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1. Foundation

- 1.1 The East Bay Senior Soccer League (EBSSL) was established to encourage the enjoyment of competitive soccer for persons 30 years of age and older. Subsequently, age eligibility requirements were changed to allow 28-year-old players to participate.
- 1.2 Those persons whose 30th birthday is on or before December 31st of the year in which the season begins, are eligible to play in the EBSSL (i.e.: to play in the 2018-2019 season, players must have been born on or before 12/31/1988).

Effective the 2018-2019 season, up to **THREE** players who turn 28 by the 31st of December, 2018 (i.e. born before December 31, 1990) will be allowed to be on a team's roster. Players enrolled under this rule this year will be allowed to continue to play in subsequent seasons.

Those persons whose 40th birthday is on or before December 31st, of the year when the season begins, are eligible to play in the EBSSL Over-40 divisions. (i.e.: to play in the 2018-2019 season, the player must be born on or before 12/31/1978).

- a. Existing EBSSL teams who founded the Over-40 division are allowed to retain **FIVE** players on their roster who were under 40 provided they were registered to that team as of 1/1/05 (additional exemptions were also granted).

Those persons whose 50th birthday is on or before December 31st, of the year in which the season begins, are eligible to play in the EBSSL Over-50 division(s). (i.e.: to play in the 2018-2019 season, the player must be born on or before 12/31/1968).

- b. **For the 2018-2019 Season (ONLY)**, the five EBSSL teams that founded the Over-50 division are allowed to add **ONE** player on their roster who is 48 years old (must be born on or before December 31,1970).

- 1.3 Each year, the teams that participated in the EBSSL the previous season are invited to return to participate in the league for the new season. New teams wishing to enter the EBSSL shall request admission prior to the Kick-Off League Meeting. Admission shall be decided by a majority vote of the Team Managers at the Kick-Off League Meeting, or by a League Committee designated by the Commissioner. For exceptions to paragraph 1.3, see Section 15.
- 1.4 Each year the league will produce a League Information Pamphlet (LIP). This document will include the following:
- a. Current EBSSL By-Laws
 - b. Player Pass Application
 - d. New Player & Transfer Registration Dates
 - e. Phone Number For Game Results and Complaints
 - f. Fee Amounts and Payment Schedules
 - g. Any other information specific to that particular season not covered in the Bylaws.

2. Meetings

- 2.1 A League Meeting shall be held at the beginning of the season. The Commissioner may call additional meetings, as required.

- 2.2 One representative from each team is required to attend the League Meetings. If this representative is NOT the Team Manager, the League Secretary, or his representative, shall be informed at the beginning of the meeting and prior to voting on any motions.
- A \$100.00 fine will be assessed to any team not represented at any meeting.
The fine will be due before the beginning of the season.
- 2.3 In order for the League Committee to vote on any matters, a quorum (two thirds of the team managers) must be present.
- 2.4 Teams not represented at the Kick-Off League Meeting will lose their opportunity to vote at that league meeting and may be dropped from league play that season. This decision can only be made by a majority vote of the League Committee.
- 2.5 More than one team representative may attend, however only **ONE** vote is allowed per team.
- 2.5.1 All Bylaw changes require a majority vote of the quorum.
- 2.6 Each team shall satisfy the following league requirements at the Kick-Off League Meeting:
- 2.6.1 Complete and submit the Team Information Sheet provided by the League Registrar.
- 2.6.2 Pay all league fees for the upcoming season (not including field fees).

3. Fees

The following fees and their scheduled payment shall be as stated in the new seasons LIP.
Teams not paying these fees, on time and in full, may be dropped from the league.
The League Commissioner shall make this decision.

- 3.1 New teams shall pay a one-time initiation fee (\$200).
- 3.2 All teams shall pay an annual League fee.
- 3.3 The EBSSL is not responsible for any Referee fees.
- 3.4 The EBSSL is not responsible for any field use fees.
- 3.5 The EBSSL is not insured to cover individual player injuries.

4. Laws of the game

- 4.1 All games played in the EBSSL are to be in accordance with the Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) and the United States Soccer Federation (USSF), with exceptions noted in the EBSSL Bylaws.
- 4.2 **The Over-50 Division and the +40 Summer League** will follow all EBSSL rules, except for the following:
- 4.2.1 The game consists of EIGHT vs. EIGHT players (including the goalkeeper)

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- 4.2.2 The field length shall be no less than 70 yards and no more than 80 yards. The field width shall be no less than 45 and no more than 50 yards
- 4.2.3 The goals size is the “junior” size (6’ by 18’). If not available at the site, then regular goals can be used (24’ by 8’)
- 4.2.4 The game duration is 70 minutes, split into TWO thirty five minute halves. The half-time break is FIVE minutes
- 4.2.5 The offside rule is not enforced
- 4.2.6 Slide tackling is NOT allowed and will result in an indirect kick (treated as dangerous play). A yellow or red card is not necessary, but it depends on the aggression and at the referee’s discretion
- 4.2.7 The distance away from the ball for kick-offs, goal kicks, direct/indirect kicks and penalty kicks is SEVEN yards. If the game is played with full size goals, the distance shall be 10 yards

5. Team rosters

- 5.1 The maximum number of players on a roster at any time shall be 23. However, the maximum number of players who can play on any specific game shall be 18.

