

EASTERN DISTRICT SOCCER LEAGUE

RULES AND REGULATIONS



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EDSL	Eastern District Soccer League	Our League
ENYSSA	Eastern New York State Soccer Association	Our State Association
REGION 1	US Eastern Area from Maine to Virginia	Our Soccer Region
USASA	United States Adult Soccer Association	Our National Amateur Association
USSF	United States Soccer Federation	USA Federation - Pro, Adult and Youth
FIFA	Federation International de Football Association World Soccer Federation	

EASTERN DISTRICT SOCCER LEAGUE HALL OF FAME MEMBERS

2011	Guimaraes Albino, Casimir Krempa, John Palumbo, Peter Pinori, Abe Rochester
2012	Sal Rapaglia, Elias Tsekerides
2013	Bill Marmo
2014	Cesar Aliaga
2015	Trever Elington, Jean Pierre Trouchard

EDSL LIFE MEMBERS

IRENE CIOFFI

ALBINO GUIMARAES

WILLIAM MARMO

PETER PINORI

ABRAHAM ROCHESTER

JACK SOUSA

ELIAS TSEKERIDES

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Section 1 - Name, Colors & Affiliations

- A) The name of the organization shall be "Eastern District Soccer League" herein after called "EDSL"
- B) The EDSL colors will be Royal Blue and White
- C) The EDSL is affiliated with the Eastern New York State Soccer Association (ENYSSA), the United States Adult Soccer Association (USASA) the United States Soccer Federation (USSF) and FIFA

Section 2 - Nature of the organization and Headquarters

- A) The purpose of the EDSL is to
 - a. Organize, develop, promote and administer the game of adult soccer to all its members clubs
 - b. Foster and encourage sportsmanship by all clubs, soccer teams, players and administrators.
- B) The headquarters of this association shall be within the territory of the association and shall be established at the address of the President unless an association office is established

Section 3 - Membership

- A) Membership in the EDSL is open to all soccer clubs, soccer section of clubs and organizations
- B) Each team shall pay annual dues as listed in Section 18. New teams will add a \$150 security.
- C) Acceptance for membership shall be for a minimum of 3 years or forfeit their security
- D) All member adult soccer teams will be playing under the rules and jurisdiction of the EDSL
- E) Application for membership will be accompanied by a check of \$150 for open affiliation to the EDSL plus \$150 for ENYSSA, with names, address, phone #'s and e-mail of the club officials, plus the names of players, their addresses, birth date, and country of birth. The fee will be refunded if club is not accepted.
- F) Clubs renew their membership by mailing their affiliation to the league prior to 8/15 each year
- G) Permission to negotiate with another league must be done by registered letter before 2/28 of the previous year, failure to do so team will forfeit their security and is liable to a fine.
- H) Any club can maintain membership in the EDSL without entering a team by providing annual membership fees
- I) Any club who fails to complete the season will forfeit their security
- J) The Division in which teams will compete will be determined by the scheduling chairman with the approval of BOD

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Section - 4 Administrations, BOD Officers Meetings

- Board of Directors shall consist of the following officers:
 - A) President, General Secretary, 1st VP, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Division Chairs, Registrars, Scheduling Chairmen, Delegate to ENYSSA, 2 trustees Past President & appointed officials
 - B) The BOD has the power to make any decisions on all EDSL matters which are not covered in these By Laws
 - C) Order of business shall be as follows and when applicable:
 - Minutes of previous meeting
 - Treasurer report
 - Communications
 - Unfinished business
 - Report of officers and Chairman of standing committees
 - Discharge of officers
 - Election of officers
 - Amendment to constitution and by laws
 - New Business
 - Good and Welfare
 - Adjournment
 - D) The Board Of Directors will meet every quarter (3 months) or when necessary
 - E) General meetings shall be held when necessary, except in emergencies a minimum of 3 days' notice to clubs is required
 - F) If requested by 2/3 of the member clubs, made to the Secretary in writing, the President shall instruct the Secretary to call a meeting of the general body
 - G) The general body shall consist of elected officers of the EDSL, an alternate and delegate from each club in good standing
 - H) The delegate and alternate delegate shall be submitted before the beginning of each season

