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MILPITAS YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE

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CONSTITUTION

Article I: NAME

The name of the League, incorporated within the State of California as a nonprofit organization under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue code, is the MILPITAS YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE, hereinafter referred to as "MYSL" or "the League."

Article II: PURPOSE AND MISSION

Purpose. The purpose of MYSL will be to develop, promote, and govern developmental soccer for Milpitas area youth, as defined by CYSA-N. MYSL focuses on promoting youth soccer in Milpitas and establishing a productive relationship with the City of Milpitas.

Mission. MYSL's mission is to create an opportunity for safe, fair and enjoyable play, to instill in the players a spirit of good sportsmanship, and to foster improvement in playing skills and knowledge of the game in a positive environment. Parents, MYSL officials, and volunteers are critical role models in the accomplishment of these goals.

Article III: AFFILIATION

This League shall be affiliated with the California Youth Soccer Association-North, also referred to as "CYSA." Other affiliations may be approved by the Board of Directors and coaches to provide a full range of soccer participation and experience.

Article IV: COLORS

The representative colors of this league shall be predominantly Navy Blue, Yellow, and White.

Article V: AUTHORITIES

Section 1. This League shall be governed by its Constitution, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations except when superseded by the CYSA Constitution, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations.

Section 2. The governing authority of this League, whose power shall be designated in the Bylaws, shall be vested with the Board of Directors of this League (also referred to as "the Board").

Section 3. The Board of Directors shall be comprised of a minimum of eight members serving in the following roles: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Administrator, Age Group Coordinators, Competitive Director, Equipment Coordinator, Fields Coordinator, Master Scheduler, Recreational Coaching Coordinator, Referee Coordinator, Registrar, Tournament Coordinator, Webmaster. If vacancies cannot be filled with voting members, additional volunteers can perform any of these offices, except President, in a non-voting capacity, in which case, their attendance at board meetings is optional.

The following positions will be elected to serve the odd numbered years:

1. President
2. Tournament Coordinator
3. Administrator

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4. Referee Coordinator
5. Competitive Director
6. Registrar
7. Recreational Coaching Coordinator
8. U6 Recreational Coordinators (Coed)
9. U8 Recreational Coordinators (Boys and Girls)
10. Master Scheduler

The following positions will be elected to serve in even numbered years:

1. Vice President
2. Treasurer
3. Field Coordinator
4. Recreational Coordinators (U10 Boys and Girls)
5. Recreational Coordinators (U12 Boys and Girls)
6. Recreational Coordinators (U14-U19 Boys and Girls)
7. Equipment Manager
8. Webmaster

Article VI: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership in the League shall be by affiliated team. An affiliated team is defined as a team formally registered by the league.

Section 2. All members shall abide by the Constitution, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, and General Procedures as set forth by the Board, and all applicable rules and regulations of this organization and other organizations with which the League is affiliated.

Article VII: ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Section 1. The President shall call for an Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the membership no later than the last day in February of each seasonal year. Notification to all affiliated teams shall be made at least thirty (30) days before said Annual General Meeting.

Section 2. The order of business at the Annual General Meeting shall be as follows:

- A. Call to Order.
- B. Roll Call
- C. Reports: All Board Members
- D. Unfinished Business.
- E. Proposals for changes of the Constitution, Bylaws and Rules and Regulations, or General Procedures.

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F. Election of Officers.

G. New Business.

H. Good of the Game.

I. Adjournment.

Section 3. The duly appointed Coach, Manager, or Representative for each registered team, registered referees 18 years of age and older, and each member of the MYSL Board of Directors shall be entitled to one (1) vote. Voting shall be restricted to those teams which have been registered during the current season. No person shall cast more than one (1) vote regardless of league affiliation: teams, referees, and/or as a member of the Board of Directors. The President shall cast a vote only in the case of a tie.

Section 4. Nominations for League-wide officers and League President may be submitted in advance to the League Board, providing a person duly seconds such nominations enfranchised to vote at the Annual General Meeting. Notwithstanding such advance nominations, and nominations from the floor at the AGM shall be in order. A simple majority of the voting members present and voting at the meeting shall be sufficient for election.

