

**UNITED ANCHORAGE YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE**  
**BY-LAWS**

**ARTICLE I - MEMBERSHIP**

- 1-1. Open to any soccer club or other organization within the Municipality of Anchorage and competitive clubs or organizations voted in within South Central Alaska.
- 1-2. Each club, in good standing, will be allowed one (1) vote at any general membership meeting.
- 1-3. Clubs in good standing are those that have made full payment of all fees and completed all registration requirements.
- 1-4. Clubs must be members in good standing with the Alaska Youth Soccer Association.
- 1-5. The territory of this league shall be Anchorage, Alaska and its environs.
- 1-6. This organization shall be affiliated with and comply with the rules and authority of the Alaska Youth Soccer Association (AYSA), the United States Youth Soccer Association (UAYSL), the United States Soccer Federation (USSF) and (FIFA).

**ARTICLE II - OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS**

- 2-1. The Board of Directors shall be composed of one (1) representative from each affiliated club.
- 2-2. The Board of Directors shall be the governing body of this association. It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to carry on and to conduct the business of this organization, manage its properties, appoint such committees as deemed necessary, employ staff, enter into contracts and to perform all other acts necessary and proper to carry out the purpose of this organization.
- 2-3. The Officers of the Board of Directors shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer and shall be the Executive Board.
- 2-4. Officers of the Board of Directors shall be elected board of directors at the Annual General Meeting in September for a one-year term of office.
- 2-5. No person who is employed or under contract by this organization shall hold a position on the Board of Directors. The Board may, however, appoint employees or contractors as ex-officio members of the Board without voting privileges.

- 2-6. League Administrator. The league administrator shall be a contract labor position hired by the Board of Directors.
- 2-7. Any vacancy occurring in the Officers of the Board of Directors by death, resignation, or otherwise, shall be filled promptly by a majority vote of the remaining Directors at the next regular meeting, or as soon thereafter as practical after the occurrence of the vacancy. The Director thus chosen shall hold office for the unexpired term of his or her predecessor.
- 2-8. A member of the Board of Directors may be removed by a majority of the body that elected him/her or by a 3/4 vote of the United Anchorage Youth Soccer League Board of Directors.

### **ARTICLE III - DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS**

- 3-1. The duties and powers of the directors of this organization shall be as follows and as shall hereafter be set by resolution of the Board of Directors.

**PRESIDENT** - The President shall preside at the meetings of the Board of Directors, the Annual General Meeting, and shall be an ex-officio member of all committees with right to vote. He or she shall also, at times as he or she deems proper, serve as representative of the League in all matters. The President may establish committees and appoint committee chairmen in order to administer and manage the programs for this League.

**VICE-PRESIDENT** - In the event of absence or disability of the President, the Vice-President shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors and is a member of all committees. The Vice-President, may serve as Chair of the Protest & Appeals Committee and may also be called upon to represent the Club at functions of required League representation.

**RECORDING SECRETARY** - The Secretary shall be responsible for keeping records of meetings of the Board of Directors and Annual General Meetings, and issuance of meeting notices. In the event of the absence of the Secretary, the Board may appoint a secretary pro tem.

**TREASURER** - The Treasurer shall keep an account of all money received and expended for the use of this organization. The funds, books and vouchers shall at all times be under the supervision of the Board and subject to its inspection and control. In the event of the absence of the Treasurer, the Board may appoint a treasurer pro tem.

**MEMBERS-AT-LARGE** - Members-at-large may serve as committee chairmen and/or assist the officers with the carrying out of their duties.

- 3-2. The elected officers of the Board of Directors shall be known as the Executive Board. The regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at such times as the Board may from time to time determine, but no less than every quarter.

- 3-3. Special Board meetings may be called by the Chair or upon the written request of three (3) directors. Notice of special meeting shall be delivered by mail, email or telephone to each director at least two (2) days prior to the date of such a meeting.
- 3-4. At any meeting of the Board of Directors, a simple majority of the Board members in attendance will constitute a quorum (with a minimum of three) for conducting business in a regular board meeting

#### **ARTICLE IV - SEASONAL YEAR**

- 4-1. The seasonal year shall begin on September 1 and shall end on August 31 of the following year as established by the U.S. Soccer Federation.
- 4-2. The UAYSL Board of Directors will determine the league calendars.

