

Handbook Season 2025



# The Select League Season 2024

#### **Select League Members**

Michael Nichols & Colin Cooper - Owners of Real Overland Park

Goddard Ogutu - Owner of Southside Football Club

Northland Roots LLC (Bryce Empey) - Owners of Northland Football Club

Brandon Fisher - Owner of Leawood Forest Football Club

open - Owner of Lee's Summit Athletic

Todd Esh - Owner of Olathe United Football Club

Trenton Little - Owner of Lenexa City Football Club

Liberty FC LLC (Phillip Birkey) - Owners of Liberty Football

Club

Woodland Football Club LLC (Ross Harris)- Owners of Woodland Football Club

Crown Villa Football Club corp (Landon Hinkle) - Owners of Crown Villa

#### Bank

U.S. Bank 800 Nicollet Mall Minneapolis, MN 55402

#### **Phone**

1-913-333-1714

#### Website

www.theselectleague.com

#### **Select League Board**

Vacant - KCAFF acting as Select League Board

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#### Select League Owner' Charter

As owners and Directors, we are the custodians of our Clubs and will uphold the spirit of these commitments.

- 1. We understand the vital role of our Shareholders, be they fans, our community, players, or our sponsors and we commit to listening to their views and protecting our Club's heritage.
- 2. We have collective responsibility for the continued success of the Select League.
- 3. We recognize the value each Club has to its broader community and the desire of each individual Club to win and to grow.
- 4. We want to develop and attract the area's best players, coaches, youth and managers to the Select League.
- 5. We will promote the strength and sustainability of KCAFF (Kansas City Association Football Federation) including the national teams and we will continue to support all levels of the game.
- 6. We support the competitiveness of the Select League as one of its greatest assets but recognize that, off the pitch, there is strength in our collective unity. We shall openly debate the issues facing us and protect the Select League.
- 7. We are collectively committed to the Select League and recognize our responsibility to support it. We will not engage in the creation of new competition formats outside of the Select League's Rules.
- 8. We believe that all Shareholders in the Select League should have an equal voice. We will conduct our Club's dealings with good faith, honesty and the highest possible standards of professional behavior and sporting integrity.

# Club Directory Fixtures Rules

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# **Olathe United**

t.b.d. Olathe, KS 66062

Manager t.b.d.

Club Captain t.b.d.



Shirt Sponsor t.b.d.

Kit Manufacturer
Appin

Owner/Chairman

Todd Esh

Home kit





# **Real Overland**

t.b.d. Overland Park, KS 66207

Manager t.b.d.

Club Captain Michael Nichols



**Shirt Sponsor** Mr. Wings

**Kit Manufacturer** Healy Sportswear Owner/Chairman
Colin Cooper & Michael Nichols

Home kit





# Crown Villa

Maple Park 300 Woodland Ave. Kansas City, MO 64106

Manager

Club Captain t.b.d.



Shirt Sponsor t.b.d.

**Kit Manufacturer** Appin

Owner/
Chairman
Landon Hinkle

Home kit



Away kit



# **Northland FC**

Happy Rock Park 7600 NE Antioch Rd Gladstone, MO 64119

Manager

Fernando Ramirez

**Club Captain** 

Cole Franklin.



Shirt Sponsor NONE

**Kit Manufacturer** Healy Sportswear Owner/Chairman
Bryce Empey

Home kit





# Lee's Summit Athletic

Franke Fields 3552 Rennau Dr. Lee's Summit, MO 64064

**Manager** Ren Bykerk

Club Captain t.b.d.

**Shirt Sponsor** Bluebird Network

**Kit Manufacturer** Appin

Owner/Chairman

t.b.d.

#### Home kit



### Away kit



# Southside FC

Blue River Park
Kansas City, MO
United States

**Manager** Josue Rodriguez

Club Captain David Hyad



**Shirt Sponsor** JerseyBird

**Kit Manufacturer**Jersey Bird

Owner/Chairman Goddard Ogutu

#### Home kit





# Lenexa City F.C.

t.b.d. Lenexa, KS **United States** 



Manager t.b.d.

**Shirt Sponsor** Lure CreaZve

Owner/Chairman Trenton Little

**Club Captain** t.b.d.

**Appin** 

**Kit Manufacturer** 

Home kit



Away kit



# **Woodland FC**

Stump Park 4751 Woodland Dr.

Shawnee, KS 66218

Manager **Ross Harris** 

**Club Captain** t.b.

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**Shirt Sponsor** Miracle Method

**Kit Manufacturer FC Sports** 

Owner/Chairman **Ross Harris** 

Home kit





# **Liberty FC**

t.b.d. Liberty, MO **United States** 



Manager

t.b.d.

**Team Captain** t.b.d.

**Shirt Sponsor** 

t.b.d.

Kit Manufacturer Healy

Owner/ Chairman

Phillip Birkley

Home kit



**Leawood Forest** 

**Kenneth Road Soccer Complex** Kenneth Rd. Kansas City, MO 64145

Manager AbdellaZf Boukhenoufa

**Team Captain** t.b.



**Shirt Sponsor** 

Cuvee KC

Kit Manufacturer Appin

Away kit



Owner/Chairman **Brandon Fisher** 







# Select League Fixture List Season 2025

Please be aware that fixtures are always subject to change and these will appear on theselectleague.com.

Saturday 5 April	2025		
Crown Villa	v	Woodland FC	18:00
LS Athletic	v	Southside FC	18:00
Liberty FC	v	Olathe United	18:00
Lenexa City	v	Northland FC	18:00
Leawood Forest	v	Real Overland Park	18:00
Friday 11 April 2	025		
Northland FC	v	LS Athletic	18:00
Woodland FC	v	Lenexa City	18:00
Saturday 12 Apr	il 2025		
Real Overland Park	v	Crown Villa	18:00
Southside FC	v	Liberty FC	18:00
Olathe United	V	Leawood Forest	18:00
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Friday 18 April 2	.U25 v	D 10 1 1D 1	18:00
Woodland FC	•	Real Overland Park	16.00
Saturday 19 Apr	il 2025		
Lenexa City	V	LS Athletic	18:00
Crown Villa	V	Olathe United	18:00
Liberty FC	V	Northland FC	18:00
Leawood Forest	V	Southside FC	19:30
Friday 25 April 2	2025		
Northland FC	V	Leawood Forest	18:00
Saturday 26 Apr	ril 2025		
Olathe United	V	Woodland FC	18:00
Real Overland Park	٧	Lenexa City	18:00
Southside FC	V	Crown Villa	18:00
LS Athletic	V	Liberty FC	18:00
Tuesday 29 Apr	il 2025		
Crown Villa	V	Northland FC	18:00
Woodland FC	v	Southside FC	18:00
Real Overland Park	v	Olathe United	18:00
Lenexa City	v	Liberty FC	18:00
Wednessday 30	April 2	025	
Leawood Forest	V	LS Athletic	19:30
Friday 2 May 20	25		
Southside FC	V	Real Ovlerand Park	18:00
Saturday 3 May	2025		
Olathe United	V	Lenexa City	18:00
Northland FC	V	Woodland FC	18:00
LS Athletic	V	Crown Villa	18:00
Liberty FC	V	Leawood Forest	18:00

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Woodland FC	V	LS Athletic	18:00
Saturday 10 May	2025		
Lenexa City	v	Leawood Forest	18:00
Crown Villa	v	Crown Villa	18:00
Real Overland Park	V	Northland FC	18:00
Olathe United	٧	SouthsideFC	18:00
Friday 16 May 20	)25		
Northland FC	V	Olathe United	18:00
Saturday 17 May	2025		
Southside FC	v	Lenexa City	18:00
LS Athletic	v	Real Overland Park	18:00
Liberty FC	V	Woodland FC	18:00
Leawood Forest	٧	Crown Villa	19:30
Tuesday 27 May	2025		
Woodland FC	V	Leawood Forest	18:30
Lenexa City	V	Crown Villa	18:30
Wednessday 28	May 20	)25	
Real Overland Park	v	Liberty FC	18:30
Olathe United	v	LS Athletic	18:30
Southside FC	V	Northland FC	18:30
Friday 30 May 20	025		
Woodland FC	٧	Crown Villa	18:30
Saturday 31 May	2025		
Northland FC	v	Lenexa City	18:30
Southside FC	v	LS Athletic	18:30
Olathe United	v	Liberty FC	18:30
Real Overlnad Park	V	Leawood Forest	18:30
Eridov 6 June 20	125		
Friday 6 June 20 Liberty FC	) <b>2</b> 5 v	Southside FC	18:30
Liberty FC		004	10.00
Saturday 7 June	2025		
Crown Villa	v	Real Overland Park	18:30
Lenexa City	V	Woodland FC	18:30
LS Athletic	V	Northland FC	18:30
Leawood Forest	V	Olathe United	18:30
Friday 13 June 2	2025		
LS Athletic	v	Lenexa City	18:30
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Saturday 14 Jur			
Northland FC	V	Liberty FC	18:30
Olathe United	v	Crown Villa	18:30
Southside FC	v	Leawood Forest	18:30
Real Overlnad Park	v	Woodland FC	18:30

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#### Friday 20 June 2025

Friday 20 Julie	2025		
Woodland FC	V	Olathe United	19:00
Saturday 21 Ju	ne 2025		
Crown Villa	V	Southside FC	19:00
Lenexa City	v	Real Overland Park	19:00
Liberty FC	V	LS Athletic	19:00
Leawood Forest	v	Northland FC	19:30
Tuesday 24 Jur	ne 2025		
Southside FC	v	Woodland FC	19:00
Liberty FC	v	Lenexa City	19:00
LS Athletic	V	Leawood Forest	19:00
Wednessday 2	5 June 2	2025	
Northland FC	v	Crown Villa	19:00
Olathe United	V	Real Overland Park	19:00
Friday 27 June	2025		
Leawood Forest	V	Liberty FC	19:30
Woodland FC	V	Northland FC	19:30
Saturday 28 Ju	ne 2025		
Lenexa City	V	Olathe United	19:00
Real Overland Park	V	Southside FC	19:00
Sunday 29 Jun	e 2025		
Crown Villa	v	LS Athletic	19:00

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#### Friday 11 July 2025

Southside FC	v	Olathe United	19:00
Saturday 12 Jul	y 2025		
Liberty FC	٧	Crown Villa	19:00
LS Athletic	V	Woodland FC	19:00
Northland FC	V	Real Overland Park	19:00
Leawood Forest	V	Lenexa City	19:30
Friday 18 July 2	2025		
WoodlandFC	V	Liberty FC	19:00
Saturday 19 Jul	y 2025		
Olathe United	v	Northland FC	19:00
Lenexa City	v	Southside FC	19:00
Real Overland Park	V	LS Athletic	19:00
Crown Villa	٧	Leawood Forest	19:00
Saturday 2 Aug	ust 202	5	
Northland FC	v	Southside FC	18:30
LS Athletic	V	Olathe United	18:30
Crown Villa	V	Lenexa City	18:30
Leawood Forest	V	Woodland FC	18:30
Liberty FC	V	Real Overland Park	18:30



# Rules of The Select League

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#### **Definitions and Interpretation**

#### Section A: Definitions and Interpretation

#### **Definitions**

- A.I. In these Rules:
- A.I.I. "Accounting Reference Period" means the period in respect of which Annual Accounts are Prepared;
- A.1.2. "Activity" means any activity or series of activities, organized or arranged by or in the name of a Club, for Children and/or Adults at Risk (and/or to be attended by such individual(s));
- A.1.3. **"Approved Competition"** means any of the following:
  - (a) Select World Cup
  - (b) AFC Asian Cup
  - (c) CAF Africa Cup of Nations
  - (d) CONCACAF Gold Cup
  - (e) CONMEBOL Copa América
  - (f) UEFA European Championship
  - (g) MOKS Champions League
  - (h) Any other competition, match or series of matches that the Board deems, at its discretion, to be an Approved Competition;
- A.1.4. "Approved Match(es)" means any match or short series of matches played solely during the Close Season or any match meeting the requirements of Rule L.8;
- A.1.5. "Articles" means the Articles of Association of the League and reference to a number following the word 'Article' is a reference to an article so numbered in the Articles:
- A.I.6. **"Artificial Surface"** means any playing surface which is not or not intended to be predominantly natural grass;
- A.1.7. An "Associated Party" is a Person that is associated with the Club. In considering each possible Associated Party relationship, the League will direct its attention to the substance of the relationship and not merely the legal form.
  - I. A person is associated with a Club if that Person or, where that Person is an individual, a close member of that individual's family (i.e. those family members who may be expected to influence, or be influenced by, that individual in his dealings with the entity, including that individual's parents, children, siblings and spouse or domestic partner, children of that individual's spouse or domestic partner, and dependents of that individual or that individual's spouse or domestic partner):
    - (a) has Control or join control over the Club;
    - (b) has Material Influence over the Club or an entity in the same group of companies as the Club; or
    - (c) is a Director or member of the key management personnel of the Club or of a Parent Undertaking of the Club.
- A.1.8. "Authorized Signatory" means and Official of a Club duly authorized by a resolution of its board of directors or club manager to sign Forms as required by these Rules;

