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### **ARTICLE ONE - NAME**

This Organization shall be known as '**THE GOAN SOCCER LEAGUE**' (G.S.L.) ©

### **ARTICLE TWO - PURPOSE**

The purpose of this league is:

- To promote, govern, improve organized soccer and sportsmanship among Goans and the soccer loving community in Toronto;
- To foster among its members, supporters and teams, a general community and sportsmanship spirit;
- To maintain and increase the interest in the game of soccer;
- To have and exercise a general care, supervision and direction over the playing interest of its teams and players.

### **ARTICLE THREE - AFFILIATION**

This league is affiliated to the **Toronto Soccer Association (T.S.A.)**, which is also affiliated, to the **Ontario Soccer Association (O.S.A.)** and the **Canadian Soccer Association (C.S.A.)**

### **ARTICLE FOUR - OFFICERS**

**4.01.** The management and the administration of the affairs of this league shall be vested upon the Executive Committee, as elected or appointed, with full powers to take any action they may see fit within the scope of this constitution and laws. The Constitution and interpretation of the constitution and laws by the Executive Committee shall be final and binding, unless such construction and interpretation by the Executive Committee are rescinded at the future annual meetings.

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### **4.02. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The Executive Committee of the GOAN SOCCER LEAGUE shall be composed of the President, Vice-president, Secretary and the Treasurer. Members of the Executive Committee shall hold office indefinitely. The Executive Officers may stand for the same or other offices in the year following their term of office. A term consists of five (5) years. Elections will take place every five (5) years, alternately electing the President and Treasurer in the odd year and the Vice President and the Secretary in the even year.

The committee will also provide direction on the meaning of a bylaw if there is confusion.

**4.03.** There shall be no more than three members of the same club or team in the Executive Committee or any other committee.

**4.04.** Any member of the Executive Committee absenting himself without a valid cause, from three consecutive meetings of the G.S.L. or wilfully neglecting his duties to the league may be asked to resign from his position. The Executive Committee can appoint another member to fill the vacant position.

**4.05.** No officer shall vote on any matter concerning the club or team of which he is a member.

**4.06.** Expenses for Committees may be granted at the discretion of the Executive Committee, if the funds of the league permit.

**4.07** The Executive Committee shall meet whenever deemed necessary but should meet at least once a month during the league season.

## **ARTICLE FIVE - DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

### **5.01. PRESIDENT**

- Shall preside at all meetings of the G.S.L., may vote as a representative of his team, (if any) or nominate a chairperson;
- Shall have a casting vote in the event of a tie;  
Shall call the Annual Body Meeting (AGM) [First Meeting of the Season];
- Shall call all meetings as deemed required throughout the league season;

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- Shall assume direction or delegate supervision of all officials or other personnel, either elected or appointed;
- Shall act as signing officer, together with one other official on all contracts or other legal matters;
- Shall act as the chairperson of the Disciplinary Committee in the absence of the Vice President or nominate a chairperson.
- Can nominate up to two (2) members to the committee for the betterment of the league.

### **5.02. VICE-PRESIDENT**

- Shall participate in the deliberations of G.S.L. with voting powers and act in the absence of the President with full powers;
- Shall be the chairperson for the Disciplinary Committee;
- Shall represent the league at all disciplinary meetings with the affiliated associations.

### **5.03. SECRETARY**

- Shall keep an accurate record of all the meetings and shall handle all correspondence for the league;
- Shall give notice and prepare an itinerary for all meetings;
- Shall prepare an annual report.

### **5.04. TREASURER**

- Shall give a receipt for all moneys received which shall be deposited in a chartered bank, in the account of G.S.L.;
- All accounts shall be paid by cheque after authorization by the Executive Committee, with two of the three signing officers (**President, Secretary, and Treasurer**).

### **5.05. COMMISSIONER**

- Shall be appointed by the President;
- Shall call all meetings as deemed required throughout the league season;
- Shall assume direction or delegate supervision of all officials or other personnel, either elected or appointed;

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- Shall act as the chairperson of the Disciplinary Committee in the absence of the Vice President or nominate a chairperson.

### **5.06. REFEREE-IN-CHIEF**

There shall be elected or nominated by the Executive Committee, a referee-in-chief called the Referee Co-ordinator. He shall be responsible for allocating referees for all the games, from a pool of qualified referees within the O.S.R.A.

## **ARTICLE SIX - MEMBERSHIP**

- 6.01. (i).** This league shall be open to clubs or teams, whose players shall not be less than eighteen (18) years of age, or shall attain the age of eighteen during the year. If the players are under the age of 18, then a Parental Consent form must be signed and submitted to the league.
- (ii).** No player will be registered with the league if he is under the age of sixteen (16).  
However, players turning sixteen (16) during the season are eligible.
- 6.02.** The league has the right to impose a limit on the number of teams it will accommodate any season.
- 6.03.** The Executive Committee has the right to deny membership to, or expel clubs, teams or individuals, whose conduct or practice is deemed to be detrimental to the league or the game of soccer in general.
- 6.04.** No club or team will be accepted, if it has a name similar to one already in membership.  
No teams will be allowed to enter the league with hyphenated village names.
- 6.05.** All new teams will be on **probation for a period of two years**. During this period, they can be refused entry into the league, for reasons that will be given in writing, by the Executive Committee.
- 6.06.** All eligible players are to be of Goan heritage, or legally married to a Goan.
- 6.07.** The Executive Committee of the League can ask at any time for original documents (that were used to prove Goan ancestry or marriage) and they must be produced within 14 days.

