



Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association, Inc. Constitution

ARTICLE 5001 **NAME**

The name of this organization shall be the “Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association, Inc.” and will be referred to as the WYSA, Inc. in this Constitution and By Laws, Rules and Regulations.

ARTICLE 5002 **PURPOSE AND TERRITORY**

The primary purpose of this Association shall be the supervision, regulation and promotion of youth soccer in the State of Wisconsin and additional territories as granted by the United States Youth Soccer Association (US Youth Soccer) and the United States Soccer Federation (USSF). The Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association, Inc. further reserves the right to develop and promote other soccer initiatives in the State of Wisconsin as they see fit.

ARTICLE 5003 **AFFILIATION**

Section 5003.a.

WYSA, Inc. is an affiliate of US Youth Soccer, US Soccer and the Wisconsin Soccer Association. (WSA).

Section 5003.b.

As a State Association of US Soccer, the WYSA, Inc. shall:

Section 5003.b.1 not join any organization that has requirements that conflict with USSF articles, by-laws, policies and requirements.

Section 5003.b.2 register all of its players, coaches, teams, referees and administrators with the USSF at least once each year and timely pay all dues and fees of the USSF.

Section 5003.b.3 provide to the Secretary General of the USSF an annual report on the activities of the WYSA, Inc. and most current financial statements within ninety (90) days after adoption; and make copies of these documents available to the WYSA, Inc. members.

Section 5003.b.4 allow the USSF to review documents and procedures of the WYSA, Inc., on request of the USSF not less than once every four (4) years, to determine compliance with USSF by-laws.

ARTICLE 5004 **HEADQUARTERS**

The headquarters of this Association shall be located in the State of Wisconsin.



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ARTICLE 5005

COLORS

The colors of this Association shall be red, white and blue.

ARTICLE 5006

MEMBERSHIP

Section 5006.a.

Any properly constituted organization which has an identifiable membership of youth soccer players on whose behalf the organization conducts or engages in youth soccer activities within the territory granted to the WI Youth Soccer Association, if they meet the standards of the WYSA, Inc. and US Youth Soccer, may apply to become a member Club of the WYSA, Inc.

Section 5006.b.

Application for membership to the WYSA, Inc. must be made in writing to the Secretary of the WYSA, Inc. The letter of application must be accompanied by: 1. payment of annual dues; 2. a correct and certified copy of the club's constitution and by-laws or articles of incorporation; and 3. a franchise fee of the amount established by the WYSA, Inc.

Section 5006.c.

The Executive Committee shall have the sole power to determine if the applicant group meets the qualifications for membership, and thus accept or reject an application. Acceptance by the Executive Committee shall be on a probationary basis for a period of one (1) year. During the probationary period the Club will have voting privileges only for consideration of the annual budget and may not apply to host a tournament or play outside the territory of the WYSA, Inc. without the express permission of the Executive Committee. At the next scheduled Board of Directors meeting following completion of the probationary period, full recognition shall be considered by the WYSA, Inc. Board of Directors.

Section 5006.d.

Membership in good standing is subject to the timely payment of annual dues. Furthermore, all clubs affiliated with the WYSA, Inc. must register every soccer player and team. Attendance at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of this association is mandatory for all affiliated members. Member Clubs not represented at the AGM may be subject to discipline including assessment of fines.

Section 5006.e.

The failure of a Club to pay annual dues, registration fees and fines to the WYSA, Inc. shall be sufficient cause for the suspension of membership or termination of franchise. The failure to register all players and teams may in result in a Club being placed in "NOT GOOD STANDING" by the WYSA, Inc. and US Youth Soccer.



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Section 5006.f.

Individual coaches, administrators and referees are members of this association through their affiliation or association with properly affiliated clubs or as elected officers or committee chairmen.

Section 5006.g.

In all matters which are properly presented to the General Membership meeting, each member club in “GOOD STANDING” shall have voting rights set forth in the by-laws of this Association.

5006.h.

Any group or organization interested in the promotion of youth soccer activities may apply for Affiliate Membership in the WYSA, Inc. Application for Affiliate Membership to the WYSA, Inc. must be made in writing to the Secretary of the WYSA, Inc. and accompanied by the Affiliate Membership annual fee (per current approved fee scheduled). The Executive Committee shall have the sole power to accept or reject an application. Affiliate Members are required to pay an annual fee and must adhere to the Constitution and By-Laws of the WYSA, Inc. and US Youth Soccer in matters related to the WYSA, Inc. Affiliate Members may not vote at the General Membership meetings.