#### **ARTICLE V - PLAYERS**

- 5-1. Players shall be under the age of twenty (20) years as defined by AYSA and USYSA.
- 5-2. Players must be registered with AYSA and USYSA and UAYSL.
- 5-3. Players must be in good standing with UAYSL, AYSA and USYSA.

#### **ARTICLE VI – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

- 6-1. The annual general meeting shall be held no later than October 31.
- 6-2. Written or email notice will be given no less than seven (7) days prior to meetings.
- 6-3. A simple majority of the Board members in attendance will constitute a quorum, with a minimum of three.
- 6-4. Proxy voting will be allowed.
- 6-5. The Annual General Meeting shall be in accordance with Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised.

#### **ARTICLE VII - COMMITTEES**

- 7-1. Committees to aid in the fulfillment of the purpose of this organization may be established at any time by the President with the concurrence of the Board of Directors.
- 7-2. At the time of its establishment, each committee should be identified as either “standing” or “temporary”. Standing committees should include a term of assignment, while

temporary committees should determine a target date for dissolution.

- 7-3. All members of the organization are eligible to participate in committee activity. The use of professional expertise of non-members of the organization may be acceptable if so deemed by the Board.
- 7-4. The Board of Directors shall be responsible for maintaining a list of active committees and their members.

### **ARTICLE VIII - AMENDMENTS**

- 8-1. Any amendments to the Bylaws or Rules of this Board may only be enacted by a majority vote of the Board of Directors at the monthly league meetings.
- 8-2. Any proposals or motions to amend the Bylaws or Rules of this Board may be made by a director, a member or by a properly constituted committee of this Board.
- 8-3. Any proposals or motions to amend the Bylaws or Rules of this Board must be made in writing to the League Administrator. Notice of the proposed bylaws amendment must be provided 7 days prior to the next scheduled meeting.
- 8-4. No playing rule shall be passed by this Board which is inconsistent with the rules of USYSA.

### **ARTICLE IX - DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES**

9-1. The UAYSL Board of Directors assigns the League Administrator to determine the initial disciplinary actions for the league based on the AYSA penalty code and the UAYSL Rules.

#### **9-2. PENALTY CODE - OBJECTIVE AND SCOPE**

- A. To establish a set of requirements for uniform enforcement of reported\* infractions by use of corrective penalties.

\*Reported defined as:

- 1) Caution - yellow card
- 2) Ejection - red card
- 3) Official Disciplinary Form

a. The form must be postmarked within (3) three business days of the game in question and submitted to the League Administrator along with their \$50 filing fee. If the decision is favorable to the party submitting the complaint they will receive their fee back.

B. The League Administrator shall notify the individual subject to the disciplinary request and allow three business days to provide a written

response to the official complaint. From that documentation, the League Administrator shall make his/her final decision. Should the accused fail to respond the League Administrator shall continue in making his/her ruling. Failure of the accused party to respond will result in the forfeiture of their right to appeal. The League Administrator may request additional information as needed. The League Administrator will take action on all properly reported matters.

- B. To eliminate, or greatly reduce, the intolerable actions, attitudes, and activities of some soccer players, coaches, parents and others.
- C. To place on notice the UAYSL and ASYA Membership (i.e. players, coaches, assistant coaches, trainers, team managers, parents, and all other interested parties) that the infractions outlined in this article will not be tolerated without corrective action in the form of standardized penalties.
- D. All affiliated members and member organizations shall respect and uphold the disciplinary actions of all other affiliated member organizations as far as the imposition of penalties and sanctions including but not limited to expulsion or suspension of a player, coach, parent or other.

