



# **SOUTH WEST SOCCER REFEREES' ASSOCIATION (SWSRA)**

*Established in 1977*

## **By-Laws** *(original dated April 9, 1995)*

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## **1. ARRIVAL AT SOCCER GROUND**

When officiating, members shall arrive at the ground at least THIRTY (30) minutes before the scheduled kick-off time unless otherwise stated by the rules of the competition under which the match is being played.

## **2. APPOINTMENTS**

- a. members shall honour any appointments made for and accepted by them and can only be released from the appointment by virtue of illness, personal emergency or an appointment from the OSA or CSA which shall take precedence over all others.
- b. Members who fail to honour appointments without just cause may be subject to disciplinary action by the Executive Committee.

## **3. GAME AND MISCONDUCT REPORTS**

Members shall submit misconduct and game reports in accordance with the requirements laid down by the Ontario Soccer.

## **4. MATCH OFFICIAL MISCONDUCT**

Any case of alleged misconduct on the part of a match official, who is a member of the Association, shall be dealt with by the District Association with whom the member is registered. If found guilty, the penalty imposed shall be in accordance with the Ontario Soccer's Policies and procedures.

## **5. REFEREE ASSAULT**

The assault of a member must be reported within 24 hours to the Secretary, or, if not available, another member of the Executive Committee. The Executive shall inform the Association members of the assault at the next Association meeting, If the referee is incapacitated, then the first assistant shall be responsible for reporting the assault.

## **6. DISCIPLINARY HEARINGS**

Any member of the Association who is asked to attend a disciplinary hearing called by the Ontario Soccer or any affiliated soccer authority is required to attend. The member should be clear as to the role they are to fulfill at the hearing (i.e. plaintiff, witness, defendant) and that an advisor may attend with them. Time requirements for notice, etc., shall be as outlined in the Ontario Soccer's Policies and Procedures.



## **7. PAYMENT OF FINES**

Any fines levied against a member of this Association by the Executive Committee must be paid to the Treasurer within fourteen (14) days of the date of the decision being made. Any member who fails to pay a fine within the specified period shall cease to be a member of the Association but shall nevertheless remain liable for any monies outstanding.

## **8. CONDUCT AT ASSOCIATION MEETINGS**

Branch members attending meetings are expected to observe the normal rules of courtesy and are to refrain from behavior which could be considered as being obstructive or inappropriate to the conducting of business of the meeting. Should there be any problem in this respect, the President shall have the power to require such members to leave the meeting if the majority of members present are in accord.

## **9. PUBLIC STATEMENTS**

No member shall make any public statement about any other referee, soccer association or any business conducted within an Association meeting.

## **10. TRAVELLING ALLOWANCE**

A travelling allowance of **\$0.40 /kilometer** shall be paid to Association members who drive on behalf of the Association to meetings outside the District which are not Association General and/or Executive Committee Meetings, and which expense is not otherwise recoverable.

## **11. CO-OPTING MEMBER TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The Executive Committee has the authority to form sub-committees based on need. Any co-opted members shall have the right to participate in only those aspects of Committee business as are deemed appropriate by the Executive, and they shall have a voice but no vote in any such business.

## **12. ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER**

At all meetings of the Association, the business shall be conducted in accordance with the procedures outlined in Robert's Rules of Order in any matter not covered under the Constitution. Any rulings made by the President or Chairperson shall reflect such Rules, and their decisions shall be accepted by all members present.