**ARTICLE SEVEN - CLUB'S/TEAM'S RESPONSIBILITY**

- 7.01.** All teams must complete a Team Registration Form and submit it to the Executive Committee before the start of the season or by the date as set by the League.
- 7.02.** All new teams must pay an **Entrance Fee**, (See Appendix 'A'), as set by the Executive Committee, together with the registration form, in order to be registered in the league.
- 7.03.** Every team, at the time of entering the league, must register the names of contacts of their team and their playing colours, preferably two colours, on the form provided by the league.
- 7.04.** (i). All teams registered in the league must pay a **Registration Fee**, as set by the Executive Committee, before the start of the season.
- (ii). All Teams, in addition to the Registration fee, must put forth a **Refundable Bond**, (See Appendix 'A'), as set by the Executive Committee, before the start of the season. This bond will be utilized to pay off any outstanding dues owing to the league and the balance will be refunded at the start of the next season. This bond will be forfeited if the league is not notified, by the second meeting of the next season, its intention not to join the league.
- (iii) Any registered team manager can make decisions on behalf of their team.
- 7.05.** When games are played on grounds not provided by the league, it is the responsibility of the home team to see the field is properly marked, to provide the goal nets and the four (4) corner flags when used.
- 7.06.** The home team will be responsible for providing the game ball of regulation size, in satisfactory condition to the referee, and the visitor's team is to provide the spare ball. Balls must be given to the referee before the start of the game.
- 7.07.** In all cases, the first named team, on the official schedule, will be considered the home team.
- 7.08.** In the case of similarity of colours the home team must change.
- 7.09.** All players of a team must have same-coloured shirts with numbers. No two players of the same team will have the same number. No player can change the number during the game,



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without the consent of the referee and this should be noted on the team sheet. Disciplinary action will be taken against those teams violating this rule.

**7.10.** Numbers should be a minimum of eight (8”) inches tall and of contrasting colour from the shirt. The numbers must be noted against the player's name on the team sheet.

**7.11.** Goalkeeper must wear a contrasting colour to both of the teams and the referee.

**7.12. TEAM SHEETS**

(a). A team sheet must be completed in triplicate by both the teams, preferably before the start of the game, or at least before the start of the second half and given to the referee.

(b). If the team sheet is not handed in to the referee, before the allotted time, the team will forfeit the game and will be fined, (See Appendix ‘A’), as set by the Executive Committee, and article 13.01 will be enforced.

(c). Information missing on the team sheet will be considered as **Improper filling/Incomplete** team sheet is subject to a fine, (See Appendix ‘A’), as set by Executive Committee.

(d). The team must make sure that they receive, from the referee, a copy of their team sheet and that of the opposing team at the end of the game. All information on the sheets must be verified to see if it is correct. If there are any mistakes the teams must have it rectified by the referee. The game sheets cannot be altered at a later time if there are mistakes.

(e). Only the information on the team sheets will be accounted for to determine the highest scorer and receiver of cards (yellow and red). If the league is missing any game sheets, it is the responsibility of the team to supply a copy of the game sheet to the league.

(f). There should be only eighteen (18) players listed on the team sheet, exactly as registered, only those listed players are allowed to sit on the bench or the designated area.

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- (g). Only those players listed on the team sheet are allowed to play, else they become illegal players and are subject to articles 9.07 and 13.01. All players listed on a game sheet are deemed to have played.
- (h). The team sheet must be signed, either by the coach or the manager.
- 7.13** Any Manager or Coach found playing **Illegal Players** will be subject to disciplinary action and fine, (See Appendix 'A'), as set by the Executive Committee.
- 7.14.** Coaches and/or Managers will be responsible for all the equipment issued to them and will collect the same after each game. Players should not be permitted to take any equipment home without the permission of the Executive Committee.
- 7.15.** Coaches and/or Managers should have a list of all their players, with their complete addresses, phone numbers and the names of next of kin, in case of emergency. This list must be brought to the fields whenever a scheduled game of the league is played.
- 7.16.** If a Presentation Dance is held, all the teams are required to sell a minimum number of Dance tickets as set by the Executive Committee, else the amount required to meet the minimum tickets will be charged to the team. The Presentation Dance also marks the end of the season.
- 7.17.** If a team does not take part in two (2) continuous seasons, it loses its membership. It has to re-apply to become a new member and is subject to article 6.05 and 7.02.

### **ARTICLE EIGHT - DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE**

- 8.01.** The Vice President will be the chairperson of this Committee. In the absence of the Vice President, the President will act in his place or nominate a chairperson. There will be a minimum of three (3) other members in good standing from other teams in the league not involved in the disciplinary meeting to help conduct the disciplinary hearing.
- 8.02.** The Executive Committee has the right to appoint any member to be a part of the Disciplinary Committee.

**ARTICLE NINE - DISCIPLINE**

**9.01.** No referee, linesman, player or official of any club or team shall bet on any soccer matches under the jurisdiction of this league. Anybody caught betting on games, will be subject to disciplinary action and fine, (See Appendix ‘A’), as set by the Executive Committee.

