

**NORTHSHORE YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION
BY-LAWS/CONSTITUTION**

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ARTICLE 1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Name

The name of this organization shall be the Northshore Youth Soccer Association (NYSA), hereinafter referred to as the Association. This Association is and shall be a non-profit organization.

1.2 Purpose

The purpose of this Association is exclusively charitable and educational. The objective of this Association shall be to teach, govern, and promote the game of soccer for youth players within the area of jurisdiction of the Association. Where local conditions prevent full compliance with Federation Internationale De Football Association (FIFA) laws, this body shall put into effect such laws as are best suited to its own particular needs, giving full recognition to, and being in accord with the underlying and basic principles set forth by FIFA.

The power of the Association shall be limited to those granted to an organization which is exempt under SECTION 501.C.3 of the Internal Revenue Code. In the event of the termination of this Association, the assets of the Association will go to an organization which is exempt under SECTION 501.C.3 of the Internal Revenue Code.

1.3 Administration

This Association shall be governed by its By-Laws and Operating Procedures defined herein. The governing authority of this Association shall be vested in the members of this Association as evidenced by officers and trustees elected by affiliated organizations, hereinafter referred to as Clubs.

1.4 Standard of Membership

As a member of the Washington State Youth Soccer Association (WSYSA), the Association will provide the following:

- The membership of the Association shall be open to any soccer players, coaches, trainers, managers, administrators, and officials not subject to suspension under Section 4 of Bylaw 241 of US Soccer (“the Federation”), and to any amateur soccer organization in its territory; and
- The Federation articles of incorporation, bylaws, policies, and requirements take precedence over and supersede the governing documents and decisions of the Association to the extent applicable under state law, and shall provide that the Association will abide by the Federation articles, bylaws, policies, and requirements, including those on interplay and
- The Association shall provide equitable and prompt hearing and appeal procedures to guarantee the rights of individuals to participate and compete. Those procedures shall include that all grievances involving the right to participate and compete in activities organized or sponsored by the Association shall be appealed first to the WSYSA Appeals Committee and then to the Federation’s Appeals Committee that shall have jurisdiction to approve, modify or reverse a decision.

1.5 Membership in the Washington State Youth Soccer Association (WSYSA)

The Association will maintain a membership with WSYSA. Such membership may be voluntarily modified or discontinued only by action of the members of the Association at the annual meeting and

Shall be governed by the rules and regulations of the WSYSA in the administration and conduct of youth soccer programs within its territory, and by the rules and regulations of US Youth Soccer as may be applicable pursuant to the membership of the WSYSA in US Youth Soccer.

ARTICLE 2. MEMBERSHIP

2.1 Eligibility

The members of this Association shall consist of Clubs of ten or more youth soccer teams within the territory consisting of the Northshore School District, the attendance area of the Maltby Elementary School as of February

1991 and other areas over which the Association shall have jurisdiction of youth soccer as granted by the Washington State Youth Soccer Association (WSYSA), provided that such clubs shall subscribe to the purpose of this Association and agree to abide by the rules, regulations and decisions of this Association.

Individual players, coaches, referees and administrators are members of the NYSA through their affiliation or association with said clubs or with NYSA Committees, or as elected officers of the NYSA.

2.2 Club Size

Club organization , or reorganization, shall be submitted to a committee comprised of one member from each club and an Association officer appointed by the President of the Association. This will happen when clubs reach a size of approximately 50 teams. This committee shall prepare an impact study and present their recommendations to the Board of Directors. Club organization will be looked into each year. Reorganization will be completed no later than 30 days before registration. The Board of Director's decision will be final in club formation or club reorganization.

A club will be organized as follows:

- Existing teams will be a part of the Club that includes the elementary school area in which the majority of the players reside.
- New teams will become a part of the Club that includes the elementary school area in which the majority of the players reside .
- Clubs may be formed on the basis of other criteria rather than geography, such as age of players and skill level .

2.3 Club Membership

Eligible Clubs not already a part of the Association desiring membership in the Association shall make written request for membership and shall be admitted to membership upon approval of the Association. The minimum size of any club shall be ten (10) teams.

2.4 Registration

Prior to July 1 of each year, each member Club shall register each team in its Club with the Association by submitting the following information to the Association Registrar: team name; age group; coach and assistant coach (if any) name, middle initial, coach birthday, address and telephone number; team uniform colors and such other information as required by the Association. Registration will be conducted according to the registration policies adopted by the Association Board on 2/2/88 or as amended.

2.5 Representation

Each member Club shall be governed by elected officers. The Club shall be represented in Board meetings by the Club President or a designated representative and shall be considered to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Association.

The Club President shall cast votes at the Board meeting on the basis of rules adopted by the Club, except that the President will vote in accordance with the majority vote of the Club when required or will cast weighted votes in accordance with the numbers of team representatives present when the vote was taken.

Each member Club shall elect officers in the month of November, during its regular meeting and shall submit the names, addresses and telephone numbers of its officers to the Association Secretary within thirty days of the election.

2.6 Club Malfeasance, Non Cooperation or Non Functioning

Member Clubs failing or refusing to follow the NYSA By-Laws or Operating Procedures, or which attempt to circumvent a decision rendered by NYSA, or seriously damage the interest of NYSA, face reorganization by the Association.

Notification of this action shall be made in writing, by the Board. The Board will appoint a committee to oversee reorganization.

2.7 Duties of Clubs

Member Clubs will be responsible for the conduct of coaches, managers, players, officials and parents under their jurisdiction, and shall insure that their actions on or off the field do not bring disfavor upon NYSA. Powers not specifically reserved by the Association are the responsibility of the Clubs. Division of responsibilities will be accomplished by Law and by Association action.

2.8 Club By-Laws

All member Clubs must have a copy of their By-Laws on file with the Association. The By-Laws and/or Operating Procedures of any member Club shall not conflict with those of NYSA.

ARTICLE 3. FINANCES

3.1 Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of NYSA shall begin at 12:01 AM on April 1 and end at 12:00 PM on March 31 of the following year. All financial rules and regulations are in effect during the 12 months of the fiscal year.

3.2 Budget and Operating Contingency Fund

The Treasurer, with the advice of the Association officers and the Clubs, shall prepare a proposed budget for the next fiscal year. The proposed budget shall be submitted at the January Board Meeting for approval at the February Board Meeting. The budget shall be limited for any given year to expected income for that year. The Treasurer shall determine a contingency amount to be fixed at no less than ten (10) percent of the annual Operating budget. The Treasurer will make a contribution to the Operating Contingency Fund each year in an amount approved by the Association Officers and Clubs. The Treasurer shall maintain a separate account for the Operating Contingency Fund and will report the balance to the Association Officers and Clubs on a monthly basis. All expenditures over the approved budget shall require the approval of the Association Board.

Approval of, or changes to, the budget shall be voted on by the clubs, a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the total votes present shall be required. Each member club shall have one (1) vote per registered team on record as of the current year.

3.3 Financial Statement

The treasurer shall submit an itemized financial statement of the previous fiscal year expenses within sixty (60) days after the end of the fiscal year. Financial statement shall be prepared by an independent accounting firm.

3.4 Registration Fees

Each player registered with NYSA shall pay a registration fee, unless waived by the Association Registrar for cause. The registration fee shall be determined by a vote at the NYSA Board meeting by March for each succeeding year.

ARTICLE 4. MEETINGS

4.1 NYSA Board of Directors Meetings

The affairs of the Association shall be conducted at meetings of the Association Board. There shall be a monthly meeting of the Association Board at 7:30 PM on the first Tuesday of each month. The conduct of all meetings shall be governed by Roberts Rules of Order (current edition).

4.2 Special Meetings

Special meetings of the Association shall be held as the Association President or the Presidents of any two member clubs shall call. The conduct of all meetings shall be governed by the current edition Roberts Rules of Order (current edition). Twenty-four hours notice shall be given for special meetings to the President or Secretary of each Club.

4.3 Annual Meeting

The regularly scheduled NYSA Board of Directors meeting each January shall be designated the Annual Meeting. The primary purpose of this meeting shall be the election of Association officers.

ARTICLE 5. VOTING QUORUM AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS**5.1 Quorum**

NYSA Board of Directors Meetings. A quorum shall consist of at least the President, or Vice President, and two additional officers and a minimum of at least four member Club Presidents or designated representatives for a total of seven Board members.

