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SECTION A

DUKE CITY SOCCER LEAGUE

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

The undersigned, desiring to form a nonprofit corporation pursuant to Sections 53-8-1 of the New Mexico Statutes Annotated, 1978, the "Nonprofit Corporation Act," do hereby certify:

ARTICLE 1

NAME

The name of the corporation shall be "Duke City Soccer League" hereinafter "the corporation".

ARTICLE 2

ADDRESS

The principal place of business of the corporation shall be Albuquerque, New Mexico, and the address of its initial registered office shall be that of the registered agent (who normally will be the President of the League).

ARTICLE 3

DURATION

The period of duration of the corporation shall be perpetual.

ARTICLE 4

INCORPORATORS

The name and address of the incorporation is Gaylord M. Sheppard, 3530 California NE, Albuquerque, New Mexico, 87110.

ARTICLE 5

PURPOSES

The corporation is formed exclusively and will be operated exclusively for educational and charitable purposes within the meaning of Sections 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954. The corporation shall foster instruction in the game of soccer among young people participating in affiliated soccer clubs within the City of Albuquerque for the purpose of improving and developing their capabilities, and shall develop and promote interest in that game as an organized sport among the young people of Albuquerque. The corporation shall instruct the players in its affiliated clubs in the rules of sportsmanlike behavior and health benefits of the game, and in the public interest shall combat juvenile delinquency by providing recreational outlets for young people. In furtherance of these goals the corporation shall develop and promote the game of soccer for individuals under 19 years of age in the City of Albuquerque. The corporation shall organize local competition for these individuals, promulgate rules for play and membership, organize qualified officials, and organize training sessions for players, coaches, and referees. In addition, the corporation shall seek sources of revenue for the purpose of furthering its charitable and educational goals. To the extent that funds are available, the corporation shall provide soccer equipment for use in League activities. In addition, it is the goal of the corporation that opportunity of membership should not be denied solely because of financial need. To the extent that funds are available, the corporation will waive or subsidize the normal fees for those who cannot afford to pay.

ARTICLE 6

AFFILIATION

The corporation shall be affiliated with local, state, and national organizations whose goals and purposes are consistent with those of the corporation. The affiliation shall include the New Mexico Youth Soccer Association and the United States Youth Soccer Association for so long as consistent with the goals and purposes of the corporation. The corporation also shall be affiliated with local soccer clubs which agree to adhere to the decisions and rules of the corporation and whose affiliation shall be approved by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE 7

POWERS

In accordance with the Internal Revenue Code, Section 501(c)(3), no part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of any private individual, member, director, or officer of the corporation, but all funds and assets of the corporation shall be applied and permanently dedicated to charitable and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Code). This prohibition shall not limit the corporation's power and authority to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered, and to make payment and distributions in furtherance of the purposes of the corporations as set forth in the Articles. Specifically, in accordance with law:

- a. The corporation may hold and acquire real or personal property by deed, lease, or otherwise, including donations to the corporation, in the name of the Duke City Soccer League.
- b. The corporation may acquire title to property by purchase, or otherwise, for its charitable and educational objects and purposes.
- c. The property, real, personal, or leasehold interest therein, of the corporation may be mortgaged or sold upon the vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Board of Directors, provided that all proceeds shall be applied to the charitable and educational purposes of the corporation as set forth in these articles.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (1) by a corporation exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or any corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Code), or (2) by a corporation contributions to which are deductible under Section 107(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or any corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

The corporation will not, as a substantial part of its activities, carry on propaganda or otherwise attempt to influence legislation; and the corporation shall not participate to any extent in a political campaign for or against any candidate for public office.

ARTICLE 8

STOCK

The corporation shall have no stock.

ARTICLE 9

MEMBERSHIP

The corporations shall have one class of members consisting of:

- a. Parents or legal guardians of players from affiliated clubs.
- b. Parents or legal guardians of former players in good standing who inform the Board of Directors that they wish to retain their membership.
- c. Coaches and other designated club officials.

In the event a player becomes ineligible (other than for reasons of age) or is otherwise disqualified from participating in an affiliated club, the membership of his or her parent(s) or legal guardian(s) in the corporation shall be automatically terminated. Nevertheless, should the parent or guardian have another child who remains a player with an affiliated club, the parent or guardian shall retain membership in the corporation.

ARTICLE 10

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors shall manage the affairs of the corporation and allocate the funds of the corporation consistent with its purposes, as more particularly set forth in the By-laws of the corporation. The Board of Directors shall consist of not fewer than eleven (11) members. Directors shall be elected by the members beginning with their first annual meeting as more particularly set forth in the By-laws of the corporation.

ARTICLE 11

DISSOLUTION

Upon dissolution of the corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the corporation exclusively for the purposes of the corporation in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable or educational purposes as shall at that time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Board of Directors shall determine. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by any court of competent jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations as said court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

ARTICLE 12

BY - LAWS

By-laws shall be adopted by the Board of Directors and the power to alter, repeal, or amend those laws shall be vested in the Board.

SECTION B

DUKE CITY SOCCER LEAGUE

BY - LAWS

ARTICLE 1

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of members shall be held in May of each year. The President shall call special meetings.

ARTICLE 2

ELECTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors (hereafter called the Board) shall consist in part of members selected from affiliated clubs (hereafter called Club Representatives), and, in part, of officers elected as set forth in Article 5 of the By-laws. Members from each affiliated club shall select one Club Representative to the Board, unless such club shall consist of five (5) or more teams, in which case members from that club shall select two Club Representatives. Members shall select their Club Representative(s) prior to the beginning of the seasonal year. A list of Club Representative(s) and approved alternates shall be submitted to the League Secretary no later than the first Board meeting of the seasonal year.

ARTICLE 3

MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A majority of Board Members shall constitute a quorum. Written or oral notice shall be given by an officer of the corporation at least seven days before each meeting. Said notice shall be deemed to have been given as of the postmark date rendered by the U.S. Postal Service. The Board shall meet at least once each quarter during the fiscal year, and at other times as set by the Board. The President or any two other officers may call a special meeting of the Board at any time.

