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ST. GILES UNITED SOCCER CLUB, INC

RULES & REGULATIONS

ARTICLE I.

General

Section 1.

St Giles Soccer Club Inc. does hereby adopt and publish such rules and regulations for youth players, in compliance with and as may be required by national or state associations with which the club has chosen to affiliate, as determined by the Club's Board of Directors to be necessary and appropriate for the operation of an organized soccer program.

Section 2. ***Age Groups, Affiliations, and Registration***

A. The Club shall make every effort to enter teams in the following age divisions, which are comprised, of players who are born, before the first day of August of the current season

Under 19 years of age
Under 18 years of age
Under l7 years of age
Under 16 years of age
Under 15 years of age
Under 14 years of age
Under 13 years of age
Under 12 years of age
Under 11 years of age
Under 10 years of age
Under 8 years of age
Under 6 years of age

B. Each Player shall furnish proof of age at the time of initial registration with the club. Therefore, no further proof of age shall be required so long as uninterrupted year-to-year registration status is maintained with the Club. Acceptable proof of age shall be an official birth certificate, passport or alien registration card issued by the United States Government or Certificate of Naturalization issued by the Immigration and Naturalization service.

C. All Players must be registered with the Club and have paid all fees established by the Club's Board of Directors before participating in a practice or game with a Club team.

D. New player registration shall be limited by the Club's Board of Directors' determination of the number of teams, which it can properly sponsor during the current season.

E. The Club and all players will be affiliated with the South Carolina Youth Soccer Association. The Clubs Board will determine with which leagues and additional associations or recreation commissions the Club will affiliate.

F. The Board will annually set the amount of registration fees to be collected from each player registering with the Club.

Section 3. ***Playing Above Age Division***

Upon specific request and with the Coaches' Boards' prior approval, a Classic player may play for a team in a higher age division if deemed a starter by the coach. Recreation players are not allowed to play up an age division except where teams in the players age division are full or there are not enough players to form a team in their age division. A player may not play in an age division below his of her proper division (so-called "playing down").

Section 4. ***Suspensions - Player or Coach***

A. A player suspended for one game for any reason shall be notified by his or her coach prior to the day of the game that the player will not play and should not attend the game in uniform.

B. Any player or coach who is suspended for any reason for more than one game shall meet with the Club's Board of Directors, in special session, to consider the matter and the appropriate course of action to be taken after full consideration of all the facts and circumstances.

C. A player or coach who habitually exhibits conduct or behavior not in keeping with "the spirit of the game" and defames the Club's reputation shall be subject to disciplinary action (including dismissal from the club).

D. Any fines handed down by the League due to coach or player having been ejection from a game shall be paid in full by the coach in question

Section 5. ***Roster Limitations***

A. The Club recommends as a guideline that all eleven-a-side teams be composed of not more than sixteen players at any given time.

B. No eleven-a-side shall be allowed more then eighteen players at any given time.

C. Under 6's playing 6-a-side recommended *9* on roster with no more than *14 at* any-given time.

D. Under 8's playing 7-a-side recommended 10 on roster with no more than 14 at any given time.

E. Under 10's playing 8-a-side recommended 11 on roster with no more than 14 at any given time.

ARTICLE II.

Recreation Teams

Section 1. ***Purpose***

The Club hereby states its intention to enter teams in recreation league play to promote the training and competition for those players who desire to play soccer.

Section 2. ***Four- Year-Old Age Requirement***

It is hereby established that the Club will not allow registration of any child to participate on an Under-6-years-of-age division team who is not four years old before the first day of August of the current season.

Section 3. ***Age Group Coordinators for Respective Age Divisions***

It is preferred that the Age Group Coordinator not be a Head Coach in that division. The Recreational Director with the approval and ratification of the Board shall appoint them.

Section 4. ***Responsibilities of Age Group Coordinators***

Each Age Group Coordinator shall:

A. Serve as the chairpersons of all meetings in their age division. Coordinate and represent their age division in all matters pertaining to it.

