

NATOMAS YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE BYLAWS

ARTICLE 1. NAME

Section 1.1 This organization shall be known as the Natomas Youth Soccer League; Incorporated as a California nonprofit corporation, shall be the governing and advisory body of its member teams in all recreational & Club/travel team functions and hereinafter referred to as the League.

ARTICLE 2. PURPOSE

Section 2.1 The purpose of this League shall be to develop, promote, and administer recreational and Club/travel soccer programs for the youth (boys and girls under nineteen years of age) within the territory of northern Sacramento County.

Section 2.2 The purpose of this League is to offer, regardless of race, color, religion, age, gender, national origin and/or ability, soccer programs to youth boys and girls. The programs shall provide an environment based on development of camaraderie, team effort, skills, and for a love for the game of soccer.

Section 2.3 This Corporation shall continue in existence perpetually unless dissolved pursuant to law and consistent with the terms of the Bylaws of this Corporation.

ARTICLE 3. PRINCIPAL OFFICES

Section 3.1 The initial principal office of the Corporation shall be located at 3230 Arena Blvd, #245-275, Sacramento, CA 95834. The Board of Directors may at any time, or from time to time, change the location of the principal office from one location to another within the State of California.

Section 3.2 The Board of Directors may at any time establish branch offices at any place where the corporation is qualified to do business.

ARTICLE 4. AFFILIATION

Section 4.1 This League shall be an affiliate branch of and comply with the authority of the The United States Youth Soccer Association (USYSA), the United States Soccer Federation (USSF) and US Club Soccer. Any affiliation with other leagues, associations or similar groups must be approved by a vote of (2/3) of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE 5. AUTHORITIES

Section 5.1 This League shall be governed by its Bylaws, rules, regulations, policies and procedures except when these are superseded by US Club Soccer, USYSA and/or USSF.

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Section 5.3 The governing authority of this League whose powers are designated in these Bylaws, shall be vested with the Board of Directors of this League.

Section 5.4 The governing Board, hereinafter to be known as the Board of Directors, shall be comprised of the Elected Board Members and other members appointed by the Elected Board Members as needed.

Section 5.5 The seasonal year shall be defined by US Club Soccer.

Section 5.6 The fiscal year shall be the calendar year.

ARTICLE 6. MEMBERSHIP

Section 6.1 Membership in this League shall be defined by registration with the League and US Club Soccer and shall be open to registered assigned affiliated teams and to other persons (coaches, assistant coaches, team parent representatives, referees, club presidents, Board of Director, etc.) who perform league duties. Membership is subject to approval by the League Board of Directors.

Section 6.2 All members shall abide by the Bylaws of Natomas Youth Soccer League NYSL, US Club Soccer and USSF, all General Procedures and Specific Rules as set forth by the Board of Directors and all applicable rules and regulations of NYSL, US Club Soccer and USSF.

Section 6.3 Any applicant for membership in this League shall submit yearly, with the appropriate fee(s):

- A properly completed player registration form prepared in accordance with the current registration instructions and procedures of US CLUB Soccer.
- Submit upon initial registration of each player proof of date and place of birth.

Section 6.4 Unless otherwise provided by the Board of Directors, annual dues and fees for Club teams shall be payable as of the end of July of each year and shall be delinquent by September 1st. All dues and fees for team players shall be payable at time of registration. Club teams are not considered registered until all of the team's dues fees are paid and are therefore not eligible to play until said fees are paid in completion by no later than Sept. 1.

Section 6.5 Termination of Membership: The Board of Directors, by an affirmative vote by a simple majority of the Board of Directors present at any regular meeting at which a quorum is present, may suspend or expel any player, staff, or terminate any team for cause after appropriate notice and hearing.

Section 6.6 Powers of Members: The membership shall annually elect a Board of Directors and Officers at an annual general membership meeting. The membership may rescind any action of the Board of Directors by majority vote of the members at a regular monthly membership meeting at which a quorum is present.

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ARTICLE 7. MEETINGS

Section 7.1 Annual General Meeting (AGM): The President shall call an Annual General Meeting (AGM) of all members to be held once during the calendar year with all the membership being notified of the date, time, place and purpose of the meeting no later than fourteen (14) days in advance. Electronic or USPS mailing of one such notice to a household shall be considered a notification to each member who resides at that address. With previous approval of two thirds (2/3) of the Board of Directors, the AGM meeting may be delayed only for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days.