5.2 Election of Association Officers

Election of Association officers shall be determined by a vote of the current elected Association officers and of the member Clubs. The vote of each member Club shall be cast by the Club's official representative to the Association. Each member Club shall have one (1) vote for each team registered with the Association at the beginning of the current seasonal year. Each current elected Association officer shall have as many votes as 25% of the aggregate total of member Club's votes divided by the number of current elected Association officers (rounded down to the nearest whole number). Member Clubs and elected Association officers may cast votes by written proxy. No other proxies will be accepted.

5.3 Revision of By-Laws, etc.

Revisions of By-Laws, approval of, or changes to, the budget and removal of either elected or appointed officers shall be voted on by the clubs. Each member club shall have one (1) vote per registered team on record as of the current year. A two-thirds (2/3) majority of the total votes present shall be required to carry a Motion on these matters. All changes voted on this section shall become effective at the time that revision and/or change is approved and if the revision was submitted to the NYSA office on the NYSA By-Laws and Operating Procedure Revisions Form in Appendix C within thirty (30) days of the vote.

5.3.1 Revision of Operating Procedures

Revisions, approval of, or changes to shall be voted on by the Board. A two-thirds (2/3) majority shall be required to carry a motion on these matters.

5.3.2 By-Law Interpretation

At such times as questions arise regarding the interpretation, application or meaning of the By-Laws or Operating Procedures, determination shall be made by a majority of the Association Board at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Association.

A determination may be called for by any member of the Board, and must be acted on immediately as a point of order. A call for determination does not require a motion or a second, and discussion is limited to the applicable By-Laws or Operating Procedures.

5.4 All Other Association Matters

On all Association matters except those outlined in 5.2 and 5.3 each Club President shall have one vote and each elected or appointed officer of the Association Board, except for the President, shall have one vote. A simple majority of the total votes present is required to carry a Motion.

5.5 President's Vote

The President of the Association is allowed one vote, which may be exercised in the case of a tie vote.

ARTICLE 6. OFFICERS**6.1 Board of Directors**

The board of Directors, hereinafter referred to as the Board, shall consist of the elected Association officers and the President of an appointed representative, of each member club. At no time shall the number of elected officers

of the Association exceed the number of member clubs in the Association. As stated in 5.5, the President of the Association shall not be counted as a voting member except in the event of a tie vote.

6.2 Executive Committee

The Association President, Senior V.P and three Association officers shall comprise the Executive Committee of the Association which is authorized to act on behalf of the Association between meetings. All actions must be authorized at the next official meeting of the Association.

6.3 Election of Officers

At the Annual Meeting of the Association in January of each year, elections will be held to fill Association officer positions up for elections. New officers shall serve beginning with the first regularly scheduled NYSA Board of Directors meeting in February. An Association officer cannot serve as an elected official of any member club during his term of office.

6.4 Term of Office

The term of office for all Association officers (President, Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, and Registrar) shall be two (2) years. The President, Treasurer and Registrar shall be elected in opposite years to the Secretary and the Vice President(s).

6.5 President

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association and shall be the General Manager of the Association subject to the direction of the Association. Subject to approval by the Association Board, the President shall appoint such committees as may be required for the proper operation of the Association. The President shall appoint the representative of the Association to the WSYSA and the District; shall make such reports and recommendations to the Association Board at any regular or special meetings concerning the work and affairs of the Association as in his/her judgement may be necessary, and shall perform such other duties as may be incidental to the office. The President shall serve for the administration succeeding his own, as an ad-hoc member of the Board and budget committee. The President shall be responsible for signing all approved contracts, agreements, etc.

6.6 Vice Presidents

The Vice-Presidents, in the order elected or appointed by the member teams of the Association, shall perform the duties of the President in case of his/her absence, resignation or inability to act, and such duties as may be assigned to them by the President. Elected Vice-Presidents shall be the Vice-President Development, the Vice President Referees, and the Vice-President Competition. The Board shall designate the Senior Vice-President, Second (2) Vice-President, etc. by majority vote.

6.7 Secretary

The Secretary shall keep complete records of all meetings of the Association, including an accurate record of attendance of members; shall furnish the Nominating Committee, prior to the regular November meeting, with a list of officers and members of the Association whose terms shall expire at the next Annual Meeting; shall give notices as directed by the President; shall be custodian of all records of the Association except records and paper kept by the Treasurer; and shall perform such other duties as may be incidental to the office. Duties may be fulfilled by the Association Administrator or by appointment by the President.

6.8 Treasurer

The Treasurer shall receive, disburse and account for all of the funds of the Association and Clubs. A written financial statement shall be presented at the regular monthly meetings. He/she shall receive and have custody of, and account for, all deeds, securities, notes, contracts and other financial papers of the Association, and shall place them for safekeeping in the safe deposit vaults of a bank designated by the Association and under such rules as to access as the Association shall determine. He/she shall cause the books of account of the Association to be audited at least once annually by an Auditing Committee and shall present, 60 days after the close of the fiscal year, a comprehensive financial statement of receipts and disbursements of the Association during the preceding year. He/she shall give sufficient bond, subject to the approval of the Association, said surety to be secured and paid for by the Association. He/she shall perform such other duties as may be incidental to the office.

6.9 Registrar

The Registrar's duties shall include, but not be limited to: registration for the Association; chair of the Registration Committee. The Registrar shall insure the proper registration of all NYSA teams in accordance with current WSYSA registration guidelines. The Registrar shall bring to the Board, for corrective action, improper registration procedures of member clubs as he/she becomes aware of such actions. The Registrar shall perform such other duties as may be incidental to the office.

All data received from the WSYSA pertaining to registration shall remain the property of the NYSA.

6.10 Removal of Officers

Removal of either elected or appointed officers shall be voted on by the Association Board. A two-thirds (2/3) majority of the total votes present shall be required, in accordance with 5.3.

6.11 Vacancies

Vacancies occurring during the term of office of Association officers, except for that of President which shall be filled by the Senior Vice-President in accordance with 6.6, shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the Board. The term of office of such appointments shall be until the expiration of the original term of office.

ARTICLE 7. COMMITTEES**7.1 Committee Establishment**

NYSA Committees shall be established as required to satisfy the programs and needs of NYSA and for their orderly and timely implementation. Removal of Committee chairs is subject to Board approval. Committee chairs shall administer their respective activities and be responsible to the Board.

7.2 Members

Each club shall provide the names of representatives for such committees as requested. The chairman of each committee shall be selected by the Association President, except where a chairman is specified.

7.3 Nominating Committee

The nominating Committee shall present a slate of nominees for office at the regular December meeting, for election of Association offices at the Annual Meeting.

7.4 Registration Committee

The Registration Committee is responsible for coordinating all registration and verification of all age group assignments. The Association Registrar shall be the Chair of this committee. Members of this committee shall be the club registrars, plus one additional board member. The Registration Committee will follow the Registration Policies and Operating Procedures.

7.5 Games Committee

The Games Committee shall be responsible for preparing all team competition schedules and any modification thereto. On any questions of scheduling, the decision of the Committee shall be final. Team standings and records shall be kept by the Committee. The Chair of this Committee shall be known as the VP Competition. Committee members shall be the Scheduler and other appointed members.

7.6 Equipment Committee

The Equipment Committee shall be responsible for the purchasing of equipment within the Association budget.

7.7 Disciplinary Committee

The Disciplinary Committee shall function in accordance with the Washington State Rules and Procedures.

This Committee shall deal with all Operating Procedures, Rules of Play, and misconduct reports arising out of competitions conducted by NYSA. In any judicial matter, no player, coach, manager, team assistance, referee, or

officer from any member team shall be represented before this Committee by Legal Counsel, until all avenues of approach of the judicial procedure are exhausted through the regular channels of organized soccer.

7.8 Audit Committee

The Audit Committee shall arrange the annual audit and conduct their own audit as necessary to monitor the budget.

7.9 Fundraising Committee

It shall be the responsibility of this Committee to administer fundraisers. This Committee shall recommend approval or disapproval to the Association Board of all fundraising plans to be either Club or Association.

