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**RULES AND REGULATIONS
OF THE CROATIAN NATIONAL
SOCCER FEDERATION
OF CANADA AND USA**

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PART ONE

NAME, SALUTATION AND FEDERATION HEADQUARTERS

Article 1

- 1.1 Name: **Croatian National Soccer Federation of Canada and the United States of America**
- 1.2 Official Federation salutation: **God and Croats**; (May 15, 1990).
- 1.4 Symbols: Historical Croatian Red, White and Blue flag with Croatian Crest in centre of flag. The first field of the Crest is White. Flags of Canada and the United States of America are placed on the left and right side of the Croatian Flag.

Article 2

- 2.1

PART TWO

AIM OF THE EXISTENCE OF THE FEDERATION

Article 3

- 3.1 To strengthen and spread Croatian national awareness among Croatian soccer clubs, Croatian political parties, cultural, educational and religious institutions on the North America continent.
- 3.2 To gather Croatian national soccer clubs from North America that complies with the laws of the state in which each club resides.
- 3.3 Advancing Croatian soccer youth in the sense of retaining an authentic Croatian spirit of sportsmanship and identity in Canada and the USA is a primary concern and obligation.
- 3.4 Keeping in mind the founding of the Republic of Croatia: the aim is to work toward a stronger bond with HNS (Croatian Soccer Union) in Croatia with the goal of upgrading Croatian soccer in Canada and the USA.

PART THREE

FINANCIAL BASIS OF THE FEDERATION

Article 4

- 4.1 The Financial basis of the Federation is made from obligatory membership Fees paid by members of the Federation. The amount of this Fee is determined at the Annual General Meeting.
- 4.2 The Federation can be supported from donations. It can also generate income from sports events, cultural entertainment events, Croatian music concerts, and the like. All forms of funding must comply with the Rules and Decisions made at the Federation's Annual General Meeting.
- 4.3 The Federation's Fiscal Year is January to December. Financial Statements will be published at the Semi-Annual General meeting for the previous year.
- 4.4 The HNNS may donate/sponsor any member club or organization with a sum of a maximum of \$5000 dollars. The donation/sponsorship must be presented to all member clubs and approved by the majority of member clubs.
- 4.6 The HNNS governing board may donate/sponsor a sum up to \$2000 without the majority approval of the member clubs.

PART FOUR

FEDERATION MEMBERSHIP

Article 5

- 5.1 Any Croatian national soccer club may become a Member of the Federation. The club must have a Croatian name and Croatian national symbols. It must also fulfill all conditions of the Rules of Membership. Its national and sports activity must not be in a conflict of interest with the Croatian people and the Rules of the Federation. No club may become a member of the federation if they have the same/similar name in the same city as any existing Club in the Federation.
- 5.2 Upon submitting a written Application, every competitively active Croatian national soccer club may become a member of the Federation providing that candidacy is recommended by two member clubs in good standing with the Federation. Each Candidate must also pass a vote by two-thirds of Federation club member voters and the Federation Board of Directors.
- 5.3 Submission deadline for written applications of Candidate clubs for CNS Federation membership is **April 30th** of the current year.
- 5.4 Every club member of the CNS Federation must have the words **Croatian** and **National** in its name.
- 5.5 Clubs become members of the Federation the on day a valid Decision is made by Federation club members and its Board of Directors.
- 5.6 Previous member clubs that are not in good standing with HNNS can rejoin the HNNS provided they pay \$1000 as well as any outstanding fines. A new club entering the HNNS must pay a \$2000 entry fee.
- 5.7 CNS Federation Club fees are payable every year. The amount of the club Fee is determined at the Annual General Meeting of the Federation.
- 5.8 An individual or group of Federation club members in good standing may object to the admission of a new club into the Federation. However, no club has a right to veto.
- 5.9 All clubs that are members of the Federation are equal and entitled to the same rights and privileges regardless of Federation seniority. Every club is entitled to one vote only.

PART FIVE

DISCONTINUATION OF FEDERATION MEMBERSHIP

Article 6

- 6.1 Any Federation member may be expelled from the Federation under following circumstances:
- a) a club that has caused grievous harm or serious infraction upon a Federation Rule or Regulation, may be penalized with expulsion from the Federation.
 - b) if membership Fees have not been paid for two consecutive years.
 - c) if Tournament hotel bills or Duties to the Tournament Host remain outstanding.
 - d) for enticing participating Federation Tournament players to transfer from one Croatian member club to another member club during a Tournament.
 - e) After an absence of more than two years from the Federation, either by approved leave of absence (maximum of two years) or other reason, the Club will lose its status as an active Federation member. It must re-qualify under the current Rules as if it were a new club.

