

**TRACY YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE, INC.
CONSTITUTION**

1:01 NAME

1:01:01 This Corporation shall be known as the Tracy Youth Soccer League, Inc. also referred to as "TYSL".

1:02 BOUNDARIES AND TERRITORIES

1:02:01 The territory of this League shall be that area of the County of San Joaquin in the state of California, defined by CAL NORTH formerly California Youth Soccer Association -North hereafter referred to as the CAL North.

1:02:02 The governing authority of this League may create geographical sub-divisions, within the territory, which shall be known as "Clubs". At no time will there be more than one (1) club within the same geographical area, unless they are distinctly designated as outdoor and indoor clubs.

1:02:03 Club boundaries shall be fixed and /or modified, by the governing authority of this League, before, but no later than, the first of February of the preceding seasonal year.

1:03:01 The purpose of this League shall be to develop, promote and administer the games of outdoor and indoor soccer, among youth (boys and girls under nineteen years of age) within the geographical boundaries as defined.

1:03:02 The purpose of all League members shall be to offer regardless of race, creed and / or ability, a soccer program to all youth (boys and girls under nineteen years of age) within their geographical area.

1:04 COLORS

1:04:01 The representative colors of this League shall be blue and white.

1:05 AFFILIATION

1:05:01 This League shall be an affiliated branch of and comply with the authority of CAL North.

1:06 AUTHORITIES

1:06:01 This League shall be governed by its Constitution and Bylaws; any Specific Rules and Procedures adopted by the Board of Directors, shall be vested with the Board of Directors of this League.

1:06:02 The governing authority of this League whose powers shall be designated in the Bylaws, shall be vested with the Board of Directors of this League.

1:06:03 The governing board, hereinafter to be known as the "Board of Directors", shall be comprised of the President, Past President, the Vice President, the Treasurer, the Secretary, the Coach Coordinator, and the Referee Coordinator. The Chairmen of the Standing Committees shall serve on the board of Directors. The number of standing committee chairmen is specified in the Bylaws of this League.

1:07 MEMBERSHIP

1:07:01 All member leagues, their teams and players, shall abide by the Constitution and Bylaws of the CAL North and the United States Youth Soccer Association and the United States Soccer Federation; all General Procedures and Specific Rules as set forth by the Board of Directors and all applicable rules and regulations of United States Youth Soccer Association and the United States Soccer Federation.

1:08 ANNUAL MEETING

1:08:01 The TYSL President shall call an Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Members to be held no later than December 30 of the Seasonal Year and, not less than thirty (30) nor more than ninety (90) days before the meeting, shall give written notice of the date, time, place and purpose of the meeting to each affiliated member and each member of the Board of Directors.

1:08:02 The order of Business, at the Annual General Meeting, shall be as follows:

- A.** Call to Order
- B.** Roll Call
- C.** Credentials Report
- D.** Introduction of Guests
- E.** Acceptance of Minutes of the previous AGM
- F.** Reports:
 - 1.** President
 - 2.** Treasurer
 - 3.** Secretary
 - 4.** Committees
- G.** Unfinished Business
- H.** Proposals for change to Constitution, By-Laws, and/or General Procedures and Specific Rules.
- I.** New Business
- J.** Good of the Game
- K.** Adjournment

1:08:03 The Board of Directors will annually recommend to the membership, the procedures, rules and fees required for registered clubs, teams and or registered players, for ratification at the Annual General Meeting. Any changes in existing procedures, rules and or fees, being recommended by the Board of Directors, shall be submitted, in writing, to the Rules and Revisions Committee prior to November 1 preceding the Annual General Meeting.

1:08:04 Each affiliated member and each member of the Board of Directors shall be entitled to one (1) vote. Voting shall be restricted to those affiliated members who have been registered during the current season. Voting by proxy shall not be allowed and only those members of record, in good standing, shall be entitled to voting privileges. No person shall cast more than one (1) vote, regardless of his/her affiliations with club(s), team(s), and/or as a member of Board of Directors. The President of this League shall cast a vote in the case of a tie.

1:08:05 A quorum shall consist of any number of members present at the Annual General Meeting.

1:08:06 In the event there are two or more rule change proposals. or resolutions that are to be voted on at the Annual General Meeting that conflict with each other: the rule change proposal that receives the greatest number of "yes" votes shall prevail providing that it receives a two thirds majority of those voting, in the case of resolutions that conflict, the resolution that receives the greatest number of "yes" votes shall prevail, providing that it receives a majority of those voting.

