



## Proposals for Santa Clara Youth Soccer League 2007 AGM

### **Proposal #1**

Amendment to By-Laws Section V (will need to be approved by a simple majority vote)

#### Current Text:

**Referee Director:** Shall be responsible for obtaining and assigning referees for all official League games played within the League boundaries. Shall arrange clinics, meetings, and other training, so that licensing requirements are met. Shall inform referees of all rules and regulations of this organization and its affiliates.

#### Proposed Text:

**Referee Coordinator:** Shall assist the Referee Scheduler in obtaining and assigning referees for all official league games played within the League boundaries. Shall arrange clinics and other training so that licensing requirements are met shall inform referees of all rules and regulations of this organization and its affiliates.

Submitted by Bob Sherman

### **Proposal #2**

Amendment to By-Laws Section V (will need to be approved by a simple majority vote)

#### Add the following text:

**Referee Scheduler:** Shall be responsible for obtaining and assigning referees for all official league games played within the League boundaries.

Submitted by Bob Sherman

### **Proposal #3**

Amendment to General League Rules, Item # 7 Refund of Registration Fees (simple majority vote)

#### Add the following text:

D. A player is physically unable and/or unwilling to practice and play in any game for more than 45 days is entitled to a league registration refund upon request.

A player's parent/legal guardian must sign the CYSA Player Release Form prior to any league refund.

Submitted by Gabe Foo

**Proposal # 4**

Amendment to By-Laws (simple majority vote)

Current Text:

Volunteer Coordinator: The Volunteer Coordinator shall be responsible for coordinating the recruitment of volunteers. The Volunteer Coordinator shall maintain a database of all current and potential volunteers for the League.

Proposed Text:

Volunteer Coordinator: The Volunteer Coordinator shall work with the various Coordinators, the Webmaster, and the Newsletter Editor to maintain and keep current the volunteer opportunities on the League website and in the newsletter, The Keeper. The Volunteer Coordinator will receive and review for approval all Volunteer Participation Program reimbursement forms, and forward approved forms to the Treasurer for payment. The Volunteer Coordinator will provide reports and related information to the board on the status of the Volunteer Participation Program.

Submitted by David Burke

**Proposal # 5**

Amendment to Constitution Article IV, Section 2. Governing Board: (two thirds majority vote)

Current Text:

The governing board, here after to be known as the "Board of Directors," shall be composed of the President and other officers of the Organization, but in no case exceed 25 members. The titles of the board members are listed in Article V.

Proposed Text:

The governing board, here after to be known as the "Board of Directors," shall be composed of the President and other officers of the Organization, but in no case exceed 30 members. The titles of the board members are listed in Article V.

Submitted by David Burke

**Proposal # 6**

Amendment to Constitution Article V, Section 1. Officers: (two thirds majority vote)

Current Text:

The officers of the Organization shall be the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar, Referee Coordinator, Field Scheduler, Field Manager, Equipment Manager, Snack Bar Coordinator, Fundraising Coordinator, Picture Coordinator, Coaching Director, Tournament Director, Communication Director, Webmaster, Select (Class 1) Coordinator, Competitive (Class 3) Coordinator, U12 and up Recreation (Class 4) Coordinator, U10 Recreation (Class 4) Coordinator, U8 Recreation (Class 4) Coordinator, U6 Recreation (Class 4) Coordinator, the most recent Past President (if available) and up to two (2) optional Directors.

Proposed Text:

The officers of the Organization shall be the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar, Referee Coordinator, Field Scheduler, Field Manager, Equipment Manager, Snack Bar Coordinator, Fundraising Coordinator, Picture Coordinator, Coaching Director, Tournament

Director, Communication Director, Webmaster, Select (Class 1) Coordinator, Competitive (Class 3) Coordinator, U12 and up Recreation (Class 4) Coordinator, U10 Recreation (Class 4) Coordinator, U8 Recreation (Class 4) Coordinator, U6 Recreation (Class 4) Coordinator, Volunteer Coordinator, the most recent Past President (if available) and up to two (2) optional Directors.

Submitted by David Burke

**Proposal # 7**

Amendment to Constitution, Article VI: (two thirds majority vote)

Add Section 6 to Article VI to read:

Voting Over E-Mail. In between monthly Board Meetings if something important comes up and the President thinks it can not wait until the next Board Meeting, a vote over e-mail would be allowed. The process should be the same as at a Board meeting which is according to the Robert Rules of Order. The Board members should be given 48 hours to respond over e-mail. The issue being voted on would require a simple majority of all current Board members.