7.10 Coach, Player Development Committee

The Committee shall be chaired by the Vice-President of Coach and Player Development and consist of the Club Vice-Presidents. This committee will coordinate NYSA coaches' clinics to upgrade coaching skills. This committee will keep and publish records of coaches qualifications annually. They will disburse information and publications useful to coaches.

This committee will promote and coordinate clinics and activities in which players participate. This committee will disburse information and publications useful to players and their parents.

7.11 Referee Development Committee

The Chair of this Committee shall be the Vice-President of Referee Development. This Committee will promote and coordinate referee clinics and activities and disburse information and publications useful to referees.

7.12 Field Development Committee

This Committee shall be responsible for the procurement and development of new fields and improvements of existing fields.

7.13 Tournament/Exchange Committee

This Committee will be chaired by the Vice-President of Competition and will promote and coordinate tournaments, and exchanges with other associations. The committee shall disburse information useful to coaches, players and their parents.

7.14 Risk Management Committee

The committee shall be chaired by the Risk Management Coordinator and is to review and recommend procedures regarding the safety of participants in the NYSA program. To establish secure records and maintain the background check information program for volunteers, employees and others who are entrusted with the supervision and care of players and participants. To provide education for NYSA members and policy recommendations to minimize liabilities and other manageable risks.

ARTICLE 8. NYSA OPERATING PROCEDURES

The NYSA Operating Procedures shall establish rules, regulations and Rules of Play, and shall govern all competition administered by NYSA and its member clubs.

ARTICLE 9. SEASONAL YEAR

9.1 Seasonal Year

The Seasonal Year of NYSA shall be from September 1 to August 31.

9.2 Coaches Tenure

The tenure of appointed coaches shall be in accord with 9.1 except for ADP team coaches which shall be defined in the ADP Club By-Laws. It is the intent of NYSA that coaching is a privilege, not a right. To this end coaches will

be appointed, re-appointed or not by those having the respective authority to do so (usually the respective club). A contested decision will be referred to the Board.

ARTICLE 10. FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

10.1 Disclaimer

NYSA specifically disclaims financial responsibility for, and shall not assume nor be held liable for, the debts or the financial obligations, either expressed or implied, of any affiliated member club, team, or any of the coaches, managers, officers, officials, or members of any affiliated member club or team.

10.2 Agreements or Contracts

No officer, agent or member of NYSA may enter into any agreement or contract in any matter that is for a period of six months or more or is for any amount that is \$1,000 or more in excess of the approved budget without a majority vote of the Board. Prior to such vote, a copy of any such agreement, contract or obligation in its final form shall be reviewed by the Board. Any agreement, contract, or obligation not approved by the Board or otherwise required herein shall not be honored by NYSA. All individuals with contracts exceeding \$1,000 will present in writing to the Board, an accounting of their services every 90 days at the discretion of the Board.

ARTICLE 11. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

11.1 Registration

Players must register during designated registration periods. Registration shall be official when completed form is in the possession of the Registrar. Players are not considered assigned to a team unless done so by the Association Registrar. No one is authorized to receive registration forms other than a Registrar, or their appointee. No player shall be allowed to participate in any practice or game until this procedure has been completed and the coach is notified by the Association Registrar or appointed designee.

11.2 Age Groups

See Operating Procedures.

ARTICLE 12. RISK MANAGEMENT

12.1 NYSA Member Club

Each NYSA Club President shall identify a Risk Management Coordinator. The Club Risk Management Coordinator shall be responsible for disseminating pertinent risk management information and the duties as described in Section 7.14 Risk Management Committee in the NYSA By-Laws.

12.2 Employee/Volunteer Background Check

The individuals listed below shall complete a current WSYSA Application and Disclosure Statement, an acceptable background history from the Washington State Patrol or other appropriate source and any other documentation or background history deemed necessary by the Risk Management Coordinator or Club President.

The following individuals shall comply with this first paragraph of this Section 12.2: all Board Members within all levels of NYSA; any person seeking election or appointment as a NYSA officer; every employee or volunteer of NYSA (including any team official such as coaches, assistant coaches, trainer, team manager, etc.); all referees who perform services to the NYSA; and any person who at any time could be entrusted with the supervision, guidance and care of NYSA members or players. This in no way implies an all inclusive list of those who must comply with Section 12.2. Please see the appropriate sections of the WSYSA By-Laws for more information.

12.3 Suspensions

Any individual, in the course of the background check, who is identified as having adverse information, shall be removed from the Risk Management program. Written notification stating that the individual is not eligible to be an employee or volunteer shall be sent. The letter shall also include the right and process to appeal.

12.3 Appeals

Any individual notified of being removed from the Risk Management program has the right to appeal the decision to the NYSA Judicial Committee.

Please see Sections 216.5 through 216.8 of the WSYSA By-Laws for additional details.

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(As referred to in Article 8 of the NYSA By-Laws)

SECTION 1. INTRODUCTION

1.A Purpose

The purpose of the Association as set forth in its By-Laws shall be applied in all activities of the clubs and their affiliated teams as follows:

1. To teach good sportsmanship
2. To promote physical health
3. To develop, govern and promote the game of soccer among all youth within the area of jurisdiction of the Association.

In furtherance of that purpose, the Association shall sponsor, organize and govern regularly scheduled games among teams of its member clubs and shall become affiliated and subject to the rules and regulations of the Washington State Youth Soccer Association (WSYSA).

The principles governing competition among teams of its members shall include: development of physical fitness, mental alertness, leadership and good sportsmanship; recognition that the manner of play outweighs a victory, and encouragement of courtesy, gentlemanly conduct, and respect for authority by players, officials and spectators.

1.B Association Colors

The Association colors shall be green, white, and black.

SECTION 2. TEAMS

2.A Recreation Team Clubs

Each club shall have a territory within the jurisdiction of the Association which shall be determined by assigning one or more public elementary school enrollment areas as established by the local school district (except as noted in 2.B and 2.C), which areas are hereinafter called school areas.

Once a school area is assigned to a club it can be removed from the club's territory only in accordance with paragraph 2.2 NYSA By-Laws, or provided that the extent of the territory shall be governed by changes in the boundaries of the various school areas as made from time to time by the school district.

If a new school area is created from an existing school area or areas all assigned to a club, the new school area shall automatically be assigned to that club. If a new school area is created from prior existing school areas assigned to two or more clubs, the new school area shall automatically be assigned to the club which had previously been assigned the school area from which the largest portion was taken to make the new school area.

If two or more existing school areas are consolidated into a single area, the new consolidated school area shall automatically be assigned to the club which had been previously assigned the largest part of the consolidated school area.

Until otherwise determined by amendment hereto with the consent required, the clubs shall be assigned the school areas as set forth in Addendum A.

2.B United Club

This club shall be formed with affiliated teams drawing players, ages U13 through U19 only, from anywhere within the territorial jurisdiction of the Association without regard to school attendance. Team formation shall be in

accordance with 2.D, except that teams shall be formed by Junior High and/or High School boundaries rather than elementary school boundaries.

2.B.1 Northshore Classic Teams

These teams shall be a subsidiary and come under the jurisdiction of the United Club. These teams shall be formed with affiliated teams drawing on players from the United Club from anywhere within the jurisdiction of the Association and without regard to school attendance. Team formation shall be in accordance with 2.D except that teams shall be formed by Junior High and/or High School boundaries rather than elementary school boundaries. All Northshore Classic teams shall abide by all United Club By-laws and Operating Procedures.

2.C FC Alliance Teams

This Select Club shall be formed with affiliated teams drawing players from anywhere within the territorial jurisdiction of King and Snohomish Counties without regard to school attendance. This Club shall permit the deliberate selection of players on any team affiliated with the Club on the basis of player ability and other criteria within the age groups of U-13 through U-19. The Select Club in coordination with the NYSA VP of Development shall also include a U-11 through U-12 advanced development program and teams for, but not limited to, players within the territorial jurisdiction of the NYSA, and/or for players who have been enrolled in the NYSA recreational league as a U-9, U-10 or U-11 player during their prior season to entering this program, as verified by the NYSA Registrar. A minimum of 75% of the players within the Select Club must reside within the territorial jurisdiction of the NYSA.

2.D Team Formation

Each member club, other than the FC Alliance Teams, shall draw players for its affiliated teams only from amateur youth residing in school areas or attending public schools in the school areas assigned to that club at the time of their initial registration. A player attending a private school at the time of initial registration shall be assigned to the club association with the public school area within which he/she resides. Once a player is registered to a team, the player may continue as a member of that team regardless of his/her current residence or current school attendance.