Section 5 - Officers and Controlling Bodies

- **President** - Chief executive officer of this association and shall preside at all meetings except during the election of officers.
 - Approves all expenses and invoices of this association.
 - Ex-officio member of all committees and shall appoint all committees with BOD approval.
 - Can constitute an emergency meeting committee to represent the general committee on matters demanding immediate attention when it is impractical or impossible to call this meeting, If possible he /or she shall seek advice form available members of the BOD.
- **Vice President** - Succeed to the powers of the President in his or her absence
- **General Secretary** - Attends to all correspondence as directed by the President, keep records & have charge of all properties except the finances. All EDSL property is to be held in the association office
- **Treasurer** - Charge of the finances of the EDSL and shall report at any time at the request of the President. He or she shall keep complete records of all monies collected and expended.
 - All checks drawn on the EDSL accounts must be signed by 2 of the 3 officers authorized to do so, (President, VP, and Treasurer).
 - Prepares, at the direction of the President an annual financials for the year ending June 30.
- **Recording Secretary** - Responsible for recording the minutes of all meetings of the BOD and general committee. These minutes are to be forwarded the General Secretary for distribution
- **Trustees** - The Trustees of the EDSL shall provide assistance and guidance. There shall be 2 Trustees.

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Section 6 - Standing Committees -

- **Appeals Committee** - It shall handle all appeals filed with the EDSL in conformance with rules and regulation of the EDSL and of the appeal process
- **Arbitration Board** - It shall hear all cases, impose fines and disciplinary actions as required
- **Scheduling Chairman** - He or she shall perform such duties as normally belong to the office
- **Rules Committee** - The BOD will interpret on rules, it shall draft amendments and provide a committee position on amending, codifying and publishing Constitution, By Laws and Rules
- **Ad Hoc** - The President shall appoint, with BOD approval all standing and Ad Hoc committees

Section 7- Elective Process, Terms of Office

- A) All Individuals seeking an office on the BOD must declare their intentions 60 days prior to elections
- B) Nomination Committee shall be appointed by the President 60 days prior to elections
- C) Any officer absent from 3 consecutive meetings without excuse may have their office vacant. The President will then fill the elected office until the next election
- D) Nonmembers may be present at meetings and heard at the discretion of the President
- E) Election of officers will be by majority vote
- F) Election of officers shall take place at the Annual Meeting when necessary
- G) Officers will hold office for 2 years or until the next elections
- H) A candidate for a position in the BOD must be with the EDSL for a minimum of 3 consecutive years
The office of President, Treasurer and Registrar must be property owners on New York State
- I) All Presidents of the EDSL shall be life members of the EDSL
- J) Life members shall be approved by the BOD and by the general body by unanimous vote
- K) Elected positions are President, VP, General Secretary, Treasurer, Recording Secretary & 2 Trustees
- L) Each member of the BOD will be entitled to one vote at all meetings
- M) Each affiliated team will be entitled to one vote at general meetings, so long as the team is in good financial standing
- N) Quorum at any BOD meeting shall be a majority of the BOD
- O) Quorum at any general meeting shall be a majority of the teams in the EDSL
- P) Clubs and teams can only vote if they are in good standings with the EDSL
- Q) The President, General Secretary and one (1) Trustee shall be elected in even years.
- R) The Vice President Treasurer Recording Secretary and one (1) Trustee shall be elected in odd years
- S) A member of the BOD must resign his or her current office in order to seek election to a new office
- T) To seek the office of the President, the individual must have served on the BOD of the EDSL for no less than 5 years

Section 8 Submission of By-Laws & Amendments

- A) Proposed amendment(s) shall be forwarded to the EDSL BOD. This must be done 60 days in advance to their quarterly meeting,
- B) Once approved by the BOD it will have to be approved by the next meeting of the general body.
- C) This Constitution and By-Laws may be amended by 2/3 affirmative vote of the BOD & general body in a duly constituted meeting