PART SIX

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE OF THE FEDERATION

Article 7

The Croatian National Soccer Federation is governed by Decisions and Rules brought forth during the following Federation meetings:

- 7.1 Annual General Meeting.
- 7.2 Extraordinary Meetings.
- 7.3 Annual General Meeting, which is the highest administrative body of the CNS Federation.
- 7.4 All active members of the Federation and members of the Governing Board are responsible to be present at the Annual General Meeting.
- 7.5 The Annual General Meeting is governed by Regulations of the Federation and all Decisions made at the Annual General Meeting must be in accord with Federation Regulations. Such Decisions are final and irrevocable.
- 7.7 At all Federation meetings, annual, semi-annual and extraordinary, Minutes from the previous meeting must be read.

FEDERATION MEETINGS

Article 8

- 8.1 The Annual General Meeting of the Federation is held every year after the Federation Tournament, on a day determined by the Governing Board of the Federation, but no later than **November 1** of the current year.
- 8.2 The Semi-Annual General Meeting is held in the same town as the Federation Tournament, by **April 30** of the current year. Circumstances may warrant a delay, but no later than **May 30** of the current year. The Tournament Host is responsible for ensuring meeting premises on Friday night and Saturday. The Host must also ensure hotel rooms for those members of the Federation Governing Board that may need overnight lodgings. Lunch for all members of the Governing Board and club delegates is to be provided.
- 8.3 If necessary and only by a majority of member votes, an Extraordinary Federation meeting is called by the Governing Board of the Federation.

WORK AND JURISDICTION OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Article 9

- 9.1 The Annual General Meeting is the supreme body of the CNS Federation, during which the following may be determined:
- 9.2 Plan the scope of work for the Federation.
- 9.3 Dissolve and Elect a new Governing Board of the Federation.
- 9.4 Plan the Budget and Expenses of the Federation.
- 9.5 Resolve appeals and Objections of Federation member clubs.
- 9.6 Accept new members into the Federation.
- 9.7 Proclaim Declarations and Resolutions.

DECISIONS BROUGHT AT FEDERATION MEETINGS

Article 10

- 10.1 Annual, Semi-annual and Extraordinary Federation meetings may be held only if and when scheduled on time once all Federation members have been notified no later than **30 days** prior to commencement of Meeting. A quorum of not less than **50% + 1** Federation members must be present.
- 10.2 Any member of the Federation, who without reason is not present at the Annual, Semi-annual and Extraordinary Meeting, will be fined in the amount of **\$500.00**, including members of the Governing Board of the Federation.
- 10.3 Federation meeting decisions must be validated by majority vote of members present (**50% + 1**).
- 10.4 Federation meetings are scheduled by the Secretary of the Federation in accord with and approval by the President of the Federation.
- 10.5 Meetings may be scheduled by the Secretary of the Federation without the President's approval, only by written consent of the **two thirds (66.6%)** of voting Federation and Governing Board members.

PART SEVEN

THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE FEDERATION

Article 11

- 11.1 The Croatian National Soccer Federation is governed by the Governing Board of the Federation which is elected at an Annual General Meeting for duration of **two years**. Elections are held in the following order:
- (a) Election of the President, Any HNNS member must be on the board for a minimum of 2 years to be elected president.
 - (b) Election of the Vice-president,
 - (c) Election the Secretary,
 - (d) Election of the Treasurer,
 - (e) Election of the President of the Supervisory Board,
 - (f) Election of **2** members of the Supervisory Board,
 - (g) Election of **2** Youth Directors: **1** for Canada and **1** for the US.

COMPOSITION OF THE FEDERATION GOVERNING BOARD

Article 12

- 12.1 President.
- 12.2 Vice-president.
- 12.3 Secretary.

- 12.5 Treasurer.

- 12.7 President of the Supervisory Board.
- 12.8 Two members of the Supervisory Board.
- 12.9 Principal for youth: **1** for Canada and **1** for the United States.
- 12.10 Recorder of Minutes (**ex officio**), is elected by the Governing Board of the Federation.
- 12.11 The Governing Board is the Executive body of the Federation. It functions in accord with the Regulations and Conclusions brought at its Annual General Meetings.
- 12.12 The Governing Board of the Federation is elected from:
- (a) Authorized delegates of the members of the Federation.
 - (b) Existing members of the Governing Board of the Federation, with a requirement that every member is validly approved by their club.
- 12.13 The Governing Board of the Federation may also be filled out of the Annual General Meeting if there is a justifiable need to do so, decided by the majority of the members of the Governing Board of the Federation.
- 12.14 In order for the Federation to function successfully and to avoid possible misunderstandings, it is recommended that a club has only **1** delegate in the Federation except in a case where it is not possible to elect a complete Board. Under special circumstance, it may be allowable to have **2** Board members from the same club.
- 12.15 Every member of the Governing Board of the Federation is entitled to only one vote, with the exception of the President who votes only when the total number of votes is inconclusive. Members of the Federation Governing Board may not represent any club.