B. Establish committees and appoint committee chairpersons in order to administer and manage programs in the age division.

C. Assist all coaches in acquisition of practice time and fields, as necessary.

D. Coordinate any appeals by parents, players, or coaches to the Recreation Director or the Board.

E. Distribute and collect all player registrations and release forms for teams after all forms have been properly completed.

F. Be a representative to the Greenville County Recreation District for the age division

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Section 5. ***Playing Time and Suspension***

All Club players will play for a minimum one-half of each regular season game including play offs and recreation tournament games. Exceptions to this rule are allowed only when a player misses two consecutive regularly scheduled practices without reasonable cause, as determined by the player's coach. In this instance, a player may be suspended by the coach from playing in the next scheduled game. A player may be suspended by a coach for one game for other justifiable reasons, including but not limited to, disciplinary reasons, fighting, etc., with the joint approval of the Age Group Coordinator who, in turn, will notify the Board of such suspension at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

Section 6. ***Uniforms***

Players will furnish their own Club-specified shirts, shorts and socks, as well as shoes and shin guards. The Club will attempt to make arrangements with local sporting goods suppliers to make uniforms and equipment available when required. The player will also furnish additional white tops as alternate jersey.

Section 7. ***Team Selection and Balancing Procedures***

The Recreation Director for Boys and Girls will determine how the teams are selected each season. The balancing of teams will be aided by adjusting schedules as seen needed by the Director or Age Group Coordinator.

The Age Group Coordinator shall be present at each meeting of the age division's coaches when teams are selected. All coaches or a coach's designated representative will indicate their acceptance of the final roster by initialing each agreed upon roster.

Section 8. ***Post Season Coaches' Meeting***

Each age division will have a coaches meeting for the purpose of reviewing the past season and evaluating the players. This meeting will be held within one week of the last playoff game for that particular age division. The Recreational Director and/or one Board member shall be present to conduct such meeting. An Age Group Coordinator or a majority of the coaches in an age division may call coaches' meetings at any time.

Section 9. ***Coaching Requirements***

Coaches at a minimum attend a National Youth Module *(5* hour course) given by the club. Modules will be held twice a year. Modules must be taken within one year from the start of coaching. Modules must be renewed every three years.

Section 10. ***Tournaments***

The Club will pay the entry fees for all teams wishing to enter SCYSA American Cup. All other Tournaments entry fees are the sole responsibility of the team. Prior to applying for any other Tournaments (except the St Giles Fall and Spring Challenge) the Coach must first get approval from the Recreational Director or the Executive Director of Coaching and Administration.

ARTICLE III.

Classic Teams

Section 1. Purpose of Classic Teams

To provide a positive environment for the continuing development of players who demonstrate talent, commitment and good sportsmanship; and to develop teams that are competitive at the state and regional level.

The Club hereby states its intention to enter teams in the Palmetto League (boys), Girls Statewide League and/or Traveling Team Leagues to further promote the training and competition levels for those players who excel in soccer.

It is the Club's intention to field minimum one (l) team per single age group Under 11 through 18. If there are two teams within the age category, there shall be a first and second team. The first team shall consist of the best players within that age category and the coach of the first team shall have preferential choice of the best players.

A superior player who wishes to play up may do so only with mutual consent of both coaches of the age groups involved, parent of the player, and the Coaches' Board's approval. The best interest of the player shall be the determining factor in considering any such request.

Section 2. ***Coaches' Board and Selection of Coaches***

A. The Vice President shall serve as Chairman of the Coaches Board.

B. The Executive Director of Coaching and Administration will supervise all coaching related activities for the Club including but not limited to coaching selection, training, and conduct.

C. The Coaches' Board will be a permanent committee comprised of the Executive Director of Coaching and Administration, the Director of Player Development, the Boys Classic Coordinator, the Girls Classic Coordinator, the Girls Director of Coaching, and 1 Boys Classic Coach elected annually from coaches within the Club. The election of coaches to Coaches' Board shall be completed by September 1st of each year.

