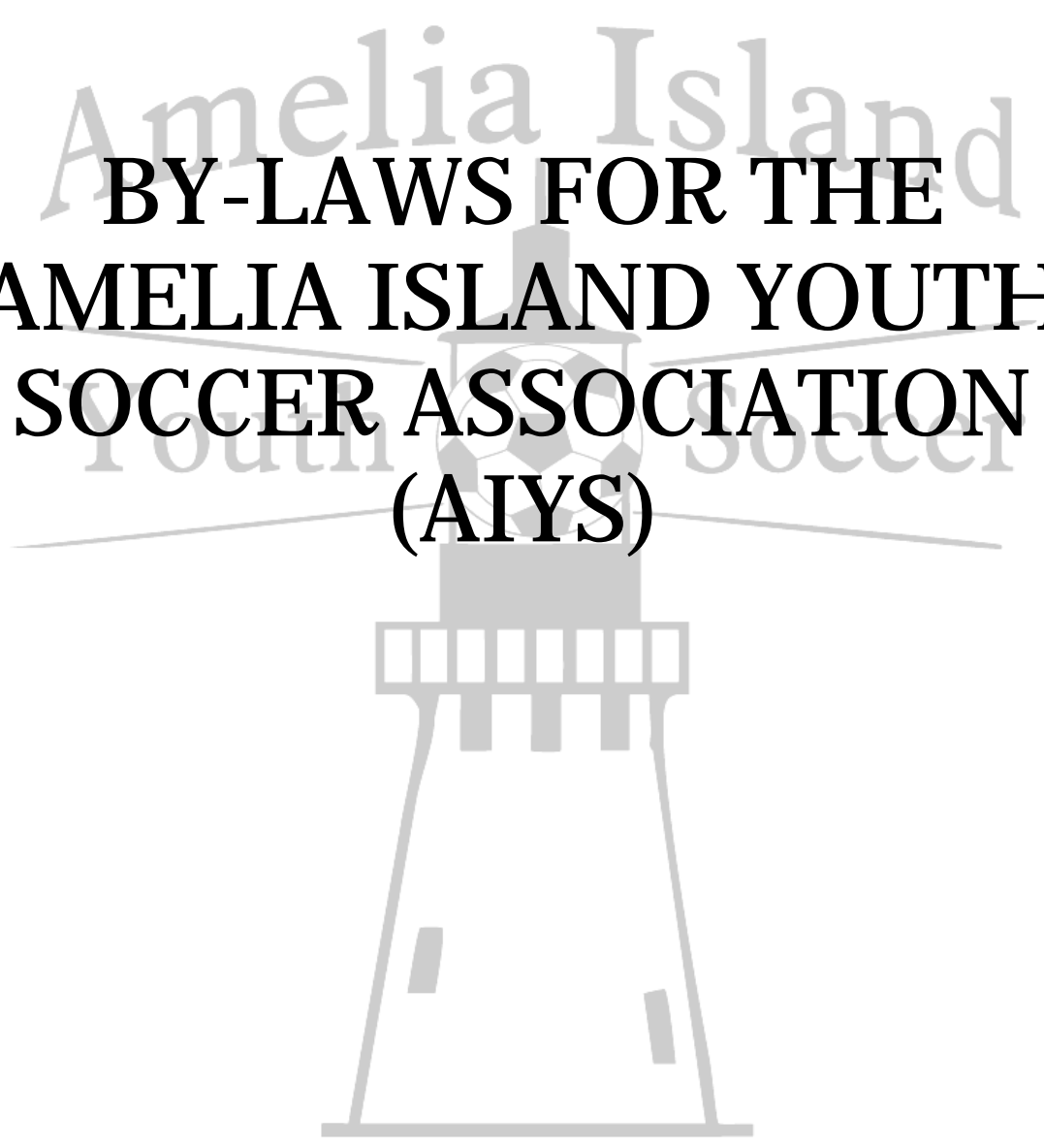


Amelia Island
BY-LAWS FOR THE
AMELIA ISLAND YOUTH
SOCCER ASSOCIATION
(AIYS)



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Board of Directors AIYS

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ARTICLE 1
NAME, OFFICES, AND PURPOSE

Section 1 Name: The name of this corporation is Amelia Island Youth Soccer, (AIYS) herein referred to as the Club.

Section 2 Offices: The registered office of the corporation, as required by Florida law, shall be the residence of the president of the corporation, but the corporation may have other offices for the transaction of its business as the Board of Directors may determine necessary. All correspondence shall be mailed to AIYS: P.O. Box 6202
Fernandina Beach, FL 32035-6206

Section 3 Purpose: The purpose of the Club shall be to provide education, recreational benefits, and experience to the people of Amelia Island, Fernandina Beach, and surrounding areas through the organization and operation of recreational and club team soccer.

Section 4 The Corporation shall be affiliated with, and be a member of, Florida Youth Soccer Association (FYSA), or its successors and shall be subject to the Rules and Regulations of the Association or its successors. In the event that any provisions of these By-Laws, or of the Rules and Regulations of this Corporation, shall conflict with the By-Laws of the Rules and Regulations of the FYSA, the By-Laws of the FYSA shall prevail. Should any provisions herein not be stated in the By-Laws of FYSA, then such By-Laws shall prevail.

Section 5 No officer, member, or Board Member may in any way profit or benefit financially from membership in this organization. Reimbursement for activities as approved by the Board of Directors will be allowed. No Board Member may receive any type of stipend, payment or increment of any type, other than stated above, as a result of membership on the Board of Directors.

Section 6 The Board of Directors shall make all decisions regarding the organization and operation of the Club.

Section 7 In the event that this corporation should cease to exist all monies shall be distributed to other nonprofit organizations in the community.

ARTICLE II
MEMBERSHIP

The membership of The Amelia Island Youth Soccer Association shall consist of adults who shall qualify for membership from the following:

- Section 1 Current coach of a team, participating in a program of AIYS.
- Section 2 Parent of a child(ren) under the age of eighteen (18) currently registered on a team and paid in full.
- Section 3 Any registered player on a team and paid in full who is eighteen years of age or older.
- Section 4 Member of a standing committee or an elected officer of the AIYS.
- Section 5 Honorary membership is a special category of the Club reserved for those individuals and establishments who are contributing in a unique way to the development of the Club soccer program. This category shall include coaches and referees. Membership shall be attained only through a majority vote of the Board of Directors or by becoming a coach or referee for the Club.

ARTICLE III
CLUB ORGANIZATION

- Section 1 This Club consists of members in good standing and will be governed by a Board of Directors also referred to as officers. Officers shall be elected at the annual general meeting to be held the 3rd Tuesday in April, or appointed by the elected board members as described herein.
- (a) The Board of Directors of the Club shall consist of the elected and appointed officers of the Club.
 - (b) The term of an elected officer shall be for two years. Officers may be re-elected for concurrent terms.
 - (c) The term for an officer appointed to the board by the elected board members shall be for one (1) year.
 - (d) The elections for the positions of President, Registrar, U6/8 Director at Large and U14 and older Director at Large shall be held in even numbered years. The elections for the positions of Vice President, Secretary, Finance Coordinator, U10/12 Director at Large and Director of Advanced Competition shall be held in odd numbered years.

Vacancies: Any Director may resign at any time by giving written notice to the President or the Secretary of the Club. Such resignation shall take effect at the time specified therein, and unless otherwise specified therein, the acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective, notwithstanding any other provision of this Article or of these By-Laws. Any Director, who misses three (3) consecutive meetings of the Board of Directors without being excused by the President, shall be conclusively deemed to have resigned from the Board of Directors. Any vacancy occurring in the Board of Directors may be filled through appointment by the affirmative vote of a simple majority of the remaining elected Directors, though less than a quorum, or by a sole remaining Director. If no Directors remain, the vacancy may be filled by the vote of the members at an annual meeting or a special meeting called for that purpose. A Director appointed to fill a vacancy shall serve for the unexpired term of his or her predecessor in office. If replacing a Director at Large the new Director shall be nominated from the same age group that the predecessor represented.