In the Over-50 Division, the maximum number of players on a roster at any time shall be Eighteen. However, the maximum number of players who can play on any specific game shall be Thirteen.
- 5.2 The game day roster must list each player’s name and player’s age, identification number and EBSSL player pass number.
- 5.3 Teams may continue to add new players to their roster within the dates specified in Bylaw 11.4.

6. Game Card

- 6.1 One roster shall be submitted to the referee, by each team prior to the start of the game. It is each manager’s responsibility to have the most current roster at game time. Altered or handwritten game cards will not be accepted. Any manager who alters a game card, or uses a player who is not on the game card shall be disciplined according to Bylaw 13.4.

The Over 50 Division will use a blank/handwritten roster. Managers can write-in up to 16 players on their roster. Players in the +50 Division must have an EBSSL pass at game time. No exceptions to this rule. Players must also meet age eligibility to play in the +50 Division. Any manager who uses a player who is not eligible to play shall be disciplined according to Bylaw 13.4.
- 6.2 After the game, the referee should enter the results on the Game Card, along with any other pertinent information, and send it **immediately** to the League offices (or the individual assigned this responsibility in the LIP), along with any ejected player passes. **All documentation, including 24-hour Reports (for ejected players), must be received by Wednesday.**

7. Uniforms

- 7.1 Every player must be in a team uniform with an assigned number clearly showing on the jersey.
- 7.2 Teams that pass out jerseys prior to the start of the game must ensure that each player receives a jersey with the number listed on the Game Card.
- 7.3 In the event of a color similarity between jerseys of opposing teams, the **home team** will make alternate uniform arrangements.
- 7.4 A solid color tee shirt, matching the team colors, shall be acceptable provided that the numbers can be seen clearly. If the numbers are temporary, contrasting adhesive tape shall be acceptable.
- 7.4.a If the referee determines that there is too much similarity between the jersey colors of the opposing teams, and the home team is unable to provide acceptable alternative jerseys, the home team will forfeit the match and will be responsible for the referee's fees.
- 7.5 All players must wear shin guards in order to participate in any EBSSL game. Material such as cardboard, newspaper, bits of clothing, etc., may not be used. The referee has the final say as to whether or not the shin guards are acceptable.

8. Absentees

- 8.1 A minimum of seven players per team is required to start a game.
In the Over 50 Division, a minimum of six players per team is required to start a game.
If one team is absent or has less than seven players (**Five players for the Over 50 Division**) after 15 minutes from the scheduled kick-off, the absent team forfeits the game with a recorded score of 3-0.
- 8.2 If neither team has the minimum required seven players (**Five players for the Over 50 Division**) 15 minutes after the scheduled starting time, the game shall be rescheduled.
The home team is responsible for the field and referee's fee.
- 8.3 If a team starts with seven players and drops below seven because of an injury, the game shall be terminated and the result shall be a forfeit by the team with less than seven players. The recorded score shall be 3-0.
- 8.4 If the referee is absent after 30 minutes from the scheduled kick off, the managers of both teams shall agree to one of the following courses of action:
- a. No game is played and the game is rescheduled.
- b. A "pick-up" referee is agreed upon and the game counts. The referee can be anyone agreed upon by both team managers. He shall be furnished the Game Card and all player passes.

Both managers must notify the Commissioner after the game and the "Pick up" referee must mail the Game Cards to the League Registrar immediately following the game.
- c. If the team managers cannot agree to a specific course of action, paragraph 8.4 (a) shall prevail.

9. Substitutions

- 9.1 Substitutions may only be made at the following times:
- a. Prior to any kick-off.
- b. Prior to any goal kick.
- c. Prior to a corner kick (that team only).
- d. Prior to a throw-in (that team only).
- e. Following the cautioning of a player (cautioned player only).

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- f. Following an injury (injured player only).
- 9.2 If a team makes a substitution under 9.1, the opposing team is allowed to make substitutions, as well.
- 9.3 Unlimited substitutions are allowed per game.
- 9.4 All reserves must be listed on the Line-up Card, and their assigned jersey number must match the number listed on the Line-up Card.
- 9.5 Any player who is bleeding must be removed immediately from the game. When the bleeding has stopped and the wound has been covered, the player may re-enter the game, per the substitution rules. Any blood-stained clothing must be changed before re-entering the game. The referee has the final say as to whether or not the player may return to the game.

10. Player Passes

- 10.1 It is necessary for each player to obtain a validated player pass before being allowed to play in any EBSSL League or Cup games.
- 10.2 The pass shall be processed, validated and issued by the EBSSL Registrar.
- 10.3 All player passes must show the following:
 - a. The player's name
 - b. A photocopy of the player's Passport, U.S. Identification Card or Driver License, showing documented proof of date of birth
 - c. A clear 1 1/2"x 1 1/2" photo of the player
 - d. EBSSL player pass ID number
- 10.4 Teams using players without an EBSSL player pass will forfeit each game in which that player participates. The team manager and the player are liable for disciplinary action by the league, in accordance with Bylaw Section 13.
- 10.5 Any person or team using falsified information to procure a Player Pass is liable for disciplinary action by the league (See Section 13).
- 10.6 All players must sign an insurance waiver, with the league, before they are eligible to play in any EBSSL game.
- 10.7 Any manager who plays a player who does not have a valid EBSSL player pass is liable for disciplinary action by the league (See Section 13).
- 10.8 If a Player Pass is lost, a duplicate must be issued. The player may only play with the permission of the Registrar or Commissioner; however, a new player pass must be obtained within ten days of the loss. **Players in the +50 Division** must have a pass on game day. No exceptions to this rule.

