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**Bylaws may only be changed the general membership at our yearly annual general meeting, or by special meeting of the Board of Directors, and subsequent ratification of the General membership. See section 1:11. Policies may be changed by the Board of Directors at any time, with ratification of the General Membership at the Annual General Meeting. See Section 1:11:03*

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- 1:00 Name**
This Association shall be known as Cache Valley Soccer League, inc, a non-profit corporation, but shall be commonly known and do business as Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer
- 1:01 Purpose**
1:01:01 The purpose of the Association is to develop and promote youth soccer; to provide and administrate a local competition soccer league/program operating under the guidelines of UYSA and US Youth Soccer; to provide and administrate program(s) representing multiple levels of play operating under the guidelines of UYSA; to provide support and an organizational structure for independent competition teams; recreational and academy programs; and a premier soccer Club program. Additionally, we are committed to provide services for all teams participating in our own Challenger League completion program; registration services and support for all State level teams formed within our association; and to provide additional soccer related events, programs, education, and services for our community as needed.
- 1:01:02 It is the specific goal of our premier Club program to create an environment sensitive to the unique needs of the young athlete, to provide training specific to youth soccer, and to develop athletes in preparation for the highest levels of competitive soccer. This association's goal is to sustain the improvement of our players, our teams, and the club through providing quality coaching consistent with the concepts and guidelines set by US Youth Soccer and other experts in the field. The Club believes it will gain consistent success at the state, regional and eventually national levels. Our Club program endeavors to develop and prepare all of our athletes to help them reach their highest level of achievement.
- 1:02 Area of Operation** - Our principal geographical area of operation shall be, but not be limited to, Cache and Box Elder Counties.
- 1:03 Tax Status** - The Association shall be organized as a non-profit corporation under the laws of the State of Utah. The Association shall have the right to do and engage in all activities permitted of non-profit corporations under the laws of the State of Utah. The Association shall operate in accordance with Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- 1:04** This Association is one that does not contemplate pecuniary gain or profit to the members thereof, and it is organized solely for non- profit purposes.
- 1:05 Non-Discrimination** - This Association does not discriminate on any basis prohibited by applicable law, or USSF Bylaw Section 213(1)(a)(2).
- 1:06 Sexual and Physical Abuse** - This Association opposes sexual and physical abuse. To the extent permissible under applicable law, the Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC Board of Directors and affiliated members shall adopt policies consistent with the criteria established to oppose it by USSF.
- 1:07 Colors**
The representative colors of this Association shall be Dark Blue, White, with the Addition of Lime green for our premier Club programs.
- 1:08 Affiliation**
This Association (Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC) shall be an affiliated member and comply with the authority of the Utah Youth Soccer Association (UYSA), the United States Youth Soccer Association (USYSA) and the United States Soccer Federation (USSF). To the extent permissible under applicable law, this constitution and bylaws shall be consistent with USSF's, USYSA's, and UYSA's articles of incorporation and bylaws. To the

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extent permissible under applicable law, Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC and its members shall abide by USSF's, USYSA's, and UYSA's articles of incorporation and bylaws

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Authority Structure

Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC shall be governed by its Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules, which shall take precedence over its Policies, and shall be consistent with the Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules of the Utah Youth Soccer Association (UYSA), United States Youth Soccer Association (USYSA), and the United States Soccer Federation (USSF).

- A. Policy and Bylaw changes passed by the Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC Board of Directors during the year must be reported to the membership for ratification, at the next AGM.
- B. Copies of this Association's Constitution, Bylaws, and governing documents shall be made available to its members through, but not limited to, the internet.
- C. This Association will allow UYSA, upon reasonable notice, to review its basic documents and procedures as may reasonably be required to determine compliance with the UYSA Constitution and Bylaws.

1:09:02

The governing authority of this Association shall be the Board of Directors as defined in the Bylaws. The Board of Directors of this Association shall consist of elected officers and all others as defined by the Bylaws.

1:10

Annual General Meeting –

The Board of Directors of Directors shall hold an Annual General Meeting each year during the first quarter of the year. Notification shall be made to all affiliated members at least forty-five (45) days prior to the meeting. Notification can be made by mail, publication on the association's website, or by e-mail.

1:10:01

The order of business at the Annual General Meeting shall be as follows:

- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call and Presentation of the Board of Directors of Directors
- C. Acceptance of Minutes from the Previous AGM
- D. Proposals for changes to the Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules
- E. Present next year's financial report for review
- F. Introduction of Candidates
- G. Election of Officers
- H. Good of the Game
- I. Adjournment

1:10:02

All members are entitled to cast one (1) vote only. Members are defined as players whose primary UYSA registration is received through Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC Soccer; coaches of teams which are primarily registered through Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC Soccer; members of the Board of Directors for Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC Soccer; employees and compensated coordinators; and committee chairpersons, for each committee (Executive or lesser) organized under Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC. Each member player of the organization's vote, must be exercised by a legal parent or guardian. Must be 18 to vote.

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A simple majority of eligible votes cast shall be required to determine all issues other than amendments to the Association's constitution, bylaws, or policies, which require a two-thirds (2/3) vote to change. Votes will be tallied and the newly elected officers shall take office immediately upon election.

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No proxies will be allowed for AGM voting purposes.

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- 1:11**
1:11:01 **Amendments-**
Any member may submit an amendment to the Constitution and Bylaws of this Association through any member of the Board of Directors. Changes must be submitted in writing to the President, thirty (30) days prior to the Annual General Meeting, and must be circulated to voting members not later than fifteen (15) days prior to the Annual General Meeting. Circulation may be made by, but not limited to, mail, e-mail, or by posting on the website.
- 1:11:02 Amendments to the Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules of this Association shall be made at the Annual General Meeting, or at Special Meetings of the Board of Directors called for such purpose.
- 1:11:03 An Amendment to the Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules, Shall be deemed adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the general membership present at the Annual General Meeting, or other meeting called for that purpose. Amendments adopted at the Annual General Meeting or by Special meeting, shall be effective immediately unless otherwise specified. Changes must be submitted for approval to the UYSA Board of Directors. Amendments made by the board of directors during Special meetings called for such purpose, must be ratified by the general membership at the next Annual General Meeting. Amendments to Policy may be made at any time throughout the year by the Board of Directors with a 2/3 vote, but must be ratified by the general membership at the Annual General Meeting.
- 1:12** **Rules of Order** - All Meetings of this Association shall be conducted in accordance with parliamentary procedures, with Robert's Rules of Order being the standard reference in the event of dispute.
- 1:13** **Financial Responsibilities** - Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC specifically disclaims financial responsibility for, and shall not assume nor be held liable for debts, contracts, or other financial obligations, either expressed or implied, of any member team or any of coaches, managers, officers, officials or any associate member of any affiliated Club or team.
- 1:14** **Dissolution-**
Upon the winding up and dissolution of this Corporation, after paying or adequately providing for the debts and obligations of the Corporation, the remaining assets shall be distributed to a nonprofit fund, foundation or corporation, which is organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious and/or scientific purposes, and which has established its tax exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. If this Corporation holds any assets in trust, said assets shall be disposed of in such a manner as may be directed by order or decree of the District Court of the County in which this Corporation's principal office is located, upon petition therefore, by any person concerned in the liquidation.

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2:00 Organizational Authority & Structure Bylaws

2:01 Association Governing Bodies

2:01:01 The governing authority of Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC shall consist of a Board of Directors, aided by two Executive Committees.

2:01:02 The Board of Directors shall have the power to change policy, and bylaws (bylaws may only be changed during specially called meetings for specifically called for such purposes), and mediate between the interest of both of the Executive committees, where necessary.

2:01:03 The Developmental and Independent Executive Committee or D&I committee, shall have the power to make recommendations to the Board of Directors for ratification, regarding but not limited to, the administration of: the Challenger League; The recreational & academy programs; Independent competition teams; the Cache Valley EXPO; and the American Cup rec tournament. (see section 2:05:05)

2:01:04 The Club Executive Committee shall have the power to make recommendations, to the Board of Directors for ratification, regarding but not limited to, the Club side of our organization, and coaching education. (see section 2:05:06)

Additional committees, such as the Cache Valley Cup tournament committee, shall be overseen by specifically organized as “lesser” committees under the direction of the Board of Directors. (see section 2:05:07)

2:02 Board of Directors - The Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC Board of Directors shall consist of the following positions (specific duties of each position can be found in Section 3:01):

- A. **President** - The President shall be elected by the voting members of the Board of Directors for a two-year term. This election shall be held at the Board of Directors meeting immediately following the Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC Annual General Meeting in odd years. The President shall preside at and conduct meetings of the Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC Board. The President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees and shall supervise all activities of the Association, but shall be a permanent and active member of the Developmental & Independent Executive committee.
- B. **Vice President** - The Vice President shall temporarily have the authorities and responsibilities of the President during his/her absence. If the office of the President becomes vacant during the term of office, for any reason, the Vice President will assume the duties of the President until such time as the Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC Board of Directors shall meet in a special session to appoint a new President. The Vice President shall be a permanent and active member of the Infinity or Club Executive committee. Director of Competition
- C. **Director of Competition** - The office of the Director of Competition shall be filled by someone affiliated with the Club side of the organization, or by someone with no other local soccer affiliation.
- D. **Director of Recreation and Academy Soccer** - The office of the Director of Recreational and Academy Soccer shall be filled by someone affiliated with the Independent or Recreational side of the organization, or by someone with no other local soccer affiliation.