Article VIII: CHANGES

Section 1. Amendments to the Constitution and the Bylaws of this League shall be made at the Annual General Meeting of the membership, except in such cases as specified by the Bylaws of this League.

Section 2. Amendments shall be deemed adopted by an affirmative vote of the voting membership present and shall be required to have:

- A. Two-thirds (2/3) of the quorum for the Constitution
- B. Two-thirds (2/3) of the quorum for the Bylaws.
- C. Majority of the quorum for Rules and Regulations.

Section 3. A quorum is defined as those voting members present at the Annual General Meeting.

Section 4. Any proposals for changes in the Constitution, Bylaws or Rules and Regulations must be submitted in writing, to the League Administrator at least twenty (15) days in advance of the AGM, which shall be available to the membership at least fifteen (7) days prior to the Annual General Meeting. Proposals may be amended during the AGM.

Article IX: COMPETITIVE TEAMS

Section 1. Competitive team age groupings shall be in accordance with CYSA, District II policies, and the Competitive League.

Section 2. The Board of Directors shall be the authority for approving the coaches of all competitive teams. The term *coach* shall refer to the head coach hence forth in this document. The term *assistant coach* shall refer to the assistant coach.

Section 3. The criteria for selection of coaches shall be per the Bylaws.

Section 4. Representation to the Board shall be via the Competitive Director.

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Section 5. The Competitive Coaches under the guidelines set forth in the League Bylaws shall choose Competitive Players.

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Article I: AFFILIATIONS

Section 1. Any player seeking membership in this organization shall register yearly for affiliation with only one (1) team. To play, each player must:

- A. Complete a CYSA Youth Amateur Player Registration Form.
- B. Submit, upon initial registration, proof of date of birth.
- C. Submit a photograph of the Player (approximate size 1" by 1")

Article II: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. **Responsibilities of the Board of Directors shall be as follows:**

The Board of Directors, acting together, shall constitute the administrative management of the League. They shall be responsible for:

1. Ensuring that the League operates within the framework intent of the Constitution. The Board of Directors shall have sole authority for enforcing and interpreting the Constitution, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, and General Procedures.
2. Ensuring the fair and equitable treatment of players and all personnel of the League.
3. Promoting youth soccer.
4. Appointing the necessary staff to effectively run the League and supervising their activities.
5. Approving the appointment of coaches of League Competitive teams, and the formation and operation of all League Competitive teams.
6. Approving the formation, scheduling and operation of all League, Cup and tournament games.
7. Making temporary rules or regulations for specific cases or occasions not provided for in the Constitution, Bylaws or Rules and Regulations, but which are deemed necessary to carry out the stated purpose of the League.
8. Determining annual fees or dues payable to the League.
9. Determining the disposition of games due to abandonment or termination by the referee. Such disposition shall include replay of the game in whole or in part, forfeiture, or cancellation, as the Board sees fit.
10. Meeting at least once during each month of the year. The time, date, and place shall be established at the beginning of each seasonal year and publicized to the general membership. Any deviation from the regular meeting schedule is to be publicized at least two (2) weeks in advance of the meeting.
11. Authorizing meetings called by the President, as deemed necessary, or within seven (7) days of receipt of a petition bearing the signatures of fifty percent (50) of the voting members of the Board of Directors of this League. No business shall be transacted other than that for which the special meeting has been called.

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12. Ensuring that Members of the Board be elected or appointed for a period of two (2) years, at which time their positions shall be open for re-election.
13. Ensuring that at least fifty percent (50) of the voting members of the Board must be present to constitute a quorum at any Board of Director meeting.
14. Ensuring the League budget/finances be made available to any Board or team member.
15. Having the authority to make temporary rules and regulations for specific cases or occasions not provided for in the Constitution. Such temporary rules or regulations must be presented to the general membership at the next general membership meeting for possible inclusion into the appropriate document.
16. Ensuring that no temporary rule or regulation shall be reinstated again, in whole or in part, the following year if turned down by the General Membership. Any temporary rule or regulation not approved at the AGM shall automatically lapse at that time.

