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2010 PROVINCIAL COMPETITION RULES

INTRODUCTION

All rules and “Laws of Game” from FIFA will be adhered to except as set out in the following Competition Rules. The main exceptions to FIFA are as follows:

- changes to the number of substitutions;
- changes to the number of players allowed to dress per game;
- a minimum of 8 players per team on the field to start a game (min. 6 players per team for U-12's “8v8”).

1. PROVISIONAL RULES

- 1.1 These Rules shall apply to all Alberta Soccer Association Provincial or Regional Competitions. Any variances for specific competitions shall be as noted in these Rules.
- 1.2 The ASA Competitions Committee is responsible for the management and control of all Provincial competitions, and shall maintain these Rules, encourage adherence to them and ensure their timely distribution as appropriate.
- 1.3 These Rules are subject ASA Bylaws & General Rules and Regulations.
- 1.4 Within the constraints of 1.4, the ASA, through its Competitions Committee, may make such temporary rules governing specific situations not otherwise provided for as are necessary to achieve the objectives of ASA and in the interests of fair play.
- 1.5 In any ASA Championship the Competitions Committee will be empowered to move any event to a location more suitable to the contesting teams or combine locations for certain age groups of the same level where insufficient teams compete.
- 1.6 The ASA through its Competitions Committee shall appoint to each competition an ASA Representative, who will establish a local three person tournament discipline committee. The tournament committee shall act on behalf of and as an extension of the Competitions Committee. The decisions reached by the tournament committee at a specific competition on any matter shall be final.
- 1.7 Every ASA District Association and their respective coaching staff, prior to entering Provincial competition, at any ASA Provincials tournaments leading to CSA National Competition must be knowledgeable and familiar with the latest CANADIAN SOCCER ASSOCIATION RULES FOR NATIONAL COMPETITIONS.
- 1.8 Copies of CSA Rules and Regulations will be provided by the ASA competition coordinator to all teams entering ASA Provincial competition leading to National Championships.
- 1.9 In the event of any discrepancies between the current ASA rule book and the current Canadian Soccer Rules for National Competitions, the rules provided by the CSA shall be paramount. This only applies to teams competing in Provincial Competitions leading to National Championships.

2. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

2.1 Youth:

- 2.1.1 Players in age categories who reach the limiting age on or after the first day of January shall continue to be eligible to play in that age category for the remainder of the playing season. This applies to all Provincial competitions for Youth Tier I, Tier II, Tier III & Tier IV Boys and Girls.
- 2.1.2 Senior Amateur: All players over sixteen (16) years of age on or before January 1 of the current year. Special dispensation may be granted, upon written request from the District Association, to underage players. Dispensation will be granted on a case by case basis.
- 2.1.3 U-18: All players under eighteen (18) years of age, on or before January 1 of the current year.
- 2.1.4 U-16: All players under sixteen (16) years of age, on or before January 1 of the current year.
- 2.1.5 U-14: All players under fourteen (14) years of age, on or before January 1 of the current year.
- 2.1.6 U-12: All players under twelve (12) years of age, on or before January 1 of the current year.
- 2.1.7 **Any youth team that includes a player** who is over the age limit as defined in 2.1.1 above shall forfeit all games concerned and shall be subject to disciplinary action by the ASA.
- 2.1.8 Players must be registered with the A.S.A. seven (7) days before taking part in any Provincial or Regional Competition and their amateur status must be confirmed on a team roster no later than July 31 of the current year, such **team roster must be received** by the ASA competition coordinator by July 31 of the current season, June 30 for all Tier IV teams.
- 2.1.9 Players must have competed in at least one (1) league game during the current playing season to be eligible to compete in a Provincial Championship.
- 2.1.10 Under no circumstances may a player compete in more than one (1) Youth Provincial Championship. Eligible players properly registered with both a Youth and a Senior Team may compete in one (1) Youth Provincial Championship and one (1) Senior Provincial Championship, provided appropriate team rosters have been submitted with the ASA competition coordinator by July 31 of the playing season, June 30 for all Tier IV teams.
- 2.1.11 Rural Players who are recorded on Tier IV Provincial rosters will not be considered cup tied if their District wishes to form a legally declared Tier I, Tier II or Tier III team. to compete in Tier I, Tier II or Tier III Provincials. Such players who compete in Rural tier IV Provincials players will be considered eligible for either their District Tier III, Tier II, or Tier I team in Provincials, but not more than a second team.
- 2.1.12 Rural players who declare to compete in Tier III Provincials will not be considered cup-tied if their District wishes to form a legally declared Tier I or Tier II team to compete in Tier I or Tier II Provincials. Such players who compete in Tier III Provincials will be considered eligible for either a Tier I or Tier II team in Provincials, but not both.
- 2.1.13 Youth players and youth teams are permitted to play up an age group and tier level including playing in a senior league for developmental purposes and still go back to a

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lower age group for Youth Provincial Championship competitions, subject to written advisement lodged with the ASA competition coordinator by July 31 of the playing season, June 30 for all Tier IV Teams, of all teams competing under this rule.

2.1.14 A registered ASA youth player who plays up for more than one senior team in the same senior league and subsequently transfers to a senior team will not be cup tied for Provincial purposes to the first senior team on which the player appeared on a game sheet in a league or cup being used to qualify for Provincials.

2.1.15 Any youth player who wishes to move from one team to another will not be considered to be cup-tied if such transfer is effected before **July 31st** for Tiers I, II & III and **June 30th** for Tier IV Rural & Cities for the current outdoor season.

2.1.16 A player shall not play for more than one (1) team in any one (1) Cup Competition (except as outlined in 2.1.11 & 2.1.12).

A player can only play in one (1) Provincial Championship (except as outlined in 2.1.11 & 2.1.12) including play downs leading to a Provincial Championship for the same age/gender and tier, in a single season. The penalty for deviating from this rule will lead to the expulsion of a team whose roster contains an ineligible player.

Any player registering and playing at a lower tier shall not be considered cup tied and may transfer with written club/team consent to a higher tier leading to Provincial Championships until the transfer date set annually by the Association for each category of play in each outdoor season.

