

CAROLINE COUNTY YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION BYLAWS

ARTICLE I - NAME

SECTION A:

This organization shall be known as the Caroline County Youth Soccer Association, hereinafter referred to as "CCYSA".

ARTICLE II - OBJECTIVE

SECTION A:

The objective of the CCYSA shall be to instill in the youth of Caroline County the ideals of good sportsmanship, fundamentals of team play, appreciation of competition, and to foster a lifelong enjoyment of the game of soccer.

SECTION B:

To achieve these objectives, the CCYSA will provide a supervised program under the rules and regulations of the CCYSA. All directors, officers and members shall bear in mind that the attainment of exceptional athletic skills or the winning of games is secondary and that the molding of future citizens is the prime importance.

ARTICLE III - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION A:

The business affairs and management of the CCYSA shall be vested in the board of directors, hereinafter referred to as the "board". The board shall consist of the officers, town representatives from each of the communities supporting the CCYSA program, the director of equipment safety officer, information technology (IT) officer, and a member from the staff of the Caroline County department of recreation and parks.

SECTION B:

Directors shall serve a term of one (1) year, but may be re-elected to succeeding terms. All board positions are available only to adults over the age of twenty-one (21). Any person serving as a board member must (a) have a child participating in the CCYSA program and/or (b) be a resident of Caroline County.

ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS

SECTION A:

The officers shall be president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer.

SECTION B:

The PRESIDENT shall:

- 1) Conduct the affairs of the CCYSA and execute the policies established by the board.
- 2) Present a report of the condition of the CCYSA at an annual meeting as described in Article X Section A.

- 3) Communicate to the board, such matters as deemed appropriate and make such suggestions as may tend to promote the welfare of the CCYSA.
- 4) Be responsible for the conduct of the CCYSA in strict conformity to the policies, principles, rules and regulations established by the CCYSA.
- 5) Shall approve all invoices before payment is made by the treasurer. Any and all uniform, equipment and supply purchases shall be approved and voted upon by the board, prior to purchase on an as needed basis. Miscellaneous expenses with prior approval, incurred by any board member in the amount of \$250.00 or less are paid or reimbursed at the discretion of the president without prior board approval.
- 6) An agenda shall be presented at each meeting. If there is an action item, it must be placed on the agenda 2 days prior to the meeting.
- 7) The maximum term for president is not to exceed three (3) elected years or thirty-six (36) elected months.

SECTION C:

The VICE-PRESIDENT shall:

- 1) In the absence or disability of the president, and provided he is authorized by the president or the board so to act, shall perform the duties of the president, and when so acting shall have all powers of that office. He shall have such duties as from time to time maybe assigned by the board or by the president.
- 2) Shall be in charge of all scheduling of games and have them approved by the board.
- 3) Shall manage the cancelation of games for inclement weather.

SECTION D:

The SECRETARY shall:

- 1) Be responsible for recording the activities of the CCYSA maintaining appropriate files, mailing lists and necessary records.
- 2) Perform such duties as are herein specifically set forth in addition to such other duties as are customarily incident to the office of secretary or as may be assigned by the board or president.
- 3) Maintain a list of all players, directors, officers and committee members and give notice of all meetings of the CCYSA, the board and all committees.
- 4) Keep minutes of the meeting of the members, the board of directors and the officers, and cause them to be recorded in a book for that purpose; and have said minutes delivered to the board by email within 10 days after meeting date.
- 5) Send out a summary by email to the board of directors of all significant rule or policy changes voted on by the board within 2 days of such meeting.
- 6) Shall mail all correspondence not otherwise specifically delegated in connection with said meetings and shall be responsible for carrying out all orders, votes and resolutions not otherwise committed.
- 7) Shall conduct all meetings in the absence of the president and vice-president.

SECTION E:

The TREASURER shall:

- 1) Perform such duties as are herein specifically set forth and such other duties as are customarily incident to the office of the treasurer or may be assigned by the board or the

president.

