



Casper Soccer Club Competitive Team Rules

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The competitive teams of the Casper Soccer Club (CSC) consist of the Blades travel teams and the Blades JR (formally Sabres) teams. Both of these divisions come under the direction, constitution and By-Laws of the CSC. All rules found within these competitive team rules shall be superseded by the CSC Constitution, By-Laws and the CSC Board decisions and complies with the rules and policies of Wyoming Youth Soccer (WYS) and US Youth Soccer (USYS) and US Soccer Federation (USSF).

The purpose of the competitive team programs is to provide a positive, enjoyable experience in an organized competitive team sport. The CSC Blades teams allow for the advancement, development of skills and further the spirit of competition by allowing those who are interested to become associated with teams that play in a more competitive setting than the recreational league offers.

Blades – The Blades teams are formed to allow individuals to participate in competitive team play throughout the US Youth Soccer organization. Blades teams play their games at USYS and/or WYS sanctioned tournaments, games and events. The Blades teams are traveling competitive teams.

Blades JR-The Blades JR is an extension of the recreational program which is considered a *Rec Plus* classification. Players must first be registered and participate in the rec program to be considered for the Blades JR program. Teams will be formed at the U7/U8 age group. The Blades JR's are limited by the CSC to four (4) out of town tournaments during the annual season. Blades JR coaches and players will follow the same guidelines as the Blades unless it is otherwise indicated. (**)

The content of this material shall be made available to the players, parents, and volunteers of the CSC organization.

Director of Coaching – Duties to be defined

Blades

The CSC Blades goal is to be the finest competitive soccer club in Wyoming.

The Blades program strives to produce and develop outstanding soccer athletes who demonstrate excellence both individually and in a team environment through their personal commitment to the game of soccer. The Blades strive to offer the best coaching possible, to develop players' skills to the best of their ability, and to field teams capable of competing at the highest levels of soccer play.

The Blades shall promote competitive team soccer in a positive manner; good sportsmanship and team play are taught and required constantly.

A.0.00 Seasonal Year

The seasonal year for the Blades shall begin on August 1 and end on July 31 of the following year. The Blades teams are expected to be active with practices, team development, tournaments and games where possible throughout the year.

***The seasonal year for the Blades JR teams will begin at the beginning of the rec season in the fall and end shortly after the spring rec season has ended.*

B.0.00 Volunteer Team Staff

B.1.00 Head Coach- The Blades head coach shall be chosen annually from written applications submitted to the DOC and/or the CSC Board of Directors. (See Coaches qualifications & certification for more definition)

The following team staff positions are highly recommended

B.2.00 Assistant Coach (es)-There can be up to three (3) assistant coaches per Blades team. The assistant coach (es) may be appointed by the head coach prior to the team selections and can assist in tryouts. Assistant coaches must also submit a written application and fill out the volunteer disclosure form. The Assistant coach must also have a coach's card in order to be on the player side of the field.

B.3.00 Team Manager or Team Parent - The team manager or parent may be available to assist the coach in registration of players, tournaments, secure hotel accommodations, travel docs, etc. The team manager/parent may submit the required team paperwork to the club administrator/registrar. This will allow the coach to concentrate on coaching.

B.4.00 Team Treasurer – The team treasurer will maintain the funds and transactions for the team. It is required that the team set up an account specifically for the teams' funds. The CSC administrator will assist the team in setting up an account and will be in the name of CSC Blades/Team (birth year of the players). The account will be set up with at least 1 board member as a signer on the account as well as at least 2 parents of the team. Bank Statements will be addressed to the Casper Soccer Club's address, online banking and debts cards for these accounts are available. The treasurer will be required to give the team an accounting of the team funds upon request. The team funds can be used for but not limited to tournament fees, referee fees, equipment, and uniforms. (Refer also to fundraising)

It may be required by a Blades team to present financial accountability to the CSC Board on an annual basis to ensure compliance with the requirements for a Non Profit Organization 501(c) (3).