- (e) Any Board Member may make any vacant officer nomination with ratification of those nominations by a majority vote at the next Board Meeting.
- (f) Newly elected officers to the Board of Directors shall take office June 1st.
- (g) The elected officers of the board will make nominations, vote on and appoint officers to fill appointed positions at the regular June board meeting or at a special meeting convened by the President in the month of June.
- (h) All appointed board members shall take office July 1st.

Section 2 The Board of Directors shall meet monthly as required or in a special session and shall concern themselves with the operation of the Club for the benefit of the players. Board meetings are open to the general membership, although only elected and appointed Board Members whose positions are described in Article IV Section 1 (b) contained herein may vote on issues.

Section 3 A member of the Board of Directors may be removed from office by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of all Adult Members at any regular or special meeting, provided ample notification of the meeting has been made, including notification to that member.

Section 4 The Board of Directors shall have authority to make expenditures as provided and according to the rules and By-Laws of AIYS in the conduct of Club business.

Section 5 All officers shall deliver to their successors all official material and records in their possession and conduct a thorough oral and / or written turn-over with their successor within ten (10) days following the expiration of their term in office.

Section 6 The Board of Directors shall review all written and signed complaints and protests received and take such action(s) as recommended and / or deemed appropriate in accordance with the by-laws of FYSA and the established procedures contained herein.

Section 7 The Board of Directors shall create special positions not formally established herein as required to serve the membership and the Board where work load and membership growth dictate. Such positions shall not be voting positions on the Board, and shall serve at the discretion of the Board.

Section 8 Although a board member may temporarily fulfill the routine duties required of a vacant office, no member shall hold more than one office at a time on the Board of Directors.

Section 9 All Board of Directors shall have full knowledge of the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations, and operating procedures of the corporation.

ARTICLE IV
THE OFFICERS OF THE CLUB

Section 1

The elected officers of the Club shall be elected at the annual general meeting, (AGM).

(a) Nominating Committee: The Board of Directors shall appoint in February a Nomination Committee consisting of three (3) members from the general population in addition to those elected officers being replaced, unless said officer is seeking reelection or another office on the current ballot.

1. No later than one (1) week prior to the April Board meeting, which serves as the club's AGM, the Nomination Committee shall present all nominees for each elected office to be filled to the Secretary for the purpose of creating ballots. The Nominating Committee must canvas the general membership for the Board of Directors in an effort to provide representation from the Club. No member in good standing desiring to run for an office shall be prohibited from doing so. They shall inform the nominating committee no later than ten (10) days prior to the AGM of their intention to run and their name shall appear on the ballot
2. Only those who have consented to serve if elected shall be eligible for nomination by the Nomination Committee.
3. Elected officers shall begin Board membership as non-voting members on the first (1st) of the month following the annual general meeting. They shall become voting members upon assuming office on June 1st.

(b) The offices listed below may be filled by any Adult Member and shall constitute the Board of Directors, herein referred to as the Board.

ELECTED

(Listed in order of seniority/succession)

1. President
2. Vice President
3. Secretary
4. Finance Coordinator (Treasurer)
5. Registrar
6. Director of Advanced Competition
7. U14 and up Recreational Director at Large
8. U10/12 Recreational Director at Large
9. U6/8 Recreational Director at Large

APPOINTED

(no seniority inferred by order)

1. Director of Coaching
2. Director of Referees
3. Director of Facilities
4. Director of Concessions
5. Director of Volunteers
6. Director of Fund Raising and Marketing
7. Director of Public Relations
8. Director of Scheduling

Section 2 No officer may represent the Club in any fashion except as may be authorized by his/her duties or as directed by the Board of Directors.

**ARTICLE V
DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS**

Section 1 Duties of the President shall consist of, but not be limited to, the following:

- (a) The President shall preside at all meetings and maintain order therein. The President shall not vote on any issue except to break a tie.
- (b) The President shall enforce all points of order that may arise and enforce the By-Laws of the Club.
- (c) The President or his/her designee shall represent the Club at all official association and league functions such as district meetings and be the voice of the Club on all issues and regulations concerning the game of soccer.
- (d) The President shall have the power to appoint with Board approval, all special committees for any length of time not to exceed his/her term in office, and shall have the power with Board approval, to remove or reassign any members of such committees.
- (e) The President shall be empowered to call special meetings at his/her discretion and to appoint special officers of the Club provided the Board of Directors grants their approval.

Section 2 Duties of the Vice President

- (a) The Vice President shall carry out the duties of the President at any time the President is unable to do so, due to illness or other legitimate reason, and to assist the President in his/her duties at all times.

- (b) The Vice President shall become the President for the remainder of the term of office, if the office of President is at any time declared vacant.
- (c) The Vice President shall coordinate the activities and functions of the Club as directed by the President and shall report to the Board of Directors on such activities.
- (d) The Vice President shall also act as the Director of Discipline, chairperson for the Disciplinary Committee and shall be responsible for executing all duties associated with discipline, grievances and appeals addressed in Article XVII contained herein.

Section 3 Duties of the Secretary

- (a) The Secretary shall keep accurate records of all proceedings of the Club and determine a quorum. The Secretary will keep the minutes of the meetings and shall read the minutes of the previous Board meetings and any special meetings at the next regular or general meeting. The secretary shall mail or post all minutes in such manner for all club members to review.
- (b) In the absence of the Secretary from any meeting the senior elected officer present shall appoint any board member to take the minutes in their stead.
- (c) The results or minutes of any disciplinary meeting shall be maintained by the secretary and bound so as to protect the privacy of the parties involved. The results of such meetings shall only be available only to elected board members, the Director of Coaching, league and association officials and public officials as may be necessary to the performance of the duties of their office.
- (d) The Secretary shall keep a complete roster of all Directors, Coaches, and Referees as well as maintaining a list of all committees and members.
- (e) The Secretary will be responsible for notification of all club members of the date, time and place of all regular and special meetings, or will form a committee for notification.
- (f) The Secretary shall be the Clerk of all elections, call the roll, determine a quorum, distribute and record the ballots and announce the election of the Directors.
- (g) The Secretary shall at all times, have in his/her possession the original, current copy of the By-Laws, and shall ensure yearly that the club is appropriately registered as a non-profit organization / business with all appropriate governmental or other agencies as may be required by law, league or association direction.

Section 4 Duties of the Finance Coordinator

- (a) The Finance Coordinator shall keep an accurate accounting of all funds received and disbursed and make a report of same at the regular meetings or when called upon to do so.
- (b) The Finance Coordinator shall be responsible for the payment of debts approved by the Club as directed by a majority vote of the Board of Directors at a regular or special Board Meeting, from funds available in the Treasury, and shall not obligate the Club beyond available funds.
- (c) The Finance Coordinator shall surrender the Club books for inspection and audit at any time requested by any Board Member, the parent league or FYSA.
- (d) The Finance Coordinator shall coordinate the collection and refund of membership fees as directed by a majority vote of the Board of Directors and as provided for in the By-Laws of the parent Athletic League and Association and as otherwise provided for in these By-Laws.
- (e) The Finance Coordinator shall request inputs from all officers as may be necessary, then develop and submit budget estimation for the upcoming two seasons prior to the start of any season for Club operation planning and amend budgets as necessary.
- (f) The Finance Coordinator shall ensure yearly that all applicable IRS non-profit organization documentation is accurate and current.
- (g) The Finance Coordinator shall be bonded for an amount equal to 100% of the previous calendar years registration revenues. Any premium fee for such bond will be paid by the club.
- (h) An independent audit will be performed by a committee of no less than two board members appointed by the President prior to the expiration of the current term and before the Finance Coordinator is relieved of their duties.

Section 5

Duties of the Registrar

- (a) The Registrar shall be responsible for the registration, recording and transmitting of the information required on all players in the Soccer Program, as set forth in the rules and regulations of FYSA.
- (b) The Registrar shall maintain a current list of all Youth Player Members and add or delete from the roster, players as they enter or leave the Club and transmit this information as indicated by the rules and regulations of FYSA.
- (c) The Registrar shall submit at the beginning of the season a list of Youth Player Members' names and addresses that are registered for membership in AIYS. Updated lists and team rosters shall be submitted to all Board Members. Rosters and member lists, stripped of all personally identifiable information

other than names shall be made available upon request to any member at large.