1:09 CHANGES

1:09:01 Any affiliated club, team, or member of the league, or the Board of Directors, or any member of the Board of Directors may submit proposed changes to the existing Constitution and Bylaws; Specific Rules and Procedures adopted by the Board of Directors. Proposed changes shall be submitted to the TYSL Rules and Revisions Committee prior to November 1st, preceding the AGM.

1:09:02 Amendments to the Constitution, By-Laws, Rules and Procedures of this League shall be made at the Annual General Meeting of the membership, except in such cases as specified in the Bylaws of the Tracy Youth Soccer League.

1:09:03 An amendment shall be deemed adopted by an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members

attending and voting at the Annual General Meeting.

1:09:04 Any and all amendments to the Constitution, Bylaws, General Procedures and Specific Rules of this Association, adopted at the Annual General Meeting, shall become effective at the beginning of the seasonal year immediately following the Annual General Meeting.

1:10 LIMITATIONS

1:10:01 No substantial part of the activities of this Corporation shall consist of the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, nor shall this corporation participate or intervene in any political campaign including publishing or distribution of statements on behalf of any candidate for public office.

1:10:02 The Corporation shall distribute its income for each taxable year at such time and in such manner as not to become subject to tax on undistributed income imposed by Section 4942 of the internal Revenue Code of 1953.

1:10:03 The Corporation shall not engage in any act of self-dealing as defined by Section 4941(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.

1:10:04 The Corporation shall not retain any excess business holdings as defined by Section 4943(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.

1:10:05 The Corporation shall not make any investments in such a manner as to subject it to tax under Section 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.

1:10:06 The Corporation shall not make any taxable expenditure as defined by Section 4945(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.

1:10:07 The property of this corporation is irrevocably dedicated to charitable purposes and no part of the net income or assets of this organization shall never inure to the benefit of any director, officer, or member thereof or to the benefit of any private person.

1:10:05 On the dissolution or winding up of the corporation its assets remaining after payment of, or provision for payment of, all debts and liabilities of this corporation shall be distributed to a non-profit fund, foundation, or corporation which organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes and which has established its tax-exempt status under Internal Revenue Code Section 50 I(c)(3).

1:10:09 If this corporation holds any assets on trust, or the corporation is formed for charitable purposes, such assets shall be disposed of in such manner as may be directed by decree of the superior court of the county in which the corporation has its principal office, on petition therefore by the Attorney General or by any person concerned in the liquidation, in a proceeding to which the Attorney General is a party.

**TRACY YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE
BY-LAWS**

2:01 AFFILIATIONS

2:01:01 Players, within the territorial limits of this League may be given permission to affiliate with other recognized Leagues upon the approval of the Board of Directors.

2:01:02 All non-member teams or leagues, within the territorial jurisdiction of this League, shall be deemed as an "Unaffiliated Organization." Any registered team playing games or "doing business" with an unaffiliated organization without written consent of the Board of Directors shall face disciplinary action and/ or suspension by the Board of Directors.

2:01:03 The Tracy United Competitive Soccer Club or TUCSC will be affiliated with the Tracy Youth Soccer League or TYSL. TUCSC will have its own Board of Directors and By-Laws. The TUCSC will have one person on the Board of Directors on the TYSL Board as a Committee Member.

2:01:04 All players that are selected to a Copper, Bronze, Silver, Gold or Premier Competitive Team will be registered by the Tracy Youth Soccer League.

2:02 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

2:02:01 The Board of Directors of this league shall hold elections in December of odd number years for the President, Secretary and Coach Coordinator; and, in December of even numbered years for Vice President, Treasurer and Referee Coordinator. Each will serve for a period of two (2) years. The Board of Directors of this league would be composed of President, Past President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Referee Coordinator.

A. PRESIDENT

The President shall conduct all meetings of the Board of Directors and shall cast a vote only in the case of a tie. The President shall appoint, at the beginning of each season, as appropriate and subject to the approval of the Board of Directors, the Standing Committees and/ or the Committees Chairpersons.

B. PAST PRESIDENT

An advisory, non-voting position. Duties are to advise incoming President and Board.

C. VICE-PRESIDENT

In the absence of the President, the Vice-president shall preside at meetings of the Board of Directors. The Vice-president shall chair the Protest and Appeals Committee.

D. SECRETARY

The Secretary shall keep accurate record of all meetings, handle all correspondence, give notice of meetings and maintain the files of this League. The Secretary shall be responsible also for the preparation of the Annual Report.