ARTICLE 4

POWERS OF THE BOARD

The Board shall have power to act for the corporation in all matters. Duties and powers of the Board shall include but not be limited to:

- a. Adopting and enforcing rules for the game of soccer to be followed by affiliated clubs.
- b. Electing officers of the corporation as set forth in Article 5 of these By-laws.
- c. Acquiring soccer equipment to be used by affiliated clubs.
- d. Negotiating with the City of Albuquerque, Albuquerque Public Schools, and other organizations and individuals to acquire fields for practice or play.
- e. Establishing league practice and playing sessions.
- f. Scheduling of League games and playing fields.
- g. Scheduling of referees for League games.
- h. Establishing and enforcing rules for League tournaments, competitions, and championships.
- i. Establishing League dues and fees, and determining when fees should be subsidized or waived for a particular player.
- j. Establishing and enforcing disciplinary rules and procedures.
- k. Resolving protests and conflicts.
- l. Establishing committees necessary to conduct the business of the corporation.
- m. Approving or disapproving membership and affiliation applications.

ARTICLE 5

OFFICERS

The officers of the corporation shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Coach Administrator. The officers shall constitute the League's "Executive Committee" (see Article 6). Officers shall be elected annually by the Board at the May Board of Directors meeting. New officers term of office shall commence on July 1st. The same person may not hold more than one office concurrently. The officers need not be members of the original Board, but shall be deemed members of the Board after their election. The duties of the officers will be as follows:

PRESIDENT: Conducts all meetings of the Board; represents the corporation at the New Mexico Youth Soccer Association Annual General Meeting, either in person or through a representative designated by the President, with the sole authority to cast corporation votes; directs the establishment of committees necessary to conduct the corporation's business.

VICE-PRESIDENT: Presides at all functions prescribed for the President in the absence for the President; serves as the scheduling committee representative to the Executive Board and as the Chairperson of the Scheduling Committee.

The Scheduling Committee shall keep a record of League game scores for all age divisions; secure fields for games and practices; schedule League and League tournament games; rank teams for scheduling purposes; assign scrimmage fields; assign field lining duties to League Clubs; and coordinate with League representatives to the City of Albuquerque Blue Ribbon Committee and the Southwest youth Soccer Complex scheduling committee. The Scheduling Committee shall consist of one representative appointed by each League Club, unless a League Club chooses not to appoint a member. Membership on the scheduling Committee is subject to review by the League Board of Directors.

SECRETARY: Keeps an accurate record of all corporation meetings; prepares the correspondence of the corporation; gives notice of the meetings; distributes minutes to all club representatives; and maintains a list of club representatives and approved alternates.

TREASURER: Gives an accurate accounting of all monies received or disbursed by the corporation; establishes an account in the name of the corporation in a bank having federally insured deposits; prepares an accurate annual financial statement.

COACH ADMINISTRATOR: Coordinates development and training for coaches, oversees the quality of League play, and recommends League policies for the good of the game. Serves as the official liaison for all coaches and represents issues raised by the coaches to the Executive Committee. Is the League focal point for:

- a. All matters involving coaching situations and conduct of coaches.
- b. Resolving issues involving yellow or red card violations. Upon notification of these violations, is responsible to investigate each incident and make recommendation to the League President on the resolution of these violations; or to recommend that the Appeals and Protests Committee be convened to resolve .
- c. Administration of the Discipline Point System.

ARTICLE 6

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee (hereafter called the Committee) shall be comprised of the duly elected officers of the Board. The Committee shall exercise all authority for the Board, except that it shall not have the authority of the Board in reference to amending, altering or appealing the By-laws; electing, appointing, or removing any member of a committee or any Club Representative or officer of the corporation; amending the Articles of Incorporation, restating Articles of Incorporation, adopting a plan of merger or authorizing the sale, lease, exchange, or mortgage of all or substantially all of the property in assets of the corporation; authorizing the voluntary dissolution of the corporation or revoking the proceedings therefore; adopting a plan for the distribution of the assets of the corporation; or amending, altering, or repealing any resolution of the Board which by its terms provides that it shall not be amended, altered, or repealed by the Committee. The designation of the Executive Committee and the delegation thereto of authority shall not operate to relieve the Board, or any Club Representative, of any responsibility imposed upon it, or him/her, by law.

Any member of the Executive Committee, absenting him/herself for three successive meetings without just cause, may have his/her office declared vacant at the discretion of the Board. Should a vacancy occur on the Executive Committee, the Board of Directors shall, by a majority vote, determine who shall serve that officer's remaining term of office.

ARTICLE 7

REGISTRAR

The position of League Registrar shall be advertised for a yearly term and will include a complete job description. Selection of the Registrar shall be made by the President with concurrence of the Executive Committee. The position shall be contracted for annually with the fee to be paid the Registrar negotiated by the League President and approved by the Board of Directors. The Registrar shall keep a complete record of all members and players for the purpose of player and coach registration, club affiliation, and insurance records; and act as the insurance representative for the League. The Registrar shall work under the direct supervision of the Executive Committee.

The Registrar is not a member of the Executive Committee and shall not vote as a member of the Committee. The Registrar may not be an officer or member of the Board while under contract.

In the event the current Registrar elects not to continue as Registrar for the following seasonal year, concurrence of a new Registrar will occur at the February monthly meeting to allow for training/transition time. Fees for the new Registrar will commence when the tenure of the current Registrar expires.

ARTICLE 8

FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of the corporation shall be July 1 through June 30.

SECTION C
DUKE CITY SOCCER LEAGUE
CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 1

NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Duke City Soccer League, herein called the League.

ARTICLE 2

PURPOSE

The purpose of the League shall be to develop, promote, and administer the game of soccer among youth soccer clubs within the City of Albuquerque, New Mexico. The League shall be operated as a nonprofit organization as defined by statutes of the State of New Mexico.

ARTICLE 3

LEAGUE COLORS

The League colors shall be turquoise, red, and white.