- (d) The Registrar, with the assistance of the Directors at Large, shall assign all recreational teams.
- (e) The Registrar shall be responsible for coordinating with the Finance Coordinator to procure all uniform items and shall work with the appropriate Directors at Large and the Director of Advance Competition to distribute uniforms to team coaches.

Section 6 Directors

Duties of the Director of Advanced Competition and Recreational at Large

- (a) The Director of Advanced Competition and Recreational Directors at Large shall be assigned by the President to assist any Director in any area of need or take charge of responsibilities not otherwise designated.
- (b) The Director of Advanced Competition and Recreational Directors at Large shall assist the Director of Coaching as needed and be responsible for monitoring all aspects of their respective group and make reports and recommendations to the Board concerning that group.
- (c) The Director of Advanced Competition and Recreational Directors at Large shall act as members of the Disciplinary Committee as necessary.

Section 7

Duties of the Director of Coaching

- (a) The Director of Coaching shall be responsible for the training, scheduling, and coordinating of the coaching staff and shall make recommendations to the board concerning the assignment of coaches
- (b) The Director of Coaching shall refer all problems and disputes between coaches to the Vice President for possible review by a grievance committee.
- (c) The Director of Coaching shall be responsible for notifying the Coaches of all matters concerning coaching responsibilities.
- (d) The Director of Coaching shall act as a member of the Disciplinary Committee.

Section 8

Duties of the Director of Referees

- (a) The Director of Referees shall be responsible for the training, scheduling, and coordinating of the Club referees. The age differential between a referee and players shall be a minimum of three years if possible. Exceptions to the three year differential shall be made by the Director of Referees. The referee shall

never be younger than the normal age range of players participating.

- (b) The Director of Referees shall coordinate with other officers of the Club to insure fair and impartial referees' at all home games.
- (c) The Director of Referees shall be responsible for notifying the referees of all matters, rules and decisions which may properly come under their cognizance for the proper refereeing of soccer games.
- (d) The Director of Referees shall represent the Club at the President's pleasure at all meetings, committees and gatherings concerning the rules of soccer.
- (e) The Director of Referees shall be responsible for tabulating red and yellow cautions and subsequent reports to the Board of Directors and to the District Commissioner of FYSA.
- (f) The Director of Referees shall work closely with the Director of Scheduling to ensure that adequate referee personnel are available for scheduled games and that there are no scheduling conflicts.

Section 9 Duties of the Director of Facilities

- (a) The Director of Facilities shall be responsible for ordering field supplies necessary for the play and practice of the game of soccer.
- (b) The Director of Facilities shall procure, maintain and care for the soccer fields and other properties utilized by the Club.
- (c) The Director of Facilities shall be responsible for the playable conditions of the fields for the Club up to game time. The referee controls the actual playing of Club games upon the fields.
- (d) The Director of Facilities shall be responsible for notifying the Director of Coaches, the Director of Referees, all club coaches and out-of-town coaches when a home game must be rescheduled due to field conditions.
- (e) The Director of Facilities shall be responsible for the procurement, storage, safekeeping and distribution of all club equipment.
- (f) The Director of Facilities shall be responsible for the orderly purchasing of equipment, (other than uniforms), materials, supplies, etc. needed to run an orderly soccer program.

Section 10 Duties of the Director of Concessions

- (a) The Director of Concessions shall be responsible for the coordination and the operation of the concession stand, and all other Club concessions wherever they may be, including insuring the necessary supplies are available, that money is

- collected and deposited according to the By-Laws and that sufficient change is readily available.
- (b) The Director of Concessions will work closely with the Volunteer Coordinator to ensure any concession operations are appropriately staffed.

Section 11 **Duties of the Director of Volunteers**

- (a) The Director of Volunteers shall coordinate all necessary club volunteer duties. The club is a volunteer ran organization and as such it is an absolute expectation that all members will volunteer for a minimum of one event or duty every season. The club reserves the right to levy such penalties or require such deposit that may be reasonable that they deem necessary to encourage and ensure Volunteer duty obligations are met.
- (b) The Director of Volunteers shall solicit input from other board members as to the need for volunteer's necessary to the operation of the club, such as: concession operation, fund raising events, facility set up, upkeep and cleaning.

Section 12 **Duties of the Director of Fund Raising and Marketing**

- (a) The Director of Fund Raising shall be responsible for the coordination of all fund raising events, other than concessions, and the solicitation for sponsors
- (b) The Director of Fundraising shall work closely with the director of Public Relations to educate the public and potential sponsors as to the positive aspects and benefit the club provides to the community at large.

Section 13 **Duties of the Director of Public Relations**

- (a) The Director of Public Relations shall be responsible for the coordination of all public relations in regard to all Club functions and activities.
- (b) The Director of Public Relations shall work closely with the Director of Fundraising and Marketing and coordinate all publicity pertaining to the Club.

Section 1 **Duties of the Director of Scheduling**

- (a) The Director of Scheduling shall work closely with the Director of Referees to schedule the playing fields for all recreational travel teams and competitive teams games ensuring we have adequate referee personnel and that there are no other scheduling conflicts. As such they shall attend the parent league's scheduling meetings as may be required.

- (b) The director of Scheduling shall be responsible for scheduling all non-travel team games, friendly matches and practice field sessions for the most equitable allotment of time between the various teams. No preference should be given to either advanced or recreation or girls teams, except that advanced teams may be scheduled an additional practice session each week over recreational teams.

ARTICLE VI

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- Section 1 Special Committees whose functions shall be of a temporary nature, shall be appointed or designated by the President and approved by the Board as the need arises and shall be deemed discharged when their particular duty has been performed and the final report accepted.
- Section 2 No committee, either temporary or permanent, shall be vested with or assume authority to make or enter into any contract or agreement otherwise obligate the Club without prior approval by a majority of the Board of Directors of AIYS at a regular or special meeting.

ARTICLE VII

REMOVAL FROM OFFICE

- Section 1 Conduct prejudicial to the best interests or objectives of this Club, or nonfeasance, malfeasance, or misfeasance of official Club duties and responsibilities may be cause for the removal of a member of the board of directors, provided the following conditions are met:
- (a) Allegations are brought to the AIYS board in writing by another member of the Board of Directors or member of the club.
 - (b) The board member so charged is notified of these allegations in writing by mail at least fourteen (14) days in advance of any special meeting called for the purpose of reviewing such allegations.
- Section 2 Removal of a member of the Board of Directors shall require a special Board of Directors meeting and a two-thirds (2/3) vote of elected board members present. The officer being considered for removal shall not vote.

- Section 3 Malfeasance shall be defined as the doing of an act which a person ought not to do at all.
- Section 4 Nonfeasance shall be defined as the omission of an act which a person ought to do.
- Section 5 Misfeasance shall be defined as the improper doing of an act which a person might lawfully do.

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ARTICLE VIII

INDEMNIFICATION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

- Section 1 Each Director and Officer of this Corporation, whether or not then in office, and his or her personal representatives, shall be indemnified by the Corporation against all cost and expenses actually and necessarily incurred by him or her in connection with the defense of any action, suite, or proceeding in which he or she may be involved or to which he or she may be made a party by reason of his or her being or having been such Director or Officer, except in relation to matters as to which he or she shall be finally adjudged in such action, suit, or proceeding to be liable for negligence or misconduct in the performance of duty. Such costs and expenses shall include amounts reasonably paid in settlement for the purpose of curtailing the costs of litigation, but only if the Corporation is advised in writing by its counsel that in his or her opinion the person indemnified did not commit such negligence misconduct. The foregoing right of indemnification shall not be exclusive of other rights to which he or she may be entitled as a matter of law or by agreement. The provisions of the Article shall apply to any member of any committee appointed by the Board of Directors or as fully as though such person has been a Director or Officer of the Corporation.