E. TREASURER

The Treasurer shall give a receipt for all monies which shall be deposited in a recognized bank in the name of this League. All accounts shall be paid by check and shall bear two (2) signatures; the Treasurer's and/or the President, Vice-President, or Secretary. The receipt book and vouchers shall be produced when required by the Board of Directors, properly balanced according to the bank book and statement, whichever is up to date. The Treasurer shall be responsible also for preparing of any and all papers pursuant to the Articles of incorporation and Tax Exemption status of this League. The Treasurer shall be bonded by a reputable Bonding Agency. in the event the Treasurer becomes unavailable for fifteen (15) days, the President and one of the other authorized signatures will be required. At no time shall any related parties be the two (2) signatures on a check, regardless of whom the check is payable.

F. REFEREE COORDINATOR

Referee Coordinator will coordinate all Referee Clinics and Meetings. The Referee Coordinator will assign referees to games as required. The Rules & Revisions Coordinator will chair the Disciplinary Committee.

G. STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

The Standing Committee Chairmen shall be appointed by the President and approved by the Board of Directors yearly. There shall be no more than eighteen (18) Standing Committee Chairmen.

H. TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

The Tournament Committee Chairmen shall be appointed by the President and approved by the Board of Directors. Due to CAL North

Tournament filing dates, the Chairman term is November 1st to October 31st. If a change is going to be made it must be made in October. If the Chairperson does not wish to be considered for the following year the current Chairmen must give the Board of Directors 90 days prior to the October meeting. (Note: This is due to the duties of the tournament chairmen, and the number of tournaments a year.)

2:02:02 The Board of Directors shall serve between Board meetings for emergencies. All emergency actions by the Board must be ratified by the Board of Directors at their next scheduled meeting.

2:02:03 The Board of Directors shall be responsible for and have sole authority for the following:

- A.** Enforcing and interpreting the Constitution, Bylaws, General Procedures and Specific Rules of this League, CAL North, the United States Youth Soccer Association and the United States Soccer Federation.
- B.** Approving registered teams and affiliated clubs.
- C.** Approving all youth games with member teams and or CAL North affiliated teams.
- D.** Approving any inter-league, inter-district, or interstate play.
- E.** Approving the formation and operation of all tournaments.
- F.** Shall from time to time, make temporary rules and regulations for specific cases or occasions not provided for in the Constitution, Bylaws, General Procedures. or Specific Rules, but which are deemed necessary, by the Board of Directors, to carry out the objectives of this League or to comply with the rules and regulations of the CAL North, the United States Youth Soccer Association and/ or the United States Soccer Federation.
- G.** To review and approve League Constitution and Bylaws and ensure consistency with the CAL North Constitution, Bylaws and General Procedures and Specific Rules.

2:02:04 The Board of Directors shall have the right and authority to suspend, bar completely or otherwise discipline any player, coach manager, team assistant, league officer or referee from any member team, league or organization with the proper hearing.

2:02:05 During his/her term of office, a member of the Board of Directors may not hold a position on the board of directors of any affiliated club. Upon accepting the position as a member of the Board of Directors, a club officer shall surrender his/her club office within a period of thirty (30) days.

2:02:06 Any member of the Board of Directors may resign effective upon the date and time specified in a written notice given to the TYSL President.

2:02:07 The Board of Directors shall have by two thirds vote of those members present the authority to remove, with cause, any member of the Board of Directors with the proper hearing. Notice of said hearing shall be given in writing, at least 14 days prior to the hearing. Cause shall be deemed as not performing one's duties as set forth by the Constitution and Bylaws or being found guilty of conduct that is detrimental to the purpose of this League. When a position is declared vacant, the Board of Directors shall call for an election of a new member of the Board of Directors within a period of sixty (60) days of said declaration.

2:04:01 Any applicant for membership in this League shall submit yearly with the appropriate fee(s):

A. A properly completed Registration form prepared in accordance with the current registration instructions and procedures.

2:04:02 Annual fees for members are due and payable, unless otherwise provided for by the Board of Directors, at the time of, but no later than, such player's first (1st.) team or league practice and / or game Teams are not considered registered until all of that team's players fees are paid.

2:04:03 All Bank checks, drafts and or money orders, submitted to this League, shall be made payable to the **TRACY YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE** or to **T.Y.S.L.**

2:04:04 For the purpose of election of the Board of Directors, voting rights will be held by the Parents, or legal guardians of each member player. Each family will be allowed one regardless of the number of players registered. The league member applying for an executive board position must have been a league board member within the past five-years. All nominations for executive board positions must be submitted in writing 30-days prior to AGM.

2:04:05 No Board member , Director of Coaching or Standing Committee member can invite any help to any event unless Board Approval has been granted per each event.