11. Transfers

- 11.1 The League Registrar needs to be made aware of all player transfers. **New Player Passes will not be generated.** Only the official team roster will be changed. The team manager is responsible for obtaining a new Game Card each time a new player is registered and added to the roster.
- 11.2 During the season, a player may transfer to a different team, as long as this transfer satisfies the league requirements defined in the LIP and section 11.4.
- 11.3 A player in the +30 Division cannot be registered on more than one team, nor can he play for more than one team on any weekend. Violators shall be suspended, in accordance with Bylaw 13.4.1.
A player in the +40 Division is allowed to play one game in the +50 Division in the same week as long as he meets the age requirement.
- 11.4 No player can be transferred after 11:59 PM PST on December 31.
If December 31 falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the deadline will automatically roll-over to the following Wednesday at 11:59 PM PST. After December 31st, a maximum of three **new players** can be added during the remainder of the season.

12. Disciplinary

- 12.1 Disciplinary committee
- 12.1.1 A Disciplinary Committee shall be formed, as required, by the EBSSL Commissioner. The committee shall consist of the Commissioner and, a minimum of two (maximum of five) persons. The Committee shall preside with not less than three voting Committee members. The Commissioner shall select the Committee members from persons that have participated in the EBSSL in some capacity. Different persons may be selected for each disciplinary action meeting. Active EBSSL referees may not participate on the committee as voting members.
- 12.1.2 The Committee shall include, if possible, the recently retired (former) Commissioner, to provide continuity of information.
- 12.1.3 Committee members participating on a case shall be totally impartial to the player(s) in question. No Committee member shall be a player or manager within the division of the teams involved.
- 12.1.4 The Commissioner shall only vote on proceedings in the event of a tie by other members.
- 12.1.5 The penalties outlined herein are to be considered as guidelines for a first offense. The degree of penalty may be increased or decreased.
- 12.1.6 The Committee shall preside only on severe cases (See Section 12), or whenever the Commissioner deems it necessary.
- 12.2 **Suspension Appeal Fees**
- 12.2.1 Team Managers who file a suspension appeal must pay a non-refundable fee of \$40 to cover a partial payment of the expenses incurred by the Disciplinary Committee.
- a. The appeal must be filed electronically with the League Commissioner, and it must include:
- * Completed EBSSL Suspension appeal form
 - * \$40 fee must be paid electronically (i.e., PayPal)

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12.3. Cautions (yellow card)

- 12.3.1 Cautions will be recorded against all players and team personnel for a period of two seasons. In the event of an ejection, these cautions shall be considered and extra penalties added to the ejection penalty.
- 12.3.2 Any player receiving five yellow cards during the current season shall be suspended one game. Additionally, the player shall be suspended again (one game) after receiving three subsequent yellow cards.
- a. Any player who has a combination of ten yellow cards in the previous and current season shall be suspended for one game.
 - .b The minimum penalty for an ejection due to a player receiving two yellow cards shall be one game, subject to the Commissioner's discretion.
- 12.3.3 Yellow Card offenses:
- a. Dangerous play, ungentlemanly conduct and/or unsportsmanlike conduct.
 - b. Persistent infringement of the laws of the game.
 - c. Unsportsmanlike gestures to the referee, linesmen, spectators, coaches or players.
 - d. Incidental foul and abusive language.
 - e. Entering or leaving the field without the referee's permission.
 - f. Dissent of the referee's decisions.
 - g. Excessive celebration of goal by delay of game restart or removal of jersey

12.4 Ejections (Red Card)

- 12.4.1 Ejections will be recorded against all players and team personnel for a period of two seasons. Red cards shall be given for the following reasons:

- a. Violent conduct or contact.
- b. Serious foul play.
- c. Persistent foul and abusive language or gestures.
- d. Persistent misconduct after cautioning.
- e. Spitting at an individual.
- f. Denying goal scoring opportunity by deliberate handball.
- g. Denying goal by deliberate handball.

12.4.2 If applicable, the following additional penalties shall be applied to a player's suspension:

- a. One additional game if the suspended player has accrued five or more yellow cards during the current season.
- b. One additional game if the suspended player has accrued seven or more yellow cards in this season and the preceding season.
- c. One additional game if the suspended player received one red card in the current or preceding season.

12.4.3 **Ejection Offenses (Class 1)**

- a. Dangerous play.
- b. Dissent of referee's decisions.
- c. Ungentlemanly conduct.
- d. Use of foul language or gestures directed towards another individual.

Penalty:

- a. One game suspension, plus additional penalties per Bylaw 12.4.2.

12.4.4 **Ejection Offenses (Class 2)**

- a. Deliberate and violent conduct.
- b. Serious foul play.
- c. Insulting a referee or other league official.
- d. Attempting to fight or strike another person.

Penalty:

- a. Three-game suspension, plus three-game probation, and additional penalties per Bylaw 12.4.2.

