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I. LEAGUE ADMINISTRATION

100 Description

- 100.10 <u>Name</u> This organization shall be known as the Calaveras Youth Soccer League, so referred to as CYSL.
- 100.20 <u>Affiliation</u> CYSL shall be an affiliated branch of the California Youth Soccer Associated, Incorporated (CYSA) and shall follow and comply with all rules and regulations of CYSL, CYSA, the United States Youth Soccer Association (USYSA), United States Soccer Federation (USSF), and the Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA).
- 100.30 <u>Membership</u> Membership of the CYSL shall consist of players, parents of players (including legal guardians), coaches, referees, sponsors (donating \$100.00 or more annually), and league officials which include members of the Board of Directors and appointees to committees as designated by the Board. All members of CYSL shall abide by the Constitution of the Calaveras Youth Soccer League and other affiliates as designated herein.
- 100.40 **Financial Responsibility** CYSL shall not assume nor be liable for the debts and/or financial responsibilities either implied or incurred of any team or CYSL board member that has not been approved in advance by the League Board of Directors.
- 100.50 <u>Liability Protection</u> All league officials, coaches, and referees shall be covered against personal liability claims by CYSA for performing acts and duties directly related to the work of CYSL
- 100.60 **Non Profit Statement** CYSL is a non-profit organization dedicated to teaching, developing, and promoting youth soccer. No member of CYSL shall benefit financially from their affiliation with CYSL unless otherwise noted in this constitution.
- 100.70 **<u>Non-Discrimination Statement –</u>** CYSL shall not discriminate in any form based on race, gender, religion, national origin, physical limitation, marital status, or economic status.
- 100.80 **Non Political Association** CYSL nor any member claiming to represent CYSL, shall participate or intervene in any campaign of any candidates for public office with an affirmative vote from the League Board of Directors.

110 Purpose, Goal and Objectives

- 110.10 **<u>Purpose</u>** The purpose of this league shall be to teach, develop and promote youth soccer regardless of a players skills and abilities.
- 110.20 <u>**Goals**</u> The goals of this league shall be to provide youth, within the geographical boundaries of CYSL the opportunity to learn, play and enjoy soccer.

110.30 **<u>Objectives</u>** – The objectives of this league are open registration, providing and environment conducive to learning, playing and enjoying soccer, positive coaching, parity among teams, sportsmanship and friendly competition.

120 Authorities

- 120.10 **Calaveras Youth Soccer League** Calaveras Youth Soccer League (CYSL) shall be governed by its Constitution as approved by the general membership of the league, the Constitution, Bylaws Procedures, Rules and Policy Implementation Memorandums (PIM's) of the California Youth Soccer Association (CYSA), the United States Youth Soccer Association (USYSA) and the United States Soccer Federation (USSS).
- 120.20 **Board of Directors** The governing authority of CYSL, whose powers shall be designated in its own Constitution shall be vested with the Board of Directors of this league. The Board of Directors shall also be known as the Board of Members.
- 120.30 **Composition of the Board of Directors** The Board of Directors shall be comprised of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Registrar, Treasurer, Coach Coordinator, Referee Coordinator, Fields Coordinator(s), Equipment Coordinator, Publicity Coordinator, Area Coordinator (1 each from Valley Springs, Jenny Lind, San Andreas, West Point/Railroad Flat, Mokelumne Hill, and Mountain Ranch, who will represent the respective teams and coaches from these respective areas), Sponsorship Coordinator, Fundraising Coordinator(s), Comp/Traveling Team Coordinator, Camp Coord. and Tournament Coord. ******December 2017**
- 120.40 **Board Ascendancy** The ascendancy of the Board of Directors shall be elected President, followed by the elected Vice President followed by the elected Registrar. If all of these positions are vacated during their elected term the remaining board members will select the President from the Board of Directors.

120.50 Board Member Vacancies

- a) Resignation of Board Member A Board Member may resign, in writing, for any reason. If the resignation is not in writing, the verbal resignation must be confirmed by at least two (2) Board Members. The resignation shall take effect as stated in the letter of resignation or in absence of a date, the resignation will take effect upon receipt of the letter of resignation by the President or confirmation of the verbal resignation by two (2) Board Members.
- b) Non-Performance of Board Member A Board Member upon 7-day advanced notice, may be removed from his/her position for non-performance of their duties by a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the Board of Directors at a regularly scheduled Board Meeting.
- c) Removal by Disciplinary Process A Board Member may be removed by the disciplinary process as outlined in this Constitution without possibility of reinstatement for the remainder of the calendar year.
- 120.50.1 **Reinstatement of Board Members** Former Board Members can only be reinstated if they voluntarily resigned in writing and the Board of Directors approve

reinstatement by two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote at a regularly scheduled Board Meeting.

130 Annual General Meeting (AGM)

- 130.10 **Description** An annual general meeting (AGM) of CYSL members shall be held each year in December at a date, time, and place established by the League President. The President shall give at least 30 days written notice of this meeting.
- 130.20 **<u>Quorum Requirement</u>** A Quorum shall consist of any number of CYSL members present at the AGM.
- 130.30 <u>Elections</u> Election of the Board of Directors shall be held at the AGM. The method of elections shall be determined by the Board of Directors prior to the AGM. The order of elections shall be as follows:
 - a) Announcements of Board of Directors seeking reelection for the same office.
 - b) Announcements of written nominations.
 - c) Nominations from the floor.
 - d) Election of non-contested offices in order as listed in Section 220 of this Constitution.
 - e) Election of contested offices in order as listed in Section 220 of this Constitution.
 - f) Unfilled offices shall be filled by the newly elected Board of Directors at the next regular Board of Directors meeting as provided for in this Constitution.
- 130.40 **<u>Nominations</u>** Nominations for Board of Directors positions shall occur as follows:
 - a) Board of Directors desiring to seek reelection for their position may so indicate at the appropriate time at the AGM.
 - b) Written nominations may be submitted to the League Secretary prior to the AGM.
 - c) Nominations may be submitted by CYSL members from the floor during the AGM. The person being-nominated must-accept their nomination either in writing or in person.
- 130.50 <u>Voting Rights</u> All adult members (18 years of age or older) of CYSL may vote on any or all issues of the AGM.
- 130.60 **Agenda** The agenda and order of business at this meeting shall be as follows:
 - a) Call to order.
 - b) Roll call of Board of Directors.
 - c) Reading and acceptance of minutes of the previous AGM.
 - d) Reports:
 - Treasurer Registrar Area Coordinators Standing Committees President
 - e) Unfinished Business
 - f) Proposal(s) for Amendments and changes to CYSL constitution.
 - g) Election of Board Members
 - h) New Business

- i) Good of the Game
- j) Adjournment
- 130.70 **<u>Rules of Order</u>** The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the AGM in as much as they do not conflict with this constitution.

