

Miami Valley Youth Soccer Association Constitution

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this organization shall be the MIAMI VALLEY YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION, INC. referred to in this document as MVYSA.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

a. The purpose of this Association shall be:

To develop, promote and administer the game of soccer among players under 19 years of age within the jurisdiction of this association.

ARTICLE III - JURISDICTION

The jurisdiction of the MVYSA is as described in the Ohio South Youth Soccer Association Constitution at www.osysa.com. MVYSA shall represent all members falling within the boundary lines described in those rules and may accept voluntary membership applications from outside this area upon approval by the Ohio South Youth Soccer Association, Executive Director.

ARTICLE IV - AFFILIATION

This association shall be affiliated with Ohio South Youth Soccer Association and the United States Youth Soccer (USYS).

ARTICLE V - MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the MVYSA shall consist of properly registered teams. Each member team shall have voting powers as set forth in this constitution. For membership purposes, the term "properly registered teams" shall be interpreted to include payment of all fees assessed by the MVYSA.

ARTICLE VI - GOVERNMENT

a. This association shall be governed by a Board of Directors elected by the membership of the MVYSA. The Board shall be responsible for the proper operation of the association. The members of the Board shall be elected for a term of two years and may succeed themselves in office. Elections shall be held at the annual meeting, with one half the Directors elected each year.

b. Any member of the Board of Directors who has three consecutive unexcused absences from Board meetings may have their office declared vacant at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

c. The majority of the Directors serving on the Board shall constitute a quorum. The Board shall adopt rules for conducting the business of the MVYSA and shall meet as necessary, at such time and place as the Board may determine.

d. The Board Treasurer shall prepare and present to the Board an annual balance sheet report at the first regularly scheduled meeting of the year. A bi-monthly expenditure report shall be presented at each regularly scheduled meeting.

e. Special meetings may be called on not less than 24 hours notice upon written request and/or telecon request of the association President briefly indicating its nature, date, time, and place of such meeting.

ARTICLE VII - ELECTIONS

- a. The President shall, not less than 60 days prior to an annual election, appoint a Nominating Committee consisting of not less than two to four members, with one member from the Board of Directors. The President shall also appoint the Chairman of the Nominating Committee if the Vice President of Competition cannot fulfill the responsibility.
- b. The Nominating Committee shall name not less than one consenting member for each of the vacancies to be filled on the Board and submit a list of nominees to the Board.
- c. Additional names of candidates for the Directors positions may be nominated from the floor at the annual meeting.
- d. Election of Directors shall be by ballot. Each member shall be entitled to cast one vote for each vacancy to be filled on the Board. The persons receiving a plurality of votes shall be declared elected. In case of a tie, the membership shall then vote to elect one from the nominees receiving an equal number of votes. The Board of Directors shall elect officers as outlined in Article IX from among the Directors to serve for the ensuing year. The seasonal year (fiscal year) of the MVYSA shall correspond to the seasonal year of the USYS, which begins on September 1st and ends on August 31st of the following year. Terms of office shall begin on August 1st.

ARTICLE VIII-DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES

- a. The Board of Directors shall:
 1. Make all policy decisions regarding the association operations.
 2. Insure that the policies of the MVYSA are not in conflict with the USYS or the OSYSA.
 3. Represent members of the MVYSA in all dealings with the USYS and its affiliates.
 4. Establish all budgets and fees.
 5. Approve all expenditures not included in the budget provided funds for the added expenditure are collected in an approved manner.
 6. Represent the association and its members at all USYS and OSYSA meetings.

ARTICLE IX - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- a. The Directors of this association shall consist of the following:
 - President
 - Registrar
 - Vice President of Competition
 - Vice President of Conduct
 - Vice President of Player and Coaching Development
 - League Directors (up to 12)
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - Scheduling Director
- b. The immediate Past President shall serve as a member of the Board for a period of one year if he has not been reelected to the Board.
- c. In addition to the above, a representative of the Dayton Area Soccer Officials Association (DASOA) shall be considered an ex-officio non-voting member of the Board.

ARTICLE X - MEETINGS

a. The Board of Directors may convene meetings of the members at such time and place as it may consider necessary or desirable. A membership meeting must be convened upon a petition signed by not less than twenty-five percent of the active members.

b. The annual meeting of the members of the MVYSA shall be held at a date and place to be specified by the President of the Board of Directors. Twenty five percent of the members in good standing shall constitute a quorum at membership meetings. The order of business shall be as follows:

- 1. Roll Call
- 2. Credentials
- 3. Minutes
- 4. Communications
- 5. Reports
- 6. Unfinished Business
- 7. Consideration of Proposed Modification to the Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules and Regulations.
- 8. New Business
- 9. Elections
- 10. Adjourn

c. Meetings of the Board of Directors will be held as necessary for the purpose of conducting normal business.

d. All meetings of this association shall be conducted in accordance with the latest edition of Robert's Manual of Parliamentary Rules.

ARTICLE XI - AMENDMENTS

- This Constitution may be amended only at annual meetings or at special meetings called for the specific purpose of amending the Constitution. Amendments to the Constitution shall be by two-thirds vote of the members present and voting. All members of this association must be furnished in writing, at least 15 days in advance, proposed amendments and notified of time, date and place of the meeting to act on these proposed amendments. If any conflict exists between the Miami Valley Youth Soccer Association (MVYSA) Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules and Regulations and the Ohio South Youth Soccer Association (OSYSA) Constitution with regards to changes made, then the OSYSA Rules shall apply.