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Section 9 Registration

- A) Each team shall be entitled to register a maximum of 30 players in a seasonal year.
- B) A minimum of 18 players must be registered in each season. (Open division cost \$35 per player)
- C) Players passes are issued by ENYSSA through the EDSL in the name of the individual player
- D) Players passes are the property of ENY and must be returned to the EDSL at the end of the season
- E) A player not previously registered in ENY must furnish a picture with copy of proof (License etc.)
- F) A player who was previously registered must produce information of where their old pass is
- G) Registration material and fees must be forwarded to the Registrar of the EDSL
- H) A club competing in the EDSL for the first time shall not, unless authorized by the EDSL, register any player with other affiliated EDSL team in the previous season
- I) No player shall be registered after April 15th in the Open division of the EDSL & ENYSSA State Cups
- J) A player can only play for one club in a season unless a release is obtained and pays for the new registration
- K) A player from an indebted club will be responsible for a section of indebtedness of his old club
- L) When a player is released the player's pass shall be returned to the Registrar of the EDSL not to the player. If there are any sums due to the releasing club by the player than a letter of explanation should accompany the pass.
- M) Members of the EDSL shall not approach a player registered with another team to forcefully register him to break relations with his team. Such conduct shall be the cause of suspension
- N) Foreign players must have a release from their last club
- O) Issuing a bad check will result in a \$25 fine and re issue of payment. Second offence will cause the team to pay subsequent transactions in cash, certified check or money order

Section 10 Schedule

- A) All games shall be played on Sunday or whenever possible
- B) Scheduled games shall be prepared 2 weeks in advance where possible
- C) Teams not receiving the schedule by Tuesday immediately following Sunday's game, must contact the scheduling Chairman
- D) Starting time of games shall be determined by the Scheduling Chairman and / or the home team
- E) Re-scheduling and postponements due to emergencies, weather and other unforeseen conditions shall only be done by the Scheduled Chairman
- F) When the manager of the home team is of the opinion that the field is unplayable, he shall call the Scheduling Chairman before 8 AM on the date of the game and so state
- G) No team shall be excused from a scheduled. They will face a forfeit and might be subjects to fines
- H) A referee may call off a game due to weather conditions at the field in the presence of both teams

Section 11 Referees

- A) Rules governing referees shall be determined by the ENY Referee Association
- B) The referee(s) shall have complete charge of the game and are not to be coerced, threatened or intimidated
- C) The decision of the referee(s) is final on the field and subject to review by the Arbitration Board or other governing bodies on written protest to the EDSL, as required herein
- D) Referee fees and expenses are determined by the ENYSSA

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Section 12 Conduct on the Field

- A) Teams are to be at the field $\frac{1}{2}$ hour prior to game time
- B) The highest possible conduct is required by everyone players, coaches, administrators and fans
- C) The Roster / Lineup form shall be completed in every detail and signed by all players and coaches
- D) Before the start of the game both teams shall turn over the lineup form and the starting players passes to the referee at **least 10 minutes prior to kick off time**
- E) The Referee shall keep all the player's passes until the end of game, it is understood that both teams check to see that passes are returned
- F) Captains may check the passes of the opposing team before the game or at the time the player(s) take the field
- G) At the request of the referee the captain shall give the name of any of his players
- H) The referee shall keep and forward to the EDSL the pass of any player that is sent off, or coach that is expelled. When the referee neglects to do so the pass shall be forwarded by the team to the EDSL
- I) All players shall have numbers at least 6' inch high on the back of the jersey and at least 3" high in the front right side
- J) A minimum of 7 players is required to start and continue any game
- K) Where a scheduled referee fails to show up on the field any certified referee or qualified person not associated with either team must be agreed in writing to officiate the game by both teams. The teams are then responsible to report this game
- L) Referees are paid prior to the start of the match. When a referee shows up and the game is postponed due to weather, he shall be entitled to his travel expenses only
- M) The home team is responsible for 3 balls in good condition, marking of the field, goal nets and corner flags
- N) A team that does not show will automatically lose the game, forfeit their security and pay $\frac{1}{2}$ of the referee fees
- O) A team that does not show up the second time will incur what is above and be subject to a fine and face suspension
- P) Seven substitutions will be allowed (in and out)
- Q) Substitutions for a player sent off is not allowed
- R) The referee may at his discretion allow reasonable time to correct any defects in the field, equipment or line up form
- S) Both teams must be on the field & ready to play at kick off time or be subject to the following, according to Ref's report
 - a. **1 to 15 minutes late \$25.00 fine**
 - b. **16 to 30 minutes late \$50.00 fine**
 - c. **31 minutes or more \$50.00 fine forfeit and $\frac{1}{2}$ of referee's fees**
- T) There is **NO grace period** for home or visiting team
- U) Home team should wear white jersey if it conflicts with visiting team. Visiting team may wear any other color uniform
- V) All ejected players (red card) will be fined \$25.00
- W) Technical or Bench area
 - a. A minimum of 1 person shall possess & present to the referee a coaching pass at every match
 - b. All personnel within the technical area must possess a coach or player pass, or as to be approved by the EDSL
 - c. All personnel within the technical area will be under the jurisdiction of the referee as per the Laws of the Game