- 2) Receive all monies and securities and deposit same in a depository approved by the board.
- 3) Keep all records for the receipts and disbursement of all monies and securities of the CCYSA.
- 4) Write checks for payment of all invoices received on behalf of the CCYSA, after such invoices have been approved by the president for payment. If elected so by the board, specific payments shall be signed by two officers of the board.
- 5) Shall be in charge of having records in order for a review to be done upon election of each new treasurer.
- 6) Present a financial report of CCYSA at the annual meeting held as described in Article X, Section A.

**ARTICLE V - TOWN REPRESENTATIVES,
DIRECTOR OF EQUIPMENT, SAFETY OFFICER,
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY OFFICER AND
PLAYER DEVELOPMENT CONSULTANT**

SECTION A:

The TOWN REPRESENTATIVE shall:

- 1) Be a liaison between the board and the managers, coaches, players, parents of their respective towns.
- 2) Hear all complaints, criticisms and problems and bring them to the board for consideration and action. They are not to try to answer any questions or solve any problems on behalf of the board before those problem areas are brought before the board for action.
- 3) Be responsible for finding all managers and coaches for their respective teams and shall prepare a list for the president and/or board for approval of such managers and coaches. One (1) manager and up to two (2) coaches per team maximum. Managers, coaches and assistant coaches can only be assigned one (1) team. Any exceptions and any one under the age of eighteen (18) must be approved by the board.
- 4) Conduct their respective town's player registration and shall be present or have someone on their behalf at such registration sessions, unless other arrangements are designated by the board.
- 5) Make sure that all player registration forms are complete and that copies of birth certificates are received, unless other arrangements are designated by the board.
- 6) Shall make sure the fields are lined and that all equipment, goals, nets, game balls, corner flags, timing devices and referee's equipment is in place for games hosted by their respective towns.
- 7) Act as nominating committee for election of new officers, if required.
- 8) Be responsible for distributing a preliminary roster of all teams to managers of their respective age divisions by the first practice of the season and for distributing a final roster by the first game of the season.
- 9) Be responsible for complete and accurate rosters including colors of uniforms, managers and coaches. All rosters will have the sponsor names instead of only team 1, 2, etc. All changes need to be provided to both the secretary and the president of the association.
- 10) Be responsible for finding qualified individual(s) to act as town representative as a

replacement in the event that the current town representative will no longer be acting in such capacity.

SECTION B:

The DIRECTOR OF EQUIPMENT shall:

- 1) Be responsible for ordering, drop off and distributing all equipment and uniforms.
- 2) Submit a cost of yearly budget to the board before purchase of said equipment and uniforms.
- 3) Keep an up to date inventory on file.
- 4) Will schedule all referee certification and recertification.

SECTION C:

The SAFETY OFFICER shall:

- 1) Establish and maintain a safety program for all age divisions.
- 2) Be in charge of all incident reports and follow up.
- 3) Be responsible for all other matters regarding the safety of all children participating in CCYSA program.
- 4) Acquire background checks on all coaches.

SECTION D:

The INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT) OFFICER shall:

- 1) Be responsible for all website administration.
- 2) Maintain any and all software pertaining to CCYSA needs.
- 3) Manage and safeguard all electronic data.

SECTION D:

The PLAYER DEVELOPMENT CONSULTANT shall:

- 1) Be responsible for oversight of the CCYSA travel program.
- 2) Conduct new coach orientation.
- 3) Evaluate teams as needed.

**ARTICLE VI - CAROLINE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF
RECREATION AND PARKS REPRESENTATIVE**

SECTION A:

Since the CCYSA evolved from a program established by the Caroline County Department of Recreation and Parks (Recreation and Parks) and since that department will assist in obtaining fields throughout the county for use by the CCYSA soccer program, it is essential that a staff member of said department be a voting member of the CCYSA.

ARTICLE VII - QUALIFICATIONS

SECTION A:

Any resident of Caroline County who is at least twenty-one (21) years of age who is

sincerely interested in carrying out the objectives of the CCYSA and has not been convicted of any felonies, crimes of violence, or sex offense shall be eligible to be elected to and serve on the board.

