

DELTA YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE, INC.

ARTICLES AND BYLAWS

ARTICLE I - NAME

This non-profit organization shall be known as the Delta Youth Soccer League, Inc. hereafter referred to as the DYSL.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

The purpose of the DYSL shall be to develop, promote and administer the game of soccer among youth without regard to race, religion, color, creed, sex or national origin.

ARTICLE III - AREA

The area shall consist of Antioch, Pittsburg, Bay Point and adjacent unincorporated areas.

ARTICLE IV - COLORS

The representative colors of the DYSL shall be red and black.

ARTICLE V - AFFILIATION

The DYSL shall be affiliated and comply with the authority to the California Youth Soccer Association hereafter referred to as the CYSA, insofar as the authority does not conflict with Federal or State authority. The DYSL may also affiliate with other youth organizations not in conflict with the DYSL stated concepts.

ARTICLE VI - AUTHORITY

The DYSL shall be governed by its Articles, By-Laws, and rules of Play and Procedures, except when the Rules of Play are superseded by the CYSA.

ARTICLE VII - GOVERNING AUTHORITY

Section 1. The governing body, hereafter to be known as the Board of Directors, shall be composed of at least 17 members. No board meeting shall be held without a quorum of nine (9) board members being present. The Board shall be comprised of, but not limited to:

- A. President
- B. Vice-President
- C. Secretary

- D. Treasurer
- E. Fields Director
- F. Equipment Director
- G. U6 Developmental Age Group Director
- H. U8 Developmental Age Group Director
- I. Boy's League Director
- J. Competition Director
- K. Girl's League Director
- L. Registrar
- M. Assistant Registrar
- N. Referee Coordinator
- O. Training Coordinator
- P. Competition Registrar *(added 12/04)*
- Q. Special Events Coordinator *(added 12/04)*
- R. TOP Soccer Director *(added 12/05)*

Section 2. The Board of Directors shall be responsible for, and have sole authority, upon casting a minimum of nine (9) votes to:

- A. Insure that the DYSL operates within the framework of the Articles.
- B. Decide all matters of policy.
- C. Create committees; decide matters of finance and have yearly audits conducted; impose dues and/or fees and fines as in their opinion are required to operate the DYSL.
- D. Adopt and publish a "Schedule of Play".
- E. Promulgate and publish "Rules of Play" annually. The "Rules of Play" will specifically outline rules of play, conduct and other game procedures.
- F. As necessary, make temporary rules or regulations for specific cases or occasions which are not provided for in the Articles, By-Laws, Rules of Play or procedures but which are deemed necessary to carry out the objectives of the DYSL.
- G. Amend or revoke the "Schedule of Play".
- H. Approve selection of coaches, assistant coaches and team coordinators.
- I. Remove officers, members, coaches, assistant coaches, and team coordinators with due cause.
- J. Hold sole responsibility for interpreting and enforcing the Articles, By-Laws, Rules of Play and Procedures of this League.
- K. Act within thirty (30) days upon any motion made and passed.
- L.

Section 3. Delta Youth Soccer League Conflict-of-Interest Policy and Procedures:

Delta Youth Soccer League Board Members have an obligation to conduct business within guidelines that prohibit actual, potential or perceived conflicts of interest. This policy establishes only the framework within which Delta Youth Soccer League wishes business to operate. The purpose of these guidelines is to provide general direction so that the Board Members can seek further clarification on these issues related to the subject of acceptable standards of operation.

An actual, potential or perceived conflict of interest occurs when a Board Member is in a position to influence a decision, whether directly or indirectly, that may result in a personal gain or gain for an organization they control or have a financial interest as a result of Delta Youth Soccer League's business dealings.

Conflict of interest may also result when a Board Member uses his or her knowledge gained from Board activities for his or her personal benefit. The best interest of Delta Youth Soccer League shall always be the first priority in all decisions and actions. If any decision is made by a Board Member in which a potential conflict of interest occurs that Board Member shall abstain from participation in said decision.

No presumption of a conflict is created by the mere existence of a relationship with outside firms. However, if a Board Member has any influence on any material business transactions it is imperative that he or she discloses to the Board of Directors of the Delta Youth Soccer League as soon as possible the existence of any actual, potential, or perceived conflicts of interest so that safeguards can be established to protect all parties.

Any potential conflict of interest issue shall be presented to the president of Delta Youth Soccer League in writing either directly or through any other Board Member. The documentation should include any evidence, statements from interested parties or other information necessary to investigating and resolving the conflict. The president shall appoint a committee, and shall be the chair of said committee, within seven (7) days to review the materials. In the event either the president is not available or is a party to the matter the vice president shall preside over the committee. The committee shall make a determination with respect to the validity or seriousness of the claim as soon as is reasonably possible. A report shall be made to the Board of Directors as soon as a resolution is made.

The Board shall determine whether a conflict exists and is material, and in the presence of a conflict of interest, whether actual, potential, or perceived, the contemplated transactions may be authorized as just, fair and reasonable to Delta Youth Soccer League. The decision of the Board on these matters will rest in their sole discretion, and their concern must be the welfare of Delta Youth Soccer League and its membership.

If a conflict should occur, the Board shall decide the seriousness of the conflict and initiate appropriate course of action consistent with the Delta Youth Soccer Leagues bylaws. *(entire section added 12/08)*

- Section 4. The Board of Directors shall meet from time to time upon call of the President, but not less than once each month. Meetings should be held in such a place as to accommodate membership attendance.
- Section 5. For the purpose of transacting business a minimum of eight votes must be cast either by the Board of Directors or as set down by Articles VIII, Section 9 or 10.
- Section 6. Regular membership meetings shall be held twice monthly during July and August and at least once monthly the remaining months on a day set by the Board of Directors at the beginning of the year. *(revised 12/2007)*
- Section 7. For the purpose of transacting business at a membership meeting a quorum of twelve (12) voting members (in good standing) must be present.

**ARTICLE VIII - ELECTIONS, INSTALLATION TO OFFICE, TERM OF OFFICE,
ABSENCE OF BOARD MEMBER OR CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

- Section 1. Each of the Board of Directors shall be elected at the “Annual General Meeting” and installed in office at the first general meeting in January, with the exception of the Competition Teams Director. The Competition Teams Director will be installed at the first general meeting following the end of the competitive season.
- Section 2. Nominating Committee: The Board shall appoint three members (in good standing, but not Board members) to act as a Nominating Committee. It shall be the duty of this committee to present a list of not less than thirteen candidates before the membership at least one meeting prior to the “Annual General Meeting”.
- Section 3. Additional nominations may be made from the floor at the election. Persons placing a name in nomination must have the nominee’s prior consent to do so.
- Section 4. To be elected to the Board a member must be in good standing at the time of the election or the appointment. Good standing for a member will be defined as any member not currently serving any disciplinary action. This includes, suspension or probation. *(added 12/08)*
- Section 4. The Secretary will conduct a check-in roll call as members arrive at the “Annual General Meeting”, and after signing in, each member shall be issued a ballot.
- Section 5. At the “Annual General Meeting” each member shall have one (1) vote for each director to be elected but may cast only one (1) vote for any one (1) candidate. Those candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected to the Board of Directors.
- Section 6. Candidates shall be introduced by the President and a short statement, not to exceed two (2) minutes would be desired. Election shall be by secret ballot. A member need not be present to cast a ballot. Absentee ballots may be obtained from the Secretary and cast, but must be presented to the Secretary in a sealed envelope prior to the start of the “Annual General Meeting”. Eligible voting members may vote with an online or emailed ballot. Online password will be assigned upon request within thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting. Emailed ballot must be requested by eligible voter by email to DYSL secretary within thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting. Ballot must be cast no later than five (5) days prior to annual meeting to be counted. All voted ballots must be certified by the President and kept by the Secretary for a period of not less than sixty (60) days. *(Revised 12/06)*
- Section 7. All Directors shall serve for a period of one (1) year. Any Board member who misses three consecutive meetings without due cause shall be terminated. The position will be filled according to ARTICLE VIII, Section 8.
- Section 8. Any vacancy on the Board of Directors, occurring during the year, shall be filled by election at the earliest general meeting following the vacancy: duration of office shall be for the balance of the period indicated in ARTICLE VIII, Section 7. The Board of Directors shall appoint a new Director or chairperson to sit pro-tempore pending said election.
- Section 9. If, in the opinion of the Board of Directors, there arises any circumstances where there is any possibility of a conflict of interest whereby a board member is directly involved in a protest, or other matters, that member of the Board shall disqualify himself from any such hearing and the Board of Directors shall appoint a pro-tempore member, as per Section 8, to sit on the Board or committee for the subject hearing.

ARTICLE IX - MEMBERSHIP AND VOTING RIGHTS

Section 1. Membership

- A. Each team coach, one (1) assistant coach, and one (1) team coordinator shall be voting members of the DYSL for the seasonal year for which they are serving in this capacity. All properly registered players shall be considered non-voting members.
- B. Each Director and any committee chairperson, vice-chairperson, or referee who has attended at least eight house league or competition league games shall be a member of the DYSL.

Section 2. Voting Rights

- A. Each member as per Section 1 shall have voting rights. The “seasonal year” shall commence September 1. A list of all voting members will be kept by the Secretary throughout the seasonal year.