Insofar as practical, recreation teams shall be formed initially in the following manner: 1) from players residing in a single school area or attending the public school in the same area or combination thereof, or 2) from players attending a private school in the area. Although this scheme of area distribution of players shall be preserved as far as possible by each club, teams may be organized, consolidated, and reorganized without regard to school attendance or current residence in the club's territory if there are insufficient players to organize or continue a team on the basis of those criteria. However, once a team is organized, its roster shall be maintained for as many consecutive seasons as possible without consolidation or reorganization.

No club, other than the FC Alliance Teams and Northshore Classic Teams, shall permit the deliberate selection of players on any team affiliated with the club on the basis of player ability alone. Clubs allowing such selection, other than FC Alliance Teams and Northshore Classic Teams, shall be subject to disciplinary action by the Board of Directors of NYSA. Such teams so formed shall also be subject to disciplinary action by the Board of Directors of NYSA.

2.D.1 Modified Developmental Soccer Teams

Modified Developmental teams will be formed in the manner described in 2.D except that developmental teams may be formed in ages U6, U7, U8, U9, U10 and U11 only. Exceptions to these Operating Procedures as applied to Modified developmental teams shall be only as set forth in Addendum B, B.1, B.2, B.3, B.4, B.5, B.6, B.7 and as referred to in these Operating Procedures.

2.E Player Transfers

All properly registered players (as defined in the By-Laws Article 11, Section 11.1), must return to the team on which the player was legally registered during the previous season. A player may request a transfer in writing at registration. For good and sufficient reason and in accordance with current registration policies adopted by the Board and upon Board of Directors and/or Club approval, per current transfer policy a player may transfer for the

upcoming season. All members have the right of appeal to the Association Board. Players requesting such a transfer shall be placed in a player pool to be assigned to a team in accordance with Section 2.D. All transfer proceedings shall be in compliance with existing WSYSA guidelines.

2.F Dissolution of Teams

If during any season, a club desires to consolidate two or more teams because of lack of player participation, such consolidation shall be permitted with the prior approval of the Association upon presentation of the rosters of such teams showing the players who will be dropped. The surviving team shall complete the schedule of one of the original teams as directed by the Association.

2.G Number

The number of players on each team, other than modified developmental teams, shall be limited to 16, except that no player, properly registered at the announced registration dates, shall be denied participation on a team because of this limitation up to a maximum of 18. No team shall exceed eighteen players. No Club shall accept registration of a player on a team which has 16 registered players after one week before the first scheduled game of the season. The number of players assigned to a modified developmental team shall be in accordance with Addendum B, B.1, B.2, B.3, B.4, B.5, B.6, and B.7. No Club shall accept registration of a player for a modified developmental team which has the maximum number of registered players as referred to Addendum B, B.1, B.2, B.3, B.4, B.5, B.6, and B.7.

2.H Registration of Players

The Association may prescribe and the clubs shall use the forms to be used for registration of players. The Association shall determine registration dates and procedures.

2.I Registration of Teams

Each club shall register its teams with the Association by delivering to the Association Registrar the form adopted by the Association. Teams shall be accepted for registration by the Association when the form is presented to the Association Registrar.

2.J Recreational Team Practice

Teams may begin to practice at assigned locations, on or after August 1, as announced by NYSA VP of Competition and may continue during daylight hours through their last scheduled game.

1. Teams U6 through U19 will be scheduled by their club coordinator for at least one weekly slot of a one hour duration, not to exceed twice weekly or for more than 90 minutes duration per session.
2. Practices canceled *during soccer season* due to field closure will only be rescheduled according to individual club availability of slots.
3. For tournament purposes (other than NYSA Jamboree, NYSA Club Tournaments or other in-season tournaments), Recreational teams wishing to practice outside of the association *recreational* schedule may do so only by application to the NYSA VP of Competition with the following procedure:
 - a. With proof of tournament application, a team may apply for two 90 minute practice slots per week for no more than 30 days prior to the tournament start and ending with the tournament closure; *field assignment subject to availability*.

2.K FC Alliance Team and Northshore Classic Team Practice

FC Alliance teams and Northshore Classic teams will practice as determined by WSYSA and Club By-laws and Operating Procedures, under the direction of NYSA VP of Competition.

2.L Team Property

All cash on deposit in a NYSA Team Account is specifically the property of the team until such time as the team ceases to exist, at which time all team money becomes club money.

SECTION 3. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

3.A Player Age Definition

The age group that a player is assigned depends upon the player's age. Teams shall be divided into and shall compete in thirteen (13) age groups. Players shall not be eligible to compete on teams in the following age groups who have attained the age specified as determined by WSYSA. Players shall be assigned to their proper age group unless granted exception by the Board.

Under 6 *	Under 9	Under 12	Under 15	Under 18
Under 7	Under 10	Under 13	Under 16	Under 19
Under 8	Under 11	Under 14	Under 17	

*The definition of Under is anyone turning 6 on or before July 31 of that calendar year.

3.B Player Participation in Senior Amateur Soccer

Requirements and procedures will at all times be in accord with current WSYSA By-Laws.

3.C Team Participation

No player shall play at the same time in the Association on more than one (1) team in any season except in the case of special competitions approved by the Association.

SECTION 4. RULES OF COMPETITION

4.A Rules of Competition

1. FIFA rules and interpretations, as set out in the current Laws of the Game will be followed except as modified in this section or as applies to modified developmental teams as set out in Addendum B, B.1, B.2, B.3, B.4, B.5, B.6 and B.7.
2. Slide Tackling. Slide tackling shall not be permitted at the level of U12 or below. The penalty for which shall be an indirect free kick at the modified developmental level and a direct free kick for non-developmental play.

4.B Fields

1. The size of playing fields may be less than required by FIFA, provided that these fields are used for the younger teams where practical.
2. In case of game scheduling conflicts, the oldest team in chronological age has priority. In the event of equal aged teams, a flip of a coin shall decide which game is played.

4.C Game Duration and Ball Size

<u>Age Group</u>	<u>Game Duration</u>	<u>Ball Size</u>
Under 19	Two 45 min halves	#5
Under 17	Two 45 min halves	#5
Under 16	Two 40 min halves	#5
Under 15	Two 40 min halves	#5
Under 14	Two 35 min halves	#5
Under 13	Two 35 min halves	#5
Under 12	Two 30 min halves	#4
Under 11	Two 30 min halves	#4
Under 10	Two 30 min halves	#4
Under 9	Two 30 min halves	#4
Under 8	Two 25 min halves	#3
Under 7	Four 10 min quarters	#3
Under 6	Two 10 min halves	#3

4.D Coaching

1. Coaching shall be limited to the touchline between the eighteen (18) yard lines.
2. Coaches are permitted to direct their team provided:
 - a) No mechanical devices are used;
 - b) Instruction is not given in an abusive or derisive tone of voice;
 - c) Remarks made are not derogatory or abusive to officials, players, other coaches or spectators;
 - d) Remarks are not profane;
 - e) Direction given does not incite, in any manner, disruptive behavior.

The penalty for violation of the above shall be "ejection from the game"; and disciplinary action will be taken by the Association Judiciary Committee.

It shall be the responsibility of each team to maintain proper spectator conduct. Each coach, assistant coach and team manager, shall be held primarily accountable for the conduct of the spectators for or from their respective teams. At no time shall foul or abusive language be permitted at any field. Spectators shall remain 2 yards behind the touchline between the 18 yard lines.

3. Coaches' conduct before or after a game which, in any way, brings disrepute on the Association or the game of soccer will be subject to disciplinary action by the Judiciary Committee.
4. Any coach found guilty of playing players not assigned to that team by an Association Registrar may be banned from coaching or holding office in the NYSA for a minimum of one (1) year.
5. Teams shall take opposite sides of the field, except when field conditions prevent such action. The home team shall have the first pick of side.

