

SASL – February 22nd, 2026 AGM / Spring Meeting Agenda

E-mailed to Members February 18th, 2026

TEAMS TO SIGN in from 8:15am to 8:45 A.M.; meeting starting promptly at 8:45am

Teams who have not paid 2026 League Dues or past due bonds & fines cannot vote.

1. MEETING TO ORDER – ROLL CALL – Andy

(Only one person per team shall be allowed to vote at meeting)

- Teams not in good financial standing with dues, fines or bonds not payed - cannot vote.

2. 2025 AGM / SPRING MEETING MINUTES VOTE (E-mailed to members February 18th, 2026) – *Andy*

3. TREASURER IRS REPORT– Daniel

- Treasurer will discuss P&L for 2025 and Balance of Accounts (SASL & Bond Accounts).
- We've reverted the deficits from the previous couple of years. Thanks to all fines and good cost controls, the league was able to have positive cashflows again in 2025 (three years in a row) to build up our reserves.
- League is in good standing

4. OFFICER ELECTIONS FOR 2026 –

There are no officers for re-election this year.

5. PRESENTATION of 2025 Division Winners/Trophies – Daniel & Mike

CHAMPIONS

- **Over 30-1** – Cheshire SC United
- **Over 30-2** – FC Celta
- **Over 40-1** – Danbury United
- **Over 40-2** –Lusitanos FC
- **Over 50** –Greenwich Pumas
- **Over 56** – Greenwich Pumas

RUNNER-UP

- Greenwich FC
- Quinnipiac Park Rangers
- Fairfield GAC FC
- North Branford
- Westport FC
- Cheshire Azurri

6. New Teams in 2026 – Vote on New Teams – Andy

- **3 New Teams Applied to Join the League in 2026**
 - Trumbull Wolves (over50)
 - Inter Norwalk (over50)
 - Fairfield GAC (over30)

Ex Bd. recommends to the members, approval of all new teams

Teams that Have Dropped Out:

- Club Napoli -over40
- Rebels United -over50

SASL 2026 SEASON LEAGUE FORMAT -63 TEAMS

- OVER30 -20 Teams -2 divisions -10 teams in Div 1 & 10 in Div 2 (1 new)
- OVER40 -23 Teams -1x10 teams div; 1x13 2nd division (1 drop)
- OVER50 - 10 Teams – 1x10 team division (2 new teams, 1 drop)
- OVER57 - 10 Teams

7. 2026 SCHEDULE - Mike

- TEAMS MUST FOLLOW “**2026 LEAGUE SCHEDULING REQUIREMENTS**” ON THE WEBSITE.
- All Scheduling issues must go through Scheduling Secretary Mike Schechter.
- Teams using same fields MUST play double headers starting 8, 10 or 11 a.m. (see Rule C.2).
- Teams must start game **if they have seven (7) players**. Ref will count minutes against grace period. Teams cannot wait for additional players, **must start with 7 players**.
- Games have to **start on time**, so that the second game can be completed on time
- **Spring Session starts April 12th** – Easter, Mother’s Day, Memorial & Columbus Weekends idle dates, will be used as makeup dates.
- See “Scheduling Requirements” for game time, venues and special circumstances game changes.
- **Rule C.18 –Google membership is mandatory for ALL MANAGERS – Teams TAKE NOTE.** PLEASE USE THE DESKTOP application to post

8. 2026 REGISTRATION - Chen

- TEAMS MUST FOLLOW “**2026 REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS**” ON THE WEBSITE.
- 2026 Registration Forms on our website MUST BE USED. Information Page has detailed instructions on how to fill out the forms.
- Player ID Numbers on game rosters **MUST ONLY USE LAST 4 DIGITS** of the number for security. But **must use full ID Number** on the Registration Form to the Registrar.
- Online Registration (similar to SNEASL) is being evaluated to be implemented -**STATUS UPDATE AT AGM**
- Also, changes to roster above 10 will pay a fee of \$30/change
- Registration forms CANNOT BE USED as game rosters.
- **Liability Forms have to be signed by all players each and every season. CSSA Requirement.**

I.E. From the Registration Requirements – **THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT**

- **Managers are responsible for comparing the photo copy of the license sent to the SASL Registrar, to the this, in the event of a players D.O.B. being wrong, the team will be held players Original State Issued License or Pass Port to ensure that the player’s date of birth is ACCURATE. This must be done for ALL players, new and previously registered player’s licenses on file with the SASL Registrar. Teams must check their players License D.O.B. that they list on their**

game roster. Failure to do accountable and not the League for submitting a wrong D.O.B., if it makes the player ineligible.