2:06 MEETINGS

2:06:01 Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held monthly by the call of the President with consent of a majority of the Board of Directors. The agenda for regular meetings shall be as follows:

- A.** Call to Order
- B.** Roll Call
- C.** Introduction of Guests
- D.** Acceptance of Minutes
- E.** Correspondence
- F.** Treasurer's Report
- G.** Committee Reports
- H.** Unfinished Business
- I.** New Business
- J.** Good of the Game
- K.** Adjournment

2:06:02 The Board of Directors shall meet whenever the President deems it necessary, or if he/she is instructed to do so by four (4) or more members of the Board of Directors.

2:07 QUORUM

2:07:01 All meetings of the Board of Directors, two-thirds of the Board of Directors membership shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

2:09 PROTEST AND APPEALS

2:09:01 In the matter of protests and appeals, no person(s) associated with the operations of this League at my level (team, club, league, district, or state) may invoke the aid of the courts of any state or of the United States without first exhausting all available remedies within TYSL/CAL North /USYSA/USSF, including a final appeal to the USSF Council at the Annual General Meeting.

2:09:02 For violation of 2:09:01, the offending party(ies) shall be subject to the sanctions of suspension and fines, and shall be liable to TYSL/CAL North /USYSA/USSF for all expenses incurred by TYSL/CAL North /USYSA/USSF in defending each court action, including but not limited to the following:

- A.** Court costs.
- B.** Attorney fees.
- C.** Reasonable compensation for time spent by TYSL/CAL North /USYSA/USSF officers and employees in responding to and defending against allegations in the action including responses to discovery and court appearances.
- D.** Travel expenses.
- E.** Expenses for holding special TYSL/CAL North /USYSA/USSF meetings necessitated by the court

action.

2:10 RESPONSIBILITIES

2:10:01 All members' clubs shall be responsible for governing those persons and their actions associated with their operations. Teams shall abide by the league rules under which they are registered and in which they are playing.

2:10:02 Falsification of records shall be grounds for disbarment from future participation and or membership in this Association.

2:10:03 A plea of ignorance to the Constitution, Bylaws, General Procedures and Specific rules of this League, CAL North, the United States Youth Soccer Association and the United States Soccer Federation is not sufficient and violators may expect appropriate action by the Board of Directors of this Association.

2:10:04 Any person found guilty of violating the Constitution, Bylaws, General Procedures and Specific Rules of this League, CAL North, the United States Youth Soccer Association and the United States Soccer Federation may be asked to appear before the Board of Directors of this Association in order to explain his/her action.

2:11 FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

2:11:01 This League shall not assume, nor be liable for, debts and / or the financial responsibility, either implied or incurred, of any player, coach, manager, team assistant, league official, or Referee from any member team, league or organization.

2:11:02 TYSL has made alterations to the refund policy guidelines for the upcoming seasons. This information is as follows:

- A. Requests submitted and Approved by the Board through June 30 of the current season = Refund minus \$50 admin fee
- B. Requests submitted after July 1st of the current season = No refund unless the program is cancelled

2:12 LIABILITY PROTECTION

2:12:01 All officers of this League and officials of member teams and clubs shall be covered against personal liability claims by CAL North for performing acts and duties directly related to the work of this League.

2:13 RULES OF ORDER

2:13:01 The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order shall govern this League in all cases in which they do not conflict with the Constitution, Bylaws, General Procedures and Specific Rules of this League, CAL North, the United States Youth Soccer Association and the United States Soccer Federation.

GENERAL PROCEDURES

3:01 AUTHORITIES & RESPONSIBILITIES

3:01:01 The rules contained herein shall govern Members of this League in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with the Constitution and By-Laws of this League, CAL North, the United States Youth Soccer Association, and the United States Soccer Federation. All competition shall be governed by the rules stated herein unless the rules of a specific competition determine otherwise.

3:01:02 Clubs may deem fit it include rules and regulations more stringent than those included herein, but in no case may rules and regulations be less stringent. Clubs must submit their rules and regulations for review and approval by the Board of Directors of this League.

3:01:03 Each team shall be responsible for the conduct of its players, coach, manager, team assistants and parents and it is the responsibility of each team to insure that its actions on or off the field, do not bring disrespect upon this League. Each Club shall be responsible for the conduct of those persons associated with its operations and it is the responsibility of each league to ensure that its actions do not bring disrespect upon this League.

3:02 INSURANCE

3:02:01 All injuries, to be claimed against the medical insurance program, shall be completely reported on the proper Insurance Claim Form. This form shall be obtainable through the CAL North office.

