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## **Section 1.01 Introduction to the North Perth Soccer League**

- (a) The North Perth Soccer League is to be here forth known as the League or NPSL throughout this document.**
- (b) Members of the NPSL are to be here forth known as Clubs.**
- (c) This documentation is to be accompanied by the North Perth Soccer League Constitution. If discrepancies are found, they are to be brought forth to the NPSL's Board of Directors in writing.**

## **Section 1.02 To contact the North Perth Soccer League (for 2011, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16)** *Mail;*

*The North Perth Soccer League  
c/o Jeff Horton  
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Listowel, Ontario  
N4W 3K5*

*E-mail;*

*[jeffhorton@listowelminorsoccer.ca](mailto:jeffhorton@listowelminorsoccer.ca)*

*Phone;*

*519-291-5895*

## **Section 1.03 League Overview**

- (a) The North Perth Soccer League consists of a collection of local Clubs within the area. Together we provide organized soccer programs for 6 to 18 year old kids, during the months of May through to August. Players have the opportunity to compete in our co-ed house league system, or our select system when supported.**

## **Section 1.04          Members**

### **(a) Paying Members of the North Perth Soccer League (NPSL)**

- *Listowel Minor Soccer – AKA The Twisters*
  - *Wearing a red shirt with black short*
- *Drayton Minor Soccer – AKA*
  - *Wearing yellow shirt with black short*
- *Elma Minor Soccer – AKA The Eagles*
  - *Wearing burgundy shirt with black short*
- *Wallace Minor Soccer*
  - *Wearing green shirt with black short*
- *Newton Minor Soccer – AKA The Tigers*
  - *Wearing orange shirt with black short*
- *Minto Minor Soccer – AKA Minto United*
  - *Wearing blue shirt with black short*
- *Howick Minor Soccer*
  - *Wearing grey shirt with black short*

**(b) NPSL has no non-paying members.**

## **Section 1.05          Mission Statement**

**(a) The Mission of the NPSL is to manage, serve and promote The Game of Soccer, at all ages of play; to assist its clubs and participants in their various forms of involvement with the Game; to adhere to The Laws of the Game; and to encourage and facilitate the involvement of as many people as possible in Soccer activities.**

## **Section 1.06          Code of Conduct**

**(a) This Code of Conduct should be supplemented with a high degree of common sense and keeping the best interests of the players and the game in mind. Please read the Code of Conducts and embrace their content and spirit. Violation of the guidelines may result in disciplinary actions that could include, but are not limited to, verbal and/or written warnings, as well as coach, parental, and in extreme cases, player suspension. Let's make participation in soccer FUN for everyone.**

**(b) Parent's Code of Conduct – Section 6.01**

**(c) Player's Code of Conduct – Section 5.01**

**(d) Coach's Code of Conduct – Section 4.01**

**(e) Referee Code of Conduct – Section 7.01**

## Section 1.07 League Structure

### (a) House League

*The League's House League play is co-ed at all ages. Age groups are divided up as follows;*

- *U6 for all kids 6 years of age or younger born during the calendar year of the season*
- *U8 for all kids 8 years of age or younger born during the calendar year of the season*
- *U10 for all kids 10 years of age or younger born during the calendar year of the season*
- *U12 for all kids 12 years of age or younger born during the calendar year of the season*
- *U14 for all kids 14 years of age or younger born during the calendar year of the season*
- *U16 for all kids 16 years of age or younger born during the calendar year of the season*
- *U18 for all kids 18 years of age or younger born during the calendar year of the season*

### (b) Select League or Team

*The Select League structure does not exist at this time. If and when interest and support is shown for such a League, the NPSL Executive will table the topic and establish a set of guidelines at that time. If interested please contact the NPSL Executive.*

## Section 1.08 Eligible Players

- (a) All kids within the age categories are eligible to participate within the NPSL. Please contact your local club for more information.
- (b) Players are not eligible to play below their current age, unless they have written consent from the NPSL. Players playing within a L6 or L5 league are eligible to participate within the NPSL, provided that they have registered like everyone else. Players that are participating within a L4 League and above cannot play within the NPSL.

## **Section 1.09 League Fees**

**(a) Prior to the start of every season, each Club is to submit fees based on the following table.**

<b>Level</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Fee</b>
<b>Club</b>	Per U6 Team	\$112
	Per U8 Team	\$70
	Per U10 Team	\$70
	Per U12 Team	\$100
	Per U14 Team	\$310
	Per U16 Team	\$125
	Per U18 Team	\$190
<b>League</b>	Annual League Fees	0
	Scheduling Fees	\$500
	Insurance	0

## **Section 1.10 Services Provided by the NPSL for Fees Collected**

- (a) Schedules for Regular Season for all age groups**
- (b) Postings of all schedules**
- (c) Schedules for Yearend Tournaments for U6, U8, U10 and U12 age groups.**
- (d) Schedules for Yearend Playoffs, U14, U16 and U18.**
- (e) Referee's fees for all Year End activities.**
- (f) Awards for players on winning teams during the Year End activities.**

**Section 2.01 Board of Directors Structure for the North Perth Soccer League**

**(a) The NPSL Board of Directors is not limited to just the Clubs. However, at least one representative from each Club is to hold a position on the executive. An individual may hold more than one position on the Board. To reduce conflicts, the President is not to represent his or her own club.**

**(b) The Board shall consist of, but is not limited to;**

Position	Length of Term	Details
President	two year term	Unpaid
Vice President	two year term	Unpaid
Secretary	two year term	Unpaid
Treasurer	two year Term	Unpaid
Head of Disciplinary	two year term	Unpaid
Tournaments and Special events	one year term	Unpaid
Disciplinary Committee – 4 members	one year term each	Unpaid
Chief Referee	No term length	Unpaid
Web Site Manager	No term length	Part of Scheduer
Game Scheduler	No term length	paid position

**(c) Each Club is also to have its own Board of Directors. At the Club Level the Board of Directors or Executive must include but are not limited to a;**

Position	Length of Term	Details
President	Determined by the Club	Determined by the Club
Vice President	Determined by the Club	Determined by the Club
Secretary	Determined by the Club	Determined by the Club
Treasurer	Determined by the Club	Determined by the Club
Web Site Manager	Determined by the Club	Determined by the Club
Chief Referee	Determined by the Club	Determined by the Club
Town Contact	Determined by the Club	Determined by the Club

Section 2.02

Positions Held for the 2011 Season (as of January 4, 2011) of the NPSL

Position	Held By	Club Representation
President	Jeff Horton	
Vice President	Dale Hartung	Wallace
Secretary	Caroline Seyler	Elma
Treasurer	Pam Armstrong	Howick
Head of Disciplinary	Keith McIntosh	Newton
Tournaments and Special events	Rick Werbner	Palmerston
Disciplinary Committee – 4 members		
Chief Referee	Keith McIntosh	Newton
Web Site Manager	Jeff Horton	Listowel
Game Scheduler	Jeff Horton	Listowel

*Clubs not represented Drayton*



## Section 2.03      Scopes of Work per Executive Position

(a) These are guidelines only, and each position's scope can be changed by the Board or Directors. More detail can be found in the North Perth Soccer Leagues Constitution, and General Meeting minutes.

*(i) President*

- *Call meetings when required (if possible set dates in advanced for each season)*
- *Preside at all general meetings of the League and the Board of Directors*
- *Shall be the spokesperson for the League*
- *Attend SWRSA's president meetings and AGM (one per year)*
- *Prepare agendas for meetings*

*(ii) Vice President*

- *Perform the duties of the President when he or she is not available*
- *Assist in duties of other executive members as assigned by the Board*

*(iii) Secretary*

- *To record minutes of all meetings*
- *To send out minutes within 7 days after a meeting unless specified otherwise*

*(iv) Treasurer*

- *To maintain the Leagues accounts*
- *To present the account info semi annually to the executive*
- *To invoice and collect all fees owed by the Clubs*
- *Pay all required invoices in a timely fashion*

*(v) Head of Disciplinary*

- *Establish dates for Hearings prior to the start of the season*
- *Chair each Hearing*
- *Contact all those required for Hearings*
- *Record and track all offences*

*(vi) Chief Referee*

- *Club Level -Schedule all referees and linespersons required for all home games*
- *Provide any training required for the referees*
- *Set up a preseason, and mid season information seminar for the referees*
- *Evaluate the referees, and provide feedback when possible*

*(vii) Tournaments and Special Events*

- *Confirm tournament location and information*
- *Provide info as need for the scheduler for yearend tournaments and playoffs*
- *Arrange medallions etc for tournaments and playoffs*

*(viii) Disciplinary Committee*

- *Attend each disciplinary meeting*
- *You will not be able to pass judgment if the offender is from your residing club*

**(ix) Web Site Manager**

- *Maintain the website*
- *Post all schedules*
- *Ensure scores are being entered*
- *Solve any issues as they come up as it pertains to the web site*

**(x) Game Scheduler**

- *Schedule regular season games for each age group – U6 through to U18*
- *Schedule tournaments for U6 through to U12*
- *Schedule playoffs for U14 through to U18*

**(xi) Registrar**

- *Arrange registration*
- *Register all players with SWRSA and assign them to teams once completed by the executive*
- *Any training required to do this position is to be completed*

**(xii) Town Contact**

- *Attend all NPSL meetings*
- *Report NPSL meeting to their Club*
- *Hold a position on the NPSL executive*

**(xiii) Director of Coaches**

- *Ensure each team has a coach for the up and coming season*
- *Ensure all coaches are informed of the rules*
- *Create a policy and procedures manual for the coaches to follow*
- *Provide any training required for the coaches*
- *Collect all volunteer screening applications*
- *Host a preseason and mid season coach's meeting*

**(xiv) Director of Referees**

- *Schedule referees for home games*
- *Be sure the referees understand their Code of Conduct, Roles and Scope – Section 7*

## Section 2.04 Meeting Formats and Guidelines

### (a) General

- *All meetings will be called by the President with a minimum of 14 days notice whenever possible.*
- *Each meeting is to be preceded with an agenda 2 days minimum before the meeting date.*
- *Each meeting is then to be followed with minutes within 72 hours following.*