Section 7.2 AGM Agenda: The order of business at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) shall be as follows:

- A. Call to order
- B. Roll call
- C. Credentials report
- D. Introduction of guests
- E. Reports
 - a. President
 - b. 1st VP
 - c. 2nd VP
 - d. Treasurer
 - e. Secretary
 - f. Registrar
 - g. Committee
- F. Unfinished Business
- G. Proposals for change to Bylaws
- H. Election of New Officers
- I. New Business
- J. Acceptance of AGM minutes
- K. Adjournment

Section 7.3 Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held on a monthly basis on a specific week, day and time determined at the first meeting, by call of the President.

Section 7.4 Special Meetings: Special Meetings may be called by the President, or if he/she is instructed to do so by four (4) or more members of the Board of Director. Notice must be given to all Board Members at least one day prior to a meeting.

Section 7.5 Notice of Meetings: All notices of meetings of members shall be sent or otherwise given not less than ten (10) days before the date of the meeting. Such notice shall state the nature of the business expected to be conducted and the time and place of the meeting. No business shall be transacted at any special meeting other than that referred to in the notice.

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Section 7.6 Quorum: Quorum and Voting - A quorum shall consist of 50% percent of the total voting members present either in person or by proxy. A majority of the votes cast at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall constitute the action of the Board. Each Elected Board member with the exception of the 1st Vice President Recreation shall have one vote at any meeting of the Board. The 1st Vice President Recreation shall have three votes at any meeting of the Board.

ARTICLE 8. BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

Section 8.1 Powers - All authority to operate Natomas Youth Soccer League (NYSL) shall be vested in the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall be empowered to conduct all the league's business such as: fill vacancies within the organization, create positions as needed, solicit contribution or sponsorships, make and enforce league rules, and establish standing and ad-hoc committees as deemed appropriate. In addition, the Board of Directors has the power to suspend or terminate membership in accordance with the Bylaws

Section 8.2 Number of Officers and Directors: The Elected Board of Directors shall consist of not less than eight (8) or no more than fifteen (15) at large members.

Section 8.3 Structure and Positions, Board Of Directors: The Elected Board of Directors shall be comprised of the following:

1. President – elected by general membership as defined in section 6.1 of these bylaws.
2. 1st Vice President of Recreation – elected by those members who participate in the recreational program. Membership is defined in section 6.1 of these bylaws.
3. 2nd Vice President of Competitive – elected by those members who participate in the competitive program. Membership is defined in section 6.1 of these bylaws.
4. Secretary– elected by general membership as defined in section 6.1 of these bylaws.
5. Treasurer– elected by general membership as defined in section 6.1 of these bylaws.
6. League Registrar– elected by general membership as defined in section 6.1 of these bylaws.
7. Director of Officiating– elected by general membership as defined in section 6.1 of these bylaws.
8. Director of Finance Recreation – elected by those members who participate in the recreational program. Membership is defined in section 6.1 of these bylaws.
9. Director of Finance Competitive – elected by those members who participate in the competitive program. Membership is defined in section 6.1 of these bylaws.

Section 8.4 The Non-Elected Board members shall be comprised of the following:

1. Director of Coaching who shall be a contractor of the League
2. Financial Committee Member League shall be appointed by the President and confirmed by a simple majority of the elected board.
3. League Scheduler/field coordinator who shall be appointed by the President and confirmed by a simple majority of the elected board.
4. League Uniform Coordinator who shall be appointed by the President and confirmed by a simple majority of the elected board.

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5. PR/Communication Recreation Coordinator who shall be recommended for appointment by the 1st Vice President Recreation and confirmed by a simple majority of the elected board.
6. PR/Communication Recreation Coordinator who shall be recommended for appointment by the 2ND Vice President Recreation and confirmed by a simple majority of the elected board.
7. Assistant Registrar Recreation who shall be recommended for appointment by the 1st Vice President Recreation and confirmed by a simple majority of the elected board.
8. Assistant Registrar Competitive who shall be recommended for appointment by the 2nd Vice President Recreation and confirmed by a simple majority of the elected board.
9. Coach Coordinator Recreation who shall be recommended for appointment by the 1st Vice President Recreation and confirmed by a simple majority of the elected board.
10. Coach Coordinator Competitive who shall be recommended for appointment by the 2nd Vice President Recreation and confirmed by a simple majority of the elected board.
11. Referee Coordinator Recreation who shall be appointed by the President and confirmed by a simple majority of the elected board.
12. Referee Assignor Competitive who shall be appointed by the President and confirmed by a simple majority of the elected board.
13. The League Equipment Coordinator who shall be appointed by the President and confirmed by a simple majority of the elected board.
14. Equipment Coordinator Recreation who shall be recommended for appointment by the 1st Vice President Recreation and confirmed by a simple majority of the elected board.
15. Equipment Coordinator Competitive who shall be recommended for appointment by the 2nd Vice President Recreation and confirmed by a simple majority of the elected board.
16. The League Scheduler/Field Coordinator who shall be appointed by the President and confirmed by a simple majority of the elected board.
17. Scheduler/Field Coordinator Recreation who shall be appointed by the President.
18. Scheduler/Field Coordinator Competitive who shall be appointed by the President.