**9.02. Red Cards**

- (i).** Any player, coach or staff member of a team receiving a direct Red Card is suspended for the next **two (2)** games played. He may be suspended for more games depending upon the referee’s report of the offence and the decision of the Disciplinary Committee and is subject to article 9.16. Any referee’s report stating violent conduct will require a disciplinary meeting to be called.
- (ii).** Any player receiving second direct Red Card in the same season is suspended for the next **three (3)** games played. He will be called to attend a disciplinary hearing and is fined, (see Appendix ‘A’), as set by the Executive Committee and is subject to article 9.16.
- (iii).** Any player receiving **three (3)** direct Red Cards in a season will be suspended from the league for the remainder of the season and fined as set by the Executive committee (see Appendix ‘A’).
- (iv).** If this offence of three (3) Red Cards is repeated in the following season, the player will not be permitted to play in the league for the next five (5) years.

**9.03 Yellow Cards**

- (i)** Any player receiving two Yellow Cards in the same game, which is equivalent to a Red Card, is suspended for the next game played and is subject to article 9.02 (i).
- (ii).** A player will be suspended for the next game played, on every third yellow card. The discipline fee is waived for the first two yellow cards. However, every third yellow card is considered as a red card, and the Discipline Fee applies, as per article 9.02 (i).

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- (iii). The yellow cards in the regular season will be erased and will not be carried over to the playoff games, unless it is the third yellow card in the last game, in which case the player will be suspended for the first playoff game. However, a player receiving **two (2)** yellow cards in the playoff games will be suspended for the next game played, either in the current season or the next season the player registers in the league and article 9.02 (i) will apply.
- 9.04.** Any team receiving **five (5)** or more cards in any given game will be fined, as set by the Executive committee (see Appendix ‘A’) and will be called for a Disciplinary Hearing.
- 9.05.** Official of any team, if sent off the field by the referee will have to pay a **Discipline Fee**, (See Appendix ‘A’), as set by the Executive Committee, and **Discipline Fine**, as per the Disciplinary Committee.
- 9.06.** In disciplinary cases, when a club disputes the identification of a player sent off, the onus is on the club to prove the correct identity.
- 9.07.** Any team found playing illegal players will default that game and are subject to article 13.01 if protested by the opposing team. However, the league will take action on the Player and the Manager.
- 9.08.** Any violent conduct against any player, official or referee will result in termination of that player from the remainder of the season or seasons depending upon the decision of the Disciplinary Committee. The player and/or the team is subject to a fine, (See Appendix ‘A’), as set by the Executive Committee.
- (i). If the game is abandoned before completion due to violent conduct, the team that causes the **abandonment** is subject to a fine, (See Appendix ‘A’), as set by Executive Committee, and is subject to a disciplinary hearing. The team that causes the abandonment will forfeit the game and article 13.01 will be enforced.
- 9.09.** Any team or a player that abuses the Referee or a League Official and is reported in writing is subject to a fine, (See Appendix ‘A’), as set by the Executive Committee.

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- 9.10.** Any Player, Coach or individual who uses or makes **Racial Remarks** will be called for a disciplinary hearing by the Disciplinary Committee or may even be suspended for the remainder of the season.
- 9.11.** Any player suspended from the team will not be able to be replaced for that season.
- 9.12.** Any player or Coach who is suspended for three seasons will no longer be allowed to be registered in the league (i.e., suspended for life.)
- 9.13.** Suspended members of the team are not allowed on the field for the duration of the game and cannot coach the team, else they will be fined as set by the Executive Committee (see Appendix 'A').
- 9.14.** Players not showing up to their disciplinary meeting will be given an extra game suspension. Cancellation of a discipline meeting must be within 72 hours of the event. The player will remain suspended until a meeting is held, and extra games that the player is out while waiting for a new meeting will not count towards the suspension”
- 9.15.** Any Disciplinary action, if necessary, will be initialled by the League based on the referee’s report which will be considered as final in all cases. The disciplinary Committee will also make their decisions based on the referee’s report.
- 9.16.** No player (s) or official(s) of any team will be permitted to take part in any of the games unless all the fees and/or fine have been paid.

## ARTICLE TEN - PLAYING RULES

- 10.01.** The games will be played as per the F.I.F.A. (International Soccer Body) rules, except those that are amended by this constitution and in accordance with the constitution of the O.S.A.
- 10.02.** The League will be divided into two divisions.
- 10.03.** The league championship will be won by the team with most points in the League.
- 10.04. GRACE TIME**
- All the games must start on scheduled time. A grace of ten (10) minutes will be given. A team that is more than ten minutes late for the start of a scheduled game shall default the game to the opposing team and is subject to article 13.01.

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### **10.05. SUBSTITUTION**

Unlimited substitution will be permitted in all the games. Substitution will be allowed in accordance with the rules laid down by the league and at the referee's discretion at interpreting these rules. Substitution will be permitted only at the discretion of the referee: At Goal Score, Injury, Goal Kick, the start of each half and at your own throw in's (if your team makes a substitution, the other team will be also be allowed to substitute at the same time).