Submitted by Patricia Biocini

**Proposal # 8**

**Proposal to Amend U8 Playing Format**

**Objective:** To create a playing format for the Fall 2007 season, in which players are provided a safe, fun and educational environment where they can develop both technical and tactical skills, in preparation for the new challenges they will face in the U9 and U10 divisions.

**Comparison:**

	<u>Current U8</u>	<u>Current U 10</u>
Field Size:	40 x 26	70 x 40
Goal Size:	4H x 5W	7H x 21W
Playing Format:	4 v 4 (No GK)	8 v 8 (w/GK)
Roster:	8	13

Currently there is a gulf between the U8 and U9/U10 leagues, which puts players from our league at a disadvantage when making the transition from U8 to U9/U10. In order to bridge this gulf the U8 format must be changed.

**Advantages**

- Smoother transition between U8 to U9/U10
- Roster size results in more playing time for players

- Larger rosters will result in fewer coaches needed, which in turn means the quality of coaching will be higher
- Current format encourages dribbling the ball into the net (safer approach and bad habit), at the expense of developing the skill of shooting (riskier)
- Trying to score on a goal with a goalkeeper presents many challenges which a player has to overcome and process to be successful
- A larger playing environment and more players within that environment requires team work, thus promoting the learning and use of higher technical and tactical skills

### **Disadvantages**

- New Equipment required (4 Goals and nets)
- Possible space issues caused by larger fields

### **Recommendation**

This age is a crucial period in the development of a player, therefore a change in the U8 playing format is recommended (please review Exhibit A).

## **Exhibit "A"**

### **Fall 2007 U8 Playing Format**

#### Summary of Rules:

- Roster Size - Maximum of 11 players
- Playing Format – 7 v 7 (6 outfield players and 1 goalkeeper)
- Field Size - Length 50 – 60 yards, Width 30 – 40 yards
- Goal Size - Height 5 – 6 feet, Width 10 – 12 feet
- Ball Size - Size #3
- Game Time - 2 x 20 minute halves (with a short substitution break at the mid point of each half). 5 minute half time break

#### Playing Rules:

- Offside - Yes
- Fouls - All result in indirect free kicks
- Restarts - 6 yards
- Penalty Kicks - None
- Throw-ins - One re-throw allowed after explanation
- Substitutions - Shall occur: At half time or quarter breaks; Prior to a throw-in in your favor; Prior to a goal kick by either team; After a goal by either team; After an injury, when referee stops play, by either team

### **ALL PLAYERS TO RECEIVE 50% PLAYING TIME**

Submitted by Demitri Cacoyannis

### **Proposal # 9**

Amendment to By Laws: (simple majority vote)

Add the following text to Article 2, Section 5 immediately after section heading:

The Executive Officers (President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer) shall be empowered to make decisions and to conduct League business on occasions other than at the meeting of the Board of Directors, when action of a timely nature is required. Ratification of actions emanating from the Executive Officers shall take place at the next meeting of the Board of Directors.

Submitted by Kevin Spinks

**Proposal # 10**

Amendment to By Laws: (simple majority vote)

Current Text:

**Treasurer:** Shall maintain and record all financial transactions of the League, except as noted below. Shall reconcile all bank accounts utilized by the Organization and submit reports summarizing the activity of the accounts to the Board at each Board meeting. In the event of a planned absence from a meeting, the report is to be submitted to the President no later than the morning of the Board meeting. All checks in excess of \$200.00 drawn on any League checking account shall require the signature of at least two (2) officers. Shall not be responsible for the fund maintained by the Tournament Director, or fund raising activities until such funds are turned over to the League Treasurer. Shall prepare books for audit by January 31.

Proposed Text:

**Treasurer:** Shall maintain and record all financial transactions of the League, except as noted below. Shall reconcile all bank accounts utilized by the Organization and submit reports summarizing the activity of the accounts to the Board at each Board meeting. In the event of a planned absence from a meeting, the report is to be submitted to the President no later than the morning of the Board meeting. All accounts shall be paid by check. Any checks in excess of \$1000.00 drawn against any League account shall require the prior approval of the Board of Directors, or if required to be paid between Board meetings, shall require written prior approval of at least one other unrelated Executive Officer. Shall not be responsible for any funds maintained by the Tournament Director, Referee Director, other Board Member, or fund raising activities until such funds are turned over to the League Treasurer. Shall prepare books for audit by January 31.