3:02:02 All completed reports on injuries shall be submitted to this League, within 24 hours of injury.

3:02:03 The League shall, upon written request, provided member Clubs with a copy of, the liability and medical insurance policies covering players, coaches, managers, and league board members.

3:03 REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

3:03:01 All players are required to submit a properly completed USYSA membership form. Players registration for outdoor and indoor soccer are required to submit separate USYSA Membership forms for outdoor and indoor soccer respectively.

3:03:02 All teams are required to possess a CAL North team registration form. The submittal of the team registration form with proper approvals, binds the player to that team for the seasonal year, unless that player is granted a transfer.

- A.** Maximum roster -no team shall be allowed more than Twenty Two (22) registered players at any given time.
- B.** Minimum roster -no team shall be allowed to have less than ten (10) players.
- C.** Improper registration -any team playing a player who is over-age shall forfeit the game(s) in which that player takes part.

3:03:03 Any teams which have the same name must be identified by a numerical prefix or a different name. The same team name shall not be used for more than one team in the same age group and gender division.

3:03:04 Each member club shall be responsible for ensuring proper registration of the players and teams, proper accounting of fiscal transactions and accurate reporting to the TYSL.

3:03:05 This League shall have first call on all players registered with the Association.

3:03:06 Each team official (i.e. coach, assistant coach/manager) shall be registered with this League and have a proper USYSA Coach Pass.

3:03:07 For TYSL a core will be 3 Positions total

A Head Coach Allowed one child unless they are siblings in the same age group.

B One of the Assistant Coaches Allowed one child

C Sponsor (Additional fee of \$250 to be a team sponsor) Allowed one child

3:04 AGE LIMIT DEFINITION

3:04:01 The term "youth" as applied to the Constitution, By-Laws, General Procedures and Specific Rules of this Association, the United States Youth Soccer Association, and the United States Soccer Federation, shall mean a youth player who has not reached the age of nineteen (19) years prior to August 1st immediately preceding the start of any seasonal year in which they apply for registration.

3:04:02 Players attaining the limiting age for any age group on or after August 1st immediately preceding the start of the seasonal year, will be eligible to play for the remainder of the seasonal year

3:04:03 All clubs, unless otherwise sanctioned by the Board of Directors of this League, shall divide play among teams of equal age grouping as follows, and all competitions will adhere to these age classifications:

U-19 Player has not reached 19th b-day before August 1st. immediately preceding the start of the seasonal year.

U-16 Player has not reached 16th b-day before August 1st. immediately preceding the start of the seasonal year.

U-14 Player has not reached 14th b-day before August 1st. immediately preceding the start of the seasonal year.

U-12 Player has not reached 12th b-day before August 1st. immediately preceding the start of the seasonal year.

U-10 Player has not reached 10th b-day before August 1st. immediately preceding the start of the seasonal year.

U-8 Player has not reached 8th b-day before August 1st. immediately preceding the start of the seasonal year.

U-6 Player has not reached 6th b-day before August 1st. immediately preceding the start of the seasonal year.

3:05 PROOF OF AGE

3:05:01 Proof of age shall consist of: a birth certificate, birth registration issued by an appropriate government agency. Board of Health records, passport, alien registration card issued by the United States Government, a certificate issued by the Immigration and Naturalization Service attesting to age, or a certification of an American citizen born abroad issued by the appropriate government agency. Hospital, baptism, or religious certificates will not be accepted.

3:06 RULES OF PLAY

3:06:01 Rules of play, except as provided by USYSA and its affiliates, the FIFA "Laws of the Game" shall apply to any and all competitions sponsored by the League. Players under ten years of age may play soccer under the auspices of this League in accordance with the rules of this League's development player program: modified playing rules for Under-6, Under-8, and Under-10 as published by this League.

3:06:02 Specific rules pertaining to outdoor or indoor soccer only are so marked.

3:06:03 Players wearing orthopedic casts, air splints or metal splints shall not be eligible to participate in any game.

3:06:04 Charging the goalkeeper shall not be permitted at any time, when he/she is within his/her own penalty.

3:06:05 Coaching from sidelines- giving direction to one's own team on point of strategy and position -is permitted provided:

A. No mechanical devices are used.

B. The tone of voice is informative and not a harangue.

C. No Coach, substitute, or player is to be anywhere but at his/her bench area during the game. A team's bench area shall be that area one yard from the touchline and extending to ten yards both ways from the half-line to a maximum of twenty yards. [f both teams locate their bench area on the same side of the field, due to existing adverse conditions, then the bench area shall be limited to that area one yard from the touchline and extending to ten yards, one way, from the half-line only.