B. 5.00 Parent/Coach Liaison – A parent appointed by the coach to act as a go between the parents & the coach on issues that may arise during a season. The Liaison is to collect the Blades commitment forms from the parents & players and is responsible for reminding the parents of the Parent Code of Conduct before, during and after the games.

B. 6.00 Tournament Committee – A parent from the team is appointed to serve on the tournament committee for the year. The tournament committee will assist in planning and fundraising for the tournaments. They will also be responsible for the task that is assigned to their team for the tournament.

Additional positions that may be necessary for the betterment of the team shall be determined by the head coach.

C.0.00 Coaches Qualifications, Certifications & Guidelines

The Blades organization has set a goal to provide the best soccer experience possible to players. This goal can only be met by the dedication of experienced, educated, and certified coaches. As such the Blades require that the coaches improve their levels of certification/training whenever possible.

C.1.00 Application to Coach

Each potential coach is required to submit intent to coach and/or resume to the DOC or the CSC Board annually for approval. The resumes are expected to be submitted in May prior to the upcoming season. This includes all present coaches. Include all pertinent information such as coaching experience, licenses, clinic/classes, work with youth and any other information that you feel is necessary for a fair evaluation. The resumes will be evaluated and approved by the CSC Board. Additional information may be considered by the board when approving coaches, such as the volunteer disclosure form information, compliments or complaints by parents, referees etc.

The coach shall include in his/her resume the following statement:

"I have read and am familiar with the Blades published Rules. I endorse and agree to live up to and be bound by those objectives and guidelines stated in the rules."

Signature of Coach

Date

C.2.00 Volunteer Disclosure Statement

The Volunteer Disclosure Statement (VDS) is required by the USYS, WYS and the CSC for all coaches and volunteers of the CSC. The form is necessary for the protection of the organization, its members and players by allowing the procurement of consumer reports. It shall be filled out and submitted along with the coaching application and updated every two years. Copies of the form can be obtained from the office of CSC or on WYS web site. All adult volunteers, coaches and administrators shall register with the CSC and are required to fill out the VDS.

C.3.00 Selection of Coaches

The DOC will review the resumes and appoint a head coach for each proposed Blades team and **the appointment of the coaches will be submitted for approval at the next board of directors meeting.** The appointment of the head coaches must be done by early June in order for the coaches to take their positions for the annual open tryouts. The 'new' coaches must not interfere with the present coach (if there is a change), be involved in practices and or tournaments until the season is over. The new coach will take full authority on August 1. Other coach selections shall be made and announced as necessary.

C.4.00 Coaches Licenses

The normal progression of licensure is under USSF rules, from "F" through "A". The Blades shall permit only those coaches with an "E" or higher license to fill the head coach position of a Blades team. The "E" license or equivalent is required to be obtained within the first year of coaching a Blades team. Waivers may be granted by the Blades organization to those with no license as long as they have demonstrated ability to coach and make every effort to obtain a license within the first year of selection, and continue to make every effort to obtain an "E" license and additional coaching education. A normal progression of advanced licensing is expected for the improvement of the organization. Assistant coaches are also encouraged to obtain a coaches license.

It is highly recommended and encouraged that all coaches attend a first-aid training course.

C.5.00 Guidelines for Coaches

While coaches are expected to do their best to field a winning team, the coaches' primary goal must be to promote the healthy physical, mental and social *development* of players.