Submitted by Kevin Spinks

**Proposal # 11**

Amendment to By Laws: (simple majority vote)

Current Text:

**Referee Director:** Shall be responsible for obtaining and assigning referees for all official League games played within the League boundaries. Shall arrange clinics meetings and other training, so that licensing requirements are met. Shall inform referees of all rules and regulations of this organization and its affiliates.

Proposed Text:

**Referee Director:** Shall arrange clinics meetings and other training, so that licensing requirements are met. Shall inform referees of all rules and regulations of this organization and

its affiliates. Shall be responsible for providing payment of all referees. Shall manage a League referee account, for the sole purpose of making payments to League referees for all official League games. Shall maintain and record all financial transactions, and shall reconcile the account, submitting financial reports summarizing the activity of the account to the Board at each Board meeting. In the event of a planned absence from a meeting, the report is to be submitted to the President no later than the morning of the Board meeting. All accounts shall be paid by check, except if the Board of Director's approves a one-time use of a specified amount of cash, in which case the Referee Director shall maintain detailed records of the cash transaction and shall report such to the Board at the next Board meeting.

Submitted by Kevin Spinks

**Proposal # 12**

Amendment to By Laws: (simple majority vote)

Add the following text to Article 2, Section 5:

**Referee Scheduler:** Shall be responsible for obtaining and assigning referees for all official League games or League sponsored games played within the League boundaries. Shall maintain a database of the qualifications and contact information for all referees that officiate games for the League. Shall ensure equitable and fair distribution of assignments and shall provide a download of assignment and referee data when requested by the Board. The Referee Scheduler shall be required to maintain a minimum Grade 8 USSF license.

Submitted by Kevin Spinks

**Proposal # 13**

Amendment to By Laws: (simple majority vote)

Current Text:

**Coaching Coordinator:** Shall be responsible for coordinating all training for coaches. Shall maintain a database of all coaches and assistant coaches in the League. Shall ensure that all coaches complete all required background checks prior to being assigned coaching duties.

Proposed Text:

**Coaching Coordinator:** Shall be responsible for coordinating all training for coaches to ensure that CYSA District II minimum licensing requirements are met. Shall maintain a database of all coaches and assistant coaches in the League and the licenses that they hold. Shall ensure that all coaches complete all required background checks prior to being assigned coaching duties.

Submitted by Kevin Spinks

**Proposal # 14**

Amendment to By Laws: (simple majority vote)

Current Text:

**Optional Directors:** Shall be responsible for a defined Santa Clara Youth Soccer League function as appointed by the President.

Proposed Text:

**Optional Directors:** Shall be responsible for a defined Santa Clara Youth Soccer League function as appointed by the President and ratified by the Board of Directors.

Submitted by Kevin Spinks

**Proposal # 15**

Amendment to By Laws: (simple majority vote)

Current Text:

**ARTICLE 5. ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING AGENDA**

The agenda for Association General meetings shall be as follows:

Call to order

Roll call

Acceptance of minutes from previous AGM

Officer's reports

Unfinished business

Proposals for changes to the Constitution,

By-Laws, Rules and Regulations or General

Procedures.

Committee reports

New business

Good of the Game

Adjournment

Proposed Text:

**ARTICLE 5. ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING (AGM) AGENDA**

The agenda for Association General Meetings shall be as follows:

Call to order

Roll call/Verification of Quorum for Meeting

Introduction of Guests

Acceptance of minutes from previous AGM

Election/Nomination of Executive Officers

Officer's reports

Unfinished business

Proposals for changes to the Constitution, By-laws, Rules and Regulations or General

Procedures.

Committee reports

New business

Good of the Game

Adjournment

Submitted by Kevin Spinks

**Proposal # 16**

Amendment to By Laws: (simple majority vote)

Current Text:

**Section 3. Records**

The League Treasurer is responsible for keeping records related to the compensation for services by the League.

Proposed Text:

**Section 3. Records**

The League Treasurer is responsible for keeping records related to the compensation for services by the League, except for funds maintained by the Tournament Director, Referee Director, or other Board Member. For funds maintained by Board Members other than the Treasurer, all records and information required for League tax purposes shall be provided to the League Treasurer no later than January 15.

Submitted by Kevin Spinks

**Proposal # 17**

Amendment to By Laws: (simple majority vote)

Current Text:

**ARTICLE 11. TEAM SPONSORSHIPS *Amended 3-03***

The Board of Directors shall maintain a policy regarding sponsorships of individual teams. In an effort to comply with the regulations established by the Internal Revenue Service for the acceptance of donations by a non-profit organization the following policies shall apply to the sponsorship of individual teams.