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- E. **Director of Risk Management / Media / and Lesser Committees** - The office of the Risk Management/Media Director shall be filled by someone affiliated with the Independent or Recreational side of the organization, or by someone with no other local soccer affiliation.
- F. **Director of Club Soccer** – The office of the Director of Club Soccer shall be filled by someone affiliated with the Club side of the organization.
- G. **Programs Director / Registrar** (Advisory position with no voting or proxy rights) – The Programs Administration & Registrar, as an employee of Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC, holds a position on the board that is advisory in nature. This board position is not a voting position, except at the Annual General Meeting. The Executive Director & Registrar is a member of the Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC board of directors only as long as he/she is employed in this position.
- H. **Director of Coaching** (Advisory position with no voting or proxy rights) – The office of the Director of Coaching shall be filled by a paid position, supervised by the Board of directors.
- I. **Club director of Operations** (Advisory with no voting or proxy rights) – The Club Director of Operations shall oversee the daily operations of the club side of NUU/ISC. The Club Director of Operations is a paid position. His/her duties shall primarily concern the Club side of the organization and shall act as a liaison between the Club operations and the Board of Directors, and act in an advisory position to the Board of Directors. He/She, shall also work with the Club Executive committee.
- J. **Secretary** (with no voting or proxy rights) – This position is appointed by the Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC President, and approved by the Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC Board of Directors. The Secretary shall keep an accurate record of all meetings, handle correspondence, give notice of meetings, and maintain the minutes of all association meetings, be responsible for posting approved minutes, and other duties assigned by the President and Board of Directors of Directors.
- K. **Treasurer** (with no voting or proxy rights) - The Treasurer is an advisory office to the Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC Board of Directors. The Responsibilities of the Treasurer are to be a liaison between the NUU/ISC Board of Directors and the association's contracted Accountant, help the board by presenting reports as needed, and help set and uphold sound financial practices.
- L. **Committee Chairpersons** (Advisory with no voting rights, may proxy for absent bod members during out of sync board meetings.) -

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Board of Directors shall be elected during the Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC Annual General meeting, for two-year (2) terms of office (except for President, and as noted below in section 2:09:05)

- A. In odd numbered years, the following positions are up for election, beginning in 2017: The President, Club Director, and Recreational Director. (The President shall be elected by the BOD)
- B. In even numbered years, the following positions are up for election, beginning in 2016: The Vice President, Competition Director, and Media, Risk & Lesser committees Director.
- C. Non-voting members of the Board, who are employed through the association, shall have advisory positions on the board throughout and limited to their employment with Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC.
- D. Secretary and Committee Chairpersons (except in the case of the President and Vice President who shall serve on the Executive committees and may serve as those committees' chairpersons) shall have non-voting positions on the board, and shall be replaced or appointed as determined by the Board of Directors.

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No member of the Board of Directors shall hold more than one Board voting position at the same time. An incumbent officer may be removed before completion of his or her term of office only through a non-confidence vote of two-thirds (2/3) by the Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC soccer board of directors.

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- 2:02:03 Each board member must complete a Volunteer Disclosure form and a Conflict of Interest Disclosure Form. Forms will be completed by each member of the Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC board of directors upon their first meeting of each calendar year. Failure to do so within the first quarter of the calendar year will result in placing the Board member in 'bad standing' (see 2:08:07). For more information on Conflict of Interest see section 2:06
- 2:02:04 No voting Board member may hold any paid position within Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC. No voting board member may receive any financial gain, except for the reimbursement of approved expenses incurred in the commission of their duties. (see section 2:06 for more info.)
- 2:03:07 **Removal and Replacement of Officers** - officers may be removed for non-attendance. If a member of the board of directors misses more than two (2) regularly scheduled meetings in a year, that officer may be removed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the other members of the board of directors. The Executive committees, and lesser committees, may also remove committee members for non-attendance, if the committee member misses more than two (2) consecutive meetings.
- Officers may also be removed for other causes. A petition must be presented to the Board of Directors giving just cause. The Board of Directors must then review all of the pertinent information. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of no confidence by the Board of Directors, is necessary for the removal of the Officer.
- 2:03:08 **Vacancy**- When any office becomes vacant because of the removal or resignation of the incumbent, the governing body having jurisdiction over the vacant office shall appoint an individual to fill this position on an interim basis. The appointed replacement must meet all of the requirements of the office, and shall complete outgoing individual's term of office.
- 2:03:09 **Board Advisory positions**
The Executive Director & Registrar; Referee Assignor; Coaching director, Club Director of Operations, and others as deemed necessary, as employees of Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC, hold positions on the board that are advisory in nature. These board positions are not voting positions. They are members of the Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC board of directors only as long as they are employed in this position. They may, however, hold a vote on either an Executive committee or a lesser committee as long as they recuse themselves in any vote which could cause a potential conflict of interest. Their specific Responsibilities can be found in Section 3:02.
- 2:03:12 **Appointed and Contract positions**
Before the start of each season year, the Board of Directors shall solicit and accept bids for the following positions and services as needed. These positions are also advisory in nature to the Board of Directors, as needed.
- At least one (1) certified and registered Referee Assignor.
 - A Board Secretary, if one is not already in place
 - A Treasurer, if one is not already in place
 - Contract vendors, such as uniform supplier, equipment supplier, paint supplier, photographer, or other vendors as needed.
- 2:04 Board of Directors board meetings**
- 2:04:01 Board of Directors meetings shall be held quarterly, and may call additional meetings as needed. Quarterly meetings must take place in March, June, September, December (or early January).
- 2:04:02 The President of the Board of Directors, shall preside over all board of directors (bod) meetings. When he/she is absent, the Vice President shall preside. In case both are absent, the longest standing member of the board of directors shall preside.
- 2:04:03 Each member of the Board shall have one vote.

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- 2:04:04 A majority of voting members must be present in order for a quorum to exist and a majority of the quorum votes shall determine all issues, with the exception of the removal of officers, By-law changes, or policy changes, which require a majority of two-third's (2/3).
- 2:04:05 Any member of the Board who misses two (2) out of four (4) quarterly meetings within a year, may be dismissed and replaced.
- 2:04:06 Proxies – No proxy votes will be allowed during the regularly scheduled Quarterly meetings. Proxies may only be used to represent the vote of an absent member of the Board of directors for any meetings called outside of the officially set Quarterly meetings.
- 2:04:07 Non-voting participants – All participating members may attend and participate in Board of Directors meeting, including non-member participants in Association events, such as the Challenger League, or the Cache Valley Cup. However, only the Board of Directors may have a vote during Board of Directors meetings. Members may only exercise their voting rights during the Annual General Meeting in March.
- 2:04:08 Executive Sessions - Meetings may occasionally be closed to all except the Board of Directors. Executive sessions may be called to discuss personnel wage matters, disciplinary matters, and other sensitive issues.
- 2:04:09 Out of sync Board of Directors meetings can be called in case of emergency by a simple majority vote of the Board of Directors of Directors. Voting to call the meeting can take place by e-mail, with e-mail voting being allowed to take place over no less than a 24 hour period, or until a majority of the board's votes are received. At an out of sync Board meeting, any motions must be passed by a two-thirds margin by the attending members, and will allow board members to send votes with a proxy. (No proxy votes are allowed, except during out of sync board meetings and no proxy votes are allowed for email votes.)
- 2:04:10 Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC should make a reasonable attempt to advertise Association meetings. Advertisement can be made by mail, publication on the association's website, or by e-mail. Minutes of open meetings shall be posted on the website on a timely basis.

2:05 Committees

- 2:05:01 **Executive Committees** - The Association shall have two permanent Executive committees: The Developmental and Independent (D&I) Committee, and The Club Committee. Each committee shall exist of as many positions and/or members as each committee deems necessary. Executive Committees have the power to create sub-committees as needed.
- 2:05:02 The Executive Committees do not have the power to change bylaw, or policy, but will their proposals will be given significant weight with the Board of Directors.
- 2:05:03 Committee members may serve on more than one committee within the organization, including, but not limited to serving on both Executive committee, and/or the Board of Directors.
- 2:05:04 Executive Committees shall meet monthly, except during the off season, if there is no business that requires a meeting. (See section on the Merger, for more information)
- 2:05:05 **The Developmental and Independent (D&I) Committee** - shall oversee the interests of, but not limited to, the following:
- A. The Recreation Program
 - B. The Independent Competition Teams
 - C. The Challenger League
 - D. The UYSA/USYSA cooperative American Cup Recreational Tournament
 - E. The Cache Valley EXPO
 - F. Registration, Field & Equipment issues
 - G. The proposal of all Challenger, Recreational, and Independent fees.

