Enforcement and Appeals

Section 1

- 1. The ISSA shall deal with differences and controversies which arise between affiliates, or any other matter not covered in these rules and regulations.
- 2. The ISSA shall deal with violations of the rules of the game; of its own rules and regulations, as well as those of the USSF; and with misconduct by any affiliate, member club, team, player, or official, at all levels of competition, in the event that such violation or misconduct is not dealt with by the proper organization or authority in the proper manner. Decisions of the ISSA may be appealed to the ISSA Appeals Committee which shall have jurisdiction to approve, modify, or change a decision.
- 3. The ISSA shall have the authority:
 - a. To enforce the laws of the game and the rulings of the USSF and FIFA, and well as its own rules and regulations.
 - b. To suspend for any given period of time any affiliate, member club, team, player, or official, for any wrongdoing or acts detrimental to soccer.
 - c. In all matters concerning international matches under its jurisdiction.
 - d. In all matters of amateur registration.
 - e. To oversee all matters related to referee through the State Referee Committee.
 - f. Through its Trial Board, to handle all cases as reported by game officials.
 - g. To settle all disputes between affiliates.
 - h. To provide equitable and prompt hearings to guarantee the rights of individuals to participate and compete. These procedures shall include the provision that all penalties denying the right to participate or compete in activities sponsored by the Federation, State Association or its members, may be appealed to the Federation Appeals Committee, which shall have the jurisdiction to approve, modify, or repeal the decision.

- i. To conduct coaching clinics and issue state coaching licenses.
- j. To conduct an investigation into the condition of any affiliate, whenever in its sole and exclusive judgment it shall find this necessary.
- k. To demand that any affiliate, member club, or team produce any books, letters, documents, or other evidence necessary for the conduct of any ISSA investigation or hearing.
- I. If, after an investigation, it finds it to be in the best interest of the game, to appoint a committee to administer the affairs of any delinquent affiliate, until a meeting to resolve such situation can be conducted.

Section 2

- 1. Any member club, team, player, or official has the right to appeal, to the ISSA, any decision rendered against them by their immediate governing body. The appeal must be written and accompanied by the appeals fee (see Schedule) and made within fourteen days of the date of the decision. If the appeal is denied, the fee may be forfeited; otherwise it will be returned.
- 2. All interested parties shall be notified in writing of the date that the ISSA is to consider the matter being appealed.
- 3. Only bona fide affiliate members can represent any affiliate, member club, or team at the hearing of a dispute or claim of the organization concerned.
- 4. The Appeals Committee shall decide all matters presented to it. For the purposes of a hearing, a quorum of the Appeals Committee shall be three members.
- 5. Decisions of the ISSA may be appealed.