

EPPU By-Laws

1) **Order of Business:** The order of business of all official EPPU meetings shall be as follows:

- *Roll Call*
- *Review of meeting minutes*
- *Report of President*
- *Report of Vice-President*
- *Report of Treasurer*
- *Field Manger Report*
- *Unfinished business*
- *Report of Registrar and Directors*
- *Special reports*
- *New business*
- *Clinics and tournaments*
- *Adjourn*

The President will supply an agenda prior to the meeting.

2) **Fees and Registration:**

- a) Fees and registration deadlines for EPPU will be established in advance of each season by the Board of Directors. Members wishing to play must pay all their fees and submit all required paper work, by the date set by the Board.
- b) In the event a member fails to fill out the proper paperwork and/or pay their registration fee by the deadline date, the Board of Directors may rescind that player's registration and remove the player from the designated team roster for that upcoming season until such time as the fees are paid or other said arrangements are made with the member and approved by the Board of Directors.

3) **Program Structure and Administration:**

- a) EPPU will provide playing opportunity including but not limited to the following age groups: U-9 through U-19 providing there are a sufficient number of players in a given age group. If there are not sufficient numbers in a given age group, all registration fees will be returned. All teams in those age groups will be age eligible as part of the registration process.
- b) Coaches and Team Managers will have the responsibility of monitoring the week-to-week play and conduct of their respective team.

4) **Coaches and Managers:**

- a) Teams must have a registered coach or manager present at each game whose responsibilities shall include maintaining game control and discipline as required by the EPPU Code of Conduct.
- b) Coaches and managers are responsible for their own conduct and for the conduct of their players and fans at all times. Abusive or obscene language, violent play, violent conduct or other behavior detrimental to the game and/or other individuals will not be tolerated.
- c) Any Coach or Manager who is ejected by the Referee, or who is under suspension, must remain completely away from any EPPU playing field or site.
- d) **Any Coach's actions: violating the EPPU Code of Conduct as adopted; showing cause as to be ejected by the referee from a game; shall be reviewed and acted upon by the Discipline Committee.**

5) **Red and Yellow Cards:**

- a) A player who receives a Red Card shall stand suspended automatically for his next scheduled league game in accordance with EPYSA rules and regulations. The Discipline Committee may impose a greater sanction if the circumstances, in the Board's view, warrant the sanction.

6) **Field Coordinator System:**

- a) For scheduling purposes, the President or his/her designee shall interface with the appropriate league(s) regarding field-scheduling matters.
- b) During the season, the President or his/her designee will be the primary point of contact for EPPU among the appropriate league(s), coaches, and other Clubs regarding changes, cancellations and rescheduling.

7) **Meeting Attendance:**

- a) Board of Director shall attend, shall submit a written report or have a designee all monthly meetings.
- b) Failure to attend three consecutive monthly meetings may be grounds for dismissal for the Board of Director.

8) **Equipment Purchases:**

- a) The purchase of all major equipment, uniforms, jackets, etc., not budgeted shall be done by quote. The EPPU Board of Directors shall obtain at least two quotes. The quotes shall be based on the equipment or brand of uniforms, jackets, etc. Quotes will be presented to the Board for consideration at an official board or special meeting.
- b) Upon approval by the EPPU Board of Directors, a purchase order will be issued by the President, signed by the President and Treasurer and presented to the selected vendor.

- c) All purchase orders shall be numbered consecutively and filed by the Treasurer.
- d) All purchases will require a majority vote of those present of the EPPU Board.
- e) Local vendors or service providers will be used where at all possible when cost and quality are comparable.

9) **EPPU Uniforms**

- a) Shirts, shorts and socks will be furnished by the EPPU and paid for by the player. U9 to U13 will wear the board approved club uniform. U14 and above may elect to use an alternate uniform as long as it is approved by the board. Any other items are the player's responsibility including shin guards, shorts, rubber cleated shoes, etc. Goalkeeper shirts will be supplied to U12 and under teams. Only official EPPU sanctioned uniforms may be worn when representing the EPPU. The home jersey will be orange, the alternate will be black.

10) **EPPU Board Indemnification/Liability**

- a) **Indemnification:** Each person who was or is a party or is threatened to made a party to any threatened, pending, or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, by reason of fact that he/she as a Director or agent of the Club shall be indemnified and held harmless by the Club to the fullest extent as authorized by the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
- b) **Insurance:** The Club shall have the power to purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a Board of Director or agent of the Club against any liability asserted against him/her and incurred by him/her in any such capacity, or arising out of his/her status as such, provided the Club would have the power to indemnify him/her against such liability.

11) **Lightning or Other Dangerous Conditions:**

- a) In event at any game or practice a dangerous situation is identified, the said practice or game shall be immediately suspended and participants shall clear the field. In the case of the identification of thunder or lightning, the practice or game can be resumed if no new lightning sightings are identified for a period of no less than twenty (20) minutes, otherwise the game or practice must be terminated.

12) **Equal Opportunity:**

- a) No action or affiliation will be permitted which could result in or infer preference or exclusion of any gender, race, creed, national origin, or ethnic group, or which would result in or infer support or any partisan political campaign, party, incumbent or candidate.

13) **Amendment(s) to By-Laws:**

- a) Any proposed amendment(s) to the EPPU By-Laws shall be reviewed by the board and voted on by board members in attendance.