140 Insurance

- 140.10 **Insurance Coverage for Players** Insurance coverage will be in effect for a newly registered player upon the payment of registration fees to the Registrar, Area Coordinator, or Registrar's designee. A player that had been registered the previous year has insurance coverage in effect until September 1st of the following year. All players must be properly registered with the league before insurance coverage is valid. A player must be covered by insurance before they may participate in tryouts, practice sessions, scrimmages, or games.
- 140.20 **Coaches, Assistant Coaches, Managers** All team coaches, assistant coaches, and team managers are automatically covered with liability assurance and medical insurance. It is necessary that these persons be properly Registered with the league registrar. The coverage is valid only when these persons are acting in the capacity of a team coach, assistant coach, or team manager. The coverage is not in effect if acting as a referee except in cases when a coach must referee a game due to a referee not showing up.
- 140.30 Claims Filed on CYSA Form All injuries, to be claimed against the medical insurance program, shall be completely reported on the proper insurance claim form. This form shall be obtainable through the league registrar. Team officials shall assist players (parents) with filing the form expeditiously.
- 140.40 **Forms Submitted within 30 days** All completed reports for injuries shall be submitted to the CYSL League Registrar within 14 days of the injury. In no case shall completed forms be submitted to CYSA later than thirty (30) days of the injury.

150 Registration

- 150.10 **<u>Registration Period</u>** The registration period for Fall Season shall begin no earlier than the first Saturday in April and end no later than the first Board Meeting in June. A minimum of three (3) registration dates and locations shall be set by the Registrar with Board approval. Late registration will continue into the season to fill roster spots and generate waiting lists.
- 150.20 **Verification of Age** Proof of age shall consist of a birth certificate, birth registration issued by an appropriate government agency, Board of Health records, passport, or alien registration card issued by the United States Government. A certificate issued by the Immigration and Naturalization Service attesting to age, or a certification of American citizen born abroad issued by the appropriate government agency. Hospital, baptism or religious certificates will not be accepted.
- 150.30 **Request for Specific Coaches/Team**. Parents/players requesting special consideration during registration must submit their request when registering the player. The League cannot guarantee the granting of parent/player requests. However, consideration will be given to requests that present overwhelming and

compelling reasons why it should be honored. Transportation and team preference are not considered overwhelming and compelling.

- 150.40 **Requests for Playing outside of Age Grouping** Players and parents desiring the player to play outside of the player's proper age grouping must submit a request in writing, stating why the request should be granted when registering the player. Such request must be submitted each year and will be considered on a case by case basis by the Board. Transportation, team preference, convenience of the parents are not valid reasons for consideration. In no case may a player play lower than his/her age group unless there exists some physical and/or mental disabilities or a major size and ability difference and by playing in a lower age grouping the child, teammates, and opposing players would not be subjected to added risk of injury.
- 150.50 **<u>Refund Eligibility</u>** All refund requests shall be submitted in writing using the refund request form. The refund request form must be signed by the Registrar and another CYSL Board Member. No Refund will be given past August 1st. stating why such refund should be granted. If the player is rostered on a team, refunds shall be given only for overwhelming and compelling circumstances beyond the player/parents control less the cost of CYSA insurance of \$15.00 and the actual cost of the uniform if worn or not returned. Transportation and team preferences are not compelling circumstances. Otherwise, refunds shall not be given once a player is rostered on a team. **Amended Dec. 2015 & Dec 2022
- 150.60 **Scholarships** Scholarships are for the purpose of allowing player(s) to register in the League who would not otherwise be able because of financial disadvantage. The League Scholarship Committee consisting of the President, Vice President and the Area Coordinator who received the request will make the final determination of financial need. Scholarship amount may be registration fee less \$15.00 for player insurance fee. Parent/Guardian may be responsible for payment of \$15.00 insurance fee for each player registered. **Amended Dec. 2015
- 150.60.1 <u>**Requesting Scholarship**</u>. Parents/legal guardians must request scholarships in writing prior to player being placed on a team roster. Scholarships must be requested prior to May 31st of each year. ****Amended Dec. 2015 & Dec. 2022**
- 150.70 Fee waiver for CYSL Board Members CYSL Board members in good standing will not be required to pay registration fees for their children who register and play soccer within CYSL during the season that they serve as a Board Member. **Amended Dec. 2015

160 Team Formation

- 160.10 **Balanced Teams** The objective of the League is to provide parity among teams to provide all players opportunities to develop soccer skills and knowledge and enjoy playing soccer.
- 160.20 <u>**Team Selection**</u> Team selection will be scheduled and conducted by area age groupings under the direction of the Registrar and appropriate Area Coordinator. Board members will receive notification of team selection committee meeting no later than one week prior to meeting date. Coaches for that area age grouping may

be invited to participate in the selection process. Team selection will be uniform throughout all areas of CYSL. **Amended Dec. 2015

- 160.30 **Selection of Individual Player** Coaches have the option of retaining their child and/or a child with which they are legal custodian/guardian (proof will be required) automatically. Coaches cannot automatically retain any player without approval of the Board.
- 160.40 **Player Transfer** Once a player is player on a team, transfer from one team to another within the League will only be authorized by the board for overwhelming and compelling reasons. Parent(s)/player desiring a transfer must submit a formal written request for Board consideration.

170 Dissolution Cause

170.10 **Dissolution** - Should this League be dissolved all assets remaining after payment of all debts shall be turned over to Calaveras Unified School District for the express purpose of the development of youth soccer.

180 Amendments and Changes to the Constitution

- 180.10 **Submitting Amendments and Changes** Any member of CYSL may submit proposed amendments and/or changes to this Constitution. Submitted changes must be in written form and submitted to either the President, Secretary, or Chairman of the Rules and Revisions Committee no later than the first Board meeting in October preceding the AGM or by mail postmarked no later than September 30th preceding the AGM, whereby the amendment or change shall be voted on.
- 180.20 **Presentation of Amendments and Change, at Annual General Meeting** -Amendments and Changes to this Constitution shall be presented and voted upon at the AGM, except in such cases as specified in the CYSA Constitution and Bylaws, Procedures, Rules and PIMs, the United States Youth Soccer Association, and the United States Soccer Federation.
- 180.30 **Ratification of Amendments and Changes** An amendment or change shall be deemed adopted by an affirmative vote of two thirds (2/3) of the members voting at the AGM.
- 180.40 **Effective Date of Adopted Amendments or Change** -The effective date of adopted amendments or changes shall be effective January 1st following the AGM.

II. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- 200 Election of Board of Directors
- 200.10 **Order of Election** Members of the Board of Directors shall be elected by the general membership at the annual general meeting (AGM).
- 200.10.1 <u>Nominations</u> Nominations for candidates of each Board position should be submitted in writing prior to the start of the AGM, nominated from the floor at the

AGM, or by indication of the incumbent that they wish to be a candidate for reelection.

- 200.10.2 <u>Elections</u> Elections shall be held for uncontested positions first. Elections for uncontested offices shall be held in order as listed in section 220.
- 200.20 <u>Qualifications</u> Any person eighteen (18) years of age and older with an established residence within Calaveras County may serve on the Board of Directors. Persons convicted of a felony may only serve subject to approval by the Board of Directors.
- 200.30 <u>**Term of Office**</u> Board Members may be elected for only one calendar year with the term of beginning at 12:01 on January 1st and ending at 12:00 midnight on December 31st. Members of the Board can be re-elected for an unlimited number of terms for the same office and/or any number of other offices on the Board.
- 200.40 **Inability to Complete Term of Office** Board Members unable to complete a term of office shall tender their resignation in writing to maintain their status in good standing.
- 200.50 **Filling a Vacant Board Position** The Board can permanently fill a vacant Board member position by a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of Board Members at a regularly scheduled Board meeting.

210 Board Responsibilities

- 210.05 Board Members must attend at least 75% of all regularly scheduled Board Meetings and miss no more than two consecutive meetings, unless absence is due to overwhelming circumstances." *Added AGM December 2019
- 210.10 **Promote the Welfare of the Youth** -The Board shall, at all times and above all else, promote the welfare and well-being of the CYSL youth players.
- 210.20 <u>Establish Communication</u> The Board shall establish methods of communications for the purpose of publicizing League events and activities and to provide participants the opportunity to express questions and concerns and have a voice in League operations.
- 210.30 <u>Administration of Constitution</u> The Board shall be familiar with, and be able to interpret, and shall enforce the CYSL Constitution and all rules and regulations of associations with which this League is affiliated.
- 210.40 **<u>Fiscal Management</u>** The Board shall exercise prudent judgment when setting registration fees, raising funds, authorizing expenditures, and in all other fiscal matters related to CYSL League business.
- 210.50 **League Audits** League audits shall be performed as follows:
- 210.50.1 **Prior Year Audits** The Audit Committee shall be responsible for auditing any and all League records and/or files of all previous Board Member positions at the beginning of the calendar year and reporting to the Board their audit results at the March Board Meeting.

- 210.50.2 <u>**Current Year Audits**</u> The Audit Committee shall be responsible for auditing any and all League records and/or files of all current Board Member positions within the last three months prior to the AGM and reporting to the Board no later than the last scheduled meeting prior to the AGM. All current Board Members are to cooperate with the Audit Committee.
- 210.50.3 **<u>Resignation of Board Member Audit</u>** The Audit Committee shall be responsible for auditing any and all League records and/or files of any Board Member that resigns or is removed prior to the end of their term.
- 210.60 **Personal Ethic, and Conduct** The Board shall not conduct themselves in such a manner as to discredit themselves or can into question the integrity of the League or the game of soccer. The Board shall serve on a voluntary basis without expectation or acceptance of compensation or special favors by virtue of their position
- 210.70 **Formation of Team** The Board shall strive to provide equally balanced teams for competitive levels of play.
- 210.80 **Establish Common Rule** The Board shall establish appropriate administrative rules for League administration and playing rules for League play.
- 210.90 **Procurement of Facilities** The Board shall exercise due diligence in obtaining needed facilities.
- 211.0 <u>Committee and Assistant Board Member Appointments</u> -The Board shall approve committee and assistant board member appointments (other than CYSL constitutional appointments) after giving due consideration to qualified candidates.
- 211.10 <u>**Disciplinary Action**</u> The Board shall have the obligation and authority to reprimand, suspend, or bar any member of the League for violation of this Constitution or local, state, or federal laws.
- 211.20 **Sanctioning Team Travel** The Board shall authorize and sanction travel teams for competitions played out of the League boundaries.
- 211.30 <u>"Player, Parents, Participants Handbook"</u> The Board shall make available the following information at the beginning of each season: a season calendar, names and telephone numbers of the Board of Directors, the CYSL Constitution, the annual budget, and team schedules.

Job Descriptions

220.10 **President - The President's duties will include:**

- a) Preside at CYSL Meetings.
- b) Represent CYSL at District CYSA meetings or may appoint someone to attend District meetings from time to time when the President is unable to attend.
- c) Appoint assistants to Board members as necessary.
- d) Sign League checks.

220.20 Vice-President - Duties Include:

- a) Attendance at Board meetings.
- b) Preside at all CYSL Meetings in the absence of the President.
- c) Act on behalf of the President in his/her absence or when otherwise incapacitated.
- d) Serve as chairperson on the Protests and Appeals Committee.
- e) Nominate no fewer than two candidates for the Protests and Appeals Committee.
- f) Sign League checks.

220.30 Secretary - Duties Include:

- a) Attendance at Board Meetings.
- b) Keep minutes of all Board Meetings.
- c) Read previous month's minutes at each Board Meeting for Board approval.
- d) Pick up mail from the League post office box and expeditiously distribute as appropriate.
- e) Maintain all League administrative files, correspondence, etc.
- f) Distribute adopted changes to CYSL Constitution to all Board members, coaches, and referees as quickly as possible.

220.40 **Treasurer - Duties Include:**

- a) Attendance at Board meetings.
- b) Receive funds, create a receipt for funds received, and deposit funds in the League accounts in a timely manner.
- c) Maintain possessions of the League bank book(s).
- d) Insure all checks are signed by two of the three designated Board members.
- e) Balance all League accounts monthly.
- f) Provide a written accounting of all revenue and expenditures of League funds at each CYSL Board Meeting and when requested by the President.
- g) Provide account receipt books, bank statements, account registers, and invoices for inspection when requested by the Board.
- h) Report any improprieties immediately to the President and include the status of this report at the next Board Meeting.
- i) Provide year-end financial statement at the Annual General Meeting.
- j) Sign League checks.
- k) Serve on the Fundraising Committee.