9. Discipline -Chen

- Discipline Chart was emailed to teams
- Teams MUST identify CAPTAIN with a “**captains arm band**”.
- 2025 red card suspensions carry over to 2026 – Teams/ holds passes and will notify teams.
- Yellow cards wrongly given by referee, can be changed to red, i.e. violent conduct or language to Game Officials. This is State (CSSA) Policy.
- **ALL Team’s** must meet the 1.5 point game average or face posting discipline bonds for next season.
Yellows Cards = One point
Red Cards = 1 to 5 points –
Players suspension is usually the points team gets, i.e.4 games = 4 points.
NOTE - If SASL adds games onto the players suspension that also will add to the teams points.
Referee Assault = Ten (10) points to Team.
State Cup games yellow discipline cards will not be counted, **but red cards will be counted.**
- Team MUST pay the game officials if opponent’s team is a no show and game is not played. Failure to pay the game officials, team will be fined.
- **2026 Discipline Bonds posted** by teams for 2026:
 - ECU-ANDES (over40): +14 points, \$500 Bond. **NEEDS TO BE PAID AT AGM**
 - CLUB NAPOLI (over40): +25 points in 2025; \$700 Bond playing in 2026?????
- Fouls language dissent to match officials is still a problem, we lose officials because of this.
- The discipline point’s chart for bonds that has been used since the League instituted the point system is below:

<u>Points</u>	<u>Bond to be Posted</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Bond to be Posted</u>
1 to 3	- \$200 – Borderline	12 to 15	- \$500 – Bad, Not Acceptable
4 to 7	- \$300 – Poor, Not Acceptable	16 to 19	- \$600 – Exceedingly Poor, Not Acceptable
8 to 11	- 400 – Very Poor, Not acceptable	20 to 23	- \$700 – Terrible, Not acceptable

- Teams with three consecutive seasons in the plus discipline points may not be allowed back into the League. Team’s, who have had a poor discipline point record every other year, may face Ex Bd. discipline and or suspension.
EG, In 2024 Norwalk Sport Colombia (over40) was EXPELLED from the league and need to sit out at least 2 seasons due to discipline problems.
- Improper conduct by players or managers towards the game officials, will be severely disciplined per CSSA/SASL Rules. This misconduct results in officials not wanting to do SASL games.
- FINES AND BONDS MUST BE PAID ON TIME

Registration Requirements and Scheduling Requirements separate on the SASL Website are Official SASL Rules.

SECOND ROLL CALL - Teams NOT present – Will be fined - Andy

10. WEBSITE / STANDINGS STATUS UPDATE -Franco

- TIS's – Teams must have their information on the April 1 Manager's List completed and accurate on SASL Website for the start of the season on April 12th
- Score reporting same as last year -Teams after 3 failures to report score, will have one point deducted for each late score occurrence.
- Franco will archive 2025 and will update all documents (waivers, registration and scheduling, etc.)
- Improvements/Changes for 2026
 - Franco has improve document modification security.
 - Exploring Online waivers
 - To Include SASL history

11. RULE CHANGES - Andy

- Some admin clean-up of Rules --Communication Directors (ex Website Administrator)
- As of 2026, we are fining the player as well as the team for a REFEREE ASSAULT
 - \$400 fee for Player
 - \$200 fee for Team
 - We had too many referee assaults

- **PROPOSED RULE CHANGES TO VOTE ON:**

1. Ridgefield Kicks : DAN NIEMEYER:

Current Applicable Bylaws Language in Section J:

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4. Division winners (1st place) will be promoted to a higher division. If more than division winners are to be promoted, the format to be used will be established by the Executive Board, depending on the number of teams in the divisions.

5. At the beginning of each season, the Executive Board shall have the authority to determine the structural organisation of League play, and the alignment of the divisions.

6. The League will try to maintain each division to ten (10) teams. However, exceptions may occur for new divisions (e.g. a 3rd or 4th division) or if there are not enough teams to have 10 teams per division. Divisions that do not have ten (10) teams shall always play an eighteen (18) game schedule, same as a ten (10) team division.

Suggested New Bylaws Language (edits and additions underlined):

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5. At the beginning of each season, the Executive Board shall have the authority to determine the structural organisation of League play, and the alignment of the divisions. If it is decided to have more than ten (10) teams in a division, the division can be split into two (2) groups, with geography being the primary placement driver of the teams in each group and competitive balance being a secondary placement driver of the teams in each group. Crossover matches between the 2 groups will be scheduled, in a competitively fair manner, with a focus toward ensuring that the teams highest ranked in the groups have head-to-head matches. The division winner, the runner-up, and decisions on promotion / relegation will be determined by a combined / aggregated division table (merging both groups into one table). The final divided group standings shall have no bearing on team(s) promotion / relegation.