ARTICLE IX

EXECUTION OF INSTRUMENTS

- Section 1 Execution of Instruments: The President shall have the power to, with board concurrence, execute on the behalf of and in the name of the Corporation any deed, contract, bond, debenture, note, or other obligations or evidences of indebtedness, or proxy, or other instrument requiring the signature of a an Officer of the Corporation, except where the signing and execution thereof shall be expressly delegated by the Board of Directors to some other

Officer or agent of the Corporation. Unless so authorized, no officer, agent, or employee shall have any power or authority to bind the Corporation in any way, to pledge its credit or to render it liable peculiarly for any purpose or in any amount without prior board concurrence.

Section 2

Checks and Endorsements: All checks and drafts upon the funds to the credit of the Corporation in any of its depositories shall be signed by a minimum of two (2) Board Members as shall from time to time be determined by resolution of the Board of Directors which may provide for the use of facsimile signatures under specified conditions, and all notes, bills, receivable, trade acceptance, drafts, and other evidence of indebtedness payable to the Corporation shall, for the purpose of deposit, discount, or collection be endorsed by such officers or agents of the Corporation or in such a manner as shall from time to time be determined by resolution of the Board of Directors. The uses of electronic payment methods and / or debit cards are permitted to be used to draw upon the funds of the club. However, the use of these methods shall only be for such services and / or materials as determined necessary by similar resolution of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE X

MEETINGS

Section 1

The Annual General Meeting shall be held the third (3rd) Tuesday of April.

(a) The Annual General Meeting shall be held for the purpose of electing the Officers of the Club and to conduct such other business as may properly come before the membership. The meeting date should be posted where the general membership is likely to see it, and mailed and / or electronically mailed to all officers and club members at least twenty (20) days prior to the meeting. Every effort should be made to include as many members as possible at this meeting. If the day fixed for the Annual General Meeting shall be a legal holiday, such meeting shall be held on the next succeeding business day. Ballots containing all those candidates presented by the nominating committee shall be distributed by the Secretary at the Annual General Meeting. Upon completion of ballot, a vote count shall be conducted by the Secretary. Upon completion of the Secretary's count an independent recount shall be conducted by any non-board member present as selected by the senior elected board member present not listed on the ballot.

- (b) Special meetings of the membership may be called at the discretion of the President or three (3) Board of Directors, with at least seven (7) days advanced notice to the members. The President shall be required to call a special meeting of the Club within seven (7) days on receipt of a written request by five (5) Adult Members.

Section 2

The Board of Directors shall meet at least once per calendar month and additionally as may be determined to be necessary. The date, time and location of the next regularly scheduled meeting shall be determined prior to the conclusion of the current regular meeting. The scheduling of the next meeting shall be advertised to all members of the club at least fourteen (14) days prior to said meeting. Meetings once so set shall not be changed unless it is determined through a secretarial quorum call that a quorum of board members will not be present or that at least one elected member shall not be present. The secretary shall determine the date, time and location of any rescheduled meeting and the Board of Directors and all club members will be notified at least seven (7) days in advance. Only Board Members may vote on issues. Attendance is open to all members and consideration of this shall be considered in the scheduling of meetings so as to encourage maximum participation of all club members.

Section 3

Special meetings can be called at any time by the President and/or three (3) Board Members, stating the purpose for which the meeting has been called. Business conducted at such meeting shall be limited to the specific topic for which the meeting was called. Quorum shall be the same as for a Board Meeting. The Board of Directors and all club members shall be given at least seven (7) days notice of a special meeting.

Section 4

Procedures for General, Board, and Special Meetings

- (a) At the Annual General and Special Membership Meetings, a quorum shall be five (5) members of the Board of Directors, one of which must be an elected board member to act as chair, plus a minimum of ten (10) other members.
- (b) At all AIYS Board or Special Board Meetings, a quorum shall be five (5) members of the Board of Directors one of which must be an elected board member to act as chair.
- (c) All decisions will be reached by a simple majority of members present and eligible to vote.
- (d) Votes for the conduct of regular business or appointment of board members may be taken by voice, show of hand, rising (if requested), or by ballot. Votes for the election of elected board members at the AGM shall be by ballot only as distributed by the secretary to club members present at the AGM. Proxy

- balloting may be used by a Board of Directors Member at any Board of Directors meeting. NO Proxy ballots will be accepted at the Annual General or Special Membership meetings.
- (e) "Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised", shall be used to settle any parliamentary questions unless they are covered by these By-Laws.



ARTICLE XI

REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS

- Section 1** All players must be registered on the standard forms as issued by the AIYS, FYSA, or USYSA. Electronic registration is permitted only if all information for players and parents contained in the standard registration form is presented and all data required on the standard form is collected.
A copy of the completed registration form or printed copy of any electronic form shall be provided to the Registrar and the Finance Coordinator. The original signed copy of the registration form, or a printed and signed copy of the electronic registration form, containing the medical release acknowledgement of the players parent or guardian shall be retained by the coach. The coach must have this document with him at all practices and games for the unlikely event that an immediate emergency medical decision must be made regarding an injured player.
- Section 2** Copies of registration forms must be forwarded to the parent league or association within the guidelines set by those organizations.
- Section 3** Any player properly registered shall not play for any other team than that for which he/she is rostered except under the following conditions:
- (a) Player's current coach is notified by player and the coach approves.
 - (b) Coaching Director verifies coach's notification on AIYS guest player form provided by the Director of Coaching or DAC.
 - (c) Registrar is notified by the Director of Coaching or the DAC.
 - (d) District Commissioner is notified by the Director of Coaching or DAC, (if needed for out of district play).
 - (e) This request is to be in writing and prepared by the appropriate Director of Coaching or DAC and filed with the appropriate Vice President or designated club representative.
 - (f) This request MUST be completed and filed three (3) days prior to the scheduled game. Special situations will be given consideration by the Director of Coaching or DAC.
 - (g) This rule applies to ALL league, tournament, and exhibition games.
 - (h) Competitive team players shall not guest play on a recreational team.
 - (i) Recreational players may guest play ONLY two (2) competitive division games during regular season play.
 - (j) The number of guest players playing for a competitive division team during regular season play will be limited by:

1. The number of guest players per team may not exceed the number of rostered team players that will be absent for that game.

Section 4 No player under current suspension by any club shall be eligible for registration with AIYS.

Section 5 Team alignment and proof of age shall be consistent with FYSA guidelines for single year age divisions and/or double year age divisions for that current year.

(a) Players will be expected to play for the team that is determined by their age. Exceptions for Recreational Division players may be granted upon the recommendation of the Director at Large for that age the player will be playing at and / or the Director of Coaching, with final approval by the Board of Directors. Exceptions for Competitive Division players may only be granted by the Director of Advanced Competition, Director of Coaching and Competitive Division Coaches meeting as a committee with final approval by the Board of Directors. The determination for “playing up” will be determined by three (3) factors:

- (1) Player’s maturity – Can he/she handle playing with older players?
- (2) Player’s skill level – Has he/she demonstrated a skill level that is sufficient for playing at this new level?
- (3) Physical capability – Is he/she strong enough to be able to handle competition at this level?

(b) There will be no enforced maximum limit of players per team that “play up”.

(c) “Playing up” is defined as follows:

- (1) Mixed year teams – two (2) year age bracket for the team.
Example: a U-14 team would be comprised of U-13 and U-14 players. A player from a U-12 team playing on an U14 mixed team.

(d) The final decision as to any players “playing up” is to be determined by the Board of Directors and must be commensurate with established league and / or association guidance.