Section 3. All members shall abide by the Articles, By-Laws and Procedures of the DYSL, all Rules of Play set forth by the Board of Directors and all applicable rules and regulations of the CYSA.

Section 4. Members of the DYSL will not be permitted to state or imply that they have the permission to act as agents of the DYSL without prior approval of the Board of Directors to do so.

ARTICLE X - OFFICER'S DUTIES

The officers of the DYSL and their duties shall be:

President

- A. To preside at all meetings, preserve order, receive all questions and announce the decision of same.
- B. Shall provide leadership, inspiration and guidance for the DYSL's programs.
- C. To have the power to call meetings and appoint the chairperson of any special sub-committee, be ex officio member of all committees and attend CYSA Board meetings.
- D. Authorized to co-sign DYSL checks.
- E. Shall not vote on any question except when the members are equally divided.
- F. Appointment Audit sub-committee to review league financial records and report back to Board annually. *(added 12/2007)*

Qualifications: A member of the DYSL for a minimum of two (2) years.

Vice-President

- A. To preside in the absence of the President and perform the duties of that office, assist the President in the operations of said office.
- B. To head the Ways and Means committee and appoint committee chairperson within thirty (30) days of each seasonal year.
- C. Authorized to co-sign DYSL checks.

Qualifications: A member for the DYSL for a minimum of two (2) years.

Secretary

- A. To keep accurate records of the meetings and maintain complete minutes of the DYSL.
- B. To keep an updated register of all voting members.
- C. To handle communications with outside organizations and give notice within the DYSL of meetings.
- D. To make available at all meetings the Articles, By-Laws, Procedures, Rules of Play, incoming mail binder and minutes of meetings for the previous twelve (12) months.

Qualifications: A member of the DYSL for a minimum of one (1) year.

Treasurer

- A. To keep and maintain adequate and correct amounts of all properties and business transactions of the DYSL.
- B. To keep accounts open to inspection, by any Board member or audit committee established by the Board of Directors, at all times.
- C. To give receipt of all moneys, which shall be deposited in a recognized bank in the name of the DYSL. Shall disburse funds as may be ordered by the Board of Directors, by check. Checks written out to Treasurer shall bear two (2) signatures, that of the President or Vice-President and that of the Treasurer. *(revised 12/2007)*
- D. Responsible for the preparing of any and all papers pursuant to the ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION and tax exemption status of the league for the year that was served.
- E. To prepare and give quarterly income and expense statements. Be prepared to give a treasurer's report at all general meetings. Shall also prepare an operating budget analysis by the start of the seasonal year.
- F. Shall be bonded for approximately twice the operating budget by a reputable bonding agency, whose fees shall be paid by the DYSL.
- G. Responsible for maintaining finances for all competition teams and sending out regular financial reports to competition coaches. *(revised 12/07)*
- H. Shall make available financial reports, check request forms, and receipts for audit committee. *(add 12/2007)*

Qualifications: a member of the DYSL for a minimum of one (1) year. Shall have a basic bookkeeping knowledge and be bondable.

Fields Director

- A. To obtain sites for game play and practice and shall insure that all fields are properly marked, prior to the start of regularly scheduled league games.
- B. Assign practice sites and times for all DYSL teams.
- C. Shall arrange to set up and take down field equipment for all home games. *(revised 12/04)*

Qualifications: A member of the DYSL for one (1) year.

Equipment Director

- A. To order all equipment necessary to run the playing portion of soccer, i.e. order balls, uniforms, nets, goals, etc. And, to maintain this equipment and keep an inventory of such issue, and collect equipment.
- B. To keep and maintain correct records of the DYSL's equipment. Equipment shall be maintained in safe, usable condition, and new equipment, uniforms, trophies ordered, as needed, with concurrence of the Board of Directors.
- C. To assist the Home and Competition Team Directors, as needed.
- D. Shall publish and distribute at the Annual General Meeting an inventory of all League equipment.

Qualifications: A member of the DYSL for a minimum of (1) year.

Boy's League Director

- A. Shall prepare game and field schedule.
- B. Maintain a complete list of all teams, players and coaches and assistant coaches.
- C. Responsible for recruiting the best qualified coaching personnel available.
- D. Assist the Training coordinator in encouraging and facilitating the training of all Boys League coaches.
- E. Insure that coaches and parents abide by the "Procedures" and "Rules of Play" for the age group and the DYSL.
- F. Make every effort to ensure coaches and sideline participants, under their charge, demonstrate appropriate behavior at all times.*(revised 12/03)*

Qualifications: A member of the DYSL for a minimum of (1) year.

Competition Team Director

- A. Responsible for the operation, maintenance and overall supervision of the Competition League.
- B. To CONDUCT AND SUPERVISE all tryouts to insure all players desiring to participate in the Competition League program are afforded the opportunity.
- C. To maintain records of all team scores and league standings.
- D. Assist the Training coordinator in encouraging and facilitating the training of all Competition Coaches.
- E. Make every effort to ensure that coaches and sideline participants, under their charge, demonstrate appropriate behavior at all times.
- F. Conduct periodic meetings, but not less than two per playing season, of Competition Coaches to discuss issues pertaining specifically to the competitive program.
- G. Enforce all registration deadlines as established by the Competition Registrar. *(added 12/06)*

Qualifications: A member of the DYSL for a minimum of (1) year and have a minimum of three (3) years experience coaching soccer.

Girls League Director

- A. Shall prepare game and field schedule. Maintain a complete list of all teams, players and coaches and assistant coaches.

- B. Responsible for recruiting the best qualified coaching personnel available.
- C. Assist the Training coordinator in encouraging and facilitating the training of all Girls League coaches.
- D. Insure that coaches and parents abide by the “Procedures” and “Rules of Play” for the age group and the DYSL.
- E. Make every effort to ensure coaches and sideline participants, under their charge, demonstrate appropriate behavior at all times.

Qualifications: A member of the DYSL for a minimum of (1) year.

U6 Developmental Age Group Director

- A. Shall prepare game and field schedule. Maintain a complete list of all teams, players, coaches and assistant coaches.
- B. Insure a progressive skills program is maintained. Assist all coaches in carrying out this program.
- C. Shall be responsible for acquisition and training of U6 Developmental Age Group coaches.
(revised 12/03)
- D. Insure that coaches and parents abide by the “Procedures” and “Rules of Play” for the age group and the DYSL.

Qualifications: A member of the DYSL for a minimum of (1) year.

U8 Developmental Age Group Director

- A. Shall prepare game and field schedule. Maintain a complete list of all teams, players, coaches and assistant coaches.
- B. Insure a progressive skills program is maintained. Assist all coaches in carrying out this program.
- C. Shall be responsible for acquisition and training of U8 Developmental Age Group coaches.
(Revised 12/03)
- D. Insure that coaches and parents abide by the “Procedures” and “Rules of Play” for the age group and the DYSL.

Qualifications: A member of the DYSL for a minimum of (1) year.

Registrar

- A. Shall be responsible for learning specified rules set down by District IV and/or CYSA concerning registration procedures for that year.
- B. Shall be responsible for setting dates, times and procedures for registration of DYSL players.
- C. Shall be responsible for setting deadlines for competition team registration.
- D. In cooperation with the Home league Directors, shall be responsible for setting dates, time and location of the Home league draw.
- E. Shall be responsible for the Home League draw and to see that all Home League teams are drawn in accordance with Procedures, Article VI.
- F. Shall be responsible for registration of players and teams from the DYSL in affiliation with District IV and CYSA.

- G. Shall be responsible for registration of any paper teams and transfer players to competition teams after the Home League season.
- H. Shall keep accurate list of injuries of DYSL players, coaches and referees for the current season.

Qualifications: A member of the DYSL for a minimum of (1) year. Should have basic filing knowledge and typing skills are highly recommended.

Assistant Registrar

- A. Shall assist the Registrar in the performance of his/her duties.
- B. Perform any other duties as might be directed by the Board of Directors.

Qualifications: A member of the DYSL for a minimum of (1) year. Should have basic filing knowledge and typing skills are highly recommended.

Comp. Registrar

- A. Shall be responsible for learning specified rules set down by District IV and/or CYSA concerning registration procedures for that year.
- B. Shall be responsible for setting deadlines for competition team registration.
- C. Shall be responsible for registration of players, coaches, and teams from the DYSL in affiliation with District IV and CYSA.
- D. Shall be responsible for registration of any teams and transfer players to competition teams after Home League season.
- E. Shall keep accurate list of injuries of DYSL players, coaches, and referees of the current season.

Qualifications: A member of the DYSL for a minimum of two (2) years. Should be familiar with District and CYSA registration and competition guidelines.

(Comp registrar added 12/04)

Referee Director

- A. Shall maintain a current list of all qualified referees.
- B. Responsible for training of referees to include scheduling of referee clinics and refresher courses.
- C. Conduct periodic meetings, but not less than one per playing season, of referees to discuss the Laws of the Game, Rules of Play and referee administrative matters. *(revised 12/08)*
- D. Be responsible for establishing policy for the assignment of referees to games. Ensure no referee is assigned to games in his or her playing division.
- E. Form and be the Chairperson of the Disciplinary Committee.
- F. Assign referees a password and instruct them how to sign up online for games only appropriate to their skill level. *(revised 12/06)*
- G. In conjunction with the appropriate age group directors, create a “Rules of the Game” list for U6 and U8 Developmental Age Groups, Boys’ and Girls’ League to hand out to parents. *(new 12/03)*

Qualifications: Minimum of two years experience as a referee and hold a current Class 8 (or better) license.