D. The Coaches' Board will be responsible to solicit, identify, interview and select head coaching candidates for each classic team. The Coaches' Board will begin the process of selecting a final slate of classic coaches no later than April 15th of each year. The Executive Director of Coaching and Administration shall make every effort to present the slate of the coaches to the Club Board of Directors for approval at the April board meeting.

Section 3. ***Coaches, Assistant Coaches and Managers***

A. The Coaches Board will assign the Head Coach to a team.

B. Coaches will be selected on criteria determined by the Coaches Board Coaching Requirements Guidelines.

C. The Head Coach shall select assistant coaches and team managers. No team managers or assistant coaches will be selected from a pool of candidates whose children are involved in the try-out process of the team until after the team's players have been selected and notified.

D. Team Managers shall be required to submit a summary Financial Statement following completion of the team's selection to the Classic Coordinator for review and approval. If the Classic coordinator has not received a Financial Statement by August 20th, the Board will take immediate and appropriate action up to and including possible replacement of the Team Manager.

Section 4. ***Player Eligibility***

Only those players who pay the registration fee established by the Board and who register properly prior to the season of play (September 1 through August 31) are eligible to play on the classic teams with the following exceptions:

A) Players of families moving into the Greenville County area
B) Players transferring from another Club or State organization (A Player Release Form must be signed by the player and player's parents or guardian and returned to the Club Registrar)

Section 5. ***Player Selection***

Each team's Head Coach will be solely responsible for selecting his or her team's players from among the outstanding players who are eligible (as prescribed above), on the basis of the prior seasons performance, tryouts observations, etc. Notice of selection to play on the team will be the responsibility of the Head Coach and will be handled according to guidelines set forth by the Coaches Board.

Section *6*. ***Replacements/Substitutions/Addition of Players***

Replacement, substitution or addition of players as the result of an injury, or otherwise will be made in accordance with the USYSA and SCYSA rules and regulations. For a valid transfer to take place a Player Release Form must be signed by the player and player's parents or guardian and returned to the Club Registrar.

Section 7. ***Play Time***

Players on a Classic team are not guaranteed minimum amounts of playing time. Substitutions during games are at the sole discretion of the Head Coach.

Section 8. ***Travel***

Games will be played both within South Carolina and outside of the state as scheduled by the Head Coach. The Head Coach is responsible to ensure the team travels with the proper forms as approved and required by SCYSA

Section *9*. ***Costs***

Any funds provided from the Club's treasury shall require the consent and approval of the Board. Participants are to be made aware that extra costs can be substantial and are ultimately the player or player's parents' responsibility. Teams that advance to State Cup and Regional play will have their entry fees paid by the club. All other Tournament entry fees is the responsibility of the team

Section 10. ***Uniforms***

Regular season Club uniforms (Jerseys, shorts and socks) will be purchased by each player and will be worn for all league and tournament games. All players (except Keepers) are expected to wear the "standard issue" red, white and or navy uniforms while representing St. Giles during the regulation game. The Head coach of each team may specify what color

combinations of jersey, shorts and socks will be worn for a particular game.

Section 11. ***Practice***

Players who cannot attend regularly scheduled practice sessions are asked not to accept a position on the team. Players who miss practice(s) without good and acceptable cause will be dropped from the roster. Players may also be dropped because of disciplinary problems. Dropping a player from a team must be approved by the Coaches Board and must comply with SCYSA Rules and Guidelines.

ARTICLE IV

Section 1. ***Coaches Conduct***

The conduct and attitude of the coaches shall at all times reflect the highest moral and sporting standards. Coaches are reminded that they are role models for our players and establish the values and behavior of their teams. Further, coaches are expected to always exhibit professional conduct in their dealings with game officials, opposing teams and fans. Coaches are, in fact, responsible for the conduct of their players, parents and supporters at any time St. Giles United is being represented. All coaches will follow SCYSA rules regarding recruiting of players.

