

Miami Valley Youth Soccer Association

Bylaws

ARTICLE I - MEMBERSHIP

A. Membership in the Miami Valley Youth Soccer Association, Inc. shall be comprised of two categories, which are voting members and non-voting members.

1) Voting Members: Any team duly and properly registered in the MVYSA during the current seasonal year (fiscal year) shall be entitled to one voting membership. A member team shall be represented at the Annual Membership meeting by the coach or assistant coach of record. Each Board member is also entitled to vote. Board members that are also coaches will have only one vote.

2) Non-Voting Members:

a) Players - upon registration with a team in this Association, a player becomes a non-voting member of this Association.

b) Adults - any person serving as an official in this Association, or one of its leagues, and not representing a team in this Association shall be a member of this Association with all rights and privileges except the right to vote at membership meetings.

ARTICLE II - EXPULSION

Any member may be expelled or have his or her membership forfeits, for serious violation of the Association's Constitution, By-Laws and Rules and Regulations, or for conduct prejudicial to the best interests of the Association. A two-thirds vote of the members of the Board of Directors shall be necessary to take such action.

ARTICLE III - AFFILIATION

The MVYSA shall maintain membership in United States Youth Soccer (USYS) through the Ohio South Youth Soccer Association (OSYSA). The President or his appointee(s) shall represent the MVYSA at meetings of the affiliated organizations.

ARTICLE IV-DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES

A. The **President** is the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Operations Officer for the Association. He shall appoint such committees as he deems necessary to carry out the functions of administration. He shall, with the assistance of the Vice Presidents and through the League Directors, function as Commissioner for the Association. The President is empowered to take prudent and reasonable actions in cases not covered in the By-Laws, and such authority is implicit in the office. All actions are subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.

B. The **Vice President of Competition**

1. Shall be the Chairman of the Competition Committee and Chairman of the Nominating Committee. He will serve as liaison with DASOA to resolve all disputes over no-shows, to attend to all game change requests and to resolve any other disputes about matches. He will be responsible for rescheduling games due to weather related problems and will also ensure that the games are played as scheduled if at all possible.

2. He shall assist the President as necessary in matters of operation of the Association and its leagues. He shall function as President in the absence of the President.

C. **Vice President of Conduct** shall be appointed by the President with approval by the Board of Directors.

1. Handle all red card violations, accumulated yellow card violations, game protests, transfer requests and other violations of this Association's Rules.
2. Have the authority to hold hearings based on complaints submitted by members of MVYSA and other interested parties against other members of MVYSA for actions that have occurred within the areas of responsibility of MVYSA.
3. Have the authority to appoint a Conduct Committee composed of at least three members of the Board of Directors.
4. Have the authority to suspend up to three games for rules violations. All suspensions, over three games, must be heard by the Conduct Committee.
5. Report all Conduct Committee actions to the Board at regularly scheduled meetings.
6. Comply with all Rules in accordance with MVYSA Rules and Regulations.
7. Has the authority to appoint others to investigate Conduct Reports as necessary.

D. Vice President of Player and Coaching Development. He shall be responsible for coordinating and scheduling programs for player and coaching development.

E. The Immediate Past President may serve as an ex-officio Voting Director for one year when his regular term as Director has expired.

F. The Secretary shall be responsible for recording the minutes of all Board Meetings and all Membership Meetings in accordance with the By-Laws. The Secretary shall maintain a file of the minutes of all meetings and act as Historian for the Association.

G. The Treasurer shall supervise the financial operation of the Association, and shall present financial statements to the Board of Directors. Prior to the beginning of each playing season the Treasurer shall be Chairman of a Budget Committee and shall be responsible for the preparation of a budget to be approved by the Board of Directors. This budget shall identify and recommend all fees and expenditures. Annual financial reports shall be made at the close of the fiscal year and are subject to audit. No monies may be drawn from any account unless allocated by the Board in the budget or in a voucher.

H. The Registrar is responsible for the registration of all teams within the MVYSA and for administering the procedures of OSYSA and US Youth Soccer relating to the registration of players and coaches, and will be responsible for the validation of all US Youth Soccer/OSYSA youth registration and coaches cards

J. League Directors will:

1. Be responsible for the organization and operation of their respective leagues.
2. Conduct and complete divisioning in a timely manner, and to resolve all disputes in a timely manner.
3. Resolve all conflicts between coaches regarding the rescheduling of games and if the coaches cannot agree on a date for the rescheduled game, to make the final decision as to the date and time of the match.
4. Be responsible for the organization and operation of their respective divisions.
5. Collect the statistics for his or her divisions required to tabulate league standings.
6. Distribute information to their respective teams in a timely manner.

ARTICLE V - AMENDMENTS

A. The above By-Laws may be amended by the Board of Directors at any regular or special meeting, provided at least 15 days notice of the proposed Amendment and the proposed language has been provided in writing to each Director. Amendments shall be approved by a majority vote of the Directors present at such meeting.

B. The proceedings of the meeting shall be governed and conducted according to the latest edition of Roberts Manual of Parliamentary Rules.

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