### (b) Voting on Issues

- *Voting issues, if known before the meeting, must be highlighted on the agenda.*
- *With 7 Clubs participating within the League, a majority vote will pass any vote required. This would mean at anytime, 4 clubs can pass any topic put forth, if a vote is required.*
- *The President cannot vote, unless before the start of the meeting, it is established that he or she will be representing his or her Club on the issues on the agenda.*
- *Each Club has just one vote*

### (c) Minimum Required Meetings Annually

- *Pre-season Meeting - usually in January*
- *Pre-scheduling meeting – usually the First week of April*
- *Start of Season meeting – usually the first week of May*
- *Pre-tournament and playoff meeting – usually the first week of June*
- *End of Season meeting – Usually before the end of September*

## Section 2.05 Topics for Meetings (guideline only)

### (a) Pre-season (January)

- *Set all required dates*
  - *Deadline for listing the correct number of teams*
  - *Deadline for season schedule*
  - *Start of the season*
  - *Tournament weekends*
  - *Clinic dates if required*
- *Review rule changes from previous season's review*
- *Confirm locations for each year end tournament*

### (b) Pre-schedule (April)

- *Confirm number of teams for each age group*
- *Invoice Clubs*
- *Confirm deadline for the season schedule and proposed tournament formats*
- *Review any rule changes for the upcoming season*
- *Establish scheduling formats for playoffs and tournaments*
- *Establish deadline to post all schedules on the website*

### (c) Start of Season (May)

- *Ensure all clubs are up and running*
- *Establish contacts for all clubs and teams*
- *Establish the number of pitches required for each tournament*
- *Finalize the tournament formats and schedules*

### (d) Pre-tournament and Play-off (June)

- *Ensure all scores are being reported and are correct*
- *Confirm all hosting clubs are ready*
- *Each hosting club to present tournament info*
- *Post all tournament info on the North Perth website*

### (e) End of Season (September)

- *Review regular season and playoffs*
- *Review rules and structure of the league*

## Section 4.01      Coach's Code of Conduct

- (a) As a coach you are a role model and leader and have significant impact on your athlete's attitudes. Coaches set an example for their players by practicing co-operation, self-discipline and respect for officials and opponents.
  - (i) *Set an example of control and consistency with the players and parents.*
  - (ii) *Respect the Laws of the game.*
  - (iii) *Discourage intentional rough or violent play or foul language.*
  - (iv) *Respect the referees' decisions. Do not ridicule, show disrespect or yell at the referees. Referee abuse is not an acceptable behaviour.*
  - (v) *Never ridicule or yell at players for making mistakes or for performing poorly. Players play to have fun and must be encouraged to have confidence in themselves.*
  - (vi) *Be generous with praise and set a good example.*
  - (vii) *Participants need a coach they can respect.*
  - (viii) *Obtain proper training and upgrade coaching skills and knowledge of the game.*
  - (ix) *Be on time and prepared for games and practices.*
  - (x) *Win and lose with both grace and dignity.*
  - (xi) *Communicate your plans/expectations to players and parents.*

## Section 4.02      The Role and Scope of the Coach

*(This may not represent the process of all clubs)*

- (a) Present to your club President a current Police background check. This document can not be any older than 2 years from the end of the current season.**
- (b) Make sure all equipment is ready and usable for 1<sup>st</sup> practice. You should be looking for;**
  - (i) Properly inflated balls,*
  - (ii) A First Aid kit,*
  - (iii) Team uniforms including a goalie shirt,*
  - (iv) Goalie gloves, and*
  - (v) Rules*
- (c) Call all parents at least a few days before practice to make sure they know where your practices will be held and the times. (a website will be available as well for parents to reference)**
- (d) At your first or second practice you should be confirming the following with your players' families;**
  - (i) Any health issue of the player*
  - (ii) Contact emails, and phone numbers of the parents*
  - (iii) Make the parents aware of*
    - 1) The website – showing the schedule
    - 2) The yearend tournament dates
    - 3) Snack schedule if you choose to do one (no snacks are permitted at halftime)
  - (iv) Provide them with your contact info*
  - (v) Provide them with your team rules (example how soon before a game do you want your team there)*
  - (vi) See if any parent will help you out if needed*
- (e) All teams should be present at the scheduled game a minimum of 15mins before the start of the game.**
- (f) The Home team is responsible to supply the game sheet for that game. They should bring it with their side already completed.**
- (g) The game sheets need to be presented to the visiting team before the start of the game.**
- (h) The referee is to view the completed game sheet at the coach's pregame meeting at centre.**
- (i) The Pre-game meeting between the referee and the two coaches is very important. You need to ask any questions that you may have before the start of the game.**
- (j) The Home team is to keep score on the game sheet.**

- (k) Please remain on your own side of half while coaching the game.**
- (l) Refer to the code of conduct.**
- (m) If there is an issue that occurs during a game, please let the referee do his or her job and continue the game. You have the right to protest anything that you feel you must. The protest must be put in writing. You must include a copy of your game sheet, and submit your protest with the game sheet to your club contact.**
- (n) If you have just general inquiries after a game, please contact you club contact, or the league's contact.**
- (o) If your player gets a red/yellow card, make sure you record everything and send the information to your area rep who will make sure they have it in their records in case Disciplinary hearings come up. The ref will do his part as well, but you need to record things so you remember what happened. If a Disciplinary hearing is called, The following will be required to attend; the coach, the player, the player's parent (s), an executive from the player's club, and the referee involved. Document everything.**
- (p) At the completion of a game, the referee, and both coaches are to sign off on the game sheets, and each take a copy for their records.**
- (q) All game scores are to be recorded as outlined by each club.**
- (r) If games or practices have to be cancelled, it is your responsibility to make sure ALL players and parents know when the make-up date will be.**
- (s) Coaches are responsible for the parents and players of their team when in the vicinity of the field.**

## **Section 4.03          Qualifications for a Coach**

- (a) Provide a Police back ground check. This applies for anyone affiliated with a team.**
- (b) For the recreation teams, it is not required that a coach has any specific qualifications.**
- (c) For the Select teams playing within the NPSL, it is not required that a coach has any specific qualifications.**
- (d) Coaches are required to set one day aside to attend a clinic, and information session provided by your Club in conjunction with the NPSL.**
- (e) A Club has the right to ask for more than what is described here.**
- (f) Coaches coaching outside of the NPSL are required to reach the requirements of a Coach related to what it is that they will be coaching.**
- (g) Recommend that a coach be 5 years the senior of the team they wish to coach. (this can will be left up to the discretion of each club)**



## Section 5.01      Player's Code of Conduct

- (a) Players should recognize that they are part of a team; they share in its successes and failures. Fair play and co-operation is to be encouraged at all times.
- (i) Play for your own enjoyment, not just to please your parents, or coaches.*
  - (ii) Control your temper – fighting and “mouthing off” spoil the game for everybody.*
  - (iii) Co-operate with your teammates and opponents for without them you don't have a game.*
  - (iv) Play by the rules.*
  - (v) Work equally hard for yourself and your team. Your team's performance will benefit and so will your own.*
  - (vi) Winning is only part of it. Having fun, improving skills, making friends and doing your best are also important.*
  - (vii) Cheer all good plays, both for your team and the opponents.*
  - (viii) Remember that coaches and officials are there to help you.*
  - (ix) Referee abuse is not an acceptable behaviour.*
  - (x) Give your best effort all the time be it practice or game situations.*
  - (xi) Yellow and red cards can be issued at anytime while on or near the field of play.*

## Section 6.01 Parent's Code of Conduct

(a) Parents are encouraged to participate as supporters and assistants. Positive support of the players (and coaches) is welcome and appreciated. Open criticism of players, coaches or officials should be avoided; it has the effect of lowering morale, and fostering negative attitudes and behaviour on the part of players.

*(i) Remember children play for their enjoyment, not yours.*

*(ii) Encourage your child to play by the rules of the game.*

*(iii) Show your appreciation of volunteer coaches.*

*(iv) Show respect towards the officials and understand that at this level everyone is learning.*

*(v) Never ridicule or yell at any child for making a mistake or losing a game.*

*(vi) Turn defeat into victory by emphasizing the value of honest effort, skill improvement and fair play.*

*(vii) As spectators, applaud all good plays, both for your team and your opponents.*

*(viii) Actions speak louder than words. Make sure your behaviour sets a good example.*

*(ix) Support all efforts to remove violence from children's sport.*

*(x) Referee abuse is not an acceptable behaviour.*

*(xi) Parents are responsible for the delivery and pick-up of their children.*

## Section 6.02      The Role and Scope of the Parent

- (a) First of all please read and understand the code of conduct for the NPSL. You are your child's biggest supporter.
- (b) Each player is to wear the following;
  - (i) *Soccer shoes (no metal cleats)*
  - (ii) *Shin guards*
  - (iii) *Uniform as outlined by your club*
- (c) Each player is not allowed to wear the following;
  - (i) *Piercings of any kind should be removed. Taping of piercings will not always protect from injury, and therefore is not a recommended solution by the NPSL.*
  - (ii) *Jewelry of any kind, unless it is a medical alert, should not be worn.*
  - (iii) *Hard peaked hats (baseball caps) – refer to league rules for more info.*
  - (iv) *Any braces or any medical wraps containing any metal or sharp objects should not be worn.*
  - (v) *Any zippered clothing unless covered.*
  - (vi) *Glasses unless they are prescription – refer to league rules for more info.*
- (d) You should send your child with the following (depending on the circumstances)
  - (i) *Water within a clearly labeled container so that they know it is theirs.*
  - (ii) *Sun screen.*
  - (iii) *Proper outerwear for sitting on the sidelines.*
  - (iv) *Proper uniform and equipment for playing on the field.*
  - (v) *A club may require each player to bring their own ball.*
- (e) If dropping you child off, please let the coach know before leaving. This should be done in a face to face contact, not through your child, as you need to know when to be back to pick up your kid. Please refer to your club's guidelines for further details.
- (f) Be sure you and your child remove your garbage from the field and its surrounding area.
- (g) The NPSL is aiming to start up a league site for 2011; please refer to it for updates and further info. Your club and coach will be posting items regularly on the site.
- (h) Please check with your coach as to where they want you to sit for the game. Some coaches wish to have the parents away from the team bench. If you have an issue with the coach's decision, respect it, and discuss it with the club contact before making it an issue.