ARTICLE XII

ASSIGNMENT OF PLAYERS

Section 1 Assignment of players to teams shall be done in the following manner:

- (a) Competitive teams will be selected first from all interested and properly registered players.
- (b) Recreational teams will be constructed by using the following:
 - (1) Players will be assigned to teams according to FYSA age group guidelines for that current year, except for those players who are approved for another age bracket as outlined in Article XI section 5 contained herein.
 - (2) Fall players assignment shall be prioritized in the order in which they have registered and paid for that fall season.
 - (3) Spring players assignment shall be prioritized for returning players who paid for a full year first, then for returning players who need to re-register, then for new players in the order in which they have registered and paid. Returning players who need to re-register will lose their priority status if not registered and paid in full prior to the registration deadline as established by the Registrar and approved by the board.
 - (4) No recreational team shall have players placed on the roster so as not to provide for a minimum of 50% play time for those players already placed on the roster.
 - (5) Players who can not be placed on a team shall be placed on a wait list and in the event they can not be placed on a roster a full refund of fees shall be provided.
 - (6) Placing players on two rosters is permitted but only in such manner as to not prevent the opportunity of other players to be placed on a roster. The play of a player on a secondary team shall not interfere with any primary players' 50% playtime minimum. There shall be no minimum play time expectations for secondary team players on their secondary team.
 - (7) Teams will be constructed prior to the fall season and if feasible play together until the next fall season (fall and spring). Exceptions to this policy may be necessary as to provide maximum participation opportunities to all recreational players.
- (a) Players will be assigned to teams based on ability, to ensure a balance of each team. The Director of Coaching, Directors at Large and respective age group coaches will grade players based on prior year of playing (fall and spring seasons). The method of grading players shall be recommended by the Director of Coaching and approved by the Board.
- (b) The U8 and U10 recreational teams will be the only age groups affected by the grading process. U6 players will be reassigned prior to the beginning of the fall season on a random basis for the upcoming year (fall and spring).
- (c) New players that didn't play the previous season will be assigned evenly and randomly to existing teams.

- (d) A player may request that they be removed from their team assignment. They may not request assignment to a particular team and reassignment is not always possible. Not meeting such requests shall not, in and of itself, be grounds for the refund of fees paid.
- (e) A parent coach that requests to have their child assigned to their team will be approved.
- (f) All parent requests will be considered when possible i.e. (car pools, relatives, personality conflicts.) However, the ability to meet such requests is not always possible and may not be honored. Not meeting such requests shall not, in and of itself, be grounds for the refund of fees paid.

ARTICLE XIII

PLAYING RULES

Section 1 **FIFA, USSF, USYSA, and FYSA rules govern the playing rules of this Club, except for the following:**

- (a) Each recreational player not restricted for health or other reasons, **MUST** play a **MINIMUM** of one half of each game. Coaches must make disciplinary measures known to the parents and players **IN WRITING** prior to the season if his sanctions include forfeiting game time. Rules must be enforced uniformly.
- (b) **Competitive Division:** Coaches must make disciplinary measures known to the parents and players **IN WRITING** prior to the season if his sanctions include forfeiting game time. Rules must be enforced uniformly. This does not apply to tournament play, regional cup, or state cup play.
- (c) There is no limit to the number of substitutions during games.

ARTICLE XIV

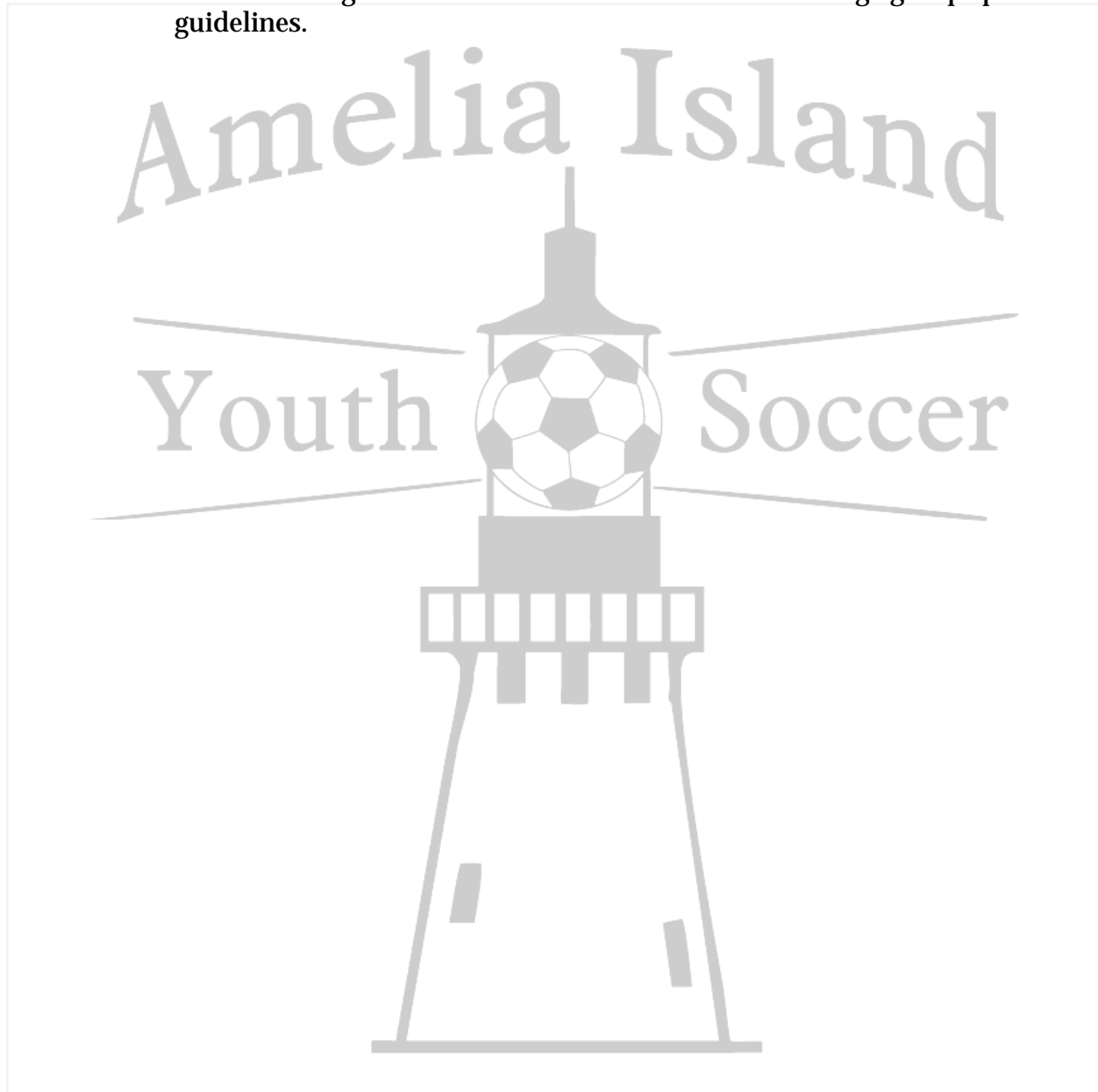
CLUB AND PLAYER RESPONSIBILITIES

Section 1 **The conduct of the coaches, players, and parents shall reflect the moral standards of the AIYS, swearing, insubordination, excessive absence, unsportsmanlike conduct, or verbal abuse of players, coaches, officials, or spectators will be sufficient cause for disciplinary action including expulsion from the Club.**

Section 2 **Players wearing an orthopedic cast or metal brace will follow current FYSA guidelines for play and/or practice eligibility.**

Section 3 All registered players **WILL BE REQUIRED** to wear protective shin guards (to be worn beneath their socks) at all times while actively participating in a game or practice. Such shin guards shall be of the type and style of protective athletic equipment specifically designed to protect the player's lower leg (shin bone).

Section 4 Shoes utilizing "screw in" cleats will be allowed for all age groups per FYSA guidelines.