**10.06.** Players in all divisions must wear soccer boots and shin pads. Soccer boots are to conform to law four (4) of the referee's chart.

**10.07.** All referee's decisions are final.

### **10.08. GAME TIMINGS**

The duration of the game will be of two equal halves as specified by the League provided the game starts on scheduled time, or as time set by the Executive Committee. If there is a second game, the first game must be finished on time to permit the second game to get their full time of play; else, the time will be cut short accordingly. The Executive Committee can revise these game timings.

**10.09.** Three points will be awarded for a win and one point for a draw. Most points gained will decide league/division winner. In the event of two or more teams finishing the schedule with an equal number of points, their final standings will be decided by the following order:

- (i). The winner between the two teams during the league game(s);
- (ii). The goal difference, which is calculated by Goals For minus Goals Against;
- (iii). Goals For
- (iv). Goals Against
- (v). Most wins in the league.
- (vi). Toss

### **10.10. CUP AND PLAY-OFF GAMES**

All cup and play-off games shall be single games only. Overtime shall be played if the score is tied at the end of regulation time. Overtime shall consist of two equal halves or as

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time set by the Executive Committee. Should the score still be tied following the overtime, each team shall take five alternate penalty kicks. The team scoring the most goals from such kicks shall be declared the winner. If the score is still tied after the five penalty kicks, then an additional and equal number of alternate kicks (one at a time for each team) shall be taken until a winner is evolved. If no winner has evolved after all the members of the team have taken a penalty kick, the same rotation will start all over again. The Executive Committee may also rule that the game be replayed.

If there is a third-place game, it will have no overtime, it will go straight to penalty kicks in the event there is a tie after full time has been reached.

### **ARTICLE ELEVEN - BY-LAWS**

Any rule formulated by a vote of majority, at any meetings of the G. S. L. becomes the by-law of this league. There will be two types of by-laws; one type called seasonal by-laws, which will be in effect for that particular season and will be denoted by (S). The other type will be constitutional by-laws and will be denoted by (C); and will be added to the constitution at the annual general meeting that is at the first meeting of the season. Any confusion about the definition of a rule will be made by the Executive Committee.

### **ARTICLE TWELVE - PLAYER'S REGISTRATION**

- 12.01.** (i). Players shall be registered on a form provided by the G.S.L. The Executive Committee will handle all the registrations.
- (ii). Player must be registered with the District Association subsequent to being registered with the league.
- 12.02.** All players to be registered must submit two recent (taken within two (2) years) original passport size pictures on photograph paper, one for the league record and the other for the Identity card.

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- 12.03.** All players must be in possession of valid Player Book; else, they are illegal players and are subject to article 7.13. The cost of the new player book will be set by the Executive Committee. (See Appendix 'A').
- 12.04.** Identity cards/Player Books must be produced upon request before the final whistle of the game. Failure to do so will result in the following:
- (i).** If not produced upon initial request, (Manager/Coach to Manager/Coach), the team will be fined, (See Appendix 'A'), as set by the Executive Committee; second request to be made through the game official;
  - (ii).** If not produced before the final whistle of the game, the team will default that particular game and are subject to article 13.01;
  - (iii).** In either case, the game official must be notified before approaching the opposing team and also asked to note it on the referee's report.
- 12.05.** Identity Cards if lost must be reported to the league prior to play of a game. A player without a card cannot play. The league can only replace the card(s) if three (3) days' notice is given and with all the necessary paperwork. A **Card Fee**, (See Appendix 'A'), as set by the Executive Committee, will be charged to replace the lost, mutilated or damaged cards.
- 12.06.** All the identity cards are property of the league except those issued by OSA, and must be returned to the league at the end of the season. If the cards are not returned, the team is subject to article 12.05.
- 12.07.** A team cannot register more than twenty (20) players; however, only **eighteen (18)** players are to dress per game.
- 12.08.** Players must be registered at least 48 hours in advance before taking part in any game of the G.S.L. except for the first game; players must be registered by the set date.
- 12.09.** Ten (10) additional players can be registered by withdrawing ten already registered players, keeping the roster to a maximum of twenty (20). There will be an extra **Player Registration Fee**, (See appendix 'A'), as set by the Executive Committee.



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**12.10** No more than three (3) players, registered in the last season, from any one team will be permitted to register with any existing team in the current season or a new team without the permission of the Executive Committee.

### **12.11. PLAYER TRANSFER**

**(i). Within a season**

No player will be transferred without the written permission of the Executive Committee during a current season. There will be a **Transfer Fee**, (See Appendix 'A'), as set by the Executive Committee. No player will be transferred until the fee has been paid. To transfer a player, the receiving team must give a written request to the league from that player, and try to obtain the identity card from the registered team.

**(ii). Between seasons** – an unlimited number of players are allowed to transfer between teams between seasons provided the players are released in writing by the authorized Manager of those players belonging to the team that they played in the last season

**12.12.** A date, (See Appendix 'A'), in the league season shall be set by the Executive Committee, to close the registration of players and another date to close the transfer of players. After these dates no player registration or transferring activity will be accepted.

## **ARTICLE THIRTEEN - GAME FORFEITURES AND DEFAULTS**

**13.01.** In the event of a team defaulting a game, the game shall be awarded to the opposing team with a score 2- 0.

**(i.)** If the game is cancelled 72 hours prior to the schedule game 50% of these fees will go to the opposing team that cancelled the game.