- A.1.9. **"Average Goals Per Game"** means the figure calculated by dividing the total number of goals scored by the Club in a Competition by the number of League Matches played at that point;
- A.1.10. "Average Points Per Game" means the figure calculated as follows:
  - (a) dividing the total number of points obtained by the Club in a Competition by the number of League Matches played at that point;
  - (b) multiplying the resulting figure by 38; and
  - (c) subtracting from the resulting figure any points deducted as a result of disciplinary action under these Rules;
- A.I.II. **"Board"** means the board of directors for the time being of the League;
- A.1.12. **"Board Directive"** means a directive issued by the Board in accordance with these Rules;
- A.1.13. "Child" and "Children" mean any person or persons under the age of 18 years;
- A.1.14. "clear days" in relation to the period of a notice means that period excluding the day when the notice is given or deemed to be given and the day for which it is given or on which it is to take effect;
- A.1.15. "Close Season" means the period between the end of one Season (i.e., from the end of the relevant Club's final League Match of the Season) and the commencement of the next Season (i.e., midnight on the day before the first League Match in that Season);
- A.1.16. "Club" means an association football club in membership of the League;
- A.I.17. "Club Operations (CO)" means all aspects of club's functioning, including but not limited to its name, branding, player registration, and any other assets or agreements.
- A.1.18. "Commercial Contract" means any contract entered into by the League relating to sponsorship or like transactions or other matters materially affecting the commercial interests of Clubs;
- A.1.19. "Commercial Contract Revenue" means revenue received by the League under any Commercial Contract:
- A.1.20. "Competition" means the men's first team soccer competition called 'The Select League', organized by the League and compromising the League Matches required to be completed over the course of a Season.
- A.I.21. "Contract Player" means any player (other than an Academy Player) who has entered into a written contract with a Club or merely playing for another Club;
- A.I.22. "Declaration" means a declaration in Form 4;
- A.1.23. "Director" means a peros(s) who have significant influence over a Club operations
- A.1.24. **"MASF"** means the Midwest Association of Soccer Federation;
- A.1.25. "Midwest Football League Championship" means the relegation league one tier below The Select League;

- A.1.26. **"Form"** means the appropriate form or substantially the same form as that prescribed in these Rules;
- A.1.27. "Full Strength" means a team has 7 (seven) or more players actively competing in the match
  A.1.28. "General Meeting" means any meeting of the members of the League duly called in accordance with these Rules;

- A.1.29. **"Home Club"** means the Club at whose Stadium a League Match is or was or should be or should have
  - been played or, where the Clubs participating in that League Match share a Stadium, the Club whose name first appears in respect of that League Match on the League's fixture list;
- A.1.30. "Interview Backdrops" means backdrops against which interviews must, where specified by these Rules, be conducted. The Interview Backdrops will be provided to Clubs from time to time by the League;
- A.I.31. "League" means The Select League;
- A.1.32. **"League Match"** means a first team match played under the jurisdiction of the League;
- A.1.33. **"League Office"** means the registered office for the time being of the league;
- A.1.34. "League Table" means the League standings;
- A.1.35. "Club Manager" means the Official of a Club responsible for the Club (essentially owner of the Club);
- A.1.36. "Match Officials" means referees, assistant referees, and includes reserve officials and fourth officials:
- A.1.37. **"Official"** means any Chairman, secretary, servant or representative of a Club excluding any Player;
- A.1.38. "Parent" means a Person who has parental responsibility for a Child;
- A.1.39. **"Player"** means any person registered to play for a Club:
- A.1.40. **"Player's Image"** means a Player's name, nickname, fame, image, signature, voice and film and photographic portrayal, virtual and/or electronic portrayal image or representation, reputation, replica and all other characteristics of the Player including his shirt number;
- A.1.41. **"Promoted Club"** means a Club which became a member of the League at the end of the previous Season pursuant to these Rules;
- A.1.42. **"Relegated Club"** means a Midwest Football League Championship club which was relegated under the provisions of these Rules at the end of any of the three previous Seasons and which remains relegated;
- A.1.43. "Rules" means the rules for the time being of the League and a letter and a number following a reference to a Rule identifies the Section in which it is comprised and its number within that Section;
- A.1.44. A **"Season"** means the period commencing on the date of the first League Match on the fixture list of the Competition and ending at midnight on the date on which the last League Match is completed;
- A.1.45. "Section" means a section of these Rules;
- A.1.46. **"Significant Interest"** means the holding and/or possession of the legal or beneficial interest in, and/or the ability to exercise the voting rights applicable to, Shares in the Club.
- A.1.47. **"Squad List"** means the list of up to a maximum of 25 players eligible to participate in League Matches during a Season;
- A.1.48. **"Stadium"** means the Club's ground registered with the Board;
- A.1.49. **"Staff"** means any employee of a Club or volunteer involved in any Activity on behalf of or with the authorization of the Club;
- A.1.50. "Strip" means Players' shirt, shorts and socks;
- A.1.51. **"UEFA"** means the Union Des Associations Européennes de Football;

- A.1.50. "Unapproved Competition" means any senior men's first team soccer competition that is not an approved competition;
- A.I.51. "Visiting Club" means the Club playing, which has played, which should play or which should have played a League Match at the Stadium of a Home Club or, where the Clubs participating in that League Match should have played at Out whose name last appears in respect of that League Match on the League's fixture list:
- A.I.52. References to "written" or "in writing" shall be
  - (a) hard copy;
  - (b) facsimile transmission; and
  - (c) subject to any guidance issued by the Board, email (including any attachments to an email); but shall not include any form of electronic communication other than those listed in Rules (b) and
- A.1.53. **"Youth Development Rules"** means the Youth Development Rules which accompany and are incorporated in these Rules.

The League: Governance, Operations and Finance

Section B: The League – Governance

#### Name and <u>Membership</u>

- B.I. The Competition shall consist of teams of those association football clubs playing in the general Kansas City metropolitan area not exceeding 10 in number which are from time-to-time members of the League.
- B.2. The League may expel a Club from membership upon a special Resolution to that effect being passed by a majority of not less than three-quarters of such members as (being entitled to do so) vote by their representatives or by proxy at a General Meeting of which notice specifying the intention to propose the Resolution has been duly given.
- B.3. Any Club intending to resign as a member of the League may do so only with effect from midnight on the last day of the second Season following the Season in which notice is given.
- <u>Guidance</u>: By way of example, if a Club were to serve notice to resign during Season 2028, that resignation would only take effect from the end of the Season 2030.
- B.4. In the event that a Club gives notice under the provisions of Rule B.3: KCAFF would assume CO and
  - B.4.1. any Chairman of that Club who represents the League in a League capacity shall vacate that office forthwith upon the giving of the notice;
  - B.4.2. the Board may remove any Official of the Club from any committee convened in accordance with the Articles or other working group or advisory group; and
  - B.4.3. the Board may restrict the Club's access to confidential information of the League where it reasonably considers that disclosing such confidential information to the Club may prejudice the interests of the League or one or more other Club(s).

B.4.4. the Board will work diligently and urgently to appoint a new chairman to handle CO

#### **Board Powers**

B.5. Where a discretion, right or power is expressed in these Rules to be exercisable by the Board, such discretion, right or power shall, unless otherwise provided in these Rules or the Articles, be exercisable by the Board in its sole and absolute discretion or as a sole right or power of the Board and shall when exercised be final and binding and not subject to appeal.

#### Procedure at General Meetings

- B.6. The League Chairman may regulate the procedure for General Meetings as he/she thinks fit. Unless otherwise determined by the President:
  - B.6.1 Clubs must give to the League not less than 14 clear days' notice of any item for inclusion on the agenda of a forthcoming General Meeting; and
  - B.6.2. two representatives from each Club may attend General Meetings, each of whom may speak but only one of whom shall be entitled to vote.

#### Relationship between Clubs and the League

- B.7. Membership of the League shall constitute an agreement between the League and the Club (both on its own and on behalf of its Officials) and between each Club to be bound by and comply with:
  - B.7.I. the Laws of the Game (and any protocols issued by MASF;
  - B.7.2. the Articles;
  - B.7.3. these Rules;
  - B.7.4. the statutes and regulations of MASF;
- B.8. In all matters and transactions relating to the League each Club, Official and Chairman shall behave towards each other Club, Official, Chairman and the League with the utmost good faith. For the avoidance of doubt and by way of example only, it shall be a breach of the duties under this Rule to:
  - B.8.1. act dishonestly towards the League or another Club; or
  - B.8.2. engage in conduct that is intended to circumvent these Rules or obstruct the Board's investigation of compliance with them.
- B.9. No Person bound by these Rules, including any Club (either by itself, its registered Players, Officials, Directors, employees or agents) shall do any of the following:
  - B.9.1. conduct itself in abusive, derogatory, insulting, intimidating or offensive manner towards any (other) Club or the League or (where applicable in either case) any of its registered Players, Officials, Directors, employees or agents;
  - B.9.2. commit any act or make any statement that is discriminatory by means of race, religion, color or national or ethnic origin; or

- B.9.3. commit any act or make any statement that brings the game of soccer, the League, its competition, a Club, or a par ty to a Commercial Contract into dispute.
- B.10. Without prejudice to the League's powers of inquiry, each Club shall comply promptly and in full with any request for information made by the League.

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Section C: The League – Competition

#### The League Competition

- C.1. Each Club shall play two League Matches against each other Club in the Competition during each Season, being the Home Club in respect of one such League Match an Cthe Visiting Club in respect of the other.
  - The winner of the League Match shall score three points. Each Club participating in a League Match which is drawn shall score one point.

The results of League Matches shall be recorded in the League Table containing, in respect of each Club, the following information:

- C.3.1. the number of League Matches played in the
  - Competition during that Season;
    C.3.2. the number of League Matches won, drawn, and lost as a Home Club in the Competition during that Season;
  - C.3.3. the number of goals scored in League Matches by and against that Club in the Competition during that Season; and
  - C.3.4. the number of points scored in the Competition during that Season.
- C.4. The position of Clubs in the League Table shall be determined by the number of points scored in the Competition during that Season; the Club having scored the highest number of points being at the top of the League Table and the Club having scored the lowest number of points being at the bottom.
- C.5. If any two or more Clubs have scored the same number of points their position in the League Table shall be determined on goal difference, that is to say, the difference between the total number of goals scored by and against a Club in League Matches in the Competition during that Season, and the higher or highest placed Club shall be the Club with the higher or highest Goal Difference.
- C.6. If any two or more Clubs have scored the same number of points and have the same Goal Difference the higher or highest placed Club shall be the Club having scored the most goals in League Matches in the Competition during that Season.
- C.7. If any two or more Clubs have scored the same number of points have the same Goal Difference and have scored the same number of goals in League Matches in the Competition during that Season, Head to head will be applied in the following order. Most wins Head to head than goals scored head to head.

#### Determinaton and Accreditation of Goals

- C.8. The League shall keep a record of the scorer of each goal in each League Match.
- C.9. The Board will review all goals scored in every League Match, and if there are any in respect of which the identity of the scoring Player is in doubt, then the issue shall be resolved by such means as the Board determines in advance of each Season.

#### The League Championship

- C.10. The Club which is at the top of the League Table following the completion of the Competition shall be the League Champions.
- C.11. The League Champions shall receive a trophy which it shall be the property of the club owner. Should the club change hands, the previous owner should pass on any trophies of the club.
- C.12. The League Champions shall for their receive commemorative medals to be presented by the Club to its Chairman and to such of its Players and Officials as it thinks fit provided that any Player who has entered the field of play in a minimum of five of its League Matches that Season shall receive from the Club a commemorative medal. Additional medals may only be presented with the consent of the Board which shall be given if the total number of Players who have entered the field of play that Season in minimum of five of the Club's League Matches exceeds 25.