4.E Players Equipment

1. All players on the field must be attired in matching uniforms to the satisfaction of the referee. A proper uniform consists of shorts, jersey, socks, shinguards and legal soccer shoes. In case of a color clash, the designated home team will change jerseys.
2. All or any member(s) of any team are permitted to wear extra protective clothing, including gloves without dangerous, protruding or hard objects, against the cold, provided that:
 - a) The proper team uniform is worn outermost, and
 - b) Any hat should be without peak, bill orangling or protruding object of any kind; however, the goalkeeper may wear a soft-billed hat.
 - c) Referee discretion may be used to determine if any item of protective clothing is considered to go beyond the purpose of providing a means of retaining body heat.
3. No player shall be allowed to play in any regularly scheduled game with an injury which can be aggravated by playing or which constitutes a danger to others. No player wearing a hard cast or orthopedic device shall be permitted to play in any regularly scheduled game.
4. Shin Guards. All players shall be required to wear shin guards during games and practices..

4.F Player Substitutions

1. Unlimited substitutions may be made, with the consent of the Referee.
 - a) After a goal, by either team;
 - b) At half-time;
 - c) After an injury, when the referee stops play, with the consent of the Referee
2. Unlimited substitutions may be made, with the consent of the Referee.
 - a) Prior to a goal kick, by either team;
 - b) Prior to a throw-in, in your favor.
3. When the referee stops play to caution a player, only the cautioned player may be substituted, prior to the restart of the game.
4. A change of goalkeepers requires specific notification to, and consent from the Referee.
5. Players not on the field-of-play must remain two (2) yards behind the touchline and not within eighteen (18) yards of the corner of the field

4.G Playing Time

Any player, U11 and below, regularly attending practice and complying with team rules, shall play at least one-half (1/2), or 50%, of the total time of the game. Any player, U12 and above, regularly attending practice and complying with team rules, shall play at least one-third (1/3), or 33%, of each league game. Regular attendance of practice shall be defined as attending at least 75% of the practices over the course of the last 30 days, unless defined differently by the club. This operating procedure shall not apply to FC Alliance Team players.

4.H Charging the Goalkeeper

1. In all U12 and below games, no player shall make physical contact with the goalkeeper or attempt to play the ball once the goalkeeper has control of the ball in any manner and to any degree whatsoever.
2. In all U13 and above games, no player shall make physical contact with the goalkeeper WITHIN THE GOAL AREA, harass the goalkeeper, or attempt to play the ball once the goalkeeper has control of the ball in any manner and to any degree whatsoever. For infringement of this special Rule, an indirect free kick shall be awarded. NOTE: Also included in "having control of the ball" is, if the goalkeeper holds the ball on the ground with one or both hands.

4.I Officiating

1. A referee shall be appointed to officiate each game with the authority assigned to him as specified in the Laws of the Game (FIFA). Officiating of all games will be governed by the Rules of Play as are specified herein.
2. Failure of a scheduled referee to show up will not be cause for canceling the match. A substitute official must be chosen upon agreement by both coaches and his/her decisions will be final.
3. The referee shall not be a coach or part of the coaching staff of the teams involved in the competition, except by prior agreement of both coaches. All other options should be exhausted prior to choosing a referee from either coaching staff.
4. The qualification of the referee shall not be subject to protest.
5. The referee is responsible for submitting misconduct reports to either the Administrative Assistant or the Chair of the Judiciary Committee within 48 hours of the conclusion of the game on a form to be provided by NYSA.

4.J Scheduled Games

1. All games shall be played as scheduled unless the Referee and/or Scheduler cancel or postpone the game. Teams failing to appear at a scheduled game, unless canceled as herein provided, shall forfeit the game by a score of 1-0, except that with the consent of both team coaches and the Scheduler the game may be rescheduled.
2. All games will be played at the scheduled times if each team can field a minimum of seven (7) players, except modified developmental teams. Any team delaying the start of a game more than fifteen (15) minutes shall forfeit the game by a score of 1-0.
3. The field of play not being in suitable condition for play is the only reason for game cancellation. The Referee is responsible for decisions regarding the playing conditions of the field and has the right to cancel a game because the field of play is not in a suitable condition.
4. During approved competition, team(s) must have a coach or a responsible adult present. Failure to have a coach or responsible adult present during the entire match will result in the forfeiture of the game by a score of 1-0.

4.K Game Score Reporting

1. The winning team shall report the result of its game to the scorekeeper designated by the Association before 8 p.m. on the day the game is played. In the event of a tie both teams must report the score. Failure to report a score will result in no game points toward league standings.

SECTION 5. FIELD AND FACILITIES**5.A Home Club Responsibilities**

1. For each game scheduled by the Association, not canceled as herein provided, it shall be the responsibility of the club which has been assigned the home team to:
 - a) properly mark the designated field, including field lining and goal posts;
 - b) provide a properly inflated game ball;

- c) provide a referee

SECTION 6. DISCIPLINARY

6.A Form

1. Protests are to be in written form, in quadruplicate, and submitted to the chairman of the Disciplinary Committee within three (3) days following the date of the game giving rise to the protest. Sundays and holidays are excluded when determining the three days. A fee of twenty dollars (\$20.00) must accompany the protest. This fee will be refunded if the protest is upheld, otherwise it will be forfeited to the Association treasury.
2. The Disciplinary Committee will also review all written reports of transgression received from Referees, players, coaches and spectators concerning conduct of Referees, players, coaches and spectators for possible disciplinary action.
3. The Disciplinary Committee shall apply the Penalty Code as adopted by the WSYSA.
4. Any report of a send off filed against a coach will result in an automatic seven (7) day suspension from all practice and game participation. The suspended coach is not to be within 500 yards of any practice or game during the time of suspension. Failure to comply with the suspension will result in a ban from coaching or holding office in the NYSA for a minimum of one (1) year.

6.B Procedure

1. Protests will be considered only if they are based on violations of the By-Laws or Operating Procedures or misapplication of the Laws of the Game.
2. Protests involving conditions of the field, equipment or facilities shall be denied unless the Referee is notified prior to the initial kick-off of the game being protested.
3. The Disciplinary Committee shall determine if the protest or complaint is valid, and if so, will schedule a meeting of the parties involved. The parties involved will be notified of the time and place the Judiciary Committee will meet and be invited to attend.

6.C Decisions

1. The Disciplinary Committee shall render a final decision within seven (7) days of receiving the report and a written decision as soon as possible. A copy will be furnished each principal involved, as well as each of the concerned Club Presidents. Each decision shall be recorded and may be used as a precedent in future decisions.
2. Decisions must be a clear simple majority of the committee present. Three (3) committee members shall constitute a quorum.

6.D Appeal

1. Appeals of the Disciplinary Committee decisions may be petitioned in writing, accompanied by the appropriate fee, to the Board of Directors of the Association. Action must be taken by the Board of Directors at the next monthly meeting following the appeal. The results of the appeal shall be filed with the Association Secretary and Disciplinary Committee.

6.E Assault on Referees

1. In the event of an assault, the President of the Association shall refer the case to the appropriate Disciplinary Board.

SECTION 7. AMENDMENTS

These Operating Procedures may be amended as provided by Article 5, Section 5.3, 5.3.1 of the By-Laws of the Association.

ADDENDUM A: NYSA SOCCER CLUBS

BOTHELL NORTH CLUB

Crystal Springs
Canyon Creek
Fernwood
Kokanee

BOTHELL SOUTH CLUB

Westhill
Maywood Hill
Woodin

COTTAGE LAKE CLUB

Bear Creek
Cottage Lake
East Ridge

INGLEMOOR CLUB

Moorlands
Arrowhead
Woodmoor

KENMORE CLUB

Shelton View
Kenmore
Lockwood
Frank Love

MALTBY CLUB

Maltby Elementary

SUNRISE CLUB

Sunrise

WOODINVILLE CLUB

Hollywood Hill
Wellington

UNITED CLUB

U-13 and above Recreation Teams

FC ALLIANCE

U-11 & U-12 Development Teams
U-13 and above Select teams

APPENDIX B: MOD DEVELOPMENTAL PLAYING RULES

RULES OF PLAY AN INTRODUCTION TO THE SPIRIT OF OUR PROGRAM FOR THOSE INVOLVED

COACHES:

In most cases, you will be the new player's first "teacher". Your role is critical to the future development of each player's skills and their attitudes towards sportsmanship in the game. Northshore Youth Soccer Association (NYSA) requires that every new coach attend their age appropriate coaching certificate or license. All required coaching certificates and licenses are 100% funded by NYSA. Any coach intending to coach U-11 and above must hold a minimum of an "E" license. In addition to coaching, it is your responsibility to control your side line during games, and to stress sportsmanship to your parents and players. Your coaching will follow the Laws of MODIFIED Developmental soccer attached, and most important, remember that "This game is for the children, let them learn and play, but above all...let them have fun!"

