

CONSTITUTION “LITCHFIELD YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION (LYSA)”

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of the LITCHFIELD YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION (known hereafter as the LYSA) to promote sportsmanship and fair play and to provide an opportunity for young soccer players to develop their skills, have fun and achieve their potential. LYSA is established as a Not-for-Profit organization for the benefit of youngsters in the area.

II. OPERATIONAL YEAR

The league will operate from August 1 through July 31 each year.

III. AFFILIATIONS

The LYSA shall be an affiliated league of and comply with the authority of the Illinois Youth Soccer Association (IYSA), the United States Youth Soccer Association (USYSA), the United States Soccer Association (USSF) and the Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA).

IV. OFFICERS

The officers of the league will consist of the President, Vice President, ~~Treasurer~~ and Secretary. All officers will be elected by the LYSA Board of Directors.

V. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- A. Members** The Board of Directors shall consist of the Officers and Directors. ~~Directors will be elected by LYSA coaches in good standing.~~
- B. Authority** The Board of Directors will have the authority to approve an annual budget, ~~select a representative to the IYSA,~~ and amend the constitution/bylaws of the LYSA.
- C. ~~Term~~** ~~The term of each director will be for three (3) years and begin at the Annual Meeting and conclude at the beginning of the Annual Meeting following the third year. Directors and officers may serve consecutive terms. One third (1/3) of the board will be elected each year.~~

VI. MEETINGS

- A. Annual Meeting** The Annual Meeting will be set by the President at a time and place once a year. Members must be notified in writing thirty (30) days prior to such the Annual Meeting.
- B. Regular Meetings** The Directors will meet at a time and set by the President three (3) times a year.
- C. Special Meetings** Other meetings may be called by the President as necessary. Directors must be notified in writing at least five (5) days prior to such meetings.

VII. VOTING

- A. Amendment to Constitution** The constitution of the LYSA may be amended by vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the LYSA coaches present at the Annual Meeting.
- B. Amendment to the Bylaws** The bylaws of the LYSA may be amended by a vote of over 50% of the Directors present at a meeting.
- C. Amendment to the Playing Rules** The playing rules may be amended by a vote of over 50% of the Directors present at a meeting.

VIII. DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution of the LYSA and after all outstanding debts and claims have been satisfied, the Board of Directors shall distribute the property of the league to any other nonprofit organization maintaining a purpose similar to that set forth herein.

BYLAWS

“LITCHFIELD YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION (LYSA)”

1. PRIMARY DUTIES

A. PRESIDENT

1. Preside at annual, regular and special meetings.
2. Set time and place at meetings as prescribed in constitution.
3. Handle public and parental relations.
4. Appoint Appeal Officer, Risk Management Coordinator, and Head Referee.

B. VICE PRESIDENT/REGISTRAR

1. Provide all necessary forms to members to complete registration for LYSA ~~and with IYSA.~~
2. Approve team rosters.
3. Maintain records and medical release waivers for each player and team.
4. ~~Prepare player identification cards and deliver them to team coach.~~

C. SECRETARY

1. Record minutes of all LYSA meetings.
2. Maintain addresses of all members and coaches.
3. Handle correspondence.

~~D. TREASURER~~

1. ~~Prepare Annual Budget for approval at Annual Meeting.~~
2. ~~Maintain financial records in accordance with state and federal laws.~~
3. ~~Present financial report at each meeting of the LYSA Directors.~~
4. ~~Make sure that all approved bills are paid in a timely manner.~~
5. ~~Have an independent audit conducted by an independent accounting firm at least every two (2) years.~~

E. RISK MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR

1. Obtain an IYSA disclosure statement for each person identified in the IYSA Risk Management Policy.
2. Maintain the disclosure statements and related documents in the strictest confidence.
3. Submit disclosure statements for police check.
3. Follow procedures listed in the IYSA Risk Management Policy.
4. ~~Submit organization certification to the IYSA.~~

F. APPEALS/HEARING OFFICER

1. Form Hearing/Appeals Committee to respond to member grievances.
2. Provide written notice of hearing to all parties involved at least 10-14 days prior to the hearing.
3. Follow Hearing/Appeals procedures in accordance with LYSA, IYSA, USYSA, USSF guidelines.

G. HEAD REFEREE

1. Assign officials to LYSA home games.
2. ~~Mentor referees and arrange referee courses for LYSA officials.~~

2. FEES

Registration fees and deadlines will be set by the LYSA Board of Directors.

3. REGISTRATION

Each player will complete and submit LYSA registration form, IYSA Emergency Medical Release and Liability Waiver form, ~~proof of age~~, and current fees to LYSA Registrar. ~~Each team will complete and submit the team registration form with players IYSA Emergency Medical Release and Liability Waiver form, proof of age, with current fees to LYSA Registrar for approval.~~

Once a player has been approved on a team roster, that player may not be approved for any other team roster during the same playing year without the approval of the Board of Directors.

4. SUSPENSIONS

A. Players Any player issued a “Red Card” before, during or after a match will be suspended for the following league match. Penalty for a second “Red Card” during the same playing year will be determined by a special meeting of the Board of Directors.

B. Coaches Any coach ejected before, during or after a match will be suspended for the following league match. Penalty for a second ejection during the same playing year will be determined by a special meeting of the Board of Directors.

5. CODE OF ETHICS

Coaches who do not abide by the IYSA Code of Ethics may be removed from the program after an impartial disciplinary hearing has been conducted.

6. HEARINGS/APPEALS

Any team member in good standing has the right to submit a written grievance to the Board of Directors.

~~A grievance that can be handled immediately should be handled by the ranking officer(s) at the game site. If the resolution is not satisfactory, the grievance should be submitted in writing to the Board of Directors.~~ All details of the grievance shall be submitted to the Hearing/Appeals Officer who will convene a Hearing Committee. Hearing Committee will render a decision and notify all parties.

Parties to a grievance may submit a written appeal, pertinent documents ~~and the current appeal fee~~ to the President of the League who will schedule a special meeting to reconsider the decision of the Hearing Committee. Written notice of the hearing to all parties involved will be provided at least 10-14 days prior to the hearing.

No decision which arises out of the application of the rules of competition, which is made in the course of competition, and has no consequence beyond the competition, is appealable.

The decisions of the LYSA Appeals Committee will be binding unless the decision is overturned by a higher authority.