2.1.17 A youth player may register with, and play for both a youth team and a senior team, and maintain his/her eligibility to compete in both Youth and Senior Provincials, provided he/she has first registered with a youth team. However, when a youth player has first signed with a senior team, there will be no further eligibility to sign with or transfer to a youth team. Should a youth player who has signed for both a youth and senior team qualify for National Championships, then that player must go to the youth National Championship. The player's name must be identified on a roster lodged with the ASA competition committee coordinator by July 31 of the current playing season

2.1.18 Every player at a Tier I Provincial Championship leading to Nationals must have a District Photo I.D. Card. at all other Youth Provincial Championships. For inspections players are required to have satisfactory proof of age available on request of the ASA representative. The burden of proof and date of birth and residence shall rest with the player.

2.1.19 No High School teams in Alberta may participate in any sanctioned ASA league or be part of any ASA clubs even under the guise of ASA District club teams appearing to have no direct affiliation with high schools. Players may play for both a high school and a club team as long as they are registered with a club team as well.

Note: High Schools may apply and become ASA Associate Members for the purpose of being permitted to use ASA referee services and have access to ASA training courses.

2.1.20 No ASA registered team assembled by an unsanctioned Academy by its own name or under any other guise will be permitted to participate in any ASA league of any District association, Club or participate in any ASA Championship.

2.2. Senior:

2.2.1 The Provincial Cup Competitions competed for annually shall be:

The A.S.A. **Fred Kern Jubilee Shield** (National Qualifying - Senior Women)

The A.S.A. Tier I Cup (Women's Tier I)

The A.S.A. Provincial Cup (Women's Tier II)

The A.S.A. Women's District Cup (Women's Tier III)

The A.S.A. Tier IV Cup (Women's Tier IV)

The Women's Classic Tier I Cup leading to Western Canadian or National Championships. (Women's O-35 on or before January 1, 2010)

The Women's Classic Tier II Cup (Women's O-35 on or before January 1, 2010)

Note: CSA Rules provide the following special birth date requirements / age limits for *Classic* players: A Classics team can request, via their respective district association to the Competitions Committee, to add underage players (over 30) to a maximum of five (5) as per the following: 2009-2010 the age would be over 32, 2011-2012 the age would be over 33, 2013-2014 the age would be over 34 and in 2015 the age for Classics would be over 35.

The A.S.A. **Mike Traficante Challenge Cup** (National Qualifying - Senior Men)

The A.S.A. Tier I Cup (Men's Tier I)

The A.S.A. Presidents Cup (Men's Tier II)

The A.S.A. Men's District Cup (Men's Tier III)

The A.S.A. Tier IV Cup (Men's Tier IV)

The Men's Masters Tier I Cup (Men's O-35 on or before January 1, 2010)

Note: CSA Rules require Masters Tier I players to be 35 by Jan. 1 of the current year to be eligible for Western Canadian or National Championship competition

The Men's Masters Tier II Cup (Men's O-35 on or before January 1, 2010)

2.2.2 Only ASA registered players may play for a senior team in Senior Provincial Competitions (except for youth players playing up). Each player shall be registered with a team seven (7) days prior to taking part in the ASA Competition, the team/player roster to be lodged with the ASA Competitions Coordinator.

2.2.3 Any senior player who wishes to move from one team to another will not be considered cup-tied if such transfer is dated and submitted to the ASA competition coordinator by **July 31st** of the current season), subject to local rules.

2.2.4 Except for players on the roster of a designated AMSL Reserve Team, who are exempted from this Rule, no senior player shall sign for more than one (1) senior team in any season, unless properly transferred in accordance with ASA Rules. However, even if legally transferred, a senior player can only play in one Provincial Championship (including play downs) or any local competition leading to a Provincial Championship, in a single season. The penalty for deviation from this rule will be automatic expulsion of an ineligible player's team from the Provincial Championship.

- 2.2.5 If a senior player had previously played as a youth player for a senior team in a cup or league being used to qualify for Provincials, the player will not be cup tied for Provincial Competition purposes to the first senior team on which the player appeared on a game sheet in the qualifying league or cup.
- 2.2.6 **A player who has been a professional or a non-amateur player will not be eligible to compete in any Provincial or Regional Competition unless properly reinstated by July 31** of the current playing season as an amateur by the ASA. The reinstated player as an amateur will subsequently be eligible to participate in an ASA Championship Competition.
- 2.2.7 **As per CSA Rules**, for the **Mike Traficante Challenge Cup** and **Fred Kern Jubilee Shield** only, all players shall be Canadian citizens, have landed immigrant status, or be a refugee claimant and who will have been a resident in Canada for six (6) months as of the date of the National Championships. (Latest CSA Rules to apply) Each player/team official at a Senior Provincial Championship must have a District Photo I.D. Card or other photo I.D, which they will be required to show the Game Official prior to each match being played. The burden of proof of registration with a District shall rest with the player.
- 2.1.8 Any senior player shall have attained their **16th birthday by January 1st of the current playing season** in order to be part of an ASA roster to participate in Senior Provincial Championships. Special dispensation may be granted, upon written request from the District Association, to underage players. Dispensation will be granted on a case by case basis.

3. TEAM ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 Any teams affiliated and in good standing with their District Association will be eligible to participate in any competition under the jurisdiction of the A.S.A. subject to declaration limits set out in this rule book.
- 3.2 Teams must be registered through their Districts on **ASA approved forms**. District Associations must certify the **team rosters** on the A.S.A. approved forms and submit them to the ASA office by:
- 3.2.1 Tier IV Rural (U14, U16, U18) – June 30, 2010
- 3.2.2 Tier IV Cities (U14, U16, U18, U12 Tier IV) – July 8, 2010
- 3.2.3 Tier III (U12, U14, U16, U18) – July 29, 2010
- 3.2.4 Tier II (U12, U14, U16, U18, U12 Tier I) – August 5, 2010
- 3.2.5 Tier I (U14, U16, U18) – August 12, 2010
- 3.2.6 Seniors (All Categories) – August 26, 2010
- 3.3 Only those players listed on the District-certified roster will be considered eligible to participate in the Provincial competition. Administration Fees will be applied to Districts who do not comply with the submission of all team rosters to ASA by the above deadlines. Districts may set earlier deadlines for their team roster submissions, which must also be adhered to, in order to meet the ASA deadlines.
- 3.4 No registered Youth team shall be eligible to enter or compete in more than one Provincial Cup competition in any one season (except as outlined in 2.1.11 and 2.1.12).
- 3.5 Senior Provincial competitions shall be open to senior **amateur** teams registered with ASA through a District Association. No registered senior team shall be eligible to enter or

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compete in more than one Provincial Cup competition in any one season.

