



# Club Sportsmanship Awards

Differentiate Your Club in 2013!

(Base plus 2012 Updates)

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RDYSL established the club Leadership Award and Model Club awards for the 2009 season to provide our member clubs with an incentive to improve key aspects of the game for the good of the players. The awards are focused on reducing adult and player misbehavior while improving adherence to RDYSL rules and policies while not changing the way the game of soccer should be played. The awards are intended to be difficult to achieve. Four of the thirty-four clubs in RDYSL in 2009 were recipients of the Leadership Award and one was recognized as a Model Club. RDYSL believes the award winning clubs have, by taking the actions needed to win this award, demonstrated superior qualities required to ensure a wholesome, fun environment for players and families alike. It is our sincere hope all member clubs will strive to win this award in the near future.

# Why Initiate Such a Program?

- Provide Clubs incentive to improve key aspects of the game **for the good of the players**
- Program goals
  - Reduce adult misbehavior
  - Reduce player misbehavior
  - Reduce administrative burdens
  - Allow clubs to differentiate themselves
  - Do NOT change the way the game should be played!



# Summary of 2010 Changes

- Added two pages helping clarify LOPC fouls
- In-season game change fees no longer count towards average fines measurements
- Change rounding on allowed offenses to be up or DOWN to reduce advantages of club size
- Change payments to clubs for awards based on maximum per team payment
- Must be 501.c.3 organization to be eligible

# Summary of 2011 Changes

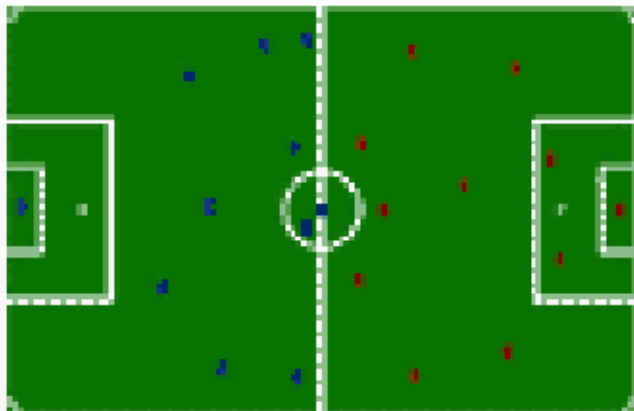
- Referee forfeit fines removed from average team fine calculation
- Model club – increased to 1 per 30 teams rounded up or down coach/staff/spectator minor offenses
- Clubs may be placed in “probationary” status if their adult behavior is much worse than the normal

# Summary of Proposed 2012 Changes (for 2013 Season)

- No new requirements

# Things Considered

- Minimize favoring large or small clubs ★
- No advantage for girls or boys teams ★
- Focus on readily measurable elements ★
- Ensure elements are easily understood and their reduction will impact program goals ★



## Legend for 2012 Program

- X Not achieved
- Achieved
- ? Partially achieved
- ★

# 2012 Club Input Related to Program

- At September club presidents meeting there was unanimous agreement they like this program
- Many clubs striving to meet or exceed goals






## Why 501.c.3 Organization?

- In order to be eligible for any awards a member organization must be officially 501.c.3 organization
- Legal implications of RDYSL providing payments to “for profit” organizations
- Send proof to RDYSL Secretary

# Award Levels

- RDYSL “Leadership Club”
  - Metrics based goals
  - Stretch goals for most clubs but achievable with focused effort
- RDYSL “Model Club”
  - Additional/enhanced metrics
  - Intended to be difficult to achieve

# What is in it for YOU?

- Leadership Club
  - Special logo club can display on website 
  - Special club listing on RDYSL website 
  - Financial reward 






## Legend for 2012 Program

 Not provided


 Provided

# What's in it for YOU?

- Model club
  - Special logo club can display on website 
  - RDYSL to list model clubs on home page 
  - Financial reward 



## Legend for 2012 Program

 Not provided  
 Provided

# Leadership Program Metrics

- No coach/staff/spectator ejections
- No more than 1/10 coach/staff/spectator minor offenses per team (rounded up or down)
- No loss of player control (LOPC) red cards, e.g. dissent
- No more than 0.125 per boys team and 0.05 per girls team LOPC yellow cards (rounded up or down)
- In lower 1/2 of fines per team of all clubs
- Club in good standing with RDYSL



# Model Club Metrics

- In addition to Leadership Club requirements
  - No more than 1 per 30 teams coach/staff/spectator minor offenses per team (rounded up or down)
  - No more than 1 per 20 teams LOPC yellow cards (rounded up or down)
  - In lower 1/3 of fines per team of all clubs



# Award Payment Amounts

- Each award comes from a “pool” of money.
- Leadership payments – lesser of “pool” divided by total number of teams in clubs that qualified or \$50 per team
- Model payments – lesser of “pool” divided by total number of teams in clubs that qualified or \$150 per team
- Example 1 -- 2 clubs qualify for Model award with 25 and 15 teams respectively
  - Assume total pool is \$4,000
  - $\$4,000/40$  teams = \$100 per team
  - \$150 is more so payments based on lower amount
  - Club with 25 teams receives \$2,500, club w/15 teams receives \$1,500
- Example 2 – 2 clubs qualify for Leadership award with 10 and 20 clubs
  - Assume total pool is \$4,000
  - $\$4000/30$  teams = \$133.33 per team
  - \$50 is less so payment based on lesser amount
  - Club with 10 teams receives \$1,333.33, club with 20 teams receives \$2,666.66

# What is an LOPC Red Card?

- Violent Conduct; Using Offensive, Insulting or Abusive Language, and Spitting at an Opponent are always LOPC fouls
- Serious Foul Play may or may not be an LOPC
  - Will not be an LOPC if cause of SFP is a reckless tackle without intent to injure
  - Will be an LOPC if there is intent to injure or retaliatory in nature
  - See NOTE below
- 2nd yellows in the same match will be considered LOPC if the 2nd yellow would be an LOPC yellow (see next page)
- Denying an obvious goal scoring opportunity is NOT an LOPC

NOTE: Whether or not a foul is an LOPC is at the sole discretion of RDYSL and based on any input from the referee and the game report.



# What is an LOPC Yellow Card?

- Dissent will always be an LOPC
- Unsporting Behavior may or may not be an LOPC
  - Will not be an LOPC if cause of UB is related to the run of the game, e.g. a careless tackle
  - Will be an LOPC if cause of UB is retaliatory (e.g. A fouls B, B kicks at A in retaliation, both get cards, B is an LOPC)
  - See NOTE below
- Entering the Field of Play w/o Ref's Permission will be an LOPC if the entry is related to an incident on the field like a player scuffle
- Persistent infringement; Delays Restart of Play; Failure to Respect Required Distance; and Leaving the Field of Play are NOT an LOPC

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# Club Probationary Status

- Why? Should “well behaved” clubs have to tolerate persistent bad behavior from other clubs? In 2010 Club Presidents said NO.
- Initiating based on “adult behavior”
- Metric – Adult (Coach/parent/spectator) misbehavior
  - If a club’s actual sum of adult ejections and minor offenses is 3 times the “allowable minor offenses\*\*” in the Leadership Award category then:
    - First year in this category “warning issued”
    - Second year in this category club is placed on probation and must place a \$1,500 refundable deposit
    - Third year – club is removed from RDYSL
  - A single year of meeting criteria places a club back in good standing

\*\* Clubs with zero allowable offenses must have 3 or more total offenses to be identified as a problem club.

# Questions???

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