

# **TIBURON PENINSULA SOCCER CLUB**

## **CONSTITUTION**

### **ARTICLE 1: NAME**

The name of this Club shall be Tiburon Peninsula Soccer Club.

### **ARTICLE 2: BOUNDARIES & TERRITORIES**

As per our parent organizations, the Club recognizes open boundaries, centered on the Tiburon Peninsula, located in the County of Marin, California.

### **ARTICLE 3: PURPOSE**

The purpose and objectives of this Club shall be to develop, promote and administer the game of soccer among youth (boys and girls under nineteen (19) years of age), regardless of race, creed, and/or ability within the territory of the Club. It shall be the interest of this Club to promote mental and physical fitness, develop self and community pride and to provide young people, under 19 years of age, an opportunity to learn and play soccer at various levels of skill and competitive spirit.

### **ARTICLE 4: AFFILIATION**

This Club shall be an affiliated branch of and comply with the authority of the California Youth Soccer Association, Inc. (CYSA), the United States Youth Soccer Association (USYSA), US Club Soccer, US Club Soccer sanctioned programs, and/or the United States Soccer Federation (USSF).

### **ARTICLE 5: AUTHORITIES**

1. This Club shall be governed by its Constitution, Bylaws and Rules and Regulations, except when these are superseded by CYSA, CYSA District V, USYSA, US Club Soccer, US Club Soccer sanctioned programs, and/or USSF.

2. The governing authority of this Club, whose powers shall be designated in the Bylaws, shall be vested with the Board of Directors of this Club.

3. The Governing Board of this Club, hereinafter to be known as the Board of Directors, shall be composed of the President, Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer and other positions elected or appointed as set forth in the Bylaws and Rules and Regulations of this Club.

4. The Club through its Board of Directors may recognize committees and subcommittees for the purpose of coordinating the administration of Club programs. Committee Members shall be voting or non voting members of the Board.

## ARTICLE 6: MEMBERSHIP

1. Membership in the Club shall be registered players' families, coaches, elected Board members and referees.

2. All members shall abide by the Constitution, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations of this Club as set forth by the Board of Directors, and all applicable Rules and Regulations of the associations with which this Club is affiliated.

## ARTICLE 7: ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

1. At the end of each calendar year, the President of this Club, with the concurrence of the Board of Directors, shall call a general meeting of the membership, to be held no later than January 31 of the following year. Written notification to all members of registered teams shall be posted on the Club website and/or sent at least thirty (30) days prior to said Annual General Meeting.

2. The order of business at the general meeting may be as follows:

- A. Call to order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Introduction of Guests
- D. Acceptance of Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting
- E. Reports:
  - 1. President
  - 2. Vice Presidents and Committees
  - 3. Treasurer
  - 4. Secretary
  - 5. Administrator
  - 6. Registrar
- F. Unfinished Business
- G. Proposals for change of Constitution and/or Bylaws
- H. New Business
- I. Election of Board of Directors
- J. Member Comment
- K. Adjournment

3. Each family with a registered member of this Club during the current season and

each elected member of the Board of Directors shall be entitled to one (1) vote at the Annual General Meeting., however, each family shall be limited to one single vote on any issue submitted for a vote at the Annual General Meeting. Voting by proxy shall not be allowed and only those members of record in good standing and in attendance at the Annual General Meeting shall be entitled to voting privileges. The President of this Club shall cast a vote at the Annual General Meeting only in the situation of a tie.


## ARTICLE 8: CHANGES

1. Amendments to the Constitution and/or Bylaws of this Club shall be made at the Annual General Meeting of the membership, except in such cases as specified in the Bylaws of this Club.

2. All proposed amendments to the Constitution and/or Bylaws to be voted on at the Annual General Meeting, shall be forwarded in writing to the President at least forty-five (45) days prior to the Annual General Meeting and the President shall forward all such proposals in writing to the membership or post prominently on the Club website at least thirty (30) days prior to the Annual General Meeting.

3. An amendment to the Constitution and/or Bylaws shall be deemed adopted by an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the voting members present at the Annual General Meeting.

Approved and adopted by majority vote of the Members of the Club at the Annual General Meeting on January \_\_, 2009.

  
Secretary

# TIBURON PENINSULA SOCCER CLUB

## BYLAWS

### ARTICLE 1: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. The Board of Directors shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting. The term of office shall be one year.