**(ii.)** If the game is cancelled within 72 hours of the schedule game, the team is fined 1.5 times the referees fees, out of which 50% of the referee fees will go to the opposing team that cancelled the game.

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- (iii.) If the non-defaulting team has more than two (2) goals then their score will stay, the defaulting team will have zero goals on the game sheet, and any goals scored by players of the defaulting team will not be accounted towards the top goal scorer but those goals scored by players of the non-defaulting team will be accounted towards the top goal scorer.
- (iv.) All cards received by both teams will be taken into account.
- 13.02.** No game shall be willingly defaulted. The team that willingly defaults a game shall be liable for disciplinary action, fine, (See Appendix 'A'), and even suspension from the league.
- 13.03.** Any team failing to field less than seven (7) players shall default the game to the opposing team and are subject to article 13.01(ii).
- 13.04.** Teams must show up in bad weather. The referee or the grounds' keeper is the only person who may call off a game due to bad weather.
- 13.05.** Should a team not be available to play a scheduled game, the President or the Executive Committee must be notified with a valid reason, at least seventy-two (72) hours prior to the game. Upon acceptance by the President, only then the game will be cancelled or re-scheduled. The team that does not notify the league and does not show up for a scheduled game will default the game and is subject to article 13.01(ii).
- 13.06.** Any team that defaults three games will be suspended from the league and may hinder their chances to enter the next season.
- 13.07.** Games may be re-scheduled by mutual agreement by both the teams and by completing the *“Request to Change Scheduled Game”* Form to be submitted to the league within fourteen (14) days after the schedule has been finalized except in an emergency situation accepted by the Executive Committee. However, the league has to be notified, at least 72 hours subsequent to the game; else Referee Fees will be charged to teams that do not show up on the field and article 13.01 (ii) will apply. The Executive Committee of the League has to approve the change. The re-scheduled game must be played within two (2) weeks of the cancelled game, and before the start of the playoff games. The teams that re-scheduled the

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games are responsible for the field and necessary equipment, the League will be responsible to schedule the referees. If the re-scheduled game is further than a 25 km radius from the home field the League cannot guarantee the referees. If the re-scheduled game is cancelled due to weather, both teams will be responsible for another field; the referees will be paid by the league.

(i). The requesting team may only re-schedule a maximum of two (2) games per season.

**13.08** If a game has been called off due to any circumstances by the referee, the game shall be considered complete if 75% of the game has been played, and the result will stand, unless the game is called off because of violent conduct.

### ARTICLE FOURTEEN - PROTESTS, COMPLAINTS, APPEALS

**14.01.** The Disciplinary Committee shall deal with all the players, either in the league matches or cup games, reprimanded for misconduct on or off the field of play by the referee, League Representative, or the Executive Committee (the infraction happening during a scheduled game). The Executive Committee will handle all the appeals from the teams and team members, and the decisions from the Disciplinary Committee.

**14.02. (i).** All Protests/Appeals must be made in writing to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall deal with all protests/appeals arising out of any scheduled game; such protests are to be dealt with according to regulations governing the same. All verbal protests are to be made to the referee who will include them in his report. Protests/Appeals are also to be delivered to the Executive Committee, together with a **Protest/Appeal Deposit**, (See Appendix 'A'), as set by the Executive Committee, subsequent to the start of the season. This deposit is refundable if the protest is upheld.

(ii). Protest/Appeal **Administration Costs**, (See Appendix 'A'), as set by the Executive Committee, will be charged to the team that loses the protest/appeal.

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- 14.03.** Protest/Appeal deposits shall be as cash, cheques, or money order made payable to the league. Cheques that are returned by the bank will nullify the protest and are subject to article 15.10.
- 14.04.** All protests/appeals must be submitted to the league before the end of the third day after the event. The day of the event is considered as day one.
- 14.05.** At the same time the protest is delivered to the league, a true copy of the protest shall be sent to the club or team against whom the protest is lodged.
- 14.06.** Complaints against grounds, goalposts, ball or colours **DO NOT CONSTITUTE GROUNDS FOR PROTEST.** Complaints of this nature must be made in writing to the referee, who will note it on the team sheet, and also to the Executive Committee. Necessary action will then be taken to prevent the repetition of the same including fining and disciplining the offending team.
- 14.07.** Any appeal, complaint or protest once lodged with the league cannot be withdrawn, except by permission of the Executive Committee.
- 14.08.** The decisions of the Executive Committee shall be final.
- 14.09.** Any club or team dissatisfied with any decision made by the league or the Disciplinary Committee has the right to appeal to the **Toronto Soccer Association, (T.S.A.)** as per their appeal procedures. If they are still dissatisfied with the decision of the **T.S.A.**, they can appeal to the **Ontario Soccer Association (O.S.A.)**, as per their appeal procedures.

### **ARTICLE FIFTEEN - GENERAL RULES**

- 15.01.** The Executive Committee shall give notice of the schedule at least one week subsequent to the start of the season.
- 15.02.** For all the games the referees shall be appointed by the referee-in-chief. In the event of the non-appearance of such referee so appointed, the teams may have the option to agree on a mutual referee. The referee will forward the results of the games, the list of players (team sheets) and the goal scorers to the League.

