

BRADEN RIVER SOCCER CLUB, INC. RULES AND REGULATIONS

100. GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS/ PROCEDURES

The rules, regulations, and procedures contained herein (“Rules and Regulations”) govern all members of the Braden River Soccer Club, Inc. (“BRSC”, or “Organization”).

A. Violators: Any player, coach or team manager, spectator or parent, league official or official of this Organization determined to have violated the Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, Rules and Regulation of the BRSC shall be subject to disciplinary action by the BRSC Ethics and Discipline Committee as well as the BRSC Board of Directors (“BRSC Board”).

B. Responsibility: Each team is responsible for the actions and personal conduct of its team members, team manager, coach, parents and spectators, and is additionally responsible to ensure that its actions on and off the field do not bring discredit upon the team or upon this Organization.

C. Further Responsibility: All BRSC officials are responsible for the manner in which the Organization is administered, and for governing the conduct and actions of those individuals associated with the Organization.

200. “YOUTH” AND AGE GROUPS

A. Definition: For purposes of definition, the Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws and Rules and Regulations of this Organization apply to FYSA- and BRSC affiliated amateur youth players on teams within age groups up to and including Under nineteen (19) years. The term “Youth” shall apply to any player who has not attained his or her nineteenth (19th) birthday before the FYSA limiting date of the seasonal year in which he or she applies for registration. The FYSA limiting date is August 1, and the seasonal year begins on August 1 and ends on the following July 31.

B. Eligibility: Players who attain the limiting age for any group on or after the FYSA limiting date of the seasonal year will be eligible to play in that age group for the remainder of that seasonal year.

C. Equal Age Grouping: BRSC shall divide play among teams of equal age groups as follows, provided sufficient players are available to field teams:

1. Recreational – no official (recorded) scores nor standings

Under 14 (“U14”) – Does not reach 14th birthday before the FYSA limiting date.

Under 12 (“U12”) – Does not reach 12th birthday before the FYSA limiting date.

Under 10 (“U10”) – Does not reach 10th birthday before the FYSA limiting date.

Under 9 (“U9”) – Does not reach 9th birthday before the FYSA limiting date.

Under 8 (“U8”) – Does not reach 8th birthday before the FYSA limiting date.

Under 7 (“U7”) – Does not reach 7th birthday before the FYSA limiting date.

Under 6 (“U6”) – Does not reach 6th birthday before the FYSA limiting date.

Under 5 (“U5”) – Does not reach 5th birthday before the FYSA limiting date.

2. Competitive

Under 19 (“U19”) – Does not reach 19th birthday before FYSA limiting date.

Under 18 (“U18”) – Does not reach 18th birthday before FYSA limiting date.

Under 17 (“U17”) – Does not reach 17th birthday before FYSA limiting date.

Under 16 (“U16”) – Does not reach 16th birthday before FYSA limiting date.

Under 15 (“U15”) – Does not reach 15th birthday before FYSA limiting date.

Under 14 (“U14”) – Does not reach 14th birthday before FYSA limiting date.

Under 13 (“U13”) – Does not reach 13th birthday before FYSA limiting date.

Under 12 (“U12”) – Does not reach 12th birthday before FYSA limiting date.

Under 11 (“U11”) – Does not reach 11th birthday before FYSA limiting date.

Under 10 (“U10”) – Does not reach 10th birthday before FYSA limiting date.

Under 9 (“U9”) – Does not reach 9th birthday before FYSA limiting date.

300. REGISTRATION INSURANCE

All players on teams affiliated with the FYSA and BRSC are required to submit an accurate and properly completed FYSA amateur youth registration form. The assignment

or registration of a “player” to a given team is for the duration of the Organization’s “seasonal year”, unless he/ she is formally transferred or released. Once a team has registered to play in an affiliated league, that team shall not be permitted to drop out of that league to play in another league for the duration of the season.

A. Player Registration:

1. Each team shall submit to the District Commissioner through the BRSC Registrar, the player’s registration form, proof of birthday (for first-time FYSA-registered players), and a current photograph for each player (Competitive players only), or other documents as may be required to complete the registration process.
2. A player must have attained his/ her fourth (4th) birthday prior to any league play.