List of Coaching Certificates and Licenses Required

WSYSA U-6 Coaching Certificate – For all NYSA U-7 coaches

WSYSA U-8 Coaching Certificate – For all NYSA U-8 coaches

WSYSA U10 Coaching Certificate – For all NYSA U-9 & U-10 coaches

WSYSA "E" License – For all NYSA U-11, U-12 and United coaches

USSF / WSYSA "D" License or equivalent coaching education* - For all NYSA coaches coaching a team with a selection process.

* Must be approved by the NYSA VP of Development and NYSA Coaching Director.

PLAYERS:

As a soccer player, you will be taught the basic skills of soccer; basic rules of the game; sportsmanship toward your teammates, opponent, and the referees. Your coach will stress fun and allow you to be creative while you play the game.

PARENTS:

In many cases this will be your first exposure to the game of soccer. Please take time to assist your team's coach in the many aspects of team management so that the coach can work with your child as they grow in the game. It is your responsibility to remember that this game is for the kids, and that only positive encouragement is welcome from the sideline. All decisions by the referee are final and are not to be questioned before, during or after the games. We do not keep score or standings at this level of play, so we can stress learning skills, sportsmanship, and most of all, the fun and creativity of soccer. It is our intent that after every practice and game your child will leave with a positive attitude about themselves and the game.

REFEREES:

It is important that you read over the MODIFIED developmental Soccer Laws attached, as there are several changes from FIFA Laws of the Game. As much as possible, we have tried to follow FIFA Laws to help these young players develop within the normal rules. It shall be your responsibility to give a brief verbal instruction to any offending player as outlined in the attached. You may ask for linesmen if you feel the size of the field warrants their assistance. We appreciate your efforts.

APPENDIX B-1: MODIFIED DEVELOPMENTAL PLAYING RULES: U-6 (3- A SIDE)

The U-6 program's goal is to give the beginning player an introduction to basic soccer skills and a good understanding of the rules of the game. This program is designed to expose these new young players to the world of Soccer.

Volunteer parent coaches with the direction of the NYSA Coaching Director and the Master Coaches will run the program. Either the NYSA VP of Development or the NYSA Coaching Director will appoint the Master Coaches. The parent coaches will be required to attend the WSYSA U-6 Coaching Certificate.

Once players are registered with NYSA, they will be placed on teams with a roster of 6 players. All U-6 teams will meet once a week for eight weeks for a one-hour session (30 minute practice/30 minute game). There will be two teams sharing one 20 x 30 yard field. The NYSA Coaching Director will give the parent coaches their weekly practice sessions prior to practice and then the Master Coaches will observe the parent coaches during their practice in order to give them feedback on their coaching. For the first 30 minutes of the practice, the parent coach will run their team through the practice session. For the second 30 minutes, the two teams sharing the field would play a small game. The game will be divided into two equal 10-minute halves with a five-minute break in between. A parent referee from each team will officiate one half of the game.

This program should encourage all coaches and parents to ensure that playing soccer is a positive and enjoyable experience for these young players. This program is non-competitive and no score will be kept. All coaches and parents need to be positive elements in the player's participation.

MODIFIED DEVELOPMENTAL PLAYING RULES: U-6 (3 A SIDE)

A. Field Size: 20 x 30 yards minimum

B. Markings: Wos Markers are used to mark out the 20 x 30 yard field.

C. Goals: 6' Pugg Goals

D. The Ball: size 3

E. Number of Players:

U-6: maximum number of players on the field at any time is three (3). Team roster size shall be six (6).

- **Substitution:** Coaches may decide prior to the game the number of rotations they wish to perform per half (one rotation is recommended per half). This method is used to insure that every child gets an equal amount of playing time.
- **Playing time:** Each player must participate a minimum of 50% of the total time of game.
- **Sex:** Teams should be divided by gender, however, team roster may be coed if need arises.

F. Players Equipment:

- NYSA issued shirt.
- Socks
- Footwear
- Shorts
- Shin guards required

A player shall not wear anything which is dangerous to another player or to themselves (i.e., rings, watches, etc.)

G. Referees:

A parent from both teams will officiate.

H. Duration of Game:

The game shall be divided into equal halves of 10 minutes each

I. The Start of Play:

Each opponent must be on their half of the field

J. Ball in and out of Play:

- Conform to FIFA Laws of the Game.
- The ball is out of play only when it has wholly crossed the goal or touch lines.

K. Free Kicks:

Shall be classified under one heading: "Indirect"

L. Fouls and Misconduct:

- No hands or arms, no kicking, striking, pushing, tripping, jumping at or hitting an opponent.
- All infractions result in an indirect free kick.

NYSA OPERATING PROCEDURES - Appendix B-3
Developmental Playing Rules

M. Method of Scoring:

A goal is scored when ball crosses over the goal line (the black strap) of the Pugg goal.

N. Off Side:

No offside rule to apply.

O. Penalty Kick:

No penalty kicks are to be taken during these games.

P. Throw In:

Conform to FIFA Laws of the Game. One re-throw must be allowed if foul throw occurs.

Q. Goal Kick:

Is taken 2 yards in front of the Pugg Goal.

R. Corner Kick:

May be taken from any point inside corner area.

S. Goalkeeper:

- There is no goalkeeper or use of the hands allowed.
- FIFA Laws of the Game shall apply throughout the whole field.

T. Sportsmanship:

- Team coaches and players shall shake hands with opponent and referee after each game.
- Coaches, managers, team officials and parents shall not criticize game officials at any time and shall encourage the same attitude among all players and supporters.
- No league standings or scores shall be published.
- Publicity of games and results is not permitted.
- Teams and spectators should be on opposite sides of the field if possible.

U. Sponsor:

NO SPONSORSHIP OF TEAM SHALL BE ALLOWED

MODIFIED DEVELOPMENTAL PLAYING RULES: U-7 (3 A SIDE)

A. Field Size: 20 x 30 yards minimum / 25 x 35 yards maximum as decided by the home team.

B. Markings:

- 4 corner flags (1 pair per team)
- 4 orange markers
- 10 yellow markers

C. Goals: 6' Pugg Goals

D. The Ball: size 3

E. Number of Players:

U-7: maximum number of players on the field at any time is three (3). Team roster size shall be six (6).

- **Substitution:** Coaches may decide prior to the game the number of rotations they wish to perform per quarter (two rotations are recommended per quarter). Each player must play at least half of the game.
- **Playing time:** Each player must participate a minimum of 50% of the total time of game
- **Sex:** Teams should be divided by gender, however, team roster may be coed if need arises

F. Players Equipment:

- NYSA issued shirt.
- Socks
- Footwear
- Shorts
- Shin guards required

A player shall not wear anything which is dangerous to another player or to themselves (i.e., rings, watches, etc.)

G. Referees:

A parent from both teams will officiate.

H. Duration of Game:

The game shall be divided into equal quarters of 10 minutes each

I. The Start of Play:

Each opponent must be on their half of the field

J. Ball in and out of Play:

- Conform to FIFA Laws of the Game.
- The ball is out of play only when it has wholly crossed the goal or touch lines.

K. Free Kicks:

Shall be classified under one heading: "Indirect"

L. Fouls and Misconduct:

- No hands or arms, no kicking, striking, pushing, tripping, jumping at or hitting an opponent.
- All infractions result in an indirect free kick.

NYSA OPERATING PROCEDURES - Appendix B-3
Developmental Playing Rules

M. Method of Scoring:

Goal scored when ball crosses between and below the top of the corner flags and crosses completely over the goal line.

N. Off Side:

No offside rule to apply.

O. Penalty Kick:

No penalty kicks are to be taken during these games.

P. Throw In:

Conform to FIFA Laws of the Game. One re-throw must be allowed if foul throw occurs.

Q. Goal Kick:

May be taken from any point inside the goal area.

R. Corner Kick:

May be taken from any point inside corner area.

