to a match, if not in use or provide an equivalent warm up area to prepare for the match that is equal to or better than the warm up space utilized by the home team. The home club will provide a playing ground that has a high quality surface of either natural grass or synthetic turf that complies with FIFA standards regarding size, markings, post/crossbar and net and corner flags. The home club will provide player benches, adequate lighting for night matches and other professional amenities like spectator stands, wash rooms and toilets. Adequate water, ice and ice bags will be provided by the home team for both parties plus officials. **The home club will provide match ball retrievers that are at least 10 years of age.** The home club will brief Referees on the match day events and sequences. The home club is required to pay the Referee and Assistant Referees for their services in accordance with procedures established by the league's referee assignor. Both teams must forward a copy of the referee's match report via email to the League President at mitch@cascadiapremierleague.com as soon as possible after the match.

MATCH REPORTING

Starting in 2022, Cascadia will require all clubs to submit a post match form filled out with the appropriate information regarding goal scorers, assists, yellow cards, red cards, etc. The form submission will be compared to the referee's report for accuracy. **It will be the responsibility of both teams to gather the correct information for both sides (goals, assists, yellows, reds, saves, clean sheets, etc) post match. (8/25/2021)**



PLAYER DISCIPLINE

Serious foul play, violence and fighting will not be tolerated by the league. Any abuse or assault of a player, Referee, Game Day Staff or Fans will be handled by the CPL and may result in a Player Card suspension or revocation by Cascadia Premier League. In addition, assaults may be referred to the local police authorities as well. Teams are fully responsible for the conduct of their in-active players who are. Starting in 2022, Cascadia will implement a yellow card accumulation policy. The policy is as follows:

Cascadia First division:

5 yellow cards accumulated = 1 match suspension
+2 yellow cards after the first 5 = 1 match suspension
+1 yellow card after 7 = 1 match for every proceeding yellow card

1 Red card = 1 match suspension
2nd red card = 2 match suspension
3rd red card = 3 match suspension
4th red card = season suspension and panel review to determine whether the player should be allowed to play the following season

When serious foul play is in question, or a club is appealing a decision, a panel will be created of 4 (four) representatives from clubs within Cascadia that were not involved with the play in question as well as one person from the other three divisions. All decisions will be made prior to the following weekend's matches.

GAME VIDEO

As of the 2022 season, all Division 1 clubs will be required to (at a minimum) video record their home matches. Recording matches will provide insight into player misconducts, discrimination, and other serious offenses.



LEAGUE COMPETITION STANDINGS

WIN = Three Points

TIE = One Point

LOSS = Zero Points

At the end of a scheduled season of competition, the team who has accumulated the highest number of total points in the final standings will be declared the seasons' league champion (winner). When two or more teams are tied in final standings on total points, the following tiebreakers will be used:

1. Total Number of Wins
2. Head-to-Head Points
3. Goal Differential (GD) - between the tied teams – not weighted home/away goals.
4. Goals For (GF)
5. Road Goal Differential
6. Road Goals For
7. Home Differential
8. Home Goals For
9. Coin Toss (2 teams) or Drawing of Lots (3 or more teams)

COMPETITION SCHEDULING

The official schedule of a seasons' competition shall be published on the Cascadia website showing match dates, venues and kick-off times and will only be changed with written league consent. Clubs/teams requesting changes to the schedule must first obtain written consent from the opposing team affected by the change and then submit a **Schedule Change Request to the League Administrator**. The League Administrator will review and approve/reject the Schedule Change Request based upon the availability of qualified match referees and other considerations. **Schedule Change Requests must be submitted no less than 10 days before the originally scheduled match.**

DISCONTINUED SEASON OF COMPETITION



If a team ceases to operate in the league before the conclusion of the seasons' competition schedule, all games played by the team who ceased operating will be removed from the standings and all points are zero. The team ceasing to operate will be placed at the bottom of the league standings table and the league will evaluate whether that club is fit to return the following season.

PROTESTS

All clubs filing protests related to misapplied Cascadia league rules or FIFA Laws of the Game must do so in writing and must contain the specific grounds and details on which their protest is founded. The protest can also include still and/or video images. The protest must be lodged with the League Administrator and accompanied by a fee of two-hundred-fifty (\$250) dollars. The protest must be emailed and/or postmarked within forty-eight (48) hours of the conclusion of the match of which it 6 | Page pertains to. The protest fee shall be forfeited in the case that the protest is not sustained. All protests will be reviewed by the **League Standards Committee** whose decision shall be final.