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- 15.03.** In the event of players or officials being ruled off, a complete detailed report of the incident, which made this action necessary, must be made on the team sheet or as a separate report. Referees may be called before the Executive or the Disciplinary Committee to explain their reports.
- 15.04** Referees will not be responsible for late starts of the game, due to the teams not showing up on scheduled time.
- 15.05.** All moneys owing to the league must be paid at least one week before the play-off games. Failure to do so, the teams will not be permitted to enter the Play-off round. All debts earned after the play-off games must be paid before the end of the season or at least by end of the fiscal year ending November 30<sup>th</sup> of the season. Failure to do so, the team is subject to fines, (See Appendix ‘A’), as set by the Executive Committee, and may hinder their chances of being admitted in the next season.
- 15.06.** All the teams, before being registered in the league, must be free of debt to the league and other affiliated organizations. Any moneys owing must be paid before being accepted in the league.
- 15.07.** If teams fold, players will be responsible for any money owing by the folding team above the value of the folding team’s bond.
- 15.08.** The league is not liable to any person, player or team for incidents or accidents, of any nature, causing any harm or otherwise, on the field or to and from the field of play.
- 15.09.** If any team withdraws from the league before three games are played, **50% (FIFTY PERCENT)** of the total fee, (Entrance Fee + Registration Fee), will be refunded. No money will be refunded after three (3) games of play including the bond.
- 15.10.** If any of the teams' cheques are returned by the bank, for any reason, then that team is responsible for all the bank's costs plus an additional sum, (See Appendix ‘A’), as set by the Executive Committee.
- 15.11.** If a team or player is or has been suspended by another Association or League, notification must be sent in writing to this league; else the suspension will not be recognized by the league.

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### **ARTICLE SIXTEEN - DONATIONS OR SPONSORS**

**16.01.** All donations from sponsors will be handled through the Executive Committee.

**16.02.** All the donations become the property of the G. S. L.

### **ARTICLE SEVENTEEN – ACCOUNTS**

The books and accounts of the G.S.L. shall be available for audit once yearly, only after the financial statements are confirmed at the Annual General Body Meeting. The books will only be available to any three (3) members in good standing to perform the audit.

### **ARTICLE EIGHTEEN – MEETINGS**

**18.0** All GSL meetings shall commence by reciting the Lord’s Prayer, “Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from all evil. Amen.”

**18.01.** The first General meeting of the season will be the Annual General Meeting to be held in the months of either February or March. The nominations for the Executive Committee will take place at this meeting. The elections will take place within the next two meetings. All card-carrying members of the G.S.L. are entitled to office or vote. Teams in their probation period are not entitled to sit for election.

**18.02.** At all the meetings of the G.S.L., the President, the Vice President or a nominated Chairperson and four (4) of the members (new or old) shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

**18.03.** All teams' representatives must be present at all the meetings of the G.S.L. in person. Failure to do so, the absent teams will be subject to a fine, as set by the Executive Committee (See Appendix ‘A’). At least 50 % of the meeting, from the time the meeting is

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called to order till it is adjourned, must be attended by the team's representatives. If not, the teams will be considered as absent at the meeting and the teams will be fined.

**18.04.** Anyone representing the team can make decisions on the team's behalf.

### **ARTICLE NINETEEN – TROPHIES**

**19.01.** All the floating trophies must be accepted and taken by the winning teams/players and returned by the date set by the Executive Committee. Failure to do so, the team will be subject to a fine as set by the Executive Committee, (See Appendix 'A').

**19.02.** The teams are responsible for all the trophies received. The trophies must be returned in the same condition as received (clean). If a trophy is damaged, misplaced or lost, the team is responsible to replace it or pay the cost to replace or fix it; else the bond money will be utilized.

#### **19.03. FLOATING TROPHIES**

The winners of floating trophies will not receive their bonds until the trophies are returned.

##### **(a) PLAYOFF WINNERS**

This trophy shall be called the “**GAUDENCIO FERNANDES MEMORIAL TROPHY**” and will be awarded to the team that wins the Playoff final. This trophy is donated by Mrs. Luizinha Fernandes and Family in memory of her late husband and their father.

##### **(b). PLAYOFF RUNNERS-UP**

This trophy shall be called "**GKT TROPHY**" (Goan Konkani Troupe). This trophy will be awarded to losers of the Play off final. This trophy is donated by Mr. Raymond Menezes (then president of the GKT).

##### **(c). LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP**

This Trophy shall be called the “**AERO TOURS TROPHY**” and will be awarded to the team declared as the LEAGUE CHAMPIONS, which is the team with the most points at the end of the season, by the Executive Committee. This trophy is donated by Mr. Nick de Mello of Aero Tours International.

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**(d). DIVISION WINNERS**

This Trophy shall be called the “**MARIA CALEB MEMORIAL TROPHY**” and will be awarded to the team with highest points in the division that is not declared as League Champions. This trophy is donated by Mr. Godfrey Caleb and Family in memory of his late wife and mother. If there is only one division in the league this trophy will not be handed out.