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Section 13 Disciplinary Actions

- A) Any officer failing to attend 3 consecutive meetings, without being excused, or in any way neglects his or her duties in the EDSL or does not act in the best interest of the EDSL, shall have his or her office vacated and a new officer will be appointed by the President with approval of the BOD
- B) The BOD shall take care of pending appeals within 3 weeks. Members whose division clubs are involved will not vote
- C) Any Club which fails to be represented any scheduled meetings without being excused shall be subjected to a \$50 fine repeated absences are subject to additional fines and or suspension. Lateness to these meeting will be \$25.
- D) Failure to have numbers in backs & front of uniforms shall results in a fine of \$5.00 for each missing number
- E) Failure to turn in a player's pass to referee as required hall be subject to a fine of \$25
- F) Any club signing a player under false pretenses or by misrepresentation shall be fined \$50
- G) Any player signing under false pretenses or by misrepresentation shall be suspended
- H) Any team using an illegible player shall be fined \$50 and an automatic loss of game
- I) All ineligible players will be suspended and reported to ENYSSA
- J) Failure to field a team without notifying the Schedule Chairman in time to cancel the referees and opponents, shall result in a loss of game and paying 1/2 of referee's fees. Each time thereafter all the above will be applied + a \$50 fine.
- K) All games scores are to be called in ASAP but before 8PM on the day of the game or be subject to a fine of \$25
- L) Incorrect completion of Line-up forms shall be subjected to a \$25 fine
- M) All debts owed to the EDSL shall be deducted from the team security fund immediately
- N) Where any part of the security is forfeited it must be replaced by the team within 14 days. Failure to do so will mean suspension of the club until the replacement is made and forfeiture of all games during the period of suspension
- O) Players sent off by the referee must leave the field & facility and will be suspended
- P) Any team player or official found guilty of any way harassing, non-compliant or attempting to intimidate a referee or an official of the EDSL will be suspended by the BOD
- Q) Failure to supply nets, 4 corner flags and 3 balls in playing condition is required by the home team failure to do so will result in forfeiture of the game and or fines
- R) Teams intending to arrange friendly or exhibition games with other leagues must request permission from EDSL or face a fine of \$100 and are liable to suspension
- S) Any team unable to control their spectators, officials or players causing the game to end will be subjected to a fine of \$100, be put on probation for the remainder of the season, forfeit game and will post a \$150 bond. This bond will be returned at the end of the season, providing no more incidents will take place.

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Section 14 Suspension, Withdrawal & Disbanding of teams

- A) Where a team disbands or withdraws from the EDSL before the end of the season the following shall apply:
 - a. If more than 1/2 of the scheduled games have been played, by the defaulting team, than the rest of the games will be awarded to their upcoming opponents by the score of 3-0
 - b. If less than 1/2 of the scheduled games have been completed by the defaulting team, the games that were played and the upcoming un played games shall be disregarded in the computing and standings of all teams
- B) Where a club makes an application to another ENY sanctioned league at the end of the season and is refused, this club can be readmitted by paying double on their registration fees to the EDSL, provided approval by the BOD
- C) Where a team disbands, withdraws or is suspended from the EDSL and fined, than each player registered for that team shall be assessed a proportional part of the sum owed. Any player wishing to re-register in the EDSL or with any other affiliated USASA league must pay their assessed proportional part of the sum owed , before permission is granted
- D) Withdrawn clubs from the EDSL may be readmitted by the BOD provided all fees past and present are paid

Section 15 Protests and Appeals

- A) Complaints against referees must be in writing to the EDSL within 3 days of any alleged infringement
- B) Protests regarding the condition of playing field and equipment shall be made to the referee and opposing team in writing before the start of the game
- C) The arbitration board shall hear and rule on all protests and conditions requiring disciplinary actions
- D) Appeals from decisions of the arbitration board shall be made 5 days of notification of the decision and must be accompanied by a check of \$100, where another team is involved, a copy of the appeal must be forwarded to their opponent
- E) Appeals from the decisions of the BOD shall be made to the ENYSSA Secretary General, with a copy sent to the EDSL Secretary within 5 days. There is a fee for this appeal to ENYSSA, see state rules.