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12.4.5

Ejection offenses (Class 3)

- a. Fighting or striking another person.
- b. Threats to a referee or other league official.
- c. Pushing or striking any coach or team manager.

Penalty:

- a. Five-game suspension, plus five-game probation, and additional penalties per Bylaw 12.4.2.

12.4.6

Ejection offenses (Class 4)

- a. Pushing or striking a referee or linesman.
- b. Pushing or striking any league official acting in that capacity exclusively.
- c. Uncontrollable violence.
- d. Use of racist language or gestures against an opponent, referee or manager.

Penalty:

- a. Minimum action is suspension for one calendar year and a one calendar-year probation period.
- b. Maximum action is banishment from the league for life.

12.4.7

The League Commissioner has the authority to administer all of the penalties addressed in these Bylaws, as well as those specified by the Disciplinary Committee.

12.4.8

Any player who plays on a +50 and a second team that is suspended (Red card) could NOT play for either team for the duration of their suspension. Each week will count as 1 game. (ie: if a player is suspended two games he will serve a two week suspension)

12.5

Actions Not Seen by the Referee

12.5.1

Spitting on or striking another player.
If a player spits on or strikes another player behind the referee's back, the team manager has the right to file a grievance. This grievance must be submitted to the Commissioner in writing within five days of the incident. If there is sufficient evidence of the offense, in the opinion of the Commissioner or the Disciplinary Committee, the infraction shall be considered a Class 3 offense.

12.6

Probation

- 12.6.1 Individual probations shall continue into the new season(s) if necessary.
- 12.6.2 Probations begin when a player returns from his suspension.
- 12.6.3 If a player receives a yellow card during a probationary period, he shall be suspended for one game.
- 12.6.4 If a player receives a second yellow card during a probationary period, he shall be suspended for three games.
- 12.6.5 All red card or ejection penalties given to a player who is on probation shall be doubled.
- 12.6.6 When a team receives five red cards, it will be placed on probation automatically for six games or for the remainder of the season, whichever occurs first. When a team is placed on probation, every player on that team is placed on probation.
- 12.7 A player must be on a team roster for games played to count towards their suspension or probation. If a player is not part of any EBSSL team roster (e.g. is dropped), games not played will not count towards the suspension or probation.

13

Team Responsibilities

- 13.1 The player and the team manager are responsible for the information submitted for the purpose of procuring a player pass.
- 13.2 If any team becomes suspicious of the eligibility of a player, the manager of that team may challenge and require proof of identity. That proof must be provided.
- 13.3 If the league becomes aware of a possible ineligible player, the Commissioner can request proof of identity.
 - a. If a player plays in any game while suspended, the player and manager shall be subject to disciplinary action, pursuant to Bylaws 13.4.1 and 13.4.2
- 13.4 When a player is found to be ineligible, the action to be taken by the league is as follows:
 - 13.4.1 **Contempt by a Player:** The team forfeits all of the games in which the ineligible player participated, and which the team has won. The results of these games shall be 3:0. The results of all games that the team has lost shall remain as recorded. This includes league and cup games. The player also shall be suspended for the remainder of the current season and for the entire following season. This shall include all league and cup games.

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13.4.2 **Contempt by the Manager:** The team forfeits all of the games in which the ineligible player participated, and which the team has won. The results of these games shall be 3:0. The results of all games that the team has lost shall remain as recorded. This includes league and cup games. In addition, the manager shall be suspended from managing and playing for the balance of the current season, as well as all league and cup games for the following season.

13.5 If a team manager wishes to file a protest or an appeal, he must do so in writing to the Commissioner within 5 days.

14. Home Team Responsibilities

14.1 To provide a suitable playing field with goals, nets, and field markings, as necessary, or as requested by the referee.

14.1.1 Artificial turf fields shall be acceptable fields for EBSSL play.

14.1.2 All new fields shall be inspected and approved by the EBSSL Commissioner, or another designated League Official, prior to EBSSL use.

14.2 The home team shall forfeit the game if the referee decides that the field is unplayable, unless the condition was caused by inclement weather. Should this occur, the home team is liable for the referee's fees.

14.3 It is recommended (not required) to contact the opposing team manager at least four days prior to game day, to verify the time and place of the upcoming game.

14.4 Game results will be called in by the referees by 5pm on Sundays.

14.5 To contact the Referee Coordinator and the opposing team manager as soon as possible, in the event of a rainout or other game postponement.

14.6 To contact the Referee Coordinator, the League Scheduler and the opposing team manager concerning any changes to the scheduled game time and/or place. This is to be done at least four days prior to game day. Without this action being taken, the home team faces forfeiture of the game and a penalty equal to the referee and field fees for that game. The League Commissioner shall decide in this matter.

14.7 Any team that wishes to forfeit a game must notify the opposing team manager, the League and the Referee coordinator via phone call and email by **9:00PM , Friday** of the week the game is scheduled. The team that forfeits shall:

- * Lose that game by a score of 3-0.
- * Not be responsible for the referee's fee.
- * Shall be responsible for field fee unless the league is able to assign another game to that field.

If the team notifies the league **after 9:00 Friday**, it shall:

- * Lose that game by a score of 3-0.
- * Be responsible for the full referee's fee, which must be paid in full prior to the team's next game
- * Be responsible for the full field fee unless the league is able to assign another game to that field.