PART EIGHT

DUTIES OF THE FEDERATION GOVERNING BOARD

Article 13

- 13.1 The Governing Board makes suggestions and supplements Rules of the Federation, taking into account prior submitted written suggestions from a club.
- 13.2 The Board governs by obeying and executing Federation Regulations and Conclusions of the Annual General Meeting.
- 13.3 The Board supervises and governs the correct use of funds and assets of the Federation.
- 13.4 At Annual General Meetings, the Board suggests working Plans and Directions in order to facilitate a more efficient functioning of the Federation.
- 13.5 The Board executes disciplinary actions and determines penalties for breaking the Rules or Regulations of the Federation.
- 13.6 Every member of the Governing Board of the Federation is obliged to be present at the Annual, Semi-annual and Extraordinary Meetings, as well as at all meetings of the Governing Board of the Federation, and to be present at the Tournament. If a Board member is unable to attend any meeting approval is required by the President and/or Governing Board.
- 13.9 The Governing Board will determine a lifetime achievement award recipient on a yearly basis.

PART NINE

DUTIES OF FEDERATION GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS

Article 14

Duties of the President:

- 14.1 President directly represents the Federation.
- 14.2 Presides all meetings of the Federation.
- 14.3 Governs the application of Rules and Conclusions of the Federation.
- 14.4 Supervises the work of members of the Federation, as well as the work of members of the Governing Board of the Federation.
- 14.5 Signs all bills and Documents of the Federation.
- 14.6 Has the right to Veto when necessary.

Article 15

Duties of the Vice-president:

- 15.1 Substitutes for the President when he is not present.
- 15.2 Reports to the President of the Federation on the work of Federation member clubs.
- 15.3 Fulfills duties as Head Coordinator at Children's Tournament, together with the Principals for youth in both Canada and United States.
- 15.4 Is present at all meetings of the Federation.

Article 16

Duties of the Secretary:

- 16.1 The Secretary closely cooperates with the President of the Federation.
- 16.2 The Secretary timely informs members of the Federation of scheduled meetings.

- 16.3 Submits reports to member clubs of the work and Decisions of the Federation and Governing Board of the Federation.
- 16.4 Conscientiously guards the Archives and assets of the Federation.
- 16.5 Reports to all members of the Federation of changes to clubs and the Governing Board of the Federation.
- 16.6 Makes a correct schedule of games for each group for Federation Tournaments. The schedule is to be reviewed by Governing Board Members prior to release.
- 16.7 Takes care of timely Registration for participating clubs in the Tournament and all other administrative duties of the Tournament.
- 16.8 Together with the President, signs all official Documents of the Federation.
- 16.9 Is present at all meetings of the Federation.
- 16.11 The Assistant Secretary does all the duties of the Secretary in his absence.

Article 17

Duties of the Treasurer:

- 17.1 Receives all money for the Federation's Treasury.
- 17.2 Hands out receipts for all received and expended money.
- 17.3 Takes care of financial Deposits in the bank or other institution approved by the Federation.
- 17.4 Make correct entries in the Treasury books for the Federation.
- 17.5 Submits annual written Reports as to the work of the treasury and of the financial situation of the Federation.
- 17.6 Creates a Budget for review and approval at each Annual Meeting.
- 17.7 Co-signs bills or cheques on behalf of the Federation.
- 17.8 Is present at all meetings of the Federation.

17.9 The Assistant treasurer handles all duties of the Treasurer in his absence.

Article 18

Duties of the members of the Supervisory Board:

- 18.1 Supervises the work of the Governing Board of the Federation.
- 18.2 Supervises the work and cooperation of Federation clubs.
- 18.3 Suggest penalties for clubs, individuals and members of the Governing Board for breaches not in accord with Federation Regulations.
- 18.4 Supervise the financial books and Reports of the Treasurer.
- 18.5 In case of abuse of office by the members of the Governing Board, an Extraordinary Meeting is assembled at which time the Report is given and a suitable penalty is issued to the offender.