ARTICLE 4

AFFILIATION

The League shall be affiliated with the New Mexico Youth Soccer Association and the United States Youth Soccer Association. The League shall comply with the Constitution and By - Laws of these associations, the most current copies of which will be maintained by the Registrar at the League office.

ARTICLE 5

MEMBERSHIP

Membership in this organization shall be stated in the Articles of Incorporation.

Section 1 - Fees: Fees for affiliated clubs shall be established by the League Board of Directors.

Section 2 - Governing Rules: All members and affiliated clubs shall abide by the League Constitution, By-laws, Articles of Incorporation, and the Constitution and By-laws of the New Mexico Youth Soccer Association (NMYSA) and United States Youth Soccer Association (USYSA).

Section 3 - League Affiliation Requirements: Clubs desiring to apply for affiliation in the League shall consist of more than one team, and submit the following to the League President:

- a. Letter requesting permission to become affiliated with the League, including the names of the club officers, and attaching a copy of the club Constitution and By-laws.
- b. The required number of completed NMYSA team rosters for each team in the club.
- c. Full payment of all League, NMYSA, and USYSA dues and fees for each team in the club.
- d. A completed League player registration form for each player in the club.
- e. Proof of age for each registered player as specified by NMYSA rules. The Club will be responsible for having such proof of age in its possession in the event a team travels to tournaments or the player's age is challenged by another club.

Section 4 - Player Registration Fees: No player shall be registered to play on any team unless full payment of all required registration fees accompany the registration form. In the event that a player has already been registered with the New Mexico Youth Soccer Association (NMYSA) in connection with any program sponsored by that organization, credit for the NMYSA fees already paid shall be given only upon presentation of proof of such registration. No fee shall be waived without the express written consent of the President or the Vice-President of the League.

ARTICLE 6

LEAGUE GOVERNING PROVISIONS

The League shall be governed by the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation, By-laws, and the provisions of this Constitution. Where a conflict exists between any of the aforementioned documents and the Constitution and/or By-laws of the NMYSA or USYSA, the rules of the latter two organizations shall prevail.

Section 1 - Notice of Club Liabilities: Each club, upon acceptance as an affiliate of the League, shall be furnished with a copy of the League Constitution, By-laws, and General Rules, Appeals, and Disciplinary Procedures. This shall be deemed sufficient notice of their liabilities. By acceptance, the affiliate club shall agree to abide by their provisions.

Section 2 - League Governing Body: The business of the League shall be conducted by a governing Board of Directors (hereafter called the Board), composed of the specified number of Club Representatives from each affiliated club, and five officers - President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Coach Administrator (hereafter called the Executive Committee) - to be elected by the Board from among adult members of affiliated clubs. No person may serve as both an officer and a Club Representative.

Section 3 - Powers of Board & Executive Committee: Powers of the Board are specified in Article 4 of the League By-laws. Powers of the Executive Committee are specified in Article 6 of the League By-laws.

Section 4 - Term of Office for Executive Committee: The terms of all officers shall be one year, commencing on the first day of the fiscal year following their election.

Section 5 - Duties of League Officers: The duties of the officers shall be stated in Article 5 of the League By-laws.

Section 6 - Additional Duties & Responsibilities of Executive Committee: In addition to the duties prescribed in the League By-laws (Article 6), the Executive Committee shall act for the Board in the interim between Board meetings. With regard to expenditures of League monies between regular Board meetings, the Executive Committee shall not have the authority to exceed the budget limitations voted on at the beginning of the fiscal year. All accounts of more than \$700.00 shall be paid by a check bearing signatures of two corporation officers.

ARTICLE 7

FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of the League shall be from July 1 to June 30 of the following year.

ARTICLE 8

DISCIPLINARY AUTHORITY

The Board shall have the right and authority to suspend, bar completely or otherwise discipline any player, coach, manager, team, club, or League official for just cause.

Section 1 - Inactive Status: Any affiliated club not registering at least one team during a seasonal year shall be considered "inactive". Should the club fail to register a team prior to the next seasonal year, the club will lose its League affiliation.

Section 2 - Appeals & Protests Committee: The President shall appoint, subject to Board approval, an Appeals & Protests Committee (hereafter called A&P Committee) consisting of three (3) persons and two (2) alternates, no two of whom are from the same club. No person shall hear a case involving his/her own club.

Section 3 - Duties of the A&P Committee: The A&P Committee shall recommend to the Board, guidelines for offenses and punishments consistent with the League Constitution, By-laws, General Rules, Appeals, and Disciplinary Procedures, and NMYSA, USYSA Rules and Regulations.

The A&P Committee shall hear all cases involving alleged violation of League, NMYSA, or USYSA rules and regulations, and shall recommend to the Board action(s) to resolve such cases.

Section 4 - Appeals: The line of authority for appeal of any adverse ruling by the League shall be to the League District Commissioner, NMYSA, and USYSA.

ARTICLE 9

RULES OF PLAY

Section 1 - Player Pass Card: Only those players possessing a current laminated USYSA player pass card may participate in a scheduled League game. Violation of these rules shall result in a forfeiture of all games in which the offending player participates.

Section 2 - Starting the Game: No game will start until the referee has seen the minimum number of players from each team, each with a validated player pass card, required to start the game. If other players with validated player pass cards arrive late, they must be checked in by the referee prior to their entry into the game. Any team not ready to start the game within 15 minutes of the scheduled starting time, or upon completion of the preceding game, shall forfeit the game and shall be liable for the referee fees.

Section 3 - Postponement of a League Game:

- a. A regularly scheduled League game may be postponed on the basis of field conditions by the referee or any League officer or designee. The game will be rescheduled if possible.
- b. A regularly scheduled League game may be postponed by the mutual consent of both coaches and either the League President or Vice-President.
- c. The League Vice-President shall be responsible for any game rescheduling.

Section 4 - Equipment: The League Equipment Manger will assign field marking responsibilities to the affiliated clubs or other responsible person(s) prior to the beginning of each season. Responsibility for putting up and taking down nets will be assigned by the Vice-President when the game schedule is formulated.

Section 5 - Conflict of Uniform Colors: The home team shall be responsible for changing jerseys should there be a conflict in uniform colors.