### 9-3. **PLAYERS - CLASS OF INFRACTION**

- A. Technical - Class I
  - 1) Swearing (profanity on the field)
  - 2) Arguing with Referees or Linesman
  - 3) Harassing or criticizing Referee or Linesman
  - 4) Yelling at players, coaches or fans
  - 5) Entering or leaving field without Referee's permission
- B. Physical - Intentional - Class II
  - 1) Continued tripping
  - 2) Continued jumping
  - 3) Continued kicking
  - 4) Continued handballs
  - 5) Continued pushing
  - 6) Retaliation to above
  - 7) Other
- C. Physical - Violent Including Serious Foul Play Intentional - Class III
  - 1) Assault on Referee or Linesman
  - 2) Assault on player
  - 3) Assault on coach
  - 4) Assault on fan
  - 5) Retaliation "beyond defense" of his person

### 9-4. **PLAYERS - PENALTIES FOR INFRACTIONS**

A. Class I

- 1) Minimum: Referee caution or removal of player during reported game, plus one additional game suspension for removal.
- 2) Maximum: (1<sup>st</sup> report) Referee's removal of player during reported game, plus one additional game suspension.
- 3) Maximum: (2<sup>nd</sup> report) three (3) games suspension.
- 4) Maximum: (After 2<sup>nd</sup> report) one (1) year suspension from date of Judicial hearing.
- 5) Exception: Unusual circumstances may dictate a stronger or lighter penalty.

B. Class II

- 1) Minimum: Referee caution or removal of player from reported game, plus one additional game suspension for removal.
- 2) Maximum: (1<sup>st</sup> report) three (3) games suspension.
- 3) Maximum: (2<sup>nd</sup> report) suspension for remainder of current season: to include all AYSA administered competitions.
- 4) Maximum: (After 2<sup>nd</sup> report) two (2) year suspension from date of Judicial hearing.
- 5) Exception: Unusual circumstances may dictate a stronger or lighter penalty.

C. Class III - Suspension For Assault On Official

- 1) When any amateur, professional player, coach, manager, club official, parent or other assaults a referee or official linesman, which assault shall amount to physical violence or protracted verbal abuse or obscene or threatening gestures, the original jurisdiction to adjudicate the matter shall vest immediately in the responsible Senior or Youth Association or Professional League which is affiliated with the United States Soccer Federation and in which Association or Professional League is vested the highest appellate jurisdiction in which the offense shall occur.
- 2) Such assault shall suspend the offender automatically for a period of one (1) year from the time of such assault, and the Association or League, which shall adjudicate the matter, shall not provide a shorter suspension than the aforesaid, but if circumstances shall warrants a longer suspension, such Association or League may increase the suspension. It is mandatory upon such an Association or League to execute the provisions of this rule within thirty (30) days of the offense and, in case of failure to do so, original jurisdiction shall then immediately vest in the United States Soccer Federation to adjudicate the matter, to which the same provisions as to the term of suspension shall apply.
- 3) A player, coach, manager, club official or parent or other who shall be adjudged guilty shall have the right of appeal following format provided in Rule 704.5 within thirty (30) days from receipt of the decision to the USSF Appeals Committee. The fee for such appeal is \$100.

- 4) This rule shall supersede all rules of affiliated divisions, Associations, or Professional Leagues, which pertain to assaults upon referees, linesman, the manner, and means of hearings, appeals, and rehearing in matters pertaining thereto.

9-5. **COACHES - CLASS OF INFRACTION** (Includes Assistant Coaches, Trainers, Team Managers, Parents or Other Non-Players covered elsewhere, etc.)

A. Technical - Class I

- 1) Swearing (profanity on the field).
- 2) Verbal Abuse of Referee or Linesman.
- 3) Verbal abuse of coaches, assistant coaches, team managers, club officials, parents, or any other persons.
- 4) Allowing ineligible players.
- 5) Entering field of play without Referee's permission.
- 6) Taking team from field prior to conclusion of game.
- 7) Inciting or encouraging others to commit or engage in items 1 through 6.
- 8) Others.

B. Physical - Class II

- 1) Coach assault on player (his own team or opposing team).
- 2) Coach assault on game officials - Referee/Linesman.
- 3) Coach assault on other coaches, assistant-coaches, team managers, club officials, parents, or any other persons.

9-6. **COACHES - PENALTIES FOR INFRACTIONS** (includes Assistant Coaches, Trainers, Team Managers, Parents or Other Non-Players covered elsewhere, etc.)