SECTION B:

The board reserves the right to perform a criminal background check on all managers, coaches, volunteers and board members.

- 1) All head coaches and managers must comply with a necessary background check prior to the first practice. Any coach or manager that does not comply will not be allowed to coach or manage until it is turned in and approved.
- 2) Any coach, manager or board members that has any charges or investigations pending regarding sexual offenses, conviction or Probation Before Judgment related to any sexual misconduct or molestation of a minor, will not be allowed to coach, manage or be seated upon the board at all, unless the board agrees to let the person coach or manage after a full review of the charges/case.
- 3) Any questionable conduct (sexual harassment, sexual molestation, physical abuse, verbal abuse, violent outbursts toward a player, parent, referee, or spectator, inappropriate language or innuendo toward a minor child, etc.) regarding minors and/or non-minors, sexual or otherwise, will be reviewed by the board on a case by case basis.
- 4) Any action or investigation by other youth sports organizations against a person may be taken in to consideration by the board in making a determination on whether or not to allow that person to coach or manage a team.
- 5) Coaches and managers must adhere to the coaching philosophy and by-laws of the league.
- 6) Any new or pending investigation or criminal charge involving any first degree offense, any sex offense, or any child abuse must be reported to the town representative within 24 hours.

ARTICLE VIII – MEMBERSHIP

SECTION A:

Any resident of Caroline County who wishes to become involved in the activities of the CCYSA may do so by applying for membership. There shall be the following types of membership:

- 1) Player member - any resident of Caroline County or board approved player who shall be five (5) by September 1st of the registering year through to any resident who has not reached the age of eighteen (18) by September 1st of the registering year and who pays the required registration fees annually are eligible to be a player member.
- 2) General member - any parent or legal guardian of a registered player member.
- 3) Board member - any resident of Caroline County who has elected to serve as president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, town representative, director of equipment, safety officer, IT officer, player development consultant or representative of Recreation and Parks. These members shall make up the Board of Directors of CCYSA.
- 4) Manager and coach member – any resident of Caroline County who has volunteered to act as manager, coach, or assistant for any age division of CCYSA. Managers and coaches must be 21 years of age and turn 21 before the first practice and assistant coaches must be at least eighteen (18) years of age.

ARTICLE IX - FEES

SECTION A:

- 1) Registration fees for player members shall be established annually by the board and shall be so established prior to the first registration session. The amount shall be based on the estimated needs of the current season.
- 2) All players must be paid in full by close of registration.

ARTICLE X - MEETINGS

SECTION A:

There shall be an annual meeting held in January of the new year. . The purpose of the meeting is to elect officers, plan for the new season and to conduct other necessary business of the CCYSA. Any interested CCYSA member over the age of 21 can be nominated. Member must apply prior to the January meeting so that the current seated board can review their application. Town Representatives will nominate candidates and the current board will be the only CCYSA members to vote. Any member can voice their opinion for or against a candidate, but must do so in a professional manor. The board reserves the right to limit speaking time of any member to manage the time of the meeting. New and returning elected officers will assume office immediately upon conclusion of this annual meeting.

SECTION B:

There shall be open business meetings through the year to inform general membership of the activities scheduled for the current season. There shall be closed executive sessions following the open session. Actively interested party members are welcome to attend meetings to speak during the open business meetings. However, you must be on the agenda to speak.

SECTION C:

There shall be special meetings of the board, called by the president or called by at least two (2) other officers to carry out the specific business for which the meeting was called. In the event that there will be a scheduled end of year Tournament, a meeting will be held no less than one (1) week prior to the Tournament, to review the schedule. This will be in addition to the regular monthly meeting.

SECTION D:

A quorum to conduct business meetings shall be one-third (1/3) of the board, but two-thirds (2/3) of the board will be required to amend or change in any way these by-laws. Each board position is entitled to one vote in business conducted by the board, as well as one vote from each town, director of equipment, safety officer, IT officer and Parks and Recreation representative. The five municipalities (Denton, Federalsburg, Greensboro, Preston and Ridgely) are entitled to only one vote as a whole on any business conducted by the board.