Section 6 - League Game Scores: A record of League game scores shall be kept by the League Vice-President as provided by the Club Representatives.

Section 7- Referee Fees: Referee fees will be divided equally between the two teams, except as noted in Section 2 above.

Section 8 – League Representatives to State Sponsored Tournaments: League representatives to state sponsored tournaments (State Cup, Roadrunner Cup, Zia Cup) shall be selected in accordance with the NMYSA Constitution.

Section 9 - Removal of a Team from the League: Any team forfeiting three games in a seasonal year may be removed from the League by a vote of the Board. Any team so removed shall forfeit any claim to the assets of the League, including dues and fees paid.

ARTICLE 10

AMENDMENT OF LEAGUE CONSTITUTION AND BY - LAWS

The League Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority of Club Representatives present at any regular Board meeting, provided that notice shall have been given in writing to each Club Representative 30 days prior to the meeting at which said amendment will be considered. Said notice shall be deemed to have been given as of the postmark date rendered by the U.S. Postal Service.

SECTION D

DUKE CITY SOCCER LEAGUE

GENERAL RULES

APPEALS AND DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

SECTION 1

DEFINITIONS

A&P COMMITTEE: League's Appeals & Protests Committee.

ASSISTANT COACH: The person(s) assisting or acting for the team head coach.

TEAM HEAD COACH: The individual(s) that chooses team players, establishes team policies and procedures, conducts practice sessions, and facilitates the play of a team during competitions.

COMPETITION: Any game or tournament sanctioned by the Duke City Soccer League, New Mexico Youth Soccer Association, or the United States Youth Soccer Association.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Duly elected officers of the Duke City Soccer League Board of Directors; comprised of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Coach Administrator. .

FALL SEASON: The period of League play occurring between September 1 and December 31 of the same year.

GAME SUSPENSION:

- a. Player - may not participate in the game.
- b. Coach - may not attend game (must stand out of sight and hearing of the game) and may not exert any influence on the proceedings of the game.

LEAGUE: Duke City Soccer League.

LEAGUE BOARD: Duke City Soccer League Board of Directors.

NMYSA: New Mexico Youth Soccer Association.

SEASONAL YEAR: The period from September 1 to August 31.

SPRING SEASON: The period of League play occurring between January 1 and August 31 of the same year.

SUSPENSION FOR REMAINDER OF THE SEASON (through July 31) (allow one month for coach to put team together):

- a. Player - may not participate in any USYSA sanctioned event.
- b. Coach - may not train a team in practice; may not coach or address a team before, during, or after games; may not represent a team to others such as the League or an official on the field; may not participate in any activity where he/she might be construed to be in charge of a team.
- c. Team - may not participate in any USYSA sanctioned event.

USYSA: United States Youth Soccer Association

SECTION 2

REGISTRATION

A. Player Registration: Players not previously registered with the USYSA for the current seasonal year may be signed by a team at any time during the seasonal year. Players currently registered with the USYSA must comply with the player transfer requirements outlined in Section 2I below.

Following the last State Cup Game of the Spring Season. All League players shall be considered free agents, and may approach or be approached by any League team concerning play for the next seasonal year. After June 10th, player registration may begin for the following seasonal year.

B. Multiple Registration: Players, with the concurrence of the New Mexico Youth Soccer Association and in accordance with the NMYSA "General Procedures and Rules" and "Registration Procedures", may register on more than one team per seasonal year provided the following conditions are complied with:

1. Multiple rostered players must indicate at their initial annual registration their primary team for the cups, i.e. , the player pass will indicate in the proper location / for primary team and S for secondary team. This designation must also be clearly marked on the team rosters.
2. A player cannot play more than two games in the same day regardless of whether the games involve the primary or secondary team.
3. A player can play for only one team in any tournament.

C. Proof of Age: For purposes of League play, the Registrar will accept as proof of age:

1. Notarized copies of passports or alien registration cards.
2. Original Certificates of birth or validation of foreign birth issued by the United States government.
3. Notarized copies of birth certificate/registration issued by the following local, state, or national governmental agencies: (a) Social Services and Health Department, (b) Vital

Statistics, (c) Deputy Chief of Registration, or (d) other recognized State or National governmental agency.

D. Temporary: Proof of Age: Any player who does not have one of the documents listed in Section 2C, will be allowed to register temporarily using a baptismal certificate, driver's license, board of health record, hospital certificate, or military identification. Temporary registration will be for a period not to exceed 120 days from the date that the USYSA registration form was signed. A player whose registration is temporary shall be issued a player pass card identified as "temporary" which will not be valid past the 120-day period or for out-of-district travel.

In addition, the player, his or her parents (if under 18-years of age), and the coach on whose team the player will be registered, must sign a "Temporary Registration Waiver." This waiver will be attached to the player's registration card and held by the League Registrar until such time as the proper proof of age is presented to the Registrar. If proper proof of age is not presented within 120 days, the Registrar will contact the player's coach and request return of the player's pass card within five (5) days. If the coach does not comply with this request, his/her team will forfeit any future games. Any player granted a temporary registration will not be allowed to play in any state sponsored tournament.

E. Effective Date of Team Registration: A team becomes registered with the League by submitting the required number of copies of an NMYSA team roster (containing the names of at least 7 duly registered players for 11-a-side, 9 for 9-a-side, and 7 for 7-a-side) to the League Registrar.

To be eligible for play in the Fall Season, a team must be registered on or before August 1. To be eligible for play in the Spring Season, a team must be registered on or before January 15. The League Board has authority to change these dates in unusual cases. All registration fees must be submitted to the League Registrar before the team will be considered to be registered.

F. Number of Players on Roster: No team shall have more than 18 players registered at one time. The League reserves the right to set roster sizes for teams participating in programs with small-sided games. US teams shall have no more than 12 players and U10 teams shall have no more than 15 players registered.

G. Commitment of Player to Team: Any player who submits a signed player registration form to a team is bound to that team for the entire seasonal year unless the original team suspends operation for the remainder of the seasonal year, or the League grants a transfer.

