

Southern Alameda County Youth Soccer League
By-laws & Constitution

Article 1 – Name

Section 1 – The name of the Corporation shall be Southern Alameda County Youth Soccer League (SACYSL).

Article 2 – Purpose

Section 1 – A California non-profit corporation with a purpose and objective of promoting the game of soccer among youth under the age of 19 regardless of race, creed, color, gender, religious beliefs, and/or ability within the boundaries stated in our League Rules and Regulations.

Article 3 – Boundaries

Section 1 – The boundaries of the Southern Alameda County Youth Soccer League shall be the communities as defined in our League Rules and Regulations.

Article 4 – Affiliations

Section 1 – This League shall be an affiliated branch of California Youth Soccer Association-North (CSYA-N) District IV, the United States Youth Soccer Association (USYSA) and the United States Soccer Federation (USSF).

Article 5 – Authorities

Section 1 – This League shall be governed by its Constitution & Bylaws, and Rules and Regulations.

Section 2 – The governing authority of this League, whose powers shall be defined in the By-Laws, shall be vested with the Board of Directors of this League.

Section 3 – The Governing Board, hereinafter to be known as the Board of Directors, shall be composed of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar, Referee Coordinator, Girls Coaching Coordinator, Boys Coaching Coordinator, Match Secretary, Competitive Coaching Coordinator, and Field Coordinator.

Section 4 – The League may recognize sub-units for the purpose of coordinating the administration of the Board of Directors.

Section 5 – Any person applying for a position on the Board of Directors shall fill out an application and submit to an interview process. This interview shall take place at the General Membership meeting prior to the vote. The time length for the interview shall be no longer than five minutes. The election of Directors shall be directed by the Nominations and Election Committee, a committee composed of three (3) members of the Corporation. The Nomination and Election Committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors at its regular meeting in August.

Section 6 – The Board of Directors reserves the right to prohibit any individual from running for a board position based on prior disciplinary actions.

Article 6 - Rules and Regulations

Section 1 – Rules and Regulations are subject to change at any meeting of the Board of Directors of SACYSL and do not require the approval of the general membership.

Section 2 – All Rules and Regulations shall be in compliance with all Federal, State and CYSA rules and regulations.

Article 7 – Membership

Section 1 – This corporation shall have no members pursuant to Section 5310(e) of the California Non-Profit Public Benefit Corporation Law.

Article 8 - Annual General Meeting

Section 1 – The Corporation shall, in a timely manner each year, call a general meeting. Notification of the general meeting shall be posted no more than 30 days prior to said meeting.

Section 2 – The order of business at the Annual General Meeting shall be as follows:

- a) Call to Order
- b) Roll
- c) Introduction of Nominees

Section 3 – Each member of the Board of Directors shall be entitled to one (1) vote, plus each team shall be allowed a maximum of four (4) votes. No individual team shall be allowed more than (4) votes. Should a team have more than four (4) teams members in attendance, the voting privilege will be given in the following priority:
licensed/registered coach, one assistance coach, team

manager/coordinator, active referee (who is also a parent), second assistance coach, one parent, and additional active referee.

Section 4 – The minimum voting age for all matters pertaining to the League shall be eighteen (18) years of age.

Article 9 – Meetings

Section 1 – Regular meetings of the Executive Board of Directors shall be held at least six (6) times during a 12 month period as designated by the Board of Directors. The agenda of the meetings shall be set one week prior to the meeting.

Section 2 – Special Meetings of teams for any lawful purpose may be called by the board, or the president. In addition, special meetings of team members for any lawful purpose may be called by the board of directors or 5 percent or more of the teams. Proxy votes are not allowed at special meetings.

Section 3 – Robert’s Rules of Order shall be deemed as adopted at all meetings of this League, unless otherwise agreed to by the participants, in any event in which they are not consistent with the Constitution and By-laws, Rules and Regulations of this League or of any organization with which this League is affiliated.

Article 10 - Fiscal Year

Section 1– The fiscal year for SACYSL shall be from April 1 through March 31.

Article 11 – Amendments

Section 1 – Amendments to the Constitution and By-laws of the League shall be made at the annual general meeting except in such cases as specified in the Constitution and By-laws of the League.

Section 2 – An amendment shall be deemed adopted by an affirmative vote of the majority of the board and teams present at the annual general meeting.

Article 12 - Board of Directors

Section 1 – The Board of Directors shall be elected at the annual general meeting. The term of office shall be for two (2) years or until a successor is installed in office.

Section 2 – The maximum number of directors shall be 11. Five (5) directors shall be elected for two (2) year terms in even numbered years, and six (6) directors shall be elected in odd numbered years. One director shall be appointed by the president to be chairperson of the board. The minimum number of directors shall be 8.

Section 3 - Termination of any board member shall follow California Corporation Code 5341.

Section 4 – The eleven (11) elected members of the Board of Directors shall be the only voting members of the Board of Directors of the Corporation.

Section 5 – The election of Directors shall be directed by the Nominations and Election Committee, a committee composed of three (3) members of the Corporation, two (2) of whom shall be directors whose terms have expired. The Nomination and Election Committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors at its regular meeting in August.

Section 6 – Neither directors or officers of the Corporation shall receive any stated salaries for their services. SACYSL, as a non-profit Corporation complies with the prohibition of distributing profits, or other pecuniary benefits to its members. Directors and officers shall be allowed reasonable reimbursement for expenses incurred in the performance of their duties, but only with the approval of the Board of Directors.

Section 7 – No executive Board of Directors shall be personally liable for debts, liabilities, or other obligations of the League.

Article 13 – Dissolution

Section 1 – Should this League be dissolved, all assets remaining after payment of all outstanding debts shall be distributed to a charitable non-profit organization.

Article 14 - Persons with Interest/Board Members

Section 1 – No more than 49% of the persons serving on the Board may be persons with interest.

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