

BELLE RIVER MEN'S SOCCER LEAGUE CONSTITUTION

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Belle River Men's Soccer League

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Article 1: Name

The name of this league is Belle River Men's Soccer League. Also to be referred to as B.R.M.S.L.

The headquarters of the B.R.M.S.L. is located at 415 Renaud Line.

Article 2: Purpose and Affiliation, Philosophy, Authorities

Section 1. Purpose and Affiliation: The Belle River Men's Soccer League (B.R.M.S.L.) was formed as a non-profit organization to support and propagate the game of soccer in the Belle River area.

Section 2. Philosophy: At the central core of the B.R.M.S.L. lies the deep conviction that soccer should be played in a friendly but competitive manner. While it is understood that tempers may flare during any athletic event, this behaviour must be kept to a minimum to preserve the congenial surroundings of friendly competition. All players are urged to adopt this attitude, for it is the foundation upon which the league is based.

Section 3. Authorities: This League shall be governed by its Constitution and Rules and Regulations. The governing authority of this league, whose power shall be designated in the Constitution, shall be vested with the Executive Committee of the B.R.M.S.L.

Article 3: Membership

Section 1. Membership to the league shall be open to any individual whom: 1. Applies for and is accepted by a majority vote of the Executive Committee of the B.R.M.S.L.; 2. Agrees in writing to abide by the Rules and Regulations and General procedures as set forth by the Executive Committee and all applicable rules and regulations of the organization with which the League is affiliated; 3. Continue to do so; 4. Pays appropriate fees established by the Executive Committee of the B.R.M.S.L.; 5. Is not banned by any other Ontario Soccer affiliation.

Section 2. In order to continue membership, players and committee members must maintain good standing with respect to payment of dues and fees, execution of duties, and otherwise participation and attendance at scheduled events as determined by the Executive Committee.

Section 3. The Regular Committee, with a 2/3rd majority vote, may determine the termination of a player's membership.

Section 4. A member may be fined, censured, suspended or expelled from Membership for cause and only after charges have been laid in accordance with the League's published rules an a hearing held in accordance with the B.R.M.S.L. published rules. An individual whose

Membership has been suspended loses all rights of Membership until the suspension has been terminated. Any member who infringes the Articles or rules of the League or brings the League into disrepute, may be reprimanded, suspended or expelled from the League after a hearing by the Board of Directors of the League at which hearing the Member is entitled to attend. The criteria for terminating membership are specified in Article 3, Sections 1&2.

Article 4: - Executive Committee

Section 1a. Also to be referred to as the Executive.

Section 1b. The Executive Committee of the B.R.M.S.L. shall be composed of the following office holders. The Executive Committee is to consist of at least three individuals. Each shall be a voting member and will have the responsibilities for the following:

President: The President shall preside at all meetings of the B.R.M.S.L. and shall execute the decisions and the directives of the B.R.M.S.L. Committee. At such meetings, the president shall vote only in the event of a tie vote on the matter being voted upon. The President or his designee shall represent the B.R.M.S.L. at all meetings or gatherings that the B.R.M.S.L. is entitled to be represented. He shall also be the Registrar of the league and be responsible for all players' registration. He will be responsible for organizing the game locations, field upkeep, uniforms and equipment.

Vice-President: The Vice-President shall act in the absence of the president with the same power and authority. He shall give notice to all committee members of coming meetings with a minimum of one weeks notice and shall perform such duties as may be assigned by the President or the Committee. The Vice-President shall chair all Disciplinary & Appeals meetings. As Chair, he is also responsible for selecting 2 individuals (not affiliated with the league) to serve as part of the Disciplinary & Appeals Committee. He also will be responsible for organizing the game locations, field upkeep, uniform and equipment.

Secretary: The Secretary shall keep the records and minutes of all meetings of the B.R.M.S.C. He shall have custody of all records of the B.R.M.S.L., which shall be his responsibility to maintain. He shall generate the league schedule to include the dates of the AGM and Banquet, which he will receive from the Entertainment Convener to be approved by the Executive. He shall keep track of League games, scores and scorers as well as other tasks assigned by the President or Committee.