B. Player Roster, Registration Fees:

1. Each team shall complete and submit to the BRSC Registrar:
 - a. Player registration forms and fees.
 - b. Team/ player roster.
2. Registrar will check accuracy of above information and forward to District Commissioner along with appropriate fees.
3. Formal registration dates will be established by the BRSC Board. All players must register by the last formal registration date. Any players applying to register after the last formal registration date will be placed on a waiting list and may or may not be accepted by the BRSC Registrar.

C. Age Proof and Social Security Number: A U.S. Birth Certificate (State in which born), passport, certification of naturalization, or alien registration identification issued or recognized by the United States Government shall be deemed sufficient proof of age. Proof of age and social security number are required for registration. Any player may be called upon to prove his/ her legal age by the BRSC Executive Board of Directors (“BRSC Executive Board”) or the District Commissioner. No other proof of age is acceptable and players will not be registered without proper proof of age.

D. Player’s Full Name: Players must indicate their full legal first and last name on all registration materials.

E. Responsibility: Each team shall be responsible for assuring the accurate and proper registration of players and the proper accounting of fiscal truncations to the BRSC Board.

F. Player Insurance: FYSA provides secondary medical insurance to all players registered through this Organization.

1. Claims: All injuries to be claimed against the medical insurance shall be submitted to FYSA per FYSA guideline on the proper form obtained from the District Commissioner, and are to be submitted to the BRSC President and District Commissioner within seventy-two (72) hours of the injury. An accident/ incident form must also be submitted to Manatee County Parks and Recreation at that time.

G. Document Falsification: Falsification of player registration form, team roster or other records of the FYSA or BRSC shall be subject to disciplinary action, up to an including permanent suspension of the individuals involved.

H. Ignorance of the Law: A plea of ignorance to the Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, or Rules and Regulations of the Organization is not deemed a sufficient defense, and violators will be required to account for their actions to the BRSC Ethics and Disciplinary Committee.

I. Coaches/ Trainers Registration: All individuals serving as Coach, Assistant Coach, or Trainer of teams affiliated with the FYSA are required to complete and submit an FYSA Coach's Registration form in a manner prescribed.

J. Player Passes: Should a Competitive team player participate in a game and is not properly registered, his/ her team shall automatically forfeit the contest 3-0 to the opposing team, and may be subject to disciplinary action by the BRSC Ethics and Disciplinary Committee depending upon the circumstances of the violation.

301. PLAYER/TEAM ADMINISTRATION

A. Team Roster

1. No team shall have more than eighteen (18) players registered on its roster. An exception to this rule is made with U17-U19 rosters according to USYSA, unless otherwise stated by a specific league. These teams can roster up to 22 players but can only play 18 at any given game.

2. A team shall have at least eleven (11) players registered on its roster for U13 and older. The recommended number of players registered to an 11-a-side roster is fourteen (14).

3. For U11 and U12 groups (8-a-side), a team shall have at least eight (8) players registered on its roster. The recommended number of players registered per team is eleven (11).

4. For U9 and U10 groups (6-a-side), a team shall have at least six (6) players registered on its roster. The recommended number of players registered per team is nine (9).

5. For U7 and U8 groups (4- and 5-a-side), a team shall have at least five (5) players registered on its roster. The recommended number of players registered per team is eight (8).

6. For U5 and U6 groups (3-a-side), a team shall have at least three (3) players registered on its roster. The recommended number of players registered per team is six (6).

7. Note that the aforementioned age groups and playing formats mentioned are subject to modification for the Recreational program in order to meet the needs and capabilities of the volunteers who are providing critical support, including but not limited to coaches.

B. Formation of Competitive Teams:

1. Competitive Teams are selected based on open tryouts of players regardless of where in the state they reside (see below). Coaches, teams and players are all subject to the approval of the BRSC Board. There is NO guaranteed playing time. The number of Competitive teams in any age group will be based upon the talent and numbers of players that try out.

2. A Competitive team which is league champion, co-champion or runner up or co-runner up in the league in which it competes will be mandated to move up one division or move up an additional age group if it retains five or more players from the previous year team. Note: This provision does not apply to a runner-up or co-runner up if the league had co-champions.) An appeal can be made to the DOC to remain in the current division for another season.