PART TEN

DUTIES OF FEDERATION CLUB MEMBERS

Article 19

- 19.1 To actively spread sports and Croatian culture in general among the Croatian people in areas where a club operates (Article 3).
- 19.2 To carry and emphasize Croatian national symbols and colours.
- 19.3 To always be present at all meetings of the Federation.
- 19.4 To regularly pay membership Fees, as well as all other duties towards the Federation: **Clubs will pay the host in the currency of the country where the even is being held. (e.g. if a tournament is in Canada, all clubs pay in Canadian dollars, if in America, all clubs pay in USD.)**. Clubs are obligated to pay prior to the start of the Semi-Annual General Meeting.
- 19.5 To regularly actively participate in Tournaments of the Federation.
- 19.6 To deliver on time to the Federation's Secretary all the first and last names of the members of the Governing Board of the club, including their addresses and postal or zip codes, telephone and Fax numbers, and e- mail addresses.
- 19.7 Every club member of the Federation that wishes to attend a game or Tournament, especially in our homeland Croatia, **must submit a written request for approval by the Federation 30 days prior to departure – otherwise it will be penalized.**
- 19.8 A club that disturbs or dishonours the Croatian name and/or that of the Federation, shall be financially penalized by the Federation and, depending on severity of offence, may begin proceedings on expulsion from the Federation.
- 19.9 The Annual membership fee is **determined at the Agm**. Membership fee must be paid by the Annual General Meeting.

the Semi-Annual General Meeting at the latest. If not, the club shall be fined an additional **\$100.00** (Article 19.4).
- 19.20 All member clubs are required to fulfill their financial obligations to the tournament host at the semi-annual meeting. The following fees are required
 - \$1200 – Banquet tickets (\$60 per ticket in the currency of where the tournament is being held.
 - \$200 – Commemorative tournament book page

Failure to pay at the semi-annual meeting results in an automatic fine of \$100. For every month after an additional \$100 will be added to the fine.

PART ELEVEN

THE FEDERATION TOURNAMENT

Article 20

- 20.1 The Federation Tournament is held once each year on the Saturday and Sunday before **Labour Day in Canada and United States**.
- 20.2 The Tournament is awarded to clubs based on the year in which clubs begin to compete at the Senior Tournament as full-fledged members of the Federation. A new club is designated to host after all existing clubs participating at the inaugural tournament of the new club have hosted, with the exception of the host.
- 20.3 A new club may not be awarded with hosting a Tournament before the usual order, or before at least **5** years of membership in the Federation.
- 20.4 Any club that misses a tournament without valid reason will be dropped to the bottom of the order list. The club will be unable to host the tournament until after the current host (the one who's tournament was missed) hosts again. (Approved October 28, 2006)
- 20.5 The Host of the Tournament cannot under any circumstances give away or sell the Tournament to another club, nor can it transfer the Tournament to another city if the club is not able to host the Tournament. In this case, Article 21.8 is applied.

PART TWELVE

DUTIES OF THE HOST OF THE FEDERATION TOURNAMENT

Article 21

- 21.1 The Host of a Tournament must have sufficient fields for all Saturday regular soccer playing fields. Number of mandatory fields may be changed with approval of the Governing Board
- 21.2 It must have **three** Referees for each playing field. All Referees must be approved by the Federation Board of Directors.
- 21.3 Tournament facilities must have a quality playing field for the final game. The field should have stand and/or a barrier around it. (Approved October 25, 2008)
- 21.4 The Host of the Tournament is responsible for notifying all Tournament participants with respect to the names and addresses of the Hotels. Tournament Participants are responsible to book rooms for themselves directly and for their teams. They are to take full responsibility for any disturbance of the peace and for any material damage.
- 21.5 The Host of the Tournament must have written approval or consent from the soccer League or Federation to which it belongs to
- 21.6

The host is required to pay the HNNS a tournament hosting fee of \$6000 by certified check no later than the Friday night tournament meeting. The host is required to submit a certified check of \$3000 team hosting bond. \$1000 of this bond will be returned to the host club every year for 3 consecutive years at the semiannual meeting.

- 21.7 The Tournament Host must submit written consent to the Federation from the club's League or Federation for holding a Tournament. Consent should be submitted by the Semi-Annual General Meeting at the latest, or the Tournament shall be taken over by another club which is next on the list.
- 21.8 The Tournament Host must submit all written consent and contract forms by the Semi-Annual General Meeting of the Federation, as well as show all the premises where the Tournament is to take place. If this condition is not fulfilled, the Tournament may be awarded to the next club on the list.