220.50 **Registrar - Duties include:**

- a) Attendance at Board meetings.
- b) Propose registration dates in coordination with the Area Coordinators for approval by Board members.
- c) Supervise the proper and timely registration of all players and adult officials.
- d) Provide registration status at CYSL Board Meetings as requested by Board members.
- e) Process all insurance claims as expeditiously as possible.
- f) Attend District meetings for Registrars as required.
- g) Chair the Team Selection Committees.

220.60 Coach Coordinator - Duties include:

a) Attendance at Board meetings.

- b) Recruit coaches.
- c) Chair the Coach Selection Committee.
- d) Schedule and conduct annual coaches clinics.
- e) Represent League coaches at CYSL Board meetings.
- f) Serve on the Protest and Appeals Committee.
- g) Serve on the Disciplinary Committee if a coach is involved.

220.70 **Referee Coordinator - Duties include:**

- a) Attendance at Board Meetings.
- b) Oversee the recruitment, selection, training, and certification of League referees.
- c) Schedule referees.
- d) Serve on the Protest and Appeals Committee.
- e) Serve on the Disciplinary Committee if a referee is involved.
- f) Must not be a coach or assistant coach of any CYSL team during the time serving as the Referee Coordinator. *Amended Dec.* 2022

220.80 Field Coordinator - Duties include:

- a) Attendance at Board meetings.
- b) Purchase, maintain, store, inventory, issue, and collect all equipment and maintain appropriate equipment records.
- c) Provide written reports of equipment statues to the Board at the beginning and end of each soccer season.
- d) Coordinate fields and field set-up with outside organizations and Area Coordinators.

220.85 Equipment Coordinator - Duties include:

- a) Attendance at Board meetings.
- b) Purchase, maintain, store, inventory, issue, and collect all League equipment and maintain appropriate equipment records.
- c) Provide written reports of equipment statues to the Board at the beginning and end of each soccer season.
- d) Coordinate fields and field set-up with outside organizations and Area Coordinators.

220.90 **Publicly Coordinator - Duties include:**

- a) Attendance at Board meetings.
- b) Publicize CYSL events through flyers, newspapers, radio, and other medium which include but are not limited to registration, Board meetings, and games.
- c) Coordinate the publishing of the "Players, Parents, and Participants Handbook."

221.0 Area Coordinator- Duties include:

- a) Attendance at Board meetings.
- b) Represent their area before the Board.
- c) Coordinate all League activities within their area.
- d) Assist with registration of players within their area.
- e) Assist with the recruitment of team coaches for their area when requested by the Coach Coordinator.
- f) Serve on the Team Selection Committee.
- g) Serve on the Disciplinary Committee when a person from their area is involved.

- h) Assist the Treasurer in collecting returned checks.
- i) Consider complaints generated in their area and resolve those that they are able. Forward any complaint to the Board that they are unable to resolve.

221.10 **Fundraiser Coordinator- Duties include:**

- a) Attendance at Board meetings.
- b) Coordinate fundraising activities.
- c) Serve as chairperson of the Fundraising Committee.
- d) Provide reports of fundraising status to the Board.

221.20 Competitive/Traveling Team Coordinator - Duties include:

- a) Attendance at Board meetings.
- b) Represent competitive and traveling teams before the Board.
- c) Assist with registration of U-14 and above players throughout the League.
- d) Assist with recruitment of coaches for U-14 and above teams.
- e) Serve on the Disciplinary Committee when a person from a U-14 team or above is involved.
- f) Consider all complaints generated in U-14 and above teams, and resolve those that they are able. Forward any complaints to the Board that they are unable to resolve.
- g) Coordinate with other leagues for tournaments and games.

221.30 Camp Coordinator - Duties include:

- a) Attendance at Board meetings.
- b) Coordinate Camps in our Area

221.40 Sponsorship Coordinator - Duties include:

- a) Attendance at Board meetings.
- b) Works to get businesses to sponsor the league, teams and events.
- c) Spreads the word about our league and an outreach to our local community.
- d) Report on status of Sponsors
- e) Provide a list of current Sponsors to Publicity Coordinator for updating on our Website.
- f) Work on obtaining sponsorship plaques for current paid sponsors.

221.50 **Tournament Coordinator - Duties include:**

- a) Attendance at Board meetings.
- b) Schedules tournaments for the league.
- c) Works with other leagues to create competitive tournaments.
- d) Maintains a list of Tournament Rules.
- e) Notifies and updates the Coach Coordinator, and Board, of Tournament Rules.
- f) Assures quality tournament awards & medals.

230 Board of Directors Meetings

- 230.10 **<u>Regular Meeting</u>** Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held without call or notice at such times as may be fixed by the Board of Directors on a particular day each month with additional "special" meetings as necessary.
- 230.15 **Special Meeting** Special meetings may be convened only to consider one or more items of business specified in the call of the meeting. The President shall call such meeting whenever he deems it necessary or at the written request of three Board Members. It is the President's duty to set the agenda for the meeting in accordance with the stated need or the written request of the Board Members. The Secretary shall notify each Board Member prior to five (5) days before the special meeting, either by mail or phone. And such notifications shall include all necessary information related to the agenda of the meeting. Only items mentioned in the call for such a meeting can be transacted at such a meeting. All other actions become legal only when approved at the next regular meeting of the Board.
- 230.17 **Special Meetings Without Constitutional Support** Any meeting dealing with CYSL and the affairs of its Board of Directors shall be held under the auspices and legal umbrella of this Constitution. Any person calling a meeting in such a way as to violate this Constitution and anyone attending such a meeting and acting in the name of CYSL or its Board of Directors shall be disciplined under section 340.70 of this Constitution.
- 230.20 <u>Agenda</u> -The Agenda and order of business at this meeting shall be as follows:
 - a) Call to Order
 - b) Roll Call
 - c) Introduction of Guests Guests may address Board at this Time.
 - d) Reading the Acceptance of Minutes
 - e) Correspondence
 - f) Treasurer's Report
 - g) Registrar's Report
 - h) Coach Coordinator
 - i) Referee Coordinator
 - j) Fields and Equipment Coordinator
 - k) Area Coordinators
 - I) Fundraiser Coordinator
 - m) Committee Reports
 - n) Unfinished Business
 - o) New Business
 - p) Good of the Game
 - q) Adjournment
- 230.30 **Quorum** -To transact League business fifty percent (50%) of the voting members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum.
- 230.40 **<u>Voting Policy</u>** Each Board of Director, with the exception of the Member(s)-at-Large shall be entitled to one vote, regardless of the number of Board of Director positions held. Member(s) at-Large are not voting Board members.
- 230.50 **Rule of Order** -The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the Board Meeting in as much as they do not conflict with this Constitution.

