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MOTION

Title: Designation of Captain(s) and safety/suitability of shinguards
Date: 10-28-24
Agenda Request by: Rich Pagliarli
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Does this item have a fiscal impact on the Organization? ___Yes <u>X</u> No If yes, provide detailed cost impacts/projections for consideration.
Additional Documentation Attached? ___Yes <u>X</u> No
Bylaw/Rules & Regs # <u>X</u> or Proposed # _____
Effective Date of Proposed Change: Immediately upon approval

RECOMMENDED MOTION LANGUAGE:

Motion is to add the underlined language to the National Rules and Regulations in order to incorporate the 2024/25 IFAB Laws of the Game modification that requires a team’s captain to wear an armband as authorized by the relevant competition organizer, that requires the designation of a team captain on the field of play, and obligates players to be responsible for the size and suitability of shinguards as follows:

I. MATCH CONDUCT

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E. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF COACHES, REFEREES, OFFICIALS, OTHER VOLUNTEERS, SPECTATORS, TEAM MEMBERS AND OTHER PARTICIPANTS

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2. It shall also be the duty of each coach to:

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- e. Ensure that a player is designated as the captain on the field of play, but is not required to be wearing a Captain's armband.

VI. PLAYERS' EQUIPMENT

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- D. Team members must wear shinguards that provide a reasonable degree of protection, and that are completely covered by their socks, to participate in any practice or match. Though the Laws of the Game impose responsibility for the size and suitability of shinguards upon the players, the referee will remain responsible for determining the safety of each player's equipment. The lone exception is sanctioned beach futsal soccer tournament play where players may opt out of wearing shinguards.

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- G. AYSO does not require the use of Captain armbands. They are optional, but when used, shall be to identify the captain of the team on the field of play.