2. In the event that a Director becomes unable to serve, a new Director shall be appointed by a majority of the Board of Directors. A Director may be removed by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership of the Board of Directors at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors, provided that all members of the Board of Directors shall be given at least 15 days written notice of any such vote.

3. The Officers and Executive Committee of the Board of Directors shall consist of the President, Vice-President of Competitive, Vice President of Recreational, and Treasurer.

A. President: The President shall conduct all meetings of the Board of Directors and shall cast a vote only in the case of a tie. The President shall appoint, at the beginning of each season, the standing committees and/or committee chairperson(s).

B. Vice-Presidents: In the absence of the President, a Vice-President shall preside at meetings of the Board of Directors. The Vice-Presidents shall oversee and report to the Board of Directors regarding the appropriate competitive or recreational standing committee of the Club. The Vice-Presidents, or his or her designated substitutes, shall also be responsible for attending CYSA District V (or equivalent governing body) meetings as a representative of this Club.

C. Treasurer: The Treasurer shall give a receipt for all monies which shall be deposited in a recognized bank in the name of this Club. All accounts shall be paid by check. The receipt book and vouchers shall be produced when required by the Board of Directors, properly balanced according to the bank book or statement, whichever is up to date. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the preparing of any and all papers pursuant to the Articles of Incorporation and tax exemption status of this Club.

4. 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. For each decision rendered by the Executive Committee, at least three (3) members of the Executive Committee shall participate in that decision in order to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Each Executive Committee member shall be entitled to one (1) vote on any issue presented to the Executive Committee for decision. All actions of the Executive Committee shall be approved by a majority vote of those Executive Committee members involved in the action, except that in the case of a tie, the President's vote shall be counted as two (2) votes. All actions by the Executive Committee must be ratified by the Board of Directors at their next scheduled meeting after such Executive Committee meeting(s).

5. The Board of Directors shall be responsible for and have sole authority for the following:

- A. Being responsible for the overall operation and management of the Club.
- B. Delegating the implementation of Club rules, regulations, processes and procedures to standing subcommittees of the board. These may include, but are not limited to a Competitive Committee, Recreational Committee, and Finance Committee.
- C. Hiring and firing Club employees or delegating such responsibility to a subcommittee or designated Board member
- D. Contracting with vendors or delegating such responsibility to a subcommittee or designated Board member
- E. Establishing, being familiar with, interpreting, amending and enforcing the Rules and Regulations of the Club.
- F. Being familiar with, interpreting, enforcing the Constitution, Bylaws and all applicable Rules and Regulations of the Associations with which this Club is affiliated.
  - A. Approving procedures for formation of registered teams.
  - B. Insuring proper registration for all players, coaches, teams and referees.
  - C. Insuring proper accounting of fiscal transactions and accurate reporting to the District Commissioner and/or his or her appointed assistant.
  - D. Establishing, amending, interpreting and enforcing a common set of administrative rules for all teams registered to the Club.
  - E. Establishing, amending, interpreting and enforcing a common set of playing rules for Club play.
  - F. Providing levels of competition of play for all youth players within the Club.

6. The Board of Directors shall have the right and authority to suspend, bar completely or otherwise discipline any team, player, coach, manager, team assistant, Club official or any other person associated with the operation of this Club from any member team organization.

## ARTICLE 2: STANDING COMMITTEES

The following Standing Committees (and others which may be authorized by the Board of Directors) may be appointed yearly:

- A. Rules and Revisions Committee

- B. Protest and Appeals Committee
- C. Fundraising Committee
- D. Recreation Committee
- E. Competitive Committee
- F. Finance Committee
- G. Referee Committee

## ARTICLE 3: MEMBERSHIP

All applicants for membership in this Club shall submit yearly, with the appropriate fee(s):

- A. Properly completed registration forms for each team, player, coach, assistant coach, and manager prepared in accordance with the current CYSA or US Club registration instructions and procedures.
- B. Submit upon initial registration of each player, proof of place and date of birth.

## ARTICLE 4: MEETINGS

To the extent possible, regular meetings of the Board of Directors will be held at least once a month on the same designated day (e.g., Second Monday of the Month), however it is recognized that the regular meetings may have to be rescheduled, at times. Whenever the regular meeting is rescheduled from the designated day, all members of the Board of Directors shall be notified of such change in writing. The agenda for regular meetings may be as follows:

- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Introduction of Guests
- D. Acceptance of Minutes
- E. Correspondence
- F. Treasurer's Report
- G. Administrator Report
- H. Registrar Report
- I. Committee Reports
- J. Unfinished Business
- K. New Business
- L. Member Comment
- M. Adjournment

A summary of the minutes of each regular meeting of the Board shall be posted on the Club website within two weeks of such meeting.