Treasurer: The Treasurer shall receive, disburse and account for all funds of the B.R.M.S.L., which shall be kept in a bank or banks designated by the Executive Committee. The Treasurer shall prepare annually or as requested by the Committee, an account of all receipts and disbursements of the B.R.M.S.L. The Treasurer will prepare for each committee meeting a financial statement(s) of disbursements of funds of the previous month including bank statements corresponding with these disbursements. Copies of this documentation will be distributed to each Executive member of the B.R.M.S.L. The Treasurer will allow inspection of the financial records and receipts of the B.R.M.S.L. upon demand by any member of the Committee. He will also prepare an audited statement for the AGM of all disbursements of

funds for the previous year. The Treasurer will chair discipline/appeals meetings if there is a conflict of interest.

Entertainment Convener: The Entertainment Convener is a member of the Executive Committee. He shall be responsible for preparation of banquet and other league functions as well as preparing a statement for the AGM. He is to encourage and inform the regular committee of all league events. He may choose a committee to aid in organizing events.

Section 2a. Executive Board members shall be elected by a majority vote at the Annual General Meeting of the membership (Voting as specified in Article 3, Section 2) present. All officers shall take office immediately following their election and shall serve until their successors take office.

Section 2b. Nominations for these positions are to be done at the AGM in the form of a verbal nomination accompanied by a seconding motion. Once nominations are closed, these individuals will have the ability to stand or decline.

Section 2c. If an individual cannot be present at the AGM and wishes to run for office, he can do so in the form of a letter given to any Executive member one week prior to the AGM.

Section 3. No Executive committee member shall hold more than one office at a time. No more than half the Executive committee may be in the same immediate family.

Section 4. The Executive shall be responsible for and have sole authority for the following:

- A) Enforcing and interpreting the Rules and Regulations.
- B) Appointing team Captains.
- C) Approval of the scheduling and formation of the league.

Section 5. The President, Vice-President and Treasurer are all signing officers of the League. Two of three signatures will be needed as authorization on all cheques. Any expenditure above \$500 will need approval of the Executive first. Receipts for all expenditures must be given to the Treasurer.

Section 6. At any meeting, an Executive member of the B.R.M.S.L. may be removed by a two-thirds vote of the remaining Executive. If a member of the Executive Committee is absent from three consecutive meetings, they may be declared inactive and shall have his office declared vacant.

Section 7. Any Executive member may resign at any time giving written notice of such resignation to the President or Secretary. If the offices of President or Secretary are vacated, their resignation may be submitted to any other Executive member. The resigning Executive member is not absolved of his duties until a discussion at the following Executive meeting.

Section 8. In the event of a vacancy occurring in any Executive office, the remaining Executive will elect a successor to the office by a majority vote. This person shall hold this position until the next A.G.M. until such position is voted on by the membership.

Section 9. The Executive will choose Captains for each team. These people will hold this position for one season and will be part of the Regular Committee.

Section 10. All Executive meetings will be in accordance to Robert's Rules of Order.

Article 5: Regular Committee

Section 1a. The Regular Committee shall be known as the Committee.

Section 1b. The Regular Committee shall consist of all team Captains, their Assistant and Executive members. Their responsibilities are the following:

Section 2. A) Approve all drops, adds, and trades with respect to their own teams.
B) Make temporary rules or regulations for specific cases or occasions that are not provided for in the Constitution or Rules and Regulations but which are deemed necessary to for the purposes of the league. These rules will stay in place until they are voted upon at the next A.G.M., at which point they will be accepted as part of the Constitution or dropped completely.

Article 6: Captains

Section 1.

Captains will be responsible for the following:

- A) Selection of His Assistant.
- B) Team selection and positioning of players
- C) Running of team (i.e. dropping of players, handing out and collection of equipment and uniforms)
- D) Communication to players of league activities
- E) Communication to Committee of players concerns.
- F) Collecting filled out game sheets from the referees and returned to the Secretary.
- G) Wearing armbands provided by league.

Section 2. Captains and their chosen assistant will be ranked by the Committee to which round in that year's draft that they would most likely be chosen in. Captains and assistants will then choose themselves in those rounds respectively.

Article 7: Committee Meetings

Section 1a. There shall be a meeting of the Committee after the last game at a central location determined by the President as specified on the league schedule.