Section 2. **The duties of the Board Members shall be as follows:**

President

1. Shall preside at meetings of the Board of Directors and at meetings open to the general membership of the league.
2. Shall be an ex-officio member of any committee established within the organization, but shall not act as its chair. The President must be advised of the date, time, and place of any committee chairpersons meetings.
3. Shall represent or appoint a representative of the League at all CYSA District II meetings and will be authorized to cast votes on any subject which comes before that body.
4. Shall be responsible for the day-to-day operation of the League.
5. Shall coordinate the activities of the total organization.
6. Shall call a special Board meeting upon receipt by the President of any written appeal of disciplinary action. All such appeals must be received within forty-eight (48) hours after disciplinary action is pronounced, Sundays and holidays excepted. This meeting shall be held within forty-eight (48) hours after receipt of the appeal, Sundays and holidays excepted.
7. Shall have the authority to enforce disciplinary action as prescribed by the Rules and Regulations against any coach, assistant coach, player, referee, and/or parent, Club or Club member. The President's decision in these matters must be approved at the next Board meeting.

Vice President

1. Shall have the same powers and duties as the President when the President is absent or unavailable.
2. Shall chair the League Protest and Appeals Committee or appoint a substitute in the event of a conflict or unavailability.

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3. Shall chair, or appoint a substitute to any Coaching Review and Referee Review Committee.

Administrator

1. Shall keep an accurate record of all Board and General Membership meetings.
2. Shall submit minutes of each Board of Directors meetings to the Board at the next scheduled meeting for review and approval.
3. Shall publish an agenda for Board meetings.
4. Shall interface with the proper entities to secure access to facilities for the league meetings.

Treasurer

1. Shall have receipts for all monies, which shall be deposited in a FDIC, insured account in the name of the League. All accounts shall be paid by check and shall bear two (2) signatures; President or Vice President, and Treasurer. The receipt book and vouchers shall be produced upon demand of the Board of Directors, properly balanced and current.
2. The Treasurer shall give a report at every Board meeting and general meeting.
3. Shall prepare a final financial statement at the end of each seasonal year.
4. Shall be responsible for the preparation of all papers pursuant to the Articles of Incorporation and tax exempt status of the League.

Registrar

1. Shall keep an accurate record of all players registered on all affiliated teams that are part of the League.
2. Shall allow no player to be designated as registered until he/she possesses a properly completed CYSA Youth Amateur Player Registration Form for that player, and the League Registration fee has been collected.
3. Shall comply with all CYSA Registration Procedures as defined in the CYSA Constitution, Bylaws and Rules and Regulations.

Recreational Coaching Coordinator

1. Shall be responsible for recruiting, training, examination, grading and administration of rec. coaches under League jurisdiction (per CYSA Coaching Program).

Referee Coordinator

1. Shall act on all referee disciplinary matters and shall have discretionary authority on applicable sanctions.
2. Shall supervise and coordinate referee activities (including scheduling) at the League- wide level, and shall provide for referee training and evaluation programs.
3. Shall ensure that the League is in compliance with CYSA regulations concerning referee training and licensing, and is maintaining proper records in these matters.

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4. Shall be a member of the League Protest and Appeals Committee or appoint a substitute in case of conflict.
5. Shall be ex-officio member of all League disciplinary committees.
6. Shall represent the League in all matters concerning referee activities.

Equipment Manager

1. Shall be responsible for acquisition, distribution, and maintenance of League equipment, which includes uniforms, balls, goals, nets, and other equipment as required
2. Shall maintain appropriate records for League equipment.

Fields Coordinator

1. Shall be responsible/or the maintenance of fields in the MYSL area.
2. Will assign practice fields and playing fields.
3. Shall interface with the Cities, Parks and School District officials to secure proper permits for field usage.

Recreational Age Group Coordinators

1. Shall be responsible for the formation of teams and coordination of age group activities in the respective age groups.
2. Shall work to ensure that all players within the League are fairly placed on League teams.
3. Shall be the primary person responsible for recruiting coaches within their respective age groups.