C.5.01 Conduct:

- Coach by constructive criticism; no foul or abusive language will be tolerated. Exhibit enthusiasm and love for the game of soccer.
- All disciplinary actions will be reviewed by a disciplinary committee and can be appealed according to WSY and USYS rules and laws of the game.
- Be proficient in the rules of the game.
- Be a leader, set a good example, no alcohol, drugs or tobacco use in the presence of the players during a USYS, WYS or a CSC Blades sponsored event. Show pride in the Blades organization.
- Include all players in practice activities – players ***will*** receive equal practice opportunities.
- Coaching from the sidelines, i.e. giving direction to one's own team on points of strategy and position is permitted provided that:
 - No mechanical, electrical or other devices are used to amplify the voice.
 - No coach, substitute or spectator is to use profanity or incite, in any manner, disruptive behavior of any kind, make derogatory remarks or gestures to the referees, linesmen, players, substitutes, coaches or spectators. No coach, substitute coach or spectator is to discuss any negative aspects of another coach, player, or referee etc., in front of any players.
- Coaches are responsible for the actions of his/her sidelines (team, parents & spectators).
- Players are always supervised.
- Coaches should never be alone with any one player.
- Players must have access to water and restrooms.
- Coaches must obtain and keep medical release forms for all players at all practices and games.

C.5.02 Responsibilities to Parents, Players and the CSC Blades Program

- Know and implement the rules and guidelines of the Blades program as well as the rules, guidelines and procedures of WYS/USYS and any tournament or event that the team attends.
- Conduct parent meetings on a regular basis and utilize email to ensure excellent communication.
- Start and end practices on time and come to practices and games prepared to coach.
- Set the team policy and handle internal disciplinary decisions. This includes playing time of individual players. Players may not receive equal playing time in games, but should receive equal playing time in practice.
- Treat each player as an individual with respect and ***develop*** the players' ability to deal with high pressure, success, defeat, and emphasize cooperation and shared responsibilities.

A violation of these guidelines may result in serious disciplinary action, including expulsion from the CSC organization.

D.0.00 Age Groups, Player Identification & Team Selection

D.1.00 Age Group Definitions

Following Player Identification, Players shall be assigned to a team in an age group as defined by the USYS/WYS guidelines and approved by the CSC Board. Players will be identified to play on their age group team. In certain/rare cases it may be in the best interest of the player to be playing with the age group up and will be based on the recommendation and approval of the DOC. No player may play out of their respective age group without following the procedures in D.1.02. The DOC will make a formal recommendation to the CSC Board for final approval prior to the beginning of the season.

D.1.01 Team Formation

Teams will be formed at the U9/10 age group up to the U18 age group if players and coaches are available. Teams will be formed based on single gender and age group guidelines of US Youth Soccer. Any deviation from the guidelines for teams must be approved by the CSC Board based on the recommendations of the DOC.

Blades JR teams will be formed at the U7/U8 age group and has a no cut policy and will attempt to accommodate properly registered players.

D.1.01.a U9/U10 Teams

One head coach will be selected per age division and assistant coaches will be selected as needed to accommodate the number of players. Teams will practice together, but will register in different divisions at tournaments.

U9/U10 divisions will play 8v8 format, so the ideal roster size for each team is 10-13 players. Teams will be determined by the *Player Selection Criteria*. The red team will be the "gold/silver" team and the black team will be the "silver/bronze" team and will register the team in the corresponding levels at tournaments.

U9/U10 players will not be eligible for playing up past the 8v8 format level. Players will not be eligible to play up in the U11 age division.

See appendix A for explanation/clarification

D.1.01.b U11 to U14 Teams

U11 and up to U14 teams may play as single age/single gender teams at the recommendation of the DOC. Each team will have a head coach and at least one assistant coach. It is strongly recommended that the U11 and U12 teams practice together whenever possible and the U13 and U14 teams practice together as well. The DOC will help accommodate that when necessary.

Guest playing up or down within the U11 and U12 and the U13 and U14 age divisions should happen on a regular basis when needed to facilitate numbers to field a team.

D.1.02 Players playing out of their respective Age Group (playing up)

It is recommended that a player participate in the practice up program and, with the permission of coaches and DOC guest play up whenever possible. In certain/rare cases, it may be in the best interest of a player to be rostered and to be officially playing with the age group up. Only U11 and older players may be considered for playing up to the next age group under certain circumstances, which may included but not limited to, school grade, physical size, ability, etc. **NO U11 player may play up to a U13 or U14 team based on the USYS and WYS recommendations.**

D.1.03 Play Up Process

The process of determining if a player is eligible to play up begins with a recommendation by a Head Coach, DOC or a parent prior to Player ID/selection and Player ID planning by the DOC and coaching staff. The process will begin by contacting the DOC and will proceed according to the following procedure.