3. All players wanting to play up an age group must have the approval of the Director of Coaching.

C. Competitive Player Selection Process

1. Competitive player evaluations and team selection will involve each age group and division's head coach, head coach from a different age group or division, a BRSC trainer, and the Director of Coaching ("DOC"). Additional or substitute evaluators must be approved by the DOC.

2. All players trying out for the 'A' team are expected to accept an

invitation to be a member of that team if selected. Any player who has no intention of playing on the 'A' team, for any reason, must discuss this with the 'A' team head coach and the Director of Coaching in advance of the tryouts.

3. Players will be evaluated in the 4 components of soccer: Technical, Tactical, Physical, and Psychological dimensions. The evaluation team is open to consider performance both during tryouts as well as that directly observed during the previous season.

4. The 'A' team head coach is responsible for notifying all players as to their team selection, and it can be done by phone or in person. Players selected for the 'A team' must be notified within 48 hours of their last tryout. The Director of Coaching or VP, Competitive Program must be notified immediately if this time frame cannot be met.

5. If there is more than one team being formed within an age group, players selected to a second or third team must be notified within 96 hours following the completion of their last tryout.

D. Formation of Recreational Teams:

1. Players will be assigned to Recreational teams by the committee in accordance with the procedure below. Resolution of any problem is the responsibility of the committee.

2. Using a blind draft system, each team will receive an equal number of players in order to balance the total years of playing experience for each team.

a. Protected Players:

a) Under 5 through Under 8 Recreational teams may protect two (2) players during the assignment process, one (1) of which must be the Coach's child (if playing).

b) Under 9 through Under 12 and up Recreational teams may protect three (3) players during the assignment process, one (1) of which must be the coach's child (if playing).

c) Under 13 and up Recreational teams may protect four (4) players during the assignment process, one (1) of which must be the coach's child (if playing).

d) In all Recreational team age groups, if a coach obtains a full-paying sponsor prior to the assignment process, they may protect one (1) additional player.

e) Coaches will be responsible for notifying the Recreational Registrar (prior to the assignment process) about those players for which they are protecting.

f) In any age group in which double-sized rosters and 'split-squad' games are played, the base number of protected players is doubled.

3. Playing time: All Recreational teams members dressed out shall receive a minimum of fifty percent (50%) playing time. This rule may be modified or waived by a coach for health or disciplinary reasons or whenever players are absent from scheduled practices or games without reasonable notification or justification. The coach must notify the referee and opposing coach of such disciplinary action prior to the start of the game. Failure to comply with this provision will result in the disciplinary action to the responsible party (up to and including multiple game suspension of the coach and the coach's child).

E. Additional Player/ Team Requirements

1. Playing in more than one schedule: A player may not play in more than one (1) schedule concurrently during the seasonal year unless dual registered or transferred. Dual registration is only permitted if it meets FYSA guidelines.

2. Player Transfer/Release: All requests for player release or transfer shall be submitted in writing, on the proper form (obtained from the District Commissioner). Any player previously registered to a team during the current seasonal year, shall require a formal transfer to change teams.

3. From time to time it may become necessary for upper division Competitive teams to acquire players from lower division Competitive and Recreational teams on a permanent basis during the term of the league-playing season. To warrant such acquisition the following conditions must exist:

a. Upper division Competitive coaches may fill a spot due to a player(s) moving, quitting team, suffering a season ending injury, or to replace a player transferred to another Competitive team or to bring a roster up to the recommended minimum. The upper division Competitive coach may not "cut" an active player from his roster solely to create a position for a lower division Competitive player, nor may he replace a player or transfer players

to cover anyone on his team who is affected by disciplinary actions, with the exception of State Cup teams which crop or add players, in accordance with FYSA guidelines.

b. The number of players remaining on the lower division Competitive team drafted from may not fall below the recommended minimum as stated in Section 301 of these Rules and Regulations.

c. The following procedure will be used to initiate transfer(s):

1) Upper division Competitive coach will contact lower division Competitive or Recreational coach to obtain permission to approach player/ parents.