ARTICLE XV

GUIDELINES TO COACHES

- Section 1 All representatives of the AIYS should keep in mind that youth soccer is a service to the community. It can prosper only if we take the welfare of the boys and girls, our players shall always be our primary concern.
- Section 2 A recreational coach is expected to keep his/her team for the full season, be it the fall or spring season.
- Section 3 A competitive division coach is expected to keep his/her team for the full year (fall and spring)
- Section 4 A coach is to teach the players the game of soccer and good sportsmanship. Abusive language and obscene gestures are strictly NOT allowed. Any complaints will be handled promptly and appropriately by the Vice-President and the Disciplinary Committee as warranted.
- Section 5 Winning should NOT be the first priority of the coach, if it is done in such a manner that players are denied the right to play.
- Section 6 Absence of the coach is not acceptable for cancellation of the game; the coach must provide a replacement. The assignment of one or two assistant coaches is highly encouraged and almost a necessity for travel teams. All assistant coaches shall be placed on the teams official roster.
- Section 7 NO pets, alcohol, tobacco products, or controlled substances will be allowed at practice or game sites.
- Section 8 The officials shall at all times be treated with respect. Honor their decisions and teach the players to do likewise. Harassment by players, coaches, and spectators, as well as verbal abuse, will not be tolerated and may result in disciplinary action.
- Section 9 Assignment of competitive division coaches will be handled as per policy and procedures as outlined in the Competitive Division addendum contained herein. Assignment of all other coaches will be handled in the following manner:
- (a) Returning coaches will be given first choice to return to their age specific team. New coaches and coaches wishing to work with another team will be assigned to a team per the recommendation of the Director of Coaching and completion of the proper paperwork.
- Section 10 Coaches cannot cancel a game due to weather conditions. Cancellations for weather may only be made by the officials or by the Director of

Facilities, or President or if neither are available, by joint decision of two (2) Board of Director Members.



ARTICLE XVI

REFEREES

Section 1 All games under the jurisdiction of the FYSA shall be refereed by current, certified USSF officials.

Section 2 Should the assigned referee fail to appear for any game, a substitute should be chosen and agreed upon by the two (2) coaches involved. Club linesmen may be used.

ARTICLE XVII

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS, GRIEVANCES, AND APPEALS

Section 1 The Vice President, Secretary, Director of Coaching, and appropriate Director at Large or Director of Advanced Competition, as determined by the Vice President, shall review all reports of misconduct and shall determine whether a disciplinary action or a grievance process is appropriate.

Section 2 **Disciplinary actions:** The Vice President shall be responsible for all actions applicable to coaches and players as may be deemed necessary by the Disciplinary Committee. The Disciplinary Committee shall be comprised of the Vice President, who shall act as chair, the Secretary, who shall keep a written record of all Disciplinary Committee activities and meetings, the Director of Coaching, and the appropriate Director at Large or Director of Advanced Competition, as determined by the Vice President. The primary purpose of this Committee is to objectively hear any offense and recommend and administer any disciplinary action to be taken. The time and location of the hearing will be determined by the Vice President. Recommendation decisions shall be arrived at by a majority vote of at least three (3) of the four (4) committee members being in agreement. In the event the Disciplinary Committee finds that grounds for disciplinary action exist, the elected board members and Director of Coaching only shall meet at a special meeting as set by the Secretary to hear such recommendations and make a final decision. A quorum for such meeting shall consist of at least seven (7) with either the President or Vice President present and a simple majority vote of all in attendance shall prevail. The minimum actions as set forth in any Rules and Regulations of the FYSA shall apply. However, more severe or stringent discipline may be administered by the Committee if it is determined that such discipline is appropriate.

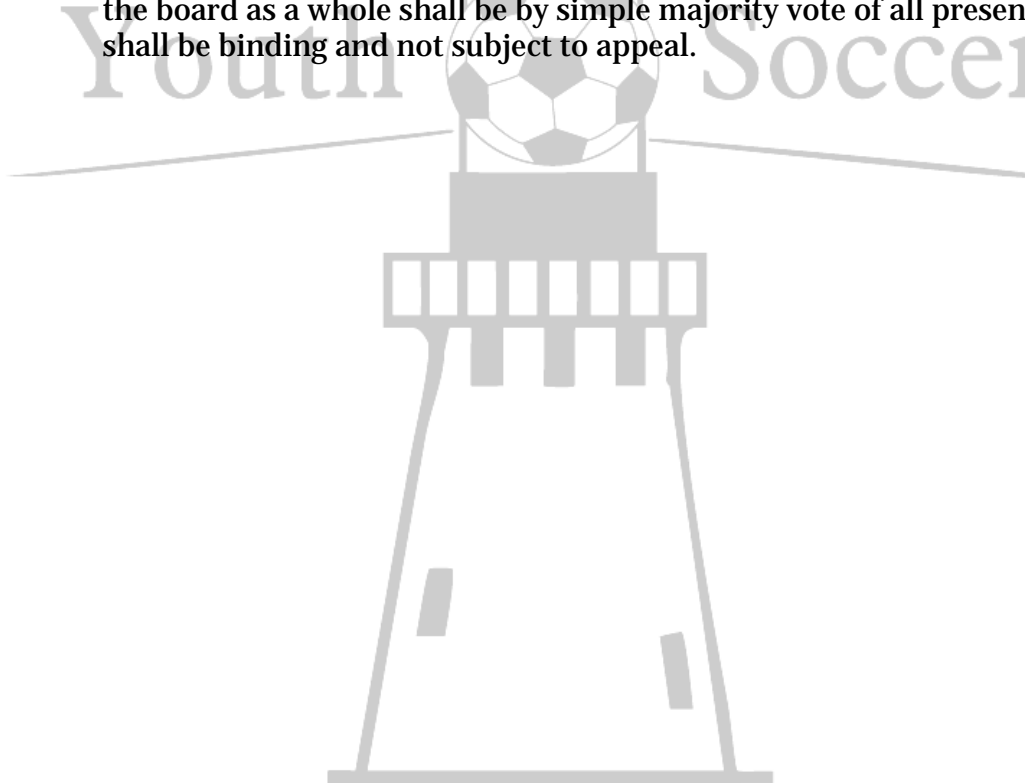
Section 2 **Filing of grievance or appeal:** Any party may appeal or protest the decision or actions of any coach, officer of the day, board of directors, committee within AIYS, (including the Disciplinary Committee), or actions of any referee. The aggrieved party shall mail or deliver their protest or appeal,

in writing, to the Secretary of the Corporation within seven (7) days of the occurrence of any action or decision which is the subject of the appeal or protest. The written appeal or protest shall set forth in reasonable and factual detail the grounds that the aggrieved party feels justify or require the reversal of the action or decision. The written appeal or protest shall not impugn any Board Member or Referee in any manner.

- Section 3** **Formation of committee:** Upon receipt of an appeal or protest, the President, (or next senior elected officer not a member of originating Disciplinary Committee or originating officer if the President is not available) shall forthwith appoint a appeal committee consisting of three (3) Board of Director Members, one of which as determined by the President shall act as chairperson.
- Section 4** **Notice of hearing:** Within twenty-one (21) days after receipt of the appeal or protest, the appeal committee appointed by the President shall hold a hearing on the appeal, grievance, or protest at a reasonable time and place designated by the committee chair. The chairperson shall give written notice of the time and place of the meeting to the aggrieved party, and to the party or parties whose action or decision is the subject of the appeal or protest. Any party entitled to notice may waive written notice. Attendance at the hearing by any party entitled to notice shall constitute a waiver of notice.
- Section 5** **Conduct of appeal hearing:** At the appeal hearing, the aggrieved party shall be entitled to present his/her reasons for the appeal or grievance. Such presentation may be made in person by the aggrieved party or by the representative appointed in writing by the aggrieved. The aggrieved party or his other representatives may also present such witnesses or documents as he or she desires in support of the appeal or grievance. The party or parties whose action or decision is the subject of the appeal or grievance shall have a reasonable opportunity for rebuttal, whether in person or by a representative appointed in writing. Such rebuttal may be supported by such witnesses or documents as that party or his or her representative might desire.
- Section 6** **Decision by appeal committee:** After hearing the appeal and rebuttal, the appeal committee shall deliberate and make its decision on the appeal or grievance. Such decision may overrule or reverse the decision or action which is the subject of the appeal or grievance, may uphold that action or decision, or may amend it in any manner deemed appropriate by the appeal committee. The appeal committee may also take any additional or supplemental action which it deems appropriate. Written notice of the decision shall be delivered or mailed to the Secretary, the aggrieved party, and the party or parties whose action or decision is the subject of the appeal or grievance. Any person, except the Secretary, who is entitled to notice of the decision, may waive written notice of that decision by written waiver agreement. The Secretary shall cause a copy of the written decision

to be inserted into the minute book of the corporation in such manner as to protect all interested parties from unnecessary disclosure and it shall become a permanent part thereof.

