

NL Pacific Conference
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SECTION I. INTRODUCTION

1.01 Name of League

The name of the league shall be the "National League Pacific Conference Powered by CRL", herein known as the ("NL - Pacific Conference").

1.02 Mission

To provide interplay of teams and clubs affiliated in good standing with California State Soccer Association-South ("Cal South"), and California Youth Soccer Association ("Cal North") to organize, schedule, and administer a competitive Conference and establish and enforce rules and regulations pursuant to its purpose.

1.03 Owner of League

The marks, logos, and domain name of the CRL are the sole intellectual property of Cal South & Cal North. The NL Pacific Conference and CRL is operated as a collaborative entity by and between Cal North and Cal South. Participation in the NL Pacific Conference and CRL is affiliated and governed by the rules adopted by the Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA), the United States Soccer Federation (US Soccer), US Youth Soccer, Cal South, and Cal North, except where modified below.

1.04 Organization

The NL Pacific Conference will be powered by CRL and will be organized and set up on a seasonal year basis per "Appendix A" within these Rules and may be revised on an annual seasonal basis by the conference Commissioner.

1.05 Management of League

The NL Pacific Conference CRL will be managed and supervised by the CRL Commissioner.

1.06 Rules, Policies, and Procedures

The CRL Commissioner will have authority, subject to provisions in the Bylaws and Rules and Regulations of Cal North and Cal South, to promulgate all league rules, policies, and procedures reasonable and necessary for the administration and growth of the NL Pacific Conference & CRL.

1.07 Matters Not Provided For

The Conference Commissioner shall have final authority in all matters not specifically provided for by the policies or rules.

1.08 Playing Seasons

The season shall start on June 1st of each seasonal year and will normally end by April 31st

1.09 Precedence of Games

US Youth Soccer National Championship Series competition will have priority over NL Pacific Conference & CRL matches.

1.10 Club | Team Rights and Privileges

Any club | team in the NL Pacific Conference or CRL shall have the same rights and privileges those accorded to any club | team playing in a league within their respective US Youth Soccer state association. Team participation in the NL Pacific Conference or CRL will meet the requirements of the US Youth Soccer National Championship Series.

1.11 Contact Information and Communication

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All member teams of the NL Pacific Conference powered by CRL shall have contact information on file including, but not limited to (a) the Team Manager's Name, Address, Phone Numbers and valid e-mail address and (b) the Club Technical Director and| Team Head Coach's Name, Address, Phone Numbers and valid e-mail address. E-mail will be the primary means of communication within the NL Pacific Conference powered CRL. It is the responsibility of each team to ensure that accurate contact information is on file.

SECTION II. CLUB | TEAM APPLICATION AND ADMISSION

2.01 Club | Team Eligibility

The NL Pacific Conference or CRL will be an invitational conference open for clubs | teams to apply whose players are registered with US Youth Soccer through their State Association. Teams shall apply for entry in the NL Pacific Conference powered by CRL for the upcoming season in accordance with the schedule announced in “Appendix A” within these Rules and may be revised on an annual seasonal basis by the “NL and CRL Commissioner. Clubs | Teams may be denied entry (or later removed from the NL Pacific Conference & CRL) based on past or present: (1) disregard for rules; (2) failure to abide by rulings from the NL Pacific Conference & CRL or higher authority (US Soccer, USSF); (3) failure to fulfill monetary or game schedule obligations; (4) record of violence and/or abusive behavior. All teams must participate annually in an **Approved State Cup Competition**

All Clubs | teams **must participate in a Cal South sanctioned league and the current seasons state tournament in their respective state**. All teams, players, and team officials (coaches, assistants, trainers, managers, administrators, etc.), shall be properly registered with their own team and their respective State Association, and will conform to NL Pacific Conference guidelines. All Clubs | teams applying for entry into the NL Pacific Conference or CRL must retain nine (9) players from the previous year’s Club rosters and their current seasonal years² official State Association Rosters at time of Registration. Teams must be registered and have a minimum of (13 Players) from there NL Pacific Conference or CRL 2019-20 Play in Roster 9 retained players by August 1st for the New Seasonal Year. Teams applying that are transferring to a NEW Club MUST comply with section 2.11.

2.02 Club | Team Annual invitations

The NL Pacific Conference will be an invitational Competition Teams will be invited based annually on their previous seasons **State** Tournament Results or NL Pacific Conference Standings in the U12 – U19 age divisions. And an open play in event. See “Appendix A” within these Rules which may be revised on an annual seasonal basis by the CRL commissioner. Clubs wanting to apply for the Academy Division of CRL will fill out and return the Academy Questioner form that is posted on Dec 1, each year on the Cal South Website

2.03 Application Process

Team Applications to participate in the NL Pacific Conference powered by CRL must be completed on-line at www.californiaregionalleague.com. Register in accordance with the instructions listed on the website. See “Appendix A” within these Rules and may be revised on an annual seasonal basis by the CRL commissioner. All applications for participation in the NL Pacific Conference and CRL must be received by the deadline established by the CRL Commissioner for each playing season.