D. No coach, substitute or player is to make derogatory remarks or gestures to the referees, other players, substitutes or spectators.

E. No coach, substitute or player is to use profanity.

F. No coach substitute or player is to incite, in any manner, disruptive behavior of any kind. The penalty for all the above shall be ejection from the game and disciplinary action will be taken by the Board of Directors of this League.

3:06:06 Where colors of uniforms are similar, the home team must effect a change of colors which are distinct from those of the opponent. In TYSL recreational play, the home team shall wear white and the visiting team shall wear blue.

3:06:07 It will be the responsibility of both teams to have a game ball and see that their families behave in a proper and respectful manner.

3:06:08 Players may be substituted at the following times:

A. Prior to a throw-in, in your favor.

B. Prior to a goal kick, by either team.

C. After a goal, by either team.

D. After an injury, when the referee stops play by either team.

E. At half-time.

F. When the referee stops play to caution a player, only the caution player may be substituted, prior to the re-start of the game. The number of substitutes shall be unlimited, unless a competition superseding the jurisdiction of this League determines otherwise. In any case, a substitute shall not enter the field of play until he/she has been given a signal to do so, by the referee.

3:06:09 In TYSL recreational play, each player present and able to play must play half of the game time the player is present. Players arriving late for games are entitled to play half of the time present. Players leaving early are not entitled to half game privileges. **Failure to abide by this rule will effect a forfeit**

3:06:10 The referee shall require that both teams enter all appropriate information on a CAL North Referee Report form prior to the start of the game.

A. The referee shall verify the identity of the player. The referee must allow no player into the game whose name does not appear on the Referee Report Form. The referee shall also require that the coach or manager of each team sign the Referee Report Form verifying that the information entered on the form is correct.

B. Upon completion of the game, the referee shall send his/her report to the proper authority within forty-eight (48) hours, holidays excluded along with the player name of any ejected player and, in such cases of ejection, he/she shall also notify the Referee Coordinator.

C. Prior to the game, the referee shall make sure that each player's equipment is in proper order.

D. A referee Report form must be filed for every game played.

E. In event of a forfeit game, the winning team must submit a Referee Report form made out listing the players of their team: it must be noted on the card "Forfeit" and submitted to the proper authority within the stipulated time (see "**B**" above).

3:06:11 The referee is responsible for notifying the proper authority in charge of the competition, immediately following the game (or within a reasonable time) of the outcome.

3:06:12 Any team delaying the start of a schedule game more than fifteen (15) minutes without the sanction of the

proper authority shall forfeit the game to the opponent by a score of 1-0.

3:06: 13 In the event both teams do not show up for a schedule game, and the referee rules the ground playable, then both teams shall be assessed with a loss.

3:06: 14 Referees responsible a late start of a game may be disciplined by the proper authority. Referees may, at time be called upon by the proper authority, to explain their reports.

3:06:15 The referee's judgment with regard to the physical condition of the field and its acceptance for play, to the actual happenings and occurrences related to the conduct of the game and those prerogatives granted to him /her, by the "Laws of the Game" for outdoor soccer and the "Official Indoor Soccer Rules" for indoor soccer, shall not be challenged.

3:07 GAME TIMES AND BALL SPECIFICATIONS (Outdoor Only)

3:07:01 Length of games, overtime periods, ball specifications, except provided by USYSA and its affiliates, the length of games, ball size, ball weight, ball dimensions, and tie-breaking rules for each age group shall be as follows:

Div.	Game Length	Overtime	Ball Size	Circumference	Ball Weight
U- 19	2-35 min. halves	2- 15 min. halves	#5	27"-28"	14- 16 ozs.
U- 16	2-35 min. halves	2- 15 min. halves	#5	27"-28"	14-16 ozs.
U-14	2-35 min. halves	2-10 min. halves	#5	27"-28"	14- 16 ozs.
U-12	2-25 min. halves	2- 10 min. halves	#4	25"-26"	11-13 ozs.
U-10	2-25 min. halves	2- 10 min. halves	#4	25"-26"	11-13 ozs.
U-8	2-20 min. halves	None	#3	23"-24"	11-12 ozs.
U-6	2-15 min halves	None	#3	23"-24"	11-12 ozs.

3:08 SEND OFF PROCEDURE (Formerly Ejection)

3:08:01 If a player/coach is ejected for misconduct, then the Referee shall notify the league (in case of league games), or proper authority, along with his/her game report. That player/coach is ineligible until the player/coach is reinstated by the Disciplinary Committee.