S. Goalkeeper:

- There is no goalkeeper or use of the hands allowed.
- FIFA Laws of the Game shall apply throughout the whole field.

T. Sportsmanship:

- Team coaches and players shall shake hands with opponent and referee after each game.
- Coaches, managers, team officials and parents shall not criticize game officials at any time and shall encourage the same attitude among all players and supporters.
- No league standings or scores shall be published.
- Publicity of games and results is not permitted.
- Teams and spectators should be on opposite sides of the field if possible.

U. Sponsor:

NO SPONSORSHIP OF TEAM SHALL BE ALLOWED

MODIFIED DEVELOPMENTAL PLAYING RULES: U-8 (4 A SIDE)

A. Field Size: 35 x 25 yards minimum / 30 x 40 yards maximum as decided by the home team.

B. Markings:

- 4 corner flags (1 pair per team)
- 4 orange markers
- 10 yellow markers
- 1 captain's arm band per team or colored bib for goalkeeper

C. Goals: Desired goal size, 6' x 12'

D. The Ball: size 3

E. Number of Players:

U-8: maximum number of players on the field at any time, including the goalkeeper is four (4). Team roster size shall be six (6) to eight (8) players (if possible).

- **Substitution:** Coaches may decide prior to the game the number of rotations they wish to perform per half (three rotations are recommended per half). Each player must play at least half of the game.
- **Playing time:** Each player must participate a minimum of 50% of the total time of game
- **Sex:** Teams should be divided by gender, however, team roster may be coed if need arises

F. Players Equipment:

- NYSA issued T-shirt
- Socks
- Footwear
- Shorts
- Shin guards required

A player shall not wear anything which is dangerous to another player or to themselves (i.e., rings, watches, etc.)

G. Referees:

A parent from both teams will officiate.

H. Duration of Game:

The game shall be divided into equal halves of 25 minutes each

I. The Start of Play:

Each opponent must be on their half of the field

J. Ball in and out of Play:

- Conform to FIFA Laws of the Game.
- The ball is out of play only when it has wholly crossed the goal or touch lines.

K. Free Kicks:

Shall be classified under one heading: "Indirect"

L. Fouls and Misconduct:

- No hands or arms, no kicking, striking, pushing, tripping, jumping at or hitting an opponent.
- All infractions result in an indirect free kick.

M. Method of Scoring:

Goal scored when ball crosses between and below the top of the corner flags and crosses completely over the goal line.

NYSA OPERATING PROCEDURES - Appendix B-5
Developmental Playing Rules

N. Off Side:

No offside rule to apply.

O. Penalty Kick:

No penalty kicks are to be taken during these games.

P. Throw In:

- Conform to FIFA Laws of the Game.
- One re-throw must be allowed if foul throw occurs.

Q. Goal Kick:

May be taken from any point inside the goal area.

R. Corner Kick:

May be taken from any point inside corner area.

S. Goalkeeper:

- The ball is to be considered in the goalkeeper's possession whenever the goalkeeper is touching the ball in the goal box.
- FIFA Laws of the Game shall apply outside the goal box.
- Upon possession of the ball, if excessive steps are taken, the referee shall call for a replay and give brief instruction to the goalkeeper.
- Keepers may only use their hands in the final 6 yards of the field in front of their own goal. Keepers will wear a captain's arm band or colored bib to be distinguished from other players.

T. Sportsmanship:

- Team coaches and players shall shake hands with opponent and referee after each game.
- Coaches, managers, team officials and parents shall not criticize game officials at any time and shall encourage the same attitude among all players and supporters.
- No league standings or scores shall be published. Scores shall be reported to NYSA by way of Referee Game Cards.
- Publicity of games and results is not permitted.
- Teams and spectators should be on opposite sides of the field if possible.

U. Sponsor:

NO SPONSORSHIP OF TEAM SHALL BE ALLOWED

MODIFIED DEVELOPMENTAL PLAYING RULES: U-9 (5 A SIDE)

A. Field Size: 30 x 40 minimum / 35 x 45 maximum as decided by the home team.

B. Markings:

- 4 corner flags (1 pair per team)
- 4 orange markers
- 10 yellow markers
- 1 captain's arm band per team or colored bib for goalkeeper

C. Goals: Desired goal size, 6' x 12'

D. The Ball: size 4

E. Number of Players:

U-9: maximum number of players on the field at any time, including the goalkeeper is five (5). Team roster size shall be limited to a maximum of nine (9) players.

- **Substitution:** Coaches may decide prior to the game the number of rotations they wish to perform per half (three rotations are recommended per half). Each player must play at least half of the game.
- **Playing time:** Each player must participate a minimum of 50% of the total time of game
- **Sex:** Teams should be divided by gender, however, team roster may be coed if need arises

F. Players Equipment:

- NYSA issued T-shirt
- Socks
- Footwear
- Shorts
- Shin guards required

A player shall not wear anything which is dangerous to another player or to themselves (i.e., rings, watches, etc.)

G. Referees:

Official Referees should be used.

H. Duration of Game:

The game shall be divided into equal halves of 30 minutes each

I. The Start of Play:

Each opponent must be on their half of the field

J. Ball in and out of Play:

- Conform to FIFA Laws of the Game.
- The ball is out of play only when it has wholly crossed the goal or touch lines.

K. Free Kicks:

Shall be classified under one heading: "Indirect"

L. Fouls and Misconduct:

- No hands or arms, no kicking, striking, pushing, tripping, jumping at or hitting an opponent.
- All infractions result in an indirect free kick.

M. Method of Scoring:

Goal scored when ball crosses between and below the top of the corner flags and crosses completely over the goal line.

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N. Off Side:

No offside rule to apply.

O. Penalty Kick:

No penalty kicks are to be taken during these games.

P. Throw In:

- Conform to FIFA Laws of the Game.
- One re-throw must be allowed if foul throw occurs.

Q. Goal Kick:

May be taken from any point inside the goal area.

R. Corner Kick:

May be taken from any point inside corner area.

S. Goalkeeper:

- The ball is to be considered in the goalkeeper's possession whenever the goalkeeper is touching the ball in the goal box.
- FIFA Laws of the Game shall apply outside the goal box.
- Upon possession of the ball, if excessive steps are taken, the referee shall call for a replay and give brief instruction to the goalkeeper.
- Keepers may only use their hands in the final 6 yards of the field in front of their own goal. Keepers will wear a captain's arm band or colored bib to be distinguished from other players.

T. Sportsmanship:

- Team coaches and players shall shake hands with opponent and referee after each game.
- Coaches, managers, team officials and parents shall not criticize game officials at any time and shall encourage the same attitude among all players and supporters.
- No league standings or scores shall be published. Scores shall be reported to NYSA by way of Referee Game Cards.
- Publicity of games and results is not permitted.
- Teams and spectators should be on opposite sides of the field if possible.

U. Sponsor:

NO SPONSORSHIP OF TEAM SHALL BE ALLOWED

MODIFIED DEVELOPMENTAL PLAYING RULES: U-10 (6 A SIDE)

A. Field Size: 35 x 45 yards minimum / 40 x 60 yards maximum as decided by the home team.

B. Markings: (Guidelines to be followed as closely as practical)

- Distinctive lines at least 2 inches wide
- A halfway line shall be marked out across the field
- A center circle with 10 yard radius
- Four corner arcs with one yard radius
- Goal area - six yards from each goal post and six yards into the field of play, joined by a line drawn parallel with the end touch line.
- Penalty area - 12 yards by 24 yards, 12 yards from each goal post and 12 yards into the field of play.
- Player and Coaches area - between the 12 yard lines and three yards of touch line. Coach and or spectators may not enter the field of play during the match without referee permission.

C. Goals: Desired goal size, 6' x 12'

D. The Ball: size 4

E. Number of Players:

U-10 play: maximum number of players on the field at any time, including the goalkeeper is six (6). Team roster size shall be limited to a maximum of ten (10) players. .

- **Substitution:** Unlimited players for your team on any dead ball, i.e., throw ins, goal kicks, or injury
- **Playing time:** Each player must participate a minimum of 50% of the total time of game
- **Sex:** Teams should be divided by gender, however, team roster may be coed if need arises

F. Players Equipment:

- Jersey or shirt (with number)
- Socks
- Footwear
- Shorts
- Shin guards required

A player shall not wear anything which is dangerous to another player or to themselves (i.e., rings, watches, etc.)