**(e). MOST VALUABLE PLAYER**

This trophy shall be called the “**FERNANDO BARRETO MEMORIAL TROPHY**” and will be awarded to the player that is voted as the Most Valuable Player by the teams. This trophy is donated by Mr. Roque Barreto and Family in memory of his late son and their brother.

**(f). HIGHEST SCORER**

This trophy shall be called the “**DAMIAO F. LOBO MEMORIAL TROPHY**” and will be awarded to the player that scores the most goals in the league season and are accounted for on the game sheet. This trophy is donated by Mr. Christopher Lobo in memory of his late father

**(g). BEST SPORTING TEAM**

This trophy will be called Best Sporting Team Trophy and is awarded to the team that has the least number of yellow cards. [For this purpose, only, one (1) RED card equals three (3) Yellow Cards]. If teams are tied, then the position of the team in the league will decide the winner. This Trophy is donated by the Goan Soccer League.

**(h). BEST DEFENCE**

This trophy shall be called the “**CAETANO P. RATOS MEMORIAL TROPHY**” and will be awarded to the Goalkeeper of the team that has the least number of ‘Goals Against’ in the league games. This trophy is donated by Ratos’ Boys in memory of their late father.

**(i). JUNIOR - MOST VALUABLE PLAYER**



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This trophy shall be called the “**DOMINIC R. de SOUZA MEMORIAL TROPHY**” and will be awarded to the junior most teenage player that is voted as the Junior Most Valuable Player by the teams. This trophy is donated by the DeSouza Family of All Graphic Supplies & Sign making Systems, in memory of her late husband and their father.

**(j). CONSOLATION CUP**

This trophy shall be called the “**DAMIAO RODRIGUES MEMORIAL TROPHY**” and will be awarded to the team that wins the game for the third place. This game is played between the losers of the Semi Final games. This trophy is donated by Mrs. Rosy and Family in memory of their late father.

**19.04. INDIVIDUAL TROPHIES**

To collect any individual trophy, the player must be present at the Presentation Dance (if held) or at the Award Presentation or give in writing a valid reason for his absence.

- (i).** Individual trophies will be awarded to each player, registered but not cancelled, for being the member of the team that wins the Play-off Final Game.
- (ii).** Individual Trophies will be awarded to each player, registered but not cancelled, for being the member of the team that loses the Play-off Final Game.
- (iii).** Individual trophies shall be awarded to each player, registered but not cancelled, for being the member of the team that are declared as the League Champions.
- (iv)** Individual trophies may be awarded to each player, registered but not cancelled, for being the members of the Division Winners, Consolation Cup Winner teams, subject to the decision of the Executive Committee.
- (v). Most Valuable Player (M.V.P.)**

This trophy shall be awarded to a player that is outstanding in the game of play, in discipline on and off the field, general conduct of the player and the quantity of contribution he has done for the team. He will be selected from all the teams and is voted by the teams.
- (vi). Top Scorer**

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This trophy shall be awarded to the player of any team that scores the most goals in the league games and are accounted for on the game sheet.

**(vii). Best Defence [Goal Keepers(s)]**

This trophy will be awarded to the Goal Keeper(s) of the team that has the least goals scored against them, in the league games.

**(viii). Junior Most Valuable Player (Junior M.V.P.)**

This trophy shall be awarded to a player that is outstanding in the game of play, in discipline on and off the field, general conduct of the player and the quantity of contribution he has done for the team. He will be selected from the entire league, and must be under the age of nineteen (19) during the season. He will be voted by the teams.

### **ARTICLE TWENTY - DISSOLUTION**

In case the league is dissolved the following procedures will be taken:

**20.01.** The trophies will be returned to the rightful owners or kept by the last winning teams and individual players in the year of dissolution (if rightful owners are not available).

**20.02.** The money in the bank will be divided as follows:

50% will be donated to *Fr. AGNEL'S MISSION CENTER*, Pilar, Goa;

50% will be donated to the *GOAN CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION*

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### Revision History

Article	Status	Change	Year amended
5.03	Remove section	requirement for the secretary to be part of the disciplinary committee	2008
7.12D	Add section	Any mistakes in the game sheet must be rectified by the referee. The game sheets will not be altered at a later time if there are mistakes	2008
8.01	Revise section	Executive Committee will not elect the discipline committee, a minimum of three teams must be present	2008
10.02	Removed	Last 2 teams of Salcete Division will go to the Bardez Division, and the top 2 teams of Bardez will go to Salcete	2008
12.10	Revised	Executive Committee to set a date for the closure of the transfer of players	2008
18.04	Removed Section	Every team, (may combine with another team), must hold a meeting, at least once during the season	2008
19.04 (vii)	Added	Junior MVP Trophy and requirements	2008
6.06	Added	All eligible players are to be of Goan heritage, or legally married to a Goan	2009
6.07	Added	The Executive of the League can ask at any time for original documents (that were used to prove Goan ancestry or marriage) and they must be produced within 14 days.	2009
7.06	Revised	The home team is responsible for providing the game ball, visitor team to provide a spare ball	2009
7.12b	Revised	If the game sheet is not provided to the referee before the allotted time, the team will forfeit the game, article 13.01 will be enforced	2009
7.12d	Revised	The game sheets cannot be altered at a later time if there are mistakes	2009
7.12e	Revised	If the league is missing any game sheets it is the responsibility of the team to supply a copy of the game sheet to the league	2009
7.12g	Revised	All players listed on a game sheet are deemed to have played	2009
9.05	Revised	Updated that 2 direct red cards will result in a player being suspended for the remainder of the season Any player receiving a second Red Card in the same season, will be called to attend a disciplinary hearing after being suspended for two games played and is fined, Any team receiving five (5) or more cards in a given game will be fined	2009
10.03	Revised	The league championship will be won by the top team in the league, the runner up will be the second-place team	2009
10.05	Revised	Substitutions can be made on your throw in, if you do a substitution the other team can as well	2009
10.08	Revised	Duration of the games will be specified by the league	2009
12.02	Revised	Picture for player registration must be taken within the past 2 years	2009

