**RULES AND REGULATIONS**

1. Each team is allowed maximum of 3 guest (non-Serbian) players on the game roster
2. Game sheets must be fielded and received by the referee before the start of the game
3. Clubs are allowed to register unlimited Serbian guest players providing that they carry insurance liability
4. Players must carry their documentation supporting his Serbian name and age requirement, if requested
	1. Non-Serbian players and Serbian players with non-Serbian last names must be identified (if challenged, local parish priests written form to be supplied)
5. List of club managers and players must be submitted with enrollment forms before deadline
6. No selection side should compete officially against Club’s side
7. Veterans will have three divisions. One for players over 30 years old (none under 30), a division for players over 40 years old (none under 40), and a division for players over 50 years old (none under 50)
8. Player on open team roster can only play for his club teams - over 30, over 40, or over 50 providing he fulfills age requirement
	1. Players can only play with its own club teams
9. Visiting teams must inform host regarding the number of supporters, family members that will accompany club for the banquet
10. Serbian clubs/teams from other continents or Serbian fatherland are encouraged and welcomed to compete under same rules
11. Visiting teams must deposit $150.00 as a guarantee against a last minute cancellation
	1. The deposit will be returned at the meeting of the club representatives
12. Each team must deposit $250.00 U.S. non-refundable entrance fee

**RULES AND REGULATIONS (CONT.)**

1. Game sheets and roster must be received by the referee before the start of the game
2. Each game is played 2 x 20 minutes with up to 5 minutes optional break
3. In the case of a tie in regulation time, for the semifinal and final games, the winner will be decided by penalty kicks
4. Home team is listed as the first team name in the schedule. Home team must change in case of color conflict with uniforms
5. All uniforms must be identified by the appropriate number from 1 to 20
6. A game is/will be considered forfeited if a team is more than 15 minutes late. The team on the field will be awarded 3:0
7. A minimum of 7 players are required to start the game
8. A game ball must be provided by the home team and approved by the referee
9. Each team is required to furnish a linesman to support referee during the game. This is not required if a two referee system is used. Final games to include two or three referees.
10. Red card players will be disqualified for the next game. For severe incidents the host/organizer and disciplinary committee will have a right to disqualify a player for the entire tournament
11. Disciplinary committee will be selected from four clubs with the most continuous tournament support and chaired by the SNASA coordinator
12. Standing in each group (if group system used) will be determined by 3 points for a win, one point for a tie and no points for a loss. In the case of a tie, the standing in each group will be decided as follows:

1. Game result between tied teams
2. The most difference between goals scored and goals allowed ( +/- )
3. Most goals scored in a group
4. Least number of goals allowed in a group
5. Penalty shots at the end of Saturday games if teams are still tied
6. If there are more than two tied teams then team with the least goal difference is out and remaining two teams back to i) to v). Only game scores between tied teams count first following the rest if it doesn’t produce a team with the least goal difference

13. All referee decisions will be final
14. All final games will be played with offside rules. All qualifying games to be played without offside rules.
15. All teams must obtain a travel permit from their concerning League Board
16. All team members must be covered by medical liability insurance
17. It is imperative that “the best” team has statistically a good chance to prove that it is the Champion. Competition schedule depends on number of participating teams and number of games that could be played in one day (four). Preliminary, qualifying round competition should be organized by groups
18. No more than 4 games a day should be played
19. In the case of a storm with lightning the game will be decided by penalty kicks
20. Semi-final games are limited to 2 x 30 minutes with 5 minutes optional break
21. Final games are limited to 2 x 35 minutes with 15 minutes optional break
22. Teams will be ranked based on previous year performance i.e. Champion to Division “A”; Runner up Division “B”; and semi-finalists Divisions “C” and “D”
23. Play-off Format as follows:

1. First and Second place teams in each division will advance.
2. First and Second place teams can not play each other until finals.
3. First place teams of Division “A “and Division “B” can not play each other until finals.

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| QUARTER-FINALS | SEMI-FINALS | FINAL |
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| [Q1] 1st A vs. 2nd D |  |  |
|  | [S1] Winner Q1 vs. Winner Q2 |  |
| [Q2] 1st C vs. 2nd B |  |  |
|  |  | [F] Winner S1 vs. Winner S2 |
| [Q3] 1st D vs. 2nd A |  |  |
|  | [S2] Winner Q3 vs. Winner Q4 |  |
| [Q4] 1st B vs. 2nd C |  |  |

24. Final Tournament Format has to be approved by the SNASA Coordinator

**ADMINISTRATION**

* Only one representative per club (not team) is allowed to vote. Participation at the meeting should be reduced to two in order to make meetings more productive
* First year clubs are not allowed to vote
* Second consecutive year clubs are allowed to vote
* Third consecutive year clubs are allowed to enter the host tournament application
* If the club misses consecutive participations then the club goes back to first year status however, total number of the previous tournament participations is recorded until the club goes back and participates in the tournament for two consecutive years
* Clubs must consist of the open division team and must provide documentation supporting their open division team affiliation with their state or province
* Clubs with additional teams (open B team, over 30, over 40) is allowed one vote
* Recreational teams are welcome to participate providing they carry liability insurance and fulfill their obligation in advance of a tournament but they do not have a vote
* Club representatives must provide names for both meeting participants with address (zip/postal code included), phone numbers (home/work/fax)
* Each club must elect at their Annual meeting of the membership one representative who will be Club’s contact for the forthcoming year. All correspondence and phone calls will be directed to that person
* A summary of all teams and records must be published every year after the tournament with the minutes of the meeting of the representatives
* Awards should be provided to the first two teams in each division
* First place trophies should be transferable from one winner to the next (kept for one year only)
* Each participating team must receive a plaque, flag or some kind of acknowledgment as a participant