Section 2. ***Player Conduct***

Players are expected to conduct themselves with honor and dignity. They are to control their tempers and resist the temptation to retaliate. Players are also expected to be fair no matter the cost or the result. All players are to be generous in victory and graceful in defeat. Lastly, players are expected to accept the decisions of your coach and the game officials. All players will follow SCYSA rules regarding recruiting of players.

Section 3. ***Parent Conduct***

Parents and fans are responsible for their behavior, however, your coach will also suffer the consequences for your poor behavior. Parents and fans should never openly question the referee's judgement and must never question their honesty. You must always remember that the opponents are necessary friends. Without them, your child could not participate. Therefore, you must treat the opponent's coaches, players, parents and fans with respect. You are strongly encouraged to refrain from arguments with opposing coaches, players, parents and fans. St. Giles United Soccer Club is judged by your behavior as well as its coaches and players. All parents will follow SCYSA rules regarding recruiting of players.

Section 4. ***Forms and Contracts***

All Coaches and Assistant coaches as well as any volunteers working with the Club must sign a Volunteer Disclosure Statement each year. All Classic Coaches shall sign a contract prior to current season. The Club Treasurer will issue a 1099 form at the end of each calendar year for monies paid to coaches and trainers.

All coaches and parents will sign a "Code of Conduct" form stating that you have read and that you understand the club's Rules and Regulations as well as the code of conduct.

Section 5. ***Disciplinary Actions***

A. Club referees have the authority and right to take disciplinary action against any coach, player or parent. Referees are the ultimate authority before, during and after games. Therefore, referees will use the following guide to maintain control of the fields and games:

1. Parent infractions of the code of conduct:

1st infraction: Referee should stop the game and ask the coach to quiet the offending parent.

2nd infraction: Referee should stop the game, give a verbal warning to the coach and ask the coach to warn the

parent that the next infraction will be an ejection.

3rd infraction: Referee shall issue a caution to the coach and instruct the coach to direct the parent to leave the field. The referee will abandon the game if the parent does not leave the field.

2. Coach and player infractions of the code of conduct:

1st minor infraction: Referee should ignore.

2nd minor infraction: Referee should issue verbal warning to the coach or player.

3rd minor infraction: Referee shall issue a caution to the coach or player.

4th minor infraction: Referee shall issue an ejection to the coach or player.

1st major infraction: Referee shall issue a caution to the coach or player. Referee could issue an ejection depending on the seriousness of the infraction.

2nd major infraction: Referee shall issue an ejection to the coach or player.

3. Serious infractions of the code of conduct:

The referees have the right to skip items listed in one or two above if the infraction is deemed serious and issue an ejection immediately. The referee could abandon the game as well.

B. The Board will take appropriate disciplinary action against any coach, player or parent after an investigation of all facts and evidence surrounding an incident has been completed. A committee comprised of the club President, Executive Director, the two referee mentors and one coach will conduct all hearings and reviews. The committee will recommend to the Board the appropriate disciplinary actions to be handed out. The Board will meet and vote on the committee's report. At a minimum the following list of punishment will be imposed based on violations of the code of conduct:

1. Ejection from a game	Minimum one game suspension
2. Unsportsmanlike conduct	Minimum one game suspension
3. Profanity	Minimum one game suspension
4. Threatening an official	Season suspension
5. Striking an official	Indefinite suspension
6. Damaging an official's property	Indefinite suspension plus a report filed with Greenville County law enforcement
7. Brining alcohol or drugs into the complex	Season suspension
8. Fighting (players)	Minimum two game suspension
9. Fighting (coaches and fans)	Season suspension
10. Repeat offender of minor violations	Minimum three game suspension

ARTICLE V

Fund Raising

The Board shall coordinate the Club's fund raising activities. Classic teams may raise funds independently through methods approved by the Board specifically designated for their teams.

ARTICLE VI

Amendments

These rules and regulations will be reviewed annually by the Club's Board of Directors and any amendments will be made by a two-thirds vote of the Board at any meeting of the Board, duly held.