## Section 7.01 Referee Code of Conduct

- (a) To ensure a safe environment for all soccer participants, referees have been given special responsibilities and are therefore expected to act with professionalism and courtesy at all times. There is an OSA Board approved "Code of Conduct" for Ontario Referees contained in the following document:
- (b) Game officials having certain privileges through and by The Association, with respect to the game, shall realize and respect their responsibilities and duties to The Association and the game. The Association endorses the Canadian Soccer Association's "Code of Ethics" for Game Officials.
- (c) Specifically Game Officials shall:
  - (i) *Conduct themselves with dignity both on and off the field of play and shall, by example, endeavor to inspire the true principles of fair play and earn the respect of those whom they serve*
  - (ii) *Not cause The Association to become involved in any controversial matters and shall abide by the rules and regulations of the jurisdiction in which they officiate*
  - (iii) *Adhere to all standards and directives*
  - (iv) *Always be neat in appearance and maintain a high level of physical and mental fitness*
  - (v) *Study the Laws of the game and be aware of all changes, and shall enforce all said Laws and changes*
  - (vi) *Perform their designated responsibilities, including attending organized clinics and lectures, etc., and shall assist their colleagues in upgrading and improving their standards of officiating, instructing and assessing*
  - (vii) *Honor any appointments made for and accepted by them unless unable to do so by virtue of illness or personal emergency*
  - (viii) *Not publicly criticize other officials or any soccer association nor shall they make any statements to the media related to any game in which they were involved*
  - (ix) *Be subject to disciplinary action for not complying with this Code of Conduct.*

## Section 7.02      The Role and Scope of the Referees/Assistant Referees

- (a) This is a description of the duties of a referee officiating games in the NPSL. This may not necessarily apply to both referees and assistant referees.
- (b) Refer to the Code of Conduct
- (c) A referee shall keep in touch with his/her scheduling referee and be aware of all games they are scheduled to officiate.
- (d) A referee shall show up to games with the proper equipment required to complete their work and should include but is not limited to the following;
  - (i) *Whistle - Fox 40 recommended*
  - (ii) *A second whistle with a different sound or pitch e.g., pea whistle and pea-less whistle. This would be to negate the interference of whistle sounds from other referees when two fields are being played on in close proximity*
  - (iii) *Flags (linesperson)*
  - (iv) *Time Piece (watch)*
  - (v) *Uniform*
  - (vi) *Game Cards*
  - (vii) *Red and Yellow Cards (U12 groups and above)*
  - (viii) *Means to determine playing sides for teams (coin flip, or rock/paper/scissors)*
  - (ix) *FIFA rule book*
  - (x) *WATER*
  - (xi) *Sun protection*

- (e) A referee shall be punctual for their scheduled games, and this should include but is not limited to leaving time for the following;
- (i) Change into uniform*
  - (ii) Prepare Equipment*
    - 1) Set time piece for proper half-length for age group
    - 2) Fill out referee personal game card
  - (iii) Proper warm-ups*
  - (iv) Confirm field lining is correct and visible*
  - (v) Check goal nets for any holes and anything that may cause confusion or disagreement*
  - (vi) Check for corner flags*
  - (vii) Generally make oneself aware of the field you will be working with*
  - (viii) Give Coaches a 5 min notice before kick-off to prepare lines and get players into position*
  - (ix) Host a coaches meeting review the rules and game sheet (game sheet to be complete)*
  - (x) Check all cleats before the start of the game*
- (f) A referee shall officiate the game as shown and taught in applicable courses and with respect to the rules of the league and the rules of FIFA as they apply.
- (g) A referee shall show respect to all players, coaches, fans. (A referee can expect the same respect)
- (h) Any cards given out before, during, or after a match must be recorded in detail on the provided forms and submitted to the appropriate executive position as outlined within Part 6.
- (i) All referees must keep accurate account of match scores, cards, age groups, locations, teams, and ensure this information is reflected properly on the final game sheet before it is signed
- (j) Should a referee have any issues, the referee should contact their club head referee, and may defer to contact the league executive referee should there be a reason to bypass the club level.
- (k) At the completion of every game, the referee is to complete the game sheet, verifying all the information is correct, and that both team officials have sign it, and that copies have been handed out.
- (l) Referees should make themselves available for games on a call-in basis for any scheduling issues/conflicts/cancellations/sicknesses should they so choose.

## Section 7.03 Referee Pay Schedule

- (a) It is the responsibility of each Club to pay for all refereeing of their home games.
- (b) Each Club is entitled to determine how often they pay the referees. It is suggested by NPSL that each club make this known to their referees before the start of the season.
- (c) North Perth will reimburse the Clubs for the cost of refereeing needed for all tournament and playoff games.
- (d) Table 8 below lists the pay schedule by age group.

Referees Pay Schedule			
Age Group	Head Referee	Lining Fees per person	Total Per Game
U6	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$8.00
U8	\$13.00	\$0.00	\$13.00
U10	\$15.00	\$7.50	\$30.00
U12	\$17.00	\$8.50	\$34.00
U14	\$22.00	\$11.00	\$44.00
U16	\$28.00	\$14.00	\$56.00
U18	\$34.00	\$17.00	\$68.00

- (e) It is recommended that each club has its own pool of referees for their own home games. If however a Club needs to bring in a referee from another Club, this referee can get paid a mileage fee as per Table 9
- (f) The Kilometers use to calculate these fees are demonstrated in Tables 10 and 11.

Table 9

Mileage Payment Chart							
Payment	\$0.35 per kilometre						
	Newton	Elma	Listowel	Wallace	Howick	Palmerston	Drayton
Newton	\$0.00	\$5.25	\$8.40	\$9.45	\$16.80	\$12.95	\$11.20
Elma	\$5.25	\$0.00	\$4.20	\$5.25	\$11.55	\$9.10	\$15.75
Listowel	\$8.40	\$4.20	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8.40	\$5.25	\$11.20
Wallace	\$9.45	\$5.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8.05	\$4.55	\$10.15
Howick	\$16.80	\$11.55	\$8.40	\$8.05	\$0.00	\$8.05	\$14.00
Palmerston	\$12.95	\$9.10	\$5.25	\$4.55	\$8.05	\$0.00	\$6.30
Drayton	\$11.20	\$15.75	\$11.20	\$10.15	\$14.00	\$6.30	\$0.00
One way Calculations							

Table 10

Kilometre Chart							
	Newton	Elma	Listowel	Wallace	Howick	Palmerston	Drayton
Newton	0	15	24	27	48	37	32
Elma	15	0	12	15	33	26	45
Listowel	24	12	0	0	24	15	32
Wallace	27	15	0	0	23	13	29
Howick	48	33	24	23	0	23	40
Palmerston	37	26	15	13	23	0	18
Drayton	32	45	32	29	40	18	0

Table 11

Calculation Basis	
Newton	Based on City Centre
Elma	Based on Newry's City Centre
Listowel	Based on City Centre
Wallace	Based on Field Location
Howick	Base on Field Location
Palmerston	Based on City Centre
Drayton	Based on City Centre



## **Section 8.01 Introduction**

- (a) The League has adapted The Laws of the Game to suit the age group that is playing. The League has also adapted the field size on which each age group play on. Not every Club field is going to be the same as the other.**

## **Section 8.02 Laws of the Game**

- (a) The Laws of the Game, is the title for the rules of Soccer.**
- (b) The Laws of the Game will be followed for age groups U12 through to U16, which a few discretions as noted in this hand book.**

## **Section 8.03 Co-ed Rule**

- (a) The League is a co-ed recreational league and therefore all genders must be represented on the field at all times.**
- (b) This rule applies for the age groups U12 and up**
- (c) All teams are to have a max of 8 players of one gender, and min 3 players of the other gender on the field at all times. Failure to do so will result in the team having to play short this number of players.**

## **Section 8.04      General North Perth Soccer League Rules**

- (a) The North Perth Soccer League is a recreational soccer league providing organized soccer for kids from U6 through to U18. All teams are encouraged to have all players participate equally, regardless of gender or skill.**

**(b) General**

- (i) Shin pads must be worn by all players.*
- (ii) No jewelry or casts may be worn with the exception of Medical Alert. Soft casts are permitted at the discretion of the referee and should be reviewed with both coaches.*
- (iii) All body piercing must be taped to the body if they cannot be removed completely.*
- (iv) Knee braces must not have any metal showing.*
- (v) Soccer shoes strongly recommended. Running shoes can be worn. No metal cleats are allowed.*
- (vi) Players (excluding goalies) may wear Beanies, Bandanas and sweat bands.*
- (vii) Players signed in a select league may play in house league games.*
- (viii) Players may only play for one club in the NPSL.*
- (ix) A team may use players from a younger age group team when short of players for a regular season game. (see call-up rules)*
- (x) Players may play for only one team in the year-end tournaments for U6 through to U12.*
- (xi) A team that cannot field the minimum number of players for their division forfeits the game. (a fun game should be played since both teams are already there)*
- (xii) The home team must supply a referee for the game. If a referee is not there to officiate the game, both teams may agree to play the game with an agreed upon person acting as an official. Failure to agree on such a person will result in having to reschedule the game. The visiting team in this case would now be the host for the make-up game. The club now hosting the game has the right to recover the cost of officiating from the original hosting club.*
- (xiii) The home team must supply two linespersons for all U14, U16 and U18 games. One linesperson for a U10 game is required*
- (xiv) One week notice must be given to change a scheduled game whenever possible.*
- (xv) Canceled game due to weather must have a date set or a 0-0 score will result. If the game has made it to half time when inclement weather occurs, the game stands as played.*
- (xvi) If a game must be rescheduled after a team has "traveled" to the game site, the "traveling" team will become the host for the rescheduled game as they have already traveled once for the game. The cost of the referee out of courtesy should be covered by the original hosting club.*
- (xvii) More than one game per week made be required due to the number of teams registered with in a specific division.*
- (xviii) Players are to be registered and play within the appropriated age group and can not play within a younger age group without the consent of NPSL, and SWRSA.*

**(c) Proof of Age (For all scheduled league and playoff games)**

- (i) Clubs are responsible for establishing player's proof of age. The opposing team may request a proof of age of any player at the start of the game; at half time or at the end of the game. If the club cannot establish proof of age within 48 hours, the requesting club can issue a 'protest of game'. If a player is found to be overage at the end of the game, the requesting club can issue a 'protest of game'. Any inconsistencies in a player's proof of age will be included in the 'Referee report'. A coach may not remove his team from the field -if age is a question -or he/she will forfeit and wave his/her right to protest.*