Section 1b. The President can initiate a non-scheduled Committee meeting no less than one week from the time of meeting.

Section 2. The agenda for the meetings shall be as follows:

- A) Call to order
- B) Acceptance of minutes of previous meeting.
- C) Old Business
- D) New Business
- E) Correspondence
- F) Adjournment

Section 3. A two-thirds majority of the Committee may call special Committee meetings. The purpose of the meeting shall be stated in the call. At least one week's notice shall be given.

Section 4. At all Committee Meetings, there must be a minimum of 50% turn out of the Executive for a transaction of business to take place.

Section 5a. No Executive member can give a proxy.

Section 5b. If Captains cannot attend, it is their responsibility to inform an Executive member of their wishes with respect to player transactions. The substituting Executive cannot vote on behalf of the missing Captain.

Section 6. All Committee meetings will be conducted as per Robert's Rules of Order.

Section 7. Each member has one vote only.

Article 8: Other Committees

Section 1. Discipline and Appeals are taken care of by the BRMSL and the Disciplinary Committee as organized by the Vice-President elect.

Article 9: Annual General Meeting (A.G.M.)

Section 1. At AGM's in odd numbered years, the President, Treasurer and any other open vacancies shall be elected by a majority vote for a two-year term. At AGM's held in even numbered years, the Vice-President, Secretary and any other open vacancies, shall be elected by a majority vote for a two-year term. The Entertainment Convener to be elected by a majority vote for a one-year term.

Section 2a. The President with concurrence of the Executive shall call for an Annual Meeting (AGM) of the membership to be held in March. He shall make the agenda available to all members in good standing three weeks prior. The Treasurer will present a financial statement to the membership. If the Treasurer is unable to attend, he will give the President the financial statement to present at the AGM.

Section 2b. Notification to all present league players shall be made at least 14 days prior to the meeting by either phone call, e-mail, or form of communication deemed suitable at the time.

Section 2c. The President reserves the right to postpone the AGM only due to extreme circumstances.

Section 3. The quorum for the AGM will be 15% of total membership in good standing.

Section 4. The order of business at the AGM shall be as follows:

- A) Call to order
- B) Reading of minutes of previous AGM
- C) Acceptance of minutes of previous AGM
- D) Old Business
- E) Reports:
 - 1 – President outlines agenda for meeting
 - 2 – Vice-President
 - 3 – Financial Report presented by Treasurer
 - 4 – Others
- F) Proposals for change in Constitution, Rules and Regulations of General Procedures
- G) Election of New Officers
- H) New Business
- I) Appointment of Auditor
- J) Adjournment

Section 5. All players who were registered that season and are in good standing with the league shall be entitled to voting privileges. Voting by proxy shall not be allowed.

Section 6. The President, if deemed necessary may call a Special General Meeting. He will give members two weeks notification by either group email or a phone call or in person. He will also make the agenda for said meeting available within one week of the Special General Meeting.

Article 10: Changes

Section 1. Amendments to the Constitution of the League shall be made at the AGM except in such cases specified in the Article 5, Section 2a. Any member in good standing can propose amendments to the constitution.

Section 2. The Executive must receive any proposed amendments not less than one week before AGM.

Section 3a. An amendment to the Constitution shall be adopted by a majority vote of the membership present at the A.G.M.

Section 3b. The adopted amendment shall be added into the constitution in the wording as suggested by the Executive and voted on by the members at the AGM. The updated constitution will be posted on the league website no later than the start of the season.

Article 11: Teams

Once a team is organized, its roster shall be maintained, if possible, without change during the entire season. Any changes to teams will be done through the Committee by established deadlines.

Article 12: Trading

Captains may trade players between themselves for up to two hours after the draft on draft day. After the draft, Captains must have the consent of the players involved and the Secretary to be notified in order for trade to be valid. If a player plays without the Secretary being informed, the player will be classified as ineligible.

Article 13: Waiting List

Section 1. Registration after the closing date for registration may be permitted by the B.R.M.S.L. The player will be placed on a waiting list and informed when an opening occurs. A waiting list payment of \$25 will be required with further fees due as determined by the Executive. The Executive will make a decision should the player request a pro-rated fee.