## ARTICLE 5: QUORUM

At all meetings of the Board of Directors, 50 percent (50%) of the voting Board of Directors membership will constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Each voting member of the Board Directors who is present at a meeting of the Board of Directors will be entitled to one vote. All decisions of the Board of Directors will be by a majority of those members present. Voting by proxy will not be allowed and only those members in attendance at the Board meeting will be entitled to voting privileges. However, a member may attend the meeting by telephonic conference call if equipment is available to permit the member to participate in all discussions about the matter to be voted on. The President of this Club will cast a vote at Board meetings only in the situation of a tie.

The business of the Board of Directors requiring a vote may also be carried out by email vote registered by each voting member, provided that the President, or his or her designee, circulates the proposition to be voted on to all board members by email and with instructions as to when the email vote must be returned to such person as the President designates in order for the vote to be counted.. For purposes of determining whether a quorum has been established with respect to an email vote, only those members who actually vote will be counted.

## ARTICLE 6: SEASON

The seasonal year for membership/registration shall be from September 1 through September 1. Insurance coverage shall be for the same period of time.

## ARTICLE 7: PROTEST AND APPEALS

1. Only violations of the Constitution, Bylaws, specific Rules and Regulations of this Club and the misapplication of the "Laws of the Game" shall be proper subjects to be considered for action.

2. Protest and Appeals are to be in writing and delivered to the Chairman of the Protest and Appeals Committee or, if none has been established, the President within two (2) calendar days of the action being protested or appealed. The fee of \$ 50.00 must accompany the Protest and Appeal and will be returned if the committee votes to uphold 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 and Appeals Committee as per CYSA Constitution, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations or similar governing body.

3. In the matter of Protest and Appeals, no person associated with the operation of this Club shall invoke the aid of the courts of any state or of the United States without first exhausting all available remedies within the appropriate soccer organization, including final appeal to the Annual General Meeting of the USYSA or USSF.

# **TIBURON PENINSULA SOCCER CLUB**

## **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

**ADOPTED APRIL 10, 2000 and AMENDED JANUARY \_\_2009**

### **1:01 CLUB MANAGEMENT**

1:01.01 The governing authority of this Club shall be the Board of Directors ("Board") of this Club. The Board shall be elected or appointed as set forth in the Constitution and Bylaws of this Club. The Board shall have the right and authority to exercise those powers designated in the Constitution and Bylaws of this Club. In addition, the Board shall have the right and authority to exercise those powers necessary to accomplish the purposes and objectives of this Club as set forth in the Constitution, Bylaws and Rules and Regulations of this Club.

1:01.02 The Board shall consist of both voting and non-voting Members. Those members of the Board who have voting rights on the Board shall be appointed for one year terms. The voting members of this Board shall consist of those members of the Board who are nominated as voting members by the President or President-elect and who are approved as voting members at the Annual General Meeting of this Club. The voting members of the Board shall consist of a maximum of twenty (20) members. All other Club volunteers who assist in the operation of the Board shall be non-voting Members.

1:01.03 Each voting member of the Board shall be entitled to one vote on any issue presented to the Board for vote. Voting by proxy will not be allowed and only those Board members in attendance at the Board meeting shall be entitled to vote on matters presented to the Board for decision. Voting privileges on those matters presented to the Board for decision, shall not be extended to those members of the Board who are monetarily compensated for services rendered to this Club or for their participation on the Board or in this Club. This shall not apply to board members whose only compensation is for serving as referees at Club sanctioned games. Those members of the Board who are compensated for services rendered to the Club or for their participation on the Board or in this Club and who otherwise would be entitled to vote as a member at-large of this Club shall be entitled to vote as a member at-large of this Club on those issues presented to the membership of this Club for vote at the Annual General Meeting. Notwithstanding the above voting restrictions, the Club Registrar shall be entitled to vote on all matters effecting registration

1:01.04 Members of the Board shall hold only one position on the Board during any single term of the Board, except with the express approval of the Executive Committee of the Board.