2.05 Acceptance of Clubs | Teams

Teams | Clubs approved to participate in the NL Pacific Conference and CRL Divisions \ will be notified by the Pacific Conference and CRL Commissioner.

2.06 Team Roster

Every **team** shall have a team roster.

2.07 Acceptance of NL Pacific Conference Rules

All teams applying to play in the NL Pacific Conference and CRL, agrees to accept, abide by and comply with all Standards, rules, policies, and decisions by the NL Pacific Conference and CRL and further agrees to pay all fees that are due to the NL Pacific Conference and CRL for participation.

2.08 Fees and Other Expenses

Each club| team playing in the NL Pacific Conference and CRL will pay the fees established by the NL Pacific Conference and CRL Commissioner. The NL Pacific Conference and CRL is not responsible for expenses incurred by teams through travel, housing, coaching, uniforms, and other related team operating costs.

2.09 Return of NL Pacific Conference and CRL Fees

The Commissioner shall return any fees paid to the NL Pacific Conference and CRL for any team that is not admitted into the NL Pacific Conference and CRL.

2.10 Player Retention

A team must demonstrate continuity of rosters between the previous years' State/National Cup State Tournaments competitions and their current season State approved roster by maintaining a minimum of nine (9) players from within their Club and roster of the team. A team with the same Club/Team name with a minimum of nine (9) players can claim the automatic qualifier slot.

2.11 Team Transferring from One Club to Another

In the event a qualifying Team does not meet the player retention criteria as outlined in rule 2.01 the is no longer eligible for the automatic qualifying slot. The slot remains eligible for a team that has transferred to a new Club, in the event the following criterion has been met. A team must demonstrate continuity of rosters between the previous years' State Tournament /National Cup competitions and their current season State approved roster by maintaining a minimum of twelve (12) players common to the roster of the team.

2.13 Final Authority

The NL Pacific Conference and CRL shall have the final authority and right to refuse admittance of any team based upon the team's prior performance in the NL Pacific Conference. These factors include but are not limited to failure to play NL Pacific Conference and CRL matches as scheduled; failure to comply with NL Pacific Conference and CRL rules; conduct detrimental to the Conference and/or failure to pay assessed NL Pacific Conference and CRL fees or fines on time.

SECTION III. FORMATION OF CONFERENCE

3.01 NL Pacific Conference

The NL Pacific Conference will consist of Conference Competition in the three Divisions (CRL North, CRL South Team Division, CRL Academy Divisions).

Conference games will be played at NL Pacific Conference venues unless stated.

3.02 Structure

The Conference and play-in structure will be set up annually as in "Appendix B" within these Rules and may be revised on an annual seasonal basis by the NL Pacific Conference and CRL commissioner.

3.03 Qualification Process

The qualification process shall be outlined in "Appendix C" within these Rules and may be revised on an annual seasonal basis by the NL Pacific Conference or CRL Commissioner.

3.04 At Large Entry Procedure

There shall be an At Large Entry Procedure set out in "Appendix D" within these Rules and may be revised on an annual seasonal basis by the NL Pacific Conference and CRL Commissioner

3.05 Age Bracket Formation

In the sub-division, the following apply by birth year:

Team Division

- 12U – 15U Age divisions for both Boys and Girls there shall be twelve (12-16) teams and they will play each opponent once for (11) League games or two 8 team divisions playing (7) games
- 16U – 19U Age divisions for both Boys and Girls shall be 12 teams and they will play each opponent once for 11 League games.

Academy Division (2019-20)

- 12U – 19U Age divisions for both Boys and Girls there shall be Minimum 8 clubs and they will play each opponent once for (10) League games.

SECTION IV. TEAM AND GAME ROSTERS

4.01 Team/Game Rosters

All teams shall have the following two (2) rosters a) *Team Roster*, and b) *Game Roster*. Teams must file the Team Roster with the NL Pacific Conference and CRL, in a process outlined in “Appendix A” within these Rules and may be revised on an annual seasonal basis by the NL Pacific Conference and CRL Commissioner.

4.02 Game Rosters

All teams shall have a Game Roster for every game played. The game roster shall be prepared by the team and submitted to the NL Pacific Conference and CRL game referee prior to each scheduled game in NL Pacific Conference and CRL competition. The game roster shall have a maximum of 18 players and a minimum of seven (7) players. Up to four (4) coaches/administrators shall be listed on the game roster with coach(s) having a minimum of an “E” coaching license. Club Pass players may be added to the game roster by the on-line process outlined in “Appendix E” within these Rules and may be revised on an annual seasonal basis by the NL Pacific Conference and CRL Commissioner. The Club Pass player must have a State Association player pass issued from the same club as the club/team he/she will be club passed too.

