

Greenhaven Soccer Club
Metro/Class III Soccer Policies
2009/10 Season

The following sets forth the basic policies, rules, and objectives of the Greenhaven Soccer Club (GSC) as approved by the Board for Metro/Class III teams that are part of our Club. Metro Soccer is Class III league and tournament soccer conducted by and played within District VI of CYSA-N. There are two purposes for putting these policies in writing. The first purpose is to provide a clear statement of the policies for existing and potential Metro teams, coaches, and team managers. The second purpose is to attempt to reduce the amount of time spent by the Board on Metro team issues that seem to arise frequently. It is thus recommended that each Metro head coach, assistant coach, and team manager be given a copy of these policies. While compliance with these policies is important to achieving a smooth running soccer season, the single most important policy to achieve success is for all coaches to communicate with the Metro Coordinator. Many of the problems which occur each year result from a failure of information to be communicated, in some cases from the Club to the coaches, but more importantly, from the coaches to the Metro Coordinator and the other Metro coaches. Finally, these rules are not designed to cover all situations nor is it expected that they will be dissected for inconsistency or imperfection. Teams and coaches are expected to follow the spirit of the rules with the underlying theme being that the purpose of the program is to allow kids to play soccer and to become better players.

I. Metro Coordinator - GSC Support of Metro teams.

- A. GSC Metro teams are coordinated by the Metro Coordinator. The first contact for a coach or team manager is with the Metro Coordinator.
- B. Metro teams are part of GSC. All teams are subject to the same rules applicable to GSC teams, unless specifically stated below. While the Club supports the Metro program, it does not wish the Metro teams to unduly consume the volunteer resources of the Club, and so those coaches who have or wish to have a Metro team must be familiar with these policies.
- C. Teams and/or coaches who consistently fail to follow the policies and their spirit will not be approved the following year as a Metro Team.

II. Team Selection.

- A. All GSC teams and coaches must be approved by the GSC. Teams should apply for the next soccer season by the end of February of the calendar year for which the team wishes to play Metro. The Metro Coordinator will have the necessary information needed for a coach to apply to be a Metro team.

- 1) The GSC will establish a committee to recommend approval of all Metro Teams at the March Board meeting. This review process may include an interview with new and returning coaches and assistant coaches.
 - 2) The committee will be chaired by the Metro Coordinator
 - a. The Metro Coordinator will be a voting member of the committee.
 - 3) The Coaching Coordinator will be a voting member of the committee.
 - 4) The respective Vice President will be a voting member of the committee.
 - a. The Boys Vice President will vote on boys Metro Teams.
 - b. The Girls Vice President will vote on girls Metro Teams.
 - 5) The President may participate in the committee but will not be a voting member.
- B. In addition to approval by GSC, all teams and coaches must be approved by SYSL. All teams (returning and new) must satisfy the requirements of SYSL for Metro teams. Currently, all Metro teams must have a head coach with at least an E coaching license and an assistant coach with an F coaching license. Beginning in 2007, either the head coach or the assistant coach must also be a current USSF referee. (There are other requirements.) New Metro teams can apply if the coach(es) can satisfy the licensing requirements by June 1st before the beginning of the season.

III. Tryouts.

- A. All GSC Metro teams will conduct tryouts for player selection. The date and location will be determined by GSC. GSC will schedule its tryouts to cause the least amount of conflict with the competitive and recreation soccer programs.
- 1) The GSC may provide assistance with the try-out process.
 - 2) The GSC may provide staff to help evaluate and rank players. This tool will only be to assist a coach in determining player skills demonstrated at the try-out. Any evaluation will not obligate a coach to select a specific player.
- B. If there is more than one team in an age group conducting tryouts, players that both coaches are interested in will be selected by a coach based on the following rules.
- 1) The player's preference for a particular team governs.
 - 2) The team designated as the "Green" team by the Metro committee will have first selection.
 - 3) The team designated as the "White" team by the Metro committee will have second selection.
- C. The Metro committee may use the following criteria for establishing the "Green" and the "White" team.
- 1) The Metro team with the best Metro record, including tournaments, from the prior year.
 - 2) The Metro team whose coach has the longest tenure in GSC as a Metro coach.

- 3) The Metro team with the best recreational record from the prior year.
- 4) The Metro team with the highest level coaching license.

