

MOUNTAIN AREA YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE

CONSTITUTION BY-LAWS, GENERAL PROCEDURES, RULES & REGULATIONS

CONSTITUTION

1:01 NAME

1:01:01 This association shall be known as the Mountain Area Youth Soccer League, also referred to as "MAYSL" and hereinafter referred to as the League.

1:02 BOUNDARIES & TERRITORIES

1:02:01 The territory of this League shall be within the areas served by the schools in Ahwahnee, Bass Lake, Coarsegold, North Fork, and Oakhurst.

1:02:02 This League shall establish its geographical sub-divisions to be the areas of North Fork, Coarsegold, and Ahwahnee/Bass Lake/Oakhurst (hereinafter referred to as "areas").

1:02:03 This League shall sanction or create sub-divisions, within these areas, which shall be known as "Teams."

1:03 PURPOSE

1:03:01 The purpose of this League shall be to develop, promote and administer the game of soccer among youth (boys and girls under nineteen (19) of age), regardless of race, creed and/or ability within the territory of the League.

1:04 AFFILIATION

1:04:01 This League shall be an affiliated branch of and comply with the authority of the CALIFORNIA YOUTH SOCCER ASSOICATION (CYSA), the UNITED STATES YOUTH SOCCER ASSOICATION (USYSA) and the UNITED STATES SOCCER FEDERATION (USSF).

1:05 AUTHORITIES

1:05:01 This League shall be governed by its Constitution, By-Laws, General Procedures, and Rules & Regulations, except when these are superseded by CYSA, USYSA, or USSF.

1:05:02 The governing authority of this League, whose powers shall be designated in the By-Laws shall be vested with the Board of Directors of this League.

1:05:03 The governing board, hereinafter to be known as the "Board of Directors: shall be comprised of the Executive Board of Directors, comprised of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar, and other officers, including area representatives one (1) from each area. District 7 Representative, Field Commissioner, Head Referee, Coaching Coordinator, Tournament Director, Scheduling Chairperson, and Telephone Chairperson.

1:05:06 The Board of Directors shall have the right and authority to suspend, bar completely, or otherwise discipline any member, registered player, or referee of the League for good cause, (good cause shall be defined as a violation of the By-Laws, or the Rules & Regulations of MAYSL or any association with which MAYSL is affiliated).

1:06 MEMBERSHIP

1:06:01 General Membership in this League shall be by teams registered in the current year with the coach (or assistant coach in the absence of the coach) as the representative of the team. The Coach shall be considered a voting member. Other voting members of the League shall consist of all Area Representatives, elected or appointed, and officer and directors of the League, elected or appointed as hereinafter provided.

1:06:02 Voting Membership in this League shall, for purposes of voting at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the League, consist of all of those mentioned in 1:06:01 above. Voting membership at all times other than the AGM, including, but not limited to, monthly Board meetings, shall be limited to the Board of Directors of the League.

1:06:03 All members, players, parents, and referees shall abide by the Constitution, By-Laws, General Procedures, and Rules & Regulations of this League as set forth by the Board of Directors, and all applicable rules and regulations of the associations with which this League is affiliated.

1:07 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

1:07:01 Toward the end of the Seasonal Year, the President of this League, with the concurrence of the Board of Directors, shall call for an Annual General Meeting of the membership, to be held no later than June 30 of the said Seasonal Year. Written notification to all voting members shall be made at least thirty (30) days prior to the said Annual General Meeting.

1:07:02 The order of business, at the AGM, shall be as follows:

- A. Call to order
- B. Roll call
- C. Credentials Report (Those present eligible to vote. Total number.)
- D. Introduction of Guests
- E. Acceptance of the Minutes of the previous AGM
- F. Reports
 1. President
 2. Treasurer
 3. Secretary
 4. Committee Reports
- G. Unfinished Business
- H. Proposals for change of Constitution, By-Laws, General Procedures, and/or Rules & Regulations
- I. New Business
- J. Election of League Officers
- K. Good of the Game
- L. Adjournment

1:07:03 The President of the League shall cast a vote only in case of a tie. All other voting members shall be entitled to one (1) vote each. Voting by proxy shall not be allowed and only those voting members of record, in good standing, shall be entitled to voting privileges.

1:08 CHANGES

1:08:01 Amendments to the Constitution, By-Laws, General Procedures, and Rules & Regulations of this League, shall be made at the AGM by the voting members, except in such cases as specified in the By-Laws of this League.

1:08:02 Amendments to the Constitution, By-Laws, General Procedures and Rules and Regulations to be voted on at the AGM, shall be forwarded to the voting members at least thirty (30) days prior to the Annual General Meeting.