- 3.6 In all senior outdoor Provincial Championships, except for the **Mike Traficante Challenge Cup** and **Fred Kern Jubilee Shield**, two team declarations are allowed per district.
- 3.7 Regionals will be held where required, as determined by the A.S.A Competitions Committee, so that all Senior Competition Finals, except **Mike Traficante Challenge Cup** and **Fred Kern Jubilee Shield**, will comprise a maximum of eight (8) teams. National qualifying finals (**Mike Traficante Challenge Cup** and **Fred Kern Jubilee Shield**) will comprise of the top six (6) A.M.S.L. Men's & Women's teams after regular season play, except where determined by the ASA Competitions Committee.
- 3.8 Players must meet the player eligibility requirements of Section 2 above in order to be registered on a team.
- 3.9 Registrations shall be valid for one (1) season (the current Outdoor playing season).

3.10 Team Rosters:

- 3.10.1 A Youth team (U14, U16, U18) shall not exceed twenty (20) players and may dress all twenty (20) for any game.
- 3.10.2 For Provincial Championships only, no U12 team shall exceed twenty (20) players, and may dress all twenty (20) for any game.
- 3.10.3 All Senior teams, Tier I and below, shall not exceed twenty five (25) players, but may only dress twenty (20) for each game.
- 3.10.4 AMSL teams shall not exceed twenty five (25) players, but must designate twenty (20) players to compete in the tournament. These twenty (20) cannot change once the tournament has commenced, teams may dress all twenty (20) players for each game.
- 3.10.5 Masters and Classics teams shall not exceed twenty five (25) players, but may only dress twenty (20) for each game.
- 3.11 The following shall be provided by each team participating in a Provincial qualifying series:
 - a) Name of team;
 - b) Name, address and phone number of team Manager and/or Coach;
 - c) Name, address and phone number of Gender Specific Team Member.
 - d) Team colors and alternate colors;
 - e) A Team Roster on an **ASA approved form**, certified by their District Association.
- 3.12 In addition to section 3.9.3, teams competing for a National Championship the National Challenge Cup, National Jubilee Shield and Western Masters and Classics, shall provide:
 - a) Proof of Canadian Citizenship, landed Immigrant status, or refugee claimant status as required under section 2.2.7, for each listed member of the team.
 - b) A Quality 8 x 10 team photograph, a brief history of the team and any other promotional material.
- 3.13 All Coaches and Staff of ASA Member District Teams who are listed on a team roster of a team going to any age/gender competitive level Provincial or Regional Championship are required to complete and obtain **CPIC Security Clearance**. Written confirmation of

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clearance must accompany each team roster submitted by Districts to ASA to compete in any Provincial Championship.

4. TRANSFER OF PLAYERS - LIMITATIONS

- 4.1 A.S.A. General Rules 5 and 6 apply to all competitions.
- 4.2 Youth players may transfer laterally within the same competition within the same club in the U-14, U-16 and U-18 Tier I categories, subject to the usual ASA cup-tied rules and transfer deadlines.
- 4.3 The roster determination and player pick-up deadline for Youth Tier IV Rural Provincials will be **June 26th**, and for Youth Tier IV City Provincials will be **July 10th**.
Prior to the ASA transfer deadline for each category of play, a youth club team may transfer a player from a lower division within the club, as long as the lower division team is not proceeding to a Provincial Championship.
- 4.4 Under exceptional circumstances a team may request, through their district, to the competitions committee, special permission to call-up players under the following guidelines.

The following apply to all ASA Youth Competitions (Once a team qualifies to enter National Competition as ASA Representatives, CSA Call up rules apply):

- 4.4.1 Requests for call-ups may only come through the District Association
- 4.4.2 Call-ups must not enhance team strength, which would cause the overall integrity of the competition to be jeopardized. Any call-ups must come from a lower level of competition.
- 4.4.3 Teams can only request call-ups if their roster is depleted to sixteen (16).
- 4.4.4 Call-ups must come from the team's club system if such a system is in place.
- 4.4.5 Call-ups must not increase the roster above the original number of registered players. (i.e. a call-up must replace a registered player of the team).
- 4.4.6 Call-ups must not result in the roster exceeding the authorized maximum number of players.
- 4.4.7 Call-ups must be requested in writing seven (7) days prior to the ASA Championships.
- 4.4.8 Teams cannot call-up players from a team that has qualified for the Provincial Championships.
- 4.4.9 Once a player has been replaced by a call-up, he/she cannot return to the team to participate in the Provincial Championships, or if applicable, National Championships.
- 4.4.10 Players may only be replaced due to unavailability or injuries, registered players who wish to play may not be replaced. Players being replaced due to an injury must provide written confirmation of the injury from a practicing medical professional, players being replaced due to absence must provide written confirmation of their absence from their parent or legal guardian.
- 4.4.11 After the Provincial Tournament, a player will return to his/her original team, unless qualifying for Nationals.
- 4.4.12 If the season is incomplete a call-up must have the consent of the team/club for whom he/she plays.