G. Referees:

- Official Referees should be used. Older age group player are highly recommended.
- Their decisions on points of fact connected with the game shall be final.
- Referees shall verbally explain the infraction called on the offending player.
- Each team shall provide linesman upon referee request.

H. Duration of Game:

- The game shall be divided into equal halves of 30 minutes each.
- Half time break shall be five minutes.

I. The Start of Play:

- Opponent must be ten yards from the center mark when place kick (kick off) is in process.
- The ball is not in play until it travels the distance of its own circumference.

J. Ball in and out of Play:

- Conform to FIFA Laws of the Game.
- The ball is out of play only when it has wholly crossed the goal or touch lines.

K. Method of Scoring:

- The whole of the ball must cross the goal line between the goal posts and under the crossbar.
- Cannot be thrown, carried or intentionally propelled by hand or arm over the goal line.

L. Off Side:

- No offside to apply, **however, the referee can choose to penalize a team that is obviously and intentionally taking advantage of an offside position during play. No cherry picking! Cherry picking is defined as: Flagrantly remaining in an offside position well into the attacking (front) 1/3 of the field with little or no intention of moving into an onside position and maintaining obvious distance between themselves and the 2nd to the last defending player.**

M. Fouls and Misconduct:

- All fouls will result in an Indirect Free Kick (with the nearest opposing player ten yards away).
- The referee must explain all infractions to the offending player.

N. Free Kicks:

- Shall be classified under on heading - "INDIRECT" .
- A goal may not be scored until the ball has been played or touched by a second player of either team .

O. Penalty Kick:

- No penalty kicks are to be taken during these games.
- No penalty kicks are to be taken after regulation play to determine a "winner".

P. Throw In:

- Conform to FIFA Laws of the Game.
- One re-throw must be allowed if foul throw occurs.

Q. Goal Kick:

- Conform to FIFA Laws of the Game.
- Goal kick may be taken from any point inside the goal area; six yard area.

R. Corner Kick:

- Conform to FIFA Laws of the Game.
- May be taken from any point inside corner area.

S. Goalkeeper:

- The ball is to be considered in the goalkeeper's possession whenever the goalkeeper is touching the ball in the goal box .
- FIFA Laws of the Game shall apply outside the goal box.
- Upon possession of the ball, if excessive steps are taken, the referee shall call for a replay and give brief instruction to the goalkeeper.

T. Sportsmanship:

- Team coaches and players shall shake hands with opponent and referee after each game.
- Coaches, managers, team officials and parents shall not criticize game officials at any time and shall encourage the same attitude among all players and supporters.
- No league standings or scores shall be published. Scores shall be reported to NYSA by way of Referee Game cards.
- Publicity of games and results is not permitted.
- Teams and spectators should be on opposite sides of the field if possible.

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MODIFIED DEVELOPMENTAL PLAYING RULES: U-11 (9 A SIDE)

A. Field Size: 40 x 70 yards minimum / 50 x 80 yards maximum as decided by the home team.

B. Markings: (Guidelines to be followed as closely as practical)

- Distinctive lines at least 2 inches wide
- A halfway line shall be marked out across the field
- A center circle with 10 yard radius
- Four corner arcs with one yard radius
- Goal area - six yards from each goal post and six yards into the field of play, joined by a line drawn parallel with the end touch line.
- Penalty area - 12 yards by 24 yards, 12 yards from each goal post and 12 yards into the field of play.
- Player and Coaches area - between the 12 yard lines and three yards of touch line. Coach and or spectators may not enter the field of play during the match without referee permission.

C. Goals: Maximum eight feet high and 24 feet wide

D. The Ball: size 4

E. Number of Players:

U-11 play: maximum number of players on the field at any time, including the goalkeeper is nine (9). Team roster size shall be eleven (11) to thirteen (13) players, if possible.

- Substitution: Unlimited players for your team on any dead ball, i.e., throw ins, goal kicks, or injury
- Playing time: each player must participate a minimum of 50% of the total time of game
- Sex: teams should be divided by gender, however, team roster may be coed if need arises

F. Players Equipment:

- Jersey or shirt (with number)
- Socks
- Footwear
- Shorts
- Shin guards required

A player shall not wear anything which is dangerous to another player or to themselves (i.e., rings, watches, etc.)

G. Referees:

- Official Referees should be used. Older age group player are highly recommended.
- Their decisions on points of fact connected with the game shall be final.
- Referees shall verbally explain the infraction called on the offending player.
- Each team shall provide linesman upon referee request.

H. Duration of Game:

- The game shall be divided into equal halves of 30 minutes each.
- Half time break shall be five minutes.

I. The Start of Play:

- Opponent must be ten yards from the center mark when place kick (kick off) is in process.
- The ball is not in play until it travels the distance of its own circumference.

J. Ball in and out of Play:

- Conform to FIFA Laws of the Game.
- The ball is out of play only when it has wholly crossed the goal or touch lines.

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K. Method of Scoring:

- The whole of the ball must cross the goal line between the goal posts and under the crossbar.
- Cannot be thrown, carried or intentionally propelled by hand or arm over the goal line.

L. Off Side:

- The referee will impose the FIFA off side laws and award an indirect free kick to the opposing team.
- Referee shall explain infraction to offending player.

M. Fouls and Misconduct:

- All fouls will result in an Indirect Free Kick (with the nearest opposing player ten yards away).
- The referee must explain all infractions to the offending player.

N. Free Kicks:

- Shall be classified under on heading - "INDIRECT".
- A goal may not be scored until the ball has been played or touched by a second player of either team.

O. Penalty Kick:

- No penalty kicks are to be taken during these games.
- No penalty kicks are to be taken after regulation play to determine a "winner".

P. Throw In:

- Conform to FIFA Laws of the Game.
- One re-throw must be allowed if foul throw occurs.

Q. Goal Kick:

- Conform to FIFA Laws of the Game.
- Goal kick may be taken from any point inside the foal area; six yard area.

R. Corner Kick:

- Conform to FIFA Laws of the Game.
- May be taken from any point inside corner area .

S. Goalkeeper:

- The ball is to be considered in the goalkeeper's possession whenever the goalkeeper is touching the ball in the goal box.
- FIFA Laws of the Game shall apply outside the goal box.
- Upon possession of the ball, if excessive steps are taken, the referee shall call for a replay and give brief instruction to the goalkeeper.

T. Sportsmanship:

- Team coaches and players shall shake hands with opponent and referee after each game.
- Coaches, managers, team officials and parents shall not criticize game officials at any time and shall encourage the same attitude among all players and supporters.
- U-11 scores will be reported to the scheduler for maintaining standing into U-12.
- Publicity of games and results is not permitted.
- Teams and spectators should be on opposite sides of the field if possible.

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DEVELOPMENTAL PROGRAM

Age	Program	Minimum Players	Maximum Players	Ball Size	Field Size	Goal Size	Duration (1/2)	Season # Games	Referee
U6	3-a side	5	6	#3	20x30	6' Pugg	10 min halves	8	No
U7*	3-a-side	5	6	#3	20x30 25x35	6' Pugg	10 min quarters	8**	No
U8*	4-a-side	6	8	#3	25x35 30x40	6'x12'	25 mins	8**	No
U9*	5-a-side	7	9	#4	30x40 35x45	6'x12'	30 mins	8**	Yes
U10*	6-a-side	8	10	#4	35x45 40x60	6'x12'	30 mins	10**	Yes
U11***	9-a-side	11	13	#4	40x70 50x80	8'x24'	30 mins	10 -12**	Yes
U12	11-a-side	13	18	#4	60x100	8'x24'	30 mins	10 -12	Yes
U13	11-a-side	15	18	#5	65x110	8'x24'	35 mins	12 -16	Yes
U14	11-a-side	15	18	#5	65x110	8'x24'	35 mins	12 -16	Yes
U15-U16	11-a-side	15	18	#5	65x110	8'x24'	40 mins	12 -16	Yes
U17-U19	11-a-side	15	18	#5	70x110	8'x24'	45 mins	12 -16	Yes

*No scores or team standing published.

**Number of games approximate. Will depend on number of teams in divisions.

***U11 to report scores to NYSA scheduler. All FIFA rules apply, except number per side.