4.03 Club Pass

Teams will be permitted to use younger or actual age group players that are rostered to their club in league games as a club pass player with a limit of five (7) club pass players per game. If a player plays as a club pass player, he/she may not compete with any other team on that play date (with the exception of the Goalkeeper who can play a second game but not with in the same age group). At no time shall a player play for more than one team within the same age group. Players may play “down”, if they are age appropriate. A player must be placed on the team’s game roster via the on-line system see “Appendix E” within these Rules which may be revised on an annual seasonal basis by the NL Pacific Conference and CRL Commissioner. (No Club pass will be allowed for any division of the play-in round of the California Regional League play-in for the NL Pacific Conference)

4.04 Team Roster & Player Guide

On a seasonal basis, the NL Pacific Conference and CRL Commissioner may provide a Policy entitled "Team Roster & Player Guide" that may include additional guidelines regarding team rosters and player eligibility. The NL Pacific Conference and CRL Commissioner, at its discretion, may establish a roster freeze date. See “Appendix F” within these Rules and may be revised on an annual seasonal basis by the NL Pacific Conference and CRL Commissioner.

4.05 Player’s in the NL Pacific Conference and CRL Participation on a Daily Basis

At no time may a player play for more than one NL Conference or CRL team in any one day. (with the exception of the Goalkeeper who can play a second game but not with in the same age group)

4.06 Player's Rostering Limitation within an Age Group

At no time may a player be on a Team Roster for more than one team within the same age group.

SECTION V. MATCHES--OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES

5.01 Player Eligibility

Player eligibility will be governed by the US Youth Soccer National Championship Series rules. A player may not be listed on the Team Roster of more than one NL Pacific Conference and CRL team; however, a player who holds a current State Association member pass may play via the Club Pass on a team in a different age group from within the same State Association affiliated club.

5.02 Member Passes

Valid US Youth Soccer/State Association member passes, or approved picture rosters or digital id cards will be used for NL Pacific Conference and CRL Commissioner play. All State Association member passes must be valid for the current season, have a current player photo and be laminated. Coaches must possess the Cal South\CRL Appropriate Coaching license level (US Soccer "D" License Mandatory 2020 season) which must be indicated on his/her coaches' pass. Prior to the start of the game, each team is required to present to the referee a completed Game Roster sheet showing name, number, of each player participating in the game. Each participating player, coach, and team administrator shall present an identification pass to the referee or photo on the game roster. The coaches' pass must indicate his/her license level. The referee shall check each player's pass and assure the picture on the pass matches the player and the name on the pass matches the name on the game roster sheet. All passes must conform to their State Association requirements. If a player does not have a pass or photo on the game roster, THAT PLAYERSHALLNOTPLAY. The coach shall sign the game roster sheet attesting to its accuracy and to the eligibility of all players on the sheet. Failure to sign the game roster sheet may result in a disqualification of the game or other disciplinary action.

5.03 Game procedures. ***

For all NL Pacific Conference and CRL Commissioner games, teams will sit on one side of the field and the spectators on the opposite side of the field mirroring their respective team. The Home team will have choice of bench. It is the responsibility of each team to monitor their spectator behavior during each game. Home team can't be responsible for the behavior of the opposing team. Coaches are not permitted to cross over midfield line into opposing team's technical area at any time during the game. Coaches are responsible for the sideline behavior of all players. All NL Pacific Conference and CRL Commissioner players must have valid Member Passes pursuant to rule 5.02. All players must be listed on the game roster. Each team will print two (2) copies of the game roster and present to the referee prior to checking the teams in for said game. Coaches are responsible for their sideline and all actions therein. Coaches are expected to coach their teams in a positive and respectful manner. The NL Pacific Conference and CRL Commissioner encourages referees to discipline any coach for irresponsible behavior if the coach, player, or parent uses derogatory words or actions aimed at their players, the opposing team's players, coach or sideline or any of the referees. Coaches are responsible to complete the CRL Game Evaluation form no later than 24 hours after the game

5.04 Age Designations

Team Age Groups will be based on age designations using the **Jan 1- Dec 31** rule.

5.05 Age Groups

The NL Pacific Conference and CRL will have teams in the following age groups: U12-U19 for boys and girls.

5.06 Maximum Players

The maximum number of players per team for U12U is(16), the maximum number of players per team U13U - U19U is (22). (Rule 205 Section 2 US Youth Soccer Policy on Players and Playing Rules)

5.07 Scoring Method

The standings of teams within divisions/sub-divisions are based upon the number of points earned. Teams earn points as follows:

- Three (3) points for a win
- One (1) point for a tie
- No (0) points for a loss

Based on total number of points credited to the team as follows: WIN-(3) points, TIE-(1) point. LOSS-(0) points. If two (2) or more teams are tied at the end of the league season, the tiebreaker criteria listed shall be used in the order shown until one team is advanced, or one team is eliminated, or both. If remaining teams are still tied at this point in the tie-breaking process, they will then be compared beginning again with step 1 until another team is either advanced or eliminated or both.

1. The winner in head-to-head competition
2. Goal differential (goals scored minus goals allowed to a maximum differential of (6) per game)
3. Most goals scored
4. Least goals allowed
5. Shut-out wins (forfeits not counting)
6. FIFA kicks from the penalty mark

5.08 Game Day Procedures

If games are not hosted by NL Pacific Conference and CRL then;

Home team shall provide game balls for competition.