Section 8.5 Election: Election of Board members shall occur at each annual meeting and be installed on the 1st of January following his /her election.

The following Board Positions shall be elected on odd years;

- President
- 2nd Vice President
- League Registrar
- Director of Officiating
- Financial Committee Member Recreation

The following Board Positions shall be elected on even years;

- 1st Vice President of Recreation
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Financial Committee Member Competitive

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Section 8.6 Term of Office: The elected Directors shall hold office for a term of two years, with one half of these expiring each year. Appointed positions are for one year and may be reappointed.

Section 8.7 Term Limits: No Director shall hold office for more than six (6) consecutive years.

Section 8.8 Limitations: Immediate family members (husband, wife, child(ren), siblings) may not serve concurrently as League President and League Treasurer in any term.

Section 8.9 Vacancies: Vacancies, shall be filled by majority vote of the remaining members of the Board of Directors for the unexpired term.

Section 8.10 Resignation - Any director may resign at any time by giving written notice to the President of the League. Such resignation shall take effect at the time specified therein, or, if no time is specified, at the time of acceptance thereof as determined by the President of the League

Section 8.11 Removal - Any director may be removed from such office, with or without cause, by a two-thirds vote of the voting members at any regular or special meeting of the members called expressly for that purpose.

Section 8.12 Quorum and Voting - A quorum shall consist of 50% percent of the total voting members present in person. A majority of the votes cast at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall constitute the action of the Board. Each Elected Board member with the exception of the 1st Vice President Recreation shall have one vote at any meeting of the Board. The 1st Vice President Recreation shall have three votes at any meeting of the Board. All Elected Board Members must attend three quarters (3/4) of all monthly scheduled Board Meeting.

Section 8.13 Meetings by Conference Telephone or Similar Communications: Except as may be otherwise restricted by the articles of incorporation or bylaws, members of the Board of Directors or any committee designated by the Board of Directors may participate in a meeting of the Board of Directors or committee by means of a conference telephone or similar communications equipment by means of which all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other at the same time. Participation by such means shall constitute presence, in person, at a meeting.

Section 8.14 Conflicts of Interest: In the event that any director has a conflict of interest that might properly limit such director's fair and impartial participation in Board deliberations or decisions, such director shall inform the Board as to the circumstances of such conflict. If those circumstances require the nonparticipation of the affected director, the Board may nonetheless request from the director any appropriate non-confidential information which might inform its decisions. "Conflict of interest," as referred to herein, shall include but shall not be limited to, any transaction by or with NYSL in which a director has a direct or indirect personal interest, or any transaction in which a director is unable to exercise impartial judgment or otherwise act in the best interests of NYSL.

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No officer or director shall cast a vote, nor take part in the final deliberation in any matter in which he or she, members of his or her immediate family or any organization to which such director has allegiance, has a personal interest that may be seen as competing with the interest of NYSL. Any director who believes he or she may have such a conflict of interest shall so notify the Board prior to deliberation on the matter in question, and the Board shall make the final determination as to whether any director has a conflict of interest in any matter. The minutes of the Board meeting shall reflect disclosure of any conflict of interest and the recusal of the interested director.

Section 8.14 Background Check Requirements - As a nonprofit that serves children and youth NYSL has the obligation to exercise “reasonable due diligence”. Prior to service, all voted and or appointed Board of Directors are required: 1. Complete of a formal application 2. Complete all orientation and training requirements 3. Have on file with the League, a cleared and active US Club Youth Soccer Background check covering their current service period.

ARTICLE 9 COMMITTEES

Section 9.1 Executive Committee; Between meetings of the Board of Directors, the day-to-day affairs of the League may be conducted by an Executive Committee, the membership of which shall be as set forth in a resolution of the Board.

