

# Laguna Niguel Football Association (LNFA)

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**Introduction**

This document is intended to be a concise handbook which details the necessary information any player or club will need for participation in the LNFA. This document can also be useful to new clubs or players when used as an introduction to the Association.

This document will be updated annually with any pertinent changes which need to be made by the LNFA Management. The LNFA Manager reserves the right to amend this document at anytime without prior notice or approval. A new revision is in effect once it has been sent to the LNFA Club Managers.

## About the LNFA

The Laguna Niguel Football Association was founded in 1996 by Rolando de Tapia. Roland (as he is known within the community), was managing Inter Niguel F.C. which played in the Barrigones League of Lake Forest. It was an over 30 men's league with similar age restrictions to ours. Roland was tired of the violent and mismanaged world of men's league football and founded the LNFA with four clubs which would play their matches at Crown Valley Park. Audax Niguel F.C. was then founded by Roland who named the team after his childhood club in his native Chile. He wished to build an international association founded on the principles of sportsmanship and solid administration where violence would not be allowed to blemish the world's greatest sport.

The LNFA has seen almost 20 clubs come through the ranks of our Men's League over the years, and we are glad to have settled on our 14 current clubs. A few of our clubs have been around since the beginning of the association: Audax, Brits and the Eagles, while others have joined through the years of expansion. We now play our matches at Crown Valley Park (both the lower and upper fields) and the Laguna Niguel Skateboard/Soccer Park. Matches are played Sunday mornings and several of our clubs train during LNFA training sessions on Wednesday nights. The Association and its Men's League has not only grown in size, but in competitiveness as well. Many of our players have high level college and semi-professional experience making our league one of the most entertaining around.

Each club is made up of a majority of players over the age of 30. Each club can have 7 players under the age of 30 on their roster while no more than 4 may be fielded at any time. All players must be 18 years of age or older. Goal Keepers are exempt from age limitations, but they cannot be younger than 18. All participants in LNFA competitions must be registered with both the LNFA and California Soccer Association – South (CSA-S). We are affiliated with CSA-S, USASA, USSF and FIFA. The LNFA plays according to FIFA's Laws of the Game with some minor deviations which are detailed later in this handbook.

In 2002 Roland asked his son, Frederick de Tapia to begin to take over some of the responsibilities of running our fine Association. In 2006 Freddy became the Association's Manager taking over day to day operations from his father while his father stays on in a limited roll as the Association's Founder.

We have a great deal of interest in the Association, and we are currently working to expand the association to even more clubs. This interest reinforces our reputation for providing a quality football experience.

## LNFA Mission Statement

The LNFA is a football/soccer management organization dedicated to providing the highest quality football experience for its member clubs and their players in a recreationally competitive environment. In addition to gathering in the experience of our great sport, we will also use our passion for football to benefit the community through charitable relationships with local organizations.

We will build this environment on the foundation of success through discipline which is highlighted by our great track record within the community of Laguna Niguel since 1996. We have well established and responsible clubs, who work to cultivate more than our recreationally competitive environment. They help to cultivate a family environment which we all enjoy. We play our matches at top class facilities provided by the City of Laguna Niguel which include the artificial surface AstroPlay. We use one of the nation's best referee associations with whom we work closely with to provide our member clubs and their players with the best referee service available at our level. And our matches are played at relatively the same places and the same times every week.

**LNFA Current Clubs, Managers, Representation, and Managers Meetings Information**

<u>Club</u>	<u>Manager</u>	<u>Website</u>
77 F.C.	Jason Faulk	<a href="http://www.seventysevenfc.com">www.seventysevenfc.com</a>
Alianza United F.C.	Gary Gooden	
Rhodies F.C.	Brad Wilson, David Colley	
Black & Blue F.C.	Scott Miller	<a href="http://www.hometeamsonline.com/blackandbluefc">www.hometeamsonline.com/blackandbluefc</a>
Irvine Inter. F.C.	Tony Elahi, Lee Stanard	
Brits F.C.	Alan Eltringham, Raymond Darcy	
Laguna United F.C.	Leo Campbell, Afhshin A.	<a href="http://www.hometeamsonline.com/lagunaunitedfc">www.hometeamsonline.com/lagunaunitedfc</a>
Nationals F.C.	Alberto Oropeza, Brian Varca	
Eagles F.C.	Barry Sidler, Steven Reid	
Titus 2:11 F.C.	Kyle Mackey, Kevin Tougas	<a href="http://saddlebackfamily.com">http://saddlebackfamily.com</a>
OC Taj F.C.	Saeed Tafreshi	
Trinity F.C.	Matthew Kanyuck	<a href="http://saddlebackfamily.com">http://saddlebackfamily.com</a>
Great White F.C.	Mikael Evans	<a href="http://members.cox.net/greatwhitefc/">http://members.cox.net/greatwhitefc/</a>
OC Lions F.C.	Juan Centeno, Ruben Centeno	