Home team will be responsible for:

- Posting the score in the automated score reporting system within 24 hours of the completion of the game. If the home team does not have the score posted, the manager of the opposing team may post the score.
- Forwarding the Game Rosters for all home games during the NL or CRL season to the address on the Game Roster Form.
- Both teams will complete the CRL Game Evaluation Form
- **Conference hosted sites:**
 1. Certified Athletic Trainer
 2. Tents for each team
 3. Benches for Each Team

4. Water / Drinks for Each team
5. Opportunity to Video Games/Live Stream

- **Academy Division Home Sites:**

1. Certified Athletic Trainer
2. Tents for each team
3. Benches for Each Team
4. Water / Drinks for Each team
5. Opportunity to Video Games/Live Stream

Both teams will be responsible for:

- Updating their own online game information including:
- Players that participated in the game for their team.
- Yellow and red cards issued to their team.
- Signing Game Reports at the end of the game and verifying information on the Game Report is accurate.
- Complete a CRL Game Evaluation form and return to the CRL Commissioner with in 24 hours

5.09 Uniforms

All game jerseys numbers and registration ID numbers must be listed on the Game Roster. Teams playing in the NL Pacific Conference and CRL will be supplied with NL Pacific Conference and CRL Patches which are to be adhered to a sleeve of all home and away jerseys. Failure to comply with this requirement will subject the offending team to disciplinary action, fines, loss of game played etc.

5.10 Number of Games

Each team will be scheduled to play a minimum number of games in a season. The scheduled number of games shall be determined by the NL Pacific Conference and CRL Commissioner based on the number of teams in a division and any play-off process.

5.11 Scheduling of NL Pacific Conference and CRL Games

All NL Pacific Conference and CRL games will be scheduled by the CRL Commissioner or his/her designee.

5.12 Match Schedule and Rest Periods

All matches will be played as scheduled, unless weather conditions dictate. It is the intent of the league to play only one match per day; however, when circumstances dictate, no more than two matches a day will be scheduled. Every effort will be made to provide a maximum amount of rest between matches.

5.13 Schedules

It is expected that teams will follow the schedule. If a game cannot be played due to acts of God (weather, field conditions, etc.) or actions of individuals or agencies not under the control of the teams, it shall be rescheduled per Section 5.14. The NL Pacific Conference and CRL Commissioner or his/her designee has general authority to resolve scheduling problems.

5.14 Re-Scheduling

Teams may request a re-schedule of a game for “**exceptional circumstances**” only by submitting a written request, no later than the 14 days prior to date of game. Requests are not guaranteed to be granted. Teams will

re-schedule games at a mutually agreed upon date and time. All games must be re-scheduled within 7 days and shall be played Prior to the original date. If agreement cannot be reached, the NL Pacific Conference and CRL Commissioner shall select a time and place for the game. Games shall not be re-scheduled due to non-availability of a **specific coach or player(s)** unless it is due to a previously approved affiliated event (i.e. ODP tryouts, tournaments, etc.). If a team needs to re-schedule a game so that it may compete in a approve CRL Event, it must submit a written request to the NL Pacific Conference and CRL Commissioner for approval 30 days in advance of the game.

5.15 Boundaries

All league games shall be played within Pacific Conference boundaries. With the Exceptions that are required by NL Pacific Conference/CRL Commissioner approval.

5.16 Inclement Weather

In the event of inclement weather, teams will assume that games will be played unless notified at www.californiaregionaleague.com. It is the home team's responsibility to notify the NL Pacific Conference and CRL Commissioner and the opposing teams of field closures immediately upon closure by phone and email.

5.17 Uneven Number of Games

If the teams in a Division/Sub-Division do not play the same number of games due to unforeseen circumstances, not including games that teams refuse to play (i.e. forfeits), the Final Standings may be determined by using the percentage of points earned versus the maximum points the team could have earned. The NL Pacific Conference and CRL Commissioner will also determine any tie-breaking procedures that may need to be applied.

SECTION VI. USYS NATIONAL/REGIONAL COMPETITIONS

6.01 US Youth Soccer West Regional Championships

In the **U12 through U19 (All)** age groups, one Wild Card slot to the US Youth Soccer West Regional Championships will be awarded as follows. The top two teams in the CRL South team division will play the top two teams in the CRL South academy division in a final four with the winner securing a slot to the USYS west regional championships to represent CRL South.