2) Lower division Competitive or Recreational coach withholds or gives permission based on compliance with this provision and notifies player/ parent of the intent of the upper division Competitive coach.

3) Lower division Competitive or Recreational coach may not block the transfer of a player and the decision of the parent will be final.

4) Official transfer is enacted through BRSC Registrar in compliance with applicable FYSA rules.

d. Any exceptions to these rules must be approved by the BRSC Board.

4. Maximum Transfer Limit: A Competitive team shall be limited to three (3) transferred players in any seasonal year, but may add previously unregistered (new) players at any time, up to the eighteen (18) player roster limit (based on age group).

5. Definition of a Release/Drop: A release/drop is defined as any player leaving a roster who is not transferred. The exception is that when a player moves to another State associate or is deceased, it shall not be deemed a drop.

6. Transfer Waiting Period (Regular Game): A transferred player must serve a 72 hour waiting period from the date the transfer request was mailed (post marked) or delivered to the District Commissioner. He/she becomes eligible to play after the mandatory waiting period, unless the transfer request was denied and the team official has been notified of the disapproval by the District Commissioner.

7. Hardship Transfers: In the event a player relocates his/ her permanent residence to another area within the jurisdiction of the FYSA, or when teams are permanently “dissolved”, players may request a variance from the usual transfer-waiting period.

8. Teams:

- a. If a team is duly registered the BRSC Board will take every effort to locate an appropriate league competition.
- b. All BRSC teams must be in good standing to be eligible to participate in any tournament play including Region Cup and State Cup.
- c. All competitive teams are required to submit to the BRSC, a team sponsor in the amount determined for that fiscal year in order for the team to remain in good standing.

9. Poaching: Any Competitive team which, through its coach, authorized officials or representatives, attempts to induce a registered player of any other team to transfer or otherwise leave his/ her team prior to the end of the seasonal schedule, shall be deemed to have committed a “poaching” offense and be subject to disciplinary action.

10. Poaching Penalty: Any team, officer, referee, coach, or representatives determined by the BRSC Ethics and Discipline Committee to have engaged in poaching, shall be disciplined by suspension from BRSC affiliation and activities for one (1) year, with notification of such action made to the FYSA. On any recurring offense, the penalty shall be determined by the BRSC Ethics and Discipline Committee, but never be less than one (1) year suspension.

400. SENIOR/ PROFESSIONAL GAME

A. Trial Games: An amateur youth player registered with the FYSA will be permitted to play with an affiliated amateur senior team without jeopardizing his/ her “youth” status.

B. Permission: Youth players wishing to participate in games with an amateur senior team must obtain permission from their coach or other authorized teams prior official. The coach or other authorized team official must request, in writing, permission from the President, FYSA, and the President of the Florida State Soccer Association (Senior).

C. Senior/ Youth Precedence: When the above clearance and permissions have been granted, the Florida State Soccer Association has sole discretion in permitting a youth player to play in senior games and will be responsible for

establishing the procedure under which this will be implemented. In the event of a conflict between a senior game and a youth game, the youth game shall take precedence.

D. Failure to Obtain Approval: An affiliated amateur youth player who participates in amateur senior trial games without required approval shall be declared ineligible for future participation as a youth player for the remainder of the current season year. A youth team using such ineligible player(s) shall forfeit all games in which the player(s) took part by a score of 3-0.

1. An amateur youth player registered with the FYSA who contracts with or signs a "letter of intent" with a professional team without the permission of the Board of Directors and/ or Executive Committee of the FYSA shall be declared a professional player and shall forfeit all privileges of amateur youth status permanently.

2. The Board of Directors and/ or Executive Committee of the FYSA may grant an amateur youth player permission to play in benefit or exhibition games where professional teams or players are participating. Such permission must be requested, in writing to the District Commissioner in whose district the player is registered.

500. PLAYERS, COACHES, TRAINERS, PARENTS, AND SPECTATORS CONDUCT AND RESPONSIBILITIES

A. Coaches, trainers, parents and players will sign and abide by the current year's BRSC Contract for each respective group.

B. For actions inappropriate by any of the aforementioned to uphold the Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, and Rules and Regulations during any BRSC activity, discipline and sanctions may be imposed.