Training coordinator

- A. Maintain a complete list of DYSL coaches and assistant coaches.
- B. Set-up and administer all CYSA coaching classes and other coaching classes.
- C. Assist in the registration of DYSL coaches and assistant coaches.
- D. Maintain a list of DYSL coaches with CYSA certification and/or other qualified certification and their current certification.
- E. Assist other officers and coaches with matters concerning coaching.

Qualifications: Minimum of two years experience as a DYSL coach and hold an "E" coach certification or better.

Special Events Coordinator

- A. Responsible for setting up committees for all extra league activities, including but not limited to, summer camp (s) and the Delta Invitational.

(Special Events Coordinator added 12/04)

TOP Soccer Director

- A. Shall prepare game and field schedule. Maintain a complete list of all teams, players, coaches and assistant coaches.
- B. Insure a progressive skills program is maintained. Assist all coaches in carrying out this program.
- C. Shall be responsible for acquisition and training of TOPSoccer coaches
- D. Insure that coaches and parents abide by the "Procedures" and "Rules of Play" for the age group and the DYSL.

Qualifications: A member of the DYSL for a minimum of one (1) year. Should be familiar with working with children having special needs.

(TOP Soccer Director added 12/05)

ARTICLE XI - ADDITIONAL OFFICERS

- Section 1. Within thirty (30) days of the beginning of each seasonal year, the Board of Directors shall prepare an organizational chart outlining the administrative operations of the DYSL and appoint officers as needed. The positions should include, but not be limited to, the following: Ways and Means, Publicity and Telephone Committee, Assistant Age Group Directors and Registrars' Assistants. *(Revised 12/03)*
- Section 2. Changes and/or additions to established officers can be made at any time by the Board of Directors, in order to insure the working efficiency of the DYSL.
- Section 3. All officers will exercise the duties assigned to them by the Board of Directors. The organizational chart, names, officers and duties assigned will be published to the membership by the first day of Home League play.

Section 4. Ad Hoc Committee

All Ad Hoc Committees will be dissolved at the completion of their task.

Section 5. Disciplinary Committee

- A. The committee shall have the following make up:
A minimum of 3 members from the following groups with members from at least two groups.
One coach from the Competition League
One coach from the Developmental Age Group
Two coaches from the Home League
One Referee *(revised 12/08)*
- B. The Referee Coordinator shall head the Disciplinary Committee and shall make all findings and recommendations to the Board of Directors within 72 hours of convening.
- C. No other member of the Board of Directors may serve on this committee.
- D. The purpose of this committee is to act on all discipline issues in the Boy's League, Girl's League, Under 8 & Under 6 programs. The committee may be assigned additional duties by the Board of Directors.
- E. The board has the option to hear and rule directly with discipline issues. *(added 12/08)*

ARTICLE XII - COACHES, ASSISTANT COACHES AND TEAM COORDINATORS

Section 1. The teams will operate under the supervision of the Board of Directors, team coaches and assistant coaches. Coaches will be approved by the Board of Directors; assistant coaches and team coordinators will be appointed by the team coach and are subject to approval by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Coaches and assistant coaches will be responsible for:

- A. The training of team players to play the game of soccer.
- B. Instill good sportsmanship in all players and parents affiliated with their team. *(New 12/03)*
- C. The conduct of the team, its players and THEIR PARENTS.
- D. Team Coordinator.
- E. Accepting the position of coach or assistant coach with the understanding that they will serve in this capacity, and as a member of the DYSL for an entire seasonal year of play.
- F. Ensure at least one adult representative from their team attends every coaches meeting during the season. Adult can be a coach, assistant coach, team coordinator, or another parent in good standing. *(New 12/03)*
- G. The coach may forfeit their rights to coach if they fail to attend the mandatory pre-draw meeting. It is acceptable for the team's assistant coach, sponsor, or team parent to substitute for the coach. The age group coordinator must be notified by the coach who will attend prior to the draw.
- H. Demonstrating progressive knowledge of the game of soccer by attending CYSA sponsored coaching license courses, league sponsored clinics, and referee license courses during their affiliation with the league.

Section 3. Team Coordinator will be responsible for communications between coaches, team players and parents. Organize refreshments and aid the team in any capacity as designated.

Section 4 Minimum qualifications for “NEW” coaches to DYSL

- U6 All first year coaches must attend DYSL Age Group Directors coaching clinic.
(Revised 12/03)
- U8 Attend Rules Clinic held by Age Group Director prior to first scheduled season game *(revised 12/08)*
All first year coaches must attend DYSL Age Group Directors coaching clinic.
(Revised 12/03)
- U10-U19 Attend Rules Clinic held by Age Group Director prior to first scheduled season game *(revised 12/08)*
All first year coaches must attend DYSL Age Group Directors coaching clinic.
(Revised 12/03)

Minimum qualifications for returning coaches affiliated with DYSL

All coaches must be in good standing with DYSL

- U6 Enroll in a CYSA License Program
Attend DYSL Age Group Director’s coaching clinic
- U8 Attend Rules Clinic held by Age Group Director prior to first scheduled season game *(revised 12/08)*
Enroll in a CYSA License Program
Attend DYSL Age Group Director’s coaching clinic
- U10 Attain CYSA “F” License within one year, must attain prior to moving up into next age group
Attend Rules Clinic held by Age Group Director prior to first scheduled season game *(revised 12/08)*
Attend DYSL Age Group Director’s coaching clinic
- U12 Attain CYSA “E” License within one year, must attain prior to moving up into next age group
Attend Rules Clinic held by Age Group Director prior to first scheduled season game *(revised 12/08)*
Attend DYSL Age Group Director’s coaching clinic
- U14-U19 Hold CYSA “E” License
Hold a current Referee License Grade 9 or better within 1 year of seasonal play.
Written evidence of a current license will be turned into the age group director before a team is granted. *(revised 12/08)*

ARTICLE XIII - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING/SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

Section 1. Annual General Meeting

- A. Within 45 days from the beginning of each Home League season, the President, with the

concurrence of the Board of Directors, shall call for an Annual General Meeting of the membership to be held not later than two (2) weeks after the last scheduled Home League game.

- B. Notifications of all members shall be made at least thirty (30) days prior to said meeting.
- C. Order of business at the Annual General Meeting shall be:
 - (1) Call to Order
 - (2) Approval of Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting.
 - (3) Board of Director's Reports.
 - (4) Proposals for changes to the Articles, By-Laws, Rules of Play and Procedures, as provided for in Article XV.
 - (5) Such other business desired by the Board of Directors and/or membership. Agenda for other business items must be presented in writing to the Chairperson of the Board not less than one (1) week before the announced Annual General Meeting.
 - (6) Vote on proposed changes.
 - (7) Elections of the Board of Directors.
 - (8) Adjournment.

Section 2. Special General Meetings

Special General Meetings can be called by the Board of Directors to conduct urgent business requiring action by the membership. A voting member may also request the Board to call a Special General Meeting. This request will be in writing. Notification of all members shall be made as soon as practical, indicating the purpose/nature of the meeting.

ARTICLE XIV - DISMISSAL OF BOARD DIRECTOR(S)

Section 1. New Election by Petition

A new election of the Board of Directors may be called if a petition is submitted to the Directors at any general meeting of the membership. The election shall be held within thirty (30) days from that date and the new Directors shall be installed on the day of the election. If the Directors do not accept the petition as valid, it will then be immediately submitted to CYSA for documentation. The number of signatures required to call for a new election will be 1/3 of the voting membership.

Section 2. Removal of Individual Directors from Office

Any Director that does not perform the job designated or uses his or her position to gain an unfair advantage in league play, may be removed from office by a vote of nine (9) of the seventeen (17) remaining Directors or by fifty-one percent (51%) of the voting membership by petition. If a member is removed, a special election will be called and held within thirty (30) days. An officer will be appointed by the President to act in the capacity of the Director until a new Director is elected. Membership shall be notified two (2) weeks prior to the elections, in writing. *(revised 12/04)*

ARTICLE XV - AMENDMENTS TO THE ARTICLES, BYLAWS, RULES OF PLAY AND/OR PROCEDURES

Section 1. Amendments to the Articles and By-Laws of the DYSL shall be made at the Annual General Meeting.

- Section 2. Amendments to the Procedures and/or Rules of Play may be made at a Special General Meeting or at the Annual General Meeting.
- Section 3. If, in the opinion of the Board of Directors, an amendment is deemed absolutely necessary to the working efficiency of the DYSL, the Secretary shall inform the membership of a special vote taking place.
- Section 4. Notice of intended alterations or amendments shall be delivered to the Secretary in writing and read to the membership at two (2) regular meetings previous to action being taken thereon, the Secretary shall keep a record of all additions, alterations or amendments which may be made.
- Section 5. An amendment to the Articles and By-laws shall be deemed adopted by an affirmative vote of 2/3 of the voting membership present at the Annual General Meeting. An amendment to the Rules of Play or Procedures shall be deemed adopted by an affirmative vote of fifty-one percent (51%) of the voting membership present at the Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting.

