

ALASKA STATE YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION
CONSTITUTION

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ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this organization shall be Alaska State Youth Soccer Association, also referred to as "ASYSA".

DBA, Alaska Youth Soccer Association.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE, MISSION, CORE VALUES AND BELIEFS

Purpose: Our purpose is to develop youth soccer in the State of Alaska to its maximum possible potential. "Youth" means boys and girls under twenty (20) years of age.

Mission: Our mission is to provide leadership, administrate state level programs, educate our members and the public about the game of soccer, and coordinate youth soccer in the State of Alaska to accomplish the following measurable objectives:

- 1) Maximize the number of youth soccer players in Alaska at all ages and skill levels to expand opportunity for participation, and promote the visibility of the sport.
- 2) Maximize the number of USSF and United Soccer Coaches licensed youth soccer coaches at each coaching level to advance the level of player skill and competition.
- 3) Maximize the number of USSF licensed youth soccer referees at each licensed level to promote fair play and amplify knowledge of the rules.
- 4) Maximize the number and quality of playing fields and indoor facilities available for youth play to improve opportunities for play.
- 5) Provide an effective forum and central point for communication with the public and between all soccer players, coaches, referees, clubs and leagues in Alaska.

Core Values and Beliefs:

- a) The Alaska State Youth Soccer Association is a member of the United States Youth Soccer Association (USYSA) team. We believe in the Mission of USYSA, and agree to work within USYSA national rules and regulations to accomplish our purpose;
- b) Soccer is fun and should remain that way;
- c) Soccer is a lifetime family sport;
- d) Every kid in Alaska who wants to play soccer is our concern;
- e) Well organized youth sports help develop good character and sportsmanship;

- f) Positive physical, mental and emotional growth and character development of our players is of prime importance. Kids are our first priority;
- g) Youth soccer helps develop all around athletic skills;
- h) There should be a continuum of development and participation of all members;
- i) Athleticism is valuable as an individual accomplishment. We enjoy and encourage soccer at its highest level of play;
- j) Education and communication are our best tools;
- k) Safety and fair play are among our highest priorities;
- l) Equal opportunity should be available to all players regardless of race, color or creed. Youth soccer programs should include the full spectrum of social, economic and cultural diversity within Alaska;
- m) We should be financially responsible;
- n) We believe in the value of positive role models;
- o) We believe that all adult volunteers should be held accountable to exhibit good sportsmanship, ethical conduct, and positive behavior in the presence of our players;
- p) Volunteers are important assets and should be encouraged and cultivated.

ARTICLE III - ORGANIZATION

DBA, Alaska Youth Soccer Association

The organization of Alaska State Youth Soccer Association shall be pursuant to the General Non-Profit Corporation Law of the State of Alaska. This organization is organized exclusively for charitable purposes within the meaning of section 501 © (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

ARTICLE IV - AFFILIATION

This Association shall be an affiliated branch of and comply with the authority of the United States Soccer Federation (USSF) and the United States Youth Soccer Association (USYSA).

ARTICLE V - ADMINISTRATION

1. Governing Body - Board of Directors. The Alaska States Youth Soccer Association shall be governed by a Board of Directors. The business of the Alaska State Youth Soccer Association shall be transacted by this Board of Directors pursuant to the Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules and Regulations of the ASYSA, except where those are superseded by the USYSA or USSF.
2. Composition of Board. The Board of Directors shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer, State Youth Referee Administrator (SYRA), a Past-President of ASYSA, and a maximum of two (2) members from each of the Districts, one District Commissioner and one Member at Large each representing each of the districts within the boundaries of the Alaska State Youth Soccer Association.
3. Executive Committee. The Board of Directors may delegate its authority to an Executive Committee between board meetings. The Executive Committee shall include, but not be limited to, the following board members: the President, Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer.
4. Meeting of Board and AGM. One regular meetings of the Board of Directors and one Annual General Meeting ("AGM") shall be held each year, but the Board will be subject to the call of the presiding officer of President for special sessions from time to time as may be required by operation of the Alaska State Youth Soccer Association. Board members maybe considered present if in contact through video conference or teleconference. In order to conduct business of a board meeting, there must be present a quorum of the elected Board of Directors. Written notice of the meetings should be received by each board member at least thirty (30) days prior to the meetings, such notice maybe waived if agreed to by All board members not present.