#### Relegation

C.13. Until there are ample Clubs to sustain a lower league, there will be no relegation. This matter will be revisited prior to each Season.

### Determination of League Table Placings

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# Interruption to and/or Curtailment of a Competition

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### The League Competition

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Section D: The League - Finance

### Obligations of the League

- D.I. When able the League will aide and promote the live broadcast of Matches via audio and/or audio/video.
- D.2. Each Club and each Player shall comply with any reasonable request made on behalf of the League to allow the Player's Image to be used to enable the League to fulfill its Commercial Contracts, provided that, where the size of the product permits, the League shall not use the images of less than four Players, each from a different Club, on any one product.

### Obligations of the Clubs

D.3. Clubs are responsible for securing and paying for their home pitches, for paying referees at home matches, and paying the appropriate entity for each player's sanctioning. Each club is also responsible for acquiring appropriate club kits for their players.

#### Accounting Practice

- D.4. The League shall abide by normal accounting practices.
- D.5. The League shall name an official League Treasurer when able. If not able, a member of the board shall take up the treasury duties.

### Operating and Other Expenses

- D.6. The operating and other expenses of the League shall be paid, at the discretion of the Board, out of any sponsorship revenue paid directly to the League.
- D.7. Subject to the prior approval of Clubs in General Meeting, the Board shall be empowered to require Clubs to pay to the League from time to time any sum by which its income falls short of the operating and other expenses of the League.

#### League Bank Account

D.8. The League shall maintain a bank account for league monies only.

#### Clubs: Finance and Governance

E.I. Without prejudice to its powers of inquiry, the Board either by itself or by any Person appointed by it shall be empowered to inspect the financial records of any Club which it reasonably suspects has acted in breach of these Rules.

#### Financial Stability

E.2. Each Club is to remain financially stable of its own accord. The Club, not the League, is responsible for any additional expenses including basic field and referee expenditures.

### Clubs: Finance and Governance Section F: Owners' and Chairmen's Test

# Disqualifying Events

- F.I. A Person shall be disqualified from acting as an Owner and no Club shall be permitted to have any Person acting as Owner of that Club if:
  - F.I.I. they have been found by the Board to have
    - acted in breach of Rules;
  - F.1.2. either directly or indirectly they hold or acquire any Significant Interest in a Club while they either directly or indirectly hold any interest in another Club;
  - F.I.3. they have been found in poor judgement by the Board as to meeting the goals of the League;
  - F.I.4. they are determined by the Board that previous actions were detrimental to the present or future standing of the League;
  - F.I.5. they have submitted false documentation to the League or have lied to the league either directly or by omission;
  - F.I.6. they do not maintain an appearance befitting of their title and expected by their community.

#### Submission of Declaration

- F.2 If any Person proposes to become an Owner of a Club:
  - F2.1 the Club shall, no later than 10 Working Days prior to the date on which it is anticipated that such Person shall become an Owner, submit to the Board:
    - F.2.1.1 a duly completed Declaration in respect of that Person signed by them and by an Authorized Signatory, at which point that Person shall be bound by and subject to the Rules.
  - F22 within five Working Days of receipt thereof the Board shall advise the Club of the timeframe within which the Board, acting reasonably, expects to be able to finalize its enquiries in respect of that Person;
  - F2.3. following completion of those enquiries, the Board will advise the Club whether or not the Person is approved or disapproved to be Owner:
  - F24. the Person shall not become an Owner until the Club has received confirmation from the Board pursuant to Rule F.2.3 above that the Person is not liable to be disqualified as an Owner.

#### Disciplinary Provisions

- F.3. Any Club which fails to comply with its obligations under the foregoing provisions of this Section of these Rules or which submits a Declaration which is false in any particular shall be in breach of these Rules and will be liable to be dealt with in accordance with the provisions of these Rules.
- F.4. Any Owner who fails to comply with their obligations under the foregoing provisions of this Section of these Rules or who fails to complete and sign a Declaration and any Chairman or Authorized Signatory who signs a Declaration which is false in any particular shall likewise be in breach of these Rules and liable to be dealt with as aforesaid.

### Suspension of the Club

- F5. If an Owner who received a notice fails to resign and their Club fails to ensure their removal from office as required, or if a Club proceeds with the appointment as an Owner for a Person to whom Rule F.2 applies despite having received a notice, the Board shall have power to suspend the Club by giving to it notice in writing or email to that effect.
- F.6. A suspended Club shall not play in:
  - F.6.1. any League Match;
  - F.6.2. any Approved Competition; or
  - F.6.3. any other match
- F.7. For the purposes of the League competition, the Board shall have power to determine how the cancellation of a League Match caused by the suspension of one of the Clubs which should have participated in it shall be treated.
- F.8. Upon being reasonably satisfied that the Owner of the suspended Club has resigned or has been removed from office, the Board shall have power to withdraw the suspension by giving it notice to that effect.

### Appeal against Disqualification of an Owner

- F.9. Any person or Club who receives notice under Rule F.I has a right to appeal the disqualification notice(s) in accordance with the following Rules.
- F.IO. Any Person or Club wishing to appeal a disqualification notice must, within 14 days of the date of that notice, send or deliver to the Board a notice of appeal, setting out full details of the grounds of appeal of that Person or Club.
- F.II. An appeal shall lie to an appeal tribunal which shall hear the appeal as soon as reasonably practicable The appeal tribunal shall be appointed by the Chairman of the League and shall comprise three members of the Board, one of which will be named chairman of the tribunal.
- F.12 The Person or Club advancing the appeal shall have the burden of proving the complaint. The standard of proof shall be the balance of probabilities.
- F.13. The appeal tribunal shall make its decision unanimously or by majority. No member of the appeal tribunal may abstain
- F.I4. The appeal tribunal shall give written reasons for its decision.
- F.I5. The appeal tribunal shall have the following powers:
  - F.I5.I. to allow the appeal in full;
  - F.15.2. to reject the appeal;
  - F.15.3. to rule on the appeal in either the positive or negative.

### Clubs: Finance and Governance Section G: Disclosure of Ownership and Other Interests

#### Disclosure of Ownership and Other Interests

- G.I. A Club shall forthwith give notice in Form 5 to the Board if any Person either directly or indirectly:
  - G.I.I. holds;
  - G.1.2. acquires; or
  - G.1.3. having held or acquired, ceases to hold, any Significant Interest in the Club.
- G.2. A Club shall forthwith give notice to the Board if it either directly or indirectly:
  - G.I.I. holds;
  - G.1.2. acquires; or
  - G.1.3. having held or acquired, ceases to hold, any Significant Interest in any other Club (or clubs).
- G.3. The Board shall have power to suspend a Club if either directly or indirectly a Person acquires a Significant Interest in that Club while such Person either directly or indirectly has any interest in another Club or clubs.
- G.4. At the discretion of the Board, a suspension may take effect forthwith or it may be postponed subject to such conditions as the Board may think fit.

# Clubs: Finance and Governance Section H: Chairmen' Reports

#### Material Transactions

H.I. For the purposes of these Rules, Material Transactions shall compromise any financial agreements made between the Club, a Sponsor., Athlete, or other entity or individual

### Record of Material Transactions

- H.2. Brief particulars of each Material Transaction sufficient to identify its date(s), its amount(s), the payer, the payee and the nature of it shall be recorded by a Club and the record shall be made available on demand to the League.
- H.3. Owner of a Club shall take such steps as are reasonably necessary to satisfy themselves that their Club's record of Material Transactions is complete and correct.

# Clubs: Finance and Governance Section I: Associations and Influence

#### Associations between Clubs

- I.I. A Club shall not either directly or indirectly:
  - I.I.I. hold any interest in another Club or clubs;
  - I.1.2. lend money or engage in any financials to or with another Club or clubs;
  - I.I.3. borrow money from another Club or clubs;
  - I.I.4. involved in or have any power to determine or influence the management or administration of another Club or clubs;
  - I.1.5. permit any other Club or clubs to be involved in or have any power to determine or influence its management or administration.

#### Club Officials

- I.2. An Official of a Club shall not:
  - I.2. I be an Official of another Club or clubs; or
  - I.2.2. either directly or indirectly be involved in or have any power to determine or influence the management or administration of another Club or clubs.

### Clubs: Finance and Governance Section J: Miscellaneous

# Chairmen' Responsibilities

- J.I. The Clubs' Owner is responsible for all operations of the Club. This includes, but not limited to:
  - J.1.1. securing staff, both administrative and coaching, to help with responsibilities;
  - J.1.2. recruiting players;
  - J.1.3. creating, maintaining, and updating official Club website;
  - J.1.4. creating, maintaining, and updating various social media accounts for the Club;
  - J.1.5. pursuing and securing a primary sponsor for the Club;
  - J.1.6. securing a home field pitch for the Club along with all the necessary field equipment such as goals, corner flags, and boundary lines;
  - J.1.7. pursue and secure amenities (if allowed by owners of the pitch) such as food and merchandise vending for match attendees;
  - J.1.8. follow, and ensure all associated with Club, follow the Rules herein.

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Section K: Stadium Criteria and Broadcasters' Requirements

# Ground and Training Facilities

- K.I. Each Club is responsible for securing a place for training along with a place to hold their home matches (hereafter referred to as Stadium(s).
- K.2. When possible, seating for spectators should be made available along with amenities such as food and merchandise vending.
- K.3. Unless approved by the Board, all games of a Club must be played in the same Stadium throughout the Season and through all Competition when the Club is determined as the Home Club.
- K.4. Each Stadium should provide ample parking for Club players, Club officials, referee crews and spectators.

#### The Pitch

- K.5. The Stadium Pitch must be of "adult size" and be in good standing, lined and with no holes. Goals must be of standard size.
- K.6. The Board should inspect each Stadium Pitch prior to the start of each Season to verify it complies.
- K.6. The Pitch, when able, should be of natural grass surface and if possible, fitted with lighting to allow for night matches.
- K.7. The Pitch grass should be maintained to a proper height prior to each League Match.

#### Artificial Surfaces

K.8. League Matches are preferred to be played on natural grass.

#### Benches

K.9. Benches should be made available for Players not in the match. This reduces confusion on substitutions and allows the assistant referees better views of the sidelines. Benches shall be on same side of the Pitch.

### Sanitary Facilities

K.10. Stadiums should have restrooms readily available for all who attend the League Matches.

#### Scoreboards

K.11. In most cases this is not an option and therefore is entirely left up to each individual Club.

#### Live Streaming and Video Recording

- K.12. Each Club should, to the greatest extent possible, live stream and/or video record their Home Matches.
- K.13. Video recorded League Matches shall be sent to the League in a timely fashion so that the League may post them on the League website. It is also strongly suggested that each Club do the same.
- K.14. Each Club shall offer ample area for the Visiting Club to record and/or live stream the Match.
- K.15. While not mandatory, a Club may share their video with the other Club, but it is at the sole discretion of the Club with the film. Clubs may not share video with any other Club that did not play in the Match.
- K.16. It is the intention of the League to air a Match of the Week. This will be one predetermined League Match that the League will attend and film for live on air and also to post to the League TV channel on the League website.
- K.17 Filming of another Club's training sessions is absolutely forbidden.

#### Interviews

K.18. As available, each Club must make available up until 30 minutes prior to the start of a League Match and

immediately after a League Match, their players for interview with their own media, League media, or local independent media.

#### Club Analysts

K.19. Each Club shall allow access to the Visiting Club's radio and TV analysts should they have any.

#### Official Club Team Sheets

K.20. Each Club shall provide to any media attending the League Match the official team sheets for their Club as soon as reasonably practicable after they have been submitted to the referee.

<u>Guidance</u>: At least 30 minutes before the kick-off, a representative of each Club must submit to the referee and their opponents a team sheet.

# Clubs: Operations Section L: Fixtures

#### Arranging Fixtures

- L.I. The League Chairman shall:
  - L.I.I. determine the dates and kick-off times of all League Matches as soon as practicable prior to the commencement of each Season; and
  - L.1.2. have the power at any time thereafter to change the date and kick-off time of a League Match, and before exercising such power the League Chairman will consult with and take into account any representations made by the Clubs participating in the League Match in question and any other Club or Clubs which may be affected thereby.
- L.2. Each Club shall use its best endeavors to ensure that each League Match takes place on the date and at the time fixed for it.
- L.3. All intellectual property and other rights in the League's fixture list shall belong to the League.
- L.4. A Club may apply to the League Chairman for permission to rearrange any fixture so that it is played on a different date or at a different kick-off time.