240 Standing Committees

All Committee members shall meet the qualifications as stated in Section 200.20 except as noted.

- 240.10 **Protest and Appeals Committee** the Protest and Appeals committee is responsible for ruling on any protest or appeal lodged by any member of the League. A member of this Committee who is also a member of the Disciplinary Committee that recommended decision that is being protested or appealed shall disqualify themselves from the protest or appeal being ruled upon. The membership of the Protest and Appeals Committees shall consist of the following:
 - a) Vice-President, Chairperson
 - b) Coach Coordinator
 - c) Referee Coordinator
 - d) Two (2) other League members as nominated by the Vice President and approved by the Board.
- 240.20 **Rules and Revisions Committee** The Rules and Revisions Committee is responsible for evaluating and submitting proposed changes to the League's Constitution to the Board of Directors. Upon approval by the Board of Directors, proposed changes shall be submitted to the League membership for approval at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) by an affirmative two-thirds (2/3) majority vote. The Rules and Revisions Committee shall consist of no less than three (3) nor more than five (5) Board Members as appointed and approved by the Board of Directors.
- 240.30 **Fundraising Committee** The Fundraising Committee is responsible for raising money for League operations through specific fundraising activities as proposed and approved by the Board of Directors of this League. The membership of the Fundraising Committee shall consist of the following:
 - a) Fundraising Coordinator, Chairperson
 - b) Treasurer
 - c) Official Sponsors
 - d) Other League members as approved by the Board.
- 240.40 **Disciplinary Committee** The Disciplinary Committee is responsible for investigating complaints that warrant League attention and for submitting a report and recommendation to the Board for action. The Disciplinary Committee shall have discretionary powers in interpreting the degree of penalties applied to League members, team personnel, and players. The penalties outlined in this Constitution and in the CYSA Constitution and Bylaws, Procedures, Rules, and PIMs are to be considered as suggestions. The degree of penalty as recommended to the Board may be increased or decreased according to the gravity of the offense.

The Membership of the Disciplinary Committee consists of the Following:

- a) Vice-President, Chairperson
- b) Registrar
- c) Area Coordinator (in area member accused resides)
- d) Coach Coordinator (if coach accused)
- e) Referee Coordinator (if referee accused)

- f) Board Member is designated by the President to replace the Vice-President, Registrar, or Area Coordinator if accused.
- 240.50 **Coach Selection Committee** The Coach Selection Committee is responsible for recruiting the best qualified coaches to the Board of Directors for approval. The Committee will make an attempt to notify prospective coaches not approved or selected prior to approved coaches being notified of their selection. The membership of the Coach Selection Committee shall consist of the following:
 - a) Coach Coordinator, Chairman
 - b) President
 - c) Area Coordinators
 - d) Referee Coordinator
- 240.60 <u>**Team Selection Committee**</u> The Team Selection Committee is responsible for team selection with the objective of forming as fair and as balanced teams as possible. All teams formed must be approved by the Board prior to finalization. The membership of the Team Selection Committee shall consist of the following:
 - a) Registrar, Chairperson
 - b) Area Coordinators
 - c) President
 - d) Vice President

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- 240.70 **Tournament Committee** The Tournament Committee shall be responsible for all aspects of tournament planning and scheduling. Committee members shall be appointed and approved by the Board.
- 240.80 **Scheduling Committee** The Scheduling Committee shall be responsible for scheduling all League games at places and dates as designated by the Board of Directors. The Board shall approve, a chairman of this Committee from the Board membership. The membership of the Scheduling Committee shall consist of the following:
 - a) Chairperson
 - b) Area Coordinators
- 240.90 <u>Audit Committee</u> -The Purpose of the Audit Committee is to insure that the provisions of this Constitution are being complied with. The Audit Committee shall consist of no less than two (2) members and no more than three (3) members as approved by the Board of Directors.

III. RULES AND REGULATIONS

300 Specific Rules

- 300.10 **Wearing Cast** Players wearing orthopedic casts, air- splints, or metal splints shall not be eligible to participate in any game.
- 300.20 **Charging Goalkeeper** Charging the goalkeepers shall not be permitted at any time, when he/she is within his/her own penalty area.

- 300.30 **Sideline Coaching** Coaching from the sidelines, giving direction to one's own team on points of strategy is permitted provided:
 - a) No mechanical devices are used.
 - b) The tone of voice is informative and not a harangue.
 - c) No coach, substitute, player, or spectator is to be anywhere but at his/her bench area during the game. A team's bench area shall be that area one (1) yard from the touchline and extending to ten (10) yards one way from the half-line,
 - d) No coach, substitute, player, or spectator is to make derogatory remarks or gestures to the referee, other players, substitutes, or spectators.
 - e) No coach, substitute, or player is to use profanity.
 - f) No coach, substitute, player, or spectator is to incite, in any manner, disruptive behavior of any kind.
- 300.40 **Coaches Responsibility for Behavior of Fans** It shall be the coaches responsibility to see that his/her team's spectators/supporters behave in a proper and non-disruptive manner.
- 300.50 **<u>Player Substitution</u>** Except as otherwise noted in this Constitution, players may be substituted at the following times:
 - a) Prior to a throw-in, in your favor.
 - b) Prior to a goal kick, by either team.
 - c) After a goal, by either team.
 - d) After an injury when referee stops play, by either team.
 - e) At half time.
 - f) When the referee stops play to caution a player, only the cautioned player may be substituted, prior to the restart of the game.
- 300.60 <u>Game Reporting</u> The referee shall require that both teams enter all the appropriate information on a CYSA Game Card form and each coach must sign the Game Card prior to the start of the game.
- 300.60.1 <u>Verification of Players</u> The referee shall verify the identity of the player with his/her player pass. He shall collect the passes of those players who are to participate in the game. The referee must allow no player into the game for whom he/she has no pass or from. The referee shall also require that the coach or manager of each team sign the Game Card form verifying that the information entered on the form is correct.
- 300.60.2 **Completion of Game** Upon completion of the game, the referee shall send his/her report to the Referee Coordinator within forty-eight (48) hours, holidays excluded, along with the player pass of any ejected player and, in such cases of ejection, he/she shall also mail a supplementary 24 Hour Ejection Report. If an ejection has occurred, the Disciplinary Committee must be notified by the Chief Referee within 24 hours of being informed of the action.
- 300.60.3 **Prior to Game** The referee shall make sure that each player's equipment is in proper order.