Club Managers act as organizers of the clubs, and handle all the day to day correspondence with the LNFA and CSA-S. The LNFA only corresponds with Club Managers in order to make the flow of information as efficient and fluid as possible. Individual players are encouraged to provide feedback to the association through use of the forum on the website.

Club Managers often elect an Assistant Manager(s) to help with the day to day duties of running a club. Club Managers must submit a formal request for an Assistant to be added. Each club is also required to list at least one Club Captain which may not be a Club Manager or Assistant Manager. This player is the field captain for his club, and is the on field contact each club will have with the referee.

The LNFA will meet with the Club Managers during four meetings throughout the year to discuss information the LNFA Management feels is pertinent and appropriate. These LNFA Managers Meetings will take place at the beginning and ends of each of the LNFA Spring and Fall Seasons. The LNFA Manager may call an additional meeting throughout the year to address any changes to the competition rules or sanctions. If a Club Manager wishes to change a specific competition rule or sanction they are to notify the LNFA Manager.

If there is any issue a Club Manager feels needs to be discussed at an LNFA Managers Meeting they will notify the LNFA Manager in advance of the meeting. Should the LNFA Manager feel the issue is pertinent and appropriate then time will be set aside to discuss the issue.

## LNFA New Clubs

We currently do not have any impending plans for expansion, however when we do, clubs on the LNFA New Club Waiting List will be contacted. We require these clubs who are interested in joining the LNFA to play in a series of trial matches which allows the LNFA to evaluate their commitment to discipline and organization. In addition it gives the new clubs a chance to see how the LNFA sits with them. These trial matches may be against opponents from within the Association or other new clubs. During this trial period the LNFA will work closely with the new clubs managers to help make sure that the players coming into the Association have the same commitment to quality football that everyone in the Association shares. Once a club has been approved to join the Association the club manager will be invited to the coming LNFA Managers Meeting and will be formally accepted into the Association and introduced to the other Club Managers.

## LNFA Competitions

### *LNFA Spring and LNFA Fall Seasons*

The oldest competitions we have are the LNFA Spring and LNFA Fall Seasons. The Spring Season typically begins in early January and ends in July; although there are always variations as to the exact starting date due to scheduling conflicts. The Fall Season usually starts in September and runs until the middle of December.

The purpose of these competitions is to crown a champion which accumulated the most points over time while playing all clubs in the association highlighting consistency.

Clubs in both Division I and Division II participate, and play a weighted schedule where each club plays every other club in their division twice while playing everyone in the other division a limited number of times. Clubs will gain 3 points for a win and 1 point for a tie. Forfeitures will be posted as a 5 – 0 score line for the winners.

The LNFA Spring and Fall Champions and clubs which face relegation and promotion are determined by the number of points accumulated throughout this competition. In the case of a tie, the division record will be used as a tie breaker. If the division record is equal then the goal differential will be the tie breaker. Should the goal differential also be equal then the club with the highest number of goals scored will gain the upper hand.

The winner of Division I is considered the LNFA Champion for these competitions. The winner of Division II is the LNFA Division II Champion. The bottom two clubs in Division I are relegated to Division II while the top two clubs in Division II are promoted to Division I from season to season.

### *LNFA Cup and Mug*

Two of the newest competitions we have are the LNFA Cup and Mug Tournaments which run during the LNFA Spring Season.