H. Other issues as arise

The President of the Board of Directors shall also sit on this committee. All members of this committee may have a vote in the voting process – at their discretion - which shall serve to prepare recommendations to be sent to the NUU/ISC/ISC Board of directors, who will consider all proposals for ratification.

2:05:06 **The Club Committee** - shall oversee the interests of, but not limited to, the following:

- A. All functions of the Club side of the organization
- B. The proposal of Club fees
- C. All issues with regards to team Club Tryouts, team formation, coach assignments, and player placement.
- D. Club fundraising, and promotion
- E. Other issues as arise

The Vice President of the Board of Directors shall also sit on this committee. All members of this committee may have a vote in the voting process – at their discretion - which shall serve to prepare recommendations to be sent to the NUU/ISC Board of directors, who will consider all proposals for ratification.

2:05:07 **Lesser Committees** - Subject to the approval of the Board of Directors, the President may appoint, as needed, Chairmen of committees as are needed. The committees will be convened as necessary. Committees may be, but not limited to:

- Protests and Appeals Committee
- Disciplinary Committee
- Competition Committee
- TopSoccer Committee
- Recreation Committee
- Tournament Committee
- Referee Development Committee

2:06 Conflict of Interest

2:06:01 No member of the Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC board, or Executive or lesser Committee member shall engage in any position or function of the Association in an effort to gain advantage for their personal or business gain, with the exception employees who shall not have voting rights. Any potential conflict of interest shall be declared in a Conflict of Interest disclosure statement to the Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC Board of Directors which must be submitted during the first meeting of each calendar year pursuant to section 2:02:03, or upon request by the Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC Board of Directors. The Board of Directors will investigate and, if necessary, take action for removal of the individual from their position with Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC. A potential conflict of interest does not necessarily require the removal of the officer, depending on the nature of the conflict.

2:06:02 Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC Board members, Committee members, and other designated official may receive reimbursement for board approved expenses.

2:06:03 Members of the Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC Board of Directors, and Committee members must disclose any affiliation that might create an actual or perceived conflict of interest. Members subject to this policy shall be considered to have a conflict of interest if:

- A. the Member has existing or potential financial or other interest that impairs or might reasonably appear to impair that Member's independent, unbiased judgment in the discharge of his or her responsibilities to the Association; or
- B. the Member (or member of his or her family) is an officer, director, employee, member, partner, trustee or controlling stockholder, in any organization which has existing or potential financial or other interest that impairs or might reasonably appear to impair that Member's independent, unbiased judgment in the discharge

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of his or her responsibility to the Association. For the purposes of this provision, a family member is defined as a spouse, parent, sibling, child, and any other person that resides in the same household as the Member.

- C. Members who have disclosed a conflict of interest shall not participate in discussions of, and shall abstain from voting on, any pertinent matter under consideration by the Board of Directors. The minutes of these meetings shall reflect that a disclosure was made and that the Member having a conflict or possible conflict of interest abstained from voting. Any Member who is uncertain whether a conflict of interest may exist in any matter may request that the Board of Directors resolve the question in his or her absence by majority vote.

2:08 Membership

2:08:01 Membership in this Association shall be open to all players, coaches, and teams in good standing with Infinity United SC Soccer and UYSA.

2:08:02 All members and participating non-members are subject to the Constitution, Bylaws and Rules of this Association, while participating in Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC Soccer leagues, tournaments, and other functions.

2:08:03 **Mandatory Registration** - Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC soccer shall register all of its players, coaches, teams, and administrators with UYSA and, in a timely manner, pay all dues and fees to UYSA, according to accepted practices and policy as set by UYSA, and section 3 of these bylaws. Once registration is completed, membership is established.

2:08:04 **Non-member Teams** – Non-member teams may apply to play in our gaming league, tournaments, and other functions, as long as they are registered members of UYSA, USYSA, or USSF, and as long as they have met the requirements of participation as set in our gaming policy (see Policy section for current policies). Non-members are defined as: players whose primary UYSA or USYSA registration is not received through Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC Soccer, teams and coaches which are not primarily registered through Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC Soccer.

All non-members teams who are not a part of an organization recognized by the United States Soccer Federation, shall be deemed as an ‘Unaffiliated Organizations.’ Any registered team playing games with an unaffiliated organization, without written consent of Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC Soccer and/or UYSA shall face disciplinary action and/or suspension.

2:08:05 Players cannot register as a primary player with more than one member organization within UYSA

2:08:06 **Player and Sideline Demeanor** – Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC will not tolerate any show of poor sportsmanship on or off the field by either players or spectators.

All parents, siblings, and spectators are encouraged to show good sportsmanship and refrain from negative behavior on the sidelines of all games. Player’s and parents’ (“Member Families”) behavior reflects on the Association and affects children’s performance. Further, Member Families should understand that under the soccer league rules, coaches can be ejected from our games should Member Families behave improperly.

Member Families should understand that unacceptable behavior by a Player’s parent or other family member or friend may be addressed by a referee or Club official asking the offending person to leave the game, the facility or removing the player from the game. Member Families, through their registration and membership in Affinity United Soccer Club, must comply when asked to refrain from further yelling at a game or if asked to leave a game or facility by a match official or Association official, Member Families will comply with that request immediately.

It is the policy of the organization that the Member Families must further acknowledge that if Player, Player’s parent or other family member verbally or physically abuses, taunts, inappropriately gestures, throws an object, makes an inappropriate sign or otherwise harasses, intimidates or improperly touches or engages any fan, player, match official, coach or representative, or opposing coach or club representative - that conduct, at the sole discretion of the Association, is grounds for restricting parents’ and other family members’:

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- A. Observation of Player during games and practices and
- B. Participation with Player at Association and Team Activities while Player participates within our Association.
- C. NUU/ISC may further refer inappropriate conduct to applicable league, tournament, UYSA disciplinary committees and/or law enforcement officials, and may place the player/player's family in Bad Standing.

2:08:07 **Non Participation because of 'Bad Standing'** - Any Member, Team, Club, or Individual Member Association of UYSA determined to be in 'bad standing' by either UYSA or Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC Soccer will not be allowed to participate in any Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC Soccer activities. (This includes participating and voting at any and all meetings, for the adults).

Reasons for 'bad standing' include but are not limited to -

- non-payment of fees
- non-compliance of rules and policies

2:09 **Special considerations with respect to the Merging of Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC and Infinity SC in Fall of 2014.**

2:09:01 Finances will not be combined until after March 2018, and Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC and Infinity SC, shall each maintain their own separate 501©3 and finances independently.

2:09:02 After March 2018, it is recommended that the association look into expanding the Board of Directors and that the BOD meet on a monthly basis, and that the Executive committees look to decreasing their numbers and move toward meeting quarterly. By the end of our initial three years as a combined association, we should have worked out most of our merger issues and should be working as a cohesive whole, which should allow most of the policy-making and administrative power to shift from the Executive committees to the Board of Directors, and allow the Executive committees to spend their time working on more complex issues.

2:09:03 If at any time before March of 2018, the Board of Directors feel that this merger is not beneficial to the soccer community, or if ideological differences become irreconcilably apparent, the board may vote to reverse the merger and revert to both individual organizations (Northern Utah United and Infinity SC) under their individual bylaws as written before the merger. A two-thirds (2/3's) board of directors vote would be required. After March of 2018, the merger will become final.

2:09:04 Special quarterly meetings may be convened over the next year to fine-tune the Association's Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules until the conclusion of Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC's 2016 Annual General Meeting, with the intent of fine-tuning this major Constitutional/Bylaw rewrite (done throughout 2014/15). It is recommended that these meetings be held at any time as part of the Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC Board of Directors meetings throughout 2014/15, as needed. At these meetings, Board of Directors members may vote to change Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present. Any changes must be ratified by the Membership at the 2016 Annual General Meeting. After the conclusion of the Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC Soccer 2016 Annual General Meeting, amendments to this Association's Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules may only be done at the Infinity United SC Annual General Meetings or during Special Meetings of the Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC Board of Directors called for this specific purpose.

2:09:05 At the time of the Merger, both organizations shall determine the original members of the Board of Directors and Executive committees. At the 2016 AGM, our election process will begin, and positions on the Board of Directors will come up for vote. The make-up of the Executive committees may be more fluid, with members adding or leaving as needed, and as determined by the committees.

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3:01 Duties of the Board of Directors

3:01:01 **President** - The responsibilities of the President shall include, but not be limited to the following:

- A. Understanding, implementing and enforcing the Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC Constitution, Bylaws, Rules and Policies within Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC.
- B. Understanding, implementing and enforcing the UYSA Constitution, Bylaws, Rules and Policies within Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC Soccer.
- C. Act in behalf of the organization when so designated by the NUU/ISC BOD.
- D. Ensure maintenance of Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC's 501(c)(3) tax status.
- E. Supervise all Association employees, contract employees, and appointed positions, ensuring their adherence to specified job descriptions and responsibilities as approved by the Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC BOD.
- F. Sign orders on the Treasury.
- G. Oversee the timely scheduling of monthly Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC BOD meetings, and Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC Annual General meetings and BOD elections.
- H. Serve as a permanent and active member of the Developmental & Independents (D&I) Executive committee.
- I. Shall oversee the purchase, distribution, and all other aspects of field and office equipment.