ARTICLE XVI - PARLIMENTARY AUTHORITY

- Section 1. Order of Business shall be:
- A. Roll Call of Board Members
 - B. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.
 - C. Correspondence or communications.
 - D. Director's reports shall be limited to five minutes, with a question and answer period of five minutes during which time the general membership may make inquiries.
 - E. Reports of Standing Committees.
 - F. Unfinished business.
 - G. Reports of Special Committees.
 - H. New business.
 - I. Good of Soccer.
 - J. Adjournment.
- Section 2. Robert's Rules of Order
- Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the proceedings of all meetings and committees of the Delta Youth Soccer League, Inc., except as herein otherwise provided.
- Section 3. Privilege of Debate
- A member shall have the privilege of debating each issue for a period of two (2) minutes only. The President will have the authority to table an issue whenever it is deemed necessary.

ARTICLE XVII - DISSOLUTION

Should the DYSL be dissolved, all assets remaining after payment of all debts shall be turned over to any successor organization(s) in equal amounts. In the event there are no successor organization(s), all remaining assets will be turned over to the CYSA for the expressed purpose of the development of Youth Soccer.

ARTICLE XVIII - LACK OF KNOWLEDGE OF THE RULES

A plea of ignorance of the Articles, By-Laws, Rules of Play and/or Procedures approved and published by the Board of Directors is not valid; violators may expect appropriate disciplinary action by the Board of Directors of the League.

It shall be presumed that all members are aware of the provisions of the Articles, By-Laws, Rules of Play and the Procedures published by the Board of Directors of this League.

DELTA YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE, INC.

PROCEDURES

ARTICLE I - AUTHORITIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. The Rules and Regulations contained herein shall govern members of the Delta Youth Soccer League (also known as the DYSL), in all cases in which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with the By-Laws of the DYSL or CYSA.
- B. It is the responsibility of each team to insure that its actions on and off the field do not bring disrespect upon the DYSL.
- C. The Board of Directors, by a majority vote, shall have the right and authority to reprimand, suspend, or bar completely any player, coach, assistant coach, or member of the DYSL who, while acting in an official League capacity conducts himself in a manner as to disrupt the operation or impair the name of the League, subject to due process as detailed in Article XII, Section I. And/or Article XIII, Sections A. through E. *(Revised 12/03)*

ARTICLE II - REGISTRATION

- A. All players shall be duly registered with the DYSL before they are allowed to participate in League functions. Board member's children shall have their home league registration fees paid by the league.
- B. All players are required to submit a properly completed DYSL application form, accompanied by the registration fees. All players must provide a certified birth certificate or passport before application will be accepted. All players in the Competition Leagues, Boys' and Girls' leagues U-12 and older must provide a head shot photograph before application will be accepted. Falsification of records shall be grounds for disbaring from further participation and/or membership in the DYSL. *(Revised 12/03)*
- C. Any player in the DYSL who signs a letter of intent, a professional contract or is playing with a professional or semi-professional team without permission of the Board of Directors, shall be declared a professional player and lose all privileges of youth status in this league.
- D. Any parent or guardian who registers their child(ren) with DYSL, shall sign and obey the DYSL parent contract. Violations of this code of conduct may result in disciplinary action. *(Revised 12/06)*
- E. Priority of applicants shall be as follows:
 - 1. Players who played the previous season who are in good standing with the league and who have their registration in before the deadline set by DYSL. *(revised 12/06)*
 - 2. Players who were on the previous year's waiting list but weren't placed on a team.
 - 3. New players whose parents are willing to be a coach or assistant coach of a team.
 - 4. Players who played in a league the previous season in another location.
 - 5. Players who haven't previously played in any league.

ARTICLE III - FEES, DONATIONS AND REFUNDS

- A. Fees for sponsorship and player registration shall be established by the Board of Directors.
- B. All sponsorship fees shall be made directly to the DYSL, not the individual team. Any other donations, with the exception of food and drink, shall be approved by the Board of Directors.
- C. No refunds shall be issued after a player has received their game uniform. Exceptions may be considered at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IV - UNIFORMS

- A. All uniforms used by the DYSL players will be furnished by the DYSL and will remain the property of the DYSL until the player has completed the playing season.
- B. If the DYSL has not furnished warm-up outfits for the Competition League in the designated league colors, each team will be allowed to purchase their own (in designated league colors, if possible).
- C. Uniforms will not be custom ordered by the league unless approved by the age group director. *(added 12/06)*
- D. Uniforms will not be ordered based on style or preference, but only in cases where child cannot reasonably fit into any uniform on hand. *(added 12/06)*

ARTICLE V - COMPETITION LEAGUE

MISSION STATEMENT

It shall be the mission of the Competitive Division of the Delta Youth Soccer League to provide an opportunity for all players who so desire, to compete at the highest soccer levels personally achievable while fostering a safe, encouraging, supportive environment. To develop each individual's skills to the highest level possible, to teach sportsmanship at all times, to teach respect for the game and for every opponent. And to always make every effort to prepare each player for the next step in their soccer career and their life. *(added 12/08)*

General

- A. All competition teams shall adhere to the rules and regulations as established by either District IV of the CYSA or directly by the CYSA. Where the DYSL bylaws conflict with those of the CYSA, the CYSA bylaws shall be enforced.
- B. All players shall have the right to leave a competition team at their discretion. If a player chooses to play in the home league, they may do so providing a roster spot is available and the transfer does not violate any other DYSL or CYSA rules or regulations.
- C. Once a player is rostered on a Class IV team, that player is ineligible to play on a competition team until the home league season has concluded.
- D. All coaches must meet the minimum coaching standards as established by the DYSL and/or CYSA. The Competition Director shall advise any coach not meeting the minimum requirements of the nature of the

problem and provide assistance in resolving the deficiency. Minimum coaching standards to include, but not limited to: 1. Have served as a head coach of a DYSL home league team for at least one (1) season. 2. Hold a CYSA "E" license or better or be registered for and pass course prior to submission of paperwork to District. 3. Hold and maintain a current referee license Grade 8 or better within one (1) year of receiving team. 4. In good standing with DYSL and District. 5. Volunteer with DYSL in another capacity. *(revised 12/08)*

- E. All players and coaches are subject to DYSL disciplinary action without respect to any action taken by District IV of the CYSA or the CYSA directly. All such action is subject to the provisions detailed in the DYSL bylaws under Articles XII and XIII.
- F. All coaches are responsible for notifying the Competition Director, Competition Registrar, and President of all send offs for players and coaches within five (5) days of the infraction. *(added 12/07)*

G. Class I Flighting:

Teams that finish in the bottom two spots of league play and do not perform well in tournaments will be relegated back to Class III the following season.

Class III Flighting:

Existing Teams:

Teams placing in the top half of the gold flight or top two positions of the silver flight will be encouraged to advance into Class I. Teams placing at the top of the bronze flight and competes well in tournament play (a minimum of two tournaments), will be encouraged to move up to the next Class III or Class I division as appropriate.

DYSL teams finishing in the bottom spots in the bronze division shall not be flighted higher than bronze the following year. In addition, the comp committee shall review the team's performance and other circumstances to determine the appropriate level of play. Teams finishing in the bottom spots in two consecutive years shall be relegated to Class IV. The exceptions to this would be changes in coaching or other factors considered significant. *(added 12/08)*

Team/Coach Selection

- H. The Competition Director shall provide to the Board of Directors, for its' approval, a list of teams and coaches applying for the Competition League, not less than thirty (30) days prior to the first tryout.
- I. Information submitted to the Board shall include the following:
 - 1. Names of all coaches for each team.
 - 2. The license levels for each coach.
 - 3. The league and class the team played in the prior year.
 - 4. The win-loss record earned during league play.
 - 5. Any other information that should be considered in the selection process.
 - 6. Attendance record at general and competition coaches meetings for the prior-playing season. *(added 12/04)*
 - 7. Number of games refereed based on overall team participation. *(added 12/04)*

To be approved, competition teams must have a minimum number of two (2) licensed adult referees on roster. *(added 12/06 as required in CYSA rules)*

- J. The Board shall take action within 48 hours of submission by the Competition Director. The Board shall have the authority to implement or recommend changes to the list submitted by the Competition Director.
- K. The Competition Director shall notify the teams/coaches of the Board's decision within 48 hours of the Board's action.
- L. Any coach wishing to appeal the Board's decision may do so by following the procedures outlined in Article XIII – Protests and Appeals.
- M. The league registrar shall establish a date prior to which all teams must have their rosters submitted to the league. The information shall be complete and include registration forms, player birth certificates and player and coach pictures. Any team failing to meet this deadline shall forfeit their league tournament money for the current playing season.

Try-Outs

- N. The Competition Director shall determine try-out dates and publish the dates, not less than thirty days prior to the first try-out. All try-out activities shall be under the direction of the Competition Director. *(revised 12/08)*
- O. Coaches shall be notified of the specific time and location of their try-outs not less than fourteen (14) days prior to the try-outs.
- P. All players who sign-up for try-outs at league registrations shall be contacted by the Competition Director and the date and result of that contact shall be noted on the sign-up sheet.
- Q. A minimum of three try-outs shall be established for each age group in which the DYSL anticipates fielding a team. Unless amended by the Board of Directors, each player, without exception, must attend at least two of the scheduled try-outs. For any player not attending try-outs, any and all district required registration information shall not be processed prior to the first scheduled match, unless all other coaches in that age group approve the addition of the player.
- R. Representatives from all teams in a given age group may attend the try-outs for their age groups.