Section 2. If a player misses three games without sufficient explanation, the Captains may drop him from the team, and the President must confirm this before another player may be picked from the waiting list.

Section 3. If a player quits the league, the President must confirm this before the team can pick another player from the list. If President has a conflict of interest, another Executive member must confirm this.

Section 4. If a team is considered by the Executive to be struggling and it is thought that readjustment is needed, the Executive will decide the course of action needed.

Section 5. No more picks from waiting list two weeks from the end of regular season unless Article 13, Section 4 applies.

Section 6. The Secretary must be in possession of fees and proper forms in order for anyone to get on the waiting list.

Section 7. The Secretary is to receive the remainder of fees before the new player's first game.

Article 14: Picking from the Waiting List

Section 1. Picking of players from the waiting list will be done as stated on the League schedule.

Section 2. There has to be one more player on the list than an individual team can need (i.e. if a team needs one player, there has to be at least two players on the list. If a team needs three players, there has to be a minimum of four players on the list for the pick to take place and so on).

Section 3. The picking shall be done at random.

Section 4. If two or more teams are picking and one team has two or more players than the other team can drop, then that team gets two picks first, providing that there is one more player on the list than needed.

Section 5. If there are more teams wanting players than there are players on the list, then it will go by the amount of players needed on each team. The team needing most players gets priority, and then the team(s) picks numbers.

Section 6. Once a player has been dropped and pick has been made, it is final. The dropped player may be put on waiting list if he wishes and the Committee agrees.

Article 15: Players

Section 1. Players will be enrolled using the enrollment forms prescribed by the B.R.M.S.L.

Section 2. Registration fees must be paid at time of enrollment.

Section 3. No player who is physically able to play soccer and meets registration requirements will be denied or discouraged from participation.

Section 4. A player may only participate in a game if his enrollment form and insurance form have been completed and passed by the Executive and all players' fees are paid in full.

Section 5. A player must be 18 years of age by the start of the season to be eligible to enroll.

Section 6. No player shall play on more than one B.R.M.S.L. team at the same time.

Article 16: Rules of Play

The rules of play shall be the "Laws of the Game" as published by F.I.F.A. with the modifications stated herein.

Article 17: Substitutions

Section 1. The number of substitutions in a B.R.M.S.L. match shall be unlimited.

Section 2. Substitutions can be made with the consent of the referee at the following times:

- a) Prior to a throw-in for both teams only if the team with the advantage chooses to.
- b) Prior to a goal kick.
- c) After a goal by either team.
- d) During an injury timeout only for the injured player.
- e) Halftime.

Article 18: Forfeit

Section 1. If a team fails to appear or fields a team of less than eight players at 10 minutes after the scheduled game time, the game shall be forfeited to the opposing team present and ready to play. If in the event of both teams not having the correct numbers to play, both forfeit resulting in a (0-2) loss for both teams.

Section 2. Any team proven guilty of violating any rules of the B.R.M.S.L. shall be subject to forfeit of all games in which such violation is applicable.

Section 3. Any team playing an ineligible player shall forfeit all games in which that player participated.

Section 4. The score of a forfeited game shall be recorded as 2-0 with the goals going to no one.

Article 19: Cautions, Ejections, Suspensions and Probation

Section 1a. All players shall be subject to suspensions, probation or other disciplinary action by the Disciplinary Committee of the B.R.M.S.L.

Section 2. Players shall be subject to cautions or ejections by the Referee in the game for misconduct.

Section 3a. Players who are ejected shall leave the immediate area of the playing field before recommencement of the game. Refusal by an ejected player to leave field area within a reasonable time as specified by the referee shall result in immediate termination of game via forfeit in favour of the other team and automatic suspension of the ejected person(s) for the remainder of the season.

If a team is winning and the forfeit is in their favour, then the score will stand as it was before the game is called. If they are losing and the forfeit is in their favour, then they get a 2-0 win. Either way the scorers get credit for their goals.

Section 3b. If a player from each team is ejected and both refuse to leave the playing field then the following applies:

1. Regular Season – both teams forfeit.
2. Playoffs – rescheduled as determined by the Executive.

Section 4. The collection of three Yellow cards throughout the season shall result in a one game suspension immediately following the third Yellow card or when the violation is discovered. The Secretary is to inform the team Captain before the next game. The Secretary is also to inform the Executive members of weekly bookings to avoid a conflict of interest if one exists with the Secretary’s team.