To be eligible for a Wild Card slot, the following conditions must be met:

- (a) All Team in CRL must participate in their State Association National | State Cup competition for the US Youth Soccer National Championship Series during the current seasonal year competing in the same age group of competitions as participating in the Pacific Conference (for example a 2004 NL Pacific Conference team must play in National | State cup at the-2004 level.
- (b) The team must meet all current eligibility requirements for the US Youth Soccer National Championship Series.
- (c) The Teams may not have forfeited a game in the NL Pacific Conference or in their State Association National State Cup competition.
- (d) Each respective NL Pacific Conference winner will receive the automatic West Regional Championship berth, so long as there is a minimum of six participating teams within the division.
- (e) In the event any CRL North or CRL South Divisions falls below this minimum, the berth will be determined in a four-team playoff (2nd and 3rd from one Conference versus 1st and 2nd from the other division). In an age bracket that has two conferences the south the CRL Commissioners with hold a play of between the two divisions and the winner will receive the West Regional Championship berth
- (f) Winners of the CRL Divisions (North, South Team, South Academy) will have an automatic slot

in the in the following years USYS National League

6.02 Selection of CRL Wild Cards for US Youth Soccer West Region Championships

NL Pacific Conference and CRL are Wild Card Qualifiers for the US Youth Soccer West Regional Championships shall be earned from the current league season.

6.03 Selection into the CRL Qualification

NL Pacific Conference | CRL is a Qualifier for the US Youth Soccer National League

The Division Champions in the following conference age groups would be eligible to play in the USYS National League the following season in these age groups U13-U14-U15-U16-U17-U18

SECTION VII. RULES OF PLAY

7.01 Laws of the Game

Games will be played under the applicable rules of US Youth Soccer, Cal South. Teams are responsible for obtaining and being familiar with the U.S. Soccer Official Administrative Handbook and the FIFA Laws as they govern play subject to the modifications noted herein.

7.02 Substitutions

Except as provided by US Youth Soccer, Cal South, In the **U15-U16-U17-U18-U19** age groups the CRL will operate under the FIFA-Seven (7) "per half" substitution system. Once replaced, players cannot re-enter the game during that half of play. Substitutions may be made, with the consent of the referee, (US Youth Soccer Rule 302 Cal South Rule 2.9) during any stoppage in play. In the **U12-U13-U14** age groups, substitutions shall be unlimited except where specified otherwise in the rules and regulations for a special competition. Substitutions may be made, with the consent of the referee, at any stoppage in play. (US Youth Soccer Rule 302 Cal South Rule 2.9)

Due to weather related issues the NL and CRL modify the Play-in games and substitutions rules to allow unlimited re-entry as teams may be required to play 2 games per day

7.03 Match Length and Ball Size

Age Group	Length of Half	Ball Size
17U and 19U	45 min.	5
15U and 16U	40 min.	5
13U and 14U	35 min.	5
12U	30 min.	4

7.04 Field Size

Fields should conform to FIFA Law 1, subject to availability and local conditions. The home team is responsible for ensuring that the fields are marked and set-up for play on game days. If games are played at a CRL hosted site, the CRL will be responsible for ensuring that the fields are marked and set-up for play on game days.

7.04.1 Field Marking

All fields must be properly marked, have corner flags, (it is recommended that there be mid field flags and that they be placed at the Half Line) regulation goals, spectator lines, and technical area. Home team is responsible for field set up. The playability of fields will be determined by the referee. If a field is declared not playable due to rain or other unforeseeable Acts of God and games cannot be played, the game will be rescheduled by the CRL Commissioner.

7.05 Official Match

A match shall be considered official after one full half of play is completed (the second half does not have to start). If less than one-half is completed and the match is abandoned, the entire match must be replayed. If a match is abandoned in the second half of play due to inclement weather, the final score will be the score at the time the match is abandoned. If a match is abandoned for any other reason including but not limited to gross misconduct, the NL Pacific Conference and CRL Commissioner will decide the disposition of the match score following review of all information available.

7.06 Forfeits-Lack of Appearance

A thirty-minute (30) delay in the start of a game due to a team's lack of appearance is permitted for scheduled matches before the match is abandoned. A willful failure to appear for a game will result in the offending team being dropped from the NL Pacific Conference and CRL and all prior played games will be declared **NO GAME**. The offending team will be subject to further disciplinary action including fines. If a team forfeit's out of the USYS Pacific Conference, the club and all teams will be placed on probation for one year and if any other team from the same club forfeit's out of the NL Pacific Conference, the Commissioner could suspend the club from participating

7.07 Disqualification

A match shall be declared a disqualification if any of the following occur: (1) If a team has less than **7 eligible** players within **30 minutes** after the scheduled game time, (2) a team arrives without valid player passes, (3) if no team administrator is present with a valid administrator pass or CRL Approved Digital or Picture roster, or (4) force majeure. The match shall be scored a 1-0 loss for the offending team. The NL Pacific Conference and CRL Commissioner will adjudicate all games that are not played as scheduled to asses' weather the games will be a disqualification or a forfeit see 7.06

Only Approved US Youth Soccer events that conflict with the NL Pacific Conference and CRL announced scheduled will be considered to be rescheduled i.e. USYS National League, Cal South National Cup

7.08 Anchored Goals

The match referee crew should inspect the integrity of the goals to ensure they are secure and suitable for play. Matches shall not begin until both goals have been firmly secured.

