



# Santa Clara Youth Soccer League

## Constitution

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## ARTICLE I. NAME

This non-profit organization shall be known as the Santa Clara Youth Soccer League, Incorporated, also hereinafter referred to as the Organization.

## ARTICLE II. PURPOSE AND MISSION

**Section 1. Purpose.** The primary purposes of the Organization are to develop, promote, and administer the game of soccer and to provide a healthy recreational activity while teaching sportsmanship and discipline to youth under the age of nineteen (19) years within the territorial boundaries of the Santa Clara Youth Soccer League. In addition to the above primary purposes, the Organization shall have and shall exercise all rights and powers conferred upon nonprofit corporations under the laws of the State of California, including the power to contract, rent, buy or sell personal or real property, provided however, that this corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the primary purposes of this corporation.

**Section 2. Mission.** It is the mission of the Organization to provide the best possible soccer experience for all players in the Organization. The Organization will meet this mission by:

1. Providing the opportunity for all players to participate in all levels of play including but not limited to Class Division 4 (Recreational), Class Division 3 (Competitive) and Class Division 1 (Select).
2. Promoting player development by fostering an atmosphere that allows each player to develop their skills to their desired level of play in a fun and fulfilling environment.
3. Providing, as available, financial aid to those players that need assistance.
4. Promoting the development of coaches by offering instructional courses and resources that will allow them to further improve their skills as coaches.
5. Promoting the development of youth referees by offering instructional courses and resources that will allow them to further improve their skills as referees.
6. Promoting a respect for the game of soccer through fair play and sportsmanship.

## ARTICLE III. AFFILIATION AND BOUNDARIES

**Section 1. Affiliation.** The Organization shall be an affiliated branch of, and comply with, the authority of the California Youth Soccer Association (CYSA), the United States

Youth Soccer Association (USYSA) and the United States Soccer Federation (USSF).

**Section 2. Boundaries.** The territorial boundaries of Santa Clara Youth Soccer League will generally be the City of Santa Clara and its immediate surroundings as defined by the following boundaries:

The League territory shall include the City of Santa Clara but shall exclude that portion of the City of Santa Clara west of Lawrence Expressway and north of Homestead Road. The League territory shall also include that portion of the City of San Jose bounded by the city limits of Santa Clara on the west and north, Highway 280 on the south and Highway 880 on the east.

#### **ARTICLE IV. ADMINISTRATION**

**Section 1. Constitution and By-Laws.** The Organization shall be governed by its Constitution, By-Laws and General League Rules except when superseded by its California Youth Soccer Association Affiliates' Constitution and By-Laws.

**Section 2. Governing Board.** 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 shall in no case exceed 25 members. The titles of the board members are listed in Article V5.

**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.

#### **ARTICLE V. OFFICERS**

**Section 1. Officers.** The officers of the Organization shall be the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar, Referee Coordinator Director, Referee Scheduler, Field Scheduler, Field Manager, Equipment Manager, Snack Bar Shack Coordinator, Fundraising Coordinator, Picture Special Events Coordinator, Coaching Director Coordinator, Awards Coordinator, Tournament Director, Communications Director, Webmaster, Santa Clara Sporting Club Liaison, Volunteer Coordinator, Player Development Coordinator, Select (Class Division 1) Coordinator, Competitive (Class Division 3) Coordinator, U12 and up Recreational (Class Division 4) Coordinator, U10 Recreational (Class Division 4) Coordinator, U8 Recreational (Class Division 4) Coordinator, U6 Recreational (Class Division 4) Coordinator, the most recent Past President (if available) and up to two (2) optional Directors.

**Section 2. Duties of Officers.** The duties of the Officers of the Organization are those duties usually associated with their titles and are further defined in the By-Laws.

**Section 3. Elected Officers.** Elected officers shall reside within the League boundaries or be members of the League and shall serve one year beginning April 1st following the

Organization's Association General Meeting (AGM) in March.

## **ARTICLE VI. MEETINGS**

**Section 1. Association General Meeting.** One general meeting of the membership shall be held in March with thirty (30) days notice of date, time and location provided to the members at large. Additional general meetings may be called by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors or by at least sixty (60) members of the general membership. The meeting will occur within thirty (30) days with date, time and location published fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting.

**Section 2. Board of Directors' Meetings.** Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held no less than once a month during the membership year. Additional meetings may be called by the President or at the request of four (4) members of the Board of Directors. All meeting shall be open to the general membership.