LEAGUE RESPONSIBILITIES

The league will provide a schedule of competition and its administration through coordination, facilitation and promotion. The league will compensate a Referee Assignor/Coordinator to assign referees to all Cascadia matches to ensure that they are officiated by appropriate level certified referees from the State Referee Association (NWO) in compliance with state, national and FIFA standards/rules. The league will publish its operation rules, Bylaws and competition standings in the form of a website on the Internet. Cascadia is not responsible for paying any municipal, county or state fines incurred through the violation of venue policies and regulations by players, coaches, club staff or spectators. The league will provide and award the league champion (winner) of a season of competition with an appropriate trophy or cup award. The league will also provide an appropriate individual award item to players on the league champion team. The league will provide and award the league player with



the greatest number of goals scored with an individual trophy for his permanent retention.

PROMOTION/RELEGATION

Cascadia has adopted a league-wide system of promotion and relegation (pro/rel) across multiple divisions within the league. For the 2022 season, the rules for pro/rel will be as follows:

- At the conclusion of the season, the team that has gathered the lowest amount of points in Division 1 will be relegated to Division 2 for the following season. That team will still participate in the end of season tournament, but will be relegated regardless of their finish in that tournament.
- The team that has gathered the most points in Division 2 will be promoted into Division 1 for the following season.
- If a tie breaker other than points earned is necessary to determine the club that will be promoted, the same tie breakers used to determine Division winners will be used to promote a club.

The following rules apply to clubs that have multiple teams in the league:

- The top team (e.g. Nido Aguila) must always remain one division higher than their second team (e.g. Nido Aguila 2).
- If a team in Division 1 gets relegated and their second team is in Division 2, then that team will be relegated to Division 3 if there is a Division 3. If no Division 3 is created for the 2022 season, both teams will play in Division 2, but only the top team has the chance of getting promoted for the following season.
- No second team can be promoted into Division 1. If a second team wins Division 2, the next team that is an independent club will have the chance to be promoted.
- If a club declines to be promoted, the runner up will have the option to be promoted. If the runner up also declines then no clubs will be relegated or promoted for the following season.

MATCHES



All matches will be conducted in accordance with the FIFA Laws of the Game. Teams will be allowed to make UNLIMITED substitutions. Referees will complete a written game report which will include but not be limited to the game results, goal scorers, yellow and red cards, **which will be signed by both home/away coaches.**

The match report will be in a Google Forms style format and will be available to all clubs via their specific login information on Cascadia's website. Once a match has concluded, the home team will be responsible for filling out the Match Report form, including all information relevant to the match. This includes the away teams statistical information. The match report must be submitted by 11:59 PM on the day of the competition so that the league has the ability to update scores, standings, statistics, and other information in a timely manner. [Post Game Match Report - Division 1 - Google Forms](#)

MATCH SAFETY & SECURITY

The home team has the duty of care to reasonably ensure the safety and security of players, coaches, referees, staff, spectators and the home venue. Pyrotechnics that produce heat, light, gas, smoke and/or sound are prohibited from use inside of all Cascadia match venues.

WAIVERS

League clubs/teams can apply for and be granted waivers of specific non-competition related league rules, requirements and guidelines upon approval by the league Operations Committee. Requests for waivers must be made in writing to the League Administrator.

COMMITTEES & VOTING

Potential changes for the following season can be brought to the League Competition Committee to be voted on. Ideas can be brought forth by any league member to the executive team who will work with that individual to flush out the full scope of the proposed change before being brought to the Competition Committee.



The following committees will be implemented for starting with the conclusion of the 2021 season:

- **Standards Committee**

- Responsible for initiating and facilitating the development of standards & bylaws for the CPL
- These standards will govern the entire Cascadia Premier League and will be enforced by the Disciplinary Committee.
- Will include the setting minimum requirements for being a member of the CPL, this includes but isn't limited to:
 - Roster requirements
 - Uniform requirements
 - Stadium/Field requirements
 - Game reporting requirements
 - Video Streaming Requirements
 - Game day requirements
- Each club will get 1 representative to vote on any proposed standard.
- For a motion to pass, a majority vote of members must surpass +50%
- Standards will be voted on or changed at the beginning of each season.
 - Standards CANNOT be changed during the season

- **Disciplinary Committee**

- Purpose of this committee is to develop, enforce, review and take action on any breaches of standards or bylaws established by the leagues Standards committee.
- This committee will also be tasked with developing a standard for discipline.
 - This includes card accumulation, verbal abuse, physical altercations and any other standards breach.
- For a motion to pass, a majority vote of members must surpass +50%

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CONFIDENTIALITY

All league and team communications (electronic, email, text, verbal or written) regarding operations, rules, discipline, protests or waivers are confidential, unless noted otherwise or distributed via league news release or published on the league website.