7.09 Player Passes/Rosters/Game Rosters

Each team must bring their laminated US Youth Soccer or State Association member passes, two copies of the NL Pacific Conference or CRL Game Roster, no more than 18 players from a team may appear on the Game Roster as eligible to play in any single game. Referees are to collect the US Youth Soccer or State Association issued Player Passes for any non-participating player that is sitting on a team's bench for the match prior to the match to ensure that such players do not participate in the match. Such Player Passes are to be returned to the team following the match.

7.10 Game Roster Accuracy

A player listed on the roster, unless crossed off, shall be considered a participant under the name and number listed. Team Administrators and/or coaches are responsible for the accuracy of the Game Reports. Accuracy of the players listed on the Game Roster is not the responsibility of the referee.

7.11 Playing of an Ineligible Player

A team that plays an ineligible player shall be subject to disciplinary action including but not limited to: forfeiture of the match, suspension of the team's coach from NL Pacific Conference or CRL competition, or expulsion of the team from the CRL.

7.13 Availability of Team Rosters

Upon request, copies of official NL Pacific Conference or CRL Game Rosters must be provided to the opposing team coach/manager prior to the start of each game.

7.14 Uniform Colors

All teams will provide the NL Pacific Conference or CRL and other teams their home jersey color(s). The home team shall wear a **DARK** Colored jersey, shorts and socks and the visitor team shall wear **Light**-colored jersey, shorts and socks. If the referee decides that jerseys are not of a distinct difference, the home team is required to change and assure a distinct difference between the teams. Failure of the home team to have a suitable alternate jersey is a protestable item and the NL Pacific Conference and CRL Commissioner may impose a fine to the team.

7.15 Coaching from Sidelines

Limited coaching from inside the team's respective Technical Area is permitted. Coaches may not leave their team's Technical Area or enter the field of play without permission from the Referee. As of start of the 2021 Season, it is required that a coach has a US Soccer National "D" License and be present for all games.

2021 Season, in the cases a team does not meet this requirement the game will be played, and the offending team will have a 1-point deduction from the teams total points (The game will be played with a coach who has the Appropriate license requirement).

7.16 Team Bench Supervision

A coach, manager, or team official must supervise a NL Pacific Conference or CRL team at all times at the Team Bench Area. Coaches, managers, and team officials are required to provide the Referee with a pass, as provided by US Youth Soccer/State Association, certifying that the coach, manager, or team official is currently rostered with the team/club. If by send off or emergency, a team does not have a coach, manager, or team official to supervise the team, then the game shall be declared a disqualification.

SECTION VIII. MATCH CONTROL

8.01 Three Person System

Matches should be officiated by the three-person FIFA/USSF Referee System. In the event, the assigned officials fail to appear (within 10 minutes of the match time); an attempt to secure certified officials to officiate the match should be done. In the event certified USSF officials are not available, the Referee may appoint Club Assistant Referees. Club Assistant Referees shall be limited to decisions only on touchlines and possession as specified by FIFA/USSF Referee Guidelines.

8.02 Game Officials

Game officials will be assigned under the authority of the NL Pacific Conference and CRL working with the Cal South State Referee Administrator. The Cal South State Referee Administrator or his/her designee is responsible for assigning referees for all league and Showcase games. A minimum of three (3) referees is required to play a match. Referees shall use the FIFA system of diagonal control. All referees must be USSF certified.

8.03 Payment of Referees

Referee fees for NL Pacific Conference | CRL team Division games shall be paid by each team paying one-half of referee fees prior to the scheduled match. All Academy Division game match officials will be Paid through the NL Pacific Conference & CRL Commissioner

8.04 Termination of Matches

Referees may terminate matches for lack of crowd control, poor team behavior or other unsportsmanlike circumstances. Each coach is responsible for the behavior and conduct of his/her players. Upon request by the Game Officials, coaches are responsible to assist in the control of parents, fans, and spectators. The Referee will report the termination of any match to the NL Pacific Conference and CRL Commissioner within 24 hours. The NL Pacific Conference or CRL Trial Board shall ascertain the facts and determine appropriate disciplinary action that may include:

- (a) Reprimand,

- (b) Forfeiture and/or disqualification of game as appropriate;
- (c) Suspension from future NL Pacific Conference and CRL matches or
- (d) Recommendation to the State Association PAD committee of a more severe penalty.

If play is stopped at any time due to, one of the teams (by action of players, coaches, administrators, spectators) adjudged to be at fault, it shall be at the discretion of the NL Pacific Conference and CRL Commissioner whether the game is to be replayed or declared a disqualification.

8.05 Filing of Referee Match Report

If a match is terminated the game Referee must file a Referee Report with the NL Pacific Conference CRL Commissioner within 24 hours of the match. In the event that red or yellow cards are issued during the match, the Report must be filed within 12 hours of the match. Filing shall be defined as providing pertinent match information via e-mail or other electronic transmission. Original copies of all paperwork must be postmarked within 48 hours of a match.