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12.04	Revised	Identity cards must be produced before the final whistle at the end of the game upon request	2009
12.05	Revised	A player without a card cannot play. The league can only guarantee a replacement card if given seven (7) days' notice with all paperwork, for a maximum of nine (9) cards.	2009
13.01	Revised	If the non-defaulting team has more than two (2) goals then their score will stay, the defaulting team will have zero goals on the game sheet, and any goals by players of that team will not count towards the top goal scorer. All cards for both teams will be carried forward.	2009
13.07	Revised	Referees Fee will be charged to teams that do not show up on the field. The Executive of the League has to approve the change. The re-scheduled game must be played within two (2) weeks of the cancelled game, and / or before the start of the playoffs. The teams whom have re-scheduled the games are responsible for the field and necessary equipment, the League will be responsible for the attending referees. If the re-scheduled game is further than a 25km radius from the home field the League cannot guarantee the referees. The requesting may only re-schedule a maximum of two (2) games per season.	2009
15.06	Revised	Any moneys owing to the league by any team must be paid by the second meeting of the following season. If the teams fold players will be responsible for any additional fines above the value of the folding teams' bond.	2009
9.13	Added	suspended players are not allowed on the field for the duration of the game, and cannot coach from either of the sidelines	2010
9.14	Added	Players not showing up to their disciplinary meeting will be given an extra suspended game	2010
13.01	Revised	If the game is cancelled 72 hours prior to the schedule game, the team is fined the cost of the referee fees, out of which 50% of these fees will go to the opposing team that cancelled the game. If the game is cancelled within 72 hours of the schedule game, the team is fined two times the referees fees, out of which 50% of the referee fees will go to the opposing team that cancelled the game.	2010
18.03	Revised	At least 50 % of the meeting, from the time the meeting is called to order till it is adjourned, must be attended by the team's representatives. If not the teams will be considered as absent at the meeting and the teams will be fined.	2010
6.04	Added	No teams will be allowed to enter the league with hyphenated village names. The league has no objection to have their jerseys named anyway the team desires.	2010
4.02	Revised	a term for the Executive Committee is five years from two years	2011

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13.07	Added	If the re-scheduled game is cancelled due to weather, both teams will be responsible for another field; the referee's will be paid by the league.	2011
20.01	Deleted	Trophies would be returned if the league dissolves	2011
20.02	Updated	Updated to remove 10% of the money in the back to be given to the G.O.A. Building fund, the amount to the GOAN Charitable Organization was increased from 20% to 30%.	2011
9.02 iv	Updated	The yellow cards in the regular season will be erased and will not be carried over to the playoffs, however a player receiving 2 yellow cards in the playoffs will be suspended for the next game played	2012
12.09 i	Added	No more than three (3) players, registered in the last season, from any one team will be permitted to register with any team in the current season.	2013
4.02	Updated	An executive term consists of 5 years (from 2 years)	2014
5.05	Added	Role of commissioner created	2014
13.07	Updated	Update the sentence "and/or before the playoffs" to "and before the playoffs"	2014
18.03	Updated	Team representative must be present in person at the meeting	2014
18.04	Added	Anyone representing the team at a meeting can make decisions on their team's behalf	2014
19.03D	Updated	Is only handed out if there is more than 1 division in the league	2014
20.02	Updated	Allocation of money updated	2014
4.02	Updated	Provide direction on the meaning of a bylaw	2015
9.02	Updated	"He may be suspended for more games depending upon the <b>referee's report</b> on the offence and the decision.....",	2015
9.02	Added	"Any referee report stating violent conduct will require a meeting to be called"	2015
9.02	Added	There will no Recording devices of any kind at Disciplinary Meetings	2015
9.14	Added	Cancellation of a discipline meeting must be within 72 hours of the event. The player will remain suspended until a meeting is held, and extra games that the player is out while waiting for a new meeting will not count towards the suspension"	2015
10.10	Added	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place Game will have no overtime, straight to penalty kicks in the event there is a tie after full time has been reached	2015
11.0	Updated	Any confusion about the definition of a rule will be made by the Executive Committee.	2015
19.04 V	Updated	The MVP will be selected from <b>ALL TEAMS</b>	2015
9.02	Updated	Suspension is the same for a player, Coach or Staff of a team	2016
12.10	Updated	More than three (3) players from a team can join any new team to the league	2016
13.1	Updated	Team fines for cancellation of games	2016
12.11 ii	Created	Player transfer between seasons	2017