### Arranging Other Matches

- L.5. A Club shall not arrange to play a friendly match during the Season:
  - L.5.I. until the dates of League Matches for that Season have been fixed and published in accordance with Rule L.1; or
  - L.5.2. so that it adversely affects a League Match.

#### Other Competitions

- L.6. It shall be a breach of these Rules by a Club (acting through any of its Officials or Chairmen) or any of its Officials or its Chairmen themselves to (indirectly or directly) do any of the following without the prior written approval of the Board (not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed):
  - L.6.1. enter into any agreement of any kind (whether by correspondence, heads of terms or memorandum of understanding) whether legally binding or otherwise, which includes an intention that the Club will participate in an Unapproved Competition;
  - L.6.2. contractually bind the Club to participate in any Unapproved Competition or instruct someone to do so on its/their behalf;

- L.6.3. publicly announce (or approve a third party to publicly announce) the intention of the Club to participate in any Unapproved Competition; or
- L.6.4. enter or play in any Unapproved Competition.
- L.7. Where a violation of Rule 6 exists, the League shall:
  - L.7.1. where it is a first offense, impose on the Club a deduction of 12 points scored in the League Table;
  - L.7.2. order that the Club in breach indemnifies the League for any and all loss sustained as a result of such breach, and
  - L.7.3. impose such other order or sanction as it thinks fit.

#### Postponement of League Matches

- L.8. A League Match shall not be postponed or abandoned except:
  - L.8.1. when on the date fixed for it to be played either the Home Club or the Visiting Club is competing in a competition approved by the Board:
  - L.8.2. with the approval of or on the instructions of the officiating referee;
  - L.8.3 by order of the police;
  - L.8.4. by order of any authority exercising its statutory powers to that effect, or
  - L.8.5. on the instructions of or with the prior written consent of the Board.
- L.9. Where it is proposed to postpone a League Match on the grounds of safety, the appropriate Official of the Home Club shall:
  - L.9.1. complete and make available on request to the League a written explanation.
- L.10. Upon a League Match being postponed or abandoned the Home Club shall forthwith inform the Board, and the Board will thereupon exercise its power and fix a date and kick-off time of the re-arranged League Match.

### Failure to Play a League Match

L.11. Except in the case of a League Match which, without either of the participating Clubs being at fault, is postponed or abandoned, any Club which is at fault for the postponement or abandonment of a League Match on the date fixed will be in breach of these Rules.

# Replaying a League Match

L.12. The Board shall have power to order that a League Match be replayed provided that a recommendation to that effect be made by the League Chairman.

### Match Delegate

- L.13. The League may appoint a match delegate to attend each League Match and the Home Club shall ensure that he/she is allocated a prime seat and allowed access to all areas of the Stadium.
- L.14. The Match Delegate will act as an official representative of the League at the League Match to which he/she is appointed and he/she will report thereon to the League.

#### Full Strength Teams

- L.15. In every League Match each participating Club shall field a full-strength team.
- L.16. Failure to field a full-strength team will result in a 3-0 forfeit.

#### Minimum Age

L.17. A Player who is placed in an age group Under 16, provided the clubs have required certification, or below shall not be named in a Club's team sheet for or participate in a League Match.

#### Team Sheet and Pre-Match Briefing

- L.18. At least 30 minutes before the time fixed for the kickoff of a League Match, a representative of each participating Club shall submit a team sheet by such method as approved by the Board containing the following particulars:
  - L.18.1. the shirt numbers and names of its Players (including substitute Players) who are to take part in that League Match;
  - L.18.2. the color of the Strip to be worn by its Players, including the goalkeeper, and
  - L.18.3. the names and job titles of up to seven Officials who will occupy the trainer's bench during that League Match.
- L.19. At least 30 minutes before the time fixed for the kickoff of a League Match, a member of the coaching staff of each participating Club shall attend a briefing with the referee.
- L.20. If any Player (or substitute Player) named on a team sheet is injured or otherwise incapacitated after the submission of the team sheet but before kick-off, the Club may add the name of another Player to the team sheet as a Player or substitute Player.
- L.21. Any amendment to the team sheet pursuant to Rule L.20 shall be communicated forthwith to the referee, the opposing Club and the Match Delegate should there be one.
- L.22. No Player whose name does not appear on his Club's team sheet shall take the field of play in that League Match.

### Substitute Players

- L.23. In any League Match a Club may include in its team sheet up to nine substitute Players who may take part in the League Match.
- L.24. In each League Match there are 7 allowed number of substitutions, but also left up to the referee's discretion. Players who have been substituted out of the Match may NOT re-enter the Match as a substitute.
- L.25. All substitute players on the sideline must wear the opposite color Club pinnie. Only when that player is awaiting to enter onto the pitch may he remove the pinnie.

#### Kick-Off

- L.26. Each Club participating in a League Match shall adhere to the kick-off time and the Home Club shall report any delay to the League together with any explanation therefore.
- L.27. Any Club which without good reason causes to be delayed, longer than 15 minutes, either the kick-off of a League Match from the time fixed or the re-start after the half-time interval shall be dealt with under the provisions of Section W of these Rules (Disciplinary).

#### Countdown to Kick-Off

L.28. Each Club participating in a League Match must comply with the terms of the relevant Countdown to Kick-Off.

### Use of Official Ball

- L.29. In all League Matches:
  - L.29.1. participating Clubs shall utilize a system of replacement balls so as to keep the match moving along at a proper pace.
  - L.29.2. the Home Club shall provide, and the participating Clubs shall use, only the official ball approved from time to time by the League.

#### Duration of League Matches

- L.30. The duration of a League Match shall be 90 minutes.
- L.31. The Board may order a League Match which for whatever reason lasts for less than 90 minutes to count as a completed fixture or to be replayed either partially or in its entirety.
- L.32. The half-time interval in League Matches shall be 15 minutes.

#### Gate Statements

L.33. Within 10 Working Days of a League Match the Home Club shall submit Form 9 to the Board duly completed.

#### Compensation for Postponed Matches

- L.34. Compensation shall be payable to a Home Club if a League Match in which it should participate is postponed, provided that:
  - L.34.1. the postponement is caused by the Visiting Club on the date fixed for the League Match.
- L.35. The amount of compensation shall be the amount of unrecoverable funds that the Home Club paid forward in order to host the League Match.

#### Provisions of Hospitality for Officials

L.36. Each Home Club is to provide cold water and/or sports beverages to the Match Officials.

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### Section M: Players' Identification and Strip

#### Player Identification

- M.I. Before the commencement of each Season each Club shall allocate a different shirt number to each member of its first team squad.
- M.2. A Club shall likewise allocate a shirt number to any Player joining its first team squad during the Season.
- M.3. While he remains with the Club a Player will retain his shirt number throughout the Season for which it was allocated.
- M.4. Upon a Player leaving a Club the shirt number allocated to him may be re-allocated.
- M.5. Each Club shall forthwith provide to the Board on Form 10 full details in writing of shirt numbers allocated so that throughout each Season the Board is aware of the names of members of the first team squad of each Club and the shirt numbers allocated to them.
- M.6. When playing in League Matches each Player shall wear a shirt on the back of which shall be prominently displayed his shirt number so as to be clearly visible (and contrast with any pattern or design on the shirt) in accordance with guidelines laid down by the Board from time to time, and above that his surname or such other name as may be approved in writing by the Board.
- M.7. The Players' shirt number may also appear on the front of the left or right leg of his shorts. If a number is

- present on the shorts, that number shall match what is on the back of The Players' shirt.
- M.8. The size, style, color and design of shirt numbers, lettering and the logo of the League appearing on a Player's shirt or shorts and the material from which such numbers, lettering and logo are made shall be determined by the Board from time to time.
- M.9. The color and design of the shirt and socks worn by the goalkeeper when playing in League Matches shall be such as to distinguish him from the other Players and from Match Officials.
- M.10. The captain of each team appearing in a League Match shall wear an armband provided by the League indicating his status as such.
- M.11. Any club acting in breach of any of Rules M.1 to M.10 will be liable to pay to the league a fixed penalty of \$100 for each breach. Breaches beyond the first may result in larger fines, deduction in points on the League Table, or suspension of the Club.

#### Home and Alternative Strips

- M.12. Each Club shall have a home Strip for outfield Players and up to a maximum of two alternative Strips for outfield Players. Goalkeepers shall have one, but may have up to three Strips. These shall be registered with the Board and worn by its Players in League Matches in accordance with the provisions in these Rules.
- M.13. Each Strip registered with the Board by a Club must differ visibly from and contrast with each other Strip registered by the Club in that Season, such that they could be worn by competing Clubs in a League Match, for the purposes of Rule M.21.
- M.14. The logo of the League shall appear on the right sleeve of both home Strip and alternative Strip shirts. The Strip may also bear a secondary sponsor's logo on the left sleeve of its shirt.
- M.15. Neither the home Strip nor the shirt of either of the alternative Strips shall be of a color or design alike or similar to the outfits of the Match Officials.
- M.16. Not later than eight weeks before the commencement of each Season, each Club shall register its Strips (each of which must be available for the Club to wear in each League Match during the Season) by submitting to the Board Form II together with a computer aided drawing ("CAD") complying with these Rules. The Board will print the Club's registered Strips in the handbook of the League and on the League's website.
- M.17. Each Strip may only have the Club's primary sponsor on the front of the shirt and secondary sponsor on the left sleeve.
- M.18. If pursuant to Rule M.16 a Club seeks to register a Strip which does not comply with these Rules:
  - M.18.1. the Board shall give that Club notice in writing to that effect giving full details of the changes required to achieve compliance; and
  - M.18.2. the Strip in question shall not be worn by that Club's Players in a League Match until a further sample has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Board.
- M.19. Subject to Rule M.20, Strips of the description thus registered shall be worn throughout the Season immediately following and no changes to it shall be made except with the prior written permission of the Board. Any request for such permission must be made

- to the Board no less than 14 days before the League Match in which the Club concerned intends to wear the changed Strip.
- M.20. On the occasions of a Club's last home and away League Match in any Season a further Strip (i.e. not one registered by the Club in accordance with Rule M.16) may be worn provided that:
  - M.20.1. at least 14 days' prior written notice of intention to do so is given to the Board and the opposing Club; and
  - M.20.2. the alternative Strip shall be subsequently registered as the Club's home or alternative Strip for the following Season.
- M.21. Subject to Rule M.20, when playing in League Matches the Players of each participating Club shall wear a Strip which is of a sufficient contrast that Match Officials, spectators and video viewers will be able to distinguish clearly between the two teams. In selecting the choice of Strip the following order of precedence shall apply unless authorized by the Board:
  - M.21.1. Ist priority: the outfield Players of the Home Club who shall wear their home Strip;
  - M.21.2. 2<sup>nd</sup> priority: the outfield Players of the Visiting Club;
  - M.21.3. 3<sup>rd</sup> priority: the Home Club goalkeeper;
  - M.21.4. 4th priority: the Visiting Club goalkeeper; and
  - M.21.5. 5th priority: the Match Officials.
- M.22. At least 10 days prior to each League Match the Visiting Club shall notify the Home Club and the League (by such means as advised by the Board from time to time) of the Strip it intends its Players (including for the avoidance of doubt its goalkeeper) to wear.
- <u>Guidance</u>: In respect of each League Match, the League will notify Clubs of the confirmed Strips to be worn by the Home Club and the Visiting Club (together with the uniform to be worn by the Match Officials) in the form of the Match Day Information Sheet.

For avoidance of doubt, pursuant to the League's power to resolve disputes arising between Clubs regarding Strips, the League may (if necessary) require one or both Clubs to wear different shirts and/or shorts and/or socks from more than one of their respective registered Strips to ensure sufficient contrast, as required by Rule M.21.

- M.23. In the event of a dispute arising on the day of a League Match in relation to the Strip to be worn then the referee's decision shall be final.
- M.24. Subject to Rule M.20, no Club shall participate in a League Match wearing a Strip other than its registered home Strip or alternative Strip or a combination of the same except with the prior written consent of the Board.
- M.25. When participating in a League Match no Player shall reveal undergarments that show images or texts deemed to be vulgar in nature. The Board may proceed under Section W (Disciplinary) against either the Player or his Club or both for any breach of this Rule.

#### Strip Advertising

- M.26. Provided that:
  - M.26.1. the content, design and area of the advertisement is approved by the board; and

M.26.2. it complies with the Rules herein, advertising on Strips shall be permitted.