If any team fails to pay referee and field fines mandated per 14.7 within the stated timeline, it will forfeit all subsequent games until the fine is paid in full.

Any team that forfeits more than one game in a season shall be penalized three points for each game forfeited after the first. If the second or subsequent forfeit occurs in a Cup game, the team shall be penalized \$100 for each game so forfeited.

14.8 The home team for each game (League or Cup) is responsible for providing three game balls, and presenting them to the referee at the start of each game. The first failure to do so will result in a warning. Subsequent violations of this Bylaw will result in a \$25 fine, which is due by the following Wednesday.

15. League Divisions and Division Cups

15.1 The EBSSL shall consist of one or more divisions.

15.2 Assignment to a particular division will be based on the team's results from the previous season.

15.3 If a team exhibited disciplinary problems in the previous season, any league official may request an "approval for participation" vote at the Kick-Off League Meeting. Should the majority of team managers vote NO, the team in question shall be prevented from participating in the EBSSL that season.

15.4 New teams shall be assigned to the lowest division unless further determination of the new teams' skill level can be made. Even after a determination has been made that the skill level of the new team is sufficient to play in an upper division, new teams cannot displace existing ones without the agreement of all parties.

15.5 The top four teams in the A Division will play for the Referee's Cup.
The top four teams in the B Division will play for the Commissioner's Cup.

The top four teams in the +40A Division will play-off for the Veteran's Cup

The top four teams in the +40B Division will play-off for the Vela Cup.

All Teams in the +30 Divisions will play in the Association Cup.

All Teams in the +40 Divisions will play in the Keith Bower Cup.

The top four teams in the +50 Division will play for the Gray Cup.

* For the 2018/19 season all +30 B Division teams will play in the Commissioner's Cup

* For the 2018/19 season all +40 B Division teams will play in the Vela Cup

15.6 The winners of each division will receive a Division Championship Cup, which they will keep for one season. These cups will remain as "Perpetual"

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League trophies.

a. All trophies must be returned to the League by December 1 of the same year. Failure to do so will result in the team paying for the cost of the replacement of the trophy. This fee will be due at the following meeting.

15.7 At the end of each season, the first and second place teams of the lower division(s) will automatically move into the division(s) above. The last and second-to-last place teams will automatically move down to the division(s) below.

15.7.1 In case a team leaves the league, the 3rd place and subsequent team(s) from the lower division will be promoted to replace the departing team(s).

15.8 In the event of a tie in the final league standings, the following tiebreaker formula, in the order shown, shall be used to determine the winner:

- a. Head to head season results
- b. Head to Head Goal differential
- c. Goal differential for the entire season
- d. Total goals scored
- e. Total goals against
- f. Playoff game

15.9 In the event that there is a tie in the play-off or Divisional Cup game, the game will move directly to a penalty shoot-out. Five penalty shots are to be taken. If there is still no winner, a system of sudden death penalty shots will be utilized. Different players must be utilized in the penalty shots, until such time as all of the players on the Game Card have taken a penalty shot.

- a. In any Divisional Cup game, there shall be no grace period granted for teams to organize. The referee's clock shall start at the assigned kickoff time.

15.10 League standings will be based on a scoring system as follows:

- a. Three (3) points for a win
- b. One point for a tie
- c. Zero points for a loss
- d. Any team that forfeits a game under rule 14.7(c) will be assessed a minus three (-3) point penalty for that game.

16. Association Cup

16.1 The Association Cup schedule will be based on a one-game elimination system.

16.2 In this competition, teams will not be segregated by league divisions. All EBSSL +30 teams will be scheduled to play in this Cup tournament. This will be by blind draw of all teams in the league.

16.3 In the event that there is a tie in a Cup game, the game will move directly to a penalty shootout. Five penalty shots are to be taken. If there is still no winner, a system of sudden death penalty shots will be utilized. Different players must be utilized in the penalty shots until such time as all of the players on the

Game Card have attempted a penalty shot.

- a. In any Association Cup game, there shall be no grace period granted to organize a team. The referee's clock shall start at the assigned starting time for the game. If both teams have the minimum 7 players and game is being delayed by either team for whatever reason` The referee clock will start at 10 minutes after the 'scheduled kick-off' and the 1st half shall end at 55 minutes after said 'scheduled kick-off' plus any injury time added by the referee.

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17. League Officials

- 17.1 Officials are to be nominated and elected by simple majority vote.
Officials can also be removed from office by a simple majority vote.
- 17.2 Voting is to be carried out by the League Committee members and the team managers or their appointed team representatives. Only one vote per team is allowed.
- 17.3 There are no time limits on any office.
- 17.4 The League Committee consists of the following members:

Commissioner	Mario Vela
Referee Coordinator	Mario Vela
Registrar/Scheduler/Statistician/Treasurer	Kamran Ghanbari
All Team Managers	