- The player, parents and coach of the player will complete the "Age Division Exception" form prior to Player ID held between May 31st & July 15th for the next season.
- The player will participate in the age appropriate age group of Player ID for evaluation (comparison of other players in the age group).
- If the play up request is from U12 to U13/U14, approval from the DOC is required to participate in the Player ID.

Any Attempt to circumvent this process by a coach or parent for team or personal benefit will not be tolerated and may be subject to discipline procedures.

D.1.03.a Player Movement/Play Up Criteria

- **Desire to Play up** – The player, not the parents should have the desire to play up and can answer the question truthfully.
- **Game Performance** – The level of game play, is it too high or too low?
- **Training Habits** – The player demonstrates his or her commitment level, intensity and excitement during training.
- **Players Best Interest** – The player must be considered and have the ability to meet the expectations of playing up.
- **Teams Best Interest** – The interests of the teams involved also need to be considered. The “health” of the current age team and the age up team must be considered. The possibility of displaced players needs to be considered as well.

In the promoting of a player, certain characteristic need to be present. The player should possess a mixture of the following traits, technical speed, tactical speed, pure physical speed and a strong psychological demeanor. Considering these five points regarding each individual player on a team will demonstrate the necessity for playing up with regard to each individual situation. All parties involved should give considerable thought before a recommendation or request is made for a player to play up on a team. Again, any player cannot be rostered out of his or her appropriate age group without a formal recommendation from the DOC and board approval and only in rare cases.

D.2.00 Player Identification/Selection

Full, open tryouts for all Blades teams will be held once a year, at a date(s) set by the CSC Board, between May 31st and July 15th. The dates and tryouts will comply with the WYS/USYS registration rules. The Blades tryouts will be conducted under the direction of the DOC and the head coach of each team.

***Blades JR registration will begin during the fall recreational season for the U7/U8 depending on the interest of the players and the availability of events to attend and has a 'no cut' policy. Events will be attended based on the recommendation and approval of the DOC. Teams will be formed based on single gender, unless it is found necessary to combine age groups or gender to form a team based on the demographics or numbers of players. Any deviation from the single gender guideline for teams must be approved by the CSC Board based on the recommendations of the DOC.*

The dates will be publicized by all means available, within reason, to reach as many potential players as possible. All players must tryout, including those who were already rostered on a team in the previous season. All players (parents) must fill out the WYS/USYSA medical release/registration form prior to the start of Blades tryouts; this provides the coach with needed player and contact information. Each player will be evaluated based on criteria determined by the DOC prior to the tryout date and must be age appropriate.

If a player is unable to attend the tryouts, a written notification by the parents need to be given to the registrar or the head coach prior to the tryouts, and arrangements will be made to accommodate the player. Secondary tryouts may be necessary for final selection of players, and are at the discretion of the DOC. All players will be evaluated by the same standards (skill, ability, attendance, attitude, etc).

D.3.00 Selection of Players

At the time of team selection, coaches/DOC has the option to select or cut any player based on the tryout evaluations. It may be that a player is better suited to the recreational league to continue his or her development. These players may be designated by the coach and DOC as Reserves in Training. A Reserve in Training will be registered and will participate on a recreation league team and practice with the Blades team whenever possible. A Reserve in Training will play in recreation league games and at least one of the tournament or WyoLeague games that the Blades team is attending. The games or tournament any Reserve in Training plays in will be determined by the coach and based on the availability of the player.

If there are more than enough players *and coaches* to form more than one team in an age group, the teams will be called the Blades Red, Black and then White Teams. Otherwise the team name will be the U-(age/gender) Blades. The Blades Red team will consist of those players determined by the coach (es) and DOC to be of the ability to make the Red team the most competitive. Player selection may be determined by ability, skill, attitude, coachability, attendance for practice, etc. The Red, Black and White teams will practice together but will participate in their appropriate level in tournaments.