<u>Guidance</u>: Only one single primary sponsor allowed on front of shirt. Only one single secondary sponsor allowed on left sleeve.

Clubs: Operations Section N: Match Officials

#### Appointment of Match Officials

- N.1. Prior to the commencement of each Season, a list will be made by the Board of Match Officials eligible to be appointed to officiate at League Matches during that Season.
- N.2. The Board shall be empowered to remove the name of any Match Official from the list at any time.
- N.3. The League will appoint the Match Officials to officiate at each League Match. The League will give notice of such appointment to the participating Club and to the Match Officials so appointed who shall each forthwith acknowledge their appointment to the League.

#### Rules Binding on Match Officials

- N.4. Acknowledgement by a Match Official of an appointment made under Rule N.3 shall constitute an agreement with the League by such Match Official to be bound by and to comply with:
  - N.4.1. the Laws of the Game;
  - N.4.2. The Select League Rules; and
  - N.4.3. these Rules.

#### Payments to Match Officials

N.5. No Club or Official shall either directly or indirectly make or offer to make any payment to or confer or offer to confer any benefit up on any Match Official, other than owed match fees.

#### Pre-Match Procedures

- N.6. Prior to the commencement of a League Match at which he/she has been appointed to officiate, the referee shall:
  - N.6.1. together with the other appointed Match Officials, arrive at the Stadium not less than 45 minutes before the advertised kick-off;
  - N.6.2. decide on the fitness of the pitch for the playing of the League Match and:
    - N.6.2.1. if the referee considers it the be unfit, instruct that the League Match be postponed or that the kick-off be delayed; or
    - N.6.2.2. if the referee considers it to be necessary, instruct that the pitch be re-marked;
  - N.6.3. receive the team sheets of the participating Clubs in accordance with Rule L.18;
  - N.6.4. permit the amendment of a team sheet if a Player is injured or otherwise incapacitated as provided in Rule L.20;
  - N.6.5. attend the briefing referred to at Rule L.19;
  - N.6.6. check and approve an football to be used in the League Match;
  - N.6.7. wear a match uniform ensuring that it does not clash with the Strip worn by either of the participating teams;

- N.6.8. ensure that the Players' Strip complies with the provisions of Section M of these Rules (Players' Identification and Strip);
- N.6.9. ensure that the uniform worn by any ball assistant or steward does not clash with the Strip worn by either of the participating teams and if in his/her opinion there is such a clash, he/she shall be authorized to request such ball assistant or steward to change his/her uniform or to leave the vicinity of the field of play;
- N.6.10. with the assistant referees, lead the participating teams onto the field of play in accordance with the provisions set out in the Countdown to Kick-Off; and

#### Post-Match Procedures

- N.7. The referee shall send team sheets to and make the following reports to the League as soon as practicable after officiating at a League Match:
  - N.7.1. On the standard of facilities for Match Officials provided by the Home Club;
  - N.7.2. on the late arrival at the Stadium of any of the Match Officials, giving reasons therefore;
  - N.7.3. on the condition of the pitch;
  - N.7.4. on the circumstances surrounding the kick-off or re-start being delayed;
  - N.7.5. on either team commencing the League Match with less than a full complement of Players;
  - N.7.6. on any change of Strip ordered;
  - N.7.7. on the failure of a team to process together onto the field of play in accordance with the provisions set out in the Countdown to Kick-Off:
  - N.7.8. on any breach of Rule L.29;
  - N.7.9. on any Player being cautioned or sent-off;
  - N.7.10. on either assistant referee taking over as referee and stating the reason therefore;
  - N.7.11. on any breach of these Rules by Clubs, Players, Officials, Managers and other Match Officials; and
  - N.7.12. any other matter which the referee considers appropriate to bring to the Board's attention.

### Clubs: Operations Section O: Medical

#### Concussions |

- O.I. Each Club Manager or Club Official shall, when present at a League Match or at any other match or training, carry the pocket concussion tool (set out at Appendix 4A to these Rules).
- O2. Where a Player, whether engaged in a League Match, any other match or in training, has sustained, or is suspected of having sustained, a concussive injury:
  - O2.1. the Club must comply with any concussion protocol issued by the League in respect of the treatment, including substitution, of that Player and any review of that treatment; and
  - O22 the Player shall not, under any circumstances, be allowed to resume playing or training (as the case may be) that same day. Furthermore, he shall not be allowed to return to playing in matches or participating in training thereafter

unless he has been examined and declared fit to do so by a doctor.

#### Medical Insurance

O.3. Each Player must be a current sanctioned Player.

Clubs: Operations Section P: Managers

### Codes of Conduct

- Managers shall conduct themselves in accordance with the Code of Conduct for Managers set out in Appendix 5 to these Rules.
- Clubs shall conduct themselves in relation to Managers in accordance with the Code of Conduct for Clubs set out in Appendix 6 to these Rules.
- Any failure by Managers or Clubs to conduct themselves in accordance with their respective Codes of Conduct will constitute as a breach of this Rule.

Clubs: Operations

Section Q: Scouts & Recruiters

#### Registration of Scouts & Recruiters

Q.I. Clubs may utilize Scouts and Recruiters in order to garner Players.

Clubs: Operations

Section R: Supporter Relations

#### **Ticketing**

- R.I. A Club's ticket policy should:
  - R.I.I. determine whether or not to sell tickets, or allow free attendance, or a combination of the two;
  - R.I.2. provide general information to the public about ticket availability and pricing, giving the earliest possible notice of any changes and the reasons therefore:
  - R.I.3. aim to promote greater accessibility by the adoption of and imaginative ticketing schemes;
  - R.1.4. set out the particulars of any membership, loyalty, bond, debenture or similar scheme;
  - R.I.5. make available a method of payment that is easily accessible online as well as at the gate;
  - R.I.6. include the following provisions in respect of abandoned League Matches:

R.6.6.1. full refund.

R.2. Each Club shall submit to the League details of its season ticket prices and ticket prices for individual League Matches no later than 48 hours before announcing the same publicly (and, in any event, before the start of each Season)

#### Merchandise & Concessions

- R.3. A Club's merchandise policy shall:
  - R.3.1. determine whether or not to sell merchandise and/or concessions;
  - R.3.2. make replica jerseys discernible from official player jerseys;
  - R.3.3. keep accurate record of sales and net profit;
  - R.3.4. establish a place at home matches where merchandise and/or concessions are sold:

R.3.5. consider utilizing an already established food truck for home match concessions and verifying with pitch owner that a food truck is acceptable.

Players: Contracts, Registrations and

**Transfers** 

Section T: Players - Contracts

### Approaches to Players

- I. A Club shall be at liberty at any time to make an approach to a Player with a view to negotiating a deal or contract with him:
  - T.l.l. if he is an Out of Contract:
  - T.12 in the case of a Contract Player, with the prior written consent of the Club (or club) to which he is contracted.
- Any Club which by itself, by any of its Officials, by any of its Players, by its intermediary, by any other Person on its behalf or by any other means whatsoever makes an approach either directly or indirectly to a Contract Player except as permitted by Rule T.I.2 shall be in breach of these Rules and may be dealt with under the provisions of Section W of these Rules (Disciplinary).

### Approaches by Players

- An Out of Contract Player, or any Person on his behalf, shall be at liberty at any time to make an approach to a Club (or club) with a view to contracting with the Club (or club) provided they then fill out the registration and their fees are paid for.
- T.4 A Contract Player, either by himself or by any Person on his behalf, shall not either directly or indirectly make any such approach as is referred to in Rule T.5 without having obtained the prior written consent of his Club.

#### Public Statements

A statement made publicly by or on behalf of a Club expressing interest in acquiring the registration of a Contract Player or by a Contract Player expressing interest in transferring his registration to another Club (or club) shall in either case be treated as an indirect approach for the purposes of Rule T.2 and T.4.

#### Form of Contract

T6 Contracts between Clubs and Players involving any compensation of any type (kits paid for, pay, etc.) shall be in Form 15 (save with the permission of the Board)

### Players' Remuneration

T7. Full details of a Player's remuneration including all benefits to which he is entitled whether in cash or in kind shall be set out in his contract (or any amendment to that contract in a form approved by the Board).

#### Submission to Board

Clubs shall submit to the Board copies of all contracts with Players that include payment, coverage of fees, and/ or uniform kits, or any other type of compensation the Club offers the Player, within five days of their execution.

# Disputes between Clubs and Players

T9. Any dispute or difference between a Club and a Player not otherwise expressly provided for in these Rules may be referred in writing by either party to the Board for consideration and adjudication in such manner as the Board may think fit.

# Players: Contracts, Registrations and Transfers

### Section U: Players - Registrations

### Requirement for Registration

- U.I. A Player shall not be named on the team sheet and/or play for a Club in a League Match unless that Club holds his registration with effect from at least 7 whole days before kick-off.
- U.2. A Club shall be deemed to hold the registration of a Player upon receipt of the League's confirmation by email to that effect.

#### Registration Procedure

- U.3. To be considered registered, a Player must have fully filled out the sign-up form on the League website and have paid the appropriate fees within either of the Transfer Windows.
- U.4. Once the process outlined in Rule U.3 is complete, the League will retain a hard copy of that online registration stapled to the back of Form 16.
- U.5. This must be done for every Player prior to each new Season.
- U.6. The transfer of the registration of a Contract Player shall be effected in accordance with the provisions in Section V of these Rules.

#### Multiplicity of Registrations

J.7. A Player shall not apply to be registered by more than one Club (or club) at any one time and the Board shall refuse any application made in breach of this Rule.

#### List of Players

- U.8. The official list of players for each Club is kept with the League. Any discrepancies must be brought to light by the discoverer. For example, the League realizes a Club has an ineligible Player on their list of Players, the League must inform the Club. Of if a Club realizes the League's list of Players is missing a registered Player, the Club must inform the League.
- U.9. Discrepancies to the list of Players found by the League and brought to the attention of the Club must be addressed prior to a League Match for the Player in question to be eligible to play in the League Match. This must also be done in accordance with these Rules.

# Players: Contracts, Registrations and Transfers

# Section V: Players – Transfers of Registrations Transfer Windows

- V.I. "Transfer Windows" means the two periods in a year during which, subject to Rule V.2, a Club may apply for the registration of a Player transferred to it.
- V2 The Summer Transfer Window in any year shall take place from one minute past midnight on first Sunday of

June until 11:59pm on the following Saturday for one week.

- <u>Guidance</u>: The Board will verify and make any needed changes to the start and stop time of the Summer Transfer Window should they determine. The Board will also confirm the date and time of both Transfer Windows.
- V.3. The Winter Transfer Window in any year shall take place from the end of the last League Match for a Season until the Sunday that is at least seven days prior to the start of the commencement of the relevant Season.
- V.4. Outside a Transfer Window, the Board in its absolute discretion may:

VAI. refuse an application to register a player; or

V42 grant an application to register a player and, if thought fit, impose conditions by which the Club making the application and the player shall be bound.

#### Contract Players

- V5. The transfer of the registration of a Contract Player shall be effected in the following manner:
  - VS.I. The Transferor Club and the Transferee Club shall enter into a Transfer Agreement signed on behalf of each Club by an Authorized Signatory in which shall be set out full particulars of all financial and other arrangements agreed between the Transferor Club and the Transferee Club and, except as provided below, between the Transferor Club and the Contract Player in relation to the transfer of Contract Player's registration whether the same are to take effect upon completion of the transfer or at any time thereafter:
  - V52 any such arrangements agreed between the Transferor Club and the Contract Player to which the Transferee Club is not privy may be omitted from the Transfer Agreement provided that they are forthwith notified in writing to the Board by the Transferor Club;
  - V53. the Transfer Agreement shall be sent by the Transferee Club to the Board together with a copy of the contract entered into between the Transferee Club and the Contract Player.
- V6. All transfer arrangements in respect of Contract Players are subject to the approval of the Board.
- V7. The Transferee Club will hold the registration of the Contract Player upon receipt of the League's confirmation by email to that effect.

#### Out of Contract Players

V& An Out of Contract Player may seek to be registered by any Transferee Club.

# Disciplinary and Dispute Resolution Section W: Disciplinary

#### Power of Inquiry

- W.l. The Board shall have power to inquire into any suspected or alleged breach of these Rules and for that purpose may require:
  - W.l.l. any Manager, Match Official, Official or Player to appear before it to answer questions and/or provide information;

W.I2 any such Person or any Club to produce documents.

