

# CONSTITUTION OF THE HUNTSVILLE YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION

## ARTICLE I – NAME

1.1 The name of this organization is the Huntsville Youth Soccer Association, also referred to as “HVYSA”. HVYSA is formed in the State of Texas and is subject to the laws of the State of Texas and to its own Constitution, By-Laws, Rules and Procedures.

## ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

2.1 The purposes of the HVYSA are charitable, educational, and athletic, as defined by the Texas Non-Profit Corporation Act. HVYSA was created to promote, coordinate, and administer youth soccer. HVYSA is dedicated to providing the youth of the Huntsville area opportunities to have fun playing recreational and competitive soccer, increase their knowledge of the game, and learn lessons of sportsmanship and fairplay.

## ARTICLE III – AFFILIATION

3.1 HVYSA shall be an affiliated division of, and comply with the South Texas Youth Soccer Association (STYSA), the United States Soccer Federation (USSF), and the United States Youth Soccer Association (USYSA).

## ARTICLE IV – HVYSA JURISDICTION

4.1 HVYSA shall have jurisdiction over all members and affiliated associations, their leagues, clubs, teams, administrators, referees, coaches, players and supporters.

## ARTICLE V – MEMBERSHIP

5.1 The membership of the HVYSA shall consist of the parents/guardians of athletes participating in HVYSA programs as indicated on a paid valid registration form for the immediate past two seasons of play;

5.2 And any individual enrolled within the past 2 seasons as a coach, assistant coach, trainer, referee, or other volunteer who is listed in a volunteer registry and is an approved volunteer.

5.3 All voting members shall be at least 18 years of age.

## ARTICLE VI – SEASONAL AND FISCAL YEAR

6.1 SEASONAL YEAR: The seasonal year of HVYSA shall be the same as the seasonal year of the United States Youth Soccer Association.

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6.2 FISCAL YEAR: The fiscal year of HVYSA shall begin on August 1<sup>st</sup> and end on July 31<sup>st</sup> of the following year.

## ARTICLE VII – GOVERNING BOARD

7.1 GOVERNING BOARD: HVYSA shall be governed by a Governing Board. The Board shall consist of the officers elected by the general membership for terms of two years, with one-half (1/2) of the board elected each year.

7.2 GENERAL POWERS: The Governing Board shall transact all business of the HVYSA and shall have the power to enforce the laws of the game, the rules of the United States Youth Soccer Association and the Constitution, By-Laws, Rules, and Procedures of HVYSA. It shall have the power to settle all disputes.

## ARTICLE VIII – MEETINGS

8.1 REGULAR MEETINGS: The regular meetings of the HVYSA Governing Board shall be held monthly except for May, June, and December.

8.2 SPECIAL MEETINGS: Special meetings of the Governing Board may be held at the discretion of the President or Vice President at the time and place designated by said officer, or may be called by a written request to the Secretary signed by Governing Board members representing a majority of the voting power. Written notice of any special meeting and of the time, place and purpose of such meeting shall be sent to each Board member at least ten (10) days prior to the date on which the special meeting is to be held.

8.3 ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER – All aspects of the meetings of HVYSA shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, latest edition.

## ARTICLE IX – OFFICERS

9.1 LIST OF OFFICERS: The general membership of HVYSA shall elect the following officers:

President	Director of Team Formation & Tournaments
Vice President	Director of Coaches
Secretary	Director of Referees
Treasurer	Director of Fundraising & Sponsorship
Registrar	Director of Fields and Equipment
Director of Public Relations	Director of Competitive Soccer

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9.2 TERM: The term of office for each officer shall be two years. The following officers shall be elected in even numbered years:

Vice President	Director of Team Formation & Tournaments
Treasurer	Director of Competitive Soccer
Director of Coaches	Director of Referees

The following officers shall be elected in odd numbered years:

President	Director of Fields & Equipment
Secretary	Director of Fundraising & Sponsorship
Registrar	
Director of Public Relations	

Any officer shall take office on following the last recreational game of the Fall season of play of the calendar year in which he/she is elected and remain in office until the end of his/her term or two years or until a successor has been duly elected, whichever event occurs later, unless said officer is recalled by the Governing board as described by this Constitution, or unless said officer resigns.

9.3 VACANCY OF AN OFFICE: In the event any office becomes vacant, the vacancy shall be filled by nominations from, and a simple majority vote of the remaining officers of the Governing Board. The person who fills the vacancy shall serve until the next regularly scheduled elections of the general membership and then that position shall be filled by a vote of the membership.

## ARTICLE X. AMENDMENTS

10.1 Any proposals or motions to amend the Constitution must be made in writing to the Secretary. The Secretary shall give each Governing Board member notice in writing of the proposed Amendments, and the proposed Amendments shall be placed on the agenda of the next meeting occurring thirty (30) days after said notice. Amendments to this Constitution may be made at any regular Governing Board meeting by at least a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Governing Board members present. No votes may be made by proxy.

## ARTICLE XI DISSOLUTION

11.1 In the event HVYSA shall be dissolved or cease to function, the Governing Board shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all liabilities of HVYSA, dispose of all of the assets of HVYSA exclusively for the purposes of HVYSA in such a manner, or to do such charitable, educational, religious, or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501 c(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Governing board shall determine. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be donated to the City of Huntsville.