The DOC and head coach for the Red team will conduct the tryouts with the assistance of the other coaches. The players for the Red team will be selected based on the principle of a 'gold' competitive team. The Black and White team will be considered developmental or 'silver' competitive teams.

The Red team roster will be selected first, then the Black, then the White if applicable. At this time the coaches can notify the players of the team selections. A head coach can be a coach of all of the Red, Black and/or White teams with the assistance of additional coaches. The teams would then practice together but compete in tournaments based on their team selection.

All Players must be notified within 10 days of selection of teams.

Notification of player selection also has to be given to the CSC registrar in order for the collection of fees and the necessary player data for submission to WYS prior to the new season beginning August 1st. All player registration and roster requirements will comply with WYS and USYS rules and procedures.

E.0.00 Blades Fees and Cost

The CSC Board will determine the annual fees for the Blades teams. The annual fee includes but is not limited to the cost of WYS membership cards, insurance fees, city fees, CSC membership fees, equipment, nets, and field striping. Players are required to pay the Blades fee in full prior to start of the new season (Aug. 1st). Delay in payment will delay the issue of USYS membership cards and team rosters. Special arrangements may be considered in extenuating circumstances. Any player who is not current in their CSC/Blades fees is prohibited from participating in any practices, team trips, games/tournaments or other activities of the CSC.

Tournament fees, travel applications, WYS State League fees and referees fees associated with league games are the responsibility of each team. The team determines the tournaments that they will attend throughout the season. These fees need to be divided up equally among all of the rostered players.

It may be required by a Blades team to present financial accountability to the CSC Board on an annual basis to ensure compliance with the requirements for a Non Profit Organization 501(c) (3).

E.1.00 Financial Aid is available to any player based on financial need. Financial aid is provided by waiving a portion of a player's annual Blades fees. No monetary payments will be made to a player. Financial aid will not be used as a recruiting inducement or as a reward for stellar play. All requests for financial aid will be presented to a financial aid committee and will be handled discreetly. An application from the player and/or parents of the player must be submitted to the CSC registrar by July 31st to be considered by the financial aid committee. Additional information may be requested by the financial aid committee before a decision is made. The committee will have 15 days after receiving the letter to make a decision on the request for financial aid. Those requesting financial aid are required to volunteer their time during CSC sponsored events *in addition to team duties*, in order to fulfill the scholarship requirements. Volunteer hours equal a certain dollar amount of the scholarship.

E.2.00 Uniforms

The CSC is dedicated to the appearance of unified Blades teams; therefore it is extremely important that the Blades teams be recognized by their colors and uniforms. The colors of the Blades teams are Red, Black and White.

The CSC Board will determine the official club uniform(s). Every consideration will be given to cost, supply and durability of the uniform.

Each player is required to purchase the club uniform and arrangements can be made with the club administrator to obtain the official uniform.

See attached Uniform Program for details of Uniform requirements and cost.

Team equipment bags are recommended and can be purchased through several vendors in the Casper Area. The style and size will be determined by each team to meet the requirements of that team. Team bags add to the appearance of a unified Blades team. Warm-ups, team t-shirts etc. **** Requirements Pending ****

***Blades JR will "borrow" a uniform and it will be distributed to the players prior to the first tournament being attended. Each player is required to pay a deposit for the use of the uniform for the season. Deposit cost will be determined each season. The uniform must be returned in a timely manner and in good condition in order for the deposit to be returned to the player.*

The Casper Soccer Club, Blades logos belongs to the CSC and cannot be used without the consent of the CSC Board. Uniformity and team image of both the teams and the CSC will be maintained.