Competitive Director

1. Shall be responsible for recruiting, training, examination, grading and administration of coaches under League jurisdiction (per CYSA Coaching Program).
2. Shall chair the Competitive Team Committee.
3. Shall be responsible for the coordination of Competitive team activities.
4. Shall provide Competitive Teams all relevant information pertaining to the League's Rules and Regulations.
5. Shall attend Competitive League Meetings and provide monthly reports to the Board.
6. Shall be responsible for the registration and collection of all fees for the Competitive teams.

Tournament Coordinator

1. Shall be responsible for management of the MYSL tournaments.
2. Shall be responsible for the collection and distribution of CYSA tournament information.

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Master Scheduler

1. Collect all team names, age, gender, contacts, special requests, and playing league information.
2. Assign and publish game schedules for all games played on MYSL fields.
3. Provide game schedule information for referee assignment.
4. Manage and publish game schedule change requests, as necessary.

Webmaster

Shall maintain the League's web site, including posting all information relative to the operation of the League.

Section 3. In addition to the chairs and members of the Standing Committees named by the League President, the Board of Directors may elect to establish other committees as required by the business of the League and to appoint their chairs and members.

Section 4. The League shall indemnify each and every present and future Board Member against any judgment, cost or expense which may be imposed on or reasonably incurred by adverse actions taken in connection with any claim, suit or proceeding hereafter made or instituted in which the Member may be involved by reason of being a Director or Officer of the League.

Section 5. Vacancies on the Board:

- A. Vacancies on the Board, other than the President, shall be made by appointment of the President.
- B. At the time of the next official Board meeting, the Board will vote to approve or reject the appointee. A majority vote of the Board shall be required for approval of the appointee.
- C. The President's position shall be filled by the Vice President.
- D. Appointed officers shall serve out the remaining time of the vacant office.

Article III: TEAM MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Any team applying for membership in this League shall submit to the League Board of Directors the following:

- A. A completed and approved roster form.
- B. Full payment of all dues and fees.

Section 2. Each affiliated team shall keep on file a completed original registration form for each player. These forms shall be available for review by the Board of Directors of the League.

Section 3. Each team must submit a complete roster, before each season, by a date determined by the League Registrar.

Section 4. Annual dues and fees for affiliated teams and Clubs shall be payable as of September. Teams are not eligible for play until all dues and fees have been paid.

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Article IV: SEASONAL YEAR

The seasonal year shall be in accordance with, the CYSA seasonal year.

Article V: COMPETITIVE COACH SELECTION

Section 1. General Requirements:

1. Applicant must be a coach in good standing and follow the letter and spirit of the Constitution and Bylaws of MYSL.
2. Applicant must be registered with the League.
3. Applicant must be a minimum of 21 years of age.
4. Applicant must have two years' experience as a coach. A credit year is defined as 1 per head coaching year and 1/2 per assistant coaching year. Preference will be given to applicants who have a minimum of 3 credit years. These requirements do not apply to recreational coaches.
5. Coaches must comply with the District II coach's licensing policy (see District II Coach's Licensee Policy).
6. Coaches shall be a USSF licensed Referee (Grade 8 minimum). A coach may be reviewed based on the team's previous year's performance and at the discretion of the Competitive Team Committee.
7. Returning competitive coaches shall be given preference as long as parent reviews are positive. Preference is given to applicants who submit applications within the specified time frame.

Section 2. Method of Selection:

A Competitive Team Committee shall review all applications for competitive teams. The committee shall be comprised of:

1. Competitive Director shall be the Chairperson.
2. The Vice President of the League shall be informed of the list of candidates and may offer input. If a member of the committee is applying for a position, he/she shall not participate in the review for that position.
3. The Competitive Director shall send out applications to all coaches within the League. The application shall contain the general requirements listed in Section 1 of Article 5.
4. The applicant shall submit to the Competitive Director a completed application, a copy of the previous year's Golden Rod, copies of coaching and referee licenses.
5. A returning Competitive Coach who has been previously approved by the Board and has a minimum of two successive years of Competitive Coaching experience prior to the current season in which they are applying will be approved to coach a competitive team without additional evaluation unless:
 - A. He/she received a send-off during a game in the season immediately prior to the one in which they are applying.