H. Player Transfers: It is the policy of DCSL to encourage players to play for teams that are compatible with the player's desires, temperament, personality, residence, experience, and ability, and that will provide the player as much playing time as is reasonably practicable. The following provisions relating to transfers shall be liberally construed in accordance with this policy.

1. Players shall have the right to transfer from one DCSL team to another at any time conditioned upon written consent being obtained from the coaches of the transferring

team and the receiving team, the player's parent or guardian, and the player. The parents of the player must submit to the DCSL Registrar a signed NMYSA Player Assignment/Correction Form.

2. The transfer form must be accompanied by a \$25.00 transfer fee.
3. No team shall be allowed to accept more than three (3) transfers during a seasonal year and play in out-of-state tournaments or State Cup.
4. No team representing the DCSL in USYSA Regional competition, State Cup, Roadrunner Cup, or Zia Cup may add a transfer player to its roster after the date set by the NMYSA for submitting a final roster for these competitions.
5. A transferred player shall serve a 10-day waiting period before being eligible to play for his/her new team. The waiting period begins on the day following the concurring signature of the District Commissioner.
6. All roster changes must be reported to the State Registrar through the League Registrar within 10 days of the change.
7. A DCSL Club Official may petition the DCSL Executive board in writing, to release a player from a team only under the following circumstances:
 - a. The player's behavior presents a significant conduct and discipline problem and is disruptive to the team.
 - b. The player fails to show a good faith effort to attend scheduled team practices or games, or otherwise participate in soccer related activities.

A Club should not propose to release a player from a team based on the player's skill level or athletic ability. The DCSL Executive Board will discuss the proposed release with the player and his/her parent or guardian prior to acting on the release request.

8. In the event the team head coach of the transferring team refuses to consent to a transfer, the player may nevertheless apply for a transfer by appealing to a committee composed of the League President, Coach Administrator, and a club representative specially appointed by the League President from a club not involved in the dispute. The appeal shall be in writing and directed to the League President. The committee, at the discretion of its members, may hold a hearing or otherwise gather the facts it deems necessary to decide the matter.
9. In considering whether to approve or disapprove the requested transfer, the committee shall consider an issue written findings addressing:
 - a. The policy set forth in paragraph 1 above,
 - b. The player's best interests,
 - c. The best interests of the teams involved,
 - d. The reasons for the request, and,
 - e. Whether the League policy on recruiting contained in Section 2K has been violated. If the committee finds a violation of Section 2K, the requested transfer shall not be granted.
10. The committee's decision is final and no subsequent appeal will be permitted.
11. Nothing in this section shall be construed as modifying applicable NMYSA rules and regulations relating to completion of rosters, eligibility for NMYSA-sponsored tournaments or competitions, or maximum number of transfers in a seasonal year.

I. Player Desertion: A player deserting a team during the seasonal year shall be recognized a "property" of the team from which he/she left for the entire seasonal year unless the player uses the proper League transfer procedures to move to another team.

J. Recruiting Players: Prior to the last State Cup game of the Spring Season, no team official (defined as the Team Head Coach, manager, or assistant coach) or club official shall approach a player registered with another League team for recruiting purposes; or utilize such player in a practice, game, or tryout without the expressed permission of the player's current coach. After June 10, no player signed for the following seasonal year shall be approached by any team or club official for recruiting purposes. All grievances regarding this rule shall be forwarded to the A&P Committee for investigation. (See Section E, Discipline Point System, for POACHING.)

K. Guest Players: Coaches wishing to use guest players in USYSA sanctioned, out-of-district tournaments shall follow the NMYSA Guest Player Policy prior to utilizing the player.

L. DCSL Coach Qualification: All DCSL team head coaches will register with the League Registrar and possess a current USSF Pass Card for each seasonal year. Assistant coaches that may act in behalf of a team head coach should also register with the League and obtain a USSF Pass Card.

Beginning September 1, 1996, all DCSL team head coaches must have obtained, as a minimum, the following level of USSF or USYSA-New Mexico (or equivalent), coach's license:

1. Teams U-10 and younger: USYSA-New Mexico State "F" coach license.
2. Teams U-11, U-12, and U-13: USYSA-New Mexico State "E" coach license.
3. Teams U-14 and older: USYSA-New Mexico State "D" coaching license. It is strongly recommended that head coaches in these age groups obtain a USSF National "C" or higher coach license.

Coaches of DCSL Developmental teams and coaches forming new teams are exempted from this qualification requirement for one seasonal year (e.g., Fall and Spring). Requests for waivers from this requirement should be submitted in writing to the DCSL Executive Board. It is recommended that Assistant Coaches that may act in behalf of a team head coach also obtain the minimum licensing levels listed above.

M. Replacement or Removal of a Team Head Coach: The replacement or removal of a Team Head Coach (for circumstances other than conduct and discipline) at any time during the Seasonal year shall be based upon the written recommendation by a DCSL Club official. The written recommendation should state the reason for the replacement or removal, and name of the individual to be designated as the new Team Head Coach. The recommendation will be reviewed by the DCSL Coach Administrator and forwarded to the DCSL President for final approval.

SECTION 3

GAME CONDUCT

A. Good Sportsmanship: Players, spectators, and coaches are expected to display good sportsmanship and proper conduct at all times while involved with League activities.

B. Minimum Number of Players: A team must field at least seven (7) players to begin a game. The League reserves the right to stipulate the number of players needed to begin "small-sided" games. U8 games cannot begin unless at least 5 players are fielded by each team, and U10 games cannot begin unless 6 players are fielded by each team.

C. Forfeiting Games: In case of a forfeit, the score shall stand 1-0 against the forfeiting team, and the forfeiting team will receive no game points. Any team forfeiting three (3) games in any seasonal year may be removed from the League by vote of the Board. Any team so removed shall forfeit any claim to the assets of the League, including all dues and fees paid. Should both teams fail to show for a scheduled game, each team will be assessed a loss and no game points will be awarded. Both teams will be liable for referee fees.

