

**Mid Michigan Youth Soccer League  
Bylaws: Rules, Regulations and Guidelines**

**Article 1. Name and Purpose**

**Section 1. Name.**

The name of this program shall be the **Mid Michigan Youth Soccer League (MMYSL)**.

**Section 2. Purpose.**

The purpose of the MMYSL shall be to promote the development and execution of highly skilled youth soccer, sportsmanship, and quality coaching and officiating within our Leagues governing area.

**Article 2. Members**

**Section 1. Membership.**

Membership in the MMYSL is open to any returning team or club that abides by league bylaws and guidelines. Teams from new clubs, as well as teams with disciplinary issues from previous seasons, must submit the appropriate forms, fees and information by deadlines set forth by the Board of Directors (see section 2 Method of Entry). There will be no discrimination toward race, sex, religion and sexual preference.

**Section 2. Method of Entry.**

Each RETURNING team must have a completed roster, all paperwork (contracts, etc) and all monies paid to the Registrar prior to scheduling any games. A returning team is a team that played in the previous seasonal year (fall and/or spring) without disciplinary issues or is a newly formed team from an existing member club in good standing.

New clubs or teams (those without past participation in the MMYSL), prior to submitting their completed roster, paperwork and monies, must submit affiliation paperwork to the league by a date set forth by the Board of Directors. New clubs/teams will be accepted based on criteria including, but not limited to: geographic location, properly completed affiliation paperwork, club/team members in good standing with the Michigan State Youth Soccer Association, and reason of formation. Affiliation paperwork will be available on the league website or by contacting the BOD.

Returning teams with disciplinary issues (see league rules and regulations) are required to submit performance and behavior review paperwork to the league by a date set forth by the Board of Directors, prior to submitting their completed roster, paperwork and monies. Teams accepted back into the league will be required to submit a performance bond with their team paperwork.

### **Section 3. Tournament Teams.**

The MMYSL will not register any teams for tournament purposes only. **All registered** teams are to play league games. League teams are able to participate in any USSF sponsored tournaments.

### **Section 4. Notice of Meetings.**

Meetings of the MMYSL shall be called by the Board of Directors (BOD) at their discretion. Notice of such meetings shall be directed by mail, email and/or posting on the league website, and shall include the time, date, and place of such meetings.

### **Section 5. Conduct of Meetings.**

Meetings of the MMYSL shall be presided over by the President of the MMYSL or, if the President is not present, by the Vice President or, if neither is present, by the Secretary or, if the Secretary is not present, a person will be selected to act as secretary of the meeting.

### **Section 6. Application Fees**

Application fees for all teams in the amount determined from time to time by the MMYSL BOD shall be payable at the time of team registration.

## **Article 3. Board of Directors**

### **Section 1. Number and Qualifications**

The property, business and affairs of the MMYSL shall be handled by its MMYSL Board of Directors (BOD). The MMYSL BOD shall consist of the following: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar, League Representative and Chairperson Emeritus (an ex officio non-voting member).

### **Section 2. Selections.**

- a) The MMYSL coaches in odd numbered years shall elect the President, Secretary, and League Representative. The election to be held by the Spring Wrap up meeting. The term of office is to be two years beginning on July 1<sup>st</sup> of the year in which elected.
- b) The Vice President, Registrar, and Treasurer shall be elected by the MMYSL coaches in even numbered years and shall serve a term of two years beginning July 1<sup>st</sup> of the year in which elected.
- c) The MMSYL BOD may appoint, at their sole discretion, other agents of the MMYSL Program who shall serve at the discretion of the MMYSL BOD and need not be members.

### **Section 3. Quorum.**

A majority of the MMYSL BOD then in office shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business and the action of a majority of the MMYSL BOD present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the action of the MMYSL BOD, except as action by a majority of the Officers then in office may be specifically required by other sections of these bylaws. If at a meeting of the MMYSL BOD there shall be less than a quorum present, a majority of those present may adjourn the meeting until a quorum shall be present.

### **Section 4. Vacancies**

Whenever any vacancy shall have occurred in the MMYSL BOD by reason of death, resignation, removal, or otherwise, a majority of the MMYSL BOD, though less than a quorum, may fill the vacancy at any meeting, and the person so elected shall finish that term of office.

### **Section 5. General Powers as to Negotiable Paper.**

The MMYSL BOD shall, from time to time, prescribe the manner of making. signature or endorsement of checks. drafts, notes. acceptances. bills of exchange, obligations and other negotiable paper or other instruments for the payment of money and designate the officer(s) or agent(s). who shall from time to time, be authorized to make, sign. endorse the same on behalf of the MMYSL.