3:08:02 The Disciplinary Committee shall consists of the Chair Person (Rules and Revisions Coord.), one (1) Coach, one (1) Referee, one (1) Board Member, and one (1) Parent (not a Board Member). The Chair Person will vote in event of a tie.

3:08:03 The Disciplinary Committee will meet within two weeks of any problem with any coach, player or parent. The player, coach, or parent may appeal any decision of the Disciplinary Committee at a cost of \$100.00 per incident. The Chair Person will notify the player, coach, or parent of the penalty. They will also relay the penalty to the TYSL Board.

3:08:04 The Disciplinary Committee shall act on all disciplinary matters and shall have discretionary powers in interpreting the degree of penalties applied to team personnel and players.

3:09 PROTEST AND APPEALS PROCEDURE

3:09:01 Only violations of the Constitution, By-Laws, General Procedures and Specific Rules of this League, CAL North, the United States Youth Soccer Association, and the United States Soccer Federation, misapplication of the "Laws of the Game" for outdoor soccer and the "Official Indoor Soccer Rules" for indoor soccer, or violations of league rules and regulations, provided the latter are within the framework of the constitution, Bylaw. General Procedures and Specific Rules of this League, the CAL North, the United States Soccer Association, the United States Soccer Federation, shall be proper subjects to be considered for action.

3:09:02 In all league matters, the league management within each district shall provide procedures for protests and the hearing of an appeal. Within those procedures all parties to the appeal shall be given written notification at least

fourteen (14) days prior to the hearing and not until that procedure has been completed and an adverse decision rendered on the matter in question, will it be forwarded to the Protest and Appeals Committee of this District. Upon rendering a decision the league shall forward a copy of its evidence, findings and decision to the office of this District for future reference. All pertinent data must be forwarded within fourteen (14) days of the league decision.

3:09:03 Should any person, or team desire to appeal any PAD decision, communication shall be from the assessed party to the President TYSL and from the President to the TYSL Protest and Appeals Committee Chairman.

3:09:04 Should any hearing body choose not to hear a protest or appeal that body may, if they desire, refer the matter directly to the next higher authority.

3:09:05 Upon receipt of any adverse decision, appeal may be made to the next higher authority.

3:09:06 Procedure

A. Protest or Appeals are to be in writing and describe in detail the grounds for the appeal. Protest and appeals will be sent to the President TYSL and shall be postmarked within seventy-two (72) hours (Sunday and holidays excluded) following receipt of league disciplinary decision being protested or appealed. The proper fee must be enclosed.

B. The protest and appeal sent to TYSL shall include all supporting documentation. Documentation must include the copies of all previous decisions in the matter.

C. The protest or appeal fee shall be established at one hundred dollars (\$100.00) non-refundable, for items arising before the League Protest and Appeals Committee.

3:09:07 The Chairman of the Protest and Appeals Committee shall set a date for the hearing of the appeal. Such a date shall be within thirty (30) days of receipt of said appeal. All parties to the appeal shall be given written notification at least fourteen (14) days prior to the hearing.

3:09:08 The Protest and Appeals Committee of this League shall consider all pertinent information arising out of an appeal of a league or club disciplinary action. The parties involved shall have the opportunity to present their case. The decision of the Protest and Appeals Committee of this League shall be conveyed, in writing, to the party initiating the appeal within seven (7) days of the decision.

3:09:09 No person(s) associated with the operation of this Association at any level (team, league, district, state) may invoke the aid of any lawyer or the courts of any State or of the United States without first exhausting all available remedies within TYSL/CAL North/USYSA/USSF.

3:09:10 For violation of Rule 3:09:09, the offending part(ies) shall be subject to the sanctions of suspension and fines and shall be liable for all expenses incurred as provided under 2:09:02

3:10 SENIOR TRIAL GAMES

3:10:01 A youth player will be permitted to play an unlimited number of senior games without losing his/her youth eligibility. The youth player must obtain permission from his/her youth coach or other authorized team official. The coach or authorized team official shall, in writing or by phone, request eligibility clearance from this League and the CAL North. The youth coach or other authorized team official must, in writing, or by form, request permission from the CAL North (senior board). When the above clearance and permissions have been granted, the CAL North has sole discretion in permitting a youth player to play senior games and will be responsible for establishing the procedure under which this will be implemented.

3:10:02 Any youth playing for a senior club without approval of the Board of Directors of this League shall be declared ineligible for youth games. Any youth team using such ineligible player shall forfeit all games in which that player took part by a score of 1-0.