1:01.05 Members of the Board shall not hold the same voting position on the Board for more than a maximum of three (3) consecutive years without a two-thirds approval of the voting member of the Board. Members of the Board may serve on the Board in different positions for more than three (3) consecutive years, however, no member shall hold the same position on the Board for more than three (3) consecutive years, except with the express approval of the Executive Committee of the Board.

1:01:06 The Board shall have complete authority and power to manage and regulate all financial matters concerning the management of the Club. The Finance Committee shall prepare a yearly budget for approval by the Board. The yearly budget shall be presented to the Board for approval no later than the regular February monthly meeting of the Board. Once the budget has been approved by a majority vote of a quorum of the Board, the budget shall be considered the Club budget for the season year. The Finance Committee may approve by a majority vote up to \$1,000 per item or \$2,500 in the aggregate above items contained in the budget. Any other Club expenditures above the items contained in the budget shall be pre-approved by a majority of the Board at a regularly scheduled Board meeting.

1:01:07 Requests for reimbursement of expenses incurred on behalf of this Club by a member of this Club or by a member of the Board of this Club shall be submitted to the Treasurer in a form approved by the Treasurer. All requests for reimbursement for expenses incurred on behalf of the Club shall be accompanied by a copy of any and all receipt(s) evidencing the expenses incurred.

1:01:08 The Board has the power and authority to contract with outside vendors, contractors, and subcontractors to provide goods and services for the Board and/or the Club. The Club Treasurer has the authority to approve expenditures for such goods and services up to a maximum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) without Board approval. Approval for all such expenditures in excess of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) require the following: (1) A written proposal detailing the scope and costs of the project, goods and/or services; (2) Board approval of said proposal by a majority vote of its' members at a regularly scheduled Board meeting; and (3) An authorized purchase order issued and signed by the Club Treasurer.

However, in an emergency situation between regularly scheduled Board meetings, the Executive Committee shall have the power and authority to approve expenditures in excess of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) by majority vote of the Executive Committee, as set forth in the Bylaws of the Club. In any such emergency, all of the other requirements which are set forth above shall remain the same. All vendors, contractors, and subcontractors are required to advise the Board in a timely fashion of any increase in scope or cost to ongoing proposals or existing purchase orders. Payment of an increase of more than ten per cent (10%) above the approved proposal or purchase order requires additional Board approval. The Board may approve the requested increase, or, at its option, the Board may redefine the scope of the project, goods and/or services to fall within original budgeted amount.

1:01:09 This Club shall not assume, nor be liable for the debts and/or financial responsibilities, either implied or incurred, of any player, coach, manager, team assistant, Club official, team member, or referee from any other team, Club, or organization.

1:01:10 The name Tiburon Peninsula Soccer Club (TPSC) Sharks, as well as Club logos (past and present), banners and website images (other than those for display given to the Club by others) are the property of the Club and may not be reproduced or used by Teams, members or others without express written permission of the Club.

## 2:01 MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

2:01:01 Each member of the Board is expected to attend the regularly scheduled Board Meetings. Failure of any member of the Board to attend three (3) consecutive regularly scheduled Board Meetings may be grounds for removal from the Board as set forth in the Bylaws of this Club.

## 3:01 PROTEST AND APPEALS

3:01:01 Only violations of the Constitution, By-laws or Rules and Regulations of this Club and misapplication of the "Laws of the Game" shall be deemed appropriate subjects for protest and appeals. The parties involved shall have the opportunity to present their case as set forth in the Bylaws of this Club.

3:01:02 All other complaints or grievances of the members of this Club shall be referred to the Grievance Committee for resolution. The Grievance Committee shall consist of the President or designee who shall be a Vice President, and one member each of the Competitive and Recreational Committees. All actions of the Grievance Committee shall be by majority vote of the members of the Grievance Committee. All actions of the Grievance Committee shall then be ratified by the Board at the next regular meeting of the Board.

## 4:01 AUTHORITIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

4:01:01 The rules of play for all competitions sanctioned by this Club shall be the "Laws of the Game" as published by FIFA with modifications made by CYSA, District V of CYSA, US Club sanctioned programs or the TPSC, as amended each year.

4:01:02 The rules contained herein shall govern members of this Club in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which they are consistent with the Constitution of this Club, CYSA, District V of CYSA, US Club and US Club sanctioned programs..

4:01:03 Each coach of each team of this Club shall be responsible for the conduct of the players, coaches, team assistants and parents. It is the responsibility of each coach to insure that its actions, on or off the field, do not bring disrespect upon this Club.