SECTION E:

A notice of each meeting shall be delivered to each board member at least ten (10) days in advance thereof, setting forth the place, time and purpose of the meeting. In lieu of such

notice, a notice may be given in such form as may be authorized by the members, from time to time: i.e. email or telephone calls.

ARTICLE XI - DIVISIONS

SECTION A:

Players will be assigned to rosters according to the following age divisions that the player will be entering in the registering season: Based on their age as of September 1st of the same calendar year.

SECTION B:

The board of directors will be responsible for approving player members to teams rosters within their age division after the registration deadline has passed. Full payment of registration fees will be required before any player will be assigned to a team. Each town representative will organize the team roster selection process each year. Town representative must provide board members with their proposed rosters at least seven (7) days prior to board approval meeting. The board will have the option to adjust team rosters to ensure that teams are as balanced as possible based on ability and that age and gender are also as equal as possible based on registration. Any exceptions must be voted on by the board.

ARTICLE XII - BOUNDARIES

SECTION A:

A player shall be assigned to a team based on the Caroline County Board of Education elementary school districting. Board approved out-of-county players shall be assigned to a team based on closest town and team space availability. Exemptions must be brought before the board. A player that has been exempted from this rule will be allowed to play in the same location and shall remain a player in that town until the end of their eligibility to play soccer.

SECTION B:

Should a player move during the course of a soccer season to a new town within Caroline County, that player shall have the option of continuing with their original team or playing for a team in their new town (if space allows and both town representatives are in agreement). Such player shall have this option until their eligibility expires for their current age division, at which time he/she shall play in their new town.

ARTICLE XIII - RULES OF PLAY

SECTION A:

The rules of play of CCYSA games shall be the same as those adopted for use by the International Football Association Board (FIFA). Those rules may be found in the Laws of the Game, United States Soccer Federation (www.ussoccer.com/referees/laws-of-the-

[game](#)).

SECTION B:

The following additions and exceptions to those Laws have been adopted by CCYSA:

Law 1 – The Field of Play

Field size and markings

In the U6 and U8 age division the field size shall be 60 feet wide by 120 feet long. The center circle shall have a 15-foot radius. The goal area shall be 12 feet by 15 feet.

In the U10 age division the field size shall be 120 feet wide by 180 feet long. The center circle shall have a 15-foot radius. The goal area shall be 12 feet by 36 feet. The penalty area shall be 36 feet by 54 feet. The penalty mark shall be 27 feet from the goal line. An arc with an 18-foot radius from the penalty mark shall be drawn outside the penalty area.

In the U12 age division the field size shall be 120 feet wide by 270 feet long. The center circle shall have a 30-foot radius. The goal area shall be 18 feet by 60 feet. The penalty area shall be 54 feet by 90 feet. The penalty mark shall be 36 feet from the goal line. An arc with a 30-foot radius from the penalty mark shall be drawn outside the penalty area.

In the U14 and U18 age division the field size shall be 150 feet wide by 300 feet long. The center circle shall have a 30 foot radius. The goal area shall be 18 feet by 60 feet. The penalty area shall be 54 feet by 120 feet. The penalty mark shall be 36 feet from the goal line. An arc with a 30-foot radius from the penalty mark shall be drawn outside the penalty area.

Goal size

The goals for each division are recommended to be as close to the following dimensions as conditions and/or limitations shall allow:

U6 and U8 - 6' x 4'

U10 - 12' x 7'

U12 - 21' x 7' or 18' x 7'

U14 and U18 - 24' x 8'

Otherwise, see Laws of the Game

Law 2 – the Ball

Ball size - The U6 and U8 age divisions shall use a number three (3) ball. The U10 and U12 age divisions shall use a number four (4) ball and all other age divisions shall use a number five (5) ball.

Otherwise, see Laws of the Game

Law 3 – The number of players

Players will be assigned to rosters according to the following age divisions that the player will be entering in the registering season: Based on their age as of September 1st of the same calendar year.