W2 Any Manager, Match Official, Official or Player who fails to appear before or to produce documents to the Board when requested to do so under Rule W.I shall be in breach of these Rules.

#### Board's Disciplinary Powers

W3. The Board shall have power to deal with any suspected or alleged breach of these Rules by:

W3.l. issuing a reprimand;

W32 imposing a fixed penalty or other sanction provision is made in these Rules;

W33. exercising its summary jurisdiction;

W34 concluding an agreement in writing with that Person in which it accepts a sanction proposed by the Board.

#### Fixed Penalty Procedure

W.4. Upon being satisfied that a fixed penalty is payable under the provisions of these Rules, the Board shall give notice in Form 20 to the Club or Person by whom it is payable.

W5. Within 14 days of the date of notice in Form 20 the Club or Person to whom it is addressed must either:

W5.l. pay the fixed penalty or;

W52 appeal.

#### Summary Jurisdiction

W6. The Board's summary jurisdiction shall extend to any suspected or alleged breach of these Rules (other than for which a fixed penalty is prescribed).

W7. In exercising its summary jurisdiction, the Board shall be entitled to impose a fine not exceeding \$200.

W& The Board shall exercise its summary jurisdiction by giving notice in Form 21 to the Club or Person allegedly in breach.

W9. Within 14 days of the date of a notice in Form 21, the Club or Person to whom it is addressed must either:

W.9.I. submit to the Board's jurisdiction and pay the fine imposed; or

W92 elect to be dealt with by the Board.

W.I0. Failure to comply with the requirement contained in a notice in Form 21 shall constitute a breach of these Rules.

#### **Appeals**

W.II. Either:

W.I.l. a Club (or club) or Person that wishes to challenge:

W.I.I.I. the decision of the Board to impose a fixed

W.II.12 the amount of compensation (if any) which the Board has ordered paid.

W.12 An appeal shall lie to an Appeal Board which shall be appointed by the League Chairman and shall comprise three members of the Appeals Panel to include the League Chairman (as Chairman of the Appeal Board or designate another) and two Club Chairmen who are independent of the matter in question.

W.I3. An appeal against the decision of the Board to impose a fixed penalty shall be in Form 24.

W.I4. As soon as reasonably practicable following the receipt of Form 24 or Form 25, as appropriate, the League

President shall appoint an Appeal Board to hear the appeal.

W.I5. Notice of date, time and place of the appeal hearing shall be given in writing to the parties by the League Chairman.

W.l6 If a party fails, refuses or is unable to attend the hearing the Appeal Board may either adjourn it or proceed in the party's absence.

W.I7. The Appeal Board may permit the appellant at any time to withdraw the appeal.

W.I8 The Appeal Board shall make its decision unanimously or by majority. No member of the Appeal Board may abstain.

W.I9. The Appeal Board's decision shall be announced as soon as practicable after the appeal hearing and if possible, at the end thereof shall be confirmed in writing by the Chairman of the Appeal Board to the parties, giving reasons. If the decision reached by the Appeal Board was by a majority, no minority or dissenting opinion shall be produced or published.

#### Appeal Board Powers

W20. Upon hearing of an appeal, an Appeal Board may:

W20.1. allow the appeal; W202. dismiss the appeal;

W203. order or dismiss any penalties levied;

W204. make such other order as it thinks fit.

W2I. The decision of an Appeal Board shall be final.

# Player Cards

X.1 All registered players must have a player card on file.

X1.1 Clubs must have player cards for referee verification

X1.2 Clubs are responsible for player cards on game day not the league

X1.3 Club must use KCAFF approved Template

# Disciplinary actions

Y.1 A player who accumulates 4 yellow card offences must serve a 1 (one) match ban. This will reset on a yearly basis

Y2. A player who is issued a 2nd STRIGHT red must serve a minimum 2 match ban.

Y.2.1 A player suspension may be review by the KCAFF board and/or a appointed committee to expend punishment

#### Sponsorship Rule for Select League Teams

#### Prohibited Sponsorship Agreements

No team within the Select League shall enter into a sponsorship or contractual agreement of any kind with companies or organizations involved in the production, distribution, or promotion of drugs, including but not limited to:

Pharmaceutical companies, Marijuana dispensaries, Vape companies.

Additionally, any business deemed to be of ill repute or controversial in nature, or that may present a conflict with the values or image of the Select League, is prohibited as a sponsor.

# Notification and Compliance Requirements for Existing Contracts

If a team currently has an active sponsorship or contractual agreement with a prohibited company as outlined in Section 1, they must notify the Select League immediately.

The notification must include the name of the company, the nature of the agreement, and the duration of the contract.

Teams with such agreements will be permitted to honor the existing contract for its full term but are strictly prohibited from renewing or extending the contract in any form.

#### **Enforcement and Penalties**

Failure to comply with this rule, including entering into new prohibited agreements or renewing existing contracts, may result in disciplinary actions as determined by the Select League's governing body. Possible penalties include fines, suspension, or other actions deemed appropriate.

#### Amendments and Updates

This rule may be amended or updated as necessary to reflect the evolving standards and values of the Select League and its sponsors and supporters. All teams will be notified of any changes in a timely manner.

#### Club Identity & Rebranding Rule

#### Club Identity Protection

 No owner, club, or team may rebrand a club in any way—including but not limited to name, badge, colors, or location—without the written consent of The League.

#### Badge & Strip Color Adjustments

- Clubs may make minor alterations to the colors used in their badge to align with their current strip colors. Rebranding Eligibility
- New owners must wait a minimum of five (5) full seasons before The League will likely consider any request for rebranding. All requests are subject n a case by case basis.
- Owners with five (5) or more years of tenure, or original owner of clubs, will have a higher likelihood of rebranding requests being granted.

  Purpose & Rationale
  - This rule ensures consistency and stability as each club builds its presence within its community. It also fosters long-term brand recognition and identity, strengthening the league's overall cohesion.



# Select League Forms

List of Authorized Signatories of \_\_\_\_\_\_ Football Club

To: The Select Leag		als of the Club are Authoriz	ed Signatories:
Print Name	Position	Signature	Limit of Authority* (if any)
Signed	Position		te

Select League Form 2

### Notification of Club Bank Account

To: The Select League Board		
We confirm on behalf ofbank account.	Football Club that the following bank acc	ount is the Club's
Name of bank		
Name of account holder		
Title of account		
Sort code		
Account number		
Signed by a Director of the Club		
	Date	
Signed by a Director of the Club		-

Select League

Form 4A

Owners' and Directors' Declaration for Individual Directors

To: The Select League Board		
I, (full name)	of	
	(zip code)	hereby declare that:
By signing and dating this declaration, I acknown ("Rules") and agree to submit all disputes of vaccordance with Section X (Arbitration) of Rules;		
2. I am/propose* to become a Director of [INSERT	NAME OF CLUB]	;
3. I am/am not* a Person having Control over the C	Club for the purposes of thes	e Rules;
4. I have/have* not been found by a Commission to	o have acted in breach of the	ese Rules;
5. I have/have not* accepted a sanction proposed Director of the Club;	by the Board that I should b	oe disqualified from acting as a
<b>6.</b> I am/am not* either directly or indirectly investigation of another Club or community or a second community or community.		o determine or influence the
7. I hold/do not hold* either directly or indirectly indirectly holding an interest of any kind with anoth		a Club white either directly or
8. I am/am not* subject to any unsatisfied judgeme	nt or order for payment of ar	ny monetary amount;
9. I am/am not* subject to a suspension or ban fror	m involvement in the adminis	stration of a sport;
10. I am/am not* connected with another league ou	utside of the Select League i	n any capacity;
11. This Declaration is true, correct and complete in	n every particular.	
Signed	by the Director/proposed Di	rector
		Date
Si	gned by an Authorized Signa	atory
		Date

**Dual Interest Notice** 

To: The Select League Board
We hereby give notice that a Person
*holds
*has acquired
*has ceased to hold
a Significant Interest inFootball Club.
The particulars required are as follows:
1. The Person holding/acquiring/ceasing to hold* a Significant Interest in the Club is
(name)
of (address)
2. The details of the Significant Interest are as follows:
3. The Significant Interest of other entity in issue is%
4. The Significant Interest the Football Club is%
Signed
Position

Registration of Hom	ne Pitch	by			_
Football Club					
To: The Select Leag	ue Board	I			
The name of pitch					
Address of ground	_				
	_				
	_				
Natural Grass or turf*					
Length:	yards				
Width:	yards				
			Signed _		
			Position_		
			Date _		

Team Sheet of			_ Football Club	Date
Opponent		Kick-off time	Referee	
	Shirt No.	Name		
Team				
	Shirt No.	Name		
Substitutes				
l		Name	Job Title	
Officials occ trainer's	upying the			
trainer 3	5011011			
Color of Strip	Shirt	Shorts/Socks	GK's Shirt	GK's Socks
Signed			Position	

Select League	Form 9
Gate Statement	
Season 20	
Date of Match	
Home Club	Visiting Club

Tickets Issued and Attendance	Home Club	Visiting Club	Total
Total No. of tickets issued			
No. of spectators attending*			

RECEIPTS	
Value of ticket sales	\$

including hospitality	Signed	
	Position	
	Date	

Notification of Shirt Numbers Allocated by \_\_\_\_\_\_ Football Club

#### To: The Select League Board

The shirt numbers allocated to members of our first team squad in Season 20\_\_\_\_ are as follows:

Shirt No. Name	Shirt No. Name
1	24
2	25
3	26
4	27
5	28
6	29
7	30
8	31
9	32
10	33
11	34
12	35
13	36
14	37
15	38
16	39
17	40
18	41
19	42
20	43
21	44
22	45
23	46

I undertake to give you prompt notice of any deletions from or additions to the above list occurring during the Season.

Signed	Position	
Date		

Registration of Strips by Football Club

To: The Select League Bo		
I submit herewith samples of	of our home Strip, alte	rnative Strip(s) and goalkeeper's Strip for Season 20_
A brief description (colors)	of each is as follows:	
Home Strip		
Shirt		:
Shorts		<u>:</u> _
Change Shorts (if applicable)		<u>:</u> _
Socks		<u>:</u> _
Change Socks (if applicable)		<u>:</u> _
Goalkeeper (shirt, shorts, sock	rs)	<u>:</u> _
Alternative Strip 1		
Shirt		<u></u>
Shorts		<u></u>
Change Shorts (if applicable)		:
Socks		<u></u>
Change Socks (if applicable)		<u></u>
Goalkeeper (shirt, shorts, sock	cs)	<u>:</u> _
Alternative Strip 2*		
Shirt		:
Shorts		:
Change Shorts (if applicable)		:
Socks		:
Change Socks (if applicable)		:
Goalkeeper (shirt, shorts, sock	rs)	:
Additional Goalkeeper Strip	o(S) (shirt, shorts, socks) (if	applicable)
*disregard if inapplicable	Signed	
	Position	
	Date	

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No.	