The Annual General Meeting will be held no later than December 31st. The President of ASYSA, with the concurrence of the Board of Directors, shall call for an Annual General Meeting of the membership no later than December 31st as directed in the order of business from the preceding year. There shall be at least sixty (60) days public notice prior to the Annual General Meeting.

5. Vacancy on Board. In the event a vacancy, except immediate Past-President, should occur in the Board of Directors, the position shall be deemed vacant and, except for District Commissioners and Members-At-Large, may be filled by a majority vote of the remaining directors. A member of the board may be removed prior to completion of their term of office by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the body that elected them.

When a District Commissioner or Member-At-Large position is declared vacant, the Board of Directors shall call for an election by the respective district of a new District Commissioner or Member-At-Large within a period of sixty (60) days of said declaration. If such election is not held by the district in which the vacancy occurs, the Board of Directors shall appoint a District Commissioner or Member-At-Large from that district. The newly elected or appointed District Commissioner or Member-At-Large shall serve out the remainder of the unexpired term of office of the District Commissioner or Member-At-Large who has left or has been removed from that office. A vacancy may exist in any position because of, among other things, death, resignation, removal or disqualification.

ARTICLE VI - ORDER OF BUSINESS.

The order of business at the Annual General Meeting shall be as follows:

- A. Call to order
- B. Roll call
- C. Credential report
- D. Introduction of guests
- E. Acceptance of the Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting.
- F. Correspondence
- G. Reports:
 1. President
 2. Vice-President
 3. Treasurer
 4. Secretary
 5. Registrar
 6. District Commissioners
 7. State Youth Referee Administrator
 8. Director of Coaching
 9. Committees
- H. Unfinished business
- I. Proposals for change of Constitution, By-Laws and/or General Procedures and Specific Rules.
- J. Election of Officers
- K. Appointment of Executive Committee
- L. New Business
- M. Good of the Game
- N. Open forum
- O. Adjournment

ARTICLE VII - AMENDMENTS.

Proposed changes to the existing constitution and/or by-laws shall be submitted in writing to the ASYSA secretary no later than sixty (60) days prior to the Annual General Meeting. Notification of proposed changes shall be circulated to all voting members no later than thirty (30) days prior to the Annual General Meeting. Amendments to the Constitution and/or By-Laws of the ASYSA shall be made at the Annual General Meeting. Amendments shall be deemed adopted by an affirmative vote of three-fourths

(3/4) of the voting members (as defined in Article I of the ASYSA By-Laws) present at the Annual General Meeting. Amendments to the Constitution and/or By-Laws become effective at the close of the Annual General Meeting at which they are adopted.

ARTICLE VIII - DISSOLUTION.

In the event the organization becomes defunct, merges with another organization or is dissolved, the assets shall be turned over to USYSA or as directed by the laws of the State of Alaska. Upon the winding up and dissolution of this corporation, after paying or adequately providing for the debts and obligations of the corporation, the remaining assets shall be distributed to a non-profit fund, foundation, or corporation which is organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious and/or scientific purposes and which has established its tax exempt status under section 501 © (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

ARTICLE IX - BOUNDARIES AND HEADQUARTERS.

The boundaries of Alaska State Youth Soccer Association shall be the entire State of Alaska. The Board may create geographical subdivisions within the state, which shall be known as districts. District boundaries shall be fixed and/or modified by the Board of Directors of the ASYSA before but no later than the fifteenth (15th) day of April of the Seasonal Year (September 1st to August 31st).

ARTICLE X RULES OF PLAY.

1. Rules of Play

A. The rules of play shall be the Laws of the Game as published by FIFA except those modified for the benefit of Youth Soccer by the United States Soccer Federation (USSF), the United States Youth Soccer Association (USYSA) and the Alaska State Youth Soccer Association (ASYSA).

B. All games shall be played under the rules and regulations of Alaska State Youth Soccer Association. While in general terms leagues may adopt rules which are more restrictive than these ASYSA rules, leagues may not adopt rules which are less strict than these ASYSA rules. No league rule may be adopted which is in violation of these ASYSA rules or in violation of the spirit and intent of the ASYSA soccer program.

2. Disclaimer of Financial Responsibility.

Alaska State Youth Soccer Association (ASYSA) specifically disclaims financial responsibility for, and shall not assume nor be held liable for, the debt or financial obligation, either expressed or implied, of any member league or club, or team, or any of the coaches, managers, officers, officials, or members of any affiliated member league or club or team.

ARTICLE XI - COLORS.

The representative colors of Alaska State Youth Soccer Association shall be blue and gold.