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Bylaws

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201 AFFILIATION:

201.1 Players, Coaches and Volunteers will be registered with The Rainbow Youth Soccer League (RYSL) on the current RYSL approved Registration forms.

202 BOARD OF DIRECTORS (BOD):

202.1 Functions & responsibilities of elected/appointed League Officials shall be generally as follows:

- A. President: Shall be the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the RYSL and shall preside at all RYSL meetings, shall be an ex officio member of all RYSL standing committees, shall have general and active management of the business of the RYSL and all authority necessary thereto and shall see that all orders and resolutions of the RYSL BOD are carried into effect. In the absence of a quorum at the AGM, the President has the authority to make necessary changes to keep the RYSL Constitution and Bylaws current, updated and relevant as well as the Policies & Procedures, Rules & Regulations and Registration Forms at any time. The President may execute notes, bonds, mortgages, deeds of trust, and other contracts on behalf of the RYSL, except where required by law to be otherwise signed and executed. The President will not be allowed to vote at any meeting except in the case of a tie. The President is the supervisor of all RYSL appointed/contracted/elected individuals and will determine each positions pay, is in charge of all Concession permits (Snack Bar), advertising, flyers, sponsorships, League expansion and all things involved with the RYSL Web Site and is the liaison with USSF and its' members, at the state, regional and national level.
- B. Vice President Competition: Assist the President in the administration of RYSL activities as delegated. Shall administer all things involved with the competition of the RYSL, including but not limited to: field conditions, matches, referee issues, coaches and player training, clinics, etc. Will intercede in escalated issues on the fields of play after the AGC's have tried to resolve the situation. Will oversee the creation and implementation of an age specific syllabus for player development for RYSL coaches to follow. All decisions must have the final approval from the Board of Directors.
- C. Vice President Administration: Assist the President in the administration of RYSL activities as delegated. Shall administer all things involved with the administration of the RYSL, including but not limited to: uniforms, pictures, discipline, office equipment, fund raising (Snack Bar), etc. All decisions must have the final approval from the Board of Directors.

- D. Secretary: Assist the President in the Administration of League Activities as delegated. Attend to RYSL Correspondence as needed. Record all minutes at all RYSL meetings and have available a maximum of four (4) days after the meeting.
- E. Treasurer: Oversee the collection and deposit of dues, fees, etc. as needed. Administrate the monthly and yearly financial reports with the professional service hired by the League who will also complete the State Reports and Federal Tax Reports. The RYSL fiscal year shall be from January 1st to December 30th.
- F. Registrar: Contracted Position (Office Manager). Appointed by the President for (1) Seasonal year and ratified by the BOD. Responsible for: Inputting all players, coaches and League Officials information into the required program of the USSF member the RYSL is affiliated with. Responsible for planning and overseeing all formal RYSL registrations, along with the Lead Commissioner, and administering the RYSL Payment Plan and the RYSL Dual Registration Program. Responsible for the formation of all teams and working with the Lead Commissioner each Season in building and certifying those teams. Assigning team numbers and player numbers to all those registered in the RYSL (if required by the USSF member the RYSL is affiliated with). Processing all Player Team Match Cards (with team name, Coach picture and name, player picture and name, player ID # [if required by the USSF member the RYSL is affiliated with] and Registrar stamp); individual player cards (if required, with player picture and name, birth date, age, team name, player ID # and Registrar stamp); and individual coaches cards (with coach's picture, name, team name, coaches ID # [Background Check number] and Registrar stamp). Sign all transfers, releases, tournament rosters, etc. Follow guidelines for Registrars as set forth by the USSF members 'Registrars Manual' that the RYSL is affiliated with. Keep the player membership forms, birth certificates, pictures, CD's, cards, Coaches/Team Officials forms, Confidentiality forms, Code of Ethic forms, Background Check Receipts/forms, documents, letters, testimonials and all other forms taken by the RYSL each Season, through the next Season for reference, and then shred them. Check the telephone answering service on a daily basis and coordinate with the President on the distribution of incoming phone calls. Registrar will sign a Job Description Agreement each Season.
- G. Lead Age Group Commissioner (LAGC): Contracted Position (Special Assistant to the President). Appointed by the President for (1) Seasonal year and ratified by the BOD. Along with the normal AGC duties as outlined in (202.1H), the rest of the Lead AGC's duties are in the Job Description Agreement that is signed each Season.
- H. Age Group Commissioner (AGC): Appointed by the President for (1) Seasonal year and ratified by the BOD. Shall handle all assigned paperwork (from Lead Commissioner) for their specified Age Group and disburse it to the coaches for the current Season. Duties include, but are not limited to: adhering to the AGC Instructions Agreement they sign each Season, attending or having a representative attend all League matches for their specified Age Group, to mediate and answer questions in their Age Group, attend and help at all RYSL official events, all BOD meetings and other RYSL meetings for their specified Age Group. Help the Registrar and Lead Commissioner in working at Registrations and finding coaches, if needed, in their Age Group. Hand out the

uniforms and other items to the Coaches at the Seasonal Coaches meeting.
Act as a liaison between the RYSL and the coaches in their Age Group.

- I. League Commissioner: This position will be filled by the President who shall act as the representative for the RYSL at the USSF members' meetings/events that the RYSL is affiliated with and function as outlined in the USSF affiliates Constitution and Bylaws.
- 202.2 All elected League Officials, and appointed: Registrar, Lead Commissioner, Age Group Commissioners, Committee Chairpersons, Web Master, Referee Assignor, Equipment Coordinator, Scheduler, PR/Marketing Specialist, Field Liner, Snack Bar Coordinator and Staff, are expected to know their job description and handle the responsibilities of their position to completion. They are also expected to attend [if specified by the RYSL President] all BOD meetings, all League meetings that