D. Games Not Played to Full Time: If, for any reason, a game is not played to full time, the following rules shall apply:

1. A game terminated at or before half time shall be declared void and shall be rescheduled if possible.
2. A game terminated in the second half shall be considered the same as a game played to full time. The score at the time of the stoppage shall be recognized as the official score.

E. Abandonment of the Field of Play: Any team that abandons the field of play without consent of the opposing coach during either half, or fails to return after half-time, forfeits the game 1-0.

F. Disciplinary Points System: The League Board shall maintain a disciplinary points system to be applied against offending players, coaches, and teams. The penalty points for offenses shall be set by the League Board. The points system will be administered by the Coach Administrator.

G. Disciplinary Actions:

1. Any player or coach who receives a red card from a referee will be reported to the League President and subject to disciplinary actions detailed in Table A. Suspensions of two games or less specified in Table A shall be automatic, however any suspension in excess of two games specified in Table A must be authorized by an A&P Committee, after a due process hearing is granted to the offending player and/or coach. The President shall provide reports of yellow and red cards to the Coach Administrator, who is responsible for maintaining records of discipline points.

2. A player ejected from a game must immediately remove him/herself from the field of play. A coach ejected from a game must immediately stand out of sight and hearing of the game, and may not exert any influence on the proceedings of the game.
3. Any suspension handed down by the League Board shall apply to scheduled League play or tournament games.
4. The League shall recognize suspensions or like rulings of USYSA affiliated soccer leagues or associations from which official notification has been received.
5. Two (2) games will be added to a suspension if:
 - a. An ejected player or coach fails to leave the field of play immediately.
 - b. A suspended coach continues to exert any influence on game proceedings, or
 - c. A suspended coach fails to remain out of hearing and visual distance of a game in which his/her team is playing.
6. Sanctions for actions which occur during the last game of the Fall or Spring Season shall take effect during the next scheduled League, Cup, or Tournament game in which the player or coach is otherwise eligible to participate. Should the suspended individual leave the jurisdiction of the League before the sanction can be imposed, the sanction shall be imposed if and when the individual returns to the jurisdiction of the League.
7. Any offense not specifically covered by these rules shall be handled at the discretion of the League Board.

TABLE A

Suspensions for the Ejection of Coaches/Players

PLAYER/COACH BEHAVIOR TOWARD A REFEREE OR LINESMAN

| OFFENSE | 1ST TIME | 2ND TIME | 3RD TIME |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| | IN FALL OR SPRING SEASON | IN FALL OR SPRING SEASON | IN FALL OR SPRING SEASON |
| Player ejection for persistent dissent | 1 game | 2 games | Remainder of Spring or Fall Season |
| Coach ejection for persistent dissent | 1 game | 2 games | Remainder of Spring or Fall Season |
| Ejection for threatening physical violence | 1 - year suspension and review | | |
| Ejection for pushing, shoving, hitting, kicking, or spitting | 1 - YEAR SUSPENSION AND REVIEW | | |

PLAYER/COACH GAME BEHAVIOR

| OFFENSE | 1ST TIME | 2ND TIME | 3RD TIME |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| | IN FALL OR SPRING SEASON | IN FALL OR SPRING SEASON | IN FALL OR SPRING SEASON |
| Ejection for foul or abusive language | 1 game | 2 games | Remainder of Spring or Fall Season |
| Ejection for fighting with an opponent, teammate, or spectator before, during, or after a game | 1 game | 2 games | Remainder of Spring or Fall Season |
| Ejection for serious foul play | 1 game | 2 games | Remainder of Spring or Fall Season |
| Ejection for second cautionable offense during same game | 1 game | 2 games | Remainder of Spring or Fall Season |
| Ejection for joining a fight as a third party | 1 game | 2 games | Remainder of Spring or Fall Season |

8. Pass cards of those ejected will be collected by the referee and verbal notification given to the League President, or his/her designee, within 24 hours of the game. The pass card shall be delivered to the League President, or his/her designee within 72 hours of the completion of the game. The League President, or his/her designee, shall hold the pass card(s) pending completion of the prescribed penalty.
9. All yellow or red card violations involving parents/spectators will be reviewed by the A&P Committee. At the discretion of the Executive Committee, parents/spectators may be required to serve game suspensions in the manner as coaches serve them.

H. Coaches' Responsibility for Players and Spectators: The coach of a duly registered team is responsible for the actions of his/her players, assistants, and spectators on his/her sideline. The coach shall take all possible precautions to prevent such persons from threatening, harassing, or assaulting referees, linesmen, players, or other spectators before, during, or after league games.

Parents and/or spectators harassing, threatening, or criticizing players, referees, linesmen, or coaches during or after League games will not be tolerated. Such unsportsman like conduct may be cause for a caution (yellow card) or ejection (red card) to be issued by the referee to the coach on whose sideline this occurs. All ejection's of this nature require review by the A&P Committee.

(See special notation in the Discipline Point System regarding the disposition of points when a coach is ejected for lack of sideline control.)

I. Sidelines: Teams will take opposite sides of the field for their benches. Depending on field orientation, the home team shall take the north or east touchline; the visiting team will take the south or west touch line.

No coach, assistant coach, manager, or substitute player shall remain on the opposing team's side of the field once the game begins. Coaches or managers shall make every effort to keep spectators associated with their team away from the opponent's side of the field. Where it is clearly impractical for teams to take opposite sides of the field, the teams shall remain on opposite sides of the halfway line.

Coaches, parents, and spectators are not allowed to stand behind the goal or end line.

Coaching from the sidelines should be kept to a minimum. It is recognized, however, that a reasonable level of verbal communications from coaches on the sideline to field players is appropriate. A reasonable level of tactical coaching instructions and positive encouragement is acceptable, especially for younger age group teams. Shouting and yelling at individual players or negative admonishments are not allowed.

J. Game Equipment: The game schedule will denote which team is responsible for putting nets up and taking them down, and collecting corner flags. Both teams are expected to assist with this task. The home team will provide the game ball, subject to the referee's approval.