## **Section 8.05      Lightning Policy**

- (a) For the safety of the children, NPSL has a Lightning Policy. All NPSL teams will use this policy. Rain, and or cold, is no reason for cancelling a game.**
- (b) All games and practices will be delayed at least 15 minutes after the sound of thunder, and / or a single lightning strike has been seen. All games and practices will be cancelled if there are multiple flashes of lightning occur.**
- (c) After the being made aware of either, thunder or lighting, the players, officials and parents must leave the field of play for shelter.**
- (d) Each Team should have an action plan in place that is known to all players and parents for this occurrence. Shelters are not available at all locations.**

## **Section 8.06      Hot Weather Policy**

- (a) To avoid heat stroke, and to ensure all players stay hydrated, coaches and officials may meet before the start of a game and determine that the game should be played in quarters instead of halves. Teams still, only switching ends at the ending of a half.**
- (b) This additional break is not to take time away from the game.**
- (c) The decision could be to have a hard stop time, or to simply stop the play at a natural stop in play during the game.**

## Section 8.07 Rules and Understanding when playing U6 Soccer for a North Perth Club

### (a) Age:

*(i) U6 is for kids 6 years of age or younger as of the season's calendar year*

### (b) Coaches

*(i) Each team is to have a minimum of one coach. The coach's qualifications are outlined in this booklet.*

### (c) Schedule

*(i) The season runs from the first of May to the middle of July.*

*(ii) The season games are scheduled for Wednesday nights, and are to start at 7:00. Depending on the number of teams within the age group this may vary.*

*(iii) If a club is not going to participate in season play, this must be submitted to North Perth by March 31<sup>st</sup>.*

*(iv) A yearend fun tournament is provided for all of the NPSL teams. Participation in this tournament is not optional. The tournament will always coincide with the Listowel Fall Fair. The Listowel Club will be responsible for scheduling games, and referees, and providing fields, for this tournament.*

### (d) Games

*(i) All games are played outdoors.*

*(ii) A referee is to be supplied by the home team for each game.*

*(iii) No score is to be kept for the games*

### (e) Rules

*(i) Teams are to switch ends at the end of a half.*

*(ii) Number of players on the field will consist of one goalie and 5 field position players.*

*(iii) Min. number of field position players is 4.*

*(iv) The game will be played with a size 3 soccer ball.*

*(v) Games will be 2 halves each 20 min long, for a total game length of 40 mins.*

*(vi) There is a 5 min half time break.*

*(vii) A toss of a coin, or a game of 'rock paper scissors', will be done before the start of each game, to determined which end each team will get and who kicks it off first.*

*(viii) After a goal is scored, play is to start again from centre with the team not scoring getting to kick it off.*

*(ix) If the ball exits play on one of the side lines, a throw in will be awarded to the team that was not the team to last touched the ball. Player will be given two chances to throw the ball in correctly. After the second chance, be it a correct throw-in or not, the play will continue.*

- (x) If the ball exits play at the end goal line, either a goal kick (see Retreat Line Rule) or corner kick will be rewarded.*
- (xi) Hand ball will not be called if a player is protecting him or herself, or if the contact was not intentional.*
- (xii) If at any time a player receives a head shot of any kind and the player shows any sign of discomfort, the play is to be stopped right away.*
- (xiii) One Coach will be permitted to be on the field during regular seasonal games to help the players along. The coach will not be allowed on the field during the yearend tournament.*
- (xiv) Substitutions are unlimited, and are permitted by any team at a stop in play or on the fly for all players other than the goalie. Goalie substitutions must be made at a stop in play with the acknowledgement of the referee. (see Substitution Rules).*
- (xv) All free kicks are to be indirect.*



## **Section 8.08      Rules & Understanding when playing U8 Soccer for a North Perth Club**

### **(a) Age:**

*(i) U8 is for kids 8 years of age or younger as of the season's calendar year*

### **(b) Coaches**

*(i) Each team is to have a minimum of one coach. The coach's qualifications are outlined in this booklet.*

### **(c) Schedule**

*(i) The season runs from the first of May to the end of July.*

*(ii) The season games are scheduled for Tuesday nights, and are to start at 7:00. Depending on the number of teams within the age group this may vary.*

*(iii) If a club is not going to participate in season play, this must be submitted to NPSL by March 31<sup>st</sup>.*

*(iv) A yearend tournament is provided for all of the NPSL teams. The tournament will always coincide with the last weekend of July. One game may be required to be played the week prior and the rest on the Saturday. It will be the responsibility of the NPSL to schedule games for the tournament. It will be the responsibility of the home team for, the weekday games, to arrange referees, and fields. The Host club for the Saturday tournament will be responsible for referees, a tournament committee, a discipline committee, and for presenting all required awards.*

### **(d) Games**

*(i) Teams are to switch ends at the end of a half.*

*(ii) All games are played outdoors.*

*(iii) A referee is to be supplied by the home team for each game.*

*(iv) Scores are to be kept for the games.*

*(v) Scores for games are to be reported directly to your team's web site. The Home team should report this score within 24 hours after the game is played. The Visiting team will be able to enter the score after this time has expired.*

### **(e) Rules**

*(i) Number of players on the field will consist of one goalie and 5 field position players.*

*(ii) Min. number of field position players is 4.*

*(iii) The game will be played with a size 3 soccer ball.*

*(iv) Games will be 2 halves each 20 min long, for a total game length of 40 mins.*

*(v) There is a 5 min half time break.*

*(vi) A toss of a coin, or a game of 'rock paper scissors', will be done before the start of each game, to determined which end each team will get and who kicks it off first.*

- (vii) After a goal is scored, play is to start again from centre with the team not scoring getting to kick it off.*
- (viii) If the ball exits play on one of the side lines, a throw in will be awarded to the team that was not the team to last touched the ball. Player will be given two chances to throw the ball in correctly. After the second chance, if the throw is still incorrect, the ball will change possession.*
- (ix) If the ball exits play at the end goal line, either a goal kick (see Retreat Line Rule) or corner kick will be rewarded.*
- (x) Hand ball will not be called if a player is protecting him or herself, or if the contact was not intentional, and the contact did not affect the play.*
- (xi) If at any time a player receives a head shot of any kind and the player shows any sign of discomfort, the play is to be stopped right away.*
- (xii) No one other than the players and referee are permitted on the field of play during the game.*
- (xiii) Substitutions are unlimited, and are permitted by any team at a stop in play (see Substitution Rules).*
- (xiv) All free kicks are to be indirect.*

## Section 8.09 Rules & Understanding when playing U10 Soccer for a North Perth Club

### (a) Age:

- (i) U10 is for kids 10 years of age or younger as of the season's calendar year*

### (b) Coaches

- (i) Each team is to have a minimum of one coach. The coach's qualifications are outlined in the Training and Qualification section of this booklet.*

### (c) Schedule

- (i) The season runs from the first of May to the end of July.*
- (ii) The season games are scheduled for Monday nights, and are to start at 7:00. Depending on the number of teams within the age group this may vary.*
- (iii) If a club is not going to participate in season play, this must be submitted to North Perth by March 31<sup>st</sup>.*
- (iv) A yearend tournament is provided for all of the North Perth teams. The tournament will always coincide with the last weekend of July. A min of one game is to be played the week prior and the rest on the Saturday. It will be the responsibility of the NPSL to schedule games for the tournament. It will be the responsibility of the home team for the weekday games, to arrange referees, and fields. The Host club for the Saturday tournament will be responsible for referees, a tournament committee, a discipline committee, and for presenting all required awards.*

### (d) Games

- (i) Teams are to switch ends at the end of a half.*
- (ii) All games are played outdoors.*
- (iii) A referee and one linesperson is to be supplied by the home team for each game.*
- (iv) Scores are to be kept for the games.*
- (v) Scores for games are to be reported directly to your team's web site. The Home team should report this score within 24 hours after the game is played. The Visiting team will be able to enter the score after this time has expired.*

### (e) Rules

- (i) Number of players on the field will consist of one goalie and 7 field position players.*
- (ii) Min. number of field position players is 5.*
- (iii) The game will be played with a size 4 soccer ball.*
- (iv) Games will be 2 halves each 25 min long, for a total game length of 50 mins.*
- (v) There is a 5 min half time break.*

- (vi) A toss of a coin, or a game of 'rock paper scissors', will be done before the start of each game, to determine which end each team will get and who kicks it off first.*
- (vii) After a goal is scored, play is to start again from centre with the team not scoring, getting to kick it off.*
- (viii) If the ball exits play on one of the side lines, a throw in will be awarded to the team that was not the team to last touch the ball. Players will be given only one chance to throw the ball in correctly. If the throw is incorrect, the ball will change possession.*
- (ix) If the ball exits play at the end goal line, either a goal kick (see Retreat Line Rule) or corner kick will be awarded.*
- (x) Hand ball will not be called if a player is protecting him or herself, or if the contact was not intentional, and the contact did not affect the play.*
- (xi) Offsides are to be called during play.*
- (xii) If at any time a player receives a head shot of any kind and the player shows any sign of discomfort, the play is to be stopped right away.*
- (xiii) No one other than the players and referee are permitted on the field of play during the game.*
- (xiv) Substitutions are unlimited, and are permitted by any team at a stop in play (see Substitution Rules).*
- (xv) All free kicks are to be indirect.*

## Section 8.10 Rules & Understanding when playing U12 Soccer for a North Perth Club

### (a) Age:

*(i) U12 is for kids 12 years of age or younger as of the season's calendar year*

### (b) Coaches

*(i) Each team is to have a minimum of one coach. The coach's qualifications are outlined in this booklet.*

### (c) Schedule

*(i) The season runs from the first of May to the end of July.*

*(ii) The season games are scheduled for Tuesday nights, and are to start at 7:00. Depending on the number of teams within the age group this may vary.*

*(iii) If a club is not going to participate in season play, this must be submitted to NPSL by March 31<sup>st</sup>.*

*(iv) A yearend tournament is provided for all of the NPSL teams. The tournament will always coincide with the last weekend of July. A min of one game is to be played the week prior and the rest on the Saturday. It will be responsibility of the NPSL to schedule games for the tournament. It will be the responsibility of the home team for, the weekday games, to arrange referees, linesman, and fields. The Host club for the Saturday tournament will be the responsible for referees, a tournament committee, a discipline committee, and for presenting all required awards.*