U6 – Ages four (4) and five (5) years old.

- U8 - Ages six (6) and seven (7) years old.
- U10 - Ages eight (8) and nine (9) years old.
- U12 - Ages ten (10) and eleven (11) years old.
- U14 - Ages twelve (12), thirteen (13) years old.
- U18 - Ages fourteen (14), fifteen (15), sixteen (16) and seventeen (17) years old.

The number of players on each team shall not exceed twenty-two (22) for the U18 age division; sixteen (16) for the U14 age division; fourteen (14) for the U12 age division; twelve (12) for the U10 age division; eleven (11) for the U8 age division and eight (8) for the U6 age division. Any exceptions must be approved by the board.

Mandatory playing time – During the regular season each player is required to play at least one-half of every game the player attends. A coach will be considered by the Board to be un-sportsmanlike if he/she does not meet this requirement. Coaches shall make every effort to play all players and substitutes fairly. If a coach consistently substitutes the same few players during the games, while other players are playing the entire games, that coach may be considered by the board to be unsportsmanlike after review by the board.

Mandatory play-down – If a team is short on the number of players required on the field, the opposing team **MUST** decrease its number of players on the field so that both teams play with equal numbers on the field.

Number of players on field – The maximum number of players allowed on the field per team is as follows: Five (5) for U6 age division; Seven (7) for U8 age division; Eight (8) for U10 age division; Nine (9) for U12 age division, and Eleven (11) for U14 U18 age division.

Otherwise, see Laws of the Game

Law 4 – The Players Equipment

Uniforms - All players will be provided with uniforms, which could consist of all of the following: shirts, shorts and socks. All players must wear supplied uniforms during games and tournaments to be eligible to play.

Shin guards - All players in all age divisions shall be required to wear properly sized regulation shin guards at all games and practices. Shin guards must be worn inside of socks. Any player in violation of this rule shall be asked to leave the playing field until shin guards have been applied. It shall be the responsibility of the team coach to make sure that all the players have the required shin guards.

Mouth pieces - Players that wear braces must have a mouth guard in their mouth at all times during practice and games. The board recommends that goalies wear mouth pieces.

Supporters and cups - It is recommended that all male players in all age divisions wear supporters and cups.

Cleats – No player shall be allowed to wear metal spikes or studs during practice or games.

No front-toe spiked cleats, as are standard in baseball and football cleats. Only soccer cleats are allowed. It is mandatory that approved footwear is to be worn at all times while participating in CCYSA program.

Otherwise see the Laws of the Game

Law 5 – The Referee

No Change to FIFA Laws

Law 6 – The Assistant Referees

No Change to FIFA Laws

Law 7 – The Duration of the Match

Length of playing periods – Games in the U6 age division shall consist of two (2) halves, each half being 15 minutes in length. Games in the U8 age division shall consist of four (4) quarters of play, each quarter being ten (10) minutes in length. Games in the U10 age division shall consist of two (2) halves of play, each half being twenty (20) minutes in length. Games in the U12 age division shall consist of two (2) halves of play, each half being twenty-two (22) minutes in length. Games in the U14 age division shall consist of two (2) halves of play, each half being twenty-five (25) minutes in length. The playing periods for U18 are to be determined. The time between quarters shall be three (3) minutes in all divisions and the time at the half shall be five (5) minutes.

Otherwise, see Laws of the Game

Law 8 – The Start and Restart of Play

No change to FIFA Laws

Law 9 – The Ball in and out of Play

No change to FIFA Laws

Law 10 – The Method of Scoring

No change to FIFA Laws

Law 11 – Offside

There is no offside offense in the U6 and U8 divisions.

Otherwise, see Laws of the Game

Law 12 – Fouls and Misconduct

The slide tackle will be considered a foul and will result in a yellow-card for players in the U10 division, and a red-card for U12 and above. A slide tackle is a tackle in which a player attempts to take the ball away from an opposing player by deliberately leaving his feet and sliding along the ground with one leg extended to push the ball away from the opposing player.