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- B. He/she has received negative feedback regarding the Coach's performance. This could include but is not limited to feedback from parents, players, referees, other coaches, the League (MYSL), the District, or any schools or Parks and Recreation officials.
6. The Competitive Team Committee shall submit all new applicants and applicants with less than two successive years of competitive coaching experience to a random sampling of parent interviews. The same set of questions shall be asked each parent. All information shall be considered confidential.
 7. Based upon the applicant's compliance with the general requirements and the coach and parent interviews, the committee shall make the Competitive Coach recommendations to the Board.
 8. In the event there is no suitable applicant and the Board of Directors has determined that the League should field a team for that age group(s), the Competitive Director shall actively pursue a candidate for review.
 9. The League Board shall review, modify or approve the Competitive Team Committee's recommendations.

Section 3. Roster

Must submit a complete roster by a date to be determined by the League Registrar before September 1 of each year.

Article VI: COMPETITIVE TEAM PLAYER SELECTION

Selection of competitive players for a team shall be done by the Competitive Coaches respectively, using the criteria as set forth in the League Bylaws.

Article VII: COMPETITIVE TEAM FINANCIAL STATEMENT

All Competitive teams:

1. With fund raising activities shall set up a bank account under the team name with two (2) authorized signatures, one of which shall be a team parent.
2. Must submit yearly financial reports to the League Treasurer.
3. Finance statements shall include all income and its source, and all expenses within the calendar year.
4. Finance statements shall be signed by the coach and those with authorized withdrawal authority.
5. Reports are due to the Treasurer January 15th of the calendar year.
6. Upon the disbanding of a Competitive team at the end of its playing year, all monies will be turned over to the League Treasurer, who will hold them in trust for the next year's team.

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RULES AND REGULATIONS

SECTION I: RULES OF ORDER

RULE#1

The rules contained herein shall govern members of the League in all cases to which they are applicable. All such rules must be consistent with the Constitution and Bylaws of the League. All competition shall be governed by the rules stated herein unless the rules of a specific competition determine otherwise.

RULE#2

Any person found guilty of violating the Constitution, Bylaws, or Rules and Regulations of this League shall be asked to appear before the Board of Directors of the League to explain such actions.

RULE#3

In any dispute, the League President shall have initial authority to resolve the dispute. Appeals of such resolution may be made to the League Board.

RULE#4

Each coach shall be responsible for the conduct of the members of that coach's team. This includes coaches, players, spectators and all others. It is the responsibility of each team to ensure that its action on or off the field does not bring discredit upon the League

RULE#5

Falsification of records shall be grounds for disablement from future participation and/or membership in this League.

RULE#6

A plea of ignorance of the Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules and Regulations of this League is not sufficient, and violators may expect appropriate action by the Board of Directors of this League.

SECTION II: STANDING RULES

RULE#1 REGISTRATION:

- A. League registration procedures will comply with CYSA policies and procedures.
- B. All player applicants for Recreational teams who have met requirements and have been assigned to a team will be guaranteed one-half (1/2) game play time in all games, unless under medical or disciplinary restrictions. Competitive teams are required to comply with the playing time rules of the Competitive league. It shall be the Competitive Director and Coach's responsibility to ensure that all players trying out for the Competitive teams be informed of the absence of the rule at the first try-out.

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RULE#2 INJURIES:

Insurance claims must be filed in accordance with CYSA General Procedures.

RULE#3 PLAYER PASSES:

- A. All players on teams participating in playing leagues and tournaments outside of the league must present player passes, as outlined in CYSA Specific Rules.
- B. Player pass requirements for teams playing only in-house games shall be determined by the Board of Directors for a given playing year.

RULE#4 PLAYER TRANSFER, RELEASE AND ROSTER LIMIT:

Procedures and rules regarding player transfers, releases, and rosters comply with those outlined in CYSA Specific Rules.

RULE#5 PLAYING WITH PROFESSIONAL PLAYERS:

MYSL complies with CYSA's General Procedure regarding professional players and amateur players participating in benefit or exhibition games involving professional players.

RULE#6 AGE LIMIT DEFINITIONS:

The definition of a youth player and the date determining age group will comply with definitions established in CYSA General Procedures.