Player Eligibility and Selection

- S. Eligible players shall be defined as follows:
 - 1. Have completed a registration form and paid the registration fee or arranged for payment of the registration fee through the league registrar.
 - 2. Attended the required try-out sessions.
- T. Registration fee assistance shall be made available to all competition players, subject to the following:
 - 1. The largest amount to be subsidized by the league shall be the amount of the home league fee.
 - 2. Request for assistance must be made, in writing, to the league registrar, not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the date the team rosters are due for submission to the league registrar.
 - 3. Parent or guardian must fill out work-for-aid application and agree to do the minimum volunteer work associated with financial assistance. *(added 12/06)*

4. Players who do not complete required league volunteer work will lose their financial aid eligibility for subsequent season. *(added 12/06)*
5. Teams have a maximum of three (3) players receiving financial aid in any one playing season. *(added 12/06)*
6. Any additional players needing financial assistance will have registration fees paid by teams through fundraising efforts. *(added 12/06)*

U. All players shall have the right to play for the team they choose, provided:

1. The coach has offered a position on the team and has availability on their roster,
2. Such choice does not violate DYSL or CYSA bylaws,
3. The parent's/guardian's of the player agree to the decision.

V. DYSL Age Pure Requirements *(section added 12/08)*

Effective with the 2009-2010 playing season (inclusive of any team formed for winter play in 2008 - 2009), the following shall be the age pure requirements:

1. New Teams. All teams whether Class I or Class III shall be formed using players that fit into the one year age group.
2. Existing teams will not be mandated to meet the requirement, thus no team shall lose any player currently on their roster for reasons of age purity.
3. There may be exceptions, which would be dealt with on a case by case basis by the comp committee. The reasons for approving such an exception must be compelling. Coaches should be reminded that players are free agents and may play for any team they wish (subject to CYSA rules).

Although CYSA Rules for Class III 'officially' allow a two year age range, DYSL shall mandate player selection in the appropriate age group.

W. Coaches shall make initial contact with a desired player at the try-outs. At the conclusion of the try-outs, coaches should provide the Competition Director with a list of desired players. The list may be changed as try-outs progress, but the list will alert the director to potential conflicts among coaches for specific players.

X. Class 1 coaches shall have the right of first choice of all players in a given age group. In the event there is more than one team in the same age group, same class, or a team in an older age group, who desire the same player, contact with that player shall be limited to discussions at the try-outs in the presence of the Competition Director.

Y. Players may play on a team in a higher age bracket, subject to Article V, paragraphs T & U.

Z. Coaches found to have violated the team selection rules shall be subject to disciplinary action, including suspension and/or forfeiture of their coaching privileges.

AA. All competition players are required to pay IN FULL for uniforms before the order is placed. *(revised 12/07)*

Fund Raising

BB. Any competition team wishing to use fund raising events may do so. All fund raising activities require the prior approval of the DYSL to insure it does not conflict with other league sponsored events nor cast the DYSL in an unfavorable light. Any coach holding a fundraiser without prior approval shall forfeit their league tournament money for the current playing season.

CC. The proposal for approval should include the nature of the fundraiser, date, time and location.

DD. All funds raised by competition teams must be accounted for and turned over to Treasurer within 7 days of completion of fundraising activity. *(revised 12/07)*

EE. All teams seeking reimbursement for tournaments or training must submit proper paperwork to treasurer prior to receiving said funds. *(added 12/04)*

Team Commitment

FF. Competition teams must referee a minimum number of games set by the Board of Directors. *(added 12/06)*

(Entire completion bylaws revised 12/01)

ARTICLE VI - HOME LEAGUE TEAMS

A. Rules for Creating Class IV Teams *(added 12/00)*

Common Rules

1. Siblings and close relatives (i.e., cousins, etc.) can play together with girls always playing on boy's teams. Proof of relationship may be requested at the discretion of the registrar. *(Revised 12/01)*
2. Parents may not request a specific coach (excludes developmental teams)
3. The buddy system is allowed.
4. Each coach will be required to submit a player evaluation form. Returning coaches who fail to complete player evaluations by the designated deadline will not be allowed any pre-selects the following season and will begin with only their children and their assistant coach's children as pre-selects. *(Revised 12/06)*
5. Any coach failing to submit their evaluations may lose their coaching privileges and if accepted as a coach the following season, will by rule, draft in the last position in the draw. If more than one team in the same age group fails to submit their evaluations, a random method to determine drawing position shall be held. *(New 12/01)*
6. All coaches submitting their evaluations on or before the established date shall receive a bonus player selection. This also includes new home league coaches who did not coach the previous year, subject to the following: *(Revised 12/03)*
 1. The bonus selection must meet the provisions detailed in Article VI.
 2. The bonus selection does not violate any other DYSL or CYSA rules.
7. Home league teams that cover eight (8) or more home league centers or assistant referee games will be eligible for one additional pre-select. The pre-select selection shall be subject to the rules in place for determining the draft order. *(added 12/06)*

General Rules

1. Coaches will receive copies of the player evaluation forms, for non pre-selected players and a list of all available players in the draft pool, one week prior to the draw. *(Revised 12/01)*
2. All players will be separated by age, based on their age as of July 31st of each year.
3. A coach may request, in writing to the appropriate age group director, a maximum of six (6) pre-selects (Under 10 boys and girls) or seven (7) pre-selects (Under 12's and above, boys and girls), including any buddy requests. (For purposes of the draw, buddies are defined as any player who has never played before in any league.) If a buddy has played before, they count as a pre-select. *(revised 12/04)*
4. Each coach must submit his or her list of qualified pre-selects by a date to be set by Girls' and Boys' Directors and that is no later than four weeks prior to the draw, to the appropriate director. Any coach failing to submit a list will only be allowed to pre-select their child (or children) and that of one assistant and one sponsor. Any player may refuse to be designated a pre-select and will be placed in the general draw. *(Revised 12/03)*
5. Each coach is responsible for contacting the players they wish to pre-select to verify they wish to be a pre-select prior to submitting their name to the league. *(New 12/03)*
6. Any player who refuses to accept a team assignment will be put into the general draw.
7. If more than one coach requests a player, priority will be given to the coach who had the player most recently, exception being if the coach failed to submit player evaluations from the prior season thereby losing first rights to the player. If neither of the coaches selecting the player has coached the player before, the player will be placed in the general draw. *(Revised 12/01)*
8. A player cannot be moved once a roster is submitted to CYSA. The roster is considered complete on a date to be determined by the league registrar.
9. For the U-10 age groups and above only, a new coach, defined as not having coached a team in the prior playing season, shall have the same pre-select opportunity as returning coaches in good standing who have completed their evaluations on time, choosing up to six (6) players for U-10, and seven (7) players (U-12 - U-19) from the general pool of players in their respective age group. The age group director shall make the evaluations for eligible players available to new coaches ten (10) days prior to the draft. The players selected shall be considered pre-selects and shall be reported to the appropriate age group director not less than seven (7) days prior to the draft. U-8 coaches moving up to U-10 may have a maximum of six (6) pre-selects. *(revised 12/06)*
10. In the event more than one coach wishes to select the same player, a consensus on placing that player shall be reached among the coaches and age group director. If no consensus can be reached, the player would re-enter the player pool, as provided for in Article VI, General Rules, Paragraph 6. *(New 12/03)*

Rules of the Draw

1. Players not pre-selected will be placed in the general pool. The team draw will be conducted by the board of directors, headed by the league registrar.
2. Each team's order in the draw will be established by a lottery with new coaches being placed in the first drafting positions. The draft order shall remain consistent with the initial drafting order throughout the draft. The selection process will continue until all players are selected. *(Revised 12/03)*
3. Pre-select players will count as though they had been selected starting in the first round. For example, any team with three pre-selects will not draw a player until the fourth round.
4. Any team that does not have a coach identified prior to the draw will have its team drawn by an experienced and knowledgeable individual, to be appointed by the board of directors in attendance.
5. Any information known to the league about a player's ability shall be made known to all at the draw. The draft sheet will include number of years played and birthday. In placing siblings or buddies on the same team, each child will count as one player. Siblings or buddies would then count as two rounds of selections. *(revised 12/07)*

6. Any player registering subsequent to the draw will be placed on the team with the fewest players (subject to league roster limits). If two or more team have open spots, placement will be made on the basis of the team that would have had the next lottery pick.
7. Once a player has been pre-selected by a coach he/she must remain on that coach's roster for a period of two playing seasons, unless the coach fails to submit player evaluations on the designated submission date, or the player request to be placed in the general draw. *(Revised 12/01)*
8. Any player registering after the last regularly scheduled registration day, shall be designated as a late registrant and will be ineligible to be considered for pre-selection and shall be placed in the general draw. *(New 12/01)*
9. A player has the right of refusal to play on the team that drafts them. If a player chooses not to play for the team that drafted them, that player will be placed at the end of the waiting list. The DYSL shall make every reasonable effort to place the child on another team, but cannot guaranty a position on a different team will be available. *(New 12/01)*

ARTICLE VII - TEAM RESPONSIBILITIES

All teams, both Competition and Home League, will be responsible for the following:

- A. If your team is the first to play you will insure that the field equipment is in place. If your team is the last to play, you will insure that the field equipment is taken down and put away.
- B. Insure that the game card is properly filled out for your team before the start of the game and given to the referee.
- C. Insure that a game ball is present, and is properly inflated.
- D. Insure that a team representative is present at all DYSL general meetings.
- E. Insure that all players are notified for all games and practices.
- F. Insure that the field of play and adjacent areas are cleaned up after games and practices.
- G. Insure that the team is assembled on time and at the proper location for team pictures. Insure the collection of any necessary moneys.
- H. Insure that moneys are collected from all persons participating in the DYSL fundraiser. Turn moneys over to the proper authority as designated by the Board of Directors in a timely manner.
- I. Insure that all equipment is returned to the Field and Equipment Directors at the completion of the playing season.
- J. Ensure the coach and assistant coach have attended the mandatory coaches and referees clinics. *(New 12/03)*

ARTICLE VIII - AGE GROUPS

Players attaining the limiting age for any group on or after August 1 of the seasonal year will be eligible to play for the remainder of the seasonal year.

