

ALMADEN VALLEY YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I. NAME

This non-profit organization shall be known as the Almaden Valley Youth Soccer League, Incorporated, also hereinafter referred to as the Organization or AVYSL.

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE

The purpose of the Organization shall be to provide organized soccer for youth under age nineteen (19). Through these activities, the following objectives are sought:

- A. Recreation - To provide healthful, enjoyable activities for participants.
- B. Social - To provide a framework in which participants can experience the rewards and sacrifices which accompany group activities and to learn the discipline of good sportsmanship.
- C. Instructional - To provide instruction in the basic skills of soccer, rules of the game, and fundamental principles of team play.
- D. Competitive - To provide an opportunity for individuals to strive for success through a team effort by competing with other teams.

Providing an opportunity for healthful recreation and responsible social interaction will be the primary goals at all levels. Emphasis on objectives C and D will vary with the age of participants. In the younger groups, primary emphasis will be on instruction, while the older groups will be more competitive oriented.

AVYSL supports District II's guideline which recommends that all players on all Under-10 (and younger) teams (including Class 1 / Select), as well as all Recreational and all Developmental (Class 3 / Comp) teams play at least 50% of the time throughout the season. AVYSL strongly recommends that all coaches (at any level) provide the opportunity for every player to play sufficiently in all games so that all players' skills improve and stronger team bonds are formed.

ARTICLE III. AFFILIATION AND BOUNDARIES

Section 1. This organization shall be an affiliate of the California Youth Soccer Association (CYSA) and shall have jurisdiction over the geographical subdivision of CYSA, District 2, known as the Almaden Valley Youth Soccer League.

Section 2. The territory of the Almaden Valley Youth Soccer League is determined by CYSA and is bounded on the east by the Santa Teresa Hills, extending south to the Santa Clara County Line; on the north by Blossom Hill Road; on the west by Harwood Road extending south to the Santa Clara County Line; and on the south by the Santa Clara County Line.

ARTICLE IV. ADMINISTRATION

Section 1. This organization shall be governed by its Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules & Regulations, except when superseded by the California Youth Soccer Association Constitution and Bylaws.

Section 2. The governing authority of this Organization , whose powers shall be delegated in the Bylaws, shall be vested with the Board of Directors of this Organization.

Section 3. The governing board, hereafter to be known as the "Board of Directors," shall be composed of the President and other Officers of this Organization, but in no case shall exceed twenty-four (24) members. The titles of the Board members are listed in Article V.

Section 4. The Board of Directors shall be elected by the general membership of this Organization.

ARTICLE V. OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of the Organization shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Sponsorship/Special Events Director, Class 1 (Select) Director, Class 3 (Competitive) Director, In-House (Recreational) Director, Referee Director, Fields Director, Equipment Director, Communications Director, Tournament Director, the most recent Past President (if available) and up to ten (10) optional Directors.

Section 2. The duties of the officers of the Organization are those duties usually associated with their titles and are further defined in the Bylaws.

Section 3. Prior to general meetings at which elections will be held, a Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the President and ratified by the Board of Directors. The committee's purpose shall be to obtain candidates for election to the Board of Directors and to make them known to the general membership.

Section 4. Elected officers shall be registered adult members of the League, in good standing, and shall serve one year beginning January 1st of the following year.

ARTICLE VI. MEETINGS

Section 1. One general meeting of the membership shall be held in either November or December with thirty (30) days notice of date, time and location provided to the members at large. Additional general meetings may be called by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors or by written petition of at least sixty (60) members. This meeting will occur within thirty (30) days with date, time, and location published fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting.

Section 2. A membership year is defined as that period of time between annual registration dates.

Section 3. Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held no less than once a month during the membership year. Additional meetings may be called by the President or at the request of four (4) members of the Board of Directors. All meetings shall be open to the

general membership. The meeting shall only go into a "Closed Session" under the following circumstances:

- A. The confidentiality of a minor is at issue
- B. The confidentiality of a member during a disciplinary or protest/appeals hearing is at issue (unless said member waives his/her right to confidentiality)
- C. Issues surrounding pending civil or criminal litigation that prohibits a public discussion of the subject.

Section 4. Each member of the Board of Directors or, in his absence his approved nominee, shall have one (1) vote at designated Board meetings. In order to have an approved nominee be eligible to vote for an absent Board member: 1) the Board member must submit the nominee's name and sufficient information about the nominee (such as address and contact information), in advance of the Board meeting, to allow verification that the nominee is an active member of the Organization, in good standing, and 2) this nominee must be approved by the majority of the Board members in attendance, before voting representation by the nominee will be recognized. The President of the Organization shall cast a vote only in the case of a tie, even though the President may serve in the capacity as another Officer, as defined herein.

Section 5. Each member of the Organization present shall be eligible to vote at general meetings; however, voting shall be restricted to one (1) member per family (or household, per league registration records). Voting by proxy shall not be allowed and only those members of record, in good standing, shall be entitled to voting privileges. No family shall cast more than one (1) vote, regardless of his/her affiliations with team(s) and/or as a member of the Board of Directors. Voting shall be according to Roberts Rules of Order unless otherwise contradicted in the Constitution, Bylaws or Rules and Regulations of this Organization. If there is more than one (1) candidate for any given office, a secret ballot will be required.

ARTICLE VII. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership in the Organization shall consist of the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of all properly registered players in the League. Also included as active members shall be properly registered active coaches within the Organization and registered adult volunteers.

Section 2. Registration dates, fees, procedures, and rules and regulations will be reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors and reported to the general membership at least thirty (30) days prior to registration.

Section 3. All members and players shall abide by the Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules and Regulations of this Organization, as set forth by the Board of Directors, and those of our Affiliates. when applicable.

ARTICLE VIII. AMENDMENTS

Amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws of this Organization shall be made by two-thirds majority affirmative vote of the general membership in attendance at any general membership or special meeting. Proposals for amendments may be submitted by a majority

vote of the board of Directors or by any member who must submit the proposed amendment in writing to the President at least ten (10) days prior to the general meeting.

ARTICLE IX. POWERS OF THE DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors shall be responsible and have sole authority for:

- A. Enforcing and interpreting the Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules and Regulations.
- B. Suspending or otherwise disciplining any referee, coach, assistant coach, or registered member from any Almaden Valley Youth Soccer League activity.
- C. Approval of team formation procedures and the leagues to which teams are assigned.
- D. Making temporary rules and regulations for specific occasions not provided for in the Constitution or Bylaws but deemed necessary by the Board to carry out the objectives of the Organization.