RULE#7 PROOF OF AGE:

Acceptable documents to provide proof of age will be those listed in CYSA General Procedures.

RULE#8 RULES OF PLAY:

The Rules of Play shall be per the FIFA Laws of the Game with modifications as defined by the CYSA General Procedures. U6, U8, U10 and U12-19 recreational play modifications are defined herein.

U6 Rules:

1. One match consists of 2 simultaneous games of 4v4, 3 players minimum to start and to continue play. There are no goalkeepers.
2. Each game field has dimensions of approximately 66' x 96', goals are 4'x6'.
3. Two parents or coaches serve as referees on each game field.
4. No offside shall be called.
5. No penalty kicks shall be taken.
6. Indirect free kick for all fouls and misconduct.
7. All opponents are at least 6 yards away from the ball for all re-starts.
8. No slide tackling allowed.
9. One re-throw allowed on improper throw-in.

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U8 Rules

1. 7v7; 8v8 max if both coaches agree. 4 players minimum to start the match and to continue play.
2. Each game field has dimensions of approximately 108' x 150'; goals are 6'x 12'.
3. One center referee.
4. No offside shall be called.
5. No penalty kicks shall be taken.
6. Indirect free kick restart for all fouls and misconduct.
7. All opponents are at least 6 yards away from the ball for all restarts.
8. No slide tackling allowed.
9. One re-throw allowed on improper throw-in.
10. Players and coaches shall occupy one side of the field and reside in the technical area during the match. All spectators shall be on the side opposite of the players and coaches.

U10 Rules

1. 8v8; 9v9 max if both coaches agree. 5 players minimum to start the match and to continue play.
2. Each game field has dimensions of approximately 150' x 210', goals are 7'x21'.
3. Officials; three (3) person crew using the diagonal system of control.
4. No penalty kicks shall be taken; a direct free kick awarded to the attacking team inside the penalty area is taken from that part of the penalty area line which runs parallel to the goal line at the point nearest to where the infringement occurred.
5. All opponents are at least 8 yards away from the ball for all restarts.
6. No slide tackling allowed.
7. One re-throw allowed on improper throw-in.
8. Players and coaches shall occupy one side of the field and reside in the technical area during the match. All spectators shall be on the side opposite of the players and coaches.

U12-19 Rules

1. Players and coaches shall occupy one side of the field and reside in the technical area during the match. All spectators shall be on the side opposite of the players and coaches.
Exception: Stadiums with seating on both sides may have players, coaches and spectators on opposing sides at the discretion of the referee.
2. Playing rules shall be per FIFA Laws of the Game with modifications as defined by CYSA General Procedures.

RULE#9 PROTEST AND APPEALS PROCEDURE:

A. Definition of terms:

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1. Complaint – Anyone associated with the league may register a complaint regarding the policies, procedures, and conduct of the league or any of its officials with a member of the Board of Directors for consideration by the board member or the board. A complaint does not obligate the board to take action. The board may elect to take action, including following the protest and appeals procedure.
 2. Appeal – An appeal is a formal disagreement with disciplinary action imposed on any one associated with the league. An appeal follows the Protests and Appeals procedure.
 3. Protest - Only violations of the Constitution, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations of this League or CYSA, or misapplication of the "Laws of the Game" shall be proper subjects to be considered for protest.
- B. The League Protest and Appeals Committee (president, referee coordinator, vice president and appropriate age group coordinator) shall be the official agency in the protest procedure and shall hear all protests. The President may appoint a substitute.
- C. Should any person, team or League desire to appeal any adverse decision, communication shall be from the League Protest and Appeals Committee to the League Board of Directors; from the League Board of Directors to the District Commissioner; from the District Commissioner to the CYSA Protest and Appeals Committee; from the CYSA Protest and Appeals Committee to the CYSA Board of Directors.
- D. Should any hearing body decline to hear a protest or appeal that body may, if it desires, refer the matter directly to the next higher authority.
- E. Protests shall be submitted in writing to the League Vice President for approval within forty-eight (48) hours of the game, Sundays and holidays excepted. If approved, the League Protest and Appeals Committee shall be convened within forty-eight (48) hours, Sundays and holidays excluded. If not approved, the protestor shall be notified within forty-eight (48) hours, Sundays and holidays excepted.
1. The protest fee shall be established at fifty dollars (\$50) for items coming before the Protest Committee.
 2. The protest fee shall be returned if the protest is upheld. If the protest is denied and no appeal is filed, one-half (1/2) of the fee shall be retained.
- F. The League Protest and Appeals Committee shall consider all pertinent information. The decision of the League Protest and Appeals Committee shall be conveyed in writing to the interested parties, and a copy of the decision along with all pertinent information and findings shall be filed with the League.
- G. Any decision rendered by the League Protest and Appeals Committee may be appealed to the full Board of Directors. Such appeal must be made in writing and Filed within forty- eight (48) hours of receipt of the adverse decision, Sundays and holidays excluded. The Board shall set a date to hear the appeal, at which all parties involved shall have the opportunity to present their cases. The hearing may coincide with a regularly scheduled Board meeting. The League Administrator shall convey the decision of the Board in writing within seven (7) days.
- H. Should any person, team or league desire to appeal an adverse Board decision, further appeal shall be made to the District Commissioner, together with the appropriate fees, in accordance with the provisions of the CYSA General Procedures and Specific Rules of the Association.