Section 7 Final appeal of decision: Any party who is adversely affected by a decision of the appeal committee may appeal that decision, in writing, to the entire Board of Directors of the Corporation. Such final appeal shall be made within fourteen (14) days after the mailing of the notice of the decision of the appeal committee, or after the date on which that decision was made if notice has been waived. The appeal shall be in writing and mailed to the President. The appeal shall be heard by the Board of Directors at a regular or special meeting held within ninety (90) days of the date of the receipt of the request for final appeal. At such meeting, the Board of Directors shall sit as a committee, and at least ten (10) days written notice of a hearing on a final appeal shall be given to both the original aggrieved party, and the party or parties whose action was the subject of the appeal or grievance. At the hearing before the Board of Directors, the provisions of Sections 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 of this Article shall apply. The final appeal determination of the board as a whole shall be by simple majority vote of all present and shall be binding and not subject to appeal.



ARTICLE XVIII

FURNISHING COPIES OF THE BY-LAWS

Section 1 Copy of the AIYS By-Laws shall be provided by the secretary to each member of the Board of Directors and all coaches. Copies shall be posted where the general club population may view them, such as on the club website. Paper copies will be made available to interested parties, for use, upon request.

Section 2 These By-Laws shall govern the operation of AIYS. Ignorance of their content will not be deemed a sufficient reason for failure to comply.

ARTICLE IX

AMENDMENTS

Section 1 Proposed alterations, revisions or amendments to this Constitution and By-Laws shall be read and otherwise presented to the membership at a regular or specially called meeting, and upon a motion, seconded to adopt, they shall be reduced to writing and placed in a public place or otherwise conveyed to the membership-at-large for a period of not less than one (1) month. Any Adult Member desiring to change or otherwise alter the proposed By-Laws or changes thereto shall make a proposal in writing to the By-Laws committee, or the President, who shall present them to the membership, and they will be adopted or rejected by a majority vote of the Adult Members present. If changes are adopted or By-Laws amended they shall become part of or deleted from the By-Laws of the Club.

AMELIA ISLAND YOUTH SOCCER
ADVANCED PLAYER AND COMPETITIVE DIVISION PROGRAM
ADDENDUM

Amelia Island Youth Soccer (AIYS) exists to promote the player's appreciation of soccer, to develop the skills necessary for team play, and to provide equal opportunity for the development of individual players, regardless of their ability.

The AIYS Club philosophy stresses the development of the player's physical fitness and fundamental soccer skills, but equal emphasis is placed on good sportsmanship, building lasting friendships, and the sheer fun of participation.

The AIYS Club philosophy recognizes the traditional problem of youth sports that results from the heavy emphasis placed on winning by some coaches, parents, and peer groups. While the value of winning is understood in terms of developing a healthy, competitive attitude and team spirit, it is less important than the overall objective of having each child participate and develop up to his or her own capabilities, while having fun in the process.

The AIYS Advanced Player Program provides committed players the opportunity to advance their skills by providing a higher level of competition and advanced soccer education. Emphasis is placed on the technical development and tactical applications as provided by licensed coaches. The Advanced Program promotes the enjoyment of the game and is committed to each player developing a healthy and positive attitude towards themselves, their teammates and the sport of soccer.

AMELIA ISLAND YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION
ADVANCED PLAYER AND COMPETITIVE DIVISION PROGRAM
GUIDELINES

Director of Advanced Competition (DAC)

The club will elect a Director of Advanced Competition in accordance with procedures contained in the by-laws who shall be responsible for the advanced program. The DAC will oversee the general operation and administration of the advanced program. The DAC will work with the responsible board members to ensure all necessary uniforms and equipment is available as necessary for the conduct of the Competitive Division. The DAC working with the Director of Coaching will develop policy recommendations, monitor the advanced program and assess the program at the close of each session and provide a written report of such to the Board of Directors.

Objectives

The following objectives are specific to the advanced program:

- To develop individual advanced players and competitive teams
- To improve the level of soccer for all club players by ensuring everyone has the opportunity to attend workshops, try-outs and clinics
- To provide opportunities for advanced players to further develop their skill through a higher level of competition

- To develop coaches at a higher technical level to benefit both the competitive and recreational AIYS Programs.



Principles

In order to achieve these objectives the program will be guided by the following principles:

- Youth soccer means playing, and playing must be fun.
- The program should include as many players as possible.
- AIYS Competitive Soccer teams, coaches and parents will exhibit good sportsmanship in all situations.
- Respect for the opponent and the referee must be shown at all times.

Try-outs and evaluations

Try-outs and evaluations will take place the week after State Cup Finals in early June. Locations and times will vary depending on age division. Efforts will be made to schedule practice facilities to accommodate the greatest number of players. Players must initially try-out for their own age group. In the event a team in their age group is not formed, they will be permitted to try out for the next older team. Competitive teams will be formed for all age groups from under-10 to under-19, boys and girls, based on level of interest and availability of coaches. Any registered player is entitled to try out in his/her correct age group. If no team is available in the correct age group, a player may try out in the next higher age group available.

Competitive team try-outs will be coordinated, scheduled and advertised by the Director of Advanced Competition and the Board. Every attempt will be made to ensure all coaches and eligible players are made aware of the try-outs. All parents and players must be made aware of the cost and additional time commitment of the Advanced Player Program before selection. Advanced team coaches can organize the methodology of their try-out in whatever manner they deem the most appropriate for evaluating and selecting the most qualified players. Advanced coaches retain the final authority for team player selection within the policies set forth by the club. In general, "playing-up" is highly discouraged. This practice is almost always for the benefit of an individual player at the expense of the appropriate-age team. However, our policy recognizes that there are circumstances that warrant an exception. These are:

1. The size of the player represents a real and unusual danger to others and/or
2. The skill of the player is so superior as to significantly alter the game (i.e., they become a one-person team) that it would be detrimental to that player's long-term development and the development of the team if that player were to continue playing "on age".

In cases where the player wishes to play-up within the Competitive Division, the Director of Advanced Competition, the Director of Coaching and the player's current coach must be informed and approve the player for the older age to the player is trying out. In the case where a recreational player wishes to try out for a competitive team, the recreational coach must first approve the try-out. The DAC, The Director of Coaching and the Board must also be advised of and approve any moves from the recreational program to the advanced program after the initial try-outs. Inappropriate behavior may make a player ineligible for competitive team play. Parents are expected to support the Advanced Player and Competitive Division Program and its coaches.

Coaches

The Director of Advanced Competition and The Director of Coaching shall make recommendations to the Board and the Board shall select coaches on the basis of their technical qualifications, coaching experience, leadership qualities, availability, commitment and willingness to earn certifications. Directors applying for a competitive team coaching position are not eligible to participate in the selection process. A minimum "F" license is required to be a head coach for a competitive team. Assistant coaches are also required to hold an "F" license, or obtain one within one (1) year of becoming an assistant to a competitive team. Both the head coach and assistant coaches for a competitive team may not coach other teams (competitive or recreational) within the club. Since the players and parents are asked to make a significant commitment to the team, the coaches need to make the same commitment. Coaches holding a "D" license or above are exempt from this rule to provide the opportunity for our most highly qualified coaches to impact more players with their expertise. However, even a D licensed coach may only be the head coach of one team in the club if he or she is a coach or assistant coach of a Select team. Coaches are chosen for new competitive teams typically in the U-10 or U12 age group through an application and review process. As it is customary that a coach once chosen remains with a team as it progresses in age. It is extremely important to pick the best candidate. Candidates are judged on the basis of:

- Ability to work with kids
- Knowledge of the game
- Coaching credentials
- Experience as a coach
- Commitment to the program and the guidelines

It is the responsibility of the DAC and the Director of Coaching to review the applications of those volunteering to take on a new team and make recommendations to the Board. Similarly, it is also the role of the DAC and the Director of Coaching to perform a search and candidate review whenever a vacancy occurs. Under any circumstances, the Board must approve new competitive coaches at any level.