A. Technical - Class I

- 1) Minimum: Caution or removal by Referee from reported game and/or game declared "no contest" (replay required).
- 2.) Maximum: (1<sup>st</sup> report) Removal by Referee from reported game, plus suspension from coaching for three (3) consecutive league games.
- 3) Maximum: (2<sup>nd</sup> report) Suspension for balance of season, to include all AYSA administered competitions.
- 4) Maximum: (After 2<sup>nd</sup> report) one (1) year of suspension from date of Judicial hearing.
- 5) Exception: Unusual circumstances may dictate a stronger or lighter penalty.

B. Technical - Class II

- 1) A coach who strikes a player, coach or referee or who removes his team from the field during play is suspended indefinitely until a hearing is set by the Disciplinary Committee and the penalty administered.

NOTE - The term "game(s)" is defined as all competitions, which fall within the

jurisdiction of the AYSA Vice-President of Competition. If no league or tournament game(s) remain for persons assessed game suspension penalties, the penalty assessed shall apply to games in the following season.

9-7. **OTHER**

- A. In the event of any caution or ejection, refusal or the individual to give her/her correct name to the Referee may be cause for additional disciplinary action.
- B. The Disciplinary Committee shall have the authority to place an individual on probation for a given period of time. In the event the individual is ejected from a game during the probationary period, the individual may be suspended for twelve (12) months beginning from the date of the most recent ejection.
- C. Other team officials such as team managers, assistant coaches, and individuals who may be perceived to be team supporters, such as parents and spectators, are subject to the above disciplinary action.
- D. Players, coaches, referees, team officials, parents or others, etc., may appeal disciplinary matters to the Protests and Appeals Committee.

**ARTICLE X-PROTEST AND APPEALS**

**10-1 Protest and Appeals Procedures**

- A. Only violations of the Articles of Incorporation, By-Laws, Rules and Procedures of this Association, or misapplication of the “Laws of the Game” shall be subject to be considered for protest and appeals.
- B. The following shall be the line of authority for protests and appeals. Until this authority has been completed and/or adverse decisions rendered on the matter in questions, may an individual proceed to the next higher line of authority. Under no circumstances may legal counsel or use of the courts be used until this line of authority has been completed:
  - 1 UAYSL Board of Directors
  - 2) AYSA Protest and Appeals Committee.
  - 3) AYSA Board of Directors.
  - 5) USSF Board of Directors.



*Any decision of the League Administrator may be appealed to the UAYSL Board of Directors as provided herein after. Any decision of the UAYSL Board of Directors may be appealed to the AYSA Protest and Appeals Committee.*

- C. 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.
- D. Upon receipt of any adverse decision, appeal may be made to the next higher authority.
- E. The protest or appeal fee shall be \$100 .
- G. The protest or appeal fee shall be returned if the protest or appeal is upheld. This fee shall be retained if the protest or appeal is denied, unless a higher authority overrules the Protest and Appeal Committee.
- H. Any decision rendered by the League Administrator of this Association may be appealed to the full Board of Directors of this Association. Any decision made by the League Administrator shall stand until overturned by a higher authority. Such appeal must be postmarked within (3) three business days of receipt of the League Administrators decision being appealed. . The League Administrator shall set a date, with the concurrence of the Board of Directors, for the hearing of the appeal to the Board of Directors. Such date shall be within fifteen (15) days of the date of the decision rendered by the League Administrator.
- I At the Board of Directors hearing, the League Administrator shall present his/her decision to the Board of Directors. The parties involved shall be given the opportunity to present their case. The decision of the Board of Directors shall be conveyed to all parties involved by the Secretary, in writing, within seven (7) days of the decision.
- J. No State Association, Official, Team Referee or Player may invoke the aid of the courts of any State or of the United States without first exhausting all available remedies within the body of the organized soccer (See 3:09:02). For violation of this rule, the offending party or parties shall be subject to suspension from this organization and be liable for all expenses incurred for legal expenses and the time of any of the officials of the organization. These include court fees, attorneys' fees, and compensation for time spent by UAYSL, AYSA, USYSA and USSF office and employees, travel expenses and expenses for special meeting necessitated by court action.