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1974 FALL SEASON

Division A Champions: Alameda United

1975 FALL SEASON

Division A Champions: Walnut Creakers

1976-77 SEASON

Division A Champions: Walnut Creakers

1977-78 SEASON

Division A Champions: Moraga Soccer Club

1978-79 SEASON

Division A Champions: Berkeley Soccer Club

1979 FALL SEASON

Division A Champions: Moraga Soccer Club

1980 SPRING SEASON

Division A Champions: Berkeley Soccer Club

1980 FALL SEASON

Division A Champions: Alameda United
Division B Champions: Hayward Old Boys

1981 SPRING SEASON

Division A Champions: Hayward Old Boys
Division B Champions: Danville

1981-82 SEASON

Division A Champions: Moraga Soccer Club
Division B Champions: Paisanos
Association Cup Champions: Moraga Soccer Club
Referees Cup Champions: Moraga Soccer Club

1982-83 SEASON

Division A Champions: Berkeley Soccer Club
Division B Champions: Academy
Association Cup Champions: Berkeley Soccer Club
Referees Cup Champions: Berkeley Soccer Club

1983-84 SEASON

Division A Champions: Paisanos
Division B Champions: Muggers
Association Cup Champions: Berkeley Soccer Club
Referees Cup Champions: Alameda Rangers

1984-85 SEASON

Division A Champions: Berkeley Soccer Club
Division B Champions: Carquinez Straits
Association Cup Champions: Hayward Old Boys
Referees Cup Champions: Berkeley Soccer Club

1985-86 SEASON

Division A Champions: Paisanos
Division B Champions: Juventus
Association Cup Champions: Carquinez Straits
Referees Cup Champions: Berkeley Soccer Club

1986-87 SEASON

Division A Champions: Alameda Rangers
Division B Champions: Walnut Creakers
Association Cup Champions Alameda Rangers
Referees Cup Champions: Walnut Creakers

1987-88 SEASON

Division A Champions: Berkeley Soccer Club
Division B Champions: Carquinez Straits
Association Cup Champions: Alameda Rangers
Referees Cup Champions: Berkeley Soccer Club

1988-89 SEASON

Division A Champions: Moraga Soccer Club
Division B Champions: American International
Association Cup Champions: Walnut Creakers
Referees Cup Champions: Moraga Soccer Club

1989-90 SEASON

Division A Champions: Berkeley Soccer Club
Division B Champions: American International
Association Cup Champions: Berkeley Soccer Club
Referees Cup Champions: American International

1990-91 SEASON

Division A Champions: Walnut Creakers
Division B Champions: Africari
Association Cup Champions: Clayton Rovers
Referees Cup Champions: Clayton Rovers

1991-92 SEASON

Division A Champions: Clayton Rovers
Division B Champions: East Bay United
Association Cup Champions: Leon
Referees Cup Champions: Clayton Rovers

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1992-93 SEASON

Division A Champions: Clayton Rovers
Division B Champions: White Star
Association Cup Champions: Clayton Rovers
Referees Cup Champions: Napa Sporting

1993-94 SEASON

Division A Champions: Clayton Rovers
Division B Champions: North Bay Soccer
Division C Champions: Carquinez Straits
Association Cup Champions: Clayton Rovers
Referees Cup Champions: Walnut Creakers
Commissioners Cup: North Bay Soccer
Seniors Cup: Carquinez Straits

1994-95 SEASON

Division A Champions: Clayton Rovers
Division B Champions: Africari
Division C Champions: Clayton Wanderers

NO CUP GAMES PLAYED

1995-96 SEASON

Division A Champions: Clayton Rovers
Division B Champions: Sporting Club
Division C Champions: International
Association Cup Champions: Clayton Rovers
Referees Cup Champions: Walnut Creakers
Commissioners Cup Champions: Moraga Soccer Club
Seniors Cup Champions: Not Played

1996-97 SEASON

Division A Champions: Clayton Rovers
Division B Champions: Moraga Soccer Club
Division C Champions: San Ramon United
Association Cup Champions: Alameda Rangers
Referees Cup Champions: Sporting Club
Commissioners Cup Champions: Moraga Soccer Club
Seniors Cup Champions: San Ramon United

1997-98 SEASON

Division A Champions Alameda Rangers
Division B Champions Clayton Orient
Division C Champions Benicia Arsenal

NO CUP GAMES PLAYED

1998-1999 SEASON

Division A Champions: Ajax
Division B Champions: Moraga Soccer Club
Division C Champions: Dinamo
Division D Champions: Walnut Creek United
Association Cup Champions: Africari
Referee's Cup Champions: Ajax

Commissioners Cup Champions: Alameda United
Seniors Cup Champions: American International
“D” Cup Champions: East Bay United

1999-2000 SEASON

Division A Champions: Clayton Rovers
Division B Champions: Alameda United
Division C Champions: Africari International
Division D Champions: East Bay United
Association Cup Champions: Clayton Rovers
Referee’s Cup Champions Clayton Rovers
Commissioner’s Cup Champions: Alameda United
Seniors Cup Champions: Africari International
“D” Cup Champions: Juventus

2000 – 2001 SEASON

Division A Champions: Clayton Rovers
Division B Champions: Dinamo
Division C Champions: Berkeley Fog
Division D Champions: Milan
Association Cup Champions: Clayton Rovers (A)
Referee’s Cup Champions: Clayton Rovers
Commissioners Cup Champions: Dinamo
Seniors Cup Champions: Berkeley Fog
“D” Cup Champions: Europe FC

2001 – 2002 SEASON

Division A Champions: Clayton Rovers
Division B Champions: Moraga S.C.
Division C Champions: Milan
Division D Champions: Cosmos
Association Cup Champions: Africari (B)
Referee’s Cup Champions: American International
Commissioners Cup Champions: Africari
Seniors Cup Champions: Milan
“D” Cup Champions: Cosmos