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The following apply to all ASA Senior Competitions, (Once a team qualifies to enter National Competition as ASA Representatives, CSA Call up rules apply):

- 4.5.1 Requests for call-ups may only come through the District Association.
- 4.5.2 Call-ups must not enhance team strength, which would cause the overall integrity of the competition to be jeopardized. Any call-ups must come from a lower level of competition.
- 4.5.3 Teams can only request call-ups if their roster is depleted to less than twenty (20)
- 4.5.4 Call-ups must come from the team's club system, if such a system is in place.
- 4.5.5 Call-ups must not increase the roster above the original number of registered players as of July 31, 2010. (i.e. a call-up must replace a registered player of the team).
- 4.5.6 Call-ups must not result in the roster exceeding the authorized maximum (see rule 4.6.2).
- 4.5.7 Call-ups have to be submitted seven (7) days prior to the start of the Championships.
- 4.5.8 Teams cannot call-up players from a team that has qualified for the Senior Provincial Championships.
- 4.5.9 Once a player has been replaced by a call-up, he/she cannot return to the team to participate in the Provincial Championships or National Championships.
- 4.5.10 Players may only be replaced due to absence or injuries, registered players who wish to play may not be replaced.
- 4.5.11 A Classics team can request, via their respective District Association, to add under age players to a maximum of five (5) as per the following: 2009 the age would be over 32; 2011 the age would be 33; 2013 the age would be over 34 and in 2015 the age for Classics would be over 35.
- 4.5.12 After the Provincial Tournament, the player will return to his/her original team, unless qualifying for Nationals.
- 4.5.13 Call-ups must not have been registered with the team for thirty (30) days prior to the Provincial Championship.
- 4.5.14 If the season is not over, a call-up must have the consent of the team/club for which he/she plays.

5. DECLARATIONS TO PROVINCIAL COMPETITIONS

5.1 Provincial Declarations

- 5.1.1 The final deadline date for districts to indicate in writing to the A.S.A. their entries for Outdoor Provincial Championships, listing by age level and category the number of teams who will be competing, is **June 1st** for Youth Tier IV Rural and **June 30th** for all Youth Tier I, II, III, IV Cities and Senior categories.

The declaration date is also the deadline for all required Provincial Championship team entry fees to reach the A.S.A. office. The District will be assessed a **\$250** administrative fee for late declarations and the Competitions Committee will determine whether they be accepted or denied. There will be no refund of declaration fees for a team that withdraws prior to the competition.

- 5.1.2 Districts will be assessed fifty percent (50%) of the relevant declaration fee for "extra"

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teams invited by the ASA to participate in Provincial Championships in order to create even pools. There will be no fee charged to Districts for teams that are asked to fill in a position left vacant after an originally declared team withdraws. Protocol in issuing invitations to be:

- a. The host District
- b. The closest District
- c. The Districts (beginning with the closest)

5.1.3 A team must have participated in at least six (6) games against equal or higher level competition during the season in order to compete in Provincials at that level (Tier I, II, III, IV). Districts are required to include a certification on their declaration letter that all teams competing in Provincials are in compliance with Rule 5.1.3.

5.1.4 A District that places a team in another District's league, with the consent of both Districts, on a **non-exhibition** basis (i.e. where teams play for a Provincial berth) does **not** lose its right to declare a team for the same age/gender category of Provincial Championship. The team playing for a Provincial berth in another District's league **cannot** return to its own District of domicile to challenge for that berth and must declare its intentions in writing to the host District and the ASA office prior to the start of the season June 1st, 2010.

5.1.5 A District that places a team in another District's league, with the consent of both Districts, on an **exhibition** basis may use **only** its own District's berth to declare for Provincial Championships and not that of any other District, and its District must declare their intention to do so in writing, to the ASA office prior to the start of the season June 1st, 2010.

5.2 Player/Team Registration Fees

Player registration fees for Youth, and team registration fees for **Seniors**, are due in the A.S.A. office no later than **June 1st** for Outdoor and **December 1st** for Indoor.

5.3 Hosting Declarations

If possible, all outdoor hosting requests must be submitted in writing to the Competitions Coordinator by **December 1st** for all competitions. Final decisions will be made partially on referee availability.

5.4 Drop Outs Fees and Fines

A District whose team withdraws from the Provincial competition eight to fourteen days prior to the provincial competition date will be assessed an administration fee of \$500.00, plus \$2,000.00, to a total of \$2,500.00 for a withdrawal less than seven days prior to that competition. All withdrawals must be submitted in writing from the District Association to the ASA office.

No competition fees will be refunded if a District withdraws from competition after the declaration deadline.

If any team does not fulfill all its playing obligations within the round robin portion of the competition, then all games involving this team will be recorded as a **3-0** win for the opposing team.

The District of any team not fulfilling its obligations of the competition or failing to show up with a minimum of 8 players will be assessed an administration fee of up to **\$2,500**. All

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decisions with regards to the Administrative fees will be the proposed by the Competitions Committee and notice of all Administrative fees will be sent to the Applicable District.

6.0 SEEDING FOR ALL PROVINCIAL COMPETITIONS

- 6.1 Where there are two or more groups of 3, or two or more groups of 4, crossing over, no two teams from the same District will be seeded into the same group, whenever feasible.
- 6.2 **Seeding for Youth Competitions** shall be determined by random draw to the extent practical. Additionally, seeds shall be drawn to avoid regional play, make allowances for furthest travelling teams in the interest of creating the best possible tournament.
- 6.3 **Seeding for Senior Competitions** shall be determined based on last year's results. Districts which declare two or more teams to the same Competition must designate which team is their first, second team, etc.
- 6.4 Whenever possible, Provincial Competitions will start on Friday night.
- 6.5 Each District will be allowed to declare one youth team per youth category, except in the case of those Districts that exceed the 2009 registered youth player population of 5,000, or a District Hosting the Provincial Championship, who will be entitled to two (2) declarations with consent of the ASA Competition committee.
- 6.6 Depending on the number of teams entered, Districts will be encouraged to host both the Male and Female competitions of the same age group.
- 6.7 Teams for Calgary and Edmonton cannot compete in the Tier IV Rural Provincial Championships. All other Districts may declare to compete in either the Rural or City Provincial Championships, but not both.
- 6.8 The host district will get one (1) automatic bye into the Provincial Championships if Regional's are required.
- 6.9 Whenever possible teams competing in Provincials shall play a minimum of three (3) games.
- 6.10 All Provincial Tournament games schedules, to the extent possible, will be determined with a minimum of four (4) hours rest between scheduled games. To the extent possible, teams competing in a Provincial Tournament leading to National Championship will not play more than one (1) game per day.

