

# **San Diego Developmental Academy (SDDA)**

## **Rules and Regulations**

### **MEMBERSHIP**

*Membership in the SDDA is considered to be an automatic acceptance of its rules and regulations.*

All SDDA Member Clubs (“Member Clubs”) must meet the following requirements:

1. Have submitted a completed application for membership which includes proof of the following along with a \$2,000.00 registration fee.
2. Have an existing and functioning Board of Directors (“BOD”) with minutes of at least four (4) board meetings on record during the 12 months prior to the time of application to the SDDA.
3. Have a Director of Coaching (“DOC”), Technical Director or Director of Operations with a minimum licensing level of USSF “C” or “NY,” NSCAA National Diploma or UEFA “B” and must be leading the Member Club and managing its day-to-day operations.
4. Be duly registered and in good standing with Presidio Soccer League and CYSA-S.
5. Have permitted fields which meet minimum SDDA field standards (available and playable size and condition).
6. Have a functioning coaching curriculum guiding the Member Club’s player development. If a Member Club has a change in DOC or Technical Director, they must provide an updated curriculum.
7. Commit to the SDDA Rules and Regulations.
8. Attend a minimum of 50% of the SDDA meetings. The calendar year runs January 1 through December 31 of each year.
9. Have written and signed player, parent, coach and club agreements.

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### **EXECUTIVE BOARD**

1. Only approved Member Clubs with all of their teams competing in SDDA or Presidio Soccer League may serve on the Executive Board, which will be formed by no more than five Member Clubs' DOCs.
2. The Executive Board, at their discretion, may form committees as the need arises. These committees could include, but are not limited to, a Transfer Rule Committee, Ethics Committee, and/or Appeals Committee. These committees may be dissolved at the discretion of the Executive Board at any time.

### **VOTING RIGHTS**

1. All Member Clubs in good standing will have one vote in the general SDDA membership.
2. To be considered in good standing, the Member Club's DOC or one of the two other pre-appointed Member Club representatives must attend at least 75% of the SDDA meetings and the Member Club must be in good financial standing with SDDA/Presidio and Cal South.
3. The SDDA Executive Board and Member Clubs will have final approval on club acceptance into the SDDA.
4. The Member Clubs grant the SDDA Executive Board the right to adjudicate any unforeseen situation in these rules and regulations.

### **SEEDING RULES AND FLIGHT CONFIGURATION**

1. Member Club DOCs will submit their flight requests based on what they feel is best for their teams. The Executive Board will review the requests and form flights with the goal of having the strongest level of competition possible.
2. Acceptance of teams into SDDA and the requested flights is not guaranteed.

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3. The Executive Board will attempt to form flights with a minimum of 6 teams and no pre-set maximum limit. The flights will be subject to approval by the Member Clubs in good standing.
4. Teams in Flight 1 (U12 and up) are expected to compete in National Cup, unless otherwise approved by the Executive Board. Failure to comply will result in a \$500 fine.
5. Teams in Flight 2 (U12 and up) and Flight 1 (U10 and U11) are expected to compete in the President's Division of State Cup, unless otherwise approved by the Executive Board. Failure to comply will result in a \$500 fine.

### **GAMING RULES**

1. Will consist of FIFA rules plus League-specific rules as currently adopted – See, [http://www.presidiosoccer.com/gaming\\_regulations.htm](http://www.presidiosoccer.com/gaming_regulations.htm)
2. No scores or standings will be published for U7-U8-U9.

### **SDDA LEAGUE PLAY**

SDDA fall league play (“League Play”) will begin no later than the first Saturday after Labor Day and end during the month of November.

### **CLUB PASS**

1. A player must be Club Passed by midnight the Wednesday prior to a League Play game.
2. A player can only play with the team the player is Club Passed to that weekend of League Play.
3. Players can be Club Passed between a team in a Presidio circuit to a team in an SDDA flight.

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4. Club Pass movement can only be UP (Flight 2 -> Flight 1, AA -> Flight 2 or 1, younger age to older age).
5. Limit of three (3) players to be Club Passed to the same team on each weekend of League Play.
6. Limit of three (3) times each individual player can be Club Passed during League Play.

### **PLAYER AND TEAM MOVEMENT**

#### **Player Transfer Rule**

Players committing to play for an SDDA Member Club team will commit to that team for the “season.” The “season” is defined as August 1st through State or National Cup for that player’s team. If that player’s team does not participate in State or National Cup, then the “season” for that player is complete after the last game of SDDA League Play of that year. State/National Cup competition shall be defined as any local, regional or national USYS competition. Players will not be able to transfer to another Member Club’s team unless the DOCs from both Member Clubs have approved the transfer. Any player wanting to transfer during the season, as defined above, must obtain the APPROVAL of the DOCs from both Member Clubs BEFORE the transfer can occur. Member Club DOCs agree to accept a player transfer from another Member Club only as long as that player is in good financial standing with the outgoing Member Club. This pertains to SDDA Member Clubs and their SDDA/Presidio teams only. Players may transfer to and from a team participating in another gaming league to Member Clubs and their SDDA/Presidio teams, in accordance with the Cal South transfer rules. Players may transfer to a team within the same Member Club in accordance with Cal South transfer rules. The SDDA Player Transfer Rule will be strictly enforced and all Member Clubs are expected to follow the Rule as it is intended.