1. All complaints must be submitted in writing, signed (no anonymous complaints), and sent to a BRSC Board Member.

2. Complaints shall be forwarded to the BRSC Ethics and Discipline Committee within 72 hours of receipt of the written complaint.

3. Actions taken by the BRSC Ethics and Discipline Committee will be sent to all the parties involved and the BRSC Board within 72 hours of the decision.

4. Appeal of the BRSC Ethics and Discipline Committee decision must be requested to the BRSC Board within seven days of action taken.

5. Penalties/ consequences for inappropriate actions shall be no more than that stated in the current FYSA Bylaws and Rules and Regulations.

600. TRAVEL, HOSTING TEAMSTOURNAMENTS

Refer to FYSA Rules and Regulations, Sections 901-904.

700. RULES OF PLAY

A. General: Except where modified herein, rules of play shall comply with those published by FIFA in the “Laws of the Game”. Competition sanctioned by this Organization shall abide by the “Laws of the Game”, along with any modification or regulation of the FYSA and BRSC.

B. Behavior: Officials, directors, and coaches of both teams are responsible to ensure that teams, coaches, referees, fans and spectators conduct themselves in a proper and respectful manner.

C. Red Cards: If any BRSC coach or coach’s sideline participant receives a red card (or is otherwise ejected or sent off) in any league or tournament game he/she is to appear before the BRSC Ethics and Discipline Committee of BRSC. If he/she receives a second red card within the seasonal year he will receive an expulsion from the Club subject to an appeal to the Board of Directors. Penalties/ consequences shall follow the guidelines as stated in the current FYSA Bylaws and Rules and Regulations.

D. The Field of Play:

1. The home team will be responsible for the conditions of the grounds, field markings, and equipment.
2. Nets and corner flags are required.
3. The referee assigned for that particular game shall determine the playable condition of the field.
4. There shall be no alcoholic beverages dispensed on or near the playing field during any game under this Organization’s jurisdiction.
5. It is the responsibility of the visiting team coach to determine the directions to the playing field.
6. If a game cannot be played due to unplayable conditions, the home team is responsible for notifying the field scheduling coordinator so that the game can be rescheduled.

7. Players and coaches for both teams shall be on the same side of the field. Spectators shall be on the opposite side. For Under 6 and younger Recreational games, it is acceptable for players and coaches to be on the same side of the field as spectators, but not recommended.

E. Length of game, Overtime, and the Ball:

For the Recreational program, the following information shall be utilized:

<u>Age Groups</u>	<u>Length of the</u>	<u>Game Ball Size</u>
Under 13 and 14	2 – 35 minute halves	5
Under 11 and 12	2 – 30 minute halves	4
Under 9 and 10	2 – 25 minute halves	4
Under 7 and 8	4 – 12 minute quarters	3
Under 5 and 6	4 – 10 minute quarters	3

For the Competitive program, the rules of the respective scheduling body in regard to these items shall apply

1. It shall be the responsibility of both teams to have an appropriate game ball.
2. The referee shall be responsible for the selection of the game ball(s).
3. Water breaks shall be provided consistent with rules provided by FYSA.

F. Player Passes

All Competitive players affiliated with the BRSC, and all Recreational players affiliated with the BRSC that participate in inter-league play with other affiliates, shall have a verified FYSA player pass (or official FYSA roster for Recreational players) in order to participate in BRSC scheduled competition. A temporary FYSA pass is acceptable provided it is a valid, i.e., verified and must have District Commissioner's signature, player's picture affixed and an expiration date that is current.

1. Laminating passes: (permanent and temporary): Laminated passes are required for any sanctioned FYSA sanctioned tournament or Cup play.
2. Individual Presentation: All players shall individually present their pass to the referee prior to the start of the game.
3. Pass Disposition: Player passes are to be returned to the team's manager or coach at the conclusion of the game.

4. Failure to produce a Pass: If a player does not present a player pass to the referee prior to participation, he/ she shall not play in that game.

All Recreational players affiliated with the BRSC shall have registered with the BRSC Registrar.