21.9 The host must provide 4 flags at any/all events throughout the tournament weekend
Hrvatska Drzavna Zastava, Hrvatska povijesna Zastava, Kanadska
Zastava, Americka Zastava (The flag in which country the tournament is being
held must be the highest)

21.10 The Tournament Host must ensure that the Winners Cup is given to the
Tournament winner. Trophies are to be provided for all participating teams
and Hnns Savez members along with trophies for the top 4 teams; best
goalie, MVP, top goal scorer

21.11 The Host of the Tournament must give the Winner's Cup to the winner of
the Tournament.

21.12 a **Police** – a minimum of 2 police officers must be present during ALL games
played at the tournament Saturday and Sunday. Police for the Sunday night
banquet is recommended but not mandatory unless otherwise instructed by the
governing board of the HNNS. Police offices must be visible and identifiable.

21.12b **Ambulance / Medic:** An Ambulance accompanied by a medic/ medical staff
must be present during ALL games played at the tournament Saturday and Sunday

21.13 The Host of the Tournament must supply every participating club in the
tournament **23** free tickets for Regular competition.

21.14 The Host of the Tournament must give **23** free tickets to all clubs that qualify
and are participating on Sunday of the tournament.

21.15 The governing board of the HNNS is entitled to any/all food and/or drink at
all events at no charge for the duration of the tournament weekend as well as free
admission to all events. Abuse of the above by any governing board member will be
dealt with by the disciplinary committee.

21.16 The Host of the Tournament is to publish a Commemorative book of the CNS
Federation Tournament, which must be reviewed and approved by the Federation
Governing Board. The Tournament Commemorative book must contain the
following: a page for all participating teams with their respective write ups provided
by clubs. the official logo of the HNNS (min. 2x2 inches) the Croatian National
Anthem and Flag, The American National anthem and Flag, the Canadian National
Anthem and Flag. Welcome letter from the President of the host club. Welcome
letter from the president of the HNNS. Team History. Tournament book ads must be
after team pictures and write ups. The tournament book must be 6 x 9 inches in
size.

21.17 The host is required to provide 2 delegates to be liaisons between the Savez and the
host. One delegate is required to carry a radio on the proper Savez frequency and adhere to
any of the governing boards needs.

21.18 **Master of Ceremony:** The host of the tournament must provide a master of ceremony
for the tournament banquet. The Mc will work together with the governing board of the
HNNS.

21.19 Trophies are to be provided for all participating teams and HNNS Savez members along with trophies for the top 4 teams; best goalie, MVP, top goal scorer. Trophies to all participating clubs of the Tournament must have team name and tournament dates engraved. Trophies must differ in size and shape.

All Tournament trophies must be approved by the governing board of the HNNS 1 month before the tournament.

21.20 **Athletic trainer:** The tournament host is to provide an athletic trainer for the duration of the Tournament

21.21 **Tv/Projector:** The Tournament host must provide a big screen Tv or projector with applicable screen along with all components required to display scores/standings for the duration of the tournament.

21.22 The host is to provide rooms for the governing board for the duration of the tournament. The governing board must specify how many rooms required. The Hnns governing board determines where the Tournament headquarters will be situated.

21.23 **Meeting Facilities:** The host is required to provide adequate meeting facilities for Friday evening 6pm -11pm and Monday morning 8am – 11am. (If needed the savez may require a meeting facility for Saturday but not mandatory)

21.24 **Tournament Queen:** The host is responsible for selecting a tournament “queen” “kraljica turnira”. The “kraljica turnira’s” responsibilities are to walk players on field for the Final games ceremony, distribute flowers to all players from both teams participating in the finals as well as be present for all events throughout the duration of the tournament.

21.25 **Referee coordinator:** The host must ensure the referee coordinator works hand in hand with the governing board. All game sheets must be submitted to the HNNS head table after the completion of each game.

21.26 **Players lunches:** A suitable lunch must be provided to all players participating in the tournament. The lunch which is to be provided must be approved by the governing board of the HNNS. Lunch is required for all teams participating on Sunday of the tournament.

21.27 **Flowers:** Flowers are to be provided for each player and referees for the final game.

21.28 **HNNS Head Table:** The host is to provide an enclosed tented area with a minimum of 3 tables for the HNNS governing board in the most suitable location possible.