K. Practice Fields: Use of the City Parks to conduct organized soccer practice under League sanctioned conditions is granted to the League by the City. Authorization by the League to a DCSL team to practice on a City Park is conditional, based on all rules and guidelines being followed:

1. Practice Field Assignment: Coaches are responsible for identifying the City Park on which they wish to conduct practice. Authorization to practice on the park and the schedule of practice must be requested from the DCSL Blue Ribbon Sports Committee (BRSC) representative for approval from the City Parks and Recreation officials. Normally, such approval is granted automatically upon request, but occasionally teams are moved to less crowded fields by City Park monitors. Failure to obtain authorization to practice on a City Park is a violation of this provision.
2. Practice Field Usage: A team's use of a City Park is not exclusive and must be shared with other soccer and sports organizations. Practice areas are cooperatively agreed upon between coaches using parks. Any dispute over practice areas which cannot be resolved should be forwarded to the BRSC representative for resolution. A DCSL coach's insistence on use of a park for scrimmage purposes which relocates other sport organizations using the field without their agreement is a violation under this provision.
3. Pre- and Post-Season Practice: Practice on a City Park prior to or after the approved League sanctioned schedule without approval from League officials will constitute a violation under this provision.
4. Scrimmages: Scrimmages, other than those arranged on your practice field, must be approved by League officials. Failure to obtain authorization is a violation under this provision.
5. Team or Coach's Card: All coaches will, upon request by anyone representing themselves as a City Parks and Recreation Monitor, present their USSF passcard for inspection, or otherwise identify themselves. Failure to do so immediately is a violation under this provision.
6. Practicing in GoalMouth: Practicing in the goal mouth area during regular team practices is a violation under this provision.
7. Penalties for Violations: Violations reported to the League require the coach of the team in question to come before the Executive Committee to explain the circumstances surrounding the violation. Where the Executive Committee determines a violation has occurred, the following penalties will be imposed:
 - a. One violation per seasonal year - verbal warning by the Executive Committee followed by a written confirmation of this warning to the team's Club and Coach by the League President. Coach awarded 10 disciplinary points.
 - b. Two violations per seasonal year - suspension of coach for one game. Coach awarded 10 additional disciplinary points.
 - c. Three violations per seasonal year. - *Coach awarded 20 additional disciplinary points.*

L. Substitutions: Teams may substitute players, with the referee's permission, under the following conditions:

1. Prior to throw-in, in your favor.
2. Prior to a goal kick, by either team.
3. After a goal, by either team.
4. After an injury by either team, when a referee stops play, the injured player(s) and a like number from the opposing team.
5. At half time.
6. When the game is stopped by the referee to issue a caution (yellow card), the cautioned player(s) and a like number from the opposing team.

M. Length of Game: The length of the game shall be as follows:

| Age Group | Game Length |
|-----------|----------------|
| U-19 | Two 45' halves |
| U-16 | Two 40' halves |
| U-14 | Two 35' halves |
| U-12 | Two 30' halves |
| U-10 | Two 25' halves |
| U-8 | Two 25' halves |

If teams from two different age divisions are scheduled to play, the older age division's game length will be used.

Ball Size: The ball size used for League and League tournament games shall be as follows:

| | |
|------------|--------|
| U-8/10/12 | Size 4 |
| U-14/16/19 | Size 5 |

If teams from two different age divisions are scheduled to play, the older age division's ball size will be used.

O. Behavior While Representing DCSL: If, while representing the Duke City Soccer League in any capacity, the behavior of any player, coach, parent, or spectator is determined by a member of the Board of Directors to be detrimental to the League or against the Purposes of the League, then the behavior or actions shall be reviewed by the League Executive Committee. Some examples of such behavior or actions are: substance abuse, minor consumption of alcoholic beverages, drunkenness, acts of vandalism, slanderous or defaming statements, assaults or fighting, use of foul or abusive language, and threats against persons.

If the Executive Committee finds that the behavior of a player, coach, parent, or spectator is detrimental to or against the Purposes of the League, sanctions or penalties against the individual, commensurate with the severity of the behavior or action, shall be imposed. Examples of these sanctions or penalties range from suspension from league and/or tournament game play, restrictions from out-of-district travel, to dismissal from the League or prohibiting participation in League sponsored activities.

P. Equipment: In the event any equipment belonging to the DCSL is lost by any club, team, or individual, the responsible person or organization shall be held financially responsible for the cost to replace that equipment. Responsibility shall be defined as:

1. The current party that has checked out and signed for that piece of equipment.
2. The party that has been designated by the schedule or any committee acting on behalf of the League such as tournament committees.

The entity shall have 30 days from the time of the loss to reimburse or replace the equipment at a cost or quality determined by the League as the current replacement cost. Failure to do so shall make the club, team, or individual ineligible to play in any League sanctioned games until that amount is paid to the League.

Q. Noisemakers: The use of air horns and mechanical noisemakers of any kind are prohibited at all Duke City Soccer League games. Referees will be instructed that the use of the noisemaker during a game will be considered unsportsmanlike conduct. For the first offense, the referee will issue a warning to the coach of the offending team. The second offense will result in a yellow card to the offending team coach. A third offense will result in a red card to the offending team coach and a disciplinary hearing before the League.

SECTION 4

REFEREES

A. Rules of Play: Except as otherwise provided here, the FIFA "Laws of the Game" shall apply to any and all competition sponsored by the League.

The duties of the referee and appointed linesmen are defined in Law V of the "Laws of the Game": "(The referee's) decision on points of fact connected with the play shall be final, so far as the result of the game is concerned."

B. Criticism of the Referee: Criticism of the referee by word or action preceding, during, or immediately following the game by coaches, managers, players, or spectators will not be tolerated. Violations of this rule will be handled in accordance with Section 3, part G, "Disciplinary Actions. "

C. Referee Scheduling: Referees shall not officiate in any scheduled League game if relatives of the referee are participating in that game unless approved by both coaches. The referee must assume the responsibility for informing both coaches prior to the start of the game should this situation arise.

In the event the referee appointed fails to show and where linesmen have been appointed, one of the linesmen shall take charge. Where linesmen have not been appointed and the referee fails to show, the coach or manager of the opposing teams must agree upon a referee for the game. The same procedure will apply in the event of a referee becoming ill during the game.