For Tier I Leading to National Championships:

- 6.11 Regional Competitions may be scheduled by the Competitions Committee to produce an optimum number, (usually up to four teams from North and South) for the Provincial Championship Tournament. In case there are more than either (8) teams in total, to avoid regional play, the ASA Competitions Committee may develop an acceptable, expanded, alternate format. Format of play shall resemble CSA National Championships.
- 6.12 Tier I Provincial Championships will be conducted from August 19-22, 2010 (Thursday to Sunday, if required)
- 6.13 Regular Tier I league teams are not eligible to compete in Tier II, III, or IV Provincial Championships. When a district is running a Tier I/II or Tier I/II/III split league, it is the District's responsibility to inform the Competitions Committee, in writing, on or before June 1, 2010, to avoid any administrative conflict with any other ASA Districts. This information shall also include a brief description of the league and how their

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Provincial Representatives are to be determined.

6.14 **A six (6) team format will be used for the Mike Traficante Challenge Cup and Fred Kern Jubilee Shield.** The final matches shall be 1st Place Group 1 and 1st Place Group 2 playing for Gold/Silver; 2nd Place Group 1 and 2nd Place Group 2 playing for Bronze/4th. 5th and 6th place shall be determined from round robin standings, standard ASA tie breaking rules shall apply.

6.15 The tournament formats & seeding for all competitions shall be as follows based on the number of teams competing and determined by the Competitions Committee.

7.5 Youth U-12 Outdoor Provincial Competitions

7.5.1 The game format will follow “8-A-Side” or “8 vs. 8” adhering to the Long Term Player Development Program.

7.5.2 The Tournament will be open to both boys’ and girls’ teams Tiers I, II, III and IV, registered under ASA General Rules & Regulations.

7.5.3 All games will be played as per 8 vs 8 format and will follow the published rule book: U12 Laws of the Game.

7.5.4 U12 Provincial Championships shall have Gold, Silver and Bronze medals awarded to victorious teams.

7 SUBSTITUTIONS

7.6 For Youth Tier I and AMSL only (CSA National Rules apply.)

7.7 In all games played at Provincials, substitutions shall be allowed as follows:

7.8 In *Fred Kern Jubilee Shield, Mike Traficante Challenge Cup* and Youth Tier I leading to Nationals a player who has previously been replaced in the game by a substitute shall be subsequently allowed to return to the game, but his/her return shall be considered one (1) of the five (5) allowed substitutions *unless done at half time or at the end of the game before overtime.*

7.9 In all other Senior and Youth competitions there will be unlimited substitutions.

7.10 Substitutions can be made at any stoppage of play and at the referee’s discretion, and must be made at the halfway line.

7.11 No substitutions will be allowed for a player who has been ordered from the field for misconduct.

8 TOURNAMENT MEETINGS

Attendance by team officials at the Tournament Meeting is mandatory at all Outdoor Provincial Championships. Failure of a team representative to attend a Tournament Meeting will eliminate the team’s right to protest or appeal **any** decision that occurs during the competition. The purpose of the meeting is to review rosters, rules and the schedule as well as to address any specific issue pertaining to the competition. At the Pre-Tournament Meeting the Tournament Chair will assemble an ASA Tournament Discipline Committee to deal with any issues during the Tournament. Depending on the format of the schedule more than one Tournament Meeting may be held to give all participating teams an opportunity to attend.

9 COACHING QUALIFICATIONS

9.1 As of 2010 Outdoor Season, all teams entering an Alberta Provincial Competition leading into a National Championship must have a coach certified at the full *Community Coach Certification* level (*i.e. Certified Child, Youth & Senior courses*).

A one time, one year exemption will be allowed, however all exemptions must be applied for a minimum of 30 days prior to the Provincial Competition.

Any team entering an Alberta Provincial Competition leading into a National Championship must have a coach certified at the full *Community Coach Certification* level.

Every coach involved in all Outdoor Provincial Competitions must be certified at the *Community Coach Youth* level for a youth team and the *Community Coach Senior* level for a senior team.

10.3 All Coaches and Staff of ASA Member District Teams who are listed on a team roster of a team going to any age/gender competitive level Provincial or Regional Championship is required to complete **CPIC Security Clearance** Written confirmation of clearance must accompany each team roster submitted by Districts to ASA to compete in any Provincial Championship.

10.4 In the event of non-compliance, the Competitions Committee through the ASA Board will deal with appropriate actions.

11. GAME DURATION / BALL SIZES

This will apply to all games requiring a decision and if necessary, penalty kicks.

Age Group	Duration of Play	Overtime	Ball Size
Senior	2 periods of 45 minutes	2 periods of 15 minutes	#5
U-18	2 periods of 45 minutes	2 periods of 15 minutes	#5
U-16	2 periods of 45 minutes	2 periods of 15 minutes	#5
U-14	2 periods of 40 minutes	2 periods of 10 minutes	#5
U-12	2 periods of 30 minutes	No overtime	#4

In Gold medal games of Outdoor Provincials leading to Nationals that are tied at the end of regulation time, two overtime periods will be played, if necessary, the winner shall be decided by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark, in accordance with FIFA Laws of the Game.

In Masters and Classics in case of a tie, the winner will be declared by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark, in accordance with FIFA Laws of the Game

In Bronze medal games and non-medal games, if two teams are tied after regulation time the winner will be declared by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark, in accordance with FIFA Laws of the Game.

12. ROUND ROBIN TIE BREAKING PROCEDURE

In all competitions (or parts thereof) organized on a **round-robin basis**, the following special rules shall apply.

12.1 All games shall be played to regulation time only, except as specified in 12.3;

12.2 Three points shall be awarded for a win and one point for a tie. Standings shall be determined by points won at the completion of the round-robin, with tie-breaking as

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outlined in 12.4;

- 12.3 In any three (3) team round-robin, whether part or whole of the competition, the third game of the competition shall be played to a decision if the team not participating has zero points, has been suspended or has withdrawn. Any third game of a three-team round robin that requires a result will go directly to penalty kicks, except in competitions leading to Nationals (or Western Regionals), which will go to overtime and then penalty kicks. The two overtime periods would be played to completion.

The team that eventually loses the game shall still be awarded one (1) point for the overtime loss. For the purpose of Goals For and Goals Against, the score at the end of the Regulation time (i.e. the tied score) will be used.

- 12.4 In all other round-robins, if two (2) teams are initially tied on points, then the following formula will be used to determine the final standings, commencing with tie-breaking rule 12.4(a). If three or more teams are tied on points, tie-breaking rule 12.4(a) will not be used, and the tie-breaking formula will commence with 12.4(b), goal differential. If tie breaking rules 12.4(a) and 12.4(b) are not successful in breaking the tie, then rules 12.4(c), and if necessary, 12.4(d) will be applied.

(a) Previous Match Results

The winner of the match between two teams tied in points shall be awarded the higher position;

(b) Goal Difference

Goal difference shall be calculated by deducting the total goals against from total goals for, in all of the team's games. The team with the highest goal difference in the entire competition will be awarded the higher standing.

(c) Most Goals Scored

If (a) and (b) do not break the tie, the team scoring the most goals in all of their matches will be awarded the higher standing.

(d) Penalty Shots

If two or more teams are still tied under criteria (a)-(c), then the higher standings shall be decided by kicks from the penalty mark, as follows:

Two teams tied:

As per FIFA Laws of the Game, at a time and place decided by the A.S.A. Representative;

Three teams tied:

Each team is designated A, B or C as determined by a random draw done by the Competitions Chairman. Three mini-games shall be played (A vs B, B vs C, C vs A) consisting of 5 penalty kicks at a time and place to be decided by the A.S.A. Representative/Committee. All 5 penalty kicks must be taken. Three points shall be awarded for a win, one for a tie. The standings after these three mini-games shall be determined according to the criteria (a)-(d) above;

Four teams tied:

Each team is designated A, B, C or D. Six mini-games shall be played (A vs B, C vs D, A vs C, B vs D, D vs A and C vs B), to decide the final ranking, as in the three team case.

This tie breaking procedure must be carried through in its entirety. No tie breaking rule will be used twice.

13. DISCIPLINE

- 13.1 An appointed A.S.A. Tournament chairman shall establish and chair a Tournament / Discipline Committee for every Provincial competition. In the ***Fred Kern Jubilee Shield*** and ***Mike Traficante Challenge Cup*** the A.S.A. Chairperson will establish a Tournament Discipline Committee. The Discipline Committee shall comprise of the Chairman and two other A.S.A. Directors wherever possible. The Discipline Committee shall deal with all cases of discipline relating to player and/or staff during the tournament.
- 13.2 **Any specific matter related to a tournament may only be acted on by the established Tournament / Discipline Committee for the duration of each Tournament. Any decision taken by the Tournament / Discipline Committee shall be final and binding as far as the competition is concerned. Any district or team concerns must be brought before the Tournament / Discipline at the pre-tournament meeting for decision. As per the 2009 October 24th, Planning Meeting all matters pertaining to cyber-bullying shall also fall under the jurisdiction of this rule.**
- 13.3 Misconduct by players or team officials, reported by the referee, shall be dealt with by the Tournament / Discipline Committee prior to the next game, except as noted below.
- For any misconduct in his/her team's final games in any competition, discipline may be delegated to the **ASA Discipline Committee** or District in Membership which the player or team official represents, if time does not permit the holding of a hearing.
- 13.4 If a hearing is requested, or if the A.S.A. Representative/Committee at his/her/their discretion shall so decide, the Tournament Discipline Committee shall conduct hearings to deal with misconduct in accordance with the A.S.A. Constitution and General Rules. Excepting only for any notice periods, which shall be waived, A.S.A. mandatory suspensions will be applied. The District in Membership of the player or team official involved shall be informed of the disposition.
- 13.5 Any player or team official reported for misconduct who elects to have a hearing, or where the A.S.A. Tournament / Discipline Committee has called a hearing, shall attend the hearing and may be accompanied by a club representative.
- 13.6 Failure to attend, after notification by the A.S.A. Representative / Discipline Committee, may result in immediate suspension until the player or team official involved requests a further hearing in writing, and appears at that hearing.
- 13.7 The Tournament Discipline Committee shall hold a hearing into the behavior off the field of play for any player or team official alleged by the A.S.A. Representative / Discipline Committee to have brought the game into disrepute. The Committee may take any disciplinary action it sees fit, including suspension from all soccer activity.
- 13.8 Three (3) yellow cards in a Provincial series or Championship will automatically generate a one-game suspension. Cards do carry forward from Regional to Provincial Finals. Red Cards in a Provincial series or Championship will automatically generate a minimum one-game suspension, unless a hearing is called by the Tournament Chairman.
- 13.9 Threats and Assaults on officials during a Provincial series or Championship will generate an immediate suspension pending **A.S.A. Discipline Committee action** in

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accordance with Rule 9 of A.S.A. Rules and Regulations.

- 13.8 Protests may be lodged with the A.S.A. Representative / *Discipline* Committee only on alleged deviation from these published rules. Protests must be in writing on the game sheet, clearly outlining the complaint, and must be lodged immediately after the game. No protests will be heard which are based on a game official's interpretation of the Laws of the Game.
- 13.9 The A.S.A. Representative / *Discipline* Committee will deal with all valid protests immediately, and his/her/their decision shall be final and binding on all parties concerned.
- 13.10 Where an A.S.A. representative at a Provincial Championship discovers, after the tournament meeting and the certification of credentials, that a team has inserted an ineligible player, the A.S.A. representative / Tournament Discipline Committee will declare that team's participation illegal and adjust the results of competition accordingly.
Individuals who have been listed on a signed game sheet will be deemed to have participated in that game.
- 13.11 A referee who wishes to or is requested by a Tournament Representative / *Discipline* Committee to submit a written report on a game incident must do so within two hours after the end of their final officiating responsibility for that day. The report shall be submitted in accordance with the format outlined in the A.S.A. Referee Manual.

14. TEAM STAFF (Conduct/Dress)

- 14.1 All players, team officials and other persons involved in the playing of games which constitute a part of the Association's Championships are required to conduct themselves in a manner which will bring credit to themselves, their teams, the host Association, the Alberta Soccer Association and the Sport.
- 14.2 At all official and civic functions associated with the Competition participants must be present and dressed appropriately.
- 14.3 A maximum of four (4) non-playing personnel may be on the team bench, all of whom must be listed on the team's official ASA roster.
- 14.4 All teams with youth female members must have an adult female on the official roster and on the bench at all games (i.e. coach, manager or physio). All teams with youth male members must have an adult male on the official roster and on the bench at all games (i.e. coach, manager or physio). Further to this, all teams going to Nationals with mixed rosters (players/team officials) must have an adult of each gender on the official roster and on the bench. Failure to comply will lead to assessment of administrative fees of up to **\$500** and advisement to the team's District.
- 14.5 All Coaches and Staff of ASA Member District Teams who are listed on a team roster of a team going to any age/gender competitive level Provincial or Regional Championship are required to complete CPIC Security Clearance forms.

15. DISTRICT REPRESENTATION

All teams participating in a North/South Regional Qualifying Series or a Provincial Final **for Seniors** should be accompanied by an appointee of their District Association at the expense of that Association.

16. FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- 16.1 Teams competing in District, Regional or Provincial Finals are responsible for travel, accommodation and other similar expenditures incurred.
- 16.2 Teams representing the Province at National Championships will receive financial assistance for travel, as established annually by the Alberta and Canadian Soccer Associations. The home Districts of these teams assumes ultimate financial responsibility for payment of tickets issued for travel to National Championships.

17. EQUIPMENT / UNIFORMS

- 17.1 When the colors of competing teams are similar, home teams shall use alternate colors. Each team must have a set of pinnies with them if they do not have alternate jerseys.
Goalkeepers shall wear colors which plainly distinguish them from all other players and game officials.
- 17.2 All jerseys must be clearly numbered as per FIFA Rules. The number of the player's jersey must correspond to the number listed with the players name on the game sheet.
- 17.3 Visible undergarments such as cycling shorts are authorized. They must; however, be of the same color as the uniform shorts of the player wearing them and not extend farther than the top of the knee.
- 17.4 The wearing of shin guards is mandatory in all Provincial Competitions.

Jewellery and Non-compulsory Equipment

- 17.5 A player must not use equipment or wear anything that is dangerous to himself/herself or another player.
- 17.6 Modern protective equipment such as headgear, facemasks, knee and arm protectors made of soft, lightweight, padded material are not considered to be dangerous and are therefore permitted.
- 17.7 All items of jewellery are potentially dangerous. The term "dangerous" can sometimes be ambiguous and controversial, therefore in order to be uniform and consistent any kind of jewellery has to be forbidden.
- 17.8 Players are not allowed to use tape to cover jewellery. Tapping jewellery is not adequate protection.
- 17.9 Rings, earrings, leather or rubber bands are not necessary to play and the only thing they can bring about is injury.
- 17.10 In order to avoid "last minute" problems teams should inform their players in advance.

18. TROPHIES

The winners of Senior Provincial Championships shall be responsible for the safe-keeping and return in good condition of trophies to the ASA office six (6) months after winning by June 30, 2010.

The winners of Youth Provincial Championships shall be awarded "keeper" trophies that are not required to be returned to the A.S.A.

National Championship trophies must be returned as per C.S.A. published rules.

19. H.I.V. POLICY

Dealing with a bloody wound;

- a) If bleeding occurs where other participants may be exposed to blood, **the individual's participation must be interrupted until the bleeding has been stopped**. The wound must be cleansed with antiseptic and securely covered.
- b) All clothing soiled with blood should be replaced prior to the athlete resuming training or competition. Clothing soiled with blood and other body fluids must be washed in hot, soapy water.
- c) If an athlete leaves the field, has his/her injury treated and covered and wishes to re-enter the game in another, differently numbered jersey, that replaces a blood-stained jersey, **he/she may re-enter only after the referee has been advised of the change**.
- d) All equipment and surfaces contaminated with blood and other body fluids should be cleaned with a solution of one part household bleach to nine parts water. This solution should be prepared fresh daily. **This is particularly important on the artificial turf of indoor arenas.**
- e) While cleaning blood or other body fluid spills, the following must be done:
 - wear waterproof gloves;
 - wipe up fluids with paper towels or disposable cloths;
 - disinfect the area as described in (d);
 - place all soiled waste in a plastic bag for disposal;
 - remove gloves and wash hands with soap and water.

Other wounds must be reviewed by medical personnel, including abrasions and all skin lesions and rashes on athletes, coaches and officials. All wounds, skin lesions and rashes must be confirmed as non-infectious and be securely covered prior to the athlete starting or continuing participation.

APPENDIX I

Alberta Soccer Association – Code of Conduct

1. Members have an obligation not only to abide by the By-Laws and Rules and Regulations of the Association but also to act in a manner that evidences their commitment to the principles and intent of the By-laws and Rules and Regulations.
2. All members should expect to be treated equitably and fairly in all matters. Members shall not discriminate against other members by means of different, unequal or inconsistent treatment applied to individuals or segments of the members.
3. Private interests shall not provide the potential for, or the appearance of an opportunity for benefit, wrongdoing or unethical conduct. It is important to emphasize that conflict of interest relates to the potential for wrongdoing as well as actual or intended wrongdoing.
4. Information or data entrusted to members for use in their capacity or position shall not be disseminated in a manner that may cause embarrassment to the Association, or that betrays a trust or confidence.
5. Members shall at all times exhibit deportment that maintains the Association's reputation and shall at no time harm or hinder the Association or its ability to represent the sport.
6. No member shall harass another member by actions that include, but are not limited to, unwelcome remarks, invitations, requests, gestures or physical contact that whether indirect or explicit, has the purpose or effect of humiliating, interfering with or creating an intimidating situation for that other member. Harassment shall be considered inappropriate behaviour, be in ethnic, religious or sexual in nature.
7. The interaction or involvement of members under the jurisdiction of the Association shall not result in threats, intimidation, or inflicted physical distress between such members, whether implied or explicit.
8. Articles 5 (4) b; 18 < 3,5 and 6>; and 31 of the By-Laws and General Rules and Regulations will apply in the application of this Code of Conduct, as follows:

