

BY-LAWS OF THE CHELMSFORD YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION

Last amended: By public vote at the Annual General Meeting, 12 November 2019

- 1.** Address: The address of the Association shall be the address of the President or another current Executive Board member.
- 2.** Season: The playing year consists of fall and spring seasons. Each season will include intramural and travel programs. Chelmsford Youth Soccer Association (CYSA) shall determine the seasons in conjunction with the travel league.
- 3.** Age Groups: Age groups shall comply with CYSA and/or MYSA guidelines.
- 4.** Team Formation: Every attempt shall be made to form teams according to the level of play intended by CYSA. Coaches' input, tryouts and other meaningful assessments may be used to meet the intent and goals of the Association as agreed upon by the Executive Board. These goals must be made clear to all involved prior to forming teams. Whenever CYSA enters teams in a league whose purpose is to compete for places in State Championships, CYSA is obligated to attempt to enter competitive teams.
- 5.** "Playing up:" CYSA is a grade-based recreational soccer program. It is the policy of CYSA that players will play on teams based on their current school grade, provided that the players's age falls within the limits imposed by the league). "Playing up" will not be allowed, except in circumstances where there are not enough players on a higher grade team to field a team in that division.
- 6.** No discrimination: CYSA provides a soccer program, without regard to race, color, religion, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression or national origin. For the purposes of registration on gender-based teams, a player may register with the gender team with which the player identifies, in accordance with the current rules and confirmation guidelines of the Massachusetts Youth Soccer Association (MYSA). Female players can play on a male team only when no roster spot is available in the girls program.
- 7.** Registration: The Association will accept registration no later than dates announced by the Executive Board. Late registrants will be assessed an additional fee. Once existing team rosters are filled, applicants will be placed on a waiting list. Deadlines for team rosters must meet the intent of team formation as well as travel league and MYSA roster requirements.
- 8.** Player Transfer: A player shall remain on a team roster after the season has begun unless mutual agreement is reached among the coaches of that and another team and the program coordinator.
- 9.** Discipline: Any incident requiring possible discipline of a coach or player should be brought to the attention of the Executive Board. The Board shall make every attempt to take action regarding said incident.
- 10.** Playing Time: The Executive Board shall publish a policy on playing time during games.
- 11.** Coaches Conduct: Coaches must have the welfare and character development of all the players as their first priority for both non-competitive and competitive situations. Coaches must also be conscious of and concerned about the players' physical and mental well-being. Coaches must be clear, fair, and straightforward in dealing with both players and parents. Coaches will conform to the rules of the game as determined by CYSA, the travel league and MYSA. Coaches are responsible for the behavior of the spectators.
- 12.** Players Conduct: Players will respect coaches' decisions, and attend practices and games as agreed to prior to season's play. They will respect referees and their decisions, respect their teammates and

opponents and in general conduct themselves in an appropriately cooperative manner. Players will conform to the rules of the game as determined by CYSA, the travel league and MYSA.

13. Financial Assistance: The Executive Board shall establish a policy regarding financial assistance.

14. Policies: The Executive Board has the right to develop policies, which may be changed by a majority vote of the Board. Said policies may not be in conflict with the Constitution and/or By-laws of the Association and must be made available to all members.