

2009 Indoor CUSA Rule Changes

Subject	Existing	Proposed	Rationale
Club/Team Mergers	New	<p>1.14.2.1 When a merger exists between two club teams from separate clubs the merger must remain in place for a minimum of 12 months, one indoor and one outdoor season.</p> <p>1.14.2.2 Should the merger create the situation where two teams exist within one division then the lowest place team, as determined by league points, will be relegated</p> <p>1.14.2.2.1 Should the merger result in two teams becoming one team then the vacancy created will be filled through the promotion and relegation guidelines for the league (section 5.2) (Oct 2009)</p>	
Fair Play Award Distribution	<p>5.12.1 A tie in any division will be result in the credit being divided as follows</p> <p>5.12.1.1.Total cards received</p> <p>5.12.1.2. On field official's Fair Play Points</p> <p>5.12.1.3 Total Referee Submissions submitted</p> <p>5.12.1.4 If the teams are still tied in points after this process is completed then the credit will be divided equally between the teams</p>	<p>5.12.1 If there is a tie between the top two (2) teams then the total credit will be divided equally. (Oct. 2009)</p> <p>5.12.2 If there is a tie between the 2nd place teams, then the 2nd place credit will be divided equally. (Oct. 2009)</p>	<p>To ensure that teams in pre-season cups and tournaments are not at a disadvantage because cards earned there would normally be counted in the team's total.</p> <p>Anecdotal comments indicate teams tied would prefer to be recognized as tied rather than an arbitrary first or second place assignment.</p> <p>Anecdotal comments also indicate that teams prefer to be recognized for on-field performance rather than having referee submissions considered.</p>
Play-ups to AMSL	10.8 AMSL reserve team players may play up for their AMSL team a total of 6 (six) games per season, except for a goalkeeper who may play up unlimited times	Delete	CUSA cannot enforce this as we have no control over AMSL game sheets to 'see' who has played up.

Restrictive Movement	New	11.2.8 Master's O35 players who is over 45 years of age is not eligible to play into any O45 Division	Recommendation of Competitions' Committee
Restrictive Movement of O45 players	11.6 Can play unlimited with any Masters, Open or higher Over 45 division team. (Oct 2009)	11.6 Can play 6 (six) games per team with any Masters, Open or higher Over 45 division team. (Oct 2009)	Recommendation of Competitions' Committee
Promotion and Relegation within Masters and O45 Divisions	New	<p>Divisional winner and runner up will be eligible for promotion to the next higher division.</p> <p>The bottom 2 placed teams will be subject to relegation to the next lower division.</p> <p>New teams must submit a 'biography' of the team including a roster of at least 12 players, and such information as average age, playing history and preferred division level. The Competitions' Committee will make a recommendation to the Board as to the placement of the new team.</p> <p>New teams may be placed in any division. The number of new teams to a particular division may affect the promotion or relegation from that division.</p> <p>A new team which wins or loses more than six (6) games in a season with a goal spread of 5 will have their league placement reconsidered prior to the next season of play</p>	Recommendation of Competitions' Committee
Promotion and Relegation within Open Men's Divisions	New	<p>Divisional winner and runner up will be eligible for promotion to the next higher division.</p> <p>The bottom 2 placed teams will be subject to relegation to the next lower division.</p> <p>Where the first eligible team for promotion is the 5th or lower placed team in a division of 8 or fewer teams, or the 6th or lower placed team in a division of 9 or more teams a single game played between the team in relegation (higher division) and the team in promotion (lower division) will be played at the end of the current season.</p> <p>The winner of the match will determine which team retains the position for the higher division.</p>	