F.0.00 Team Equipment

Each Blades team is provided with the following equipment:

- Medical or Basic First Aid Kit
- One new Game Ball per season
- One new practice Ball per season
- Blades pins (2 per player, per season)
 - Additional pins may be purchased from the CSC

G.0.00 Guest Players and Guest Playing

Occasionally a Blades team requires additional players to fill their roster for tournament play due to player injuries, vacations or other absences. It is the intention of the organization to fill these positions with local CSC (Blades or CSC rec) players whenever possible. When that is not possible, the CSC will allow the use of other guest players if the following criteria are met.

Guest player(s):

- Will be used to supplement the rostered players and not replace the attending roster players.
- Must have a valid USYS membership and have access to a member card.
- Must meet age requirements for the team.
- Will provide the required medical/travel release forms from the parents.
- Will provide the guest player form &/or travel papers from his/her club association/coach.
- Will first commit to his/her original team.
- Must read the Blade's objectives and guidelines and sign the player's commitment form.

WYS State League Games and tournaments have rules pertaining to guest players. The coaches must verify those requirements prior to implementing the use guest players.

On Occasion a Blades player will be asked to guest play on another team from another club or play on a "Tournament" Team. The player will need to meet similar requirements.

- Will first commit to his/her Blades team.
- Must be a valid USYS member.
- Will provide the required paperwork to guest play with another team.

H.0.00 WYS State League Games and Tournament Attendance

WYS offers WyoLeague State games in the fall and spring season. The Blades teams are strongly encouraged to participate in WyoLeague. If a team is expecting to participate in the Wyoming Cup, that team must participate in games as outlined in the rules and procedures for participation in the Wyoming Cup. Teams must comply with WYS State League game rules and procedures.

All Blades teams are required to participate in ALL CSC hosted events and will be assigned team duties. Blades teams may play in as many competitive tournaments as possible throughout the season. The number and location of the tournaments is primarily limited by the parents and coaches of each team. ***Blades JRs are limited to 4 out of town tournaments during the annual season.* Blades team are strongly encouraged to attend WYS sanctioned events within the State of Wyoming. The Blades teams will endeavor to attend tournaments as a club.

All eligible Blades teams are strongly encouraged to represent CSC in the Wyoming Cup, a WYS state wide sponsored event.

I.0.00 Standards of Conduct and Responsibilities for Players

Good sportsmanship and team play are mandatory and are required constantly. Poor sportsmanship and selfish play will not be tolerated. Winning is not an acceptable justification for poor sportsmanship.

The following standards are established by CSC to govern the behavior of Blades soccer players before, during and after soccer matches and practices, including, but not limited to:

- No foul or abusive language directed towards other players, referees, coaches or fans will be tolerated.
- No unsportsmanlike conduct will be tolerated, on or off of the field.
- Do not criticize teammates – compliment and support each other.
- Respect the rights and property of others – including any fields that we play on by not leaving litter behind.
- Substance abuse and/or possession thereof (drugs, alcohol, and/or tobacco) is cause for immediate dismissal from the program for the remainder of the current season.
- Bring proper equipment and attire to all practices and games.
- Be on time for practices and games.
- Show loyalty and commitment to your coach and your teammates by regularly attending games and practices.
- Take pride in your appearance as a Blade player and of your uniform.
 - Wear a regulation uniform –as defined by the CSC Board.
 - Uniforms should only be worn for games.
 - Be clean and presentable for games.
 - Boxer shorts and sports bras are not to be visible from under the uniform.
 - Jerseys are to be tucked in at the beginning of each game.
 - Shin guards are required.
 - Socks are to be worn pulled up and over the shin guards.

The Blades Commitment Form is required to be fill out by all players and submitted to the head coach prior to the start of the season on August 1st. See attached Blades Commitment form.

J.0.00 Standards of Conduct & Responsibilities of Parents

At the beginning of each season, coaches will ask for and appoint a parent that will serve as a liaison between the parents as a whole and the coach (es). The Liaison will be responsible for hearing concerns from the parents and bringing those concerns to the coach at the appropriate time. Liaisons will also be responsible for reminding parents of the code of conduct behavior before, during and after games. Liaisons are encouraged to contact the DOC at their discretion.