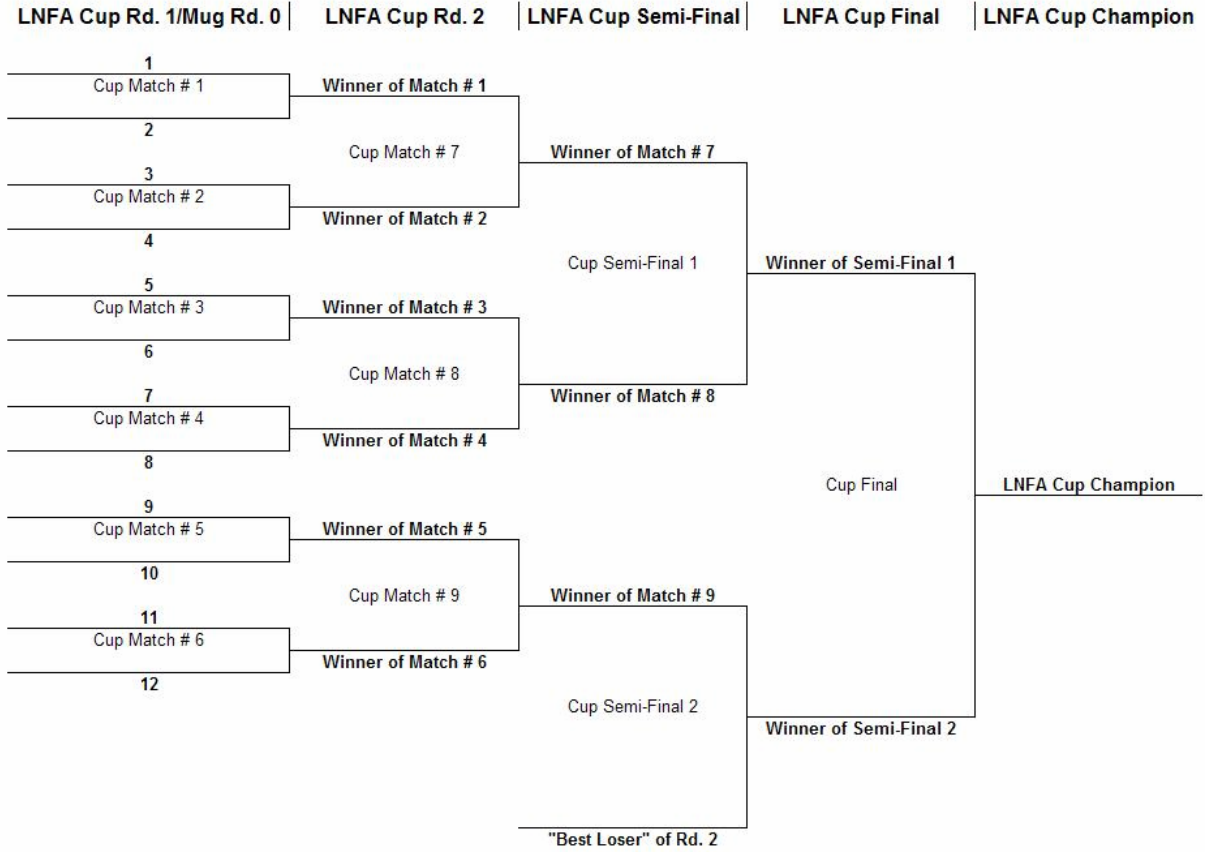
The purpose of these competitions is to crown a champion who defeats whichever club is drawn against them in a single elimination winner takes all environment. The tournament format creates added excitement and drama in every match.

Clubs in both Division I and Division II are drawn into a bracket detailed below at random. After the first round the winners move on in the Cup Tournament while the losers of the first round move into the Mug Tournament. In the semi-final rounds of each tournament the previous rounds “best loser” will win a wild card into the semis. The “best loser” will be determined by the following criteria.