Under every competitive situation, there exists the possibility of some un-sportsmanlike conduct by a coach, player, parent or spectator. These persons shall keep in mind that the purpose of the CCYSA is to instill in the youth of Caroline County the ideals of good

sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage and respect for authority. Therefore, should any of these persons engage in an act of misconduct, said person(s) will be **told** to leave the playing field. **Board members and referees have the authority to make such demands.** Should such person(s) not leave the playing field when asked, said game will end. Should said person(s) be a coach, player or director of CCYSA, he/she shall be suspended for a minimum one game and their reinstatement shall be at the approval of the board. If a player is issued a red-card, the referee and coach will notify the town representative and resident of CCYSA of said red-card.

Any board member or referee will have the right to stop a game to settle any un-sportsmanship conduct.

Smoking shall be prohibited by anyone in attendance at all times anywhere near the fields. Otherwise, see Laws of the Game

Law 13 – Free Kicks

All free kicks in the U6 and U8 divisions are direct kicks. Otherwise, see Laws of the Game

Law 14 – The Penalty Kick

There are no penalty kicks at U6 and U8 age divisions. Otherwise, see Laws of the Game

Law 15 – The Throw-in

The thrower will be allowed a second throw-in if the thrower infringes the procedure in the U6 and U8 divisions. If the thrower infringes the law a second time on the same attempt, the opposing team will be awarded a throw-in. Otherwise, see Laws of the Game

Law 16- The Goal Kick

A goal kick is a method of restarting play. A goal kick is awarded when the whole of the ball passes over the goal line, either on the ground or in the air, having last touched a player of the attacking team, and a goal is not scored in accordance with Law 10. A goal may be scored directly from a goal kick, but only against the opposing team.

Law 17- The Corner Kick

A corner kick is a method of restarting play. A corner kick is awarded when the whole of the ball passes over the goal line, either on the ground or in the air, having last touched a player of the defending team, and a goal is not scored in accordance with Law 10. A goal may be scored directly from a corner kick, but only against the opposing team

The Technical Area

Each team may have one coach and only one assistant coach within the technical area. One coach from each team will be allowed on the field at the U6 and U8 divisions. The second coach must remain in the technical area in the U6 and U8 divisions. All coaches and substitute players must remain in the technical area during the match. The coach may enter

the field for injuries when beckoned by the referee. No spectators are allowed on the technical area side of the field. No coaches or spectators are allowed behind the goal lines.

In the U10 division, the technical areas are 10 feet by 35 feet. They are separated by 20 feet. In the U12 – U18 division, the technical areas are 10 feet by 50 feet. They are separated by 30 feet.

Procedures to Determine the Winner of a Match

Regular Season Tie games - In the event there is a tie at the end of regulation - the game shall be recorded as a tie.

Tournament Tie games - In the event there is a tie at the end of regulation - the game shall be determined by kicks from the penalty mark if time allows. One round of kicks from the penalty mark using five (5) of the players from each team that were on the field at the end of regulation play. If the score continues to be tied, pairs of penalty kicks using a player from each team that was on the field at the end of regulation play will be taken until one team scores more than the other.

ARTICLE XIV - UN-SPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT

SECTION A:

Under every competitive situation there exists the possibility of some un-sportsmanlike conduct by a coach, player, parent or spectator. These persons shall keep in mind that the purpose of the CCYSA is to instill in the youth of Caroline County the ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage and respect for authority. Therefore, should any of these persons engage in an act of misconduct, said person(s) will be told to leave the playing field. Board members and referees have the authority to make such demands. Should such person(s) not leave the playing field when asked, said game will end. Should said person(s) be a coach, player or board member of CCYSA, he/she shall be suspended for a minimum one game and their reinstatement shall be at the approval of the board. If a player is issued a red-card, the referee and coach will notify a board member of CCYSA of said red-card. Actions qualifying as an act of misconduct are at the discretion of the referee or any CCYSA board member present at the game.