1:08:03 An amendment shall be deemed adopted by an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the voting members present at the AGM.

1:09 ELECTIONS

1:09:01 The officers of the Board of Directors shall be elected at the AGM.

1:09:02 The Area Representatives shall be elected and/or appointed by the Board of Directors on or before the date of the AGM.

BY-LAWS

2:01 AFFILIATIONS

2:01:01 Players, near the territorial limits of this League, may be given permission to affiliate with other recognized Leagues, but shall not change affiliation after becoming a member, except with the consent of the Board of Directors of this League.

2:01:02 Any non-member team, within the territorial jurisdiction of this League, shall be deemed as an "Unaffiliated Organization." Any registered team playing games or "doing business" with an Unaffiliated Organization, without written consent of the Board of Directors, shall face disciplinary action and/or suspension by the Board of Directors.

2:02 EXECUTIVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

2:02:01 The Executive Board of Directors shall be the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Registrar. (Hereinafter referred to as "Directors: and/or Executive Committee.")

2:02:02 In the event that a Director or officer becomes unable to serve a new Director or officer shall be appointed by a majority of the Board of Directors. A Director or officer may be removed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the voting members at an AGM.

- A. President: The President shall conduct all meetings of the Board of Directors and shall cast a vote only in case of a tie. The President shall appoint, at the beginning of each season, the standing committees and/or committee chairmen and members-at-large.
- B. Vice-President: In the absence of the President, the Vice-President shall preside at the meetings of the Board of Directors. He/She shall also be the Chairperson of the Credentials Committee.
- C. Secretary: The Secretary shall keep an accurate record of all meetings, handle all correspondence, and maintain the files of this League.
- D. Treasurer: The Treasurer shall give a receipt for all monies, which shall be paid by check and shall bear two (2) signatures: the Treasurer's and one of the following: the President's, Vice-Presidents, or Secretary's. The receipt book and vouchers shall be produced, when required by the Board of Directors, properly balanced according to the bankbook or statement, whichever is up to date.
- E. Registrar: The Registrar shall see that all players and coaches are registered according to MAYSL and CYSA rules. He/She shall prepare the player pass cards and do other duties as specified by MAYSL and CYSA.

2:02:03 Executive Board members shall be reimbursed for expenses as deemed necessary by the Board of Directors.

2:02:04 The Executive Committee shall serve between Board of Directors meetings for either emergencies or to dispose of duties bestowed upon the Executive Committee by the Board of Directors. All actions by the Executive Committee must be ratified by the Board of Directors at their next scheduled meeting after such Executive Committee meetings(s).

2:03 AREA REPRESENTATIVES

2:03:01 The Area Representatives shall be elected or appointed by the Board of Directors. They shall have a seat on the governing Board of Directors and shall be expected to attend all meetings of the League. Area Representatives shall be responsible for informing all coaches in their respective areas of Board decisions.

2:03:02 The duties of the Area Representatives shall include the following:

- A. He/She shall be thoroughly familiar with the Constitution, By-Laws, General Procedures, and Rules & Regulations of MAYSL and the insurance programs for youth soccer, so as to be in a position to interpret the same. Where there is doubt in his/her mind, a ruling should be obtained for the President of the League.
- B. Be present at all meetings of this League, unless otherwise excused.
- C. Be present at the Annual General Meeting of this League.
- D. Each Area Representative will sit on the equipment/uniform committee, said committee to be headed by the Vice-President.

2:03:03 An Area Representative may designate a representative to represent him/her at meetings of the Board of Directors, in the event of his/her absence.

2:04 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

2:04:01 The Board of Directors shall consist of the Executive Board of Directors, all Area Representatives, Officers, and other Members-at-Large.

2:04:02 The Board of Directors shall be responsible for and have sole authority for the following:

- A. Enforcing and interpreting the Constitution, By-Laws, General procedures, and Rules & Regulations of this League and CYSA.
- B. Approving players and registered teams.
- C. Approving procedures for the formation of registered teams.
- D. Insuring proper registration of all players, coaches, and teams.

- E. Insuring proper accounting of fiscal transactions and accurate reporting to the District Commissioner and/or his/her appointed assistant.
- F. Sanctioning travel of teams, for any competitions, played out of the League Boundaries.
- G. Establishing a common set of playing rules for League play.
- H. Establishing a common set of administrative rules for teams registered to the League.
- I. Providing levels of competition within the League for all players within the boundaries of the League.
- J. Providing opportunities of play for all youth within the Boundaries of the League.