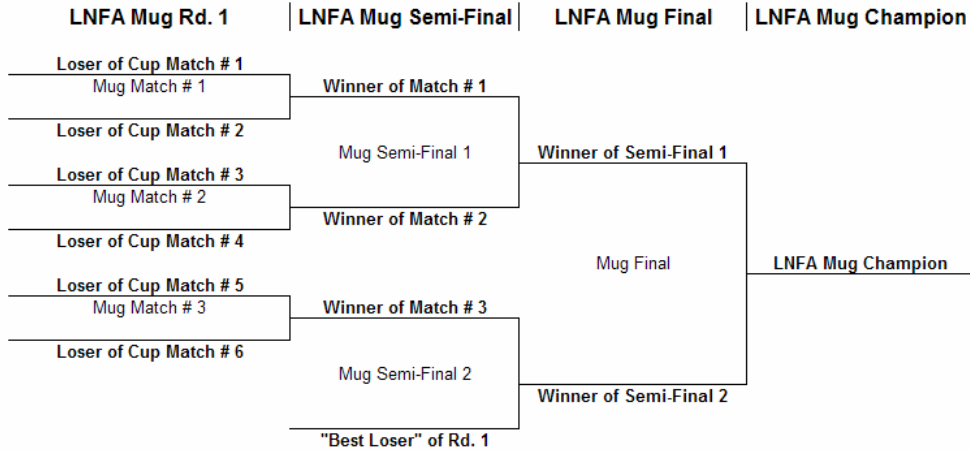
- a. The club which lost in a penalty shoot out shall be the “best loser”. *If more than one club loses in penalties then...*
- b. The “best loser” will be the club which scored the most goals in the first two rounds. *If still tied...*
- c. Then the “best loser” will be the club which allowed the fewest goals. *If still tied...*
- d. Then the “best loser” will be the club which was the higher finisher in the previous seasonal competition.

All matches must end with a winner. If matches are tied at the end of regulation time then the contest will go straight to penalty kicks. ***Page 6 contains the LNFA Cup/Mug Tournament Draws.***

**LNFA Cup Tournament Draw**



**LNFA Mug Tournament Draw**



## **LNFA Discipline Policy**

The Laguna Niguel Football Association is founded on discipline. We will maintain a disciplinary system which is the “Gold Standard” for Men’s League Football. We will do this through the timely and accurate reporting of our referees and the strict but fair application of our Disciplinary Sanctions based on this reporting. The severity of these sanctions and their proper application will serve as a clear deterrent against misconduct within the Association.

Appeals Process (*there is no Appeals Process for Club Sanctions*):

- Sanctions will be conveyed to the appropriate Club Manager via email. Should the club wish to dispute/appeal the sanction, they may do so via email.
- Sanctions for non-violent incidents can be placed on hold (at the Club Managers request) until a Disciplinary Panel hears the case. If the sanction is for a violent incident, the sanction will begin immediately and can not be suspended.
- The Disciplinary Panel will be called and expected to meet within two weeks of the incident either by meeting face to face or via a conference call. Each club involved in the match/incident in question will nominate a different Club Manager who is available to hear the case. The Association Manager and the two nominated Club Managers will make up the Disciplinary Panel.
- The Disciplinary Panel will be presented with the referee’s report, one statement from a player on each club not involved directly with the incident and a brief statement from each Club Manager from the clubs involved. After either reading or hearing the Club Managers statements, the three Disciplinary Panel members will have up to a half hour to decide whether the sanctions handed down stand. The Disciplinary Panel may also add up to 2 matches onto any sanction if in their opinion the appeal was unfounded.

A players reputation or “track record” within the Association will not be considered during the disciplinary process.

The LNFA was built on a foundation of discipline, a foundation we are very proud of and one which sets us apart from other Men’s Leagues. Over the years we have updated our disciplinary standards to reflect the competitive nature of our Men’s League while maintaining a “Gold Standard” for discipline and preserving the recreational nature of our “Sunday Men’s League”. Our disciplinary sanctions are the strictest of any local Men’s League. This allows our players the benefit of playing in a competitive environment which is free from the violent nature and poor organization that is often rampant in other Men’s Leagues. The LNFA Manager reserves the right to make unilateral decisions regarding discipline and sanctions when it is in the best interest of the Association. Players serving disciplinary sanctions will be eligible to play in friendly matches but these matches will not count against their suspension. If a player behaves inappropriately during a friendly match then their sanction can be increased at the LNFA Managers discretion.

## **LNFA Disciplinary Sanctions For Players**

Three Yellows During a Season = One (1) Match Suspension

Double Yellow to Red = One (1) Match Suspension

Straight Red Card (No Special Circumstances) = Two (2) Match Suspension

Straight Red Card (Pushing and Shoving) = Three (3) Match Suspension

Straight Red Card (Will Not Leave Field, Nuisance) = Five (5) Match Suspension

Straight Red Card (Retaliation) = Five (5) Match Suspension

Straight Red Card (Instigating) = Ten (10) Match Suspension

2<sup>nd</sup> Fight = Twenty (20) Match Suspension

3<sup>rd</sup> Fight = Lifetime Suspension

Straight Red Card (Threatening the Referee) = Ten (10) Match Suspension

Straight Red Card (Attacking a Referee) = Lifetime Suspension

Straight Red Card (Sucker Punch/Unfounded Attack) = Twelve (12) Month Suspension

- A Player who is listed in a referee report for any of the aforementioned offenses but does not receive a Red Card can still be sanctioned according to this list of sanctions.
- If the LNFA Manager witnesses a player who is guilty of any of these offenses then the LNFA Manager can take unilateral action to address the issue.
- Instigating/retaliating is/can be spitting, punching, kicking, striking or attempting to do any of these.