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THE EX BOARD VOTES : AGAINST : Total points would not be fair. Teams like the current system as it minimizes travels.

2. Norwalk Mariners: TED CENATIEMPO

- Proposed Introduction of a SASL LEAGUE Playoff system called the "SASL CUP"
- Keep the current format of Division Winner as the "Regular Season Champions" and introduce a League Playoff at conclusion of regular season involving the TOP FOUR teams in each Age Bracket Division..
- Each Division will have a Playoff Champion.
- Top Four In each Division qualify for the SASL CUP playoff. Seeds:
 - #4@#1
 - #3@#2
- Winners Play in Final at Higher seed for SASL CUP.
- The Event heading will commensurate with Calendar year. i.e. SASL CUP 2026, SASL CUP 2027 etc.....
- Examples: Other CSSA affiliated leagues are currently following this format.
- Benefits: Adds excitement & interest at end of a League season. with 4/5 games remaining teams in 6/7/8 positions would be seeking the last spot to qualify for the SASL CUP playoff.

THE EX BOARD VOTES : AGAINST : It would add 2 more games to the league schedule conflicting with the state cup and winter (field closures, etc), logistically complicated. It would be like adding a new tournament and unfortunately there is no time for that.

3. Cheshire Azzurri : Zabosh Kohan

- Stop the double roster flexibility as there is no need anymore to foster new teams creations in between 50- and 57 league.

Ex Board votes: AGAINST. First, the rule will impact all age group leagues (not only 50-&57). If applied, it would limit teams' flexibility to form teams and would not be beneficial for SASL league.

4. Collin: Wilton Wolves

- Any teams with TWO consecutive seasons or every other year in the plus discipline points instead of three should be banned from the league for a year or two.
- Those are the teams constantly play violent, unnecessary roughness, abuse the referees....we are in over 40s division, our players need to work the next day, and our games need referees.

Ex Board votes: AGAINST - We are already punishing with escalating fines in the 2 year and discipline Bonds.

12. Injury Claim Insurance Process -Marco

USASA uses an Online Insurance Claim Form Process:

1. **User-Friendly Interface:** The new form is designed to be intuitive and user-friendly, making it easier for you to submit insurance claims online.
2. **Faster Processing:** Our upgraded system allows for quicker processing of claims, ensuring that you promptly receive the assistance you need.
3. **Accessibility:** You can now access the online claim form from anywhere with an internet connection, allowing you to submit claims at your convenience.

To get started with the new online claim form, follow these steps:

1. [Visit the USASA website.](#)
2. Look for the "**Click Here to File a Claim**" button.
3. Complete the online form by providing the required information.
4. Upload any necessary supporting documents.
5. Review your submission and submit the claim.

You can view detailed instructions regarding this new process [here](#). When completing the claim, please make sure your contact information is correct. You will receive a couple of emails and an acknowledgment letter by mail with further instructions after your claim is approved. The email addresses you will receive communication from are: cdxnotify@agadministrators.com and affinity@agadm.com
Please check your spam/junk files before contacting your member association.

13. REFEREE FEES FOR 2026 – No change from last season – **Andy**

- Fees: \$90 center referee, \$60 Ars; \$100 fee if only center referee and no Ars
- O57 League: Back to a 3 man crew in all games as required by CSSA so SASL is in compliance.

14 2026 DEADLINE DATES: (L. 17 Fines Apply For Each 15 Days Late) – **Andy**

- **Registration Passes/Material to Chen for First Game -3/14**
- **June 1 - \$600 Registration Fee for CSSA MADE OUT TO SASL, INC, and MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER than June 1. Late payments will be assessed Rule H.6. Checks should be mailed to Treasurer.**
- **\$500 League Dues for 2027 MUST BE RECEIVED before or by December 1, 2026**
- **\$550 if RECEIVED by DECEMBER 15, 2026**
- **\$600 if RECEIVED by DECEMBER 30, 2026**

Teams should read Rule H.6

If dues are not received by December 30th, 2025, team will lose their place in the league schedule and will be removed. If teams attempt to rejoin in January, financial arrangements will have to be made.

Executive Board is tired of chasing delinquent teams who are not meeting their financial obligations. The Ex Bd. shall ENFORCE ALL DEADLINES for 2026 to the letter, teams will be assessed Late Fee (Rule H.6).

15 GOOD of SOCCER - Andy

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