Remaining a Competitive Coach

Although it is rare, it is sometimes in everyone's best interests to change a coaching assignment. It is the duty of the DAC and Director of Coaching to evaluate a particular situation and make a recommendation to the Board. Grounds for discussion and possible dismissal include, but are not limited to, repeated violations of proper on-field conduct, violations of club guidelines, violations of league rules, inordinate defections from the team, excessive valid complaints from parents regarding practice regimen and player development. Discussions do not necessarily equate to a change. We recognize that youth coaching can be an extremely difficult job and it is impossible to please all parties involved. A great deal of deference will be given to the person giving up their time to be a coach. All coaches are encouraged to follow a path of continuous improvement. They should look for ways to better their team and improve their ability

to coach and teach. All coaches are encouraged to advance through the state and nationally sanctioned license programs. The club reimburses all coaches for all licensing courses taken and passed subject to prior approval of the board and commensurate with conditions established by the board. Coaches are expected to be generous with their praise and set an example of fair play at all times. Ridiculing or yelling at players for making mistakes or losing a competition will not be tolerated.



Practice Times

Practice length should mirror the length of games at each age group, for example Under 12 games are two 30 minute halves, a ten minute halftime and a reasonable amount of pre-game time to warm-up. Therefore, a U-12 practice should be no more than 70 minutes after a brief 5-10 minute warm-up. Frequency of practice should be two (2) or three (3) times a week, depending upon the coach's availability, as well as player/parent's availability. Coaches are expected to be reasonable in their demands on the player's time, energy and enthusiasm.

Regional and State Cup or other Tournament Play and Off Season Commitment

The Advanced Player and Competitive Division Program requires a year round commitment to the program and players at U-14 and below are expected to attend all practices, games and tournaments when scheduled during the winter break between league schedules. Advanced players must continue to practice and play with their teams if the team is going to Regional or State Cup. Failure to honor Regional Cup, /State Cup or other tournament obligations of the team without prior permission from the coaches could result in a player being suspended from the Select program.

Disputes

If a parent has a serious grievance about how the team is being managed, they should first speak to the coach. If they are not satisfied with the results, they should then contact the Director of Advanced Competition or Director of Coaching to discuss their concerns. If this proves unsatisfactory, the final step is to write to the Board with their detailed concerns. Discussion of an individual player's playing time, positioning, or game strategy issues will NOT be addressed by the Director of Advanced Competition or the Board. These issues are solely the prerogative of the competitive team coach.

Expectations of Competitive Division Coaches

Advanced Player and Competitive Division Program coaches are expected to attend all coach's meetings sponsored by AIY, NFYSL or FYSA prior to the start of the soccer season. AIYS wishes to provide a quality Competitive Division soccer program and strives for the highest standards in skill and sportsmanship. To achieve these goals, AIYS expects Competitive Division coaches to attend the coaching clinics offered by the club during the year. As the leaders in the club, attendance sets a good example for the recreational coaches and even the most experienced coach will usually learn something new. It is the responsibility of the Competitive Division coach to notify the DAC before any tournament entry is submitted. The coach must know and abide by the rules of NFYSL and FYSA for State Cup, Regional Cup and any other tournament or competition that the team enters. This includes knowing the roster freeze dates and guest player guidelines, if any. The coach must notify the registrar and treasurer with as much lead-time as possible to coordinate obtaining the necessary signatures for rosters, player passes, and tournament entry applications. Please note that only registered players may play or practice with the team because unregistered players are not insured.

If an unregistered player approaches you after registration and wants to play for your team, direct the player to the DAC. Control of player behavior is the coach's responsibility. If you are having difficulty talking to the parent(s) of a player contact the DAC or Director of Coaching for guidance regarding the situation. Coaches are responsible for ensuring that players wear proper soccer attire, for safety reasons. If a player doesn't wear shin-pads covered by soccer socks or wears inappropriate footwear, they can not practice or play that day. The coach is also responsible for informing the DAC and the club scheduler of any requests for rescheduling a game or adding a game at least seven days in advance of the originally scheduled match. Notification to these same individuals is required as soon as possible after a match cancellation due to weather, a no-show or forfeit due to termination or lack of proper credentials (signed roster and player passes). If the other team does not have a minimum of seven players for a game, then the game can not be played and the team forfeits.

Expectations of Players

AIYS expects players to have regular attendance at practices, games and tournaments, and to realize that excessive unexcused absences from practices are grounds for reduced playing time if stipulated in writing by the coach at the beginning of the season. Players are expected to notify the coach or their designee as soon as possible if they are unable to attend a team activity, indicating why they will not be in attendance. It is the sole discretion of the coach to determine if the absence is excused or unexcused. Players are expected to have proper equipment with them at all times. Players are expected to play within the laws and spirit of the game. Players and Parents are expected to fulfill their financial obligations to the program. Realizing that academics are paramount players are expected to give priority to the team over other competing extracurricular activities that they are involved in. Finally, players and their parents are expected to discuss problems or concerns with the coach in a mature manner that will allow the issue to be addressed and resolved. If the player feels the problem is not being adequately addressed, it is their responsibility to bring their concern to the attention of their parents.

Background

AIYS competitive soccer teams are formed in each age group usually referred to as U11, U12, and so on. These teams are based on the "soccer seasonal year" that is a child born between August 1, 1990 and July 31, 1992 would play on a U12 Select team during the fall 2002 and spring 2003 seasons. AIY competitive teams are expected to play in both the fall and spring seasons. Roster additions prior to the spring season are up to the individual coaches and subject to the approval of the Director of the Advanced program. However, once team rosters are set in the fall after try-outs players shall not be removed for any reason without the prior concurrence of the Director of Competition or Director of Coaching. The removal of players to "make room" for other player in the spring is not permitted.

Recruitment and Poaching

FYSA and AIYS have strict rules and regulations regarding coaches, players, parents or other individuals affiliated with a team or club contacting or recruiting players to change clubs or teams during the seasonal year. These rules cover outright recruiting (poaching) or more discreet means, which could be construed as recruiting (poaching). If a competitive team coach gains knowledge that anyone affiliated with any team approaches a player either within AIYS or with another club at any time other than at the conclusion of the spring season, it is their responsibility to immediately notify the Director of Advanced Competition of this contact. The same holds true if a coach or parent becomes aware of any solicitation of a current AIYS player by a coach from another team from within AIYS or from another club. Failure to provide this information could result in disciplinary action from AIYS and FYSA. This could include possible suspension from both organizations. It is illegal to contact any FYSA registered player directly or indirectly for the purpose of encouraging or enticing them to transfer from one team to another during that team's seasonal year. This includes recruitment or contact with AIYS recreational program players. If a player or parent initiates contact with a AIYS competitive team coach, parent or team representative about changing teams in mid-season, written permission from that players current coach and the DAC is required before even talking to the player or parent. Further it illegal to invite a guest player to participate in a tournament without first contacting the player's current coach and receiving written approval to invite them to play as a guest. All individuals involved with the program are expected to conduct themselves professionally and in good taste when discussing our club or another club with a player, parent or coach currently involved with another team. Each team and its players, parents and leadership are to abide by the state and club guidelines at all times in regards to recruiting players for the AIYS Advanced Player Program. Our philosophy is to have players seek participation in our club based on the quality of our program not unsanctioned solicitation.

Miscellaneous

The Director of Advanced Competition and the Director of Coaching shall make recommendations for necessary changes to the Advanced Player and Competitive Division Program to the Board. The Board reserves the right to take whatever future actions may be necessary in the best interest of this program. Such actions could include, but are not limited to, changing the competitive team policies and guidelines, disciplinary action against a coach, player or parent removal of a team from competition or completely disbanding a team.