## **LNFA Disciplinary Sanctions For Clubs**

Fines are to be paid as a donation to Little Feet\*. The link can be found on our home page. The manager is instructed to get onto their website and make a donation to Little Feet in the fine amount. Proof of this donation should be emailed to the LNFA Manager to settle the fine.

\* With the exception of forfeiture or no show in which case a fine is imposed by the refs association for part of the refs fees which would have been due. This invoice will be sent to the club manager for payment to the refs association directly.

Failing to report scores within a timely manner.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Time = Written Warning
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Time (within a season) = \$25 fine.

Not having Under 30 player(s) wearing arm bands.

- \$25 fine.

Knowingly playing too many Under 30 players.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Time = \$25 fine and forfeiture of points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Time (within 12 months) = \$50 fine, forfeiture of points and an additional 6 point penalty

Clubs which fail to turn in LNFA Dues on time.

- \$100 fine

Starting the match with 9 or less players or playing a half or more with only 10 players.

- half of the refs fees payable to your opponent the next time you play one another

Forfeiture.

- a fine imposed by the refs association for fees paid directly to the referees association

Playing or Training a player who is not registered with the LNFA and CSA-S.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Time = \$50 fine and a week suspension levied on clubs training privileges if applicable
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Time = \$100 fine, a month suspension levied on clubs training privileges and possible expulsion from the LNFA

Lack of sideline management.

- \$25 fine
  - Includes:
    - allowing spectators and/or children too close to the field, they should be a minimum of 3 yards away from the field at all times and not in the technical area
    - allowing players/spectators to coach and/or move up and down the sideline, players must stay within the technical area, in order to warm up a player must be wearing some other top which is drastically different from the shirt of either participating club
    - not controlling over zealous supporters
    - allowing club players or their families to break the local park rules which are clearly listed at each facility such as allowing pets on the artificial turf surfaces

Presence of Alcohol.

- \$250 fine and possible expulsion from the Association.

## **LNFA Facility Policy**

The LNFA is very fortunate to have the use of the City of Laguna Niguel's top class facilities. In accordance with the posted rules, everyone who is a player, spectator or family member is expected to respect the City's fields.

Clubs which leave an excess amount of litter and do not "pick up" after themselves will be provided pictures of their area and asked to pay a \$25 fine. All clubs are expected to leave the field in the same or better condition in which they arrived. All of the City's posted field rules must be complied with at all times including the prohibition of pets on the artificial turf fields.

## LNFA Referee Policy

The LNFA stands behind our referees. The LNFA will not comment on referee decisions. We will take constructive feedback from club managers and forward this feedback to the referees through their assignor. All competitive matches will have a full three man crew of USSF Certified Referees assigned to it. For friendly matches and trial matches clubs may elect to only have two man crews or no referees at all. All referees assigned are from the USSF Certified local referees association, Orange County South Referees Association (OCSRA).

In very rare cases, a referee who is found to have grossly misrepresented the values of their association and ours will be asked not to return. Usually this will happen after consistent feedback about that referees poor performance has gone unheeded.

## LNFA Day to Day Administration

- Rosters may have a maximum of 22 players which are registered with the LNFA and CSA-S at least 72 hours prior to match time. When a roster is updated the Club Manager will email a copy of the LNFA Roster Form to the LNFA Manager.
- Of the 22, 3 players may be “*trial*” players who have completed paperwork on file with the LNFA but have yet to be formally registered with CSA-S. These “*trial*” players must be formally added or removed from a roster within 3 weeks.
- The LNFA Manager will issue an LNFA Disciplinary Notice (and Appeal Notice if necessary) for all LNFA Sanctions once the necessary information has been received to proceed with the disciplinary process.
- The LNFA Manager will issue a Pre-Match Notice before every Match Day which highlights important issues for that match day including the players who are currently under suspension.
- In the case of rain, the LNFA Manager will issue an email to the LNFA Club Managers between 5am and 6am on match days addressing any match cancellations. [lagunaniguelfa.com](http://lagunaniguelfa.com) will also be updated appropriately at this time.
- On Match Day Club Managers must have their ref fees (to be paid to the refs before the match!), their completed LNFA Match Report and CSA-S player cards.
  - If a player is a “*trial*” player, the Club Manager must have their completed CSA-S paperwork on hand for the referee which includes the picture. If the player is being re-registered with CSA-S then in addition to the paperwork the Club Manager must also submit the players Driver’s License for a photo.