### **Section 6. Disciplinary Authority.**

The MMYSL BOD has the authority to bar completely, suspend or otherwise discipline any player, coach, manager, team assistant, trainer, club officer, league officer or other person associated with any team playing within the MMYSL, whether such person is paid or unpaid by one or more players, teams or clubs. Disciplinary actions will only occur when a majority of Board members have been contacted and polled as outlined under Article 3. Section 3 the MMYSL Bylaws (Board of Directors, Quorum)

## **Article 4. Committees**

### **Section 1. Special Committees.**

From time to time it may be necessary for the **BOD** to form special committees who shall be given direction from and limited authority to investigate, recommend resolution or direction to the BOD. These committees shall not have the power to:

- a) Amend the bylaws.
- b) Recommend to members dissolution of the MMYSL.
- c) Fill vacancies in the BOD.

### **Section 3. Procedures.**

All committees and each member thereof, shall serve at the discretion of the MMYSL BOD. The MMYSL BOD shall have the power at any time to:

- a) Increase or decrease the number of members or committees.
- b) Fill vacancies.
- c) Change the function of or
- d) Terminate the existence of any committee.

## **Article 5. Directors**

### **Section 1. President (Chairperson of the Board)**

The President shall preside at all meetings of the MMYSL. He/she shall be the chief executive officer of the MMYSL and shall have general and active management of the League, and shall see that all orders and resolutions of the BOD are carried into effect. He/she shall execute all authorized conveyances, contracts, and other obligations in the name of the MMYSL.

### **Section 2. Vice President.**

The Vice President, in the absence of the President, shall preside at all meetings and functions as the representative of the MMYSL. He/she shall be responsible for disciplinary actions of players, coaches, and team representatives. He/she shall be the initial BOD member to resolve issues between teams (i.e. rescheduling, forfeitures).

### **Section 3. Secretary**

The Secretary shall attend all meetings of the MMYSL and shall record all minutes and votes in a book to be kept for that purpose. He/she shall give or cause to be given, notice of all meetings of the MMYSL. He/she shall send out to all member teams, all official correspondence from the MMYSL BOD.

### **Section 4. Registrar**

The Registrar shall keep a complete record of all teams and players for the purpose of player registration and team affiliation. He/she shall check all Player Registration forms and Proof of Birth of every player for accuracy, and proper signatures. He/she shall issue pass cards to each player, coach, assistant coach, and manager. He/she shall keep a count of all players and coaches.

## **Section 5. Treasurer.**

The Treasurer shall have custody of the funds and securities of the MMYSL and shall keep full and accurate accounts of receipts and disbursements in the books and records belonging to the MMYSL and shall deposit all monies and other valuable effects in the name of the MMYSL. He/ she shall disburse the funds of the MMYSL as may be ordered by the MMYSL BOD, taking proper vouchers for such disbursements and shall render whenever they require it. an accounting of all transactions as Treasurer and of the financial condition of the MMYSL.

## **Section 6. MSYSA Delegate**

The MSYSA Delegate shall attend MSYSA meetings as a representative of the MMYSL BOD. He/she shall have full authority to represent the opinions and votes of the MMYSL. He/she shall report the outcome and decisions of the MSYSA meetings to the MMYSL BOD.

## **Section 7. Chairperson Emeritus**

The Chairperson Emeritus is a former member of the MMYSL BOD and shall provide consul and advice to the MMYSL BOD. He/she shall be a nonvoting member.

## **Article 6. Miscellaneous**

### **Section 1. Fiscal Year.**

The Fiscal year of the MMYSL shall be September 1 through August 31.

### **Section 2. Affiliation.**

The MMYSL shall be an affiliated member of and comply with the authority of the Michigan State Youth Soccer Association, the United States Youth Soccer Association and the United States Soccer Federation. Except where restricted or prohibited by law, these bylaws are superseded by the requirements of the United States Youth Soccer Association.

### **Section 3. Discrimination**

The MMYSL will not discriminate based on race, sex, age, religion, or sexual orientation. In addition, the MMYSL will ensure that girls teams, boys teams and coed teams (which shall be considered a boys team) shall be established on an equal basis.

### **Section 4. Amendments**

These bylaws may be altered. repealed or amended by a majority vote of the MMYSL BOD.

## **Section 5. All Other**

All other situations not found in these bylaws shall be referred to the bylaws of the Michigan State Youth Soccer Association for guidance to resolution. The MMYSL BOD retains all jurisdictions within our League and reserves the right to seek counsel on an as needed basis.