4:01:04 Coaches shall be responsible for their spectators' actions. Spectators shall not make profane or derogatory remarks or gestures, dissent from the referee's decision, or incite disruptive behavior.

4:01:05 Team officials, substitutes or players who fail to comply with the above may be ejected from the game or the sidelines.

4:01:06 If a spectator or spectators fail(s) to respond to a team or Club official's request to desist from improper behavior, the referee is empowered to terminate the match. In the event that a

referee terminates a match pursuant to this rule in a Division I or Division III match, a decision as to the disposition of the match and any disciplinary action will be decided by the CYSA District V or US Club Sanctioned program Protest and Appeal Committee. In the event that a referee terminates a match pursuant to this rule in a Division IV match, the referee shall make a full report of the incident within 24 hours to this Club's Protest and Appeal Committee and a decision as to the disposition of the match and any disciplinary action will be decided by this Club's Protest and Appeal Committee.

## 5:01 TEAM ORGANIZATION

5:01:01 Each team must have an adult coach and at least one other adult registered as the assistant coach or team manager for the team. Each recreational team may be identified by a nickname that is in good taste and preferably consistent with the Club nickname, Sharks. Each competitive division team will be known as "TPSC Sharks," with a birth year and gender of the majority of the players on the team to further distinguish the team.

5:01:02 It is the policy of this Club that, whenever possible, preference for player selection for all Division III teams sponsored solely by this Club, and not in conjunction with any other communities, shall be given to residents who reside within that area of the Tiburon Peninsula, located in Marin County in the State of California, east of Highway 101, including Tiburon, Belvedere, Strawberry Point southeast, and Corte Madera plus Mill Valley and Larkspur. It is the policy of this Club that all division III teams sponsored jointly by this Club and any other community, and consisting of a combination of players who reside within the territory of this Club and players who reside in other communities, shall be selected based on merit.

5:01:03 It is the policy of this Club that players shall play within their own age groups, as those age groups are defined by CYSA, District V of CYSA, US Club, US Club sanctioned programs and by the Rules and Regulations of this Club. All exceptions to this policy shall be approved by the Board. Exceptions to this policy are the following:

- A. First graders who have not attained the age of six (6) by age cut-off date of the season year, may play U-8 with their first grade classmates.
- B. Kindergarten students are not eligible to play U-8, unless they have attained the age of six (6) prior to the age cut-off date of the previous season year (July 31 preceding the Fall season).
- C. The age cut-off date for purposes of this rule shall be July 31, of the previous season year (July 31 preceding the Fall season).
- D. A Division I or Division III player who has not attained the minimum age necessary to play in an older age group may play on a team consisting of players of an older age group, only if the following requirements are met: (1) the player has been rated within the top one-third of all players to be selected for the Division I or Division III team(s) for that age group for that season, and (2) the Board, by majority vote at the next regularly scheduled meeting, approves the player's application to play within the older age group. (For example, if two (2) teams of twelve (12) players, each, are being selected for a particular age group, a younger player must be rated within the top eight (8) players [top one-third] of the twenty-four (24) players selected for the teams being formed for that age group in order to be selected for one of the two teams.)

- E. During any given season, if this Club does not sponsor a Class I team for a specific age group, as defined by CYSA, players who are eligible to play and desire to play on a Class I team in the age group for which there is no team may try out for the next older Class I team sponsored by this Club. Under the circumstances described in this paragraph, it will not be necessary for the player trying out for the older team to be rated within the top one-third of all players to be selected for the next older Class I team(s) for that season. However, in each subsequent year, if an age-appropriate Class I team is sponsored by this Club, each player desirous of playing on that team shall meet all eligibility requirements for playing on a team in that age group as set forth by CYSA, District V of CYSA and by the Rules and Regulations of this Club.
- F. During any given season, if this Club does not sponsor a Class III team for a specific age group, as defined by CYSA, players who are eligible to play and desire to play on a Class III team in the age group for which there is no team may try out for the next older Class III team sponsored by this Club. Under the circumstances described in this paragraph, it will not be necessary for the player trying out for the older team to be rated within the top one-third of all players to be selected for the next older Class III team(s) for that season. However, in each subsequent year, if an age-appropriate Class III team is sponsored by this Club, each player desirous of playing on that team shall meet all eligibility requirements for playing on a team in that age group as set forth by CYSA, District V of CYSA and by the Rules and Regulations of this Club.
- G. The exception set forth in this section shall not apply to U-8 players, who are not eligible to play on an older age group team, except as provided in section 5:01:03 C., above.
- H. A Division IV player who has not attained the minimum age necessary to play in an older age group may play on a team consisting of players of an older age group, if that player is in the same grade as the players in the older age group. A written request to play within an older age group must be submitted to the Registrar.
- I. The Board shall also have the power and authority to consider any other written request for a Division IV player to play in an older/younger age group. Under appropriate circumstances, a Division IV player may be given approval to play in an older/younger age group if there is room for that player in the older/younger age group. It is the intent of this rule that exceptions allowing players to play in a younger age group shall be granted rarely and only in exceptional circumstances.