Section 9.2 Establishment of Committees; The Board may establish any standing or ad hoc committees, as it deems necessary. New standing committees shall be affirmed or rejected at the next meeting of the membership. Unless otherwise provided, committee chairpersons shall be appointed by the Board or elected by the members of that committee. The Board is expected to define quorum for committees that it forms.

Section 9.3 Powers of Committees; The committees serve in an advisory capacity to the Board, except when delegated certain powers by the Board.

Section 9.4 Term of Office - Each member of a committee shall serve for one year until the next annual meeting of the Board of Directors and until a successor is appointed, unless the committee is dissolved.

Section 9.5 Decisions at Committee Meetings; No decisions will be made at committee meetings without a quorum. Although all committees and committee meetings are open to any interested member, only members of the committee in question have a vote.

Section 9.6 Reporting to the Board of Directors; All committees shall make regular reports to the Board.

Section 9.7 Standing Committees

Section 9.7.1 Finance Committee; The Finance Committee shall consist of, the Treasurer, Committee Member REC, Committee Member COMP and one (1) representative from the Board

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of Directors. The committee shall be responsible to guide, oversee and support the financial and tax practices of the organization, including approval and conformance regarding up-to-date fiscal policies and procedures; development of the annual budget; and ensuring accurate tracking and analysis of financial highlights, trends and issues. Also ensure conformance to relevant financial and tax rules and regulations.

ARTICLE 10 MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Section 10.1 Fiscal Year; The fiscal year of the Corporation shall be the calendar year.

Section 10.2 Books and Records: The Corporation shall maintain current copies of the following, at its principal or registered office: (a) current copies of the Bylaws, Parent Guide, and Articles, if any; (b) copies of correct and adequate records of accounts and finances, including the approval budget; (c) minutes of the meetings of the Board of Directors, Members and any committees; (d) records of the name and address of each of the Members; and (e) such other records as may be necessary or advisable, including copies of all contracts of the Corporation.

Section 10.3 Dissolution: Should this League be dissolved, all assets remaining after payment of all debts shall be turned over to US Club or other affiliate organization for the express purpose of the development of youth soccer.

Section 10.4 Standing Rules: The Board of Directors may adopt such standing rules, to be set forth in the Player/Parent Guide, relating to the amount and payment of membership fee and monthly contributions and all other matters which the Board of Directors deems appropriate, as the Board of Directors may deem beneficial to the fulfillment of the purposes of the Corporation.

Section 10.5 Amendment of Bylaws: These Bylaws amend and restate in their entirety are the Bylaws of NYSL adopted, as same may have been revised. These Bylaws may be further altered, amended, or repealed and new Bylaws may be adopted by the vote of a majority of the voting members at any regular or special meeting of the members.

Section 10.6 Indemnification, Limitation on Liability and Insurance; Unless otherwise prohibited by law, NYSL shall indemnify any director or officer or any former director or officer, and may by resolution of the Board of Directors indemnify any employee, against any and all expenses and liabilities incurred by him or her in connection with any claim, action, suit, or proceeding to which he or she is made a party of by reason of being a director, officer, or employee.

Amounts paid in indemnification of expenses and liabilities may include, but shall not be limited to, counsel fees and other fees; costs and disbursements; and judgments, fines, and penalties against, and amounts paid in settlement by, such director, officer, or employee. The Corporation may advance expenses or, where appropriate, may itself undertake the defense of any director, officer, or employee. However, such director, officer, or employee shall repay such expenses if it should be ultimately determined that he or she is not entitled to indemnification under this Article.

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The Board of Directors may also authorize the purchase of insurance on behalf of any director, officer, employee, or other agent against any liability incurred by him which arises out of such person's status as a director, officer, employee, or agent, whether or not NYSL would have the power to indemnify the person against that liability under law.

Section 10.7 Non-Discrimination; NYSL will comply fully with all applicable state or federal statutes and regulations forbidding recipients of state or federal financial assistance from discriminating on the ground of race, color, gender, national origin, age, handicap, or sexual orientation.

Section 10.8 Hiring of Employees; NYSL shall provide equal employment opportunities without regard to race, color, gender, national origin, age, handicap, or sexual orientation. Any prospective employee shall be interviewed by the Board and a designated Hiring Committee. The final hiring decision will be made by a vote of the hiring committee, and be ratified by the Board. The contract of each employee will outline the duties to be performed.

Section 10.9 Financial Responsibility This League shall not assume, nor be liable for, the debts and/or financial responsibilities, either implied or incurred, of any player, Coach, Assistant Coach, Manager, Team Assistant, League Official or Referee from any member team, League or organization.