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I. No person(s) associated with the operations of this League at any level may invoke the aid of the courts of any State of the United States without first exhausting all available remedies within MYSL/CYSA/USYSA/USSF.

J. For violation of Part I, the offending party or parties shall be subject to the sanctions of suspension and fines and shall be liable for all expenses incurred.

RULE#10 DISCIPLINARY RULING AND SUGGESTED PUNISHMENT:

The following rulings shall apply:

A. Players guilty of fighting before, during, or after a game shall be punished as set forth herein:

1. Under 6 and 8: Suspend for one game only.
2. Under 10: Determine who started the fight. Suspend that individual for one (1) to three (3) matches.
3. Under 12 and 14: Determine who started the fight. Suspend that individual for two (2) to four (4) matches.
4. Under 16 and 19: Determine who started the fight. Suspend that individual for three (3) to five (5) matches.

B. Players, Coaches, team officials or other parties guilty of pushing or striking any Coach, Referee, Assistant Referee, or official shall receive a one (1) year suspension.

C. Coaches, team officials, or other parties who make threatening gestures or use threatening language to players, coaches, officials, or referees shall be disciplined according to the following:

1. First time: Shall be suspended for one (1) game and placed on probation for one (1) year.
2. Second time: Shall be suspended for one (1) year.
3. Third time: Shall be suspended for life.
4. For fighting at any time: The offender shall be suspended for life.

D. Persons who fail to obey the suspension punishment, either personally or for a player, shall be suspended for the remainder of the season and the team shall forfeit the game in which the violation occurred.

RULE#11 SEND-OFF OF PLAYERS AND TEAM OFFICIALS:

MYSL will enforce disciplinary actions specified by CYSA and District II and imposed on players or team officials. The MYSL PAD Committee may choose to hold a hearing and impose more stringent discipline.

RULE#12 GAME PERIOD AND GAME BALLS:

Game periods and game balls applied to each age group will comply with those defined in CYSA General Procedures.

SECTION III: SPECIFIC RULES

RULE#1 TOURNAMENT FEES AND PROCEDURES:

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The entrance fees and procedures for these competitions shall be established and/or approved by the Board of Directors of this League. All fees and forms must be submitted to the League office on or before the due date in the manner so specified.

RULE#2 PARTICIPATION:

These competitions will be open to all youth teams affiliated with this League or other CYSA leagues, but only in their own age group. A team entering these competitions shall have played in the current seasonal year as a team.

SECTION IV: TEAM FORMATION POLICY

Article I: Competitive Teams

Competitive teams are authorized and administered by the League. These procedures are defined in Article IX of the League Constitution.

Article II: League Recreational Teams

RULE#1

Age Group Coordinators will form League teams.