3:01:02 **Vice President** - The responsibilities of the Vice President shall include, but not be limited to the following:

- A. Rules and Revision- Overseeing all facets of this area of the program to include: Making sure that changes in the association Bylaws, and Policies are noted in a timely manner and consistent with the current UYSA Bylaws and Policies; Working with the Rules & Revision committee President to assure all procedures are done in a correct and timely manner.
- B. Protest and Appeals - Overseeing all facets of this area of the program to include working with the P & A committee chairman to assure process is done in a correct and timely manner.
- C. Sign orders on the treasury.
- D. as a permanent and active member of the Infinity or Club Executive committee
- E. Other duties assigned by the President
- F. Oversee all aspects of the usage of city facilities and related contracts.

3:01:03 **Director of Competition** - Their duties include, but are not limited to the following:

- A. Competition matters, as allowed by Region I and UYSA bylaws.
- B. Provide liaison between Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC Soccer and other member organizations for integrated play.
- C. Preside and conduct meetings of the Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC Challenger Competition committee.
- D. Provide liaison between Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC Board of Directors, and the State Competition Board in all Help provide guidance with regards to team alignment within the Challenger League.
- E. Develop alignment of all registered teams for the Challenger League program, and help to recruit and develop teams to fill divisions.
- F. Plan and conduct a coaches meeting for all coaches involved with the Challenger League competition program before each season (twice a calendar year).
- G. Acquire and provide for the distribution of awards for all divisions with Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC's Challenger League program.
- H. Be a resource for all coaches within Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC with respect to the Association's Bylaws, Rules, and Policies.
- I. Other duties as prescribed by the Board of Directors

3:01:04 **Director of Recreation and Academy Soccer** - Their duties include, but are not limited to the following

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- A. Represent the interests of the recreational players and to help facilitate a recreation program.
- B. Be responsible for recruiting and appointing Area registrars to help the Club Registrar to facilitate both Recreation and Academy registration, when needed.
- C. Work with both Executive committees to formulate and implement policies that will best benefit the player development and program development of both the Recreational and Academy programs.
- D. Work with the Executive Director and assistant registrar to help promote both the Recreational and Academy programs.
- E. Other duties as prescribed by the Board of Directors.

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Director of Risk Management/ Media /and Lesser Committees - Their duties include, but are not limited to the following:

- A. Promote an understanding of the laws of the game that pertain to safety, ie: the wearing of shin guards, no jewelry, the proper inflation of soccer balls, field playing surfaces, and goal safety.
- B. Support the teaching of coaches and players regarding reasonably safe techniques and methods of play.
- C. Implement appropriate training and medical programs to insure fitness of players, prevention and treatment of injuries, serious injury response, etc.
- D. Assist Association volunteers with equipment and supplies inspections to make sure they are safe in accordance with rules, as well as to make sure that playing fields are safe and do not contain dangerous conditions.
- E. Promote programs and policies to prevent child abuse in any form.
- F. Support and promote recognition and enforcement of ethical standards of behavior by all members of the association.
- G. Assist the Association as needed with participant (player or volunteer) insurance and claim administration.
- H. Assist the Association as needed with advice and policy with regards to ethical and safe banking or financial practices.
- I. Provide liaison between the Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC Board of Director, and the State Risk Management director.
- J. Advertising, Publicity/Newsletter: Overseeing publicity for the Association.
- K. Overseeing the formation of lesser committees and obtaining reports from them for the Board of Directors, and assisting the Board of Directors in appointing chairmen to these committees, when needed.

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Director of Club Soccer - Their duties include, but are not limited to the following:

- A. Represent the interests of the Club side of the organization, and its players.
- B. Work with both Executive committees to formulate and implement policies that will best benefit the player development and program development of the Club side of the organization.
- C. Work with the Executive Director and Club Director of operations to help the Club set fees, and facilitate registration.
- D. Other duties as prescribed by the Board of Directors

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Duties of Association Employees

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Executive Director & Registrar - The Responsibilities of the Executive Director & Registrar, with regards to the Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC Board of Directors shall include, but are not limited to the following:

- A. Aid NUU/ISC's BOD in setting registration dates and deadlines for both the Competition programs and the Recreation program.
- B. Aid NUU/ISC's BOD in setting fees.
- C. Provide at regular intervals, and upon request, reports to the members of the Board of Directors to help them in their duties.
- D. Attend monthly Board of Directors meetings and provide information to the Board of Directors as needed.
- E. Work with Area directors to train Area Registrars.
- F. Uphold and enforce all of the rules and policies of UYSA, Region I, and Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC Soccer and work with other associated member organizations with regards to their participation in Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC soccer related tournaments and programs.

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- G. Prepare, and help distribute all pre-registration and registration information.
- H. Be responsible for the annual or semi-annual registration of players in the Association to include making prior arrangements for the sign-up, supervising the event, and coordinating with the association Treasurer in accounting for all registrations.
- I. Facilitate all registration and online registration of players, administrators, and teams, according to UYSA and NUU/ISC's Bylaws, Policies, and Rules, and insure the payment of fees in a timely manner, to UYSA in accordance with their policy.
- J. Prepare and maintain records, lists, and reports as needed.
- K. Maintain a working knowledge of, and uphold the Bylaws and Policies of both Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC and UYSA, and be certified through UYSA as a certified association registrar.
- L. Perform all clerical, correspondence, and or other duties as directed by the President and/or Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC Board of Directors.
- M. Run the day to day operations of the business, the recreational programs, and the Challenger League.

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Director of Coaching - His/her duties include but shall not be limited to the following:

- A. Act as a liaison between NUU/ISC and the State Director of Development or Technical Director.
- B. Oversee coaching development and training for the Club.
- C. Develop training materials and aids for independent and recreational coaches within the Association as needed.
- D. Coordinate and oversee coach licensing and training in cooperation with UYSA coaching staff.
- E. Other duties and responsibilities as assigned by the President

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Club Director of Operations - His/Her duties include, but shall not be limited to the following:

- A. Help set the yearly budget for the Club side of the organization
- B. Oversee and coordinate all club Fundraising
- C. Parental relations, within the club
- D. Oversee and coordinate all aspects of Club Uniforms
- E. Organize and oversee Annual Banquet and Summer Party
- F. Assist the Board in Long term Club planning
- G. Board meetings
- H. Work with the webmaster to maintain Club information on the website(s)

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Additional Employees - Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC may hire other employees as they deem necessary, such as assistant registrars, or Academy directors, or other short-term labor positions, etc.

- A. Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC shall employ fair hiring practices. Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC does not discriminate based on gender, sex, race, creed, or religion. Employees are supervised by the President of the Board of Directors.
- B. All paid employees may be entitled to two (2) performance reviews during the year. Due to the cyclical nature of their employment, these reviews shall take place within two (2) weeks of the close of the spring season, and within two (2) weeks of the close of the fall season. This review will be made by a committee comprised of the President, and two additional members of the Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC Board of Directors. The Committee Chair being the President. Any input by other members of the Board of Directors not serving on this committee must be submitted in writing to this committee two (2) days prior to the evaluation meeting.

The employee will not be present at this meeting, but will be apprised of the committee's evaluation by the President, both in person and in writing. The results of this evaluation could result in, but not be limited to: commendation and retention of the employee; remonstrance and retention of the employee; or even dismissal of the employee. Appeals to the results of the evaluation must be made to the Board of Directors at the next regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting following the evaluation.