a) All parts of the shin guard MUST remain covered by sock for the duration of the game, INCLUDING the stirrup, when applicable.
b) All players shall remove jewelry or any item that may cause injury to the player or another player. **Amended Dec. 2015

- 300.60.4 **<u>Game Card</u>** A Game Card form must be filled for every game played with the exception of the U-6 division.
- 300.60.5 **Forfeits** Any team delaying the start of a scheduled game for more than fifteen (I5) minutes without the approval of the proper authority shall forfeit the game to the opponent. In the event both teams do not show up for a scheduled game, and the referee rules the ground playable, then both teams shall be assessed a loss.
- 300.70 **<u>Referee Responsibilities</u>** The referee's judgment with regard to the physical condition of the field and its acceptance for play, to the actual happenings and occurrences related to the conduct of the game and those prerogatives granted to his/her, by the "Laws of the Game" shall not be challenged.

320 Divisions

320.05 <u>Age Groups</u> – Age groups for each Division will be determined at the time of registration. The Registrar will present their recommendations for age grouping to the Board of Directors at the end of the registration period per Rule 150.10 and will be voted on by a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the Board of Directors at the first (1st) Board meeting in June of that playing year.

Age Groups may consist of the following:

U6, U7, U8, U9, U10, U11, U12, U13, U14, U15, U16, U17, U18 & U19.

- 320.10 **Under 6** Player has not reached their 6th birthday before January 1st immediately preceding the start of the season. ****Amended Dec. 2015**
- 320.10.1 **Team Size** Maximum number of players on the field at any one time is five (5), one of whom shall be a goalkeeper. Each child should play goalkeeper at least once during the season (rotation system).
- 320.10.2 **Roster Size** Maximum number of players on the roster should not exceed nine (9).
- 320.10.3 Size of Ball Ball size #3 (23"-24" in circumference and 11.12 ounces).
- 320.10.4 **Size of field** Length: Maximum of 70 yards, Minimum of 40 yard. Width: Maximum of 50 yards, Minimum of 35 yards.
- 320.10.5 Size of Goal Maximum: 6 feet high and 15 feet wide.
- 320.10.6 **Length of Game** The game is to be divided into two (2) halves of 15 minutes, with a "substitution break" midway through each half and a five-minute half-time.
- 320.10.7 **Individual Time of Play** Each player must participate a minimum of 50% of the total time of play.

- 320.10.8 **Intent of Play** Players at this level shall play soccer under the auspices of CYSA's development player program (see section 330 for "Modified Laws of the Game").
- 320.20 **Under 8** Player has not reached their 8th birthday before January 1st immediately preceding the start of the season. ****Amended Dec. 2015**
- 320.20.1 **Team Size** Maximum number of players on the field at any one time is seven (7), one of whom shall be a goalkeeper. Each child should play goalkeeper at least once during the season (rotation system).
- 320.20.2 **Roster Size** Maximum number of players on the roster should not exceed eleven (11).
- 320.20.3 Size of Ball Ball size #3 (23"-24" in circumference and 11.12 ounces).
- 320.20.4 **Size of Field** Length: Maximum of 70 yards, Minimum of 40 yard. Width: Maximum of 50 yards, Minimum of 35 yards.
- 320.20.5 **Size of Goal** Maximum: 6 feet high and 15 feet wide.
- 320.20.6 **Length of Game** The game is to be divided into two (2) halves of 20 minutes, with a "substitution break" midway through each half and a five-minute half-time.
- 320.20.7 **Individual Time of Play** Each player must participate a minimum of 50% of the total time of play.
- 320.20.8 **Intent of Play** Players at this level shall play soccer under the auspices of CYSA's development player program (see section 330 for "Modified Laws of the Game").
- 320.30 **<u>Under 10</u>** Player has not reached their 10th birthday before January 1st immediately preceding the start of the season. ****Amended Dec. 2015**
- 320.30.1 **Team Size** Maximum number of players on the field at any one time is nine (9), one of whom shall be a goalkeeper. Each child should play goalkeeper at least once during the season (rotation system).
- 320.30.2 **Roster Size** Maximum number of players on the roster should not exceed thirteen (13).
- 320.30.3 Size of Ball Ball size #4 (25"-26" in circumference and 11-13 ounces),
- 320.30.4 **Size of Field** Length: Maximum of 90 yards, Minimum of 50 yard. Width: Maximum of 60 yards Minimum of 35 yards.
- 320.30.5 **Size of Goal** Maximum: 7 feet high and 18 feet wide.
- 320.30.6 **Length of Game** -The game is to be divided into two (2) halves of 25 minutes, with free substitution and a five-minute half-time.
- 320.30.7 **Individual Time of Play** Each player must participate a minimum of 50% of the total time of play.

- 320.30.8 **Intent of Play** Players at this level shall play soccer under the auspices of CYSA's development player program (see section 330 for "Modified Laws of the Game").
- 320.40 <u>Under 12</u> Player has not reached their 12th birthday before January 1st immediately preceding the start of the season. ***Amended Dec. 2015*
- 320.40.1 **Team Size** Maximum number of players on the field at any one time is nine (9), one of whom shall be a goalkeeper.
- 320.40.2 **Roster Size** Maximum number of players on the roster should not exceed eighteen (13).
- 320.40.3 Size of Ball Ball size #4 (25"-26" in circumference and 11-13 Ounces).
- 320.40.4 **Size of Field** Length: Maximum of 130 yards, Minimum of 100 yard. Width: Maximum of 100 yards, Minimum of 50 yards.
- 320.40.5 **Size of Goal** Maximum: 8 feet high and 8 yards wide.
- 320.40.6 **Length of Game** -The game is to be divided into two (2) halves of 30 minutes with free substitution and a five-minute half-time.
- 320.40.7 **Individual Time of Play** Each player must participate a minimum of 50% of the total time of play.
- 320.40.8 **Intent of Play** Players at this level shall play soccer with the focus on instruction.
- 320.45 <u>Under 13</u> Player not reached their 13th birthday before January 1st immediately preceding the start of the season. **Amended Dec. 2015
- 320.45.1 **Team Size** Maximum number of players on the field at any one time is eleven (11), one of whom shall be a goalkeeper.
- 320.45.2 **Roster Size** Maximum number of players on the roster should not exceed eighteen (15).
- 320.45.3 **Size of Ball** Ball Size #5 (27"– 28" circumference and 14-16 ounces).
- 320.45.4 **Size of Field** Length: Maximum of 130 yards, Minimum of 100 yards. Width: Maximum of 100 yards, Minimum of 50 yards.
- 320.45.5 **Size of Goal** Maximum: 8 feet high and 8 yards wide.
- 320.45.6 **Length of Game** The game is to be divided into two (2) halves of 35 minutes, with free substitution and a five (5) minute half time.
- 320.45.7 **Individual Time of Play** Each player must participate a minimum of 50% of the total time of play.
- 320.45.8 **Intent of Play** Players at this level shall play soccer with the focus of instruction.