5006.i.

The WYSA, Inc. shall not discriminate against any individual on the basis of race, color, religion, age, sex or national origin.

ARTICLE 5007

AUTHORITY

Section 5007.a.

This Association shall be governed by this Constitution and by its duly approved By-Laws, Rules and Regulations, all of which are subject to the Constitution, Rules and Regulations of US Youth Soccer and USSF.

Section 5007.b.

The authority of this Association, except where otherwise delegated herein, is vested in the Executive Committee and in the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE 5008

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 5008.a.

The Board of Directors shall consist of the duly elected members of the Executive Committee, the Executive Director (as a non-voting member), one authorized representative from each affiliated district, and the WYSA, Inc. program directors so designated by the By-Laws.

Section 5008.b.

In all matters which come before the Board of Directors lawfully assembled, each member in “GOOD STANDING” or their alternate shall have one vote. No person shall have more than one vote on any matter.



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Section 5008.c.

The Board of Directors shall have jurisdiction over all Leagues, Clubs, Club Administrators, Club Officers, and affiliated Players with this Association.

Section 5008.d.

The Board of Directors shall in all matters, except those herein otherwise designated, transact all business of this Association directly or by designation of its authority. The Board of Directors and others delegated to carry out its lawful business shall enforce the rules of US Youth Soccer.

Section 5008.e.

The Board of Directors shall have the power to review, ratify, alter, or reject decisions and policies of the Executive Board or of any other committee or any person or persons acting for this Association.

Section 5008.f.

The Board of Directors shall have the power to:

Section 5008.f.1 arrange soccer games of any nature in its own name.

Section 5008.f.2 demand and have access to such books, papers, documents and accounts of its member clubs and districts at any time.

Section 5008.f.3 investigate and correct unfavorable conditions or situations within its own organization or the organizations of its member clubs and districts.

Section 5008.f.4 discipline its members, Teams, Clubs, Leagues or persons associated with them through suspensions, expulsions or assessments for violations of the rules of this organization or of the US Youth Soccer Association.

Section 5008.f.5 settle all conflicts and disputes arising between two or more member clubs, districts or individuals of this Association.

Section 5008.f.6 establish a fee schedule prior to the WYSA, Inc. AGM.

Section 5008.f.7. promote soccer in the State of Wisconsin.

Section 5008.g.

In all matters of controversy, the decisions of the Board of Directors shall be subject to appeal according to the rules of the US Youth Soccer and USSF. The resulting decisions may be appealed.

Section 5008.h.

The Board of Directors shall meet no less than four times a year. One meeting must be within thirty (30) days after the AGM. In addition, special meetings may be called as required by the President or the majority of the Board of Directors or upon written demand to the President of one third or more of the total member clubs.



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ARTICLE 5009

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 5009.a.

At each AGM the affiliated member Clubs of the Association shall elect their officers, known as the Executive Committee, each to serve in a specific office as defined in the By-Laws. Terms of office shall be two (2) years. The President and Secretary shall be elected in odd numbered years. The Vice President and Treasurer shall be elected in even numbered years. Elections shall be conducted under rules set forth in the By-Laws of this organization. Newly elected officers will be sworn into and take office over their positions at the next Board of Directors meeting. The immediate Past President shall be a member of the Executive Committee for one term. The WYSA, Inc. Executive Director will be a non-voting member of the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors.

Section 5009.b.

The Executive Committee, with the advice and consent of the Board of Directors, shall be directly responsible for all personnel issues concerning any employees of the WYSA, Inc.

ARTICLE 5010

AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) majority of those present and eligible to vote at the AGM.

ARTICLE 5011

REMOVAL FROM OFFICE

Officers may be removed from office for reasonable cause by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of those present and eligible to vote at any duly constituted General Membership Meeting.

ARTICLE 5012

DISSOLUTION

In case of dissolution, the assets of this Association, after paying or providing for all debts and or obligations of this Association shall be conveyed and distributed by majority vote of the member Clubs to another 501c3 organization, for the use in support of youth soccer in the State of Wisconsin.