## 6:01 CLUB PLAYING RULES

6:01:01 For all Division I, Division III and Division IV players, it is the policy of this Club that player disciplinary problems shall not be tolerated. At the first sign of a disciplinary problem, the coach shall notify a member of the Competitive Committee for a Division I or Class player, or the appropriate Age Group Coordinator for a Division IV player. In all such cases, the coach shall also speak to the parent(s) about the problem. If the disciplinary problem persists, and if approved by the Competitive Committee member for a Division I or Division III player, or by the Recreational Committee for a Division IV player, the player and his/her parent(s) shall be notified that the player may continue to participate with the team only if a parent is present at each practice and/or game. If the disciplinary problem still persists, the player can be asked to leave the team, but a player can

only be asked to leave the team with the approval of a majority of the Competitive Committee for a Division I or Division III player, or by the Recreational Committee for a Division IV player, and with the approval of the President.

6:01:02 For all Division I, Division I and Division IV players, the appearance of players is a vital extension of the game. Socks must be worn pulled-up and covering the shin guards (shin guards are mandatory). In adverse weather conditions, track suit trousers, long tights, long length spandex, and long sleeve shirts may be worn under uniforms in a color that coordinates with the team's color. The team colors shall match for all team members. Players wearing orthopedic casts, air-splints or metal splints shall not be eligible to participate in any game. Wearing jewelry, metal spikes, slide pants or bandannas is not permitted.

6:01:03 Player uniforms for all Division I and Division III teams which are sponsored by the Club shall be approved by the Board.

6:01:04 Each Division I and Division III player shall be entitled to play a minimum of one-third of each league game. Exceptions are allowed for discipline, injury, lack of fitness and/or failure to attend practice.

6:01:05 A Division I or Division III player who fails to attend four (4) consecutive practices or games can be dropped from the team at the coaches' request and with the approval of the Competitive Committee. A Division IV player who fails to attend four (4) consecutive practices or games can be dropped from the team at the coaches' request and with the approval of the appropriate Age Group Coordinator.

## 7:01 DIVISION IV CLUB PLAY

7:01:01 U-8 teams shall have a minimum of seven players and a maximum of 14 players on their roster to be accepted by the Club. U-10 teams shall have a minimum of seven players and a maximum of 12 players on their roster to be accepted by the Club. U-12 teams shall have a minimum of seven players and a maximum of 13 players on their roster to be accepted by the Club, if playing in a nine a side playing league. U-12 teams shall have a maximum of seven players and a maximum of 16 players if playing in an eleven a side playing league or Cup/tournament play. U-14 and U-16 teams shall have a minimum of seven players and a maximum of 16 players. U-19 teams shall have a minimum of seven players and a maximum of 18 players on their roster to be accepted by the Club. Exceptions to the above restrictions shall occur in rare circumstances and only with Board approval.

7:01:03 No one, including a coach, parent or team member shall interfere with, challenge or question the referee before, during or after the game. The coach or the playing captain may ask for clarification of a decision at a stoppage in play.

7:01:04 Ejections (red cards) given to players and/or coaches shall be reported to the appropriate Commissioner, the Referee Coordinator and the chairperson of the Club Protests and Appeals Committee, in writing within twenty-four (24) hours of the event, after each game by the referee of record. The Protests and Appeals Committee will determine the appropriate action for all ejections, utilizing the recommendations as set forth in this Club's Rules and Regulations and the CYSA or US Club Specific Rules. Coaches and players will be notified in writing of any

disciplinary action. A red card is an automatic minimum one game suspension for a player and a three game suspension for a coach and can have an effect on team standings. Ejections are not subject to protest or appeal. Only penalties above the recommended CYSA levels may be appealed. A person, player or coach may be sent-off or ejected from the field of play before, during or after the game.