League Copy	
Club Copy	
Player Copy	

Player's surname		
Player's forename(s)		
Present Postal Address		
Email address		
Date of Birth		
Place of Birth		
International Team		
Club for which Player was last registered		
AN AGREEMENT made the	e (day) day of (month and year)	
	Football Club whose registered office is at	
Detween	rootball club whose registered office is at	(address)
(hereinafter referred to as "	the Club") of the one part and the above-named Player	_
(hereinafter referred to as "	the Player") of the other part.	
The Player's term with the C	Club begins/began on	
The date of termination of the	his contract is 30 September 20	
SIGNED by the Player		
(Witness signature)		
(Address)		
SIGNED by (name)		
in the presence of:		
(Address)		

Select League Form 16

## Player Registration Form

Player Particulars	
Surname	Other name(s)
Address	
	Zip code
Date of birth	
International team	
Application to Register	
We hereby apply for the above-n	amed Player to be registered as a Player for
	Football Club
	Signed
	Authorized Signatory
	Date

## Offer of New Contract

То:	[name and address of Out of Contract Player]
Copy to:	The Select League
	Under the provisions of the Rules of the Select League
	Football Club hereby offers
	you a new contract to commence on (date)
	in the following terms:
	<del></del>
	This offer remains open and capable of acceptance for a period of one month within which time you may either accept it and enter into a new contract in the terms offered or decline in writing.
	Signed
	Position
	Date

Select League Form 20

## Fixed Penalty Notice

То:		
Date:		
You are in breach of Rule	in that on [date]	you
[description of breach, indicating ir	n appropriate cases whether it is a firs	st, second or third
breach of that Rule]		
You are required within 14 days of	the date of this notice to pay a fixed	penalty of \$
Alternatively, you are entitled within	n that period to appeal. If you appeal	and your appeal is
dismissed the fixed penalty becom	es payapble forthwith.	
Failure to pay the fixed penalty as	required by this notice or forthwith up	oon any anneal being
		-
	of the Rules of the League in respec	t of which you will be
liable to be dealt with under the pro	ovisions of Section W.	
	Signed	
		For and on behalf of the Board

## Complaint

То:		
Date:		
The Board's complaint is that you are	in breach of Rule	
In that on [date]	you [description of breach]	
A summary of the facts alleged is as fo	ollows:	
*Annexed hereto are copies of the following	owing documents upon which the Board re	elies:
Within 14 days of receipt of this compl answer in Form 23.	laint you are required to send to me by em	ail or certified mail a written
	Signed	
*delete if inapplicable		For and on behalf of the Board

To: The Select League	Date:
I/We* acknowledge having received the complete the complete the complete that is admitted/denied*. I/We* req	plaint dateduest that the complaint be determined by written representations.*
*[If the complaint is admitted] I/We* ask the L	eague to take into account the following mitigation:
*[If the complaint is denied and is to be determined:	mined at a hearing] My/Our* reasons for denying the complaint
*[If the complaint is denied and is to be determined to b	mined by written representations] My/Our* representations are as
Annexed hereto are copies of the following d	ocuments upon which I/we* rely:
Signed	Position
	[for and on behalf of*] the Respondent
* delete as appropriate	
ß continue on separate sheet if necessary	

Form 24

## Appeal Against Fixed Penalty

To: The Select League	Date:	
I/We* hereby appeal against the fixed pena dated	Ity imposed by the notice in F	form 20
My/our* appeal is		
*against the decision of the Board to impos	e the fixed penalty.	
*against the amount of the fixed penalty.		
*against the decision of the Board to impos	e the fixed penalty and its am	nount.
* delete as appropriate	Signed #	
ß continue on separate sheet if necessary	Position	
# state position if signed on behalf of a Club		[for and on behalf of*] Respondent

## Appeal Against Board Decision

To: The Select League	Date:	
I/We* hereby appeal against the decision of	the Board before whic	h I/We* appeared
dated		
My/our* appeal is		
*against the decision of the Board.		
*against the amount of the penalty.		
*against the decision of the Board and the p	penalty.	
*against the amount of compensation order	ed by the Board.	
The grounds of my/our* appeal are:		
I/We* intend to apply at the appeal hearing		
The reasons for such application are:		
		Δ
* delete as appropriate	Signed #	
ß continue on separate sheet if necessary	Position	
# state position if signed on behalf of a Club		[for and on behalf of*] Respondent



### Appendix 1

#### Camera Positions

When able, each Club should film their home matches for live streaming, or to upload after the match is complete. If there are multiple cameras, the League can assist in editing prior to upload. Still shot cameras area also recommended for uploading to the League website, Club website and other social media platforms.

#### Main Video Camera (1)

- Positioned exactly on the halfway line facing away from the sun.
- Ideally should be from an elevated position to the greatest extent possible. While not always possible, 6 feet or taller is ideal.
- Whether this camera is manned or automated, it needs to follow the action of the match.
- Should enable an unobstructed view of the field of play.

#### Still Shot Camera (2)

- A photographer should move around the outside of the pitch gathering as man still action shots as possible.
- Both close-up and distance photos should be

#### 18 Yard Video Camera (3a)

- If there are two additional cameras, the 18-yard camera becomes an option.
- These cameras should be placed on the same side as the main camera and inline with the penalty box.

#### **Behind Goal Video Camera (3b)**

- The other option if there are more than one camera is to place them behind each goal.
- This should be done by placing them in the middle of the crossbar or on poles overlooking the goal to allow for an unobstructed view.

#### **Drone Video Camera (4)**

A drone video camera, while probably a rarity, offers an unimpeded "bird's eye view" of the match and can be a great way for media footage.

#### Appendix 2

Pocket Concussion Recognition Tool

#### Pocket CONCUSSION RECOGNITION TOOL To help identify concussion in children, youth and adults











#### **RECOGNIZE & REMOVE**

Concussion should be suspected if one or more of the following visible clues. signs, symptoms or errors in memory questions are present.

#### 1. Visible clues of suspected concussion

Any one or more of the following visual clues can indicate a possible concussion:

Lying motionless on ground/Slow to get up Unsteady on feet / Balance problems or falling over/Incoordination Grabbing/Clutching of head Dazed blank or vacant look Confused/Not aware of plays or events

#### 2. Signs and symptoms of suspected concussion

- Loss of consciousness
- Seizure or convulsion
- Balance problems
- Nausea or vomiting
- Drowsiness - More emotional
- Irritability
- Sadness
- Fatigue or low energy - Nervous or anxious
- Difficulty remembering
- "Don't feel right"
- Neck Pain - Sensitivity to noise

- Amnesia

- Headache

- Confusion

- Dizziness

- Feeling like "in a fog" - Difficulty concentrating

- Feeling slowed down

- "Pressure in head"

- Sensitivity to light

- Blurred vision

- @ 2013 Concussion in Sport Group

#### 3. Memory function

Failure to answer any of these questions correctly may suggest a concussion.

- "What venue are we at today?"
- "Which half is it now?"
- "Who scored last in this game?"
- "What team did you play last week I game?"
- "Did your team win the last game?"

Any athlete with a suspected concussion should be IMMEDIATELY REMOVED FROM PLAY, and should not be returned to activity until they are assessed medically. Athletes with a suspected concussion should not be left alone and should not drive a motor vehicle.

It is recommended that, in all cases of suspected concussion, the player is referred to a medical professional for diagnosis and guidance as well as return to play decisions, even if the symptoms resolve.

#### **RED FLAGS**

If ANY of the following are reported then the player should be safely and immediately removed from the field. If no qualified medical professional is available, consider transporting by ambulance for urgent medical assessment:

- Athlete complains of neck pain
- Increasing confusion or irritability
- Repeated vomiting
- Seizure or convulsion
- Deteriorating conscious state - Severe or increasing headache
- Unusual behaviour change
- Double vision

- In all cases, the basic principles of first aid

- Weakness or tingling/burning in arms or legs

- (danger, response, airway, breathing, circulation) should be followed.
- Do not attempt to move the player (other than required for airway support) unless trained to so do
- Do not remove helmet (if present) unless trained to do so.

from McCrory et. al, Consensus Statement on Concussion in Sport. Br J Sports Med 47 (5), 2013

#### Code of Conduct for Managers

- 1. A Manager shall not enter into negotiations with another Club (or club) without having first obtained the permission of his Club to do so.
- 2. A Manager shall not, either directly or indirectly, make an approach to a Player of another Club (or club) without the consent of both his Club (or club) and the Player's Club (or club).
- 3. A Manager shall comply with the laws of the game, the Rules of the Select League, the rules of any competition in which his Club participates and his Club Rules and he shall not encourage or invite any person (including Players and other Officers of his Club) to act in breach of the same but shall take all possible steps to ensure that they comply with them.
- 4. A Manager shall take all reasonable steps to ensure that Players and other Officers of his Club accept and observe the authority and decisions of Match Officials and to promote the highest standards on the field of play generally.
- A Manager shall not make public any unfair criticism of any Match Official or any other Manager or any Player or Official of his or another Club.
- 6. A Manager shall at all times act with the utmost good faith and in accordance with his primary duty to act in the best interests of his Club.
- 7.. A Manager shall at all times observe the principles of honesty, transparency, accountability and personal impartiality in his dealings involving Players.
- 8. A Manager shall forthwith disclose to his Club the nature and extent of any possible or perceived conflict of interest.
- 9. If a Manager is in any doubt as to whether there exists any conflict of interest to be disclosed as required by paragraph 8 above, he may consult with the League for guidance and advice.
- 10. Upon becoming aware of any breach of Rules, a Manager shall immediately report such breach in writing to the League.
- 11. A Manager shall conduct himself at all times in an ethical and professional manner and shall observe the highest standards of integrity and fair dealing.
- 12. A Manager shall take all possible steps to promote the reputation of the game of football (soccer) and to prevent it being brought to disrepute.

### Appendix 4

#### Code of Conduct for Clubs

- 1. In all discussions, negotiations and transactions relating to Managers, each Club shall behave towards each other with the utmost good faith.
- 2. A Club shall not (either directly or through any third party) enter into negotiations relating to another Club's Manager without the prior permission of that Club.
- 3. A Club shall not take any steps to induce another Club's Manager to act in breach of his terms with his Club.
- **4.** A Club shall strictly observe the terms with its Manager.

#### Appendix 5

Competition Interruption – Squad Management Protocol

#### A. Introduction

1. This document details a range of measures that may be implemented by the Board in the event that it considers them necessary to ensure the completion of a Competition.

#### **B.** Postponement of League Matches

#### Guidance

- 2. The Board will only permit the rearrangement or postponement of a League Match in exceptional circumstances, which will be judged on a case-by-case basis.
- 3. However, by way of guidance to Clubs:
  - a. Permission will <u>not</u> be granted to postpone a League Match where the applicant Club has 14 or more Players listed on its Squad List available;
  - b. Where the Club has fewer then 14 such Players available to participate in the relevant League Match, the Board may permit the application, save where one or more of the following scenarios applies:
    - one ore more of the Club's Squad List Players' inability to participate is attributable to a failure by the Club or Player concerned to prepare properly leading up to the Competition;
    - ii. the Club was able to utilizes a Replacement Player (as defined at paragraph 8, below) but, for whatever reason, failed to do so.
- 4. Further, in respect to any application by a Club to reschedule or postpone a League Match due to concerns regarding insufficient Squad List Players, the Board will also give consideration to:
  - a. how long prior to the scheduled League Match did the Club advise the League that they would have insufficient Players on the day.

#### **Process**

5. Any application by a Club for the Board to exercise its discretion to rearrange or postpone a League Match must be:

- made as far in advance of the relevant League Match as reasonably practicable;
   and
- b. accompanied by all evidence that the Club wishes the Board to consider in support of its application.
- 6. If the Club's application is turned down by the Board, the Club must complete the fixture.
- 7. In the event that the Club refuses to complete the fixture, and the Board determines that a Club has:
  - failed to use its best endeavors to ensure that a League Match takes place on the scheduled time and date; and/or
  - causes the postponement of a League Match.

the matter will be dealt with in accordance with Section W (Disciplinary) of the Select League Rules. The Board will have the sanctioning powers including the power to deduct points to be scored in a League Match).

#### C. Squad management

- 8. In the event that a Club loses one or more Players from its Squad List in place prior to the interruption of the Competition, whether due to:
  - a. the Player has a family emergency or is ill:
  - b. the Player is unable to finish out the rest of the season,

the Board will only consent to the replacement of the lost Player(s) in its Squad List with

c. any player who was registered (and eligible to play for) the Club prior to the upcoming League Match in question but who was not included in the Squad List.

#### (known as a Replacement Player).

- Further, in considering whether to grant consent for the Replacement Player to be added to the Squad List outside of a Transfer Window, the Board will be mindful of the following factors:
  - a. timebetweenwhen Player was registered and when he is being asked to be put on the Squad List;
  - b. if the Player has paid in full and will have an official Club strip.

#### D. Disciplinary approach

- 10. Following the issue of an Implementation Notice, the following disciplinary and procedural provisions shall apply in respect of breaches of any Protocol.
- 11. As with all disciplinary matter, ultimately any allegation of a breach of protocol will be dealt

with on its facts, on a case-by-case basis. However, given the critical importance of adherence to the Protocols in place following an interruption to a Competition and the unanimous view of Clubs that breaches should be dealt with swiftly and with significant consequences, the Board envisages adopting the following approach:

- a. where an alleged breach of a protocol is reported the Board will consider a range of factors, including those set out in the following non-exhaustive list:
  - the extent to which the breach has compromised the safety of one or more other Relevant Persons:
  - ii. the extent to which the breach was intended to secure (and/or did secure) a competitive advantage;
  - iii. the sate of mind of those committing the breach (e.g. inadvertent, negligentor intentional);
  - iv. the number of individuals involved in the breach; and
  - v. whether the breach represents a repeated breach of the Protocol by the Club; and
- b. having considered these factors, the Board will determine which of the following three categories the breach falls into, and take the disciplinary action set out in the adjacent column:

Nature of breach	Board approach
Minor breach	Warning and reprimand, which are retained on file
Standard breach	Fine of up to \$100
Significant breach	Refer the matter to a Commission

12. The Board considers it essential that allegations of breaches of Protocol are dealt with as expeditiously as possible, given the condensed t imeframes in which the remainder of the relevant season will be completed. To that end, it proposes that, in every case where an alleged breach of a Protocol occurs, the presumption will be that all cases should be dealt with within seven days.