Under 19: Player has not reached 19th birthday before August 1st of the seasonal year.

- Under 16: Player has not reached 16th birthday before August 1st of the seasonal year.
- Under 14: Player has not reached 14th birthday before August 1st of the seasonal year.
- Under 12: Player has not reached 12th birthday before August 1st of the seasonal year.
- Under 10: Player has not reached 10th birthday before August 1st of the seasonal year.
- Under 8: Player has not reached 8th birthday before August 1st of the seasonal year.
- Under 6: Player has not reached 6th birthday before August 1st of the seasonal year.

Any player can be called upon to prove their legal age by the Board of Directors or the League Registrar. A birth certificate or any other certified document acceptable to the CYSA Registrar shall be sufficient for proof of age.

ARTICLE IX - ROSTER SIZES, GAME TIMES AND BALL SPECIFICATIONS

A. <u>AGE GROUP</u>	<u>GAME LENGTH</u>	<u>OVERTIME</u>	<u>BALL</u>
Under 19	2 – 45 minute halves	2 – 15 minute halves	5
Under 18	2 – 40 minute halves	2 - 15 minute halves	5 <i>(New 12/01)</i>
Under 17	2 – 40 minute halves	2 – 15 minute halves	5 <i>(New 12/99)</i>
Under 16	2 – 40 minute halves	2 – 15 minute halves	5
Under 14	2 – 35 minute halves	2 – 10 minute halves	5
Under 12	2 – 30 minute halves	2 – 10 minute halves	4
Under 10	2 – 25 minute halves	2 – 10 minute halves	4
Under 8	4 – 10 minute quarters	NONE	3
Under 6	4 – 8 minute quarters	NONE	3

No overtime periods will be used for league games.

- A. If age groups are consolidated, the time and ball size pertaining to the youngest group shall be used.
- B. The maximum roster size and number of players allowed on the field at one time shall be as follows:

	<u>Roster Size</u>	<u>No. of Players</u>
Under 10	13	8
Under 12	15	11
Under 14/16	15	11

The coach shall contact their age group director when any player quits or is dropped by that team. The age group director shall immediately notify the registrar who in turn will contact that player for verification and assign an additional player to that team. After the end of the second week of play, the coach has the option whether or not to add any additional player(s).

- C. All Home League games will be played with soccer balls issued by the DYSL unless otherwise agreed upon by both coaches and the referee.

ARTICLE X - FIELD SIZE

The recommended field dimensions shall be approximately:

U6:	50 yards long and 30 yards wide
U8:	60 yards long and 40 yards wide
U10:	60-70 yards long and 40-50 yards wide
U12 and above:	90-120 yards long and 60-80 yards wide

- A. Markings: All field markings shall be in accordance with the latest *Laws of the Game* as published with FIFA.
- B. Center Circle: A center circle will be marked with a 6 yard radius in the developmental age groups, an 8 yard radius in the U10 age group and a 10 yard radius in other age groups.
- C. Goal Area: Six (6) yards from each goal post and six (6) yards into the field of play (joined by a line drawn parallel with the goal line).
- D. Penalty Area:
- No penalty areas are to be used in the developmental age groups.
 - The U10 penalty area will be sized to fit U10 reduced field size. The penalty area shall be of equal distance from each goal post and will be equal to the distance into the field from the goal line. This distance will be no more than 18 yards or less than 12 yards and be as large as practical.
 - In other age groups the penalty area shall be eighteen (18) yards from each goal post and eighteen (18) yards into the field of play (joined by a line drawn parallel with the goal line).
- E. The Goals:
- U6: Maximum 3 feet high and 6 feet wide.
 - U8: Maximum 5 feet high and 15 feet wide.
 - U10: Maximum 7 feet high and 21 feet wide.
 - U12: Maximum 8 feet high and 24 feet wide.
- F. Penalty Shot:
- No penalty shots are to be used in the developmental age groups.
 - The U10 penalty spot will be placed midway between the goal area and the penalty area lines at a midpoint on a line parallel with the goal line.
 - In other age groups the penalty spot will be 12 yards from the midpoint of the goal line.

ARTICLE XI - SCHEDULING AUTHORITY

The Home League Director's shall have the final authority to schedule all regular matches and reschedule any make up games that may be required.

- A. Games may not be rescheduled without the permission of the appropriate Home League Director, President, or in their absence, any available board member.
- B. Should a game be changed and played without the proper permission, a loss for both teams will be assessed.
- C. The referee will be the final authority in calling a game because of darkness or inclement weather. The game will be rescheduled. If the game is called in the first half, the game will be replayed in its entirety. If it is called in the second half, it will be started at the half.
- D. In case of rescheduling a game for the coach's convenience, the coaches of both teams involved will be responsible for the set up and break down of the field and its equipment and in securing referees.
- E. When a Home League game is not played due to a cancellation by DYSL, that game will be made up at the next available time as set by the age group director. *(New 12/99)*

ARTICLE XII - DISCIPLINARY RULINGS AND SUGGESTED PENALTIES

The Board of Directors shall act on all disciplinary matters and shall have discretionary powers in interpreting the severity of the offense and the appropriateness of the penalties applied to team players, coaches and/or sideline participants. The following penalties should be considered guidelines only and assume the occurrence to be the first offense.

- A. A player cautioned without expulsion for:
 - 1. Rough play
 - 2. Referee dissent
 - 3. Damaging remarks concerning other players, referees, team personnel or spectators
 - 4. Leaving the field without notifying the referees
 - 5. Other, less important, unsporting gestures

PENALTY: To confirm the caution, in writing to the coach

- B. Expulsion of a player for:
 - 1. Rough play
 - 2. Repeated dissent of referees decisions
 - 3. Repeated unsportsmanlike like conduct
 - 4. Insulting a player, referee, or spectators (use of foul language or gestures)

PENALTY: To suspend for 0 to 2 matches

- C. Expulsion of a player for:
 - 1. Unsportsmanlike like conduct (with a previous caution)
 - 2. Deliberate serious foul

PENALTY: To suspend for 0 to 3 matches

- D. Expulsion of a player for:
1. Insulting or molesting of the referee(s)
 2. Attempting to fight or striking at another person.

PENALTY: To suspend for 2 to 4 matches

- E. Expulsion of a player for:
1. Fighting before, during or after a match.

PENALTY: Determine who started the fight. Suspend that person for 2 to 5 matches.

- F. Expulsion of a player for:
1. Pushing or striking any coach, referee, linesman or official.

PENALTY: To suspend for 3 to 6 matches.

- G. In the aforementioned cases, refusal of the individual to give his/her name to the referee may be cause for the suspension of a further match.

- H. The aforementioned penalties are intended as guidelines only. In extreme situations or in cases of repetition, the penalties may be increased. In specific situations, the person may be placed on probation instead of being suspended. In the event the individual on probation is cited in a match following a probationary period, the original penalty will be reapplied, and no appeal will be allowed.

- I. Any player, coach or sideline participant may file a formal complaint with the board of directors. Such complaint must be in writing and can be submitted to any board member. The president shall review the complaint and take appropriate action, which may include convening the board of directors, within 72 hours of receipt of the complaint. The complainant shall be verbally notified of the president's decision within the 72 hours and notified in writing within 24 hours thereafter. The complainant may appeal any decision through the line of authority for secessions and appeals as outlined in Article XIII, Section E. *(added 12/00)*

- J. Coaches, Assistant Coaches, Team Parents and other sideline participants are subject to the same penalties as those applied to players.

- K. The Disciplinary Committee shall meet under the direction of the Referee Coordinator for purposes of investigating all "ejections" or other reports of violations of the Bylaws, Rules of Play or Laws of the Game. The referee shall submit to the Referee Coordinator a full report of the incident within 24 hours of the occurrence. The Disciplinary Committee shall convene within 72 hours after receiving a formal, written 24 hour sendoff report and render its findings and recommendations, in writing, to the Board of Directors within 72 hours of convening.

- L. Any player receiving a yellow card shall serve a mandatory five-minute cooling off period. *(added 12/00)*

- M. Any player, coach, or sideline participant shall be verbally notified that a sendoff report or complaint has been issued against them, no later than 48 hours prior to the convening of the disciplinary committee. The complainant shall have the opportunity to submit a statement to the disciplinary committee for review prior to the committee issuing its recommendation to the

board of directors. Such statement must be in writing and can be submitted to any board member. *(Added 12/01)*.