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- 3:03 Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC accepts the UYSA rules, bylaws, and policies - as they are printed in the Utah Youth Soccer Association Constitution, Rules, Bylaws, and Policies regarding Registration, with the exception of rules and/or policies that are adopted specifically for our own Challenger League competition and recreation programs as noted below.
- UYSA Rules, Bylaws and Policies regarding Registration can be found in the UYSA Bylaws under their Section 3, which can be found on their website at: www.utahyouthsoccer.net. Bylaws and Policies in this section refer to the following subjects: Registration, Age Group definitions, Proof of Age, Play up rules, Team Rosters, Tournament teams, Player Recruitment, Multiple Rostering, Releases, Transfers, and Player passes, to list a few.
- 3:04 **Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC Soccer Registration Rules and Policies, specific to Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC's Challenger League Competition and Recreation Programs, are as follows:**
- 3:04:01 Refund Policy - *NO Player refunds will be given unless the reason the player is withdrawing is the fault of the Association - ie: not enough for a division, etc., and no refunds will be given after games begin*
- 3:04:02 Scholarship guidelines – *Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC Soccer will grant no full scholarships. Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC Soccer will grant up to \$2,000 in combined partial scholarships for recreation players, per year and up to \$1,000 in combined partial scholarships for competition players, per year. Scholarships shall cover registration fees only, and will not cover referee fees, uniform costs, club fees, training fees, equipment fees, or any other related costs. Each Scholarship recipient will be required to pay a minimum of \$9 per player, per year for each recreational player, or \$11 a year for each competition player.*
- Scholarships will be awarded to families on a first-come, first-served basis, upon completion of a scholarship application. Scholarship applications must be accompanied by proof of income such as paystubs for 2 consecutive months, or W-2 tax form from the previous year's filing.*
- Recreational scholarship players will be accepted as room permits, once open registration has ended.*
- Scholarships may have to be done as a rebate in cases where registration must be done online.*
- Separate scholarships may be available for Club fees, and may be applied for through the NUU/ISC Director of Club Operations.*
- 3:04:03 All Adult participants must fill out and submit a volunteer disclosure with UYSA, which may be done electronically, as part of the registration process.
- 3:04:04 Registration requirements and benefits for Members and non-members
- Players cannot register as a primary player with more than one member organization within UYSA*
- A. Members – *Members are defined as players and teams which do their primary registration with UYSA through Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC Soccer.*
- B. *Member teams must complete all requirements contained in the registration instructions set by the Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC Soccer board prior to each season, which shall include but not be limited to: Registering a minimum number of players; turning in a signed team roster; a Head Coach with at least an E license or waiver; field use authorization; pictures uploaded or turned in for all players and coaches; proof of age documents for players as needed; and the required fees according to the current published fee schedule.*
- C. *Members will be allowed to participate in voting at the annual general meeting of Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC Soccer.*
- 3:04:05 Registration requirements for Non-Members participating in NUU/ISC programs and events – *Non-members are defined, for registration purposes, as players and/or teams which do their primary registration with UYSA through a member organization other than Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC Soccer.*

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- A. *Non-member teams must meet all requirements contained in the registration instructions for non-members set by the Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC Soccer board prior to each season, which shall include but not be limited to: Payment of appropriate fees according to the current published fee schedule for non-members; field use authorization; proof of legal registration through UYSA meeting all legal player/coach/team registration requirements of UYSA and Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC Soccer including coaching requirements and player proof of age documentation.*
- B. *Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC Soccer reserves the right to accept and/or refuse any non-member team for participation in its Challenger League competition program and/or other events.*
- C. *Non-member participants do not have voting rights in Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC Soccer's annual general meeting (Section 1:08:03).*

3:04:06 **Late Team Registration** - *The Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC Board of Directors will set the Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC registration deadline before each season. Teams registered after the registration deadline must be approved by the Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC Board of Directors and may be assessed a \$50 late registration fee. The lone exception to the registration deadline is those teams whose players are involved in high school tryouts (U15-U19, girls in the fall, and boys in the spring). The registration deadline and alignment dates will be set by the board as soon as the Utah High School Activities Association sets the soccer tryout date and first game date for the girls' and boys' soccer seasons.*

3:04:07 **To Change a Head Coach after Registration** - *New coach must turn in a Change of Coach form with the appropriate signatures. This form can be found on the Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC website at: www.NorthernUtahUnited.com*

3:04:08 **Play up** – *As per UYSA Policy: No player in the U-10 or younger age group may be registered to a team that competes in an age group more than one year older than the player's age group. A player U11-U14 may be registered to a team that competes in an age group not more than two years older than the player's age group. U-15 and older players will be unrestricted for play-up. **The actual age of the player shall determine the play-up, not the age division the player is registered in.***

Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC Soccer will allow the following exception to the above stated play-up rule for its Challenger League competition program only:

- A. *U14-August Birthdays – U14 players with August birthdays, who are Freshman and therefore eligible to play High School soccer, will be allowed to play as U15 players with no play-up restriction and therefore play with any U15 or older High School age teams that compete solely within Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC's Challenger League.*
- B. *U8-August Birthdays – U8 players with August birthday, who are in third (3rd) grade are eligible to play into the U9 division, as long as there is a stream-lined U9 division. No other U8 players may play up into the Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC Soccer Challenger League. Any team is limited to no more than three (3) U8 players and each team must have a core of eight (8) U9 players on the team roster at any given time.*

Any team which has a U8 player with an August birthday is therefore ineligible to play in a U10 bracket as long as that player is on the roster.

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4:00 Rules of Play Policies

4:01 Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC accepts the UYSA Rules of Play bylaws, and policies - as they are printed in the Utah Youth Soccer Association Constitution, Rules, Bylaws, and Policies regarding Rules of Play, with the exception of rules and/or policies that are adopted specifically for our own Challenger League competition and recreation programs.

UYSA's Rules of Play Bylaws and Policies can be found in the UYSA Bylaws under their Section 4, which can be found on their website at: www.utahyouthsoccer.net. Bylaws and Policies in this section refer to the following subjects: Sportsmanship, Field dimensions, Equipment, Team Bench sideline policy, Ball size and Game times, Substitution policy, Referee responsibilities, Disciplinary action for non-compliance, to list a few.

Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC Soccer Rules of Play Bylaws and Policies, specific to Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC Soccer's Challenger League Competition and Recreation Programs, are as follows.

4:02 Field Requirements – every team must get approval from city officials or city-authorized field representative for authorization to use their fields.

4:02:01 Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC Soccer will arrange for paint for each field being used by all member and non-member teams, unless contracted otherwise. A minimum of two (2) teams must be assigned to a field in order for Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC soccer to authorize the funds for field paint.

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5:00 Recreation & Academy Soccer Policies

- 5:01 Recreation Soccer Purpose and Definition - The purpose of recreation/developmental soccer is to provide a positive, enjoyable and FUN experience for all participants regardless of physical coordination, skills, experience, or abilities. To this end, recreation/developmental soccer must be absolutely free from player tryouts or selections, maintenance of records of scores and team standings, recognition or awards for champions, and pressure from coaches or parents to win. Players should be taught basic skills and strategies and encouraged to do their best on the field. They have a right to expect praise and positive reinforcement for their efforts whether their team wins, ties, or loses.
- 5:01:01 Minimum Play time - Recreational players shall be guaranteed a minimum play time of one half (½) of each game, with a recommendation that every effort should be made to allow equal play time for all players. Players should have the opportunity to learn and have playing time in every position, regardless of skill, experience, or ability.
- 5:01:02 Team Organization – No tryouts are to be held for recreation/developmental program. Every attempt should be made to form neighborhood teams with a balance of age and playing experience. Recreation/developmental teams should not be perpetuated year after year, or season after season, where an obvious imbalance exists, i.e., a team wins all its games
- 5:01:03 Recreational Coaches and Team Parents - Volunteer parents or other responsible individuals shall be selected and/or recruited to serve as coaches, assistant coaches, and team parents for each team. The coach and assistant coach are responsible for the technical soccer development and training of players and the team. The team parent assists by being responsible for such matters as team communications, coordination of non-related technical matters as proposed by the Team Coach.
- 5:01:04 Coaches meeting/training - should be held prior to the start of the seasonal year. Pertinent program rules and procedures should be reviewed. Coaches should be strongly encouraged to attend training courses to improve their understanding of the game and their ability to teach their players. Other training tools may be sent to the coaches as well.
- 5:01:05 Background Checks - All volunteers need to turn in volunteer disclosure form, required by UYSA, USYSA and Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC Soccer, for the purposes of running a background check.
- 5:01:06 Uniforms and Player Equipment - Players must wear the official player jersey of Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC Soccer, with coordinating shorts and soccer socks. Shin guards are also mandatory. Players are required to provide their own footwear. Acceptable footwear includes sneakers or cleated shoes that meet the standards of FIFA Law 4. Cleats may not have toe cleats. Teams should have all their players in full uniform when on the field of play. When weather conditions dictate, recreational/developmental players may wear warm-ups or other clothing *under* their uniforms. Home team shall wear the navy or darker color, and Away team shall wear white
- 5:01:07 Practices – It is recommended that teams have practices no longer than 1 hour in length. Practices should encourage fair play, good sportsmanship, and skill development. Teams are encouraged to practice no more than twice a week before the beginning of the season, and no more than once a week after the beginning of the season.
- 5:01:08 Games –
- A. No records should be kept of game scores or team standings within the age group. Accordingly, no protests of game outcome may be accepted. Each game is an end in and of itself and is played for the fun and physical challenge it offers the players.
 - B. It is recommended that games not be scheduled during the weekend of the UYSA America Cup Tournament (held usually in May), or other in-house recreational tournaments, but rather teams be encouraged to participate in this activity.
 - C. NUU/ISC will guarantee a minimum of 8 games a season, in the Fall and Spring.

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D. Games will be scheduled ideally twice a week, with one game being played on Saturday, and the other being played ideally on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday afternoon.

5:01:09 **Recreational Referee** – It is recommended that all recreational referees be at least 14 years of age, but no younger than 12. Each recreational referee must take the recreational referee course each year. Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC Soccer will arrange several recreational referee courses before each recreation season. Recreational referees must follow the guidelines that are set by Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC soccer, and must wear the prescribed uniform of a Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC recreational referee.

5:01:10 **Disrespect and insubordination** - toward anyone, and especially recreational referees *will not be tolerated*. Parents, players, and coaches alike are all strongly encouraged to treat referees with respect on the field. The recreational program is also a training program for youth referees, and though they may be beginning referees and still learning, they are the official authority on the field. See Section 2:08:06 for more information about our player and sideline policy.