**\*CLUB MANAGERS SHOULD HAVE A COPY OF THE LNFA HANDBOOK ON THE FIELD FOR REFERENCE\***

## LNFA Law Differences from FIFA’s Laws of the Game

### *Rosters/Match Reports*

- Rosters may have up to 7 under 30 players listed. Goal Keepers are exempt from age restrictions.
  - Goal Keepers who do not count against a clubs under 30 allotment, may not play on the field.
- Players ages are determined by their birthday and not by any cut off or registration date.
- Under 30 players should be highlighted on Match Reports and should wear identifying arm bands.

### *Substitutions*

- Only the club with ball possession can substitute.
- Substitutions are reciprocal and unlimited.
- No substitutions are permitted on free kicks of any kind unless the refs stops play for injury, then both clubs can substitute.

### *Yellow Card Rule*

- Players who receive a Yellow Card must sit out 5 mins and may be substituted.
- Goal Keepers are exempt from this rule.
  - In the case a Goal Keeper receives a yellow card, another player on the field must exit in his place to serve his punishment. This player may be substituted.

**Laguna Niguel Football Association (LNFA)**  
**Player Registration Form**

A signed copy of this form will be submitted to the LNFA prior to the signatory's participation in LNFA Competition. The Club Manager is also required to keep a copy on file.

The LNFA reserves the right to refuse service to anyone. The LNFA reserves the right to sanction any of its clubs or players appropriately based on the sanctions outlined in the LNFA Handbook. The LNFA Manager has the final say in all matters regarding the association and its competitions. Fees paid to the LNFA are non-refundable.

**LNFA Mission Statement**

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**The player who is signing this form understands:**

- That they will be sanctioned according to the Disciplinary Sanctions outlined in the LNFA Handbook.
- That they are expected to keep the fields in the same condition or better than when they arrived for play.
- That they will adhere to the posted regulations pertaining to each facility.
- That only players registered with the LNFA and CSA-S are permitted to participate in LNFA competitions or training sessions unless otherwise noted by the LNFA Manager.
- That Alcohol is strictly prohibited from all LNFA Competitions and training sessions.
- That the City of Laguna Niguel, the Laguna Niguel Football Association and California Soccer Association – South are not responsible or liable in any way shape or form for personal physical or mental injury during LNFA Competition or Training. These organizations are also not responsible or liable in any way shape or form for personal property loss or damage of articles present during LNFA Competition or Training.
- Players are required to stay behind their respective technical areas and when warming up must wear a discerning shirt during play.
- Players are expected to inform their family and friends that everyone is expected to stay a minimum of 3 yards away from the sideline at all times.
- Only Club Captains are permitted to approach the referee for clarification on on-field decisions made by the referees.

*~ All LNFA Players are expected to carry themselves according to the highest standards of sportsmanship. ~*

I have read the LNFA Handbook, and this LNFA Player Registration Form in its entirety, and I promise to follow the commonly accepted policies and procedures listed in this handbook. Furthermore, I release the City of Laguna Niguel, and the Laguna Niguel Community Service District (LNCSD), their officers, agents and employees; the LNFA and the CSA-S of any liability regarding my participation in LNFA Competition or Training.

**Name (printed):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Name (signed):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Club Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Club Manager Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Laguna Niguel Football Association (LNFA)**  
**Manager/Club Registration Form**

A signed copy of this form will be submitted to the LNFA prior to the signatory's participation in LNFA Competition. The Club Manager is also required to keep a copy on file.