The Player Transfer Rule that SDDA adopted is enforceable at the league level. The new Cal South transfer rule (effective 8/1/13) now requires DOC approval from both clubs on the release and transfer. It also includes an appeal process, through Cal South, if the outgoing DOC refuses the player release. However, for SDDA purposes, Member Clubs that disregard the SDDA Player Transfer Rule are undermining the spirit of the league, and will be subject to Executive Board and/or special committee review which may result in non-renewal for the following season. Even if an appeal is upheld through Cal South and the player is allowed to release from

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a Member Club's team, the incoming Member Club is expected to obtain the required approval from the outgoing DOC pursuant to the Player Transfer Rule. If the outgoing DOC denies the transfer then the incoming Member Club cannot register the player via a transfer.

Specifically, a player release (drop) from any Member Club team and subsequent signing at any time prior to the end of State/National Cup competition, as defined above, by another Member Club team, is considered a transfer and will be considered a violation of the SDDA Player Transfer Rule as it is intended.

Any coach wishing to borrow a player from another Member Club to guest play in a tournament, will first contact the player's current coach or DOC/Technical Director for approval.

### **Team Official (Coach, Assistant Coach or Team Manager) Club Transfer Rule**

When an SDDA Member Club hires a Team Official from another Member Club, the hiring Member Club will not assign said Team Official to the same age AND gender group that he/she coached in that same "season" (as defined in the above Player Transfer Rule) or in the following "season" without the written consent of both Member Clubs' DOCs (i.e. a coach that coached a GU15 at the former Member Club shall not be assigned to GU16 the following "season" at the new Member Club. However, the coach can be assigned to any other age group).

Further, if a Team Official leaves a Member Club after July 1, he/she cannot coach the same age AND gender group at the new Member Club that he/she was coaching at the outgoing Member Club.

The spirit of this Team Official Club Transfer Rule is not to limit opportunities for coaches, but to ensure that coaches are hired for their coaching knowledge and ability and not as a tool to recruit a team or to disrupt a competitor's program.

The Team Official Club Transfer Rule that the SDDA has adopted is enforceable at the league level. Member Clubs that disregard the Team Official Club Transfer Rule are undermining the spirit of the league, and will be subject to Executive Board and/or special committee review which may result in non-renewal for the following season.

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### **ILLEGAL PLAYERS**

Any Member Club coach, manager or official found guilty by the Executive Board, or a specially appointed committee, of knowingly using any player that is ineligible, over-age, improperly registered, or under disciplinary suspension will be suspended according to Presidio Rules and Regulations, as well as any supplemental suspension as determined by the Executive Board, or a specially appointed committee, at its discretion.

### **SHOWCASE EVENTS**

1. Showcase events will be held for:
  - U11 Flight 1 (“YOP Showcase”)
  - U12-U13-U14 Flight 1 (“ODP Showcase”)
  - U15-U16-U17-U19 Flight 1 (“College Showcase”)
  - U7-U8-U9-U10 Flights 1 & 2 (“Festival”) - at the conclusion of League Play in November.
  - U11-U12-U13-U14 Flight 2 - at a time between August and November.
2. Teams wishing to not participate in a Showcase event are required to notify the Presidio/SDDA scheduler by the deadline specified for that event. A Member Club is subject to a \$500 fine for each team it has that drops after the deadline. Additionally, a Member Club is subject to a \$1,000 fine per team that is a No Show at the event.
3. Each Member Club is required to have a DOC or other approved representative attend a Showcase event for, at the minimum, two four (4) hour shifts per season. Any time spent by the DOC or other approved representative coaching his/her Member Club teams at that Showcase event does not count toward the four (4) hour shift. A \$500 fine will be assessed to the Member Club for non-attendance or only partial attendance of the assigned shift.

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### **RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COACHES**

1. Coaches will never place the value of winning over the safety and welfare of players.
2. Coaches shall place the individual player development ahead of team success.
3. Coaches will direct players to seek proper medical attention for injuries and follow the physician's instructions regarding treatment and recovery. The Cal South concussion rule will apply.
4. Coaches will not seek unfair advantage by teaching deliberate unsportsmanlike behavior to players.
5. Coaches will not tolerate inappropriate behavior from players regardless of the situation.
6. Coaches shall take an active role in educating their players about sports nutrition, fitness and prevention of tobacco use.
7. Coaches will not have in his/her possession any illegal drugs or consume alcoholic beverages before or during any game or event.
8. Coaches shall educate themselves on a constant basis in order to provide their players with the highest level of instruction possible.
9. Coaches will set a positive example of appropriate in-game behavior and are responsible for the behavior of their sidelines including their players, players' parents and spectators.
10. Coaches will not use derogatory or abusive language or behavior toward their players, the referees, opposing coaches/players, parents or spectators.

### **RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARENTS**

1. Parents will make every effort to ensure their child attends and arrives timely to all training sessions and games.
2. Parents will pay all Member Club fees and team costs timely and in full.

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3. Parents will follow the injury and concussion protocol in place by the Member Club for which they play as well as any additional SDDA protocol/policy.
4. Parents will adhere to the Player Transfer Rule in place by SDDA.
5. Parents will observe a 24-hour cooling off period before approaching a coach or club official.
6. Parents will refrain from yelling derogatory or abusive comments to their child, their child's teammates, opposing players, opposing sidelines, both teams' coaches and the referees.
7. Parents will not engage, berate or abuse the referees before, during or after any game or event.

### **RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PLAYERS**

1. Players will make every effort to attend and arrive timely to all training sessions and games.
2. Players will refrain from yelling derogatory or abusive comments at their own coaches/teammates, the opposing coaches/players and the referees.
3. Players will not incite or participate in any physical confrontation against their own coaches/teammates, the opposing coaches/players or the referees.
4. Players will not engage, berate or abuse the referees before, during or after any game or event.
5. Players will not have in his/her possession any illegal drugs or consume any alcoholic beverages during any game or event.