G. Player Uniforms and Equipment

1. All player uniforms and equipment will meet minimum requirements as outlined by FYSA. In addition, BRSC requires that the official Club Competitive team uniform, which bears our logo and the Club's primary colors of maroon and white, is to be worn in any and all Competitive team games and tournaments both within the State and out of State. Special circumstances may warrant an additional uniform but it must bear the logo and colors and must be approved by the BRSC Executive Board.

2. Protective Equipment: All players shall be required to wear protective shin guards (to be worn beneath their uniform socks) at all times while actively participating in a game or a practice. Such shin guards shall be of the type and style of protective athletic equipment specifically designed to protect the player's lower leg (shin bone).

3. Footwear: Shoes utilizing "screw-in" cleats will be disallowed for all age groups up to and including "Under 10" for any competition under the jurisdiction of this Organization. Molded cleats are the only type acceptable for this age group. "Baseball style" cleats are prohibited.

H. Referee:

1. Verification of Documents: The referee shall verify the identity of each player by his/ her player pass and shall collect the passes of those players who intend to participate in the game.

2. Player Eligibility: The referee will allow participation of only those players for whom he/ she has collected player passes.

3. Equipment Check: The referee shall check and make certain that each player's equipment is in proper order and is not considered dangerous.

4. Field Condition Determination: The referee's judgment with regard to the physical condition of a field and its acceptability for play, and to actual happenings and occurrences relating to the conduct of the game, and to those prerogatives or judgment inherently granted to the referee by the "laws of the Game" as published by the F.I.F.A., and modified by the FYSA and BRSC shall not be challenged.

5. Post-Game Actions: Upon completion of the game, the referee shall return the player passes to the respective coaches or team managers.

6. Ejected Player/ Infraction Report: In games where a caution was issued and/ or a player was ejected, the referee will complete the Infraction Report and mail it along with a copy of the roster and the BRSC player pass number, to the BRSC President within forty-eight hours of the conclusion of the game.

a. For inter-league play an infractions report, player and/ or coach's pass to District Commissioner within 48 hours.

7. Other Incidents: it is the referee's responsibility, via his/ her game report, to report any unusual incidents created by players, coaches, or spectators that might bring discredit to the game or the BRSC.

8. Referee Absence: Should the assigned officials fail to appear for the scheduled game, it will be the responsibility of the two opposing coaches to arrive at a mutually agreeable alternative for referees and/or referee assistants. If an agreement is reached and the game is played as scheduled it will be deemed an official game. If mutual agreement cannot be reached by the coaches, then the following procedure will apply:

a. Notification by both coaches to the BRSC President or his/ her designee within 24 hours.

b. BRSC President or designee will notify the scheduler.

c. Scheduler will reschedule the game within two weeks but not later than the end of the regular season.

d. Scheduler will notify the referee assignor and the coaches.

I. Girls' Soccer-Use of Arms: Girls may use their arms for the protection of the upper part of the thorax.

J. Substitutions:

Procedure: Players may be substituted only during a stoppage of the game and then, only with the consent of the referee. The number of substitutions shall be unlimited and may be made at the following times:

1. Prior to a throw-in in your favor.

2. Prior to a goal kick by either team.

3. After a goal has been scored by either team.
4. After an injury when the referee has stopped play. The injured player(s) may be substituted for and, in addition the other teams may substitute on a “one-for-one” basis.
5. Following game stoppage for a caution, the player cautioned may be substituted with the consent and at the discretion of the referee.
6. Substituted Player: A player who has been removed by substitution may re-enter the game. No substitute is allowed for player ejected by the referee.
7. Recreational League Substitutions: For the Under 5, Under 6, Under 7 and Under 8 instructional league, substitutions shall only be allowed between quarters. Between the 1st and 2nd quarter and the 3rd and 4th quarters all players on the bench must enter the game. In the case of injuries, the injured player(s) may be substituted.

