

Easthampton Youth Soccer Association, Inc.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE 1: NAME

The organization shall be known as Easthampton Youth Soccer Association, Inc. (EYSA, Inc.) and will be referred to as the "Association" for the remainder of this document.

ARTICLE 2: GOALS

The goals of the Association shall be the teaching of good sportsmanship, respect for self and others, dedication and teamwork, soccer rules and skills, and to have fun.

ARTICLE 3: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Any adult being at least 18 years of age who is interested in participating in the advancement of soccer in Easthampton and who is willing to actively work to perpetuate the Association's goals can apply to be a member of the Board of Directors (BOD).

The BOD shall be comprised of not less than 10 and not more than 25 members. It shall include division representatives from each division, at least one referee and the Executive Board which is made up of the President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary.

Membership on the BOD carries with it the following responsibilities: 1) The operation of the soccer program and the implementation of the above stated goals, 2) Attendance at scheduled meetings and voting on specific motions brought before the BOD, and 3) The active participation on at least one Board Committee.

Board membership can be terminated via resignation or by a vote of the BOD. If a member has failed to attend three (3) consecutive meetings without notifying an Executive Board member, if a member does not comply with assigned responsibilities, or if the conduct of a member is considered detrimental to the best interest of the Association; the member may be dismissed by a majority vote of the BOD provided there is a quorum (see Article 5).

ARTICLE 4: EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Executive Board of the Association shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary who shall hold office for the ensuing year or until their successors are duly elected. The Executive Board shall have the authority to make decisions outside of regularly scheduled BOD meetings when necessary. Duties of the Executive Board are as follows:

President: Shall call meetings, prepare the agenda and preside at all meetings.

Vice-President: Shall so serve in the absence of the President.

Treasurer: Shall collect, record and deposit any funds received, disburse funds as directed and maintain financial records concerning receipt and disbursement of funds. Shall provide a financial update of funds received and disbursed at each meeting of the BOD.

Secretary: Shall record all votes and the minutes of all meetings keeping them available for future reference, send out notices to the membership as necessary, and have responsibility for any necessary correspondence.

ARTICLE 5: MEETINGS

The BOD shall meet periodically prior to and during the playing season. Meeting place, dates and times shall be set by the President. Board members shall be notified in writing seven days or more in advance of all meetings. Special meetings of the BOD and/or Executive Board may be called by the President at his/her discretion.

The first meeting, termed the Annual Meeting, shall be held in January. At such Annual Meeting, a financial report shall be presented by the Treasurer. The report shall include the itemized incomes and expenses incurred since the previous Annual Meeting and the net funds held by the Association. Also at such meeting, the Executive Board shall be elected and committee appointments for the ensuing year shall be established.

A quorum of one third of the board members must be present for votes to be taken. Only members of the BOD shall make, second and vote on motions at meetings of the Association.

The President, Vice-President, Treasurer or Secretary shall govern at meetings. All meetings shall be run in an orderly manner. The Secretary or other Executive Board Member shall record all motions - the maker, the second and the subsequent vote - as part of the meeting minutes.

ARTICLE 6: PLAYERS

Any child who is age eligible for Kindergarten and who resides within the established boundaries of the Association is eligible to participate in the Recreational League. (Refer to Suburban Policy for PVJSL eligibility requirements.) Children who meet the grade requirement but do not meet the residency requirement may participate with the approval of the Board.

Players are responsible for their actions at practices and games. Poor behavior, vulgarity, or endangering other players, coaches, referees, etc. may result in disciplinary action by the BOD (See Article 9 and Disciplinary Policy).

The players are entitled to play at least one half of every EYSA, Inc. Recreational League soccer game. Exceptions to this entitlement are: 1) If the player is cautioned or disqualified by the Referee (red or yellow card), 2) If the player has repeatedly acted in an unsportsmanlike manner or 3) If the player requests not to play their entitled playing time.

ARTICLE 7: COACHES

Coaches shall be approved annually by the BOD. Coaches are responsible for the selection of their team as well as for the actions of their players at practices and at games. The coaches are encouraged to be certified by the National Youth Sports Coaches Association (NYSCA) and must meet CORI criteria.

ARTICLE 8: REFEREES

Referees are responsible for maintaining order and officiating at games. They shall have the authority to caution and/or disqualify players and/or coaches that they deem to have repeatedly violated game rules, acted in an unsportsmanlike manner or endangered other players. The referee shall also have the authority to caution and/or eject a fan(s) who has acted unsportsmanlike or who has disturbed the progress of the game.

Any player or coach who is disqualified by the referee shall not participate in the remainder of the game nor the next scheduled game.

ARTICLE 9: DISCIPLINARY ACTION

A player or coach who has been disqualified (red card) from two or more games during a single season or who has endangered other players may be recommended for suspension or expulsion from participation in the Association. Such player or coach shall have the right to appear before the Disciplinary Committee appointed by the President. (Refer to Disciplinary Policy for specific guidelines and procedures.) The Disciplinary Committee shall have the authority and responsibility of deciding on the player's or coach's retention, suspension or expulsion from future participation in the Association. All decisions of the Disciplinary Committee are binding upon the player or coach and the BOD. There shall be no appeals process.

ARTICLE 10: FEES

The BOD shall set player registration fees each year prior to the beginning of the playing season. The fees represent a parent's or legal guardian's obligation to assure the operational integrity of the Association. The BOD shall have the authority to waive such fee.

ARTICLE 11: FINANCE

The Association's BOD shall decide on all matter of finance. All income shall be deposited into the Association's general fund account. All payments shall be made by check. Members of the Executive Board are authorized to sign checks. The Association shall not permit the payment or contribution of funds for purposes other than the conducting of Association activities.

ARTICLE 12: AMENDMENTS

These By-Laws may be amended, repealed or modified in whole or in part by a majority vote at any meeting of the Association, provided the proposed changes are included with the meeting notice. These By-Laws shall be reviewed every two years and updated if necessary.

Adopted on January 10, 1999 by majority vote of members present.