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**The manager who is signing this form understands:**

- That they will be sanctioned according to the Disciplinary Sanctions outlined in the LNFA Handbook.
- That they are expected to keep the fields in the same condition or better than when they arrived for play.
- That they will adhere to the posted regulations pertaining to each facility.
- That only players registered with the LNFA and CSA-S are permitted to participate in LNFA competitions or training sessions unless otherwise noted by the LNFA Manager.
- That Alcohol is strictly prohibited from all LNFA Competitions.
- Club Managers are expected to have current LNFA Roster Forms on file 72 hours prior to a match with the LNFA Manager whenever a player is added or removed and will adhere to the age restrictions of the LNFA while building these rosters.
- Club Managers are expected to email their scores to the [LNFA@cox.net](mailto:LNFA@cox.net) address on the same day of their match.
- Club Managers are required to stay in their respective technical areas during play and take responsibility for their players and spectators behavior.
- Club Managers are expected to inform their clubs players and spectators that everyone is expected to stay a minimum of 3 yards away from the sideline at all times.
- Club Managers are expected to be model participants in LNFA Competitions working to keep their players in line and working to diffuse hot situations which left unchecked could turn into a major incident.
- Club Managers are not expected to enter into any on field verbal discussions with the referees during play. If a Club Manager wishes to discuss something with the referee this should be done before the match, during half time or after the match in a measured manner.
- Club Managers are expected to notify the LNFA if they can not participate in an LNFA Competition in a timely manner. Club Managers are expected to have their clubs dues into the LNFA by the deadlines established by the LNFA or pay the applicable fine. A Club Manager must be willing to take or assign financial responsibility for a club and have dues paid in full prior to any competition. Failure to do so will result in the club being dismissed from the competition.

*~ All Club Managers are expected to carry themselves according to the highest standards of sportsmanship. ~*

I have read the LNFA Handbook, and this LNFA Manager/Club Registration Form in its entirety, and I promise to follow the commonly accepted policies and procedures listed in this handbook. Furthermore I release the City of Laguna Niguel, the Laguna Niguel Community Service District (LNCSD), their officers, agents and employees; the LNFA and the CSA-S of any liability regarding my participation in LNFA Competition or Training.

Name (printed): \_\_\_\_\_ Name (signed): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## **LNFA Schedule Change Policy**

All LNFA Competitions will have their schedules posted when the majority of participating clubs have made their financial commitments. All schedules will be posted no less than two weeks prior to the beginning of the competition, and every effort will be made to keep the originally posted schedules integrity throughout the term.

In the case a match needs to be rescheduled each club will be notified via email, and phone call at least 48 hours in advance of kick-off. If the LNFA is not able to reach via email or phone a club 48 hours in advance of kick-off, the clubs involved will not be forced to accept the reschedule.

The majority of matches for reschedule will be rescheduled due to weather while there may be a few matches or match days rescheduled due to unforeseen conflicts with the City of Laguna Niguel's scheduling. The City obviously has the right to change available dates, but does so rarely and usually with sufficient advanced notice.

## **LNFA Community**

### *Camaraderie*

During the year the LNFA will invite players from the association to different gatherings at local restaurants and/or pubs to celebrate our camaraderie and to recognize those Clubs and Players who excel in the association. We encourage player's family and friends to join us. While we see the camaraderie our players exhibit on the field we feel these gatherings will work to bring us all even closer off the field.

### *Charity*

Starting in 2008 the LNFA will be using our passion for football to help make a difference in our community. It is a major goal of the LNFA to be seen as a model for Men's League Football both on and off the field.

All fines applied by the LNFA will be paid to Little Feet, a non-profit organization which sends footballs (soccer balls) to under developed countries. In addition to fines; in the months of April and November we will be having drives to raise money for Little Feet. Our players will be able to get online after these drives to vote by choosing from a couple of options where our balls will be sent to that we were able to purchase during the drive. You can read more about Little Feet by visiting our website and clicking on the Little Feet link.

Each club will be asked to pair with another club to sponsor a soldier in the United States Military through the Soldiers Angels program which you can read more about by visiting our website and clicking on the Soldiers Angels link. Regardless of your political views our men and woman in uniform work everyday to provide us with the security we enjoy. The LNFA stands firmly behind the men and women of our Armed Forces.

### **[www.lagunaniguelfa.com](http://www.lagunaniguelfa.com)**

LagunaNiguelFA.com is the Association's website. Here you can find information about the LNFA. In addition to updated LNFA News you can also find World Soccer News from the BBC and Soccernet.com. Below these two RSS feeds you will also find a link to a site which lists all of the local TV Listings for your favorite big games from around the world at both the club and international levels.

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