2002 – 2003 SEASON

Division A Champions: American International
Division B Champions: Africari
Division C Champions: Africari International
Division D Champions: East Bay United
Division E Champions: Brothers FC
Association Cup Champions: Africari (B)
Referee’s Cup Champions: Clayton Rovers
Commissioners Cup Champions :Africari
Seniors Cup Champions: Africari International
“D” Cup Champions: Mt. Diablo S.C.
“E” Cup Champions: The Crown Old Boys

2003 – 2004 SEASON

Division A Champions: Africari
Division B Champions: Clayton Wanderers
Division C Champions: Berkeley Fog
Division D Champions: Brothers FC
Division E Champions: Starry Plough
Association Cup Champions: Africari (A)
Referee’s Cup Champions American International

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Commissioners Cup Champions: Clayton Wanderers
Seniors Cup Champions: Mt. Diablo S.C.
“D” Cup Champions: FC United (Richmond)
“E” Cup Champions: Starry Plough

2004 – 2005 SEASON

Division A Champions: Clayton Wanderers
Division B Champions: Walnut Creakers
Division C Champions: Berkeley Pars
Division D Champions: F.C. United
Division E Champions: Polonez
Association Cup Champions: Berkeley Fog (B)
Referee’s Cup Champions: American International
Commissioners Cup Champions: Moraga S.C.
Seniors Cup Champions: Walnut Creek United
“D” Cup Champions: Alameda Athletic
“E” Cup Champions: Polonez

2005 – 2006 SEASON

Division A Champions: Clayton Wanderers
Division B Champions: Walnut Creakers
Division C Champions: Berkeley Pars
Division D Champions: F.C. United
Division E Champions: Polonez
+40 Division Champions: Alameda Old Boys
Association Cup Champions: Alameda Athletic (C)
Referee’s Cup Champions: American International
Commissioners Cup Champions: Moraga S.C.
Seniors Cup Champions: Walnut Creek United
“D” Cup Champions: Alameda Athletic
“E” Cup Champions: Polonez

2006 – 2007 SEASON

Division A Champions: Africari
Division B Champions: Clayton Rovers
Division C Champions: Polonez
Division D Champions: Starry Plough
+40 Division Champions: Shamoofee
Association Cup Champions: Clayton Rovers (B)
Referee’s Cup Champions: Africari
Commissioners Cup Champions: Clayton Rovers
Seniors Cup Champions: **No Cup Games Played**
“D” Cup Champions: **No Cup Games Played**
Keith Bower Cup Champions: Clayton Royal Oaks

2007 – 2008 SEASON

Division A Champions: Clayton Rovers
Division B Champions: Alameda Athletic
Division C Champions: Starry Plough
Division D Champions: Walia
+40 Division Champions: IFC Shamoofee
Association Cup Champions: Africari (A)
Referee’s Cup Champions: Sporting Club
Commissioners Cup Champions: Polonez
Seniors Cup Champions: Starry Plough

“D” Cup Champions: Walia
Keith Bower Champions: Clayton Royal Oaks

2008 – 2009 SEASON

Division A Champions: Sporting Club
Division B Champions: International
Division C Champions: Walia
Division D Champions: IFC Dinamo
+40 Division Champions: Africari Big Time
Association Cup Champions: Moraga (A)
Referee’s Cup Champions: Sporting Club
Commissioners Cup Champions: The Crown
Seniors Cup Champions: ASC Juventus
“D” Cup Champions: IFC Dinamo
Keith Bower Cup Champions: Clayton Royal Oaks

2009 – 2010 SEASON

Division A Champions: Sporting Club
Division B Champions: Moraga
Division C Champions: ASC Juventus
Division D Champions: IFC Arsenal
+40 Division Champions: IFC Shamoofee
Association Cup Champions: IFC Ajax (A)
Referee’s Cup Champions: Sporting Club
Commissioners Cup Champions: Africari International
Seniors Cup Champions: Walnut Creek United
“D” Cup Champions: IFC Arsenal
Keith Bower Cup Champions: Africari Big Time

2010 – 2011 SEASON

Division A Champions: IFC Ajax
Division B Champions: Africari Deep Roots
Division C Champions: Oakland Defiant
Division D Champions: F.C. Dahlak
+40 Division Champions: IFC Shamoofee
Association Cup Champions: Sporting Club (A)
Referee’s Cup Champions: IFC Ajax
Commissioners Cup Champions: Africari Walia
Seniors Cup Champions: Oakland Defiant
“D” Cup Champions: F.C. Dahlak
Keith Bower Cup Champions: Shamoofee

2011 – 2012 SEASON

Division A Champions: IFC Ajax
Division B Champions: Starry Plough
Division C Champions: Alameda United
+40 Division Champions: Shamoofee
Association Cup Champions: IFC Ajax (A)
Referee’s Cup Champions: Rovers
Commissioners Cup Champions: Africari Walia
Seniors Cup Champions: FC United
Keith Bower Cup Champions: AFC Real

2012 – 2013 SEASON

Division A Champions: IFC Ajax
Division B Champions: Berkeley juniors
Division C Champions: Cosmos
+40 Division Champions: Shamoofee
Association Cup Champions: IFC Ajax (A)
Referee’s Cup Champions: IFC Ajax