K. Coaching: Coaching from the sidelines, the purpose of which is to provide direction to one’s own team on positioning and points of strategy, is conditionally permitted:

1. Bench Area: Coaches and player substitutes must remain on the bench or in the vicinity of the team’s bench while the game is in progress.
2. Mechanical Devices: Coaches may not utilize mechanical devices, such as voice amplifiers.
3. Limitations: Coaches may provide limited direction to their players in a manner that is intended to be instructional and informative to player positioning or team strategy. Coaches shall not attempt to direct player’s every move on the field during the game.
4. Unsporting Conduct: Coaches, players, or player substitutes shall not use profanity or make insulting or otherwise derogatory remarks or gestures to their own team, the opposing team, the referee, or to the spectators. Cases of unruly and/or disruptive behavior will be reported by the referee, game official or club representative to the BRSC VP of the respective program (Competitive or Recreational) for further actions and may result in suspension or expulsion as determined by the BRSC Ethics and Disciplinary Committee.
5. Enticing Behavior: Coaches, player, or player substitutes shall not, by their remarks or gestures, in any manner, entice disruptive behavior.

6. High School Coaches: BRSC supports the Florida High School Activities Association policy stating a high school coach may not coach members or potential members of his/ her high school soccer team during the period of September 1 to November 1.

7. Punitive Action: Coaches, players or player substitutes violating the above rules will be subject to ejection, as well as to further disciplinary action deemed appropriate by the BRSC Ethics and Disciplinary Committee.

L. Practice: U9 through U12 age groups shall not practice more than two (2) sessions per week for more than 90 minutes (including any warm-up, cooldown or other conditioning work) per session.

M. Tournaments: U9 and U10 age groups shall not participate in more than three tournaments, excluding the BRSC Halloween Havoc tournament, Region Cup and subsequent advancements affiliated with the Region Cup tournament. The coach should make every effort to ensure an overnight stay is not required for any tournament play excluding Region Cup and subsequent advancements affiliated with the Region Cup tournament.

800. PROTESTS

A. Limitation: Only violations of this Organization's Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations or specifically published rules for competition, or the misapplication of the "Laws of the Game" shall be subject to protest.

B. Method: Protests shall be submitted in writing to the BRSC President within forty-eight (48) hours of the conclusion of the event being protested. No protest shall be entertained unless submitted to and recorded by the referee immediately following the event being protested. The written protest shall be accompanied by a check or money order for two hundred-fifty (\$250), such monies to be refunded in full upon a favorable decision to the protesting party.

801. PUNITIVE MEASURES

A. Minimum Disciplinary Actions: For the commission of violations noted herein, and in the FYSA Rules and Regulations, minimum disciplinary actions are to be imposed, as set forth in the FYSA Rules and Regulations.

1. Spectators or parents determined to be guilty of making threatening gestures or using profane or threatening language directed to players, referees, coaches or manager or other spectators will be dealt with by adopting punitive measures against the team they represent, up to a \$1,000 fine for each incident.

B. Postponement: Postponements will be allowed under the following circumstances:

1. At the discretion of the BRSC President or his/ her designee.
2. Mutual agreement of coaches pursuant to approval by the BRSC President or his/ her designee, subject to adherence to the following procedure:
 - a. Notification by both coaches to the BRSC President must immediately notify the referee assignor and scheduler.
 - b. Upon approval, the BRSC President must notify the referee assignor and scheduler.
 - c. The scheduler will reschedule the game within two weeks, but not later than the end of the regular season. The scheduler will notify the referee assignor and the BRSC President of the rescheduled game.
 - d. Cup games take precedence over league games.
3. By One Team: Any team delaying the start of a scheduled game by more than fifteen (15) minutes, unless a postponement has been affected, shall forfeit the game to the opponent by a score of 3-0.
4. By Both Teams: In the event both teams delay the start of a scheduled game by more than fifteen (15) minutes, unless a postponement has been affected, they will both be assessed with a 3-0 loss.
5. By Referee: Referees responsible for the late start of a game, without proper cause, or having failed to notify or gain permission for absence from the proper authority, will be subject to disciplinary action, and may be called upon to explain their actions.

900. COACH REQUIREMENT

A. All teams must have one designated coach present at all games and a maximum of three designated coaches who are duly registered and identified at the beginning of each game. Failure of a designated coach to appear with the team will be grounds for forfeiture. The designated coach cannot be a team player.