21.29 **PA/ Sound System:** The host must provide an adequate sound system suitable to be heard throughout the park for Saturday and Sunday of

the tournament. Requirements: (min. 1000 watts power recommended), 2 speakers with stands, 1 microphone, cd and iPod/iPhone capabilities

21.30 Seating/Fence for the Final game: The host must provide seating to accommodate a minimum of 500 seats for the Final game. The host must provide a roped barrier in front of the seated spectators on one side of the field. The HNNS governing Board members will act as security in front of the spectator section. The host is required to have 6 security guards present along with 2 police officers to ensure that no spectators or unauthorized personnel are on the players side or behind the goal nets. The HNNS holds the right to authorize which personnel may be present on the players side.

21.31 Security – Host to provide a minimum of 6 security staff, (1 for each field) Security guards do not need certification they may be members of the host club. Security must be present at ALL games throughout the tournament. It is also strongly recommended that the host provide security for the Sunday banquet, host may determine the number of security needed. Security must be identifiable.

21.32 Food and Drink: The host must provide suitable food and drink for spectators during the tournament

21.33 Washroom facilities:

The host must Provide Suitable and sufficient Washroom Facilities to accommodate spectators and players

21.34 HNNS: The HNNS governing board holds the right to approve changes to any of the rules listed above without penalty to the host club.

PART THIRTEEN

CLUB DUTIES AT THE TOURNAMENT

Article 22

- 22.1 All clubs' players are to register with the HNNS for the tournament. Participating clubs must provide: Player name, Address, date of birth And a picture of the player verifying the players identification. The club must Provide a valid proof of insurance for each of its players. Falsification of a player's information or likeness will result in a \$500 fine. The HNNS will create a player pass for all participating players. Teams must submit all their player information no later than 3 weeks before the Tournament. Player passes will cost \$5per player if completed 3 weeks before the Tournament. Player passes will cost \$10 if completed 2 weeks before the tournament. Player passes will cost \$20 Monday or Tuesday of the tournament week. Player Passes will cost \$50 Wednesday or Thursday of the tournament week. Player passes will cost \$100 on the Friday of the tournament.
- 22.2 At the Friday night meeting before tournament play, all teams will submit their tournament roster sheet. This will **contain a maximum of 20 players**
- Tournament waivers must be signed and completed.
 - Travel permit and player registration payment.
- 22.3 A club must have written approval from its League or Federation in order to participate in a Tournament. (Travel Permit)
- 22.4 Only the 20 players on the official tournament roster sheet will be allowed to dress and participate in the tournament for each Club for the duration of the tournament. No players can be added to this listing after it has been submitted.

- 22.5 A club may not dress a player who is suspended by the League or Federation the club belongs to.
- 22.6 A club cannot play without numbers on the back of the soccer jersey, and it must also strict care of the dress code of its players.
- 22.7 A club must clearly print out a line up sheet form for each game detailing the first and last names of its players, with their respective jersey numbers.
- 22.8 A club that is suspended from its League or Federation cannot participate in the Tournament.
- 22.9 All clubs are to arrive on time to the Tournament and be present at the Opening ceremony in full composition: leadership, club delegates and coach, equipment manager and all players.
- 22.10 A club must in writing authorize only one delegate/representative of the club, and this same person must be a member of the club he represents. This authorization must be **written** on official Letterhead and **signed** by either the club President or Secretary.
- 22.11 Regardless of written or verbal consent, an individual Delegate may not simultaneously represent **two** clubs.
- 22.12** Every Tournament club participant is obliged to buy and pay for **20 tickets** to the formal Tournament Banquet at which it must be present. Failure to attend the banquet on time results in a \$500 fine.
- 22.13 A club that comes to the Tournament must have insurance for all its players, as well as for the coach, equipment manager, and manager of the club.
- 22.14 All participating teams must submit their team photo and a team write up to the Host no later than the date determined by set host for the upcoming yearly memorial booklet. Failure to submit this will result in a \$250 fine.