Section 5. A player who initiates physical assault upon a referee or assistant referee(s) shall be immediately expelled from the B.R.M.S.L.

Section 6. The following Disciplinary Schedule will be the guide by which the Disciplinary Committee will use when reviewing cases and/or assigning penalties or suspensions.

6.1 Immediate Suspension

- 6.1.1 A team official, administrator, or player who is reported by the Game Official, or if charges are laid by the police, for Physical Assault or Attempted Physical Assault of a youth registered player shall be suspended immediately.
- 6.1.2 Within 24 hours after receipt of the report from the Game Official, or after charges have been laid by the police, the BRMSL shall notify the alleged offender, that he is immediately suspended from all soccer related activity, pending a hearing by the BRMSL Disciplinary Committee.
- 6.2 On misconduct being proved to its satisfaction, a *Disciplinary Committee* shall have the power to order the offender:
 - a) to be suspended from all or any specific *soccer related activity* for a stated period of time;
 - b) to be suspended for a specific number of scheduled games in a designated competition(s).
- 6.3 A player shall be disciplined for the accumulation of cautions within the same competition/league.
- 6.4 If the evidence submitted at a Disciplinary Hearing does not warrant the accused being found guilty of the charges laid against him and there is sufficient evidence to find the accused person guilty of a lesser charge, the *Disciplinary Committee* may find the accused guilty of the lesser charge, provided that the lesser charge is not a different charge and is directly related to the original charge.
- 6.5 The standard penalties for misconduct are listed below: The penalty range indicates the minimum and maximum penalties for the offence.

Standard Penalties for Misconduct by a Player

Type #	Description of Misconduct	First Seasonal Offence	Second Seasonal Offence	Third Seasonal Offence
1.1	First Caution	No action		
1.2	Second Caution	No action		
1.3	Third Caution	1-game suspension		

1.4	Fourth Caution	No action		
1.5	Fifth Caution	2-game suspension		
1.6	Sixth Caution & any subsequent caution	Suspended for remainder of season		
1.7	Dismissed for <i>"Receiving a second caution in the same game"</i> for which neither of the cautions was directed at the <i>game official(s)</i> .	1-game suspension	3-game suspension	N/A
1.8	Dismissed for <i>"Receiving a second caution in the same game"</i> for which at least one of the cautions was directed at the <i>game official(s)</i> .	2-game suspension	4-game suspension	N/A
1.9	Dismissed for <i>"Using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures"</i> directed at anyone other than the <i>game official(s)</i> ..	1-game suspension	3-game suspension	Suspended for remainder of season
1.10	Dismissed for <i>"Using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures"</i> directed at the <i>game official(s)</i> ..	3 game suspension	8 game suspension	Lifetime ban from BRMSL
1.10 A	Persisted in <i>"using offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures"</i> directed at a <i>game official(s)</i> after having been dismissed for such action that is directly in the area(s) of the soccer field.	6 to 8 games	Lifetime ban from BRMSL	N/A
1.11	Dismissed for <i>"Denying an opponent a goal or an obvious goal-scoring opportunity by deliberately handling the ball"</i> .	1-game suspension	2-game suspension	N/A
1.12	Dismissed for <i>"Denying an opponent a goal or an obvious goal-scoring opportunity to an opponent moving towards the player's goal by an offence punishable by a free kick or penalty kick"</i> .	2-game suspension	4-game suspension	N/A
1.13	Dismissed for <i>"Serious Foul Play"</i> .	2-game suspension	4-game suspension	N/A
1.13A	Dismissed for "Serious Foul Play" where in the opinion of the <i>Discipline Hearing Panel</i> there was an obvious "attempt to injure" or "a complete disregard for the safety of an opponent"	4-8 game suspension	Suspended for remainder of season	N/A
1.14	Dismissed for <i>"Spitting at an opponent or any other person"</i> , other than a <i>game official</i> . <i>NOTE: Spitting at a game official is Misconduct Type 1.52.</i>	6-game suspension	Suspended for remainder of season	N/A
1.15	Dismissed for <i>"Violent Conduct"</i> .	3-game suspension	6-game suspension	N/A
1.15 A	Dismissed for "Violent Conduct" where in the opinion of the <i>Disciplinary Committee</i> there was an obvious attempt to seriously injure an opponent	6-10 game suspension	Suspended for the remainder of season	N/A
1.16	Received a third dismissal in a season.	A discipline hearing shall be conducted and the appropriate discipline shall be rendered		