SECTION IX. SEND OFFS AND DISCIPLINE

9.01 Red Cards

If the referee ejects a player or dismisses an administrator, the referee will not retain the pass. The referee shall complete a referee report describing the events leading up to the ejection and give it to the NL Pacific Conference or CRL Representative at the match site. Any player receiving a red card, as a minimum, will not be allowed to participate in the next USYS Pacific Conference and CRL game (see following paragraphs). All ejections will be reviewed by the NL Pacific Conference and CRL Commissioner, assignment of mandatory penalties, or referral to a Trial Board. The Trial Board, particularly if the ejection was for violent conduct, may issue punishment, as it deems appropriate. If a player, coach or team official who is sent off (red card) a second time in a season regardless if it is with the same team, the player, coach or team official will be suspended for the next three (3) NL Pacific Conference and CRL matches.

9.02 Yellow Cards

Cautions will be noted by the referee on the roster sheet.

9.03 Violent Conduct by a Coach (Conduct detrimental to the game)

- Physical contact with a Referee or Assistant Referee
Sent directly to State Association PAD. Coach suspended till outcome of hearing.
- Physical contact with Player or Coach
- Any racial verbiage, excessive use of profanity or verbal abuse
- Threatening behavior
- Spitting
- Fighting
 - o First Offense = 2 game suspension with additional review from PAD, and possible extended penalties
 - o Second Offense = Dismissal from league

9.04 All verbal or physical assaults are to be reported to the CRL in writing.

9.05 Coach Suspension Guide Lines

The coach must be out of sight and sound prior to, during, and after the games in which he is suspended. Any coach that is found guilty of coaching while on suspension will be subject to Trial Board review, possible fine and additional period of suspension. A coach that is dismissed/sent-off from a game cannot coach in another NL Pacific Conference or CRL game until the suspension has been served for the team that the coach was coaching when the dismissal/send-off occurred.

9.06 Violent Conduct by Player (Conduct detrimental to the game)

- Physical contact with a Referee or Assistant Referee
- Sent directly to State Association PAD. Player suspended till outcome of hearing.

- Physically striking another Player, or Coach
- Any racial verbiage, excessive use of profanity or verbal abuse
- Spitting
- Fighting

- First Offense = 2 game suspension with additional review from CRL Commission, and possible extended penalties.
- Second Offense = Dismissal from league

A PLAYER ejected by the Referee for all other non-violent conduct infractions will be automatically ineligible to participate in the next scheduled game with that team, or any team within the club. It is the responsibility of the Coach/Manager to ensure that the ejected Player sits out his/her next NL Pacific Conference or CRL match.

1. First Offense = 1 game suspension
2. Second Offense = 2 game suspension + additional review from CRL Commission.
3. Third Offense = 3 game suspension + additional review from CRL Commissioner.

9.07 Fines/Suspensions

The NL Pacific Conference or CRL may fine or suspend any member club, team, or individual that:

1. Violates any of the provisions of the posted rules;
2. Refuses or neglects to fulfill any of their obligations to the league; or
3. Fails to submit any documents on time that are requested by the NL Pacific Conference or CRL.

Any disciplinary situation not listed above shall be referred to the NL Pacific Conference and CRL Commissioner for action or resolution. Any inquiry regarding CRL Rules & Regulations not addressed above shall be referred to the NL Pacific Conference and CRL Commissioner.

9.08 Disciplinary

Prior to the start of the Season, the NL Pacific Conference CRL Commissioner may distribute a Disciplinary Schedule.

SECTION X.-TRIAL BOARD

10.01 Trial Board

The NL Pacific Conference and CRL Commissioner will appoint a three-person impartial panel to act as the Trial Board. No one whose home club is involved in the complaint shall sit on the Trial Board. The NL Pacific Conference and CRL Commissioner shall review all misconduct reports.

A Trial Board may be convened to review any ejection, report of misconduct, or similar significant event for which action may be necessary. The Trial Board may impose penalties (including game bans, suspensions, or fines, etc.), as it deems appropriate. All procedures shall be in accordance with State Association procedures. Notification shall be by E-mail with confirming copy by mail.

SECTION XI. PROTESTS AND APPEALS

11.01 Definition of a Protest

A *Protest* is a formal written objection of any violation of established rules, policies, or procedures related to a specific match. Only the registered head coach and team manager of those teams directly involved in a match (i.e. the two competing teams) are permitted to protest a game result. Third parties, i.e., coaches from other teams, state administrators, parents, and players cannot file protests on a specific game.

11.02 Definition of an Appeal

An *Appeal* is a request to transfer the matter from one jurisdiction to another for re-examination of the decision made by the lower body. Appeals arise as the result of an adverse decision from an administrative action or disciplinary action at a lower level. Only those parties to the original action, who are adversely impacted by such decisions, shall be allowed to appeal.

11.03 Filing Procedures

A Protest or Appeal must be filed in writing and must include:

- (a) The nature and specifics of the complaint
- (b) A listing of the rules, policies, or procedures that have been violated.
- (c) A statement of the desired resolution
- (d) Copies of all documents relevant to the Protest or Appeal
- (e) The filing fee for a protest or appeal is \$500.00 (certified check or money order — made payable to California Regional League)

All Protests and Appeals must be filed with the NL Pacific Conference and CRL Commissioner. The original document of the Protest or Appeal, along with all supporting documents, must be sent by Registered or Certified U. S. Mail — Return Receipt Requested.