5:02 Academy Soccer

5:02:01 **Academy Soccer Purpose and Definition** - The Purpose of the Academy program is to give additional soccer training to younger players that aspire to play competition soccer. The Academy program focuses on building core skills, ball handling, and good sportsmanship.

5:02:02 Academy sessions may run year-round. These sessions consist of one weekly session for players in the age ranges U5 – U8, ideally on Monday or Friday so as to allow players to participate in both Recreational Soccer and Academy soccer, if they so choose.

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6:00 General Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC - Competition Definition & Policies

6:01 All official Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC, State and Challenger League level competition games, shall be played under the 'Current Laws of the Game' published by FIFA as modified by USYSA subject to specific rules originated by the UYSA membership and/or the UYSA Competition Board and approved by the UYSA membership and/or Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC membership at their respective Annual General Meetings, or at Special meetings called for that purpose in accordance with UYSA and Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC Soccer's Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules.

6:02 State Competition Program - Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC will comply with the UYSA Bylaw's, Rules, and Policies as it pertains to the 'State Level Program'. State Teams are defined, for our purposes, as teams formed within Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC, organized by single age groupings U11-U19, that enter to play in the UYSA state competition program with other teams throughout the state. The X-league is a UYSA state competition program for U9/10 age groups.

6:03 Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC Soccer Challenger League Competition Program - The Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC in-house Competition program may include member and non-member U9 - U19 teams that meet Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC and UYSA registration requirements, as set forth in Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC Soccer and UYSA bylaws and policies. This program shall be known commonly as the 'Challenger League'.

6:03:01 Integrated competition - *Integrated play occurs when a team from one Association requests to play within Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC Soccer's Challenger League Competition Program, or vice-versa. Integrated play must be approved by the Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC Board of Directors, with recommendation from Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC Soccer's Competition directors, and the appropriate authority from the other participating organization. The Competition Committees for each association should work together to ensure fair alignment.*

Non-member teams participating in Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC Soccer programs and events are subject to the rules and policies set by Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC Soccer governing those programs and events.

6:04 Rules of Play - Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC accepts the Competition UYSA rules, bylaws, and policies as they are printed in the Utah Youth Soccer Association Constitution, Rules, Bylaws, and Policies regarding Rules of Play, with the exception of rules and/or policies that are adopted specifically for our own Challenger League competition and recreation programs.

UYSA's Competition Rules, Bylaws and Policies can be found in the UYSA Bylaws under their Section 6, which can be found on their website at: www.utahyouthsoccer.net. Bylaws and Policies in this section refer to the following subjects: State Competition board, Proof of Age, State Office, Alignment Process, Coaches Qualifications, Referees, Score Reporting (for the State Program), Standings (for the State Program), Change of Coach, to list a few.

6:05 Program administration - The Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC Executive Director will be responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC Soccer Challenger League Competition program.

All Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC Soccer State level teams will be subject to the UYSA Bylaws and Policies which govern the UYSA state competition program.

6:06 **Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC Soccer Competition Bylaws and Policies, specific to Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC Soccer's Challenger League Competition Program are as follows.**

6:06:01 Standings –

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- A. *Standings for the Challenger League program will be maintained on the Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer Club website at: www.NorthernUtahUnited.com . Standings for the State level program will be maintained on the UYSA website at: www.utahyouthsoccer.net.*
- B. *Standings will be determined by a point system: three (3) points for a win, one (1) point for a tie, and zero (0) points for a loss. If a team forfeits a game the opposing team will be awarded three points and scored as if the game had been played and won 1 to 0.*

6:06:02 **Tie Breakers** - *In the case of a tie at the end of a season, the tie will be broken according to the following criteria: in order*

- 1. *The winner in head-to-head competition*
- 2. *Goal differential (goals scored minus goals allowed to a maximum differential of 4 per game)*
- 3. *Least goals allowed*
- 4. *Shut-out wins (forfeits not counting)*
- 5. *Championship game – going to shootout if necessary.*

If weather conditions, number of teams or lack of playing time does not allow for a full playoff schedule, a modified formula may be used to determine standings. This formula will be approved by the NUU/ISC Competition Board. Each Division shall have a first and second place award each season. All teams will start a new season with zero points for team standings.

6:06:03 **Reporting Scores** –

- A. *It is the responsibility of both coaches to see that the scores of each game are entered on the Internet through our ADG online registration program. The Center Referee may also enter the game score.*
- B. *If for any reason a coach cannot enter the game score through the ADG online system, they should send an e-mail to their appropriate NUU/ISC Competition director with the following information:*
 - 1. *Game Number*
 - 2. *Age group and Gender*
 - 3. *Division*
 - 4. *Team names*
 - 5. *Score*
- C. *Any individual who knowingly falsifies scores will be referred to the Disciplinary Committee.*
- D. *In case of a scoring dispute, the official game score shall be determined by the Center Referee.*

6:07 **Try Out Dates** – *The Challenger League will follow UYSA’s tryout policy, which may be found in Section 6 (policy 6315) of the State Bylaws, to be found at www.utahyouthsoccer.net*

6:08 **Coaches** – *Head coaches are the recognized authority of a team.*

6:08:01 **Coaches Licensing** –

- A. *Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC requires that all Coaches and Assistant coaches of teams participating in Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC Soccer’s Challenger League competition program be required to hold a valid USSF “E” coaching license.*
- B. *Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC Soccer will reimburse one half (1/2) of the cost of any “E” or “D” license class for any member coach once the course has been completed and the coach has passed the course and received his/or her coaching license. Coaches interested in obtaining a higher license may contact NUU/ISC about partial reimbursement for the cost of that course.*
- C. *Individuals that Head coach more than one team, must have a licensed qualified assistant coach for each team.*

6:08:02 **Waivers**. –

- A. *Coaches without licenses may obtain a one season waiver through UYSA. This waiver is may be renewed up to one (1) season at an additional cost. The purpose of this waiver is to allow the coach time to take the USSF “E” course, which is offered periodically within our Region and sanctioned and taught by coaching staff assigned by the UYSA technical director. Once the waiver has expired, coaches may NOT coach until they have taken the E license course.*

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- B. *The same procedure applies to the USSF “D” license course. Coaches must have a D license if they coach more than one State level team. Coaches must have an E license to take the D license course. Waivers are available under the same circumstances as detailed above.*

6:08:03

coaching policies, responsibilities, and forfeit offences –

1. *If a coach is not legally registered, he/she will not be allowed to participate in any game or event.*
2. *Only coaches listed on the game-day roster will be allowed in the team area during the game.*
3. *If any games are played with a participating unlicensed coach, said coach and/or the team’s Head Coach will be brought up on disciplinary charges which may include suspension, and game forfeit.*
4. *Any team without a coach listed on the game-day roster will not be allowed to play. Every team must have a qualified coach on the game-day roster or must forfeit.*
5. *If a coach is ejected and there is no one other coach on the game day roster for that team, the game is forfeited and should be abandoned by the referee.*
6. *If the coach gets a red card, he/she must sit out the remainder of the game, and either one or two of the next sequentially scheduled games, depending on the severity of the offense.*
7. *Coaches are responsible for their sidelines and are encouraged to promote positive behavior in their players, parents, and coaching staff. If the referee abandons a game due to the actions of your team or supporters, your team will forfeit the game.*

6:09

Developmental Pass - Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC Soccer adopts the Developmental pass policy use in the Challenger League competition program.

- A. *The Developmental Pass provides the fluid movement of players to help allow player development as well as reduce the need for canceling or rescheduling games due to injuries, conflicts, etc.*
- B. *Players may only developmental pass between teams within their own member organization.*
- C. *The developmental pass will not allow movement within the same division of any age group.*
- D. *A team must have a minimum of eleven (11) regularly rostered players in all games for U12 – U19 teams; and a minimum of eight (8) regularly rostered players in all games for teams U9 – U11*
- E. *Any player may only utilize the developmental pass up to a maximum of six (6) times per season.*
- F. *A team may only utilize up to three (3) developmental pass players per game.*
- G. *A player may not use the pass to play down more than 2 divisions.*
- H. *A player may only developmental pass up in accordance with the UYSA play-up policy, ie:*
 1. *U10 and younger may play up a maximum of 1 year*
 2. *U11 – U14 players may play up a maximum of 2 years*
 3. *U15 & older players may play up without restriction.*
- I. *The team’s game-day roster is still limited to the maximum roster limits of their age group, ie: fourteen (14) max roster for U9 – U11, and eighteen (18) max roster for U12 and older.*
- J. *To employ the developmental pass, the coach of team wanting to use the pass, and the coach of the loaning player must come to an agreement. Instructions on how to use the developmental pass can be found on the website.*
- K. *Prior to each match, the coach will present the referee with two (2) copies of the game day roster- one for the referee and one for the opposing team. This roster shall be printed on-line prior to the game and presented a minimum of fifteen (15) minutes before game time.*
- L. *Any coach or player who violates provisions of this Developmental Pass Policy shall be subject to disciplinary actions in accordance with the Association’s disciplinary policy. The team utilizing an ineligible player, in addition to any disciplinary action imposed upon the coach or player or administrator, shall forfeit any game in which an ineligible player participates in violation of this Developmental Pass Policy.*

6:10

Game Rescheduling/Cancellation - Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC accepts the UYSA rules, bylaws, and policies as they are printed in the Utah Youth Soccer Association Constitution, Rules, Bylaws, and Policies regarding Cancelling/Rescheduling Games for teams in the State level Program.