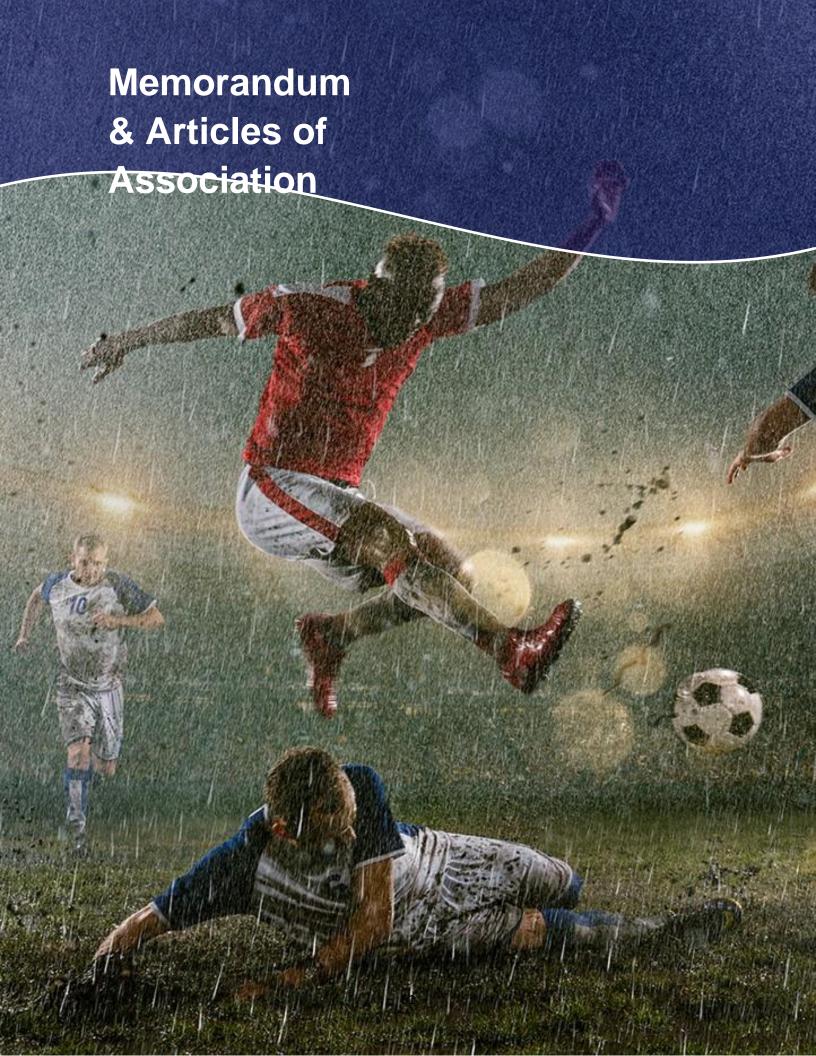


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#### Memorandum of Association

#### The Select League

- **1.** The name of the Company is "THE SELECT LEAGUE".
- **2.** The registered office of the Company will be situated within the Kansas City Metropolitan area.
- The object for which the Company is established are:
  - (a) to organize and manage under the jurisdiction of KCAFF;
  - (b) to make, adopt, ary and publish rules, regulationsandconditionsfor the management of the Select League and matter relating thereto, and to take all such steps as shall be deemed necessary or advisable for enforcing such rules, regulations and conditions;
  - (c) to promote, provide for, regulate and manage all or any details or arrangements or other things as may be considered necessary or desirable for, or ancillary to, the comfort, conduct, convenience or benefit of football players and of the public or of any other persons concerned or engaged in or associated with the Select League;
  - (d) to enter into television, broadcasting, sponsorship,commercialor other transactions of any kind in connection with the Select League;
  - (e) to cooperate with KCFAA in all matters relating to international competitions or relating to the laws of the game of association football and generally to adhere to and comply with the applicable rules and regulations of the Football Association;
  - (f) to carry out operations and to produce or deal with goods and to otherwise acquire, construct, lease, hold or deal with property, rights or privileges;
  - (g) to carry out any other transactions or things as can be advantageously carried on in connection with or ancillary to the Select League or as may be calculated directly or indirectly to enhance the value of or render profitable any of the property or rights of the Company;
  - (h) to invest and deal with the monies of the Company not immediately required in any manner and hold and deal with any investment so made:
  - to pay or agree to pay all or any of the promotion, formation and registration expenses of the Company;
  - (j) to contribute to or support any charitable, benevolent or useful object relating to association football, or participants therein;
  - (k) to do all other things to further the objects of the Company or as may be deemed

incidental or conducive to the attainment of such objects or any of them.

It is hereby declared that (except where the context expressly so requires) none of the several paragraphs of this clause, or the objects therein specified, or the powers thereby conferred shall be limited by, or be deemed merely subsidiary or auxiliary to, any other paragraph of this clause, or the objects in such other paragraph specified, or the powers thereby conferred.

4. The liability of the members is limited.

#### Articles of Association

#### The Select League

#### **General Meetings**

- 1. A General Meeting may be convened by the Board at any time.
- 2. The Board shall convene each year at regular intervals at least five General Meetings (to include an annual general meeting) to be held at such time and at such place as the Board shall determine.

#### **Notice of General Meetings**

- 2.1. Notice of any General Meeting shall be given to all the Clubs by email or text message. Both shall be deemed to have been delivered on the date on which it was sent.
- **2.2.** At least 14 calendar days' notice shall be given for:
  - 2.2.1. any annual general meeting
  - 2.2.2. any meeting at which it is proposed to make, adopt or amend the Rules.
- **2.3.** A General Meeting may be called by shorter notice than required by 2.2 above if it is so agreed by a majority of 90 percent of Clubs.
- 2.4. The notice of General Meeting shall:2.4.1. specify the time and place of the meeting;
- 4.1. The Chair shall be the President of the League. Should the President not be present, he/she may designate his/her replacement for the meeting from one of the Board.

#### Passing Resolutions at a General Meeting

**5.1.** In order to pass, Resolutions must be passed with two-thirds of the quorum present.

#### Poll votes

- **6.1.** A Resolution put to a vote of a General Meeting shall be decided on a show of hands unless before the vote, a poll is dully demanded:
  - 3.5.1. by the Chair; or
  - 3.5.2. by at least two Members,
  - and a demand for a poll by a person as Representative of or proxy for a Member shall be the same as a demand for a poll by the Member.

#### Votes of Members

**7.1.** Every Member present at a General Meeting by a Representative or proxy shall have one vote whether on a show of hands or on a poll.

#### Representatives

**8.1.** Any owner or officer on file of a Member shall be entitled to act as the Representative of the Member at, and for all the purposes of business at, any General Meeting.

#### **Proxies**

**9.1.** An instrument appointing a proxy shall be in writing, signed on behalf of the Member by one of it's Officers or it's Owner or by email.

- 2.4.2. outline the general nature of the business to be dealt with and/or discussed at the meeting.
- 2.4.3. in the case of an annual general meeting, shall specify the meeting as such.
- 2.5. The accidental omission to give notice of a meeting to, or the non-receipt of notice of a meeting by, any Club or person entitled to receive notice shall not invalidate the proceedings at that meeting.

#### **Proceedings at General Meetings**

#### Quorum

- 3.1. No business shall be transacted at any General Meeting unless a quorum is present. Save as otherwise provided in these Articles, two thirds in number of the Members shall constitute a quorum for all purposes.
- 3.2. If such a quorum is not present within half an hour from the time appointed for the meeting, or if during a meeting such a quorum ceases to be present, the meeting shall stand adjourned to the same day in the next week at the same time and place or to such time and place as the Board may determine. If at the adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within half an hour from the time appointed for the meeting the notice of the meeting shall be deemed to be, and the meeting shall be, cancelled.

#### Chairing a General Meeting

- **9.2.** Unless otherwise indicated on the instrument appointing the proxy, the proxy may vote or abstain from voting as such proxy shall think fit.
- **9.3.** A hard copy of the instrument shall be retained on file for the General Meeting.

#### Number and Appointment of Board

**10.1.** The Board shall consist of each Club owner, the League Chairman, the Director of Marketing, the Business Director and the Director of Media.

#### Powers of the Board

- 11.1. The Board shall:
  - 11.1.1. manage the affairs of the Company including the operation of the League and the operation and implementation of Rules:
  - 11.1.2. take such executive steps as it considers necessary to give effect to any policy resolved upon in a General Meeting;

#### Minutes

12.1. The Board shall cause minutes to be made and kept for the purpose of recording all proceedings at General Meetings, of all Resolutions passed and the names of all present. The Board shall cause all such minutes to be circulated to Members within 14 days of the date of any such meeting.

## Rules of Ownership The Select League

#### Eligibility

- 1. In order to be considered for ownership of a Club or (club), a prospective Owner must meet with, talk with or message with any member of the Board that wishes to do so.
- Any ownership or interest in any other club within any other league must be fully disclosed and must not be a conflict of interest. Players may not play for both clubs and no Club may participate in any other League, nor may the same Players play as a different club in a different league under a different name.
- 3. Prospective Owners must agree to adhere to the Rules herein.
- 4. Prospective Owner must be self-motivated, hardworking and the desire to succeed. They must also be able to communicate with the League regularly.

#### Responsibility

**2.1.** Owners must be able to multitask and communicate with the People within their Club and with the League.

- **2.2.** Owners should be able to find Club officers to assist in the demands of owning and operating a Club
- **2.3.** Ownership requires the ability by the owner or one of his/her officers to, but not limited to the following:
  - 2.3.1. locate a training pitch and a home match pitch;
  - 2.3.2. find a kit supplier and order kits;
  - 2.3.3. secure a manager, coaches and other staff to assist him/her with the operation of the Club (or club);
  - 2.3.4. create and maintain a Club (or club) website along with other social media accounts:
  - 2.3.5. attend board meetings or appoint proxies to attend;
  - 2.3.6. locate a primary and secondary sponsor for the Club (or club) and remain in good standing with those sponsors;
  - 2.3.7. provide for the success of his/her Club (or club).
- 2.4. An owner shall maintain a good standing between his/her Club (or club) and the municipality that his/her Club (or club) represents. A strong partnership should be the goal in order to grow the exposure of the Club (or club) and the League.
- **2.5.** Starting with the 2025 season, all clubs must pay \$100 yearly due. This will be used for any of the following:
  - 2.5.1. Match of the week
  - 2.5.2. Advertising
  - 2.5.3. KCAFF International Tournaments
  - 2.5.4. Or other KCAFF initiatives
- **2.6.** Finally, an owner should keep the best interests of the League in mind.

# Miscellaneous

#### **KCAFF International Players & Matches**

#### Glossary

Aggregated KCAFF World Rankings means the aggregated rankings list for senior men's international teams that are published by Kansas City Association Football Federation. The list is available on the KCAFF website.

**Current Club** means the Club that the Player currently or most recently played for.

Free Agent means a Player who is not registered for any club.

**International Friendlies** means any match played by the National Association's senior team which is not a Senior Competitive International Match.

**Last Club** means the club for which the Player most recently played for.

**Player's National Association** means the National Association the Player plays for, or has declared for.

**Senior Competitive International Matches** means any match played by the National Association's senior team in the following tournaments:

- 1) KCAFF World Cup
- 2) KCAFF World Cup Qualifying Groups; and
- 3) Continental Cup Qualifiers and Finals, including but not limited to:
  - a. UEFA European Championships;
  - b. CAF African Cup of Nations;
  - c. AFC Asia Nations Cup;
  - d. CONCACAF Gold Cup; and
  - e. CONMEBOL Copa America

#### International Rules with the Select League

- **1.** No Club (or club) shall have more than 8 Players from any one National Association.
- 2. The Board, in its powers, may grant certain exceptions to 1 above under extenuating circumstances.
- 3. The Select League will take into account scheduled matches and tournaments for Players that participate in both the Select League and for a National Association. Emphasis should be put on any KCAFF Senior Competitive International Matches followed by Select League matches and then KCAFF International Friendlies.

Notes:

## Signatures: