

# **SACRAMENTO YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE**

Po Box 22185 Sacramento, CA 95822

## Protest, Appeal, and Disciplinary (PAD) Committee Standing Rules 2009 – 2010

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As necessary, the PAD Committee will meet every Thursday, at 7:00p.m.  
(LOCATION TBD)

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### **PROTESTS**

All of the following requirements **must be met in order** for the protest to be accepted:

1. The coach protesting the game **must** inform the referee and the opposing coach prior to leaving the field. The coach should **make sure** that the protest is noted on the game card. **Referee decisions that are purely “Judgment Calls” can not be protested.**
2. A written letter of protest, detailing the important facts **must be** postmarked within 48 hours of the play of the game being protested.
3. The letter must be accompanied by a \$100.00 check fee (check payable to SYSL) sent to:  
Sarah Najarro, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
1024 Carrie Street  
West Sacramento, CA 95605
4. If a protest is upheld, the \$100.00 fee will be refunded. If any portion of the procedure outlined above is not followed, the protest will not be heard.
5. Club Managers, coaches and/or Referees will be notified of any protest being heard and may be requested to attend the PAD hearing.

### **POLICIES**

1. Games will be suspended when the head coach is issued a red card. The PAD Committee will decide whether the game is final or to be replayed.
2. Teams needing to replay games will schedule those games as soon as possible, but no later than the 5<sup>th</sup> scheduled League game for the first half, and within two weeks after the 10<sup>th</sup> scheduled League game for the second half. If these games are not played, both teams may be assessed a loss.
3. Upon receipt of the completed Send-Off Report, the PAD Chairperson will convene a PAD meeting to determine the appropriate penalty, if any, related to the expulsion(s).

4. A written report may be submitted by the coaches or players involved, detailing the events leading up to the incident. The reports should be submitted to the PAD Chairperson within 48 hours of the incident.
5. The PAD Chairman will not entertain any telephone/verbal discussions or interpretations of any issue before the Committee meeting.
6. Section 4:08 of the CYSA Constitution will be used as a guideline to determine the penalty. Any deviation will be as the PAD Committee deems appropriate.
7. The PAD Committee will make their final decision, and the Chairperson will inform the coach of the PAD Committee's final decision. A written confirmation of the decision will be sent to their Club Manager, and League President.
8. Decisions of the PAD Committee may be appealed by delivering a written notice of appeal to the President of S.Y.S.L. with a copy sent to the PAD Chairperson, no later than two calendar days following the decision. A fee of \$100.00 (made out to S.Y.S.L.) must accompany each separate appeal. This fee will be returned if the appeal is upheld by the Executive Board of S.Y.S.L. or the decision of the Executive Board is overturned by a higher authority.
9. Suspensions carrying over to the following season will be served during the League games.
10. S.Y.S.L. requires that players who are sitting out games due to Red Cards must have a "RED CARD FORM" signed by the head referee acknowledging that the carded player sat out his/her game(s) in uniform and **stayed for the entire game**. This completed and signed form must then be returned to the PAD Chairperson before the player's pass is returned.
11. Coaches serving a penalty must attend the next scheduled game (s), and introduce themselves to the Head Referee prior to the game, and advise the referee that he/she will be there, **(NOT COACHING)**, as a parent only. Otherwise he/she must leave the field after attaining the referee's signature on the "RED CARD FORM". This coach cannot have any contact with his/her team, before, during or after the game while on suspension, **which would include communications via cellular phones**. Once the suspension is served, the completed and signed form must be returned to the PAD Chairperson before the coach's pass is returned.
12. In all situations involving send-offs, it is the coach's responsibility to assure that the appropriate player's pass is obtained by the referee before the referee leaves the premises. Failure to comply with this rule shall result in appropriate disciplinary action on the head coach of the team involved.