If the act of misconduct is that of a parent, guardian, relative, friend, or other spectator of a player, consequences for such act will be as follows:

First Strike – Removal from current game in progress.

Second Strike – Person is suspended for attendance at one additional game.

Third Strike – Person is suspended for attendance for the remainder of the season.

SECTION B:

Any board member or referee will have the right to stop a game to settle any un-sportsmanship conduct.

SECTION C:

Smoking shall be prohibited by anyone in attendance at all times anywhere near the fields.

ARTICLE XV – SCHEDULING

SECTION A:

The schedule shall be prepared or delegated to be prepared by the vice-president of the CCYSA and approved by the board.

SECTION B:

The regular season start will be determined by the board prior to registration and shall run for a minimum of eight (8) weeks.

SECTION C:

Additional games may be played with teams in the CCYSA or with teams from other leagues, as long as prior approval is given by the president of CCYSA. Should games be scheduled with teams from other leagues, such teams must send to the CCYSA president a copy of the other league's insurance policy, before games can be played on CCYSA fields.

SECTION D:

Under no circumstances may a practice, make-up game or regularly scheduled game be played prior to one o'clock (1:00 p.m.) on Sunday afternoon. An exception may be made for tournament play.

SECTION E:

The board recommends team practice sessions scheduled by the respective coaches be no more than two (2) sessions per week, and be no longer than two (2) hours per session. Practice will begin no earlier than four (4) weeks prior to opening day.

SECTION F:

No games can be canceled or re-scheduled without approval of the vice president. Games will only be cancelled due to inclement weather or other safety issues as determined by the board. No coaches or managers may cancel a game on game day or prior to game day for any reason. Coaches may ask for a game to be postponed or rescheduled 3 days prior to the game by contacting the vice president or town representative.

ARTICLE XVI - AMENDMENTS

SECTION A:

These by-laws may be changed, altered, amended, added to or deleted from at any time preceding the start of the playing with a least two thirds (2/3) of the seated board members approval. Such change shall be dated and the vote recorded, indicating the number in favor and against. No alterations will be allowed during the season unless a by-law or amendment jeopardizes the safety of a player.

SECTION B:

CCYSA will comply with all Maryland State Youth Soccer Association (MSYSA), US youth soccer and US soccer by-laws, policies and regulations. CCYSA will annually register all players and officials in its programs with MSYSA.

ARTICLE XVII - TOURNAMENT

SECTION A:

If possible, the CCYSA shall hold a tournament or field day/fun day for all the CCYSA age divisions each season, with consideration for field availability, weather, and time constraints. The location of each division's games shall be decided by the board.

SECTION B:

An exception may be made for tournament play to be played prior to one o'clock (1:00 p.m.) on Sunday afternoon.

SECTION C:

The format for the tournament/fun day will be decided by the board prior to the season start.

SECTION D:

Each player shall play in the tournament games under the same time limit rules as established for regular season games.

SECTION E:

Teams DO NOT have to play down in the tournament games

SECTION F:

Tie games - In the event there is a tie at the end of regulation - the game shall be determined by kicks from the penalty mark if time allows. One round of kicks from the penalty mark using five (5) of the players from each team that were on the field at the end of regulation play. If the score continues to be tied, pairs of penalty kicks using a player from each team that was on the field at the end of regulation play will be taken until one team scores more than the other.

SECTION G:

Board members have authority over the entire tournament. Any consequences must be decided upon by at least three (3) board members (one of which must be the president or vice-president).

ARTICLE XVIII - REFEREES

SECTION A:

The equipment manager/head referee is responsible for scheduling youth referees for each game held in which youth referees are required.

SECTION B:

CCYSA will adopt a uniform pay scale for all referees prior to the start of each season.
Referees are to be paid any fees due to them at least once a month during the season.

Approved on: 1/07/2014

All in favor: Yes

Signatures:

/s/ Kevin Reichart

President

/s/ Eric Lawton

Vice President

/s/ Heather Amador

Secretary

/s/ Joanna Lawton

Treasurer

/s/ David McMahan

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