### (d) Games

*(i) All games are played outdoors.*

*(ii) Games are played on full sized fields.*

*(iii) A referee, and two linesmen are to be supplied by the home team for each game.*

*(iv) Scores are to be kept for the games.*

*(v) Scores for games are to be reported directly to your team's web site. The Home team should report this score within 24 hours after the game is played. The Visiting team will be able to enter the score after this time has expired.*

### (e) Rules

*(i) Number of players on the field will consist of one goalie and 10 field position players.*

*(ii) Min. number of field position players is 7.*

*(iii) The game will be played with a size 4 soccer ball.*

*(iv) Games will be 2 halves each 30 min long, for a total game length of 60 mins.*

*(v) There is a 5 min half time break.*

*(vi) A toss of a coin, or a game of 'rock paper scissors', will be done before the start of each game, to determined which end each team will get and who kicks it off first.*

- (vii) After a goal is scored, play is to start again from centre with the team not scoring, getting to kick it off.*
- (viii) If the ball exits play on one of the side lines, a throw in will be awarded to the team that was not the team to last touch the ball. Player will be given only one chance to throw the ball in correctly. If the throw is incorrect, the ball will change possession.*
- (ix) If the ball exits play at the end goal line, either a goal kick or corner kick will be awarded.*
- (x) Hand ball will not be called if a player is protecting him or herself.*
- (xi) Offsides are to be called during play.*
- (xii) If at any time a player receives a head shot of any kind and the player shows any sign of discomfort, the play is to be stopped right away.*
- (xiii) No one other than the players and referee are permitted on the field of play during the game*
- (xiv) Substitutions are unlimited, and are permitted by any team at a stop in play excluding corner kicks. (see Substitution Rules).*

## Section 8.11 Rules & Understanding when playing U14 Soccer for a North Perth Club

### (a) Age:

*(i) U14 is for kids 14 years of age or younger as of the season's calendar year*

### (b) Coaches

*(i) Each team is to have a minimum of one coach. The coach's qualifications are outlined in this booklet.*

### (c) Schedule

*(i) The season runs from the first of May to the end of July.*

*(ii) The season games are scheduled for Wednesday nights, and are to start at 7:00. Depending on the number of teams within the age group this may vary.*

*(iii) If a club is not going to participate in season play, this must be submitted to NPSL by March 31<sup>st</sup>.*

*(iv) Year end playoffs are scheduled for all of the NPSL teams. The start of the playoffs, will always coincide with the last week of July. Games are to be played on regular game nights, but this could change based on availability, and the number of teams. It will be the responsibility of the NPSL to schedule games for the tournament. It will be the responsibility of the home team for, the weekday games, to arrange referees, linesmen, and fields. It is the responsibility of the NPSL to provide a discipline committee, and presenter for presenting all required awards at the final games.*

### (d) Games

*(i) All games are played outdoors.*

*(ii) Games are played on full sized fields.*

*(iii) A referee, and two linesmen are to be supplied by the home team for each game.*

*(iv) Scores are to be kept for the games.*

*(v) Scores for games are to be reported directly to your team's web site. The Home team should report this score within 24 hours after the game is played. The Visiting team will be able to enter the score after this time has expired.*

### (e) Rules

*(i) Number of players on the field will consist of one goalie and 10 field position players.*

*(ii) Min. number of field position players is 7.*

*(iii) Refer to the Coed Rule in this booklet.*

*(iv) The game will be played with a size 5 soccer ball.*

*(v) Games will be 2 halves each 35 min long, for a total game length of 70 mins.*

*(vi) There is a 5 min half time break.*

- (vii) A toss of a coin, or a game of 'rock paper scissors', will be done before the start of each game to determine which end each team will get and who kicks it off first.*
- (viii) FIFA rules apply, unless stated otherwise*
- (ix) If at any time a player receives a head shot of any kind and the player shows any sign of discomfort, the play is to be stopped right away.*
- (x) No one other than the players and referee are permitted on the field of play during the game.*
- (xi) Substitutions are unlimited, and are permitted by any team at a stop excluding corner kicks. (see Substitution Rules).*



## Section 8.12 Rules & Understanding when playing U16 Soccer for a North Perth Club

### (a) Age:

- (i) U16 is for kids 16 years of age or younger as of the season's calendar year*

### (b) Coaches

- (i) Each team is to have a minimum of one coach. The coach's qualifications are outlined in the Training and Qualification section of this booklet.*

### (c) Schedule

- (i) The season runs from the first of May to the end of July.*
- (ii) The season games are scheduled for Thursday nights, and are to start at 7:00. Depending on the number of teams within the age group this may vary.*
- (iii) If a club is not going to participate in season play, this must be submitted to NPSL by March 31<sup>st</sup>.*
- (iv) Year end playoffs are scheduled for all of the NPSL teams. The start of the playoffs will always coincide with the last week of July. Games are to be played on regular game nights, but this could change based on availability, and the number of teams. It will be responsibility of the NPSL to schedule games for the tournament. It will be the responsibility of the home team for the weekday games, to arrange referees, linesmen, and fields. It is the responsibility of the NPSL to provide a discipline committee, and presenter for presenting all required awards at the final games.*

### (d) Games

- (i) All games are played outdoors.*
- (ii) Games are played on full sized fields.*
- (iii) A referee and two linesmen are to be supplied by the home team for each game.*
- (iv) Scores are to be kept for the games.*
- (v) Scores for games are to be reported directly to your team's web site. The Home team should report this score within 24 hours after the game is played. The Visiting team will be able to enter the score after this time has expired.*

### (e) Rules

- (i) Number of players on the field will consist of one goalie and 10 field position players.*
- (ii) Min. number of field position players is 7.*
- (iii) Refer to the Coed Rule in this booklet.*
- (iv) The game will be played with a size 5 soccer ball.*
- (v) Games will be 2 halves each 40 min long, for a total game length of 80 mins.*
- (vi) There is a 5 min half time break.*

- (vii) A toss of a coin, or a game of 'rock paper scissors', will done before the start of each game, to determined which end each time will get and who kicks it off first.*
- (viii) FIFA rules apply, unless stated otherwise*
- (ix) If at any time a player receives a head shot of any kind and the player shows any sign of discomfort, the play is to be stopped right away.*
- (x) No one other than the players and referee are permitted on the field of play during the game.*
- (xi) Substitutions are unlimited, and are permitted by any team at a stop excluding corner kicks. (see Substitution Rules).*

## Section 8.13 Rules & Understanding when playing U18 Soccer for a North Perth Club

### (a) Age:

*(i) U18 is for kids 18 years of age or younger as of the season's calendar year*

### (b) Coaches

*(i) Each team is to have a minimum one coach. The coach's qualifications are outlined in the Training and Qualification section of this booklet.*

### (c) Schedule

*(i) The season runs from the first of May to the end of July.*

*(ii) The season games are schedule for Monday nights, and are to start at 7:00.*

*(iii) If a club is not going to participate in season play, this must be submitted to NPSL by March 31<sup>st</sup>.*

*(iv) A year end playoffs are for all of the NPSL teams. Participation in this tournament is not optional. The start of playoffs, will always co onside with the last week of July. Games are to be played on regular game nights, but this could change based on availability, and the number of teams. It will be responsibility of the NPSL to schedule games for the tournament. It will be the responsibility of the home team for, the weekday games, to arrange referees, and fields. It is the responsibility of the NPSL to provide a discipline committee, and presenter for presenting all required awards at the final games.*

### (d) Games

*(i) All games are played outdoors.*

*(ii) Games are played on full sized fields.*

*(iii) A referee, and two linesmen are to be supplied by the home team for each game. The referee's qualifications are outlined in this booklet.*

*(iv) Scores are to be kept for the games.*

*(v) Scores for games are to be reported directly to your team's web site. The Home team should report this score within 24 hours after the game is played. The Visiting team will be able to enter the score after this time has expired.*

### (e) Rules

*(i) Number of players on the field will consist of one goalie and 10 field position players.*

*(ii) Min. number of field position players is 7.*

*(iii) Refer to the Coed Rule in this booklet.*

*(iv) The game will be played with a size 5 soccer ball.*

*(v) Games will be 2 halves each 45 min long, for a total game length of 90 mins.*

*(vi) There is a 5 min half time break.*

- (vii) A toss of a coin, or a game of 'rock paper scissors', will be done before the start of each game, to determine which end each team will get and who kicks it off first.*
- (viii) FIFA rules apply, unless stated otherwise*
- (ix) If at any time a player receives a head shot of any kind and the player shows any sign of discomfort, the play is to be stopped right away.*
- (x) No one other than the players and referee are permitted on the field of play during the game.*

## Section 8.14 Quick Reference for Games

### (a) Length of Games

- (i) U6 is to be 2 - 20 minute halves for a total game length of 40 minutes. There should be at least a 5 minute break between halves.*
- (ii) U8 is to be 2 - 20 minute halves for a total game length of 40 minutes. There should be at least a 5 minute break between halves.*
- (iii) U10 is to be 2 - 25 minute halves for a total game length of 50 minutes. There should be at least a 5 minute break between halves.*
- (iv) U12 is to be 2 - 30 minute halves for a total game length of 60 minutes. There should be at least a 5 minute break between halves.*
- (v) U14 is to be 2 - 35 minute halves for a total game length of 70 minutes. There should be at least a 5 minute break between halves.*
- (vi) U16 is to be 2 - 40 minute halves for a total game length of 80 minutes. There should be at least a 5 minute break between halves.*
- (vii) U18 is to be 2 - 45 minute halves for a total game length of 90 minutes. There should be at least a 5 minute break between halves.*

### (b) All teams to switch ends at the end of a half.

### (c) Team snacks should be left until after the game if your team participates in this. Snacks at half time should be nutrition breaks not "treat" breaks.