SECTION 5

PROTESTS AND GRIEVANCES

A. Protests: Protests of judgement calls made by referees will not be allowed. The appropriateness of awarding Discipline Points may be reviewed by the League Coach Administrator. The Coach Administrator should make every attempt to interview the referee(s), offending coach or player, opposing coach, and other pertinent witnesses. The Coach Administrator will make a recommendation to the League President on the amount of discipline points to be awarded based on this review. Offending players or coaches that do not agree with the decision of the League President may file a Grievance as prescribed under Paragraph B. of this Section.

A coach or manager of a duly registered team may protest technical violations of the Laws of the Game. Such complaints should be directed in writing, giving the details of the situation, to the League President.

To protest a game, a team's coach must verbally notify the League President or Vice-President who will then notify the opposing coach and referee. The protest must be filed within three (3) days of the end of the game. A formal protest in writing, stating all known facts, shall be given to the League President or Vice-President together with a filing fee of \$25.00. The written protest must be hand-delivered or postmarked within three (3) days of the verbal notification. Protests submitted after the due date or without the filing fee will be considered void.

The protest will then be turned over to the A&P Committee for investigation. The A & P Committee will make recommendations for consideration by the League Board. If the protest is upheld, the filing fee will be returned.

B. Grievances: A coach or club official may file a grievance against another team or club affiliated with the League if they suspect a violation of League rules.

To file a grievance, the coach or club official shall send a written request presenting all details of the alleged rules violations, plus a \$25.00 filing fee, to the League President or Vice-President no later than two (2) weeks after discovery of the alleged violation. Grievances submitted after the due date or without the filing fee will be considered void.

The matter will then be turned over to the A&P Committee for investigation. The A&P Committee will make recommendations for consideration by the League Board. If the grievance is upheld, the filing fee will be returned.

C. Appeals: The line of appeal for protests denied by the League shall be to the League District Commissioner, NMYSA, and USYSA.

SECTION E

DUKE CITY SOCCER LEAGUE

DISCIPLINE POINT SYSTEM

The Discipline Point System was instituted to control unsportsmanlike behavior and violent conduct on the playing field. The revisions incorporated here were approved by the Duke City Soccer League Board of Directors in the Fall, 1993. The following point system will apply to an sanctioned play during the seasonal year, including tournament games.

TABLE B

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

Individual Player:

| | <u>POINTS</u> |
|----------------------------------------|---------------|
| Caution (yellow card) of player | 5 |
| Ejection (red card) of player | 10 |
| Ejection of player for violent conduct | 15 |
| Ejection of player for fighting | 15 |

Coach:

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|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Failure to notify the Referee Scheduler when a game is rescheduled. | 10 (each team) |
| Caution (yellow card) of a Coach. | 10 |
| Failure to show (forfeit) when advance notice is given to the League President. | 15 |
| Ejection (red card) of Coach. | 20 |
| Failure to show (forfeit) without giving advance notice to League President. | 30 |
| Abandonment of the game by removing a team from the playing field while the game is in progress. | 30 |

GUIDELINES:

A. PLAYER: All Age Groups: Accumulation of 40 or more points during either the spring or fall season leads to disqualification for the remainder of that season; or accumulation of 60 or more points during both the spring or fall season leads to disqualification for the remainder of the seasonal year. Player should be counseled by the DCSL President or Coach Administrator when he/she is within 10 points of these marks.

B. COACH:

1. Coach: Accumulation of 40 or more points during either the Spring & Fall season leads to disqualification from coaching a DCSL team for the remainder of that season; or accumulation of 60 or more points during both the Spring and Fall seasons leads to disqualification from coaching a DCSL team for the remainder of the seasonal year. The Coach should be counseled by the DCSL President or Coach Administrator when he/ she is within 10 points of these marks.

2. Control of Sidelines: When a coach is ejected for failure to control his/her sidelines (see General Rules, Section 3H), he/she is subject to automatic review by the A&P Committee. The A&P Committee may recommend that the 20 discipline points be removed from the coach (however, these points remain with the team) and that the coach not be required to serve any game suspensions. The basis for this action will be the referee's judgement that the coach used a reasonable means to control his sidelines.

3. DCSL Coaches under Suspension: A coach who is suspended from coaching may not act as a coach, assistant coach, or manager for any League team during his/her period of suspension.

4. Poaching: Offending coach will be suspended for a period ranging from a minimum of one game to a maximum of one calendar year based upon the recommendation by the A&P Committee, and approved by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

C. GENERAL:

1. A player or coach who receives both a yellow and a red card in a single game will receive only the ejection points.

2. Players, coaches and teams shall accumulate discipline points for both the fall and spring seasons. At the end the spring season discipline point totals will be set to zero. In the event that a player transfers to another team during the fall or spring season, the player will retain all discipline points he/she has accumulated to that time. The team that the transferring player is leaving shall also retain the team discipline points accumulated by the transferring player, up to the time of transfer.

3. Team Points. The accumulation of team points, i.e., those due to individual players, coaches, and the team, should not lead to disqualification of the entire team. Individual players and coaches should be disqualified based on the individual's accumulation of Discipline Points, and not those accumulated by their teammates.

The following penalties will be levied against the Team Head Coach for failure to maintain control within the team, based upon the total number of Discipline Points accumulated by players and coaches on the team each Fall or Spring season.

TABLE C

PENALTIES FOR ACCUMULATED
TEAM DISCIPLINE POINTS

| <u>Total Discipline Points</u> | <u>Penalty</u> |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| 40 | Counseling by Coach Administrator and/or League President |
| 60 | One Game Suspension from League or Tournament Play |
| 100 | Three Game Suspension from League or Tournament Play |
| 120 | Suspension for Remainder of fall or Spring Season |

Should a team accumulate 100 Discipline Points within the Fall or Spring season, or 150 Discipline Points during both the Fall and Spring seasons, the League Executive Board shall review the team's performance and may issue sanctions that will restrict the team from travel out-of-district and participation in NMYSA sanctioned tournaments.