3:11 PLAYING WITH PROFESSIONAL PLAYERS

3:11:01 Any player signing a "Letter of Intent", a professional contract or playing with a professional team,

without the permission of the Board of Directors of this League and the Board of Director's of CAL North, shall be declared a professional player and shall lose all privileges of youth amateur status.

3:12 TEAM TRAVEL PROCEDURES

3:12:01 Any team desiring to travel outside the jurisdiction of this League, must request permission from the TYSL Board.

3:13 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE PROHIBITION

3:13:01 The use and or consumption of any alcoholic beverages or controlled substances, immediately before, during or immediately after the playing of any youth soccer game, is expressly prohibited.

3:13:02 Any player, team official, or any other member of this League who violates this prohibition, shall be subject to disciplinary action and or suspension by the Board of Directors of this League.

TYSL SPECIFIC RULES

4:01 AUTHORITIES & RESPONSIBILITIES

4:01:01 In addition to the General Procedures, the following Specific shall apply to TYSL sanctioned games. Additionally, these rules shall apply to playing clubs.

4:01:02 The authority for approval and or operational control, including dates and times of games which are to be played for these competitions, when played or sponsored by registered teams or affiliated clubs, shall be vested with the Board of Directors of this league. Approved games of this type shall take precedence over all club games.

4:01:03 The entrance fees and procedures for these competitions shall be established and or approved by the Board of Directors of this League.

4:02 REGISTRATION RESTRICTIONS

4:02:01 Any player participating in these competitions shall have been registered at least ten (10) days.

4:03 PLAYER TRANSFER, RELEASE AND ROSTER LIMIT

4:03:01 Players must register on teams within their local club jurisdiction. Under no circumstances may a player play on a team from a different league or district unless approval is secured from the TYSL Board. Furthermore, players must sign with teams within their own community, unless there are no teams within the proper age group category or unless he/she is given permission by the Board of Directors of this League. Once a player is listed on a CAL North Team Registration form, that player is bound to that team for the entire seasonal year, except as modified by the following sub-paragraphs:

- A.** A team shall be limited to a total of three (3) transferred players per seasonal year. A transfer means the movement of a currently -or previously roster
 - USYSA player onto another roster, or a player who returns to the same roster within the current seasonal year. The movement of a currently roster player off of a roster shall not be a transfer. Neither this section nor any other provision of the Constitution and Bylaws, Procedures, Rules and Policy Interpretation Memoranda shall be interpreted or otherwise constructed to make the movement of a currently roster player off a team a transfer.
- B.** A player may be released from a team by the coach only if the player is unable to play for one of the following reasons:
 - 1.** The player has violated USYSA, CAL North or League rules.
 - 2.** The player has moved beyond a reasonable travel distance.
 - 3.** The player IS injured in such a manner that the player will not be able to participate for the remainder of the seasonal year.
 - 4.** Dissolution of teams. A dissolved team can be defined as a team which has been registered and has been playing but ceases to exist before less than one-half(*) of their league season has been played.
- C.** A player may voluntarily request to be released from a team.
- D.** A player, upon reaching their eighteenth birthday will not require a parent guardian approval for transfer or release. To affect the release, the coach must complete and sign a CAL North Player Release form.

4:03:02 A transferred player shall serve a ten (10) day waiting period before being eligible for play; the player becomes eligible on the eleventh day from the date of approval of the transfer by the District Commissioner.

4:04:03 Any player substitute or coach who refuse the referee's request for their name or gives a false name while the referee is gathering data to report an infringement of the "Laws of the Game" involving them shall have one game added to the suspension that would normally be levied by the Disciplinary Committee.

4:04:04 Disciplinary actions listed above are to be regarded as minimum game suspensions, depending on the findings of the Disciplinary Committee. The Disciplinary Committee has discretionary powers to increase penalties befitting the infractions.

4:04:05 In specific situations, the Disciplinary Committee may place an individual on probation, in addition to the suspension, for 3 period of time not to exceed the length of the suspension. The probationary period is to be served immediately following the suspension period and is intended to monitor an individual's degree of Should an individual on probation be sent off the field of play and shown the red card during the probationary period, the original suspension and probation shall be reapplied and no appeal will be heard.

4:04:06 Coaches and assistant coaches sent off the field of play for infringement of the "Laws of the Game" shall have two (3) games added to the suspension that would normally be levied against a player for a similar infringement.

4:05 ADDITIONS TO SPECIFIC RULES

4:05:01 The Board of Directors can adopt specific rules each year without the vote of the membership provided that the rules are not inconsistent with the Constitution and Bylaws of the League.