

## Proposed Change to Rule(s) or Bylaw(s)

Submitted by: Larry Lord, Concorde Fire Soccer Club

**PASSED**

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### Rationale:

In years past, players who were played up on teams U15 and older have been allowed to dual-roster with a U14 team for the Spring Season (under a stipulation that the U14 team is their secondary team). However, this Spring of 2009, due to some other states having to forfeit due to "illegal" players, R3PL East stated that the rosters for R3PL had to be OFFICIAL rosters. Our current system notes the dual-rostered players with an "M" which notes multi-rostered player. R3PL deemed that as an unofficially rostered player and our State Rep, Paul White, recommended highly that we not risk playing those kids, which would have risked having to forfeit games which would result in a seasonal forfeit and loss of the \$1,000 performance bond. Therefore, several U14 players who were playing up in our state were not allowed to play a Spring season when others have been able to do so in the past. This change will rectify that situation.

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**Submitted by: Registrars Committee**

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**PASSED**

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### **Rationale:**

Region III Premier League is not a Georgia Soccer Program. Region III Premier teams are administrated by Region III and have a different set of rules and regulations. In addition, if an issue required adjudication, that would be done by Region III, not Georgia Soccer.

### **Recommendations:**

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### Submitted by:

Jonathan Hooper, Chairman, Executive Board of Directors, Atlanta Fire United

### Existing Rule or Bylaw:

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## **Rationale:**

Player data of competing clubs should not be available for sale to another other club. The last two times clubs have sent mass mailings was solely to recruit and attract players from the competing club. This rule will not allow the state to sell player data to any youth club.

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**Submitted by:** Youth Rules Sub-Committee

**PASSED**

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**Rationale:**

Housekeeping, just clarifies what is already in existence and the process that guides the decision.

**Recommendations:**

## Proposed Change to Rule(s) or Bylaw(s)

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### 730. Misconduct

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### Rationale:

This is already a policy that was approved several years ago, but it has never been placed in the rule book. This will provide coaches and team managers with knowledge of failure to send it an incident report according to Rule 730.1a.

### Recommendations:

## Proposed Change to Rule(s) or Bylaw(s)

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**PASSED**

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Housekeeping...this is supposed to have been written as "seasonal".

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### Rationale:

The only sanctions for an E&G finding that are currently in the Georgia Soccer - Youth Rules and Regulations concern a finding of guilt for recruiting. This clarifies the possible sanctions for other types of E&G complaints and findings.

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## Proposed Change to Rule(s) or Bylaw(s)

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**PASSED**

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**Rationale:** Clarifies the scope of the D & P Committee's responsibility.

**Recommendations:**

## Proposed Change to Rule(s) or Bylaw(s)

**FAILED**

**Submitted by: Eric Keller, President, Golden Isles Soccer Association**

### Existing Rule or Bylaw:

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**Rationale:** Small clubs that have an alliance in place would still be able to move players based on the club pass system. The rule would allow the player to be dual rostered only when all agree, allowing for a smoother transition to full-sided teams for several small clubs.