The following standards are set forth to govern parent and/or spectator conduct before, during and after soccer matches and practices.

- No foul or abusive language towards players, referees, fans, or coaches; including the Blades coach.
- Do not criticize players, referees and coaches, either your own or others.
- Be on time to practices and games; pick up players on time.
- Let the coach do the coaching – do not coach your player or others during a game or practice.
- Take care of equipment and uniforms – assist the coaches in controlling possession of Blades' and player's equipment and uniforms.
- Express your gratitude to the coaches. They are volunteers and do not receive payment for coaching. They do it for the love of the game and for the players.
- Work as team with other parents from your player's team.
- Abide by majority vote decisions on tournaments, travel, fundraising and other team activities.
- Conduct yourselves as representatives of the CSC Blades and the Community of Casper.
- You are required to volunteer to work on or at CSC hosted events at least 3 hours per season – team duties will be assigned prior to an event.
- Remember your player is participating in a competitive program, equal practice time is expected but equal game playing time is not.

A violation of this pledge will result in initiating one of the following actions.

A coach will follow the steps below for minor problems.

1. Politely ask the parent(s) to review the guidelines
2. Contact the coach/parent liaison to communicate the concerns to the parent(s)
3. The Coach will contact the DOC for problems involving repeated minor violations and major violations including foul or abusive language towards a referee, player or coach.

Once notified, the DOC will ask for a written statement concerning the incident from all parties involved. The DOC will contact 2 other designees from the CSC board to assist in deciding an appropriate disciplinary action, and will follow the time & appeal outline of section ***K.0.00 Concerns, Protest & Appeals***.

1st Offense - A meeting with the DOC, coach and parent(s) will take place in order to try and resolve the issue and a probation period may be established.

2nd Offense – Game(s) Suspension- A parent(s) will not be allowed to attend the next set of games for the team. Parents will be asked to make arrangements with other team members to help get their athlete to the event.

3rd Offense – The Parent and the player will be dismissed from the team for the remainder of the season.

The appropriate disciplinary action may include suspension from the CSC for a period of time and may include follow up meetings and or observations as to a probation period, before the incident is resolved and reinstatement can occur.

K.0.00 Concerns, Protests & Appeals

Should a player, a parent or other party have a concern, the issue should first be addressed to the parent/coach liaison for team matters, then to the head coach of his/her team. If the matter is not resolved, and the concern still exists, then notice can be submitted to the DOC or the CSC office. The written notice may be in the form of a game card indicating a violation during a regulation game and may come from a source outside of the CSC.

The written notice/request will be reviewed and information gathered. The parties will be contacted within 7 days of the written notice and a committee of at least 3 CSC members will be appointed to review the concern. Once the committee has gathered all of the information pertaining to the concern, a decision will be made within 20 days of the written notice of concern. The committee will render their decision by written notice to all parties involved. Any decision rendered by the committee may be appealed to the CSC Board. A written appeal of the committee's decision must be received or post marked within 7 days of the decision. It will be presented at the next board of directors meeting for resolution. The CSC Board decision will be final.

L.0.00 Donations and Contributions

The CSC/Blades organization may accept any designated contribution, grant, bequest, donation or device consistent with the CSC general tax-exempt purposes, as set forth by the CSC Articles of Incorporation.

As so limited, donor-designed contributions will be accepted for special funds, purposes or uses, and such designations generally will be honored. However, the CSC/Blades shall reserve all rights, title and interest in and to and control of such contributions, as well as full discretion as to the ultimate expenditure or distribution thereof in connection with any special fund, purpose or use. Further, the CSC/Blades shall retain sufficient control over all funds (including designated contributions) to assure that such funds will be used to carry out the CSC tax-exempt purposes. Contributions made to individual team must be deposited in the team account within 10 days of being received. Please notify the CSC office if the contributor requires documentation of the contribution.