6:10:01

The Game Rescheduling/Cancellation policy for the Challenger League Program is as follows:

- A. *Game cancellation requests must be made 48 hours in advance of game day or may not be approved.*
- B. *Reschedules will NOT be approved by phone.*
- C. *To cancel a game, the following steps should be taken:*

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1. *Agreement between the two coaches/teams involved*
2. *Contact Competition Director with a request for a game change/cancellation.*
 - a. *Requests must be made by e-mail and must include the Date, Game #, Venue, Time, Field #, Home team and Away team, as well as a reason for the change. (Cut and Paste from schedule)*
 - b. *Competition director will notify you if game change/cancellation has been approved or not. Reschedules will only be approved with good reason. Having your top scorer not available for a game, for example, is not a good enough reason to have a game rescheduled.*
3. *The Coach requesting the change needs to contact the Field Rep for field availability.*
4. *Coach requesting the change should work with the Field Rep and the opposing coach to establish two possible dates for the reschedule.*
5. *The rescheduling Coach then must forward the game information, the approval from the Competition director, and the (2) possible days/times for rescheduling to the Referee Assignor, by e-mail, for approval.*
6. *Once the reschedule has been approved by all parties, the Referee Assignor will forward all of the pertinent information to the Scheduler to be updated on the published schedule. The scheduler will then send confirmation e-mails to the appropriate field rep, the rescheduling coach, the referee assignor and the competition director.*
 - a. *It is the responsibility of the rescheduling coach to make sure that the opposing coach is made aware that the game has been successfully rescheduled*
 - b. *Both coaches are then responsible to make sure that their teams are aware of the schedule change.*
7. *The rescheduling Team as 48 hours to pay the \$20 rescheduling fee. Disciplinary action will be taken against teams for non-payment of rescheduling fees.*
8. *Complete instructions on rescheduling are available on our website.*

6:10:02 *If cancellation request is made less than **48 hours** in advance, the seven (7) requirements must still be met, with the condition that approval must come from the appropriate Competition Director. There is a risk that the cancellation MAY not be approved which would result in a forfeit for the requesting team.*

6:10:03 *In the event that the two teams cannot agree on a reschedule, the appropriate Competition Director and/or Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC Board of Directors may decide the dispute by arbitration.*

6:11 *Criteria for Alignment Process* - *depending on the number of teams registered to play within Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC's Challenger League program in each age group, teams may be divided into 'divisions'.*

- A. *Divisions will be determined by the following:*
 1. *Previous record - wins and losses*
 2. *Age of players and previous level played.*
 3. *Experience and license level of the coach.*
 4. *Number of returning players.*
- B. *Teams may be aligned in two-year bracket if necessary, ie: U9/10, U13/14, etc.*
- C. *Teams must be aligned in divisions in compliance with the UYSA play-up policy. Teams will be registered in age according to their oldest player. Teams may not play-up in an older division if it means that players legally rostered on that team will then be in violation of our play-up policy which states that players U9/10 may play up 1 year, U11 - U14 may play up 2 years, and players U15 and older are eligible for unlimited play-up.*
- D. *The final team alignment for the Challenger League program will be approved by the Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC Competition Director.*

6:12 *Home team responsibilities* - *The home team should provide a marked field, nets, ball, goal anchors, and corner flags. If the nets, goal anchors, and corner flags are not in place within 15 minutes after the scheduled game time, the home team will forfeit the game in accordance with criteria as established by the competition committee.*

6:13 *Uniforms*

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- A. *Each player shall have a uniform consisting of a shirt that displays the USYSA/UYSA logo with a number at least eight (8) inches high on the back, a pair of shorts and socks. Shin guards are mandatory. (No AYSO logos - see guidelines below).*
- B. *Sponsorship on Uniforms: Sponsors will be allowed to put logos/names on uniforms under the following guidelines:*
- *The logo for the sponsor should be of moderate size and shouldn't interfere with the number or USYSA/UYSA logo.*
 - *The sponsor logo cannot be on the back where it can interfere with the number.*
 - *The sponsor logo name cannot be in competition with a national sponsor*
 - *The sponsor cannot be someone who is in competition with UYSA (ie: AYSO)*
 - *The sponsor logo cannot be something detrimental for youth (alcohol, tobacco, etc.) and must uphold the standards of youth soccer.*
- C. *The sponsor logo/name is subject to approval by the Board of Directors.*
- D. *Independent teams shall be responsible for choosing their own uniforms.*
- E. *Club teams, shall wear the official Club uniform.*

6:13:01 Home Uniforms - *As a general rule, the home team should wear their darker colored jersey and the visitors their lighter one. If there is still a conflict, the home team must change or wear pinnies.*

6:14 Red Card Offenses – *Within Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC Soccer's Challenger League Program, any Coach or Player receiving a red card will be required to sit out for the remainder of the game and will be not be allowed to participate in the next scheduled game. More egregious offenses may warrant a two (2+) game suspension or more, depending on the offense.*

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7:00 Tournament Policy

- 7:01 Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC Soccer will annually organize a competition tournament and a recreational tournament. Both tournaments shall take place within Cache county. The Competition tournament will be known as the Cache Valley Cup. The Recreational tournament shall be a small sided 4v4 tournament, and will be run in conjunction with UYSA and USYSA's American Cup program, as long as this is possible. If it becomes impossible to utilize the American Cup program, then Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC Soccer will organize its own 4v4 recreational tournament.
- 7:02 *Tournament Directors – The tournament director for each tournament shall be selected by Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC Soccer's board of directors, on an annual basis. The Cache Valley Cup Tournament Director shall be paid no less than \$500 to run the tournament.*
- 7:03 *Tournament directors are responsible for chairing and presiding over their own tournament committee.*
- 7:04 *Tournament directors are responsible for record keeping for the tournament, such as budgets, minutes, policy changes, etc. and making that information available to the Board of Directors.*
- 7:05 *Tournament directors are responsible for completing tournament reports at the conclusion of the tournaments and submitting these reports to UYSA and the NUU/ISC Board of Directors in a timely manner.*
- 7:03 *Annual Review – Annually, the board of directors has the right to review the policies of the Cache Valley Cup tournament. Additionally, the Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC's board of directors shall be presented for review a copy of the Tournament report that is required by UYSA.*

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8:00 Disciplinary /Protest and Appeals – Bylaws

8:01 Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC shall adopt UYSA Bylaws and Policies set forth in their Sections 7 & 8, which can be found on their website at: www.utahyouthsoccer.net, with the following exceptions and/or additions:

Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC Soccer reserves the right of original jurisdiction in all matters related to our Challenger League and Recreational programs and events. Where appropriate, we reserve the right of original jurisdiction in local matters involving our member State level teams, except where it pertains to specifics within the State competition program administrated by UYSA.

8:02 Disciplinary Process-

8:02:01 Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC Soccer's Disciplinary committee - shall consist of not fewer than three (3) members. The Chairman of this committee shall be appointed by the President, and ratified by the Board of Directors. Other members of the committee shall be selected by the Chairman.

8:02:02 Disciplinary Committee Conflict of Interest – No member of the Disciplinary Committee shall participate in any case or controversy in which that member has a direct interest of the appearance of a conflict of interest, as determined by the President and/or Board of Directors.

8:02:03 Temporary Orders - The Discipline Committee is empowered to issue temporary orders that may suspend or otherwise condition Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC Soccer participation until the timely completion of the Committee's review of a matter.

8:02:04 Subpoena Power - The Discipline Committee may require any person or entity subject to its jurisdiction to appear before the Committee and/or to provide information or materials related to any pending disciplinary matter. Failure to cooperate with such requests from the Discipline Committee may be grounds for immediate suspension from Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC Soccer activities and/or sanctions.

8:02:05 Sanctions - The Discipline Committee is empowered to impose any form of discipline deemed appropriate by the Committee unless otherwise prohibited by UYSA, USYSA or USSF constitution, bylaws, rules or policies.

8:02:06 Review and Investigation - The Discipline Committee is empowered to investigate and review matters within its jurisdiction. All matters referred to the Disciplinary Committee must be submitted in writing and in a timely manner (see subsection F). The committee will not consider verbal referrals. Each referral to the committee must be accompanied by a certified check for \$50 payable to Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC Soccer to cover administrative costs, unless the case is generated by the Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC Board of Directors (Also see subsection G below). Requests for waiver of the filing fee will be conducted by the Chairman of the Disciplinary Committee and all decisions regarding fee waivers are final.