**Section 3. 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.

**Section 4. Voting at Association General Meetings.** The coach from each team or his/her designee within the Organization and each Officer present shall have no more than one (1) vote at general meetings. Voting shall be according to Robert Rules of Order unless otherwise contradicted in the Constitution, By-Laws or Rules and Regulations of this Organization.

## **ARTICLE VII. MEMBERSHIP**

**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 coaching within the Organization, active adult licensed referees and Officers of the Board of Directors.

**Section 2. Membership Registration.** Registration dates, fees, procedures, and rules and regulations will be reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors and reported to the membership at least thirty (30) days prior to registration.

**Section 3. Constitution, By-Laws and Rules and Regulations.** All members and players of the Organization shall abide by the Constitution, By-Laws, and General League Rules of the Organization, as set forth by the Board of Directors, and those of our Affiliates when applicable.

**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 between annual registration dates.

## **ARTICLE VIII. AMENDMENTS**

Amendments to the Constitution, By-laws and Rules and Regulations of this Organization shall be made according to the following:

A. Proposals for amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws may be submitted by any member and must be submitted to the President at least 45 days prior to the date of the Annual Association General Meeting.

B. Proposed amendments to the General League Rules in order to be considered at the Annual Association General Meeting must be submitted to the President at least 45 days prior to the date of the Annual Association General Meeting. Amendments to the General League Rules may also be proposed by any Board member at any scheduled Board of Director's meeting.

C. The Board of Directors, during the board meeting prior to the Annual General Meeting, will cast a vote of support or opposition for each proposal to be considered at the Annual Association General Meeting.

D. All proposals to be considered at the Annual Association General Meeting will be made available to the membership prior to the Annual Association General Meeting.

E. Amendments to the Constitution shall be approved by a two-thirds majority vote of the general membership casting votes at the Annual Association General Meeting or special meeting.

F. Amendments to the By-Laws shall be approved by a simple majority vote of the general membership casting votes at the Annual Association General Meeting or special meeting.

## **ARTICLE IX. POWERS OF THE DIRECTORS**

The Board of Directors shall be responsible and have sole authority for:

**A.** Informing and interpreting the Constitution, By-Laws and Rules and Regulations of the Organization.

**B.** Suspending or otherwise disciplining any referee, coach, assistant coach, registered member or player from any League activity.

**C.** Approval of team formation procedures and the leagues to which teams are assigned.

**D.** Making temporary rules and regulations for specific occasions not provided for in the Constitution or By-Laws but deemed necessary by the Board of Directors to carry out the objectives of the Organization.

#### **ARTICLE X. NONPARTISAN ACTIVITIES**

The Organization has been formed under the California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law for the public purposes described above, and it shall be nonprofit and nonpartisan. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall consist of the publication or dissemination of materials with the purpose of attempting to influence legislation, and corporation shall not participate or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office or for or against any cause or measure being submitted to the people for a vote. The corporation shall not, except in an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purposes described above.

#### **ARTICLE XI. DEDICATION OF ASSETS**

The properties and assets of the Organization are irrevocably dedicated to charitable purposes. No part of the net earnings, properties, or assets of this corporation, on dissolution or otherwise, shall inure to the benefit of a private person or individual, or any member or director of this corporation. On liquidation or dissolution, all properties and assets and obligations shall be distributed and paid over to an organization dedicated to charitable purposes, provided that the organization continues to be dedicated to the exempt purposes as specified in Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c) (3).

#### **ARTICLE XII. PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

The principal office of the Organization for the transaction of business of the corporation is located in Santa Clara County, California.

#### **CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY**

I, the undersigned, certify that I am the presently elected and acting Secretary of Santa Clara Youth Soccer League, a California Nonprofit Corporation, and the above constitution, consisting of seven (7) pages, is the Constitution of this corporation as adopted at a meeting of the Board of Directors held on **June 6, 2001**. Executed at **Santa Clara**, California.

Constitution originally Adopted on **September 1, 1980**.

Revision adopted on **June 6, 2001.**

**Martin Von Raesfeld**, President  
**Monica Hall**, Vice President  
**Patricia F, Biocini**, Secretary  
**Bill G, Stone**, Treasurer

**Board Members:**

Dawn Lucero	Paul Stevens
Monica Deaton	John Azevedo
Larry McNally	Ken Katai