

## GENERAL POLICIES

### Articles:

#### **1. Contacting a player:**

No team member, coach, parent, or any club member or club representative can directly or indirectly contact a specific player (s) that has (or have) already signed for or is affiliated with a member club of the PDF League during the regular season. This means at any time and place during the season. See article 5 regarding emails and flyers. For 2010, the regular season registration and membership of a club is considered to start August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 and ends at the final whistle of the final spring season game in May, 2011. ( A season is defined as running from August 1<sup>st</sup> of one year to May of the following year and includes a fall and spring schedule).

#### **2. Player contacts a club:**

If a player currently signed to and playing for a PDF league member, contacts the coach, or a player, parent or DOC of another PDF league member, then that player can only join the other league member, at the end of the regular season. All players must honor their commitment to their team for both the fall and springs schedules. The club contacted during the season should pay the courtesy of contacting the original club the player plays for, to let them know they have been contacted by the club's player. It is up to the original club the player desires to leave, to try and encourage the player wishing to leave to continue to play at some satisfactory level within the club.

#### **3. Player commitment date:**

Once a player commits to a club, that player must be registered by August 1<sup>st</sup> prior to fall league play of that year.. Once this date has passed, the player will be considered registered with that particular club and must stay with their PDF club for the remainder of the season of the following year.

#### **4. Transfer Window:**

Beginning in 2010, there will be no transfer window. Once a player has committed to a PDF team or club, that player must remain with that club until the final game of the spring season of the following year. The only exception (s) where a transfer shall be considered will be if a player relocates and is living thirty (30) miles or more from the training site of the original club or team he or she is leaving. Or, if a player no longer wishes to play for a club / PDF team and *does not want to move to or join another team*, then that issue should be resolved between the club and individual player.

Informing a player or parents of the transfer process now falls to individual clubs who should inform the parents / players prior to the August 1<sup>st</sup>. date. Any transfer policies must be clearly defined and evenly applied. It is the leagues responsibility to ensure all PDF clubs adhere to this policy. ( This means that a player can move to another club, if desired in the off-season, after the last game in May and before the Aug. 1<sup>st</sup>, final registration date.)

#### **5. Guesting for another Team / Club:**

A player cannot guest for another PDF team in a league game during the regular season. However, a player can guest for another PDF team for a tournament outside of PDF league play. The coach of the team the player wishes to guest for must contact the original club by email to inform them of the players request. For a PDF player that wishes to guest for a USYSA or U11 team as a play-up, then the player must obtain a US club soccer player loan form to be completed by the coach of the original team the player plays for currently.

#### **6. General Recruitment Information:**

A club can send a general email or flyer out at any time of the year. General emails or mail outs are acceptable for contacting players. However, specifically mentioning an individual's name in an email or mail out is not acceptable and will be considered direct contact. This offense will be dealt with accordingly. It should be a general email. No flyers under wiper blades at parks etc. In addition, no direct email should be sent to individual players at any time during the regular season.

#### **7. Attendance at PDF meetings:**

All PDF member clubs must attend regularly scheduled PDF meetings and must have an representative present. Failure to attend a meeting will be addressed as follows:

- Failure to attend one meeting in one season results in an official warning
- Failure to attend two meetings on one season results in a team/club fine of \$300.00

- Failure to attend three meetings during the season will result in club team (s) suspension from the league for the rest of the season, or a percentage of the following season depending upon when the third violation occurs. All club teams will be ejected.