D. All returning and new players must attend tryouts.

IV. Rosters

- A. A Metro team shall provide a roster of players and coaches to the Metro Coordinator by May 15 of the calendar year. While players may be added and dropped during the year (subject to the rules of SYSL, Dist VI, & CYSA), a coach must have a roster with the minimum required number of players by May 15th
 - 1) The minimum roster for Under 10 teams is 12 players.
 - 2) The minimum roster for Under 12 and Under 14 teams will be 15 players.
 - 3) The minimum roster for Under 16 and Under 19 teams will be 16 players.
- B. All Metro players must have a three part CYSA registration form, the proper fees, a picture, and a birth certificate. A Metro coach shall always have copies of the coach and assistant coaches E & F licenses. A Metro coach shall assist the metro coordinator and the registrar in ensuring all player documents have been received.
- C. Since Metro teams may play in tournaments in early August, it is strongly recommended that coaches complete the rosters as soon as possible so that player passes can be issued by the end of July. GSC is not in control of issuing player passes, and the sooner the required information is provided to SYSL, the better the chances of passes being timely issued. (If the package is provided to SYSL only one week before the date the passes are needed, they will not be issued.)
- D. Remember, player passes and the CYSA registration form need the players' signatures. The player pass needs to be signed before lamination, so everything needs to be done sooner rather than later.

V. Equipment

- A. GSC provides practice balls and uniforms to every team. For Metro teams, in addition to the green uniform, GSC will provide a white alternative uniform to the teams. A deposit of \$200 is required for these uniforms. The deposit will be returned when all uniforms and equipment are returned.
- B. On Picture Day, the Metro teams must wear the white alternative uniforms for the pictures.
- C. The Metro uniform committee, chaired by the Metro Coordinator, will determine an alternate set of Metro uniforms. The alternate sets will be consistent with the GSC colors. The uniform committee will select an alternate green uniform and an alternate white uniform. The uniform shall have the GSC logo on the front. No team names shall be on the uniform. Players may have their name on the back of

the uniform. Metro Teams have the option to purchase either set of the alternate uniforms as selected by the uniform committee.

- D. For home games, Metro teams may wear their green or white uniforms unless the referee at the game makes the team change because of color conflicts. (In the event District VI implements a rule specifying which uniform the home team must wear, the rule will govern.)
- E. GSC Uniforms may not be worn at non-CYSA sanctioned events. (No wearing of GSC uniforms for indoor soccer, etc.)

VI. Practices

- A. For practice fields starting before August, please contact the Metro Coordinator. GSC shares fields during June and July with Sac United, so selection of fields and days of the week may be restricted.
- B. For practice starting in August, GSC assigns days of the week and fields to each Metro and Recreation team. Please let the Metro Coordinator know your preference as soon as possible. Once practice field assignments are made, changes are difficult.

VII. Tournaments.

- A. One of the objectives of Metro Soccer is the chance to play more games each year than under the Recreation program and this is accomplished by entering tournaments. The tournament schedule is posted on the District VI web site in late April (WWW.D6SOCCER.ORG). The GSC intends to host a Metro/Class III tournament and/or jamboree each year. All qualified GSC Metro teams will be reimbursed entrance fees if they assist in the tournament process.
- B. Teams that cannot participate in the GSC tournament may be reimbursed for one tournament not exceeding \$300.00. The team must be in good standing and the reimbursement must be presented to the GSC by the December Board Meeting.

VIII. Regular Season Play.

- A. District VI writes the schedule for Metro teams. The operative word is flexibility. It is crucial that as soon as you receive your regular season schedule, a copy be provided the Metro Coordinator and the Referee Coordinator. Because of potential problems and conflicts, this information must be provided immediately.
- B. Metro teams playing in the regular season are provided three referees by GSC for all their home games. This takes substantial effort by the GSC Referee Coordinator. If you are not playing a home game at the time originally scheduled by Dist VI, you must let everyone know as soon as possible, but in no event later

that Tuesday the week of the game. Failure to timely notify the Referee Coordinator and Metro Coordinator of the change will cause the team to incur additional costs for three referees at the newly scheduled game time.

- C. As a courtesy to the other Metro teams who may be sharing your field (and especially for purposes of setting up and taking down nets) please let the other teams know of any schedule changes.
- D. Under Metro rules, all players must play one-half of each game.

IX. Post Season Play.

- A. GSC strongly encourages teams to play District Cup and Association Cup.

X. Equipment Return.

- A. Once the soccer season is completed, please promptly return all equipment.

XI. Rule/Policy Violation.

If any team fails to meet any of the deadlines or violates any of the rules and policies described above, it may be subject to being placed in Class IV soccer. The players on the registered Metro team will be dispersed in the recreation draft.