1. The Board of Directors shall approve acceptance and the allocation of all donations made to the League.
2. A donor may request that the Board of Directors direct their donations to a specific team.
3. The Board of Directors shall consider whether or not to approve any request for team sponsorship during any scheduled Board of Director Meeting.
4. Upon approval by the Board of Directors to accept the donation, the League will retain 10 percent of the amount of the donation.
5. Any team receiving sponsorship approved by the Board of Directors shall provide the League Treasurer with documentation that clearly demonstrates that the sponsorship money was used for the sole benefit of the team.
6. The League Treasurer shall provide the donor with a thank you letter and a receipt for the donation.

Proposed Text:

**ARTICLE 11. TEAM SPONSORSHIPS**

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2. A donor may request that the Board of Directors direct their donations to a specific team.
3. The Board of Directors shall consider whether or not to approve any request for team sponsorship during any scheduled Board of Director Meeting.
4. Upon approval by the Board of Directors to accept a donation and to direct the donation to a specific team, the League will retain 10 percent of the amount of the donation.
5. Any team receiving sponsorship approved by the Board of Directors shall provide the Fundraising Coordinator and the League Treasurer with documentation that clearly demonstrates that the sponsorship money was used for the sole benefit of the team.
6. The Fundraising Coordinator shall provide the donor with a thank you letter and a receipt for the donation

Submitted by Kevin Spinks

**Proposal # 18**

Amendment to By Laws: (simple majority vote)

Current Text:

**Section 3. Election of Board of Directors.** The Board of Directors shall be elected by the general membership of the organization.

Proposed Text:

**Section 3. Election of Board of Directors.** The Executive Officers of the Board of Directors (President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer) shall be elected by the general membership of the organization. All other Board members shall be appointed by a majority vote of the Board of Directors at a monthly Board of Directors' meeting.

Submitted by Kevin Spinks

**Proposal # 19**

Amendment to Constitution: (two thirds majority vote)

Current Text:

**ARTICLE V. OFFICERS**

**Section 1. Officers.** The officers of the Organization shall be the President, Vice- President, Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar, Referee Coordinator, Field Scheduler, Field Manager, Equipment Manager, Snack Bar Coordinator, Fundraising Coordinator, Picture Coordinator, Coaching Director, Tournament Director, Communication Director, Webmaster, Select (Class 1) Coordinator, Competitive (Class 3) Coordinator, U12 and up Recreation (Class 4) Coordinator, U10 Recreation (Class 4) Coordinator, U8 Recreation (Class 4) Coordinator, U6 Recreation (Class 4) Coordinator, the most recent Past President (if available) and up to two (2) optional Directors.

Proposed Text:

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Submitted by Kevin Spinks

**Proposal # 20**

Amendment to Constitution: (two thirds majority vote)

Current Text:

**Section 4. Voting at Board of Directors' Meetings.** Each member of the Board of Directors or in his/her absence his/her approved nominee, shall have one (1) vote at designated board meetings. Each Board member must submit the name and address of his/her nominee (if any) for Board ratification before voting representation will be permitted. The President of the Organization shall cast a vote only in the case of a tie.

Proposed Text:

**Section 4. Voting at Board of Directors' Meetings.** Each member of the Board of Directors, or in his/her absence his/her approved nominee, shall have no more than one (1) vote at designated board meetings. Each Board member must submit the name and address of his/her nominee (if any) for Board ratification before voting representation will be permitted. The President of the Organization shall cast a vote only in the case of a tie, even though the President may serve in the capacity as another Officer, as defined herein.

Submitted by Kevin Spinks

**Proposal # 21**

Amendment to Constitution: (two thirds majority vote)

Current Text:

**Section 1. Membership.** Membership in the Organization shall consist of the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of all properly registered players in the League. Also included, as active members shall be properly registered coaches coaching within the Organization and active adult licensed referees.

Proposed Text:

**Section 1. Membership.** Membership in the Organization shall consist of the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of all properly registered players in the League, and registered adult volunteers. Also included as active members shall be properly registered active coaches within the Organization, and active Officers of the Board of Directors.

Submitted by Kevin Spinks

**Proposal # 22**

Amendment to Constitution: (two thirds majority vote)

Current Text:

**Section 4. Membership Year.** A membership year is defined as that period of time between annual registration dates.

Proposed Text:

**Section 4. Membership Year.** A membership year is defined as that period of time in accordance to, and in concurrence with, the CYSA North Seasonal Year, which is September 1 of the current year through August 31 of the following year.

Submitted by Kevin Spinks