2:06 CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

2:06:01 The Credentials Committee Chairperson shall be the Vice-President. He shall make an accurate count of the eligible voting members at each meeting and will report the same to the President. He shall determine if a quorum is present.

2:07 HEAD REFEREE

2:07:01 The Head Referee shall be in charge of the referees used by MAYSL.

2:07:02 He/She shall see that referees are scheduled for each league game.

2:07:03 He/She shall be the liaison between each Area Representative and the Referees for the purpose of schooling the referees as needed.

2:07:04 He/She shall perform other duties as they relate to the referees and as instructed by the Board of Directors.

2:08 STANDING COMMITTEES

2:08:01 The following Standing Committees and others as needed may be appointed yearly.

- A. Rules and Revisions Committee
- B. Protest and Appeals Committee
- C. Trophy Committee
- D. Picture Committee
- E. Fundraising Committee
- F. Uniform Equipment Committee
- G. Field Work Committee

2:09 MEMBERSHIP

2:09:01 Any applicant for membership in this League shall submit, with the appropriate fee(s)

- A. A properly completed Player and or Team Registration Form, prepared in accordance with the current registration instructions and procedures.
- B. Submit, upon initial registration of each player, proof of place and date of birth.
- C. A current wallet sized photo to be attached to the players pass card.

2:09:02 Annual fees for players are to be determined annually at the AGM by the Board of Directors and are due and payable upon registration. Players and/or teams are not considered registered until all of the fees are paid and all other provisions under 2:09:01 are complied with.

2:09:03 All bank checks, drafts and/or money orders, submitted to the League shall be made payable to the MOUNTAIN AREA YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE or to MAYSL.

2:10 MEETINGS

2:10:01 Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held by the call of the President. The agenda for regular meetings shall be as follows:

- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Introduction of Guests
- D. Acceptance of the Minutes of the last Meeting
- E. Correspondence
- F. Treasurer's Report
- G. Committee Reports
- H. Unfinished Business
- I. Adjournment

2:11 QUORUM

2:11:01 At all meetings of the Board of Directors, fifty percent (50%) of the Board of Directors eligible to vote shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

2:12 SEASONAL YEAR

2:12:01 The Seasonal Year shall be from September 1st through August 31st. Insurance coverage shall be for the same period of time.

2:13 PROTESTS & APPEALS

2:13:01 Only violations of the Constitution, By-Laws, General Procedures, and the Rules & Regulations of this League and CYSA, and/or misapplication of the "Laws of the Game" shall be proper subjects to be considered for action.

2:13:02 Protests or Appeals are to be in writing and delivered to the Chairman of the Protest & Appeals Committee within two (2) calendar days of the action being protested or appealed. The fee of \$25.00 must accompany the Protest or

Appeal. Any decision rendered by this Committee may be appealed to the full Board of Directors and then if need be to the CYSA Protest & Appeals Committee as per CYSA Constitution, By-Laws, General Procedures, and Rules & Regulations.

2:13:03 In the matter of Protests and Appeals, no person associated with the operation of this League shall invoke the aide of the courts of any state or of the United States without first exhausting all available remedies within the appropriate soccer organization, including a final appeal to the AGM of the UYSA.

2.14 RESPONSIBILITES

2:14:01 All teams and players shall abide by the League rules under which they are registered and in which they are playing.

2:14:02 Falsification of records shall be grounds for disbarment from future participation and/or membership in this League.

2:14:03 Any person found guilty of violating the Constitution, By-Laws, General Procedures, and Rules & Regulations of this League may be asked to appear before the Board of Directors of this League in order to explain his/her action.

2.15 LIABILITY PROTECTION

2:15:01 All officers of this League and Commissioners and Team Coaches shall be covered against personal liability claims by the CYSA for performing acts and duties directly related to the work of this League.

2.16 FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

2:16:01 This League shall not assume, nor be liable for, the debts and/or the financial responsibilities, either implied or incurred, of any Player, Coach, Manager, Team Assistant, League Official, or Referee from any Team, League, or Organization.

2.17 DISSOLUTION

2:17:01 Should this League be dissolved, all assets remaining after payment of all debts shall be turned over the CALIFORNIA YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION for the express purpose of the development of youth soccer.

2.18 RULES OF ORDER

2:18:01 Robert's Rules of Order shall be deemed as adopted at all meetings of this League unless otherwise agreed to by the participants.

GENERAL PROCEDURES

3:01 AUTHORITIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

3:01:01 The rules contained herein shall govern members of this League, in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with the Constitution and By-Laws of this League. All competition shall be governed by the rules stated herein unless the rules of a specific competition determine otherwise.