L.1.00 Fundraising

It is the policy of the CSC/Blades to allow individual teams to participate, as a team, in fundraising activities. Each fundraising activity must be submitted to the CSC Board and approval granted prior to the activity occurring. Fund Raising activities must comply with the guidelines for a nonprofit organization. It is not the intention of the approval process to restrict fundraising but to encourage and to coordinate the efforts of all teams and the CSC. Some Fundraising activities are better suited for a club fundraiser instead of a team fundraiser and both will benefit the organization as a whole. It is the team's responsibility to be aware of requirements or guidelines that are placed on receiving and using funds for a team expenses.

Some fundraising activities do require certain information (tax Exempt Docs) that can be provided only by CSC Officers or administrator.

M.0.00 Attachments and Appendix

Sample of VDF
Uniform Program
Blades Commitment Form
Age Division Exception Form
Appendix A

N.0.00 Amendments

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Blades Commitment Form

PLAYERS:

- I have read and am familiar with the Blades published Competitive Rules, a copy which is attached hereto. I endorse and agree to live up to and to be bound by those Competitive Rules and guidelines.
- I commit myself to train and perform to the best of my ability. I will maintain a positive attitude and will strive to meet or exceed all individual and team goals established by myself, my team and my coach.
- I will attend all team practices and games, punctually, unless prevented from doing so as the result of illness, injury, unforeseen emergencies, or other reasons approved in advance, by my coach.
- I will maintain control of my emotions during all competitions; I will not retaliate when fouled.
- I will treat teammates, coaches, referees, opponents, spectators and the Laws of the Game with respect.
- I will not use profanity during practice or the games.
- I will come prepared and on time for practice and for games with the proper equipment and uniform.
- I will not use alcohol, drugs or tobacco products while a member of the Blades. I will adhere to all rules and regulations established by the Blades, my team and the CSC Board.
- I make all the foregoing commitments willingly, with the intention that my teammates, coaches and the Blades will rely on them.
- I understand that the violation of this pledge may result in serious disciplinary action, including expulsion from the CSC organization.

Signature of Player

Date

PARENTS;

I have read and am familiar with the Blades published statement of Competitive Rules, a copy of which is attached hereto. I endorse and agree to live up to and to be bound by the Blades Competitive Rules, Code of Conduct and to By-Laws and decisions made by the Casper Soccer Club Board of Directors. I understand that the violation of this pledge may result in serious disciplinary action, including expulsion from the CSC organization.

Parent Signature

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Appendix A

The following Statements explain the reasoning behind guidelines for U10

8v8 vs 11v11 – 11 and 12 year old players are already playing on fields too big for most players' physical and mental soccer abilities. Exposing a 10 year old player to this environment could delay the technical and tactical development of that player. Conceptually 8v8 is a much simpler game to understand and provides the player with far more touches on the ball during the course of a game and repetition is the key to becoming a technically sound player. In Brazil players do not play on a full sized field until 13...that develops more technical players than Brazil?

Social Environment – Placing players together of similar ability is an important component of player development. Perhaps as equally important is the social environment for a youth player. Certainly at 10 years old (and hopefully at all ages!) soccer is seen as a fun and enjoyable activity. Not only should children have the opportunity to develop as soccer players but also as people. For the most part, maturity levels of an 11 year old and 10 year old are different. By letting players form friendships and bonds with those players in their own age groups, we believe this to be an extremely important aspect in players finding enjoyment in the sport.

Practice Up Program – Is playing against better players important for player development? Yes. Is playing in an environment where players can have success important for player development? Yes. It is our stance that players at this age thrive upon success, not necessarily wins and losses but more importantly the opportunity to gain confidence on the pitch and develop through discovery. Plugging a player into an environment where he/she is being pushed everyday and doing just enough to get by could be detrimental to the developmental of not only their technical ability but for their love and enjoyment of the game. The Casper Soccer Club will provide opportunities for players to practice with teams older than the player and will accommodate the need to be challenged by older players.