All matters referred to the Disciplinary Committee shall be filed in writing and must include:

- A. The appropriate filing fee (or a request for waiver of fee),
- B. The nature and specifics of the complaint,
- C. A listing of rules or procedures that have been violated,
- D. A statement of the desired result,
- E. All supporting documentation,
- F. Shall be submitted within 15 days of the incident (allegations of referee assault, non-referee assault, referee abuse). All other complaints/allegations of misconduct must be reported within thirty (30) days of the incident or discovery of the misconduct,
- G. Referee game reports and any supporting documentation are considered to have accomplished A through F above and the \$50 administrative fee is automatically waived.

If the disciplinary referral results in disciplinary action, the filing fee shall be refunded.

8:02:07 Decisions and Orders - The Discipline Committee shall issue a final determination, resolving a case or controversy, not more than five business days after the close of a hearing. The Disciplinary Committee will deliver that recommendation to the President of Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC Soccer including their

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determination of violations, and their recommended consequence, in accordance with Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC Soccer, UYSA, USYSA, and USSF..

After review, if the President finds the decision to be in violation of a rule, then the decision is to be resubmitted to the committee for further review.

- 8:02:08 Notice of Decision - Decisions and orders of the Discipline Committee and President of the organization shall be conveyed to parties by certified, registered, or US Mail; FAX; telephone; e-mail, or by hand-delivery. Copies of decisions and orders of the Discipline Committee shall be maintained on file with Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC Soccer in a confidential file.
- 8:02:09 Enforcement of Decisions and Orders - Parties subject to disciplinary action will be provided with notice of the specific charges or alleged violations. Service may be accomplished by certified, registered, or regular US Mail; FAX; telephone; or e-mail. All officers of Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC Soccer including team and club officers and coaches must honor the enforcement of all appropriate decisions, or be placed in Bad Standing.
- 8:02:10 Potential Consequences of Negative findings -
1. Probation - shall be defined as an official period of warning wherein any further violations of Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC Soccer, USSF, USYSA, UYSA Constitution, Bylaws or affiliated tournament rules, may result in an immediate hearing without regard to stated time limits in these bylaws. The resulting decision of the Disciplinary action may place conditions of Probation. Probation is not considered an adverse action in and of itself, and therefore may not be appealed, unless there are specific conditions of probation imposed with the period of probation. Specific conditions of probation that remove such benefits of membership, e.g., ability to participate in association tournaments or ability to coach or hold administrative positions, are considered adverse actions and may be appealed.
 2. Suspension - shall be defined as the complete cessation of any and all affiliated activities within Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC Soccer. All benefits of membership are removed. Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC Soccer reserves the right to notify UYSA of the suspension along with a recommendation for the removal of benefits in UYSA.
 3. Bad Standing - shall be defined as the period where specific membership benefits are removed due to the member's nonpayment of financial obligations to the appropriate affiliated authority or non-compliance of Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC, UYSA, USYSA and/or USSF rules or policies. Bad Standing may exist along with Suspension or Probation.
- 8:02:11 Appeals – Appeals may be heard by UYSA according to their Bylaws and Procedure as set in Section 7 & 8 of the Utah Youth Soccer Associations Bylaws.
- 8:03** **Protest and Appeals Process-**
- 8:03:01 Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC Soccer's Protest and Appeals committee - shall consist of not fewer than three (3) members. The Chairman of this committee shall be appointed by the President, and ratified by the Board of Directors. Other members of the committee shall be selected by the Chairman.
- 8:03:02 Protest and Appeals Committee Conflict of Interest – No member of the Protest and Appeals Committee shall participate in any case or controversy in which that member has a direct interest of the appearance of a conflict of interest, as determined by the President and/or Board of Directors.
- 8:03:03 Jurisdiction - Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC Soccer reserves the right of original jurisdiction in all matters related to our Challenger League and Recreation programs and events. Where appropriate, we reserve the right of original jurisdiction in local matters involving our member State level teams, except where it pertains to specifics within the State competition program administrated by UYSA, and where the original jurisdiction is with the Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC Soccer Disciplinary committee.
- 8:03:04 Protests - A protest is any dispute which arises from a specific match or administrative action and is based on an

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alleged violation of the published rules of the competition, or Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC Soccer Constitution and Bylaws, or misapplication of the FIFA Laws of the Games as modified by UYSA and/or Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC Soccer. Only those Coaches, Players, or Administrators of the teams directly involved are permitted to protest a specific game.

Protests must be filed in accordance with the protest procedures and rules of Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC Soccer/and or UYSA. The protest must be based upon an alleged violation of the published rules of the competition authority or violation of the Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC Soccer Constitution, Bylaws and or tournament rules.

Judgment calls and decisions of referees are considered final and not subject to protest. Where misapplication of the rules of the game *can be shown to have occurred and such misapplication can be shown to have had a major effect on the outcome of a game*, a protest may be considered.

The protest and appeal process within the rules of the competition must be exhausted before proceeding to the Protest and Appeals process.

8:03:05

Submission of Protests or Appeals –

Contents: Every notice of protest or appeal must be submitted in writing, and it must contain the following:

- A. A statement showing guaranteeing that the current issue is not under consideration by another board, such as: Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC Soccer's competition committee or Disciplinary, or any UYSA committee.
- B. A listing of all parties, by name, address and telephone number, directly or potentially affected by the protest or appeal;
- C. A brief statement of relevant facts;
- D. A listing of the rules, bylaws, regulations, or procedures allegedly misinterpreted, misconstrued or violated;
- E. A certification that all lower level administrative procedures have been exhausted;
- F. A statement of the desired resolution or remedy;
- G. Submission of protest or appeals fee in cashier check; and
- H. A declaration that all parties listed in the notice, as required in subsection (b) above, have been served with a copy of the notice of protest or appeal

8:03:06

Protests and Appeal Submissions - shall be submitted in writing and must be postmarked or delivered to the Association address (unless specified otherwise such as in tournament rules), and e-mailed to the President of Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC Soccer, no later than three days following the completed game or the incident being protested or appealed. Saturdays, Sundays and holidays are not included in the three days.

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Protest and Appeal Filing Fee - All protests and appeals must be accompanied by a check or money order for \$100.00 payable to Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC Soccer. The fee shall be returned only if the protest or appeal is upheld.

8:03:08

Rejection of Protest - Upon receipt of a protest or appeal, the Protest and Appeals Committee Chairperson may dismiss any protest or appeal deemed untimely, moot, or defective under 8:03:05.

If the protest or appeals does not include the fees, fails to cite constitutional provisions, bylaws or rules, or a cause of action, the written documents will be returned to the person filing the protest or appeal with notice identifying the defects and referring them to the rules.

8:03:09

Distribution - Immediately upon receipt of a protest or appeal and upon determination that it has been properly submitted according section 8:03:05 Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC Soccer will forward a copy to:

- A. The chairman of the Protest and Appeals committee for distribution to each member of the Protests and Appeals Committee.
- B. Individuals directly affected by the protest or appeal such as opposing coach, referees, etc.
- C. Any Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC administrators having jurisdiction over parties.

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Failure to distribute copies of a protest or appeal in accordance with these provisions shall not be the basis for a further appeal.

8:03:10 Rebuttals - from individuals directly affected by the protest or appeal must be mailed and e-mailed to the President of Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC Soccer within four (4) days following the date they were notified of the protest or appeal. The four (4) days do not include Saturdays, Sunday or holidays. Notification shall be evidenced by the postmark or by note of the actual date of delivery of a copy of the protest or appeal or the time and date of electronic notification. Copies of rebuttals shall be forwarded to each member of the Protests and Appeals Committee and the protesting party.

8:03:11 Decisions and Orders - The Protest and Appeals Committee shall issue a final determination, resolving a case or controversy, not more than five business days after the close of a hearing. The Disciplinary Committee will deliver that recommendation to the Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC Soccer board of directors, including their determination of violations, and their recommended consequence, if any, in accordance with Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC Soccer, UYSA, USYSA, and USSF, and any possible referrals to the Disciplinary Committee. The Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC Board of Directors shall meet on this issue within 30 days, however a special e-mail vote or special meeting of the Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC Soccer Board of Directors may be convened if the matter is time sensitive.

After review, if the President or Board of Directors finds the decision to be in violation of a rule, then the decision is to be resubmitted to the committee for further review.

8:03:12 Notice of Decision - Decisions and orders of the Protest and Appeals Committee and Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC Board of Directors shall be conveyed to parties by certified, registered, or US Mail; FAX; telephone; e-mail, or by hand-delivery. Copies of decisions and orders of the Protest and Appeals Committee shall be maintained on file with Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC Soccer in a confidential file.

8:03:13 Appeal of Decision - Only those parties to the original action, who are adversely impacted by decisions made by the Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC Soccer Protest and Appeals process, shall have standing to appeal, and may appeal to UYSA.

All appeals must be filed in accordance with the appeal procedures and rules of UYSA. The appeal must be based upon an alleged violation of the published rules of the competition authority or violation of the Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC Soccer and/or UYSA Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules, or FIFA Laws of the Game as modified by Northern Utah United / Infinity Soccer SC and/or UYSA.