## Section 8.15 Referees Discretions

### (a) U6

- (i) Allow up to two tries for a single throw in (no possession change after second, play should continue)*
- (ii) Coaches are not permitted on the field for the yearend tournament.*
- (iii) Referees are to assist and teach when making a call*
- (iv) Play is to be stopped right away if a player is hit in the head with a ball or by another player.*
- (v) If a player is hurt on the field, play is to be stopped right away.*

### (b) U8

- (i) Allow a second try for a single throw. Failure to do a proper throw in after the second try possession should change.*
- (ii) Referees are to assist and teach when making a call*
- (iii) Play is to be stopped right away if a player is hit in the head with a ball or by another player.*
- (iv) If a player is hurt on the field, play is to be stopped if there is no scoring opportunity, or until the threat of one is over.*

### (c) U10

- (i) No second chances for throw-ins*
- (ii) Referees are to assist and teach when making a call*
- (iii) If a player is hurt on the field, play is to be stopped if there is no scoring opportunity, or until the threat of one is over.*

### (d) U12

- (i) No second chances for throw-ins*
- (ii) Referees are to assist and teach when making a call*
- (iii) If a player is hurt on the field, play is to be stopped if there is no scoring opportunity, or until the threat of one is over.*
- (iv) Referees are to communicate the call to the players and coaches if asked, and provide a brief explanation*

### (e) U14, U16 and U18

- (i) Referees are to communicate the call to the players and coaches if asked*

## Section 8.16

## North Perth Soccer League Tournament Rules

Regular Season Rules apply except for the noted

(a) Points rewarded for a tournament are as follows

*(i) 3 for a win*

*(ii) 1 for a draw*

*(iii) 0 for a loss*

(b) For round robin games ending in a tie each team will be awarded one point. All championship games or knock out games will have extended play and then a shootout to determine the winner. This format is explained later in the rules, and these games will be identified on the schedule.

(c) U14, U16, U18 only

*(i) Due to registration numbers on a team in any given year – teams will be permitted to call up players in order to ensure that the team can play. See Call-up Rules*

(d) Proof of Age (For all playoff games – U14, U16, U18)

*(i) Clubs are responsible for establishing player's proof of age. The opposing team may request a proof of age of any player at the start of the game; at half time or at the end of the game. If the club cannot establish proof of age within 48 hours, the requesting club can issue a 'protest of game'. If a player is found to be overage at the end of the game, the requesting club can issue a 'protest of game'. Any inconsistencies in a player's proof of age will be included in the 'Referee report'. A coach may not remove his team from the field -if age is a question -or he/she will forfeit and wave his/her right to protest. All teams should have a roster sheet with them for all playoff and tournament games to avoid any issues. If calling up a player, it is suggested that you have the team's roster that this player is rostered to.*

(e) Referees for U14 and up

*(i) The home team must supply a referee and two linespersons for all U14, U16 and U18 games.*

*(ii) For the final games of the U14, U16, and U18 the referee must be approved by the North Perth Executive.*

(f) Referees for U6 to U12

*(i) The home team must supply a referee for any playoff / round robin games played through the week. On tournament day, it is up to the hosting centers to have the required referees for all games.*

**(g) Hosting a Tournament – General Requirements (just the basics noted so coaches know)**

*(i) Must have a common area for persons to find the following;*

- 1) First Aid
- 2) Standings / reporting scores
- 3) A Tournament organizer

*(ii) Refreshments are not mandatory, and if the decision is not to have any, please let the other clubs know this ahead of time.*

*(iii) U12 tournament is to have a Disciplinary Committee on site ready to deal with any issue within one hour after the conclusion of the game.*

*(iv) Someone to present awards at the conclusion of the Championship games.*

**(h) Game Sheets, Scores and Discipline – U8, U10, U12**

*(i) If playing during the week of July 19<sup>th</sup>, the home team is to provide a game sheet for both teams to record game rosters.*

*(ii) The tournament committee will supply the game sheets on the Saturday tournaments for U8 and up.*

*(iii) The home team and the referee are responsible for keeping score.*

*(iv) Both team's coaches and head referee are to review the game sheet before the start of the game, and are to sign the game sheet at the end of the game.*

*(v) If playing a game during the week of July 19<sup>th</sup>, both teams are to bring their copy of the game sheet to the Tournament table on the Saturday morning to have the score recorded.*

*(vi) Any red or yellow cards handed out during a game must be recorded on the game sheet, by the referee, and taken to the tournament table by the referee, right after the game, so that the Discipline Committee of the tournament can meet within the hour. If the offence takes place during the week, the hearing will be first thing on the Saturday morning. The referee must be available for this meeting, along with the player, and coach.*

*(vii) Discipline for the tournaments is the responsibility of the hosting clubs.*



**(i) Game Sheets, Scores and Discipline – U14, U16, U18**

*(i) The home team is to provide a game sheet for both teams to record game rosters.*

*(ii) The home team and the referee are responsible for keeping score.*

*(iii) Both team's coaches and head referee are to review the game sheet before the start of the game, and are to sign the game sheet at the end of the game.*

*(iv) Any red or yellow cards handed out during a game must be recorded on the game sheet by the referee and reported the same evening to the league's Referee & Chief.*

1) The North Perth Discipline Committee will notify everyone involved of the first available time to meet and review the offence.

2) The referee must be available for this meeting, along with the player, parent and coach.

*(v) Scores are to be reported on line with 24 hours after the game is played*

**(j) Age Group Specific Rules for the North Perth Soccer League Tournaments**

***(i) U6 & U8 Division***

1) No coaches or helpers on the field of play

## **(k) Procedure if Still Tied After Regulation**

*(i) If tied after regulation for a round robin game – the tie stands*

*(ii) If tied after regulation in a final's game, or for a knock out game tournament format, please proceed as follows; (these game will be indicated on the schedule)*

1) Extended Play

a) *For U8, U10 and U12, play two halves each 10 minutes in length, with a 2min break between the halves. (a break of 5 mins will be granted before the start of the extra time)*

b) *For U14, U16 and U18, play two halves each 15 minutes in length, with a 2min break between the halves. (a break of 5 mins will be granted before the start of the extra time)*

c) *The extra time is 'Golden Goal' wins. In other words, the first team to score wins at any point in time during the extended play.*

2) If still tied after Extended Play the teams go to a shootout.

a) *Once the play of extend play ends, no player is allowed to leave the field. All players on the field are to make their way to centre field for instructions. The coach is permitted to do the same. ALL PLAYERS THAT DID NOT FINISH THE GAME ON THE FIELD ARE TO REMAIN OFF THE FIELD.*

b) *Once all players and coaches are at centre field the REFEREE is to determine the following;*

i) *A goal which is to be used by both teams to defend in for the shootout*

ii) *The distance off the goal line in which the shooter is to position the ball*

iii) *Toss a coin to determine which team gets to shoot first. The team which wins the coin toss gets to select if they wish to shoot first or second.*

c) *Once this has been decided the coaches must arrange the following;*

i) *Their first 5 shooters. Out of the first 3 shooters, there must be at least two of one gender and one of the other. After the first 3, any gender can shoot.*

ii) *The shooter can be*

a. *Any one of the player still on the field (these are the players that finished the extended play, no bench players can shoot in the shootout and they should still remain off the field)*

b. *The goalie can be a shooter (and will be if needed before rotating through a second time – see point 'c').*

iii) *The goalie needs to be selected, and the goalie can be any one of the players that finished the extended play. The goalie must be the same goalie for the entire shootout.*

a. *Teams will alternate shooting, until all 5 shooters have taken their shoots. The team with the most goals scored during this, is the winner.*

b. *If still tied after the first five shooters, each team will send one player at a time to take their shot. No player can shoot more than once. After each team's shot, if still tied this will continue until there is a winner.*

c. *What if you use up all you players on the field during this process? You may start from the beginning again, but it does not have to be in the same order. Each player would then have to shoot twice before a player could shoot for a third time.*

## Section 8.19      Retreat Line Rules

This is being introduced to NPSL for the 2016 Season. The description / explanation of this rule is taken from the Laws of the Small Sided Game created by OSA revised December 2014.

This rule will apply to U6, U8 and U10

### (a) The Retreat Line

*(i) The retreat line will come into play when the ball has gone out for a goal kick or when the goalkeeper has the ball in his/her arms. The retreat line shall be marked at the 1/3 rds of the field. The use of field markers, outside the field of play to indicate the retreat line is recommended.*

*a) NPSL's revision, to the statement above.*

*i) Fields are to have the markers painted on the field by using a 24" – 36" long chevron inside the touch lines. Cones or markers can still be used in addition to.*

*ii) NPSL would like to see the distance of the retreat line located the same distance off the goal line on each pitch regardless of the size of pitch. For the 2016 season the distance of 40' off the goal line will be tried.*

*(ii) The ball is in play once it leaves the penalty area. All opponents must be behind the line and cannot cross the retreat line until the ball;*

1) Is touched by a player of the team releasing the ball OR,

2) Leaves the field of play OR,

3) Goes over the retreat line. (if the goaltender chooses to play the ball across the retreat line prior to the opposition crossing the retreat line)

### *(iii) Infringements*

1) If the ball is not kicked directly out of the penalty area from the a goal kick, goal kick is retaken.

2) If a player who has taken a goal kick correctly deliberately plays the ball a second time or touches the ball with his/her hand when the ball has left the penalty area before another player has touched it, an indirect free kick is awarded to the opposing team from the position where the second touch occurred.

## Section 8.20      Player Call-up Rule FOR U12- U18

This is being introduced to NPSL for the 2015 Season.

U12 – U18 Teams can call up players to replace rostered players. These called up players are still only permitted to play for one team per, age group. They must be identified on the game sheet.

U12 is not permitted call ups for tournament games

- (a) No matter how many players you maybe short, you can only replace players up to and including a roster of 15 players. This means that if there is an AP player identified player on the game sheet there better not be more than 15 players on the roster sheet.
- (b) In order to have AP players you must have 4 players min of any one gender (co-ed rule plus one). Failure to comply to the co-ed rule plus one, teams will not be permit to have any other AP players for that game.

### Examples

*(i) I have 16 rostered players, 6 girls and 9 boys. I am going to be 2 boys and one girl short, what are my options (in order I should consider the following)*

- a) Play with what I have because I can still field a team and have subs for the girls and boys.*
- b) Call up 1 girl and 1 boy to max out at 15 players, to replace the missing girl and 1 of the boys*
- c) Could call up 2 boys because I have min 4 girls, again maxing out with 15 players*

*(ii) I have 20 rostered players, 4 girls, and 16 boys. I am going to be short 5 boys and 1 girl, what are my options (in order I should consider the following)*

- a) Play with what I have because I can still field a team and have two subs, but I would be short a girl sub*
- b) In this case I would be able to AP a girl so to have sub, and max out at 15 and no other player would be permitted*

**(c) I have a roster of 14 players, with everyone coming, what are my options (in order I should consider the following)**

- a) 1. Play as is, because this is what my club dictated as a fair size team*
- b) 2. The rule would allow you to call up one player, Girl first if I only had 3 to start with, or a boy if I already had 4 girls min rostered.*

**NO excuses. Ensure your game sheets are filled out before you get started, and you review them with the referees before you start. If the sheets are signed by everyone, everyone is acknowledging that they agreed to everything that is on it.**

## Section 8.21 Slide Tackles

Although slide tackles are a part of the game of soccer, it is the opinion of the NPSL that slide tackles are prohibited in our league.