N. Training Coordinator will keep track of coaching infractions. *(added 12/04)*

ARTICLE XIII - PROTESTS AND APPEALS

- A. Only violations of the By-Laws, Rules of Play, or misapplications of the “Laws of the Game” shall be proper subjects to be considered for action.
- B. Upon receiving the written findings and recommendations of the Disciplinary Committee, the Board of Directors shall convene within 72 hours. A duly elected member of the Board of Directors shall notify the appropriate player, coach, assistant coach, sideline participant, or in the case of a minor the parent or guardian of the same, of the action taken by the Board of Directors, if any. The notice shall be rendered verbally, within 24 hours, and in writing within 48 hours of the Board of Directors decision.
- C. Any player, coach, or assistant coach, or sideline participant may appeal the Board of Directors action within 72 hours of receiving the written notice. Such appeal shall be submitted in writing and directed to any duly elected member of the Board of Directors. The appeal shall be accompanied by a fee of \$10.00 which shall be returned if the appeal is upheld. The Board of Directors shall convene within 72 hours of receipt of the formal notification of the appeal. Any decision to change or modify the original decision can be done with two-thirds majority from the board members in attendance. No proxy votes would be allowed under these circumstances.
- D. In the event the board upholds its original decision, the disciplined person may then appeal to the general membership at the next regular scheduled meeting. No board decision can be overturned without a two-thirds majority of the general members voting in favor of any proposed change in the board’s original decision. The disciplined person shall continue to serve their penalty during the appeals process.
- E. The line of authority for secessions and appeals shall be as follows: The Board of Directors of DYSL, CYSA District Commissioner, The Board of Directors of the CYSA, the United States Youth Soccer Association and FIFA.

ARTICLE XIV - WAYS AND MEANS

- A. The Vice-President shall oversee all Ways and Means activities of the DYSL.
- B. The Vice-President shall head or appoint a committee chairperson for each of the following positions:
 - 1. Sponsorship
 - 2. Picture Day
 - 3. Fund Raiser
- C. The responsibilities of each of the positions shall be:
 - 1. Sponsorship: Contact area businesses for their financial support of the DYSL; prepare and distribute sponsorship forms; responsible for follow-up on payment of said fees; insure sponsors

are informed of League happenings; work with the Home League Director's in handling and distribution of trophies.

2. Picture Day: Select a photographer, select date and place for pictures, schedule teams; responsible for collection of Fees; makeup or retakes distribution and financial report to the Board of Directors.
3. Fund Raiser: Determine type of fund-raiser to be used; evaluate products; schedule fund-raiser, responsible for distribution of product, collection of moneys, return of product and determination of prizes, if required; give a financial report to the board of Directors.

ARTICLE XV - INSURANCE

- A. Only registered players, coaches, assistant coaches, and currently licensed CYSA referees are covered by insurance.
- B. All injuries to be claimed against the CYSA medical insurance shall be reported to the League Insurance Representative within seventy-two (72) hours of the injury if the claim is to be held valid. The League Insurance Representative shall be responsible for completion of the proper forms, which shall be forwarded promptly to the CYSA District Commissioner for processing.

ARTICLE XVI - ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES & SMOKING

No alcoholic beverages or smoking materials may be consumed by any member of the DYSL, nor by any participant, on any grounds used by the DYSL for its' programs. Violations can result in immediate expulsion from the grounds. Should the violator be a youth participant, he/she shall be subject to immediate suspension from the DYSL.

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RULES OF PLAY

ARTICLE - I

The Rules of Play shall be the *Laws of the Game*, as published by the FIFA and the CYSA with those modifications as published by the DYSL.

ARTICLE II - AMENDMENTS

All games shall be played under the Rules of Play of the DYSL as amended semi-annually.

ARTICLE III - ORTHOPEDIC CASTS

Players wearing orthopedic casts shall not be eligible to participate in any game, practice or scrimmage.

ARTICLE IV - BRACES

Players wearing teeth braces shall be required to wear a mouthpiece unless permission is obtained to the contrary from their parents, and the parents accept full responsibility for their child's braces in writing. The coach shall present the permission slip to the referee before the start of each game. If no permission slip is presented, then the player shall not participate.

ARTICLE V - JEWELRY

Players shall not wear jewelry or other items that may cause injury to themselves or other players (i.e. hair barrettes, earrings, etc.). Any articles that cannot be removed (such as Medic-Alert) must be taped. *(revised 12/07)*

ARTICLE VI - INJURED PLAYER

Any player injured during practice or a game and requires a doctor's attention must obtain permission, in writing, from their doctor before returning to practice or game play.

ARTICLE VII - CHARGING THE GOALKEEPER

Charging the goalkeeper shall not be permitted at any time, when he/she is within her/his own penalty area. The ball may be played at any time the goalkeeper does not have full possession of it. The referee shall have the sole authority in determining when the goalkeeper has full possession of the ball.

ARTICLE VIII - SLIDING TACKLES

Sliding tackles are permitted in the Under 10 and above age groups only.

ARTICLE IX - SUBSTITUTIONS

Players may be substituted only during a stoppage of the game as outlined by FIFA Law 3 and Law 9. The number of substitutes shall be unlimited. Substitutions may be made at the following times:

- A. Prior to a throw-in in your favor.
- B. Prior to a goal kick.
- C. After a goal by either team.
- D. After an injury, by either team, when the referee stops play. Substitution of an injured player exempts him/her from the one half game rule.
- E. At half time.
- F. When a player is cautioned, the coach may substitute for the cautioned player only.

When a goalkeeper is to be substituted or replaced, the referee shall be informed of the substitution before it is made. In any case, a substitute may not enter the field of play until he has been given permission by the referee to do so.

ARTICLE X - PLAYING TIME

Every player must play a minimum of one half of every game unless the player is being restricted for medical or disciplinary reasons. If a player is to be restricted, the following sequences must be followed:

- A. The coach must contact the appropriate Home League Director prior to the game for clearance to restrict the player.
- B. The coach must notify the player's parents before the game.
- C. The restriction must be noted on the game card prior to the start of the game.
- D. For a second restriction of the same player during a season, the coach shall submit a written report, via the appropriate Home League Director, to the Board of Directors within 72 hours of the game in question.

Failure to comply with the above procedures shall subject the coach to disciplinary action.

ARTICLE XI - UNIFORMS

All players should be in minimum uniform in order to play.

- A. The minimum uniform consists of a standard shirt, shorts and shoes.
- B. The shoes should be any legal soft toe soccer or general purpose type sport shoe. If a player does not have the above type shoe, then he must play on some type of gym shoe. Hard sole street type shoes will not be allowed. All footwear will be checked by the referee prior to all games.
- C. The goalkeeper will wear a shirt that is clearly distinguishable from all other players on the field.
- D. No player shall be allowed to participate in any practice, practice game or League game unless they are wearing shin guards.

ARTICLE XII - COACHING FROM THE SIDELINES

Coaching from the sidelines – giving direction to one’s own team on points of strategy and position – is permitted provided:

- A. You are not coaching in the Under 8 and Under 6 age groups. (See the special rules for the developmental age groups.)
- B. No mechanical devices are used.
- C. The tone of voice is informative and not a harangue.
- D. Coach, assistant coach or players are to remain within the technical boxes painted at each field. In the event that a technical box is not painted on field, coaches and assistant coaches must remain within 10 yards on either side of center line at all times unless called onto the field by referee to attend a player injury or other valid reason. *(revised 12/06)*
- E. NO coach, substitute or player is to make derogatory remarks or gestures to the referees, other players, substitutes or spectators.
- F. No coach shall coach from the sidelines while wearing a referee’s uniform.
- G. No coach, assistant coach, parent, or sideline participant shall enter the field at any time without permission of referee. *(added 12/06)*

The penalty for the above shall be ejection from the game and disciplinary action will be taken by the Board of Directors of the DYSL.

ARTICLE XIII - FORFEITED GAMES

Any team delaying the start of a scheduled game more than 15 minutes without the sanction of the proper authority shall forfeit the game by a score of 1-0. (Proper authority shall be the appropriate Home League Director or in his absence, the President).

ARTICLE XIV - DELAYED GAME BY REFEREE

Referees responsible for a late start of a game may be disciplined by the Board of Directors. Referees may, at any time, be called upon, by the proper authority, to explain their reports.

ARTICLE XV - REFEREE JUDGEMENT

The referee's judgment with regard to the physical condition of the field and its acceptance for play, to the actual happenings and occurrences related to the conduct of the game and those prerogatives granted him/her, by the *Laws of the Game* as published by FIFA, shall not be challenged.

ARTICLE XVI - REFEREE REPORT FORMS

The referee shall require both teams enter all appropriate information on the Referee's Report form prior to the start of the game.

- A. Prior to the start of the game, the referee shall ensure that the field of play and the field equipment is in proper order.
- B. Prior to the game, the referee shall make sure that each player's equipment is in proper order.
- C. A Referee Report must be filed for every game, played or not.
- D. Upon completion of the game, the referee shall check his/her card for accuracy before signing it. The referee shall render the game report to the proper authority (as designated by the Board of Directors) within 24 hours. In cases of ejection, she/he shall also submit a supplementary disciplinary report. (Refer to Rules of Play, Article XII).