PART FOURTEEN

DISCIPLINARY REGULATIONS FOR PLAYERS OF THE FEDERATION TOURNAMENT

Article 23

- 23.1** A player who is expelled from a game due to discipline and/or foul play does not have the right to play at a determined number of games as decided by the **Disciplinary Committee**.
- 23.2 A club shall lose all its earned points if a club plays a player who has been suspended or penalized by the League or Federation in which the club competes.
- 23.3 Any player receiving either a red or yellow card shall be reported to the League or Federation in which they normally play for further disciplinary action.
- 23.4 The penalty for a yellow card is \$25.00 and for a red card is \$50.00. The penalized Club will be billed for all fines incurred during the tournament weekend. Fines are due before the commencement of the Annual General Meeting. Any player expelled by a red card may not dress for the next game. (Approved October 28, 2006) There is an exception for U-10 and under. (Approved October 25, 2019)
- 23.5 A Club that does not show up to a game on time will be given a 15 minute grace period. After the grace period elapses, the Club loses the game by default with a result of 1-0 in favour of the opponent. In addition, the forfeiting Club will be subject to a \$500 fine. Only in extreme situations may this fine be overturned. (Approved October 28, 2006)
- 23.6 The Tournament Banquet will have a mandatory semi-formal dress code (dress pants, dress shirt and dress shoes for men; no jeans, hats or running shoes). Anyone not in proper attire may be refused entry into the banquet and tickets will not be refunded. (Approved October 28, 2006)

PART FIFTEEN

FEDERATION TOURNAMENT COMPETITION

Article 24

- 24.1 All legally documented clubs and registered with the CNSF shall be divided up into equal groups of **4** teams in each group.
- 24.2** If there are more clubs than can be divided by **4**, some groups may have **5** clubs.
- 24.3 Groups composed of **4** clubs shall play sets of **3** games amongst themselves. Groups composed of **5** clubs shall play **4** games.
- 24.4 Round robin games consist of **2 x 20** minutes halves with a **5** minute of break.
- 24.5 In order to determine first place in a group between teams with an equal number of points, the following order of tie-breakers will be used:
- 1) the final score in the meeting between these two tied teams** (if more than 2 teams are tied for first, this will not be used)
 - 2) goal differential in all group games**
 - 3) goals for**
 - 4) goals against**
 - 5) If everything is still equal, the group victor will then be decided by taking kicks from the penalty mark.**

- 24.9 All games in the knock-out rounds that end in a tie after regulation time will play 2 x 5 minute overtime periods with no golden goal, except for the final which will play a 2 x 10 minutes overtime periods with no golden goal. (Approved October 25, 2008)
- 24.10 The Championship game will be 2 x35 minute halves. If the game ends in a draw after regulation, 2 x 10 minute overtime periods will be played with no golden goal. (Approved October 25, 2008)
- 24.11** If a play-off game ends in a draw after extra time, **5** penalty kicks will be shot. **If no winner is determined, penalty kicks will continue in ‘sudden – death’ format.**
- 24.12 During all tournament games, a player may be pulled from action and later be put back into action for the duration of the game (unlimited substitution).
- 24.13 When selecting the highest scorer and best goalkeeper, only first day Tournament results are taken into consideration where teams play an equal number of games to determine the winner from each group (AGM, 1999).

24.15 Tournament Playoff Format

Tournament format based on number of teams (2019 - 18 teams 4 groups)

Group winner and second place teams in groups advance to "Champions" bracket for playoffs. The winner of each group will be placed in one pot and cannot be draw with another group winner. The runners up will be placed in another pot. All Championship bracket knock out games will be played on the Sunday. Quarterfinals will be played at 9am, Semi-finals at 11am and Championship game at 1:30pm.

Third and Fourth place teams who wish to participate in "Premier" bracket playoffs may do so if they wish. *The number of teams participating in this division will determine how many games will be played. If there are 4 teams then it will go straight to a semi-final, if there are 8 then they will begin with a quarterfinal on the Saturday. Semi-final and final game will take place on the Sunday. Times are to be determined based on number of teams participating.

Open 6 vs 6 Tournament

All teams participating in the 6 vs 6 open age tournament are required to register through the HNNS and must abide to all Savez rules as any other team who would enter in the men's tournament.

The tournament will be run based on the number of teams. Games will consist of two 15 minute halves.

PART SIXTEEN

FEDERATION DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

Article 25

The CNS Federation may start disciplinary action against any members of the Governing Board, club delegates or club members of the Federation for the following reasons:

- 25.1 For not obeying the order and discipline during Meetings and Tournaments.
- 25.2 For not being present at the Federation or Governing Board meetings.
- 25.3 For unconscientious or unethical performance of duties in the Federation as a member of the Federation.
- 25.4 For abuse of office and intentional breach of Federation Rules and Regulations.
- 25.6 For public slander, or spreading lies concerning club delegates of the Federation or against officials of the Governing Board of the Federation. Upon proof, a penalty shall be determined, and the individual(s) expelled from the Federation forever.