11.04 Return of Filing Fee

In the event that a Protest or Appeal is upheld then the filing fee shall be returned to the entity filing the Protest or Appeal; otherwise, the filing fee is non-refundable.

11.05 Notification of Parties

The NL Pacific Conference and CRL Commissioner shall notify all parties involved, no later than three (3) business days from receipt of an Appeal or Protest, that an Appeal or Protest has been filed.

11.06 Protests of Games Played

Notice of intent to Protest activity that occurred during a match must be registered with the NL Pacific Conference and CRL Commissioner within 24 hours of completion of the match. All Protests must be submitted in writing with the appropriate fee to the NL Pacific Conference and CRL Commissioner. The Protest must be postmarked no later than three (3) business days from match completion in accordance with the Filing Procedures listed in Section 11.03. The Referee is the final authority on the field of play. All decisions of the referees with the respect to matters of fact, including judgment matters are final. The NL Pacific Conference and CRL Commissioner is authorized to settle disputes which arise in the course of a NL Pacific Conference and CRL match. The NL Pacific Conference and CRL Commissioner, in accordance with the disciplinary policies and procedures of State Association, will hear the Protest, investigate and adjudicate all allegations of misconduct by teams, coaches, players or others involved related to such match and may impose appropriate sanctions for any violation found. A decision on a Protest must be made within thirty (30) business days from the receipt of a Protest. Decisions shall be reduced to written form and shall be sent to the principal parties no later than three (3) business days from the conclusion of investigation and adjudication (Sundays and holidays excepted). When an Appeal of a NL Pacific Conference and CRL Commissioner's decision is authorized, the Appeal will be made to the appropriate State Association PAD Committee.

11.07 Appeal of NL Conference and CRL Assessed Fines

An Appeal of NL Pacific Conference and CRL assessed fines, must be postmarked no later than three (3) business days from notification of an assessed penalty in accordance with the Filing Procedures listed in Section 10.03. Such Appeal will be heard by the NL Pacific Conference and NL Pacific Conference and CRL

Commissioner. The NL Pacific Conference and CRL Commissioner, in accordance with the disciplinary policies and procedures of Cal South, will investigate and adjudicate the Appeal. A decision on an Appeal must be made within thirty (30) business days from the receipt of an Appeal.

Decisions shall be reduced to written form and shall be sent to the principal parties no later than three (3) business days from the conclusion of investigation and adjudication (Sundays and holidays excepted). When an Appeal of a NL Pacific Conference and CRL decision is authorized, the Appeal will be made to the appropriate State Association PAD committee.

11.08 Appeal of Administrative Matter

The NL Pacific Conference and CRL Commissioner is authorized to hear Appeals that are administrative in nature. The NL Pacific Conference and CRL Commissioner, in accordance with the disciplinary policies and procedures of State Association, will investigate and adjudicate all allegations of misconduct by teams, coaches, players or others involved related to such matter and may impose an appropriate sanction for any violation found. A decision on an Appeal must be made within thirty (30) business days from the receipt of an Appeal. Decisions shall be reduced to written form and shall be sent to the principal parties no later than three (3) business days from the conclusion of investigation and adjudication (Sundays and holidays excepted). When an Appeal of a NL Pacific Conference and CRL Commissioner decision is authorized, the Appeal will be made to the appropriate State Association PAD committee.

11.09 US Youth Soccer Bylaw 704, Section 1

In accordance with State Associations, US Youth Soccer Bylaw 704, section 1 states that: "No member of US Youth Soccer, official, league, club team, player, coach, administrative, or referee may invoke the aid of the courts of the United States or of a state without first exhausting all available remedies within the appropriate soccer organizations, as provided within US Youth Soccer." Additionally, for violation of US Youth Soccer Bylaw 704, the offending party shall be subject to suspension and/or fines, and shall be liable to the NL Pacific Conference and CRL and US Youth Soccer for all expenses incurred by the NL Pacific Conference and CRL or NL and its officers and members of the Board of Directors in defending each court action, including the following: (a) court costs; (b) attorney's fees; (c) reasonable compensation for time spent by the NL Pacific Conference and CRL or NL officials and employees in responding to and defending against allegations in the action, including responses to discovery and court appearances; (d) travel expenses; and (e) expenses for holding special meetings by the NL Pacific Conference and CRL or USYS necessitated by court action.

Section XII. Other Rules

12.01 Other Rules

Where not specifically stated in these Rules, State Association Rules apply.

Section XIII. Amendments

13.01 Amendments

These Rules may be amended by a two-thirds vote of all voting members, at a vote of the USYS Pacific Conference and CRL Commissioner.

Section XIV. Appendices

14.01 Appendix A Application Process & Fees

14.05 Appendix E Club Pass

14.02 Appendix B Structure

14.06 Appendix F Team Roster and Player Guide

14.03 Appendix C Qualification Process

14.04 Appendix D At Large Entry Process

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