ARTICLE XVII - PLAYOFFS

- A. Any non-developmental age group with eleven or fewer teams will only have one division in it and shall not have playoffs. The end of the year standings will determine the first and second place teams. Any non-developmental age group with twelve or more teams will have a minimum of two divisions and shall have playoffs. (*Revised 12/01*)
- B. Any non-developmental age group with two or more divisions in it will have playoffs as follows:
 1. Playoffs will be in tournament format.
 2. Age groups with only two divisions will hold playoffs on a single day. Age groups with three or more divisions shall hold playoffs on two consecutive days.
 3. The first flight for age groups with three or more divisions shall be single elimination.
 4. The top two teams per division, based on season standings will secure playoff births.
 5. No two teams from the same division shall play each other in the first flight.
 6. Flights and seeding will be established by the appropriate age group director utilizing season standings and tie-breaker criteria. Byes shall be awarded to the two top seeds in the playoffs in the event of an odd number of divisions for a specific age group.
- C. The decision to hold playoffs for any non-developmental age group, shall be determined by the DYSL Board of Directors, subject to the following:
 1. Each of the existing provisions (Article XVII, Sections A&B) for holding playoffs are met;
 2. The Board of Directors possesses the resources to hold playoffs:

3. The decision to hold playoffs does not conflict with CYSA regulations.
 4. If playoffs are held, they are subject to the other provisions detailed in this section *(added 12/06)*
- D. The DYSL Board of Directors shall announce to membership no later than thirty (30) days prior to the end of the playing season if, and when, and how these will be held. *(added 12/06)*
 - E. Board of Directors will determine how many awards will be given in each age group announce its decision to general membership no later than thirty (30) days prior to end of regular season play, regardless of whether playoffs are held or not. *(added 12/06)*

ARTICLE XVIII - CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

If playoffs are not held, there will be no Championship game. *(revised 12/06)*

ARTICLE XIX - PUBLICITY

After each game the coach, or designated team person, shall fill out a publicity report giving credit to his/her players for outstanding play. When listing team name, sponsor's name should be listed. Ideally, coaches from both teams should get together so all information from one game is listed on one publicity report. The publicity report shall be turned over to the proper authority as designated by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XX - REFEREE CONFLICT

- A. A referee should not call a match in which his/her child is participating unless agreed upon by both teams. *(Revised 12/01)*
- B. No youth referee shall call a match as a Center Referee for an age group that has players in the same age group or older than (s)he competes/could compete. *(added 12/06)*
- C. No first year referee shall call a match for U-14 or older unless approved by Referee Coordinator. *(added 12/06)*
- D. No first-year referee shall call a Competition match unless approved by Referee Coordinator. *(added 12/06)*

ARTICLE XXI - LEAGUE STANDINGS *(revised 12/01)*

Point system for scoring:

Accumulation of points is as follows:

- + 3 points for a win
- + 1 point for a tie
- 0 points for a loss *(revised 12/08)*

In the case of ties in the League Standings, the following will be used in descending order (if the tie is not broken on the first step, then move to the next step, etc.):

- A. Head to Head – (The winner during league play wins the tie).
- B. Most Wins-(The team with the most wins during league play wins the title)
- C. Least Losses – (The team with the least losses during league play wins the tie).

- D. Goals Against - (The team with the fewest number of goals scored against them during league play wins the tie).
- E. Shutouts - (The team with the greatest number of shutouts posted against opponents wins the tie)
- F. Coin Toss - (If at this point the tie has not been broken, a coin will be tossed to determine the winner. The Age Group Director will toss the coin in front of the coaches whose teams are tied. The coach with the higher team number will call the toss).

Tie breakers are to be used in divisional ties and non-divisional ties.

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RULES OF PLAY, DEVELOPMENTAL AGE GROUPS

ARTICLE I - DEVELOPMENTAL RULES OF PLAY

These Rules of Play pertain to soccer players under the age of eight (8), where the emphasis will be put on the development of soccer skills. The game is for the children, let them learn; but most of all, let them play and have fun.

ARTICLE II - NUMBER OF PLAYERS

- A. All players shall be separated by gender, then age. Age groups shall be consistent with those stated in the DYSL By-Laws. Brothers and sisters or other related players may choose to play together on the same team. In such instances, the female player shall be required to play on a boy's team.
- B. Girl's only and boy's only teams will be drawn by the age group directors, starting with each team's pre-selects (the children of the coach, assistant coach and sponsor). The remaining positions on each team will be randomly drawn.
- C. The "Buddy System" will be allowed, subject to the following criteria:
 - 1. Only coach's, assistant coach's and sponsor's children are assured of being placed on the same team. The appropriate age group director shall make every effort to accommodate buddy request.
 - 2. Each year the registrar shall establish a cut-off date for buddy requests. Any player registering after that date will not be eligible for this program, unless the player is associated with a coach, assistant coach or sponsor.
 - 3. Any players wishing to be buddies must register together. *(new 12/03)*
- D. The maximum number of players on the field at any one time from each team shall be five, including a goalkeeper for the Under 6 program and seven, including a goalkeeper for the Under 8 program. The maximum roster shall not exceed ten for the Under 6's and twelve for the Under 8's. The Board of Directors may change roster sizes if it deems such a change in the best interests of the league.
- E. U8: Each player desiring to play goalkeeper shall be allowed to do so at least once during the season.
- F. Games with goalkeepers:
 - 1. Steps should not be called.
 - 2. The ball shall immediately be "frozen" when the keeper controls the ball.
 - 3. On the taking of a goal-kick, the opponent must be more than 10 yards away.
 - 4. No penalty shots to be taken in these games.

ARTICLE III - PLAYERS EQUIPMENT

Refer to Rules of Play, Article XI. Shin guards are mandatory for all players.

ARTICLE IV - REFEREES

- A. Coaches, assistant coaches and/or team parents will officiate their games with one (1) person at a time on the field. While serving as “Referee” no coach or team representative shall coach his or her own players. *(Revised 12/03)*
- B. Decision on points of fact connected with the game shall be final.
- C. The referee shall be encouraged to explain an infraction to the offending player.
- D. The referees are encouraged to explain the incorrectness of the first throw-in; a second throw-in is allowed.
- E. If at all possible, keep the game going and avoid unnecessary delays.

ARTICLE V - LINESMAN

Linesman will conform to the *Laws of the Game*.

ARTICLE VI - DURATION OF THE GAME

Under 6: Games shall consist of four (4) eight minute quarters, with “substitution” breaks at the end of each quarter, and a five minute half-time.

Under 8: Games shall consist of four (4) ten minute quarters with “substitution” breaks at the end of each quarter, and a five minute half-time.

ARTICLE VII - THE START OF PLAY

The start of the game shall conform to the “Laws of the Game”.

ARTICLE VIII - BALL IN AND OUT OF PLAY

Conform to the *Laws of the Game*. The ball is out of play when it has wholly crossed the goal or touch lines.

ARTICLE IX - METHOD OF SCORING

Conform to the *Laws of the Game*. The whole of the ball must cross the goal line between the goal posts and under the cross bar.

ARTICLE X - OFFSIDE

The offside rule only applies inside the goal area, six (6) yards from the goal or in cases of obvious advantage being taken (such as leaving one or more players near the goal area for the majority of the game).

ARTICLE XI - FOULS AND MISCONDUCT

All intentional fouls will result in an indirect free kick, with the opponent 6 yards away. The referee is encouraged to explain all infractions to the offending player.

ARTICLE XII - FREE KICKS

All free kicks shall be classified under one heading "Indirect".

- A. A goal may not be scored until the ball has been played or touched by a second player, not necessarily from the same team.

ARTICLE XIII - PENALTY KICKS

No penalty kicks are to be taken during these games. Tie games stand.

ARTICLE XIV - THROW-IN

Conform to the *Laws of the Game*. One re-throw is allowed after an explanation.

ARTICLE XV - GOAL KICK

U8: Conform to the *Laws of the Game*. Goal kicks may be taken from anywhere inside the goal area (six yard box).

U6: In the place of a goal kick the ball will be placed on the closest touch line to the spot the ball left the field of play. The game will be restarted with a free kick from that point.

ARTICLE XVI - CORNER KICKS

U8: Conform to the *Laws of the Game*. Corner kicks may be taken from any point inside the corner arc.

U6: Shall place the ball on the touch line closest to where the ball left the field of play. The game will be restarted with a free kick from that point.

ARTICLE XVII - CHANGING AGE GROUPS

If a player has sufficient skills, he/she may be moved up to a higher age group, with the written permission of the parents and consent of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XVIII - COMMON SENSE

- A. U6: No coaching from the sidelines. U8: You may encourage them, but not coach them.
- B. Team officials (coach) and players will shake hands with the opponent before and after each game.
- C. Keep no league standings.
- D. **This game is for the children. Let them learn; but most of all, let them play and have fun.**
- E. No player, team official or parent shall enter the field of play until he has been given permission by the referee to do so.
- F. Coaches, assistant coaches and parents may not enter the field at any time to coach players. *(new 12/03)*
- G. No score shall be kept at any time. *(new 12/03)*

ARTICLE XIX - PLAYER SUBSTITUTION

Players may be substituted at the following times:

- A. During each "Substitution Break".
- B. Half time.
- C. After an injury when the referee stops play. Only the injured player or players may be substituted.