Article 26

- 26.1 The Governing Board of the Federation selects a committee that will resolve disputes arising during a Tournament event – **Disciplinary Committee (DC)**. The DC will consist of 6 (six) members, all from different clubs: 3 (three) active members and 3 (three) backup members. To avoid conflict of interest during a dispute or protest, none of the active members of the DC will belong to any of the clubs in question. If possible, no active DC members will be affiliated with any of the clubs in the same group as the disputing clubs.
- 26.2 Protests will only be accepted before or during the game directly to the referee and must be written in the referee's report. Appeals will only be accepted after a game has been played. Team Representatives are obliged to examine all ID cards and players list in the presence of opponent representatives on the field where game is to be held and in the presence of a Referee and a club delegate. All protests and appeals come with a \$50 fee and if the protest/appeal is successful then the club will be reimbursed.

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS OR PENALTIES

Article 27

The following penalties may be issued by the Governing Board of the Federation:

- 27.1 A written warning.
- 27.2 A Fine ranging in the amount of **\$100.00** to **\$5,000.00** for an offence. This includes fines related to non-sportsmanlike conduct or for insult to Federation members, member clubs or members of the Governing Board. (Approved October 25, 2008)
- 27.4 In addition to a monetary fine, The Governing Board may also drop a team in the official tournament hosting order for a serious offence. (Approved October 25, 2008).

The Annual General Meeting of the Federation may determine the following penalties (as voted on by fellow Federation members):

- 27.4 A ban from participating in a Federation Tournament.
- 27.5 Nullification of scores or results.
- 27.6 Expulsion from the Federation.
- 27.7 A club may file an appeal at the Annual General Meeting of the Federation for penalties imposed by the Governing Board.
- 27.8 For a penalty or penalties approved at the Annual General Meeting of the Federation, a penalized club or person(s) does not have the right to lodge an objection – penalties are irrevocable and final.

PART SEVENTEEN

THE FEDERATION WINNER'S CUP

Article 28

- 28.1 The Federation Winner's Cup is the property of the Federation and is awarded by the President of the Federation, or his representative, to the winner of the Federation Tournament.
- 28.2 The Winner's Cup is by nature transitory and transferable from year to year.
- 28.3 A Federation Winner's Cup that has been won **three** times in a row, becomes the property of the winning club.
- 28.4 **The Cup of the Croatian National Soccer Federation is a transitory Cup and is the permanent property of the CNS Federation** (Annual General Meeting, 1994).

PART EIGHTEEN

FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR FEDERATION MEMBERS

Article 29

- 29.1 Financial support for a member of the Federation cannot exceed **\$1,000.00** and is given exclusively for travel expenses to the Federation Tournament.
- 29.2 A member of the Federation must submit a written request stating reasons for financial support to the Secretary of the Federation.
- 29.3 Financial support is determined by the Governing Board of the Federation on one of its meetings in accord with Article 29.1.

PART NINETEEN

TERMINATION OF THE FEDERATION

Article 30

- 30.1 The Croatian National Soccer Federation cannot terminate its work or existence under any circumstances, unless it is forbidden by the government of Canada.

PART TWENTY

THE FEDERATION JUNIOR TOURNAMENT

Article 31

- 31.1 The Principals for youth in Canada and United States together with the coordinator – Vice-president of the Federation, are valid delegates of the Federation and have executive power in accord with Federation Regulations.
- 31.2 Both Principals and the Tournament coordinator Vice-president of the Federation are obligated to be present at the Junior Tournament location for the duration of the Tournament. If not, a fine of **\$200.00** shall be levied against them and may face expulsion from the Governing Board of the Federation.
- 31.3 The Host of the Children's Tournament is responsible for all expenses for both Federation Tournament Principals for youth and the coordinator Vice-president.

PART TWENTY-ONE

DECLARATION

The Croatian National Soccer Federation of Canada and the United States of America greets all nationally constructive Croatian political parties and organizations and declares that these parties and organizations will find cooperation and support from the CNS Federation.

At the same time, these parties and organizations are asked not to work against the CNS Federation and that all their sports activities or promotions of the parties are in accord with the CNS Federation.

With the realization of the Republic of Croatia, the CNS Federation of Canada and the United States, without amending its aim and structure becomes subordinate to the Croatian Soccer Federation with its main office in Zagreb, or wherever the main office is situated within the Republic of Croatia, as long as conditions are not in conflict with the interests of the CNS Federation for Canada and the United States of America.

These Rules and Regulations were accepted at the Annual General Meeting of the Federation, held in Cleveland, Ohio, United States of America on the 26th of October 2019 and become effective on the 26th of October 2019. At the same time, the old Book of Rules and Regulations, accepted on the 25th of October 2008 in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, ceases to be in effect.

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