3:01:02 This League, at the AGM, may change the rules and regulations herein, but in no case may rules and regulations be less stringent than those of CYSA. CYSA must approve all MAYSL rules and regulations.

3:02:03 Each coach shall be responsible for the conduct of his/her players, assistant coaches, team assistants and parents, and it is the responsibility of each coach to insure that his/her and his/her team's actions on or off the field do not bring disrespect upon this League or CYSA. Each area shall be responsible for the conduct of those persons associated with its operations and it is the responsibility of each area to insure that its actions do not bring disrespect upon this League or CYSA.

3:02 INSURANCE

3:02:01 All injuries, to be claimed against the Medical Insurance Program, shall be completely reported on the proper insurance claim form. This form shall be obtainable through the League Insurance Coordinator or from the Coaches Kit.

3:02:02 All completed reports on injuries shall be submitted, by the coach, to this League's President, within fifteen (15) days of the injury.

3:03 REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

3:03:01 All players are required to submit a properly completed CYSA Youth Amateur Player Registration Form. Registration form must be submitted through the League Registrar.

3:03:02 All Area Representatives and Coaches will receive an approved CYSA Team Registration Form. The Team Registration Form binds each player to that team for the seasonal year unless a player is granted a transfer.

3:03:03 Any teams, which have the same name must be identified by a numerical suffix, addition of the area name, or a different name. The same team name shall not be used for more than one team in the same age division.

3:03:04 The League Registrar shall be responsible for the proper registration of each player in the League. He/She shall have the authority to appoint assistant registrars to assist in the registration process.

3:03:05 The teams within this League shall be established according to the Age Limit Definition. (3:04)

3:03:06 Each team official (i.e., Coach, Assistant/Manager) shall be registered with this League.

3:04 AGE LIMIT DEFINITION

3:04:01 When a Player changes age division, he/she is placed in a pool for random drafting. All Players who change age divisions will be placed in this random draft pool with the exception of the family members of the coach and/or one (1) designated assistant coach. Children of the same family who are in the same age division shall be placed in the random pool together and their assignment to a team shall count as two (2) assignments. Parents may request that children not be placed on the same team.

3:05 PLAYING UP

3:05:01 A Player may "Play Up" in the next age grouping provided:

- A. Parent(s) give written consent
- B. Both Coaches involved give written consent
- C. The Player is not displacing a Player who could play on the team on which he/she wishes to "Play Up."
- D. The Board of Directors gives approval.

3:05:02 Having once moved up an age division, a player may not ever return to a lower age group.

3:06 PROOF OF AGE & IDENTIFICATION

3:06:01 Only those verifications of age acceptable under the Rules & Regulations of the CYSA will be acceptable to this League.

3:06:02 A copy of said verification of age must accompany a Player's first application to play in this League and at any time that age limit definitions of CYSA are changed.

3:06:03 A current wallet sized photo must accompany a Player's application each year. This photo will be attached to the Player's pass card.

3:07 GAME TIMES & BALL SPECIFICATIONS

3:07:01 Game times and ball specifications shall be in accordance with the Rules & Regulations of the CYSA.

3:08 TEAM LIMITS

3:08:01 There shall be no more than 18 Players on a team.

3:09 PLAYER PASSES AND GAME CARDS

3:09:01 Only authorized MAYSL/CYSA Player Pass Cars will be used. If a MAYSL approved Pass Card is lost, there may be a \$5.00 replacement fee.

3:09:02 No Player will be allowed to participate in a game unless his/her Player Pass is submitted to the Referee before entering the game. Coaches and Managers are

advised to keep all Player Passes in their possession until immediately prior to a Player entering the game.

3:09:03 The Referee shall require that both teams enter all the appropriate information on a CYSA Referee Report Form (Game Card) prior to the start of the game. All registered Players' names and shirt numbers must be listed on the Game Card. It must be noted whether the Player is absent, being disciplined or is sick. Late Players may play after proper inspection by the Referee at half time. The Referee shall also require the Coach or Manager of each team to sign the Game Card verifying that the information entered on the card is correct.

3:09:04 Any Player that may play, as Goalkeeper during the game must have this noted on the Game Card. Any Goalkeeper that may play another position must have his number on the Game Card.

3:09:05 Upon completion of the game, the Coach or Manager should again check the Game Card to verify the accuracy of the Referee's information. Any problems arising during the game should be noted on the Game Card, wither by the Referee or the Coach or Manager.

3:09:06 If a Player plays in a game and is not properly registered; his/her team shall automatically forfeit that game and may face further disciplinary action by the Board of Directors of this League.