With players of all different sizing and skill, it is the opinion that slide tackles present an unsafe game for some players. This does not mean that sliding cannot occur, just not in a form of sliding in to ones feet.

Since slide tackles are a part of the official games rules, in our league they should be call accordingly;

- (i) An illegal slide tackle is called no differently in our game, as it would in any other, and is punishable offence, no differently than if slide tackles were permitted. (see Laws of the Game)*
- (ii) A legal side tackle in our league, would be a technical foul, which would result in a free kick to the non offending team. The free kick would be an indirect free kick no matter where the foul occurs on the pitch, including within the penalty area. Spotting of the ball is where the offence had taken place, even if inside the penalty area.*

## Section 9.01 Regular Season Schedules

(a) All North Perth teams are encouraged to play in the regular season play. If any club wishes not to participate, or cannot, they are to make this know to the Board no later than March 31<sup>st</sup>. Fees are still due per team even it teams are not going to play within the Leagues regular season.

(b) The following is a guideline of the length of a regular season, by age group.

Age Group	Start of Season	End of Season	Weeks of Regular Season	Weeks of Playoffs
U6	1 <sup>st</sup> week of May	2 <sup>nd</sup> weekend of July	11	one weekend
U8	1 <sup>st</sup> Week of May	Weekend before Civic	11	one week
U10	1 <sup>st</sup> week of May	Weekend before Civic	11	one week
U12	1 <sup>st</sup> week of May	Weekend before Civic	12	one week
U14	1 <sup>st</sup> week of May	2 <sup>nd</sup> week of August	12	three weeks
U16	1 <sup>st</sup> week of May	2 <sup>nd</sup> week of August	12	three weeks
U18	1 <sup>st</sup> week of May	2 <sup>nd</sup> week of August	12	three weeks
Kiddie Kickers (U5)	Club Decision	Club Decision	Club Decision	Club Decision

- (c) Number of regular season games that teams are required to play, does not directly represent the number of weeks of the regular season. The Board of Directors will first try to achieve a balanced schedule for all teams within their divisions of play. Each age group may consist of more than one division as dictated by the Directors in order to achieve the balance schedule. (The number of fields available may force an unbalanced home and away games for anyone team)
- (d) The following tables illustrate formats used based on the number of teams registered in anyone age group. If more than one division in any age group is required, the Board of Directors will be responsible for creating the divisions. These tables represent a balance schedule, of home and away, as well as ensuring each team plays the same opponents within their division. One division, due to numbers, may have play additional games.
- a) *Table 1 - Division Options for the Regular Season*
  - b) *Table 2a - 4 Team Division Schedule*
  - c) *Table 2b - 4 Team Layout*
  - d) *Table 3a - 5 Team Division Schedule*
  - e) *Table 3b - 5 Team Layout*
  - f) *Table 4a - 6 Team Division Schedule*
  - g) *Table 4b - 6 Team Layout*
  - h) *Table 5a - 7 Team Division Schedule*
  - i) *Table 5b - 7 Team Layout*
  - j) *Table 6a - 8 Team Division Schedule*
  - k) *Table 6b - 8 Team Layout*

Table 1

Regular Season Division Options									
Number of Teams per Age Group	Options for Number of Divisions	Number of Teams in Division A	Number of Games for Division A	Number of Teams in Division B	Number of Games for Division B	Number of Teams in Division C	Number of Games for Division C	Number of Teams in Division D	Number of Games for Division D
4 Team	1	4	12						
5 Team	1	5	12						
6 Team	1	6	10						
7 Team	1	7	12						
8 team	1	8	14						
8 Team	2	4	12	4	12				
9 Team	2	5	12	4	12				
10 Team	2	5	12	5	12				
11 Team	2	6	10	5	12				
12 Team	3	4	12	4	12	4	12		
12 Team	2	6	10	6	10				
13 Team	3	6	10	7	12				
14 Team	3	5	12	5	12	4	12		
15 Team	3	5	12	5	12	5	12		
16 Team	4	4	12	4	12	4	12	4	12
16 Team	2	8	14	8	14				



**Table 2a**

**4 Team Schedule - Total of 12 Games over 12 game dates**

Game Day #	Home	Away
1	1	2
	3	4
2	1	3
	2	4
3	1	4
	2	3
4	2	1
	4	3
5	3	1
	4	2
6	4	1
	3	2
7	1	2
	3	4
8	1	3
	2	4
9	1	4
	2	3
10	2	1
	4	3
11	3	1
	4	2
12	4	1
	3	2

**Table 2b**

4 Team Layout x2		
1	hosts	2
1	hosts	3
1	hosts	4
2	hosts	3
2	hosts	4
2	hosts	1
3	hosts	4
3	hosts	1
3	hosts	2
4	hosts	1
4	hosts	2
4	hosts	3

Balanced schedule with each team hosting each team twice

Table 3a

5 Team Schedule - Total of 12 Games over 15 game dates

Game Day			
#	Home	Away	Bye
1	1	2	5
	3	4	
2	5	1	4
	2	3	
3	4	5	2
	1	3	
4	2	5	1
	4	3	
5	4	1	3
	5	2	
6	3	1	5
	2	4	
7	1	5	4
	3	2	
8	1	4	2
	5	3	
9	3	5	1
	4	2	
10	2	1	3
	5	4	
11	1	2	5
	3	4	
12	5	1	4
	2	3	
13	4	5	2
	3	1	
14	5	3	1
	4	2	
15	1	4	3
	2	5	

Table 3b

5 Team Layout		
1	hosts	2
1	hosts	3
1	hosts	4
1	hosts	5
2	hosts	1
2	hosts	3
2	hosts	4
2	hosts	5
3	hosts	1
3	hosts	2
3	hosts	4
3	hosts	5
4	hosts	1
4	hosts	2
4	hosts	3
4	hosts	5
5	hosts	1
5	hosts	2
5	hosts	3
5	hosts	4
1	hosts	2
1	hosts	4
2	hosts	3
2	hosts	5
3	hosts	1
3	hosts	4
4	hosts	2
4	hosts	5
5	hosts	1
5	hosts	3

Balanced schedule with each team playing each team 3 times

\* dates 11 through to 15 each team plays each other once more, each playing two away and two at home

Table 4a

**6 Team Schedule - Total of 10 Games over 10 game dates**

Game Day #	Home	Away
1	1	2
	3	4
	5	6
2	1	4
	3	6
	5	2
3	2	3
	4	5
	6	1
4	2	5
	4	1
	6	3
5	1	3
	2	4
	6	5
6	6	2
	5	1
	4	3
7	1	5
	4	6
	3	2
8	2	1
	5	3
	6	4
9	2	6
	3	1
	5	4
10	1	6
	3	5
	4	2

Balanced to this point home and away playing each other twice

*Table 4b*

6 Team Layout		
1	hosts	2
1	hosts	3
1	hosts	4
1	hosts	5
1	hosts	6
2	hosts	3
2	hosts	4
2	hosts	5
2	hosts	6
2	hosts	1
3	hosts	4
3	hosts	5
3	hosts	6
3	hosts	1
3	hosts	2
4	hosts	5
4	hosts	6
4	hosts	1
4	hosts	2
4	hosts	3
5	hosts	6
5	hosts	1
5	hosts	2
5	hosts	3
5	hosts	4
6	hosts	1
6	hosts	2
6	hosts	3
6	hosts	4
6	hosts	5

Table 5a

7 Team Schedule - Total of 12 games over 14 game dates

Game Day #	Home	Away	Bye
1	1	2	7
	3	4	
	5	6	
2	1	4	6
	3	7	
	5	2	
3	2	3	5
	4	7	
	6	1	
4	2	5	4
	7	1	
	6	3	
5	1	7	3
	2	4	
	6	5	
6	6	7	2
	5	1	
	4	3	
7	7	5	1
	4	6	
	3	2	
8	2	1	7
	5	3	
	6	4	
9	2	7	6
	3	1	
	5	4	
10	1	6	5
	7	3	
	4	2	
11	1	3	4
	2	6	
	5	7	
12	1	5	3
	6	2	
	7	4	
13	7	6	2
	4	1	
	3	5	
14	4	5	1
	3	6	
	7	2	

balanced to this point home and away playing each other twice

Table 5b

7 Team Layout		
1	hosts	2
1	hosts	3
1	hosts	4
1	hosts	5
1	hosts	6
1	hosts	7
2	hosts	3
2	hosts	4
2	hosts	5
2	hosts	6
2	hosts	1
2	hosts	7
3	hosts	4
3	hosts	5
3	hosts	6
3	hosts	1
3	hosts	2
3	hosts	7
4	hosts	5
4	hosts	6
4	hosts	1
4	hosts	2
4	hosts	3
4	hosts	7
5	hosts	6
5	hosts	1
5	hosts	2
5	hosts	3
5	hosts	4
5	hosts	7
6	hosts	1
6	hosts	2
6	hosts	3
6	hosts	4
6	hosts	5
6	hosts	7
7	hosts	6
7	hosts	5
7	hosts	4
7	hosts	3
7	hosts	2
7	hosts	1

Table 6a

8 Team Schedule - total of 14 Games over 14 game dates

Game Day #	Home	Away	Game Day #	Home	Away
1	1	5	8	8	1
	2	6		7	2
	3	7		6	3
	4	8		5	4
2	5	1	9	1	4
	6	2		2	5
	7	3		3	8
	8	4		6	7
3	1	2	10	4	1
	3	4		5	2
	5	6		8	3
	7	8		7	6
4	2	1	11	1	6
	4	3		2	8
	6	5		3	5
	8	7		4	7
5	1	3	12	6	1
	2	4		8	2
	5	7		5	3
	6	8		7	4
6	3	1	13	1	7
	4	2		2	3
	7	5		4	6
	8	6		5	8
7	1	8	14	7	1
	2	7		3	2
	3	6		6	4
	4	5		8	5