RULE#2

Team formation process will be reviewed by the Team Formation Committee, which shall be made up of the Recreation Coaching Coordinator (Chair), the Vice President and the Age Group Coordinators.

RULE#3

Formation of recreational teams will be done by soccer age using the following guidelines:

- A. Players with specific requests, i.e. friends or coach will be grouped in packages whenever possible.
- B. Players will then be grouped by their year of birth. The AGC will assign each package (item 1) to a given birth year.
- C. The AGC will attempt to balance the teams by assigning similar numbers of experienced players to each new team.

RULE#4

Teams from the previous year will be encouraged to remain intact.

RULE#5

Teams from the previous year will be given preference over new teams when there are not enough players to form teams for all requesting coaches.

RULE#6

Players registering during the normal registration period will be assigned to teams prior to assignment of any late registrants. Late registrants will be assigned on a first come first placed basis.

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RULE#7

The following guidelines shall be used to assign players in divisions with established teams:

A. Returning players will automatically be assigned to the same team unless otherwise requested. A returning player is defined as a player who played with a specific team the previous calendar year. Should a coach have a specific problem with a player and desire that this player not return to the team the coach shall notify the AGC in writing before registration. The written notification must include the reasons for the request and the previous actions taken to remedy the specific problem. Under no circumstances is the coach to notify the player or parents that he does not wish the player to return to the team. Poor soccer ability is not an acceptable problem. The TFC (Team Formation Committee) will make the final decision on the placement of the player.

B. All players will be assigned to teams following guidelines listed in rule 3

RULE#8

Under no circumstances may any recreation coach or his agent approach any player officially assigned to another team for the express purpose of changing teams during the Player's current season. Registered players may be invited to try out by League-approved Competitive Coaches for the upcoming season. Coaches deemed to have committed the offense of poaching shall be dealt with by the Board of Directors of this league. Violations may result in disciplinary action, which could include reassignment of the team or suspension of the coach.

RULE#9

At the conclusion of each playing season, the U10 - U16 AGC's will review the team standings for all recreational teams. The AGC's will identify those teams that are dominating their divisions. After consultation with the coach and with concurrence of the TFC, these teams will be given the choice of:

- A. Playing in a higher division or age group (requires approval of the Board) in MYSL,
- B. Forming a competitive team according to Articles V and VI of the MYSL Bylaws.
- C. Breaking up the team with the distribution of players among other teams in the age group.

RULE#10

Competitive teams desiring to return to the recreational league will be treated as a dominating team and processed as in Rule 9.

RULE#11

While a team fielding eleven players may carry eighteen (18), teams are encouraged to limit their size to fifteen (15) players. Smaller sided teams are encouraged to limit their size to four (4) substitutes.

RULE#12

The TFC shall review the formation of all teams associated with AGC's to assure the teams are formed in accordance with the team formation guidelines.

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RULE#13

For Milpitas Recreational teams, no league standings or win/loss records will be kept. It should be encouraged, in the younger age groups (U6 – U10), that coaches impress upon their teams that no game scores are kept and no win/loss records are recorded. The point of this league and all their games is to enjoy and learn the game of soccer, to expose every player to all positions, and not be concerned with “winning.”

RULE#14

No coach will allow his recreational team to score a point differential greater than five goals. Coaches whose teams score more than a five point goal differential will be asked to appear before the board and explain their actions. Disciplinary action may be taken if this practice continues.

SECTION V: UNIFORM AND SPONSORSHIP POLICY

RULE#1

All team sponsorships displayed on team banners, uniforms, web sites, etc, must be approved in advance by the MYSL Board. Logos promoting alcohol, gambling, tobacco, controlled substances (drugs) or other activities not deemed appropriate by CYSA or the MYSL Board are specifically prohibited on uniforms, web sites, team banners or any other team clothing or equipment.

RULE#2

Uniforms will follow standards set by the League for recreational teams.

- A. U-6 through U-10 recreational teams will wear the league uniform, with League colors bearing the league logo, of the design and material designated by the League.
- B. U-12 through U-19 recreational teams have the option of wearing league uniforms or purchasing custom uniforms, provided the purchase of uniform design, colors, and materials are approved in advance by the MYSL Board and display the league logo.