1. License requirement:

- a. F-License: Under 6 to Under 14 Recreational or a mandatory BRSC coaching class.
 - b. E-License: Under 9 through Under 12 Competitive team coaches.
 - c. D-License: All Division I head coaches U13 and up.
 - d. All girls' Competitive teams must have a female coach or assistant at every practice and game.
2. Exceptions to the above License requirements must be approved by the BRSC Coaches Committee, BRSC Board, and Director of Coaching.
 3. All Competitive coaches are required to personally attend or send a representative to at least 50% of all BRSC Board meetings.

B. Competitive Coach Selection Process

Any individual interested in coaching a Competitive team must submit a coaches application to the Director of Coaching and Chairman of the Coaches Committee by March 1st prior to the next seasonal year. Coaches for each Competitive team are elected on an annual basis. All applications are submitted to the Coaches Committee for review and evaluation. The Coaches Committee will make its recommendations for the coach of each Competitive team to the Board of Directors at the May Board of Directors meeting. The general qualifications for selection of Competitive coaches is as follows:

1. The coaching candidate must have attained or be registered for a course for the minimum coaching license as outlined in section 900.A.1 of these Rules and Regulations.
2. Competitive coaches shall distribute coach evaluation forms to the parents two times per year; one mid way through the season and one at the end of the season. If the candidate coached the previous year, he/she must have at least a majority vote of support based on the previous season's parental evaluations submitted. Coaches who are Parents must be in good standing per the Bylaws.
3. Coaches must comply with Club recommended training and/or performance criteria. Coaches must support the efforts of the Club.
4. Previous coaches seeking reappointment must attend or send a representative to BRSC Board and Coaches Committee meetings

and follow all rules set forth in the Bylaws and Rules and Regulations of the BRSC.

5. If a team elects to engage the services of a paid coach, that individual will be required to sign and abide by all provisions of the BRSC Coach's Contract, as well as report to the respective DOC and be paid through the Club.

6. A Coach's relationship to any player on a team shall not be considered during the Coach selection process.

7. There shall be no term limits for coaches.

1000. AMENDMENTS:

These rules and regulations may be amended pursuant to the BRSC By-Laws.

1100. SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

A. The following safety rules are incorporated into the rules and regulations to help establish standard safety practices for players and coaches and as a reminder to referees. Coaches are urged to review these safety standards with their players.

1. Glasses: Glasses should only be worn if mandatory for proper vision and shall have safety lenses and a safety strap.

2. Shin Guards: Shin guards with a rigid front must be used by all players.

3. Projections: Sharp projections of any type are strictly forbidden including ornaments or items carried in pockets or attached to clothing or to the person. These include, but are not limited to, wearing rings, bracelets, medallions, neck chains, earrings, wrist watches, and other objects including pens, pencils, etc.

4. Casts: Orthopedic casts are not permitted, however soft braces can be worn with approval from a doctor. Judgment as to the safety is at the discretion of the referee.

5. Dangerous Conditions: Dangerous conditions of play, e.g., substandard playing conditions, structural or electrical hazards, lightning, etc. are grounds for match postponement by the referee. These conditions must be reported to the BRSC President at the earliest opportunity.

In the event of lightning, all BRSC coaches, trainers, parents, and players must comply with FYSA guidelines requiring that players leave the field for 30 minutes following hearing thunder 30 seconds after viewing a lightning strike (the '30/30 rule') or after:

- an alarm has been issued from a lightning detection device
- it has been deemed unsafe by any BRSC trainer, BRSC Board member, or County official.

6. Injury: Any injury must be reported directly to the player's parent(s) at the earliest opportunity. Where it is the judgment of the coach that medical attention is required, the injured player's parent and family physician should be notified. If this cannot be done in a reasonable amount of time, the County Emergency Management Services system should be activated so that trained personnel can attend to the player's injury.

7. Playing Fields: Playing fields should be policed for sharp stones, broken glass or other sharp projections. This activity should be performed by the home team.

8. Telephone Numbers: Coaches should always have in their possession the telephone numbers for:

- a. Players' parents, both home and office (listed on player medical release form)
- b. Players' family physician (listed on player medical release form)
- c. Local police
- d. County Emergency Management Services
- e. Ambulance service