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Section 16 General

- A) All correspondence shall be sent to the Secretary of the EDSL or President
- B) All Registration shall be sent to the Registrar or President
- C) All official correspondence shall be signed by the President
- D) All clubs in good standing shall be members of the EDSL. Good standing means all outstanding debts are paid up and the club is not under any suspension
- E) All clubs must present written credentials (on club letterhead when possible) at the start of the season
- F) Any matter not covered shall be governed the BOD and or by the rules and regulation of ENYSSA. USASA, USSF, FIFA
- G) Players and coaches registered with the EDSL assume all risks, responsibilities and liabilities for loss or damage, injury to himself while engaged as a player or coach in the league, or in using property and facilities of the league, whether such occasioned by the league, its agents, employees or otherwise. The league and clubs waive any and all claims for damages and costs arising out of such loss, damage or inquiry
- H) No club, team official, player coach administrator or referee may invoke the aid of the courts in the United States without first exhausting all available remedies with the EDSL, ENYSSA and USSF. For violation of this rule the offending party shall be subject to the sanction of suspension, fines and shall be liable to the EDSL for all expenses incurred by the EDSL and its officers in defending each court action, including and not limited to the following:
 - a. Court Costs
 - b. Attorney(s) fees
 - c. Reasonable compensation for time spent by the EDSL, officials and employees in responding to and defending against allegations in the action including responses to discovery & court appearances
 - d. Travel expenses
 - e. Expenses for holding special meetings necessitated by the court action

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Section 18 Fees, Dues

	Section	Amount
1) Security per team (one time refundable fee)	3/B	\$150
2) Yearly affiliation per team (EDSL)	3/E	\$150
3) Yearly Affiliation per team (ENYSSA)	3/E	\$175
4) Players registration including Liability, Incidental Insurance, passes, line up forms	9/B	\$35
5) Issuing a bad check	9/O	\$25
6) Fine for lateness of games	12/S	below
1 to 15 minutes late	12/S-a	\$25
16 to 30 minutes late	12/S-b	\$50
31 minutes late or more forfeit ½ of referee fees	12/S-c	\$50
7) Red Cards	12/U	\$25
8) Teams not attending scheduled meeting	13/C	\$50
9) Teams late for a scheduled meeting	13/C	\$25
10) Failure for missing #'s on uniforms	13/D	\$5 per #
11) Failure to turn in a Player's pass to Ref or BOD	13/E	\$25
12) Player signing under false pretense	13/F	\$50
13) Ineligible player (loss of game plus)	13/H	\$50
14) Failure to field a team (loss of game plus)	13/J	½ of refs fees
15) Failure to field a team each time thereafter	13/J	all of the above + \$50 fine
16) Failure to call in the score no later than 8pm	13/K	\$25
17) Incomplete line up forms	13/L	\$25
18) Failure to obtain permission from EDSL for outside league games	13/R	\$100
19) Teams unable to control their spectators, officials, & players causing the game to end will forfeit plus	13/S 13/S	\$100 \$150 Bond
20) Appeals to the EDSL BOD	15/D	\$100

Section 18 PRIZES / TROPHIES

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EDSL OPEN FIRST PLACE CHAMPIONSHIP	LARGE TROPHY
EDSL OPEN STEVE HOWANSKY CUP	LARGE TROPHY
EDSL OPEN WINNER OF PLAYOFF	\$1,000.00
EDSL CHAMPIONS CUP	\$5,000.00
FIRST PLACE	\$3,000.00
FINALIST	\$1,000.00
THIRD PLACE	\$ 500.00
FOURTH PLACE	\$ 300.00