3:09:07 Any Coach or Manager in violation of 3:09:03 or 3:09:04 shall cause forfeiture of the game.

3:09:08 Upon completion of the game, the Referee shall return the Player Passes to the Coach or Manager, with the exception of Player Passes retained for disciplinary reasons. The Game Cards, along with the Player Passes of any ejected Player, shall be given or mailed to the Head Referee following the game. In the event of a Player being ejected, the Referee shall also file a supplementary report to the Head Referee.

3:10 EJECTION PROCEDURES

3:10:01 Only violation of the Constitution, By-Laws, General Procedures, and Rules & Regulations of this League and its affiliates, misapplication of the "Laws of the Game" or violations of League Rules and Regulations, provided the latter are within the framework of the Constitution, By-Laws, General Procedures, and Specific Rules of CYSA and this League, shall be proper subjects to be considered for this action.

3:10:02 If a Player is ejected for misconduct, the Referee shall mail the Player's Pass, along with his game report, to the Head Referee within forty-eight (48) hours. The Player in question shall be ineligible to play in his team's next game. The Player Pass may be picked up from the Head Referee after the penalty game has been played.

3:11 WEATHER CONDITIONS

3:11:01 Bad weather will not be a reason for canceling a game unless:
A. The Goal cannot be seen from mid-field

- B. A ball will not bounce on the wettest spot on the field
- C. The Referee deems it a hazard to his and/or Player's performance and safety

3:11:02 In bad weather, the Field Commissioner shall check the field for its playability. If the games are to be canceled or delayed, the Field Commissioner shall call all of the Area Representatives involved in all of the games to be canceled or delayed. The Area Representative shall then call their Coaches involved in the cancellation or delay.

3:11:03 Each Area Representative shall make arrangements for someone to stand in for him in case he cannot be contacted. These arrangements must be made known to the Head Referee in advance.

3:11:04 Notwithstanding any of the above conditions, the individual School Districts in which the playing fields are located reserve the right to cancel the games if, in the opinion of their appointed spokesperson, the field might be damaged due to inclement weather combined with play. The League has had to agree to this condition in order to be allowed to use the fields at all.

3:12 FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

3:12:01 The Registration Fees shall be determined by the voting members at the AGM. A fee for team pictures may be included, but must include every Player. Fees can be amended by vote of the Board of Directors at any time prior to the first registration.

3:12:02 Neither the Player nor his Parents or Guardian shall be required to support his team financially other than registration, insurance, and picture fees.

3:12:03 All fees are non-refundable unless the Player is not placed on a team for play by this League. This may be amended on a case-by-case basis by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

3:13 WAYS & MEANS

3:13:01 This League may promote fund raising activities for the purpose of purchasing equipment, promoting the game of soccer, operating expenses and for other reasons it deems necessary.

3:14 GOOD OF THE GAME

3:14:01 This League may combine two (2) age groupings in the interests of soccer to provide a vehicle for play when separate age groupings would be impossible. This shall be done only until there are enough Players to promote two (2) separate age groupings for League play.

3:14:02 There must be three (3) teams in order to constitute an age and/or gender division within the League.

RULES & REGULATIONS

4:01 COMPETITION PROCEDURES

4:01:01 All rules & regulations pertaining to competition procedures shall be as set forth by the CYSA Rules & Regulations for the current seasonal year.

4:02 RULES OF PLAY

4:02:01 The Rules of Play shall be the "Laws of the Game" as published by the FIFA, with those modifications stated herein by CYSA and this League. All contests sanctioned by this League shall abide the "Laws of the Game" and the modifications as published by CYSA.

4:03 COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT

4:03:01 Rules of conduct shall be as set forth in the CYSA Rules & Regulations and/or FIFA.

4:03:02 Rules of conduct may be further amended by this League and distributed with the Coaches' Kit distributed at the beginning of each playing season.

4:03:03 Coaches and Managers are responsible for knowing all of the Rules & Regulations of CYSA, and in particular as they pertain to conduct. They are additionally responsible for knowing all amendments and/or additions of the League to conduct Rules & Regulations. Ignorance of these Rules and/or Regulations does not and will not excuse any infractions.

4:04 PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

4:04:01 Each Player must participate a minimum of fifty percent (50%) of the total playing time of each game. This rule may only be waived for disciplinary reasons as approved by the Board of Directors. Disciplinary reasons shall not include non-attendance at practice. This rule shall apply to all age groups and to all Teams without exception.

4:04:02 It is the Coaches' responsibility to ensure that each Player plays, during a regularly scheduled game, each position on the team at least once every season. This rule shall apply to all Teams in the under-10 and under-8 age groups, without exception.