- 5 (4) b** Active membership shall be continuous unless the member, who, by personal or business conduct violates any part of the By-laws or regulations of this Association, or takes part in any conduct which does, or may, in the opinion of the Board bring the game into disrepute, may be expelled from the membership by a two-third (2/3) majority vote of the Board after an investigation has first been made at which the member concerned has been given a proper hearing with a full opportunity to explain its action. When such a hearing is being initiated by this Association, notice of such hearing shall be given to all concerned, in writing, not less than seven (7) days before such hearing;
- 18 (3)** The Board shall have power to make rules, regulations and arrangements as to all matters of business, duties, management, regulations or otherwise, so far as it is not already herein expressly provided for. In keeping with their duty to enforce all the laws all the time and without waiting for an official protest or appeal, the Board shall immediately inquire into the circumstances of any alleged irregularity which may be brought to their attention by a duly responsible officer of any Member and take appropriate action without delay. This in no way shall enable the complainant to gain anything personally there from;
- 18 (5)** The Board shall have power to deal with all protests and appeals and all cases of discipline of any nature whatsoever arising out of games played under its jurisdiction and empowered to use if necessary, its authority in the preservation and enforcement of good order in accordance with the Constitution of the Canadian Soccer Association;
- 18 (6) a** The Board may make rules governing the practices and procedures in relation to appeals and hearings of any nature;
- 18 (6) b** The Board or its delegates may, at a hearing or appeal, receive and base its decision upon evidence adduced at the hearing or appeal and considered by it to be credible or trustworthy in the circumstances of each case.

APPENDIX II - HOSTING GUIDELINES

Youth and Senior competition Hosting Guidelines for districts hosting Outdoor Provincial Championships

Mandatory for All Provincials:

- Properly groomed, lined, netted and corner-flagged fields, as per sizes below;
- Benches for each team; Technical area lined/marked;
- Results board;
- Tournament Meeting room/area;
- Provide a minimum of one (1) distinguishable local Field Marshal for every two fields throughout the event;
- Washrooms accessible on site;
- Water accessible to players;
- On-site telephone for emergency calls;
- Emergency plan circulated and/or posted (e.g. location of first aid area, nearest hospital/medical-centre, contact numbers, etc.);
- Schedule three A.S.A. registered & qualified referees per game; Referee schedule to be received by A.S.A. for approval at least five days prior to the event;
- Referee-in-Chief and local referee scheduler to be in attendance at the pre-tournament meeting, the start of the event and accessible throughout (must not also be scheduled to referee).
- Adequate accommodation available & block booked in advance for teams. List to be provided for posting on the ASA website;
- A set of numbered pinnies in the event of two teams wearing the same jersey colours.

Mandatory for Senior Provincials and Youth Tier I Leading to Nationals:

- Fields that are at least 105 yards long by 65 yards wide (96m x 60m);
- Adequate crowd control measures, preferably including a roped-off area separating players benches from spectators;
- Host district must conduct Outdoor Referee Refresher courses;

Mandatory for All Other Youth Competitions:

- Fields that are at least 100 yards long by 50 yards wide (90m x 45m);

Minimum number of fields required per event (over one weekend):

Four teams:	1	Sixteen teams:	4
Six teams:	2	Twenty teams:	6
Eight teams:	2	24 teams:	6-8 (depending on formats)
Twelve teams:	4	32 teams:	8

Desirables for All Provincials:

- ☞ Sheltered change rooms, preferably with showers;
- ☞ On-site concession;
- ☞ On-site first-aid (St. John Ambulance or equivalent)
- ☞ A social event for participants;

APPENDIX III
YOUTH FAIR PLAY TEAM AWARD
A.S.A. Provincial Championships Guidelines

The *Youth Fair Play Team Award* is intended to foster the spirit of fair play including:

- respect for the Laws of the Game.
- respect for the opponent.
- respect for game officials and acceptance of their decisions.
- maintaining dignity under all circumstances.

“Team” includes all players, coaches and other team officials on the team credentials form.

The Youth Fair Play Contest starts when the team arrives at the venue 30-45 minutes before the game time and will end when the team leaves the venue.

Each team will be **awarded** 5 points per game by the potential number of games played = **Total points** at start of championship. Points may be **deducted** by the Referee and the ASA Representative as follows:

Referee:

Upon completion of the game, the Fair Play rating (out of 10) at the bottom of the game-sheet will be circled by the referee. The number of points that are deducted out of 10 will be recorded by the ASA Rep for each game (e.g. if “8” is circled, “-2” will be deducted from the team’s Fair Play total).

Where there are 8 or more teams competing, because of the unequal number of games played, teams that do not participate in a final medal game will receive an average of their previous games’ referee ratings as a final game rating.

ASA Representative:

The ASA Rep may also deduct points, based on the guidelines below:

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| ▪ equipment not worn correctly or missing equipment | -1 |
| ▪ caution given to team member (yellow card) | -2 |
| ▪ coaching from the touchline beyond the Technical Area | -2 |
| ▪ suspension from a game in addition to automatic 1 game | -2 |
| ▪ not attending Medal Ceremonies (without permission) | -2 |
| ▪ expulsion of team member and automatic 1 game suspension | -6 |
| ▪ late arrival of a team for a game | -6 |
| ▪ no show of a team for a scheduled game | -6 |
| ▪ team leaving the field | Disqualified |

Any other incidents will be judged by the A.S.A. Representative and/or designate.

The Team with the highest number of points remaining will be declared the winner of the Fair Play Contest. If two (2) or more teams are tied in number of points, the A.S.A. Representative or Designate will determine the winner. Decisions are final.

A team that drops to 0 points or less during the tournament will be excluded from the Fair Play Contest. The Tournament Chairperson shall have discretionary power to decide not to award the Fair Play Team Award in that competition over which he/she presides.

If the Fair Play winner is not in attendance at the Medal Presentations, the award will be mailed to the team by the ASA office.

REMEMBER TO “PLAY FAIR”