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Commissioners Cup Champions: ASC Juventus
Seniors Cup Champions: The Crown
Keith Bower Cup Champions: Shamoofee

2013 – 2014 SEASON

Division A Champions: IFC Ajax
Division B Champions: Walnut Creek United
Division C Champions: Oakland Defiant
+40 Division Champions: Berkeley Old Boys
Association Cup Champions: Sporting Club (A)
Referee's Cup Champions: IFC Ajax
Commissioners Cup Champions: ASC Juventus
Seniors Cup Champions: Oakland Defiant
Keith Bower Cup Champions: Berkeley Old Boys
Veterans Cup Champions: Berkeley Old Boys

2014 – 2015 SEASON

Division A Champions: Sporting Club
Division B Champions: Oakland Defiant
Division C Champions: Alameda Celtic
+40 A Division Champions: Berkeley Old Boys
+40 B Division Champions: Orinda S.C.
Association Cup Champions: IFC Ajax (A)
Referee's Cup Champions: IFC Ajax
Commissioners Cup Champions: Oakland Defiant
Seniors Cup Champions: Arsenal
Keith Bower Cup Champions: Africari Big Time
Veterans Cup Champions: Berkeley Old Boys
Vela Cup Champions: Orinda S.C.

2015 – 2016 SEASON

Division A Champions: IFC Ajax
Division B Champions: International
Division C Champions: Africari United
+40 A Division Champions: Berkeley Old Boys
+40 B Division Champions: Wanderers
Association Cup Champions: Sporting Club (A)
Referee's Cup Champions: Sporting Club
Commissioners Cup Champions: East Bay United
Seniors Cup Champions: Alameda Athletic
Keith Bower Cup Champions: Berkeley Old Boys
Veterans Cup Champions: Berkeley Old Boys
Vela Cup Champions: Wanderers

2016 – 2017 SEASON

Division A Champions: IFC Ajax
Division B Champions: IFC East Bay United
Division C Champions: Olympic FC
+40 A Division Champions: Berkeley Old Boys
+40 B Division Champions: MFC Redwoods
+50 Division Champions: Berkeley Pars
Association Cup Champions: Sporting Club (A)
Referee's Cup Champions: Sporting Club
Commissioners Cup Champions: IFC East Bay United
Seniors Cup Champions: No Games played
Keith Bower Cup Champions: Raiders
Veterans Cup Champions: No Games Played

Vela Cup Champions: No games played

2017 – 2018 SEASON

Division A Champions: IFC Ajax
Division B Champions: Clayton Town
+40 A Division Champions: Berkeley Old Boys
+40 B Division Champions: Walnut Creek United
+50 Division Champions: AFC Real
Association Cup Champions: Berkeley Juniors (A)
Referee's Cup Champions: IFC Ajax
Commissioners Cup Champions: Alameda Athletic
Seniors Cup Champions: No Games played
Keith Bower Cup Champions: Orinda S.C.
Veterans Cup Champions: Clayton Wanderers
Vela Cup Champions: Walnut Creek United
Gray Cup Champions: Africari Lions

Commissioner's Awards

This award is given to an individual, or individuals, who have provided services to the league above and beyond the call of duty, that season, and/or in the past.

1994-95 SEASON

Roy Shepherd - For many hours of work as League Registrar, Scheduler and Statistician for the 1993-94 and 1994-95 seasons.

Graham Giggins - For his 12 years of continuous service to the league (1983 through 1995) as Commissioner and Treasurer.

1995-96 SEASON

Martin Hammer - For many hours of work as Field Coordinator for the 1994-95 and 1995-96 seasons.

Ken Lett - For his 18 years of refereeing in the EBSSL and his 6 years of continuous service to the league (1991-1996) as Referee Coordinator.

1996-97 SEASON

Mike Bernasek – For his tireless work as League Commissioner (1993-94). For developing and implementing an automated league database to facilitate registration, scheduling, standings and player discipline records. And for developing and maintaining the East Bay Senior Soccer League web page.

1997 -1998 SEASON

No award given

1998 -1999 SEASON

No award given

1999 -2000 SEASON

No award given

2000 -2001 SEASON

No award given

2001 -2002 SEASON

Ken Lett - For his 24 years of refereeing in the EBSSL and his 11 years of continuous service to the league (1991-2002) as Referee Coordinator.

Bob Palin – For his 7 years of continuous service to the league as League Treasurer (1995-2002)

2002 -2003 SEASON

No award given

2003-2004 SEASON

No award given

2004-2005 SEASON

No award given

2005-2006 SEASON

No award given

2006-2007 SEASON

No award given

2007-2008 SEASON

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No award given

2008-2009 SEASON

Rob Kraus - For his 25 years of Continuous Service and tireless work getting fields for the EBSSL

2009-2010 SEASON

Ron Fassel - For his continuous Service as Concord Field coordinator

2010-2011 SEASON

No award given

2011-2012 SEASON

No award given

2012-2013 SEASON

No award given

2013-2014 SEASON

No award given

2014-2015 SEASON

No award given

2015-2016 SEASON

No award given

2016-2017 SEASON

No award given

2017-2018 SEASON

No award given