

**SANTA BARBARA WOMEN'S SOCCER LEAGUE  
CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS  
CONSTITUTION**

**Article I: Name**

This organization shall be the Santa Barbara Women's Soccer Organization (SBWSO.) The official website of the league shall be [www.sbwso.com](http://www.sbwso.com).

**Article II: Purpose**

The purpose of the League shall be to teach, promote and develop the game of soccer by providing playing opportunities in Santa Barbara County for women. The League seeks to promote a spirit of good sportingship and friendly competition.

**Article III: Membership**

Members of the League shall consist of the participating teams, the Players, and designated officers of the League.

**Article IV: Organization**

The policies and business of the League shall be determined and conducted by the Board of Directors, comprised of the appointed officers of the League.

**Article V: Identification**

**BYLAWS**

**Section I: Membership**

Player Eligibility and Responsibilities

1. Each affiliated player must have all required registration fees, completed registration forms, Waiver and materials turned in to the League one week prior to her first game. Each team representative is responsible for making sure this is carried out.
2. In order to play in the League, a player must be a minimum of 18 years old by season start date. Teams may have a maximum of 2 players under the age of 18, but at least 16 years of age. Minors shall have the permission of a parent and the parent must sign a Waiver.
3. New players, previously unsigned with a team, may be signed at any time during the season given they have completed the proper registration/waiver forms with the SBWSO. The Registrar and Teams Coordinator will approve any new player's registration.
- 4 A waiting list will be maintained by the New Player Coordinator. If there are no available openings on a team, women will be placed on the waiting list. When an opening is made available, a new player will be placed where the need is greatest giving consideration to the player's skill level.
5. Team Rosters will be limited to 25 players. Only 20 players may sign in at game time.

6. Teams may add or drop players at any point during the regular season, but they must notify the league Secretary of any changes prior to their next scheduled game. Teams may not drop and add the same player within the same season. If there are playoffs, the teams' roster at their last regularly scheduled game is considered their final roster. No additions may be made during the course of playoffs.

7. All players MUST sign the league Waiver. Team managers are responsible for assuring compliance.

8. Any player under the age of 30 and has played at the collegiate level MAY NOT play in Div 2. Exceptions may be made only by application to the League Director and approval of the Board.

## **Section II: League Structure**

### **A. Board of Directors**

1). Members- the Board shall consist of the League Director and team managers. Team managers are expected to represent their teams at Board Meetings and in the process of making decisions.

2) A Disciplinary Committee shall consist of a volunteer membership and headed by the Disciplinary Chair. (See **SBWSO Rules, Regulations, Policies & Procedures** for specific disciplinary procedures.)

## **Section III: League Operations**

### A. Playing Season

The League Director, upon the approval of the board, shall set the duration of each season and number of games for each season. The Director shall set the game schedule.

### B. League Structure

1. Teams will be (number of teams depends on the demand) comprised of players with mixed skill levels.

2. Players must understand the basic rules of soccer (throw-ins, off-sides, fouls, etc.)

3. Forfeits- Teams must play at the date, time and place specified in the schedule or a forfeit will be declared. **The team that forfeits shall be responsible for paying both officials if the game is called on the field.** A forfeit at any point during that game is considered a forfeit and forfeiting team is still responsible for officials' fees.

If forfeits are declared by 6pm on the Friday night prior to the game, no team is responsible for officials fees. The manager shall call a league director and the manager(s) of the opposing team.

### C. Uniforms

1. Please see addendum A as a list of the shirt colors designated to each team and their respective divisions. If a team chooses to change their uniforms, they must not choose a color already designated to another team in their Division without the approval of the Board. If the approval is obtained, the team choosing the new uniform shall be required to wear another color when they play the team already designated that color.

## **Section IV: Game Rules**

### A. Game Rules

All games will be governed by FIFA rules, modified as follows:

1. Unlimited substitution is allowed during the course of the game. A player recognized by

the referee may enter or leave the field of play on a goal kick, on her own team's throw in, or her own teams' injury.

Prior to the start of the game, each team shall give the referee a game sheet listing each Player's name and number. Completed game sheets shall be submitted to the Director.

#### B. Equipment

Required equipment will be governed by FIFA rules, modified as follows:

1. Soccer cleats are required.
2. Each player is required to wear a jersey of color designated to their team. Players are required to have a number on their jersey.
3. In order to avoid confusion, players are asked not to wear shorts that match the opposing team's designated shirt color. It is preferred that all players wear black shorts.
4. It is preferred that all team members wear the same color socks and that the sock color selected is different from the opposing team's color.
5. Any knee brace exposing metal or hard surfaces must be covered with tape or bandages to prevent injury to other players on the field.

#### C. Starting Time

Games will start promptly. A minimum of seven (7) players is required to start the game. If a team does not have seven players at starting time, that team shall forfeit the game.

#### D. Referees

1. The League shall have a designated Referee to act as Head Official and Scheduler.
2. Two referees shall be scheduled for each game.
3. Games will commence within 10 minutes of starting time. If a referee does not appear to officiate the games, teams may agree to have one official.
4. Referees shall have ultimate decision-making power during a game. Any referee complaints or questions should be submitted to the League Director.
5. Referees shall be paid at the field. Each team is responsible for paying one referee. If a team forfeits without notifying the Head Official or League Director, that team must pay both referees.

#### **Section V: Other Issues and Complaints**

Any issue or problem not covered by the Constitution or Bylaws of the SBWSO shall be presented to the Director and resolved by the Board of Directors.

**Addendum A**  
**Divisions and Designated Uniform Color**  
**(Secondary Color)**

**Division 1**

<b>Team Salsa</b>	<b>Red</b>
<b>Team Elite Feet</b>	<b>Dark Blue</b>
<b>Team Fusion</b>	<b>Green</b>
<b>Team Pacific</b>	<b>Blue (White)</b>
<b>Team Tsunami</b>	<b>White</b>
<b>Team Hope</b>	<b>Light blue</b>

**Division 2**

<b>Team Mudhens</b>	<b>White</b>
<b>Team Tidal Wave</b>	<b>Light blue</b>
<b>Team Sierra</b>	<b>Red</b>
<b>Team Solstice</b>	<b>Orange</b>
<b>Team Sting</b>	<b>Yellow</b>
<b>Team Violators</b>	<b>Black</b>
<b>Team Wildcats</b>	<b>White (Blue)</b>
<b>Team Pumas</b>	<b>Blue</b>