- 320.50 **<u>Under 14</u>** Player has not reached their 14th birthday before January 1st immediately preceding the start of the season. ****Amended Dec. 2015**
- 320.50.1 **Team Size** Maximum number of players on the field at any one time is eleven (11), one of whom shall be a goalkeeper.
- 320.50.2 **Roster Size** Maximum number of players on the roster should not exceed eighteen (15) or maximum set by league in which they participate, whichever number is lower.
- 320.50.3 Size of Ball Ball size #5 (27" -28" in circumference and 14-16 ounces).
- 320.50.4 **Size of Field** Length: Maximum of 130 yards, Minimum of 100 yard. Width: Maximum of 100 yards, Minimum of 50 yards.
- 320.50.5 Size of Goal Maximum: 8 feet high and 8 yards wide,
- 320.50.6 **Length of Game** -The game is to be divided into two (2) halves of 35 minutes, with free substitution and a five minute half-time.
- 320.50.7 **Individual Time of Play** Each player must participate a minimum of 50% of the total time of play.
- 320.50.8 **Intent of Play** Players at this level shall play soccer with the focus on instruction.
- 320.60 <u>Under 16</u> Player has not reached their 16th birthday before January 1st immediately preceding the start of the season. ****Amended Dec. 2015**
- 320.60.1 **Team Size** Maximum number of players on the field at any one time is eleven (11), one of whom shall be a goalkeeper.
- 320.60.2 **Roster Size** Maximum number of players on the roster should not exceed eighteen (I5) or maximum set by league in which they participate, whichever number is lower.
- 320.60.3 Size of Ball Ball size #5 (27"-28" in circumference and 14-16 ounces).
- 320.60.4 **Size of Field** Length: Maximum of 130 yards, Minimum of 100 yard. Width: Maximum of 100 yards, Minimum of 50 yards.
- 320.60.5 **Size of Goal** Maximum: 8 feet high and 8 yards wide.
- 320.60.6 **Length of Game** -The game is to be divided into two (2) halves of 40 minutes, with free substitution and a five-minute half-time.
- 320.60.7 **Individual Time of Play** Each player must participate a minimum of 50% of the total time of play.
- 320.60.8 **Intent of Play** Players at this level shall play soccer at an advanced level of play.
- 320.70 **Under 19** Player has not reached their 19th birthday before January 1st immediately preceding the start of the season. ****Amended Dec. 2015**

- 320.70.1 **Team Size** Maximum number of players on the field at any one time is eleven (11), one of whom shall be a goalkeeper.
- 320.70.2 **Roster Size** Maximum number of players on the roster should not exceed eighteen (I5) or maximum set by league in which they participate, whichever number is lower.
- 320.70.3 Size of Ball Ball size #5 (27"-28" in circumference and 14-16 ounces).
- 320.70.4 **Size of Field** Length: Maximum of 130 yards, Minimum of 100 yard. Width: Maximum of 100 yards, Minimum of 50 yards.
- 320.70.5 **Size of Goal -** Maximum: 8 feet high and 8 yards wide.
- 320.70.6 **Length of Game** The game is to be divided into two (2) halves of 40 minutes, with free substitution and a five-minute half-time.
- 320.70.7 **Individual Time of Play** Each player must participate a minimum of 50% of the total time of play.
- 320.70.8 **Intent of Play** Players at this level shall play soccer at an advanced level of play.
- 320.80 **Special Roster Size Change** If in any year the Board determines to increase team roster size for Fall Recreation League in order to allow more children to play, any and all roster changes in any age group must apply equally to all areas.

330 Modified Laws of the Game

- 330.10 **<u>Purpose</u>**: This section presents the CYSA Coaching Committee guidelines and recommendations for developing young players (U-6, U-8, U-10, or as specified) and adopted by CYSL.
- 330.20 Any changes or updates to the FIFA Modified Laws of the Game will be immediately in effect to the CYSL Constitution.

Modified Laws of the Game Rev. 08/2009

340 Complaints

- 340.10 **Submission of Complaints** Anyone may submit a complaint against any other member of CYSL for alleged infractions of this Constitution, local, state, or federal laws. This complaint must be-submitted in Writing to the President of the league in a timely and expeditious manner. Complaints against the League President must be submitted to the Vice President or the next ranking officer if a vacancy exists. Written complaints must include the complainants name, address, telephone number, signature, and specific details to the nature of the complaint.
- 340.20 **Review of Complaint. by the Board** Once a complaint has been received by a Board Member, the board will discuss the issue, either in-person, or via text, telephone, or email, at their earliest convenience. The CYSL Board of Directors has the right to suspend any CYSL Member at any given time by a vote of a quorum of

board members. The Board will review the complaint and either refer the complaint to the Disciplinary Committee for further review, dismiss the complaint or file the complaint for future reference. *Amended Dec. 2022*