Balanced to this point home and away playing each other twice

Table 6b

8 Team Layout					
1	hosts	2	5	hosts	6
1	hosts	3	5	hosts	7
1	hosts	4	5	hosts	8
1	hosts	5	5	hosts	1
1	hosts	6	5	hosts	2
1	hosts	7	5	hosts	3
1	hosts	8	5	hosts	4
2	hosts	3	6	hosts	7
2	hosts	4	6	hosts	8
2	hosts	5	6	hosts	1
2	hosts	6	6	hosts	2
2	hosts	7	6	hosts	3
2	hosts	8	6	hosts	4
2	hosts	1	6	hosts	5
3	hosts	4	7	hosts	8
3	hosts	5	7	hosts	1
3	hosts	6	7	hosts	2
3	hosts	7	7	hosts	3
3	hosts	8	7	hosts	4
3	hosts	1	7	hosts	5
3	hosts	2	7	hosts	6
4	hosts	5	8	hosts	1
4	hosts	6	8	hosts	2
4	hosts	7	8	hosts	3
4	hosts	8	8	hosts	4
4	hosts	1	8	hosts	5
4	hosts	2	8	hosts	6
4	hosts	3	8	hosts	7

## **Section 9.02      Yearend Tournaments and/or Play down Schedules**

- (a) Yearend Tournaments are to be held for U6, U8, U10, and U12 finishing no later than the weekend before the August Civic weekend.**
- (b) The U6 Yearend Tournament corresponds with the weekend of the Listowel Fair, and is played in Listowel. This tournament is for fun, which no scores are to be kept. Each team will play the same number of games.**
- (c) U8, U10, and U12 Yearend Tournaments are to be held on the Saturday prior to the Civic long weekend. These tournaments are formatted base on the season standing, and can vary from year to year based on the number of teams within an age group, and the number of pools used for the tournament schedule. A game through the week prior to this Saturday maybe required depending on the number of games required. The formats try to have each team play a minimum of 2 games on the weekend.**
- (d) Play downs are to be held for U14, U16, and U18 with games being played through the week. The start of play downs can vary depending on the length of the regular season. The number of games required in each playoff round will depend on the number of teams registered, and the number of teams with in a pool.**
- (e) All formats for all age groups should be posted on the leagues website within the first month of the start of the season.**
- (f) The following table illustrates the number of teams registered in anyone age group, and the number of pools and their size, for the playoffs.**

**Table 7 – Pool Options based on Number of Teams within an Age Group**

# of teams in an age group	# of teams in pool A	# of teams in pool B	# of teams in pool C	# of teams in pool D	# of teams in pool E
5	5	0	0	0	0
6	3	3	0	0	0
7	4	0	3	0	0
8	4	4	0	0	0
8	8	0	0	0	0
9	3	3	3	0	0
10	3	3	4	0	0
11	3	3	5	0	0
12	3	3	3	3	0
13	3	3	3	4	0
14	3	3	4	4	0
15	3	3	3	3	3
16	3	3	3	3	4
16	8	0	8	0	0

**(g) Pools A and B would play for the A Championship, while Pools C and D would play for the B Championship and Pool E, would play for the C Championship..**

**Section 9.03 Pool Play for Tournaments and Play Downs**

**(a) 2 - 3 Team Pools**

*(i) Each Team would play each other once within their pool. And then play the equivalent team within their adjacent pool once, with only the top teams earning a prize.*

**(b) Two - Three Team Pools Playing for a Championship**

*Reminder placement within this schedule is based on regular season standings and the number of divisions, and this is just a scheduling guide. Note; one is the highest placed team.*

In Pool A	1, 4, 6	In Pool B	2, 3, 5
1 vs. 6		2 vs. 3	
1 vs. 4		2 vs. 5	
4 vs. 6		3 vs. 5	
1 <sup>st</sup> vs. 1 <sup>st</sup>	For the Championship		
2 <sup>nd</sup> vs. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Two second place teams play a game		
3 <sup>rd</sup> vs. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Two third place teams play a game		



**(c) 2 - 4 Team Pools**

*(i) Each Team would play each other once within their pool. And then the top two teams would play off for the Championship.*

**(d) Table 9 – Two - Four Team Pools Playing for a Championship**

*Reminder placement within this schedule is based on regular season standings and the number of divisions, and this is just a scheduling guide. Note; 1 is the highest placed team.*

In Pool A	1, 4, 6, 8	In Pool B	2, 3, 5, 7
1 vs. 8		2 vs. 3	
1 vs. 6		2 vs. 5	
1 vs. 4		2 vs. 7	
4 vs. 6		3 vs. 5	
4 vs. 8		3 vs. 7	
6 vs. 8		5 vs. 7	
1 <sup>st</sup> vs. 1 <sup>st</sup>	For the Championship		

**(e) 1 - 8 Team Pool**

*(i) This pool would consist of an eight team knock out tournament with each team guaranteed two games. This format would also create a Championship and a Consolation per pool. All games are to have a clear winner in this format.*

**(f) 1 - 5 Team Pool**

*(i) Each team would play each other once. The top team after the round robin play will be the Champion.*

**(g) 1 - 4 Team Pool (16 teams)**

*(i) Each team would play each other once. At the completion of the round robin, the top team will be the Champion.*

**(h) 1 - 3 Team Pool (15 teams)**

*(i) Each team would play each other twice. At the completion of the round robin, the top placed team will be the Champion.*

## **Section 9.04 Standings for both Regular Season and Yearend Play**

**(a) Points will be rewarded as per the following.**

- **3 points for a win**
- **1 point for a tie**
- **0 points for a loss**

*A team will forfeit their points if the rules of the game have not been followed with the greatest intentions.*

*See Part 5*

**(b) Regular season Standing Ties will be broken by the following;** *(the website standing do calculate in this order excluding the flip of a coin)*

**(i) Most wins by a team**

**(ii) Head to head results**

**(iii) Head to Head goal differential**

**(iv) Total season goals for**

**(v) Total season goals against (lowest number winning)**

**(vi) Flip of a coin**

**(c) Tournament of Playoff Standing ties will be broken by the following;** *(the website standing do calculate in this order excluding the flip of a coin)*

**(i) Most wins by a team**

**(ii) Head to head results**

**(iii) Head to head goal differential**

**(iv) Total playoff goals for**

**(v) Total playoff goals against (lowest number wins)**

**(vi) Flip of a coin**

## **Section 9.05 The Flip of the Coin for determining Standings**

**(a)** *A coin toss in any case, must be either performed by the President or Vice president of the league, or the Head Chair of a tournament, within the presence on a representative for each team. The representative does not have to be from each team, but should at least represent the club of that team.*

## **Section 9.06 For Tie Games, please see the League rules in Part 5.**



## **Section 10.01      The Website**

- (a) The NPSL introduced a League website for the 2011 season. Work on this website started in January 2011.**
- (b) Each Club will have its own site as well.**

## **Section 10.02      The League Site**

- (a) The goal of the League site is to contain the following;**
  - (i) Contact information for the NPSL Executive*
  - (ii) Complete League Schedule*
  - (iii) Complete League Standings*
  - (iv) This Handbook, along with The Laws of the Game*
  - (v) Direction to each pitch location*

## **Section 10.03      The Club Sites**

- (a) The Goal of each Club site is to contain the following;**
  - (i) Contact info for the Club's Executive*
  - (ii) Complete Schedules linked to other Clubs and the League site, with the ability to schedule and post practices for their own teams*
  - (iii) Provide each Team its own web Page*
- (b) The Club Sites will have the ability to;**
  - (i) Allow coaches to post information on their own Team's web page*
  - (ii) Allow Clubs to post practices for their teams*
  - (iii) Allow Clubs to post their Teams Rosters*
  - (iv) Allow Clubs to post all Sponsors*
  - (v) To schedule and post assigned referees*
  - (vi) To report all scores for U8 and older*

*This is only a few items and possibilities of the sites. More info and training is available.*

## Section 11.01 The Fields

- (a) Drayton plays on the following fields
  - (i) *U8 - Fairgrounds*
  - (ii) *U10 - Coral Park*
  - (iii) *U12 and up either at Riverside or Kinsmen*
- (b) Elma plays all their games at Elma Public School
- (c) Newton plays on the following fields
  - (i) *U6 and U8 at the Milverton Arena*
  - (ii) *U10 at Newton*
  - (iii) *U12 and up at Newton*
- (d) Palmerston plays all their games at the Palmerston Arena
- (e) Howick plays their games at either
  - (i) *Howick Public School*
  - (ii) *Howick Arena*
- (f) Wallace plays all their games at the Wallace Optimist Park
- (g) Listowel plays on the following fields
  - (i) *U6 and U8 at Eastdale Public School*
  - (ii) *U10 at St. Mary's Catholic School*
  - (iii) *U12 and up at either the Missionary Church or at LDSS*

Maps to each location located on the NPSL website.

## Section 12.01      The Small Print

- (a) The Handbook was created with the intention to provide information and an expectation to all those involved within the League.
- (b) This Handbook was created to assist those new and old to the NPSL. We hope to have covered everything, but because not everyone is perfect, we may have missed something. Therefore the NPSL reserves the right to make changes as need be.
- (c) Changes proposed, or challenges made towards this handbook, must first be presented to the Directors of the NPSL in writing. The process for this should be as follows;
  - (i) *Parents, Coaches, Players, and other volunteers, should present their concerns in writing to their own local Club.*
  - (ii) *The Club should then have their Town Contact / NPSL Member forward the concern onto the President of North Perth.*
  - (iii) *The President is then responsible to ensure that the concern is placed on the next meeting's agenda.*
  - (iv) *Feedback as to the result of the discussions will be present in writing to the individual, or group presenting the concern, either in the form of minutes from the NPSL meeting or in the form of a letter from the NPSL President.*
- (d) Please note it, is not the will of the NPSL, to make policy changes during the season. It is preferred that discussions do take place as issues and concerns arise in case action is determined to be required.
- (e) Final changes to this Handbook, should be presented in the fall meetings so that revisions, if any, are made before the registration of the following season.

*This Handbook was created in the winter of 2010 / 11.*