7:01:05 Each team shall supply one club lineman, if requested by the scheduled referee. The duties of the club lineman will be as directed by the referee.

7:01:06 All injuries, to be claimed against CYSA or US Club Medical Insurance Program, shall be completely reported on the Insurance Claim Form found in each CYSA Team Manual or on the US Club website as appropriate to the sanctioned event.

7:01:07 In the event that a game is abandoned or terminated before completion of the game time specified for the age group of the players, a decision regarding whether the game will be replayed in full or the result of the match to stand at the time of the stoppage shall be decided by the Club Protests and Appeals Committee Chairman. However, if a game is abandoned or terminated because of sideline misbehavior the game will not be replayed and the team associated with the sideline misbehavior will forfeit the match and the other team will be awarded a 2-0 win. If a game is abandoned or terminated because of sideline misbehavior, the referee shall notify the appropriate Commissioner, the Referee Coordinator and the chairperson of the Club Protest and Appeal Committee, in writing, within 24 hours of the abandonment or termination.

7:01:10 Games shall be forfeited with a score of 1-0 for any of the following:

- A. Ineligible players. Examples are unregistered, over age, illegal transfer and suspended players or coaches.
- B. Team unable to field seven players at any time, except that this rule shall not apply to U-8 games.
- C. A player may play in only one game per day, excluding tournaments and jamborees.

7:01:11 Heading the ball shall not be taught or encouraged for U-8 players.

7:01:12 For all age groups, each player shall be entitled to play at least half of each game. For U-8 games, only, every effort shall be made to allow each player to play an equal amount of time each game as the other players on the team. For all age groups, every effort shall be made to allow each player to start an equal amount of the games during the course of the season. For all age groups, exceptions shall be allowed for discipline, injury and/or failure to attend practice. The referee at the game must be notified of the exception prior to the start of the game.

7:01:13 Coaches, assistant coaches and team managers shall abide by the following:

- A. Coaches, assistant coaches and any other person acting in the capacity of a coach shall confine their coaching to ten yards either side of the half-way line.
- B. Coaches, assistant coaches and any other person acting in the capacity of a coach shall not call out alleged infractions of the "Laws of the Game" and shall not otherwise indulge in a

running commentary of infractions of the "Laws of the Game".

- C. Coaches, assistant coaches and any other person acting in the capacity of a coach shall not dispute or question the calls or decisions of the referees.
- D. Coaches, assistant coaches and any other person acting in the capacity of a coach may address the referee only: prior to the start of the game, when making substitutions, to draw attention to an injured player and when addressed by the referee.
- E. Coaches, assistant coaches and any other person acting in the capacity of a coach shall not enter the field of play except prior to the start of the game, at half time and at the end of the game or to aid an injured player from either team (after receiving the referee's permission) or whenever beckoned onto the field by the referee.
- F. Coaches, assistant coaches and any other person acting in the capacity of a coach shall not provoke, intimidate or enter into a dispute with coaches, players or fans of the opposing team.
- G. Coaching from the sidelines, giving direction to one's own team on points of strategy and position, is permitted, provided: (i) No mechanical devices are used; (ii) The tone of voice is informative and not a harangue; (iii) No coach, substitute, player or spectator is to make derogatory remarks or gestures to the referees, other players, substitutes, or spectators; (iv) No coach, substitute, or player shall use profanity; and (v) No coach, substitute, player, or spectator shall incite, in any manner, disruptive behavior of any kind.
- H. If a coach, assistant coach or any other person acting in the capacity of a coach violates any of the above paragraphs the referee may give the coach a verbal warning or, for serious or repeated offenses, order the coach off the field. If a referee orders the coach off the field, the referee shall then make a written report of the incident, within twenty-four (24) hours, to the appropriate Club Commissioner and to the Referee Coordinator.
- I. A coach who is reported ("sent-off") for a second time shall be suspended for the remainder of the season by the Club Protests and Appeals Committee.
- J. Neither coaches nor spectators shall stand beyond the endlines of the field.
- K. Coaches, players and spectators shall stand no closer than three feet from the touchlines in order for the assistant referees to traverse and view the lines and for the safety of the players.
- L. Violations of Paragraphs A through G, above, by a team's substitutes or fans shall be deemed as committed by the respective coach, if in the opinion of the referee, the coach makes little or no attempt to control the situation.