- 340.20.1 **Dismissal of Complaints** Complaints that are dismissed by the Board shall be referred back to the President for a written response to the complainant with the action taken and reasons for such action.
- 340.20.2 **Filing of Complaint** Complaints that are filed shall be filed for future reference if and when appropriate. The President will provide a written response to the complainant that the complaint has been filed for future reference.
- 340.50 **Complaint Referred to Disciplinary Committee** The Disciplinary Committee shall have the power, authority, and responsibility to examine all evidence, question witnesses, review the complaint with the accused, and present a report on the incident and a recommendation as to the disposition of the complaint to the Board of Directors at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting.
- 340.50.1 **<u>Request for Extension</u>** The Disciplinary Committee may request that the Board allow additional time to investigate the complaint. With Board approval the Disciplinary Committee shall submit their scheduled extension at the next Board meeting. If the Committee fails to obtain approval for the extension, the Committee must submit their report and recommendation immediately.
- 340.60 **Board Approval of Disciplinary Committee Recommendation** The Board of Directors will review the recommendation of the Disciplinary Committee and will move to accept the report and recommendation as submitted or make modifications to the recommendation by a majority vote. Failure to approve the recommendation of the Disciplinary Committee as submitted or with modification at the Board Meeting shall result in dismissal of the Complaint.
- 340.60.1 **Notification of Disposition of Complaint** The President, or his/her designee shall immediately notify the CYSL member accused, in writing, of any adverse decision by the Board.
- 340.70 **Emergency Disciplinary Process** Complaints reported to the President of such seriousness as determined by the President to warrant immediate action shall be accomplished as follows:
 - a) The President and Secretary shall obtain agreement by the majority of Board Members by any means necessary to immediately refer the matter to the Disciplinary Committee. The Secretary shall record the members contacted and resulting in response. Failure to reach such agreement shall result in the complaint being brought to the Board's attention in the normal process.
 - b) If the President is the subject of a complaint that warrants immediate action, then the Vice President may take immediate action as provided for in this section.
 - c) Upon approval by the majority of the Board, the President or Vice President as stated in 340.70.b will immediately contact the Disciplinary Committee Chairperson and refer the matter to the Disciplinary Committee. The Disciplinary Committee will submit their recommendation to the Board as outlined in the Constitution.

d) The President or Vice President as stated in 340.70.b at his/her discretion, may suspend the CYSL member until the next regularly scheduled Board meeting and notify the member of the suspension in writing. In no circumstances shall a CYSL member be suspended longer than the next regularly scheduled Board Meeting without formal disciplinary action.

350 Disciplinary Action

350.10 <u>Action Against CYSL Member</u> - The Board of Directors may take disciplinary action against members of CYSL for the following infractions:

a) <u>Reprimands:</u>

- 1. A Violation of any rule, regulation or guideline.
- 2. Conduct unbecoming of a CYSL member.
- 3. Using foul or abusive language or gesture.

b) <u>Suspensions:</u>

- 1. A second violation which has previously caused a reprimand.
- 2. Disrespectful conduct toward a game official, participant or spectator.
- 3. Disrespectful conduct toward a player.

4. The use and/or any alcoholic or controlled substances immediately following a practice or game.

c) <u>Expulsions may apply:</u>

- 1. Repeated violations of rules regulations or guidelines.
- 2. Striking another member or spectator.
- 3. A felony conviction.
- 350.20 **Disciplinary Action Against Player** Disciplinary action against players in addition to penalties assessed during a game in may include the following.

a) <u>Written reprimand given by the Head Coach for</u>:

- 1. Failure to attend a game or practice without notification.
- 2. Using foul or abusive language or gestures.
- 3. Refusal to participate in practice or game.
- 4. Refusal to follow instructions.
- 5. Excessive tardiness at practice and games.
- 6. Violation of the CYSL constitution.
- 7. Continued disrespect to coaches.

b) <u>Suspension may be given by the Board of Directors for:</u>

1. Repeated violations which have caused reprimand (must be documented).

2. Fighting in a game or practice.

3. Absence from two consecutive practices or three period without prior notification (must be documented).

4. Spitting at a player or official or spectator.

5. Any disruptive actions.

c) Expulsion may be given by the Board of Directors for:

- 1. Repeated incidents which have previously caused a suspension.
- 2. Serious or violent conduct.
- 350.30.1 **Board Action following Red Cards** Disciplinary action to determine the length of suspension of a player or coach upon receipt of a red card may be decided (at the initiative of the referee coordinator) by telephone or personal meeting of the Referee Coordinator, President or Vice-President, Area Coordinator from the area involved; and the Coach Coordinator if the infraction involves a coach.

360 Protests and Appeals

- 360.10 **Protests and Appeals** Only violations of this Constitution, CYSA's Constitution, Bylaws, General Procedures and Specific Rules, the United States Youth Soccer Association, the United States Soccer Federation, or misapplication of the "Laws of the Game" shall be proper subjects to be considered able to be protested or appealed.
- 360.20 **Procedure** Protests and appeals are to be in writing and describe in detail the grounds for appeal. Protests and appeals will be sent to the appropriate league/District Commissioner/CYSA, depending on the level the appeal is being directed, and shall be postmarked within seventy-two (72) hours (Sundays and holidays excluded) following receipt of the league/district disciplinary decision being protested or appealed. The proper fee must be enclosed.
- 360.20.1 **Submission of League Protests/Appeals** Protests and appeals should be sent to the President of the League.
- 360.30 **Appeal** All parties to an appeal shall be given written notification of at least seven (7) days prior to the appeals hearing and not until that procedure has been completed and an adverse decision rendered on the matter in question, will it be forwarded to the Protest and Appeals committee of this Association.
- 360.30.1 <u>Appealing Adverse Decisions</u> Upon receipt of any adverse decision, appeal may be made to the next higher authority. Should any person, team, or league desire to appeal any adverse decision, communication shall be from the league to the District Commissioner, from the District Commissioner to the CYSA Protest and Appeals Committee; from the CYSA Protest and Appeals Committee to the USYSA Region IV Appeals Committee.
- 360.40 **Appeal Referral** Should any hearing body choose not to hear a protest or appeal, that body may, if they desire, refer the matter directly to the next higher authority.
- 360.50 **Date of Appeal Hearing** The Chairperson of the Protest and Appeals Committee shall set a date for the hearing of the appeal. Such a date shall be within thirty (30) days of receipt of said appeal. All parties to the appeal shall be given written notice of the time and place of the hearing at least seven (7) days prior to the hearing.

360.70 **Invoking the Aid of the Courts** - No person(s) associated with the operation of this League may invoke the aid of the courts without first exhausting all available remedies within CYSL, CYSA, USYSA, and USSF.

Age groups changed due to US Soccer Initiative for Birth Year Registration. **150.5, 150.6, 150.6.1, 150.7, 160.2, 240.6, 300.60.3 Amended at AGM Dec. 2015 *120.3, 220.8, 220.85, 221.3, 221.4, 221.5, Amended at AGM Dec. 2017