1.17	Knowingly played as an ineligible player.	4-game suspension	Suspended for remainder of season	Lifetime ban from BRMSL
Standard Penalties for Misconduct by a Player				
Type #	Description of Misconduct	First Lifetime Offence	Second Lifetime Offence	Third Lifetime Offence
1.18	Game Official Assault for " <i>deliberate physical contact (ex. pushing, pulling, charging, etc.) or attempted physical contact or threatening</i> ".	Suspended for remainder of season	N/A	N/A
1.19	Game Official Assault for " <i>striking , spitting, kicking, or any form of violent conduct, or attempted violent conduct</i> ".	Lifetime ban from BRMSL	N/A	N/A
1.20	Failed to attend a discipline hearing at which he/she was accused of game official assault .	Remains suspended until he requests and attends a subsequent discipline hearing		
1.21	Intentionally instigated and/or participated in a brawl between two teams either before, during, or after a game.	Lifetime ban from BRMSL	N/A	N/A
1.22	Intentionally acted in contravention of, or failed to act in accordance with, a "Published Rule".	Suspended for remainder of season	Lifetime ban from BRMSL	N/A
1.23	Intentionally acted in a manner deemed to be detrimental to the game.	Suspended for remainder of season	Lifetime ban from BRMSL	N/A
1.24	a) Changed any information on a registration form without the consent of the person being registered on such form. b) Provided false or inaccurate information on a registration form. c) Falsified a signature on a registration form.	Suspended for remainder of season	Lifetime ban from BRMSL	N/A
1.25	Provided false information or withheld information (including date of birth; country, etc.) on a player registration form.	Suspended for remainder of season	Lifetime ban from BRMSL	N/A
1.26	Registered under a false name.	Suspended for remainder of season	Lifetime ban from BRMSL	N/A

Article 20: Cancellation, Postponement, and Rescheduling

Section 1. Once the schedule has been published, players should be made aware by team Captains that only due to inclement weather will changes be made to the schedule. However, the B.R.M.S.L. Executive holds the right to postpone a game with two weeks notice.

Section 2. Re-scheduling of games will be done with a mutual agreement from the team Captains concerned. However, the Executive holds the right to arrange the game if no agreement can be made. Team Captains must have a minimum of one week's notice of re-scheduling. All games must be completed before play-offs begin.

Section 3. In the case of an unplayable field or unsafe conditions, the League will inform the players as soon as possible and the game will be re-scheduled as above in Section 2.

Section 4. The Referee's judgment with regard to the physical condition of the field and its acceptance for play to the actual happenings and occurrences related to the conduct of the game, and those prerogatives granted to him by the "Laws of the Game" as published by F.I.F.A. shall not be challenged.

Article 21: Playoffs

Section 1. Should the score be tied at the end of regulation play, two overtime periods of 10 minutes each way shall be played. In the event that no winner is determined after overtime play, then both teams will take penalty kicks (as specified by F.I.F.A rules) until a winner is determined.

Section 2. In the event that both teams do not have the minimum amount of players to play, the Executive will re-schedule the game.

Article 22: Harassment

Section 1. The Club shall adhere to the Harassment Policy as published and approved by The OSA from time to time.

Section 2. The Harassment Policy shall apply to all employees, directors, officers, volunteers, coaches, game officials, administrators, players, Members and registrants of the League.

Section 3. Harassment is defined as any comment, conduct, or gesture directed toward an individual or group of individuals which is insulting, intimidating, humiliating, malicious, degrading or offensive. It includes, but is not limited to, sexual harassment.

Section 4. The BRMSL shall make available to any Member the Harassment Policy when requested.

Article 23: Protests and Appeals

Section 1. Only violations of the Constitution and mis-application of the "Laws of the Game" shall be proper subjects to consider protest.

Section 2. All protests and appeals must be filed with the Vice-President (then forwarded to the Disciplinary & Appeals Committee) no later than 48 hours after the game in question.

Section 3. Any Member or registrant of the League directly affected by a decision of the League may appeal such decision. The denial or termination of Membership in the League may be appealed by a non-Member.

Section 4. An individual shall not appeal a decision made by the Executive regarding the appointment, un-appointment, re-appointment or revocation of an appointment of an individual to any coach or administrator position within the League's operations, except where the selection, appointment and revocation process outlined in the League's published rules has not been followed.

Section 5. An individual shall not appeal a decision made by the B.R.M.S.L. regarding a player's team assignment.

Article 24: Financial Responsibilities

This League shall not assume, nor be liable for, the debts or the financial responsibilities, either implied or incurred, by any of its members. Members of the Executive or other servants to the Club, their heirs, executors, administrators and estate and effects respectively shall be indemnified and saved harmless at all times by the League against all costs, losses and expenses incurred by them respectively in or about the discharge of their respective duties except such as happens from their own respective willful neglect or default.

The Financial Accounts of the B.R.M.S.L. will be audited annually. Our fiscal year ends December 31. This audited financial statement will be presented to the membership at the AGM. The membership will appoint an auditor by a majority vote of the members present at the previous AGM.

Article 25: Liabilities

The B.R.M.S.L. accepts no responsibility or liabilities for any injury occurred during a B.R.M.S.L. scheduled event.

Article 26: Dissolution

Should this league be dissolved, the Executive Committee shall disperse all assets remaining after payment of all debts for the express purpose of the development of soccer in the Belle River area.

Article 27: Awards

Section 1. Top goal scorer(s). This award shall be give to the player(s) who scores the most goals in the regular season.

Section 2. Top goalkeeper. This award shall be given to the Goalie who receives the most votes by his fellow players in the league.

Section 3. League Champions trophy. This award shall be given to the team who finishes the regular season with the most points. If more than one team finishes with the same points, it goes to goal difference, then goals for, then performance against team(s) tied with, then games won, then a playoff game.

Section 4. Playoff Champions trophy. This award shall go to the team who finished first in the playoffs.

Section 5. Playoff Runner Up trophy. This award is given to the team that finishes the playoffs in second place.

Section 6. Team MVPs. This award is given to the player from each team who receives the most votes from his fellow teammates. Players vote for MVP of just their own team. In event of a tie, all players tied will receive the award.

Section 7. Hall of Fame award. This award shall be given when the Executive feels someone deserves special recognition, for the special efforts they have shown.

Section 8. Playoff MVP award. The Executive votes on this award.

Section 9. Rookie of the Year award. Each Captain and their assistant will choose one player from their team for this award. The player must be in his first season in the League. The Executive will then vote on which one of these team finalists will receive the award.

Section 10. Sportsmanship award. Each Captain and their assistant will choose one player from their team for this award. The Executive will then vote on which one of these team finalists will receive the award.

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Rule 1: Fees shall be determined by the Executive on a yearly basis.

Rule 2: League shall be responsible for the following:

1. Supplying team uniforms (which will remain property of League)
2. Supplying an adequate amount of soccer balls (which will remain property of League)
3. Providing a league schedule two weeks prior to season starting
4. Providing referees for all games
5. Setting cut-off date for registration
6. Deciding the length of the season

Rule 3: Dress Code. All players must wear the supplied shirt and shorts. All players are encouraged to wear the socks supplied by the League, but may wear their own socks of that teams' approved colour. Proper soccer shoes and shin guards must be worn as required by F.I.F.A.

Rule 4: Points: 3 points shall be awarded for a win and 1 point for a tied game.

Rule 5: Refunds. There shall be no refunds whatsoever after a player is registered.

Rule 6: Uniform return. All uniforms must be returned no later than two weeks after banquet or a fine will be charged to the player's registration the following season. Banquet date will be on the League schedule and website. Failure to do so will result in a \$50 fine to be added to next year's registration.

Rule 7: No referee. Where a referee fails to show up for a game, the game will be classified as void and will have to be replayed at a further date. Refer to Article 20, Section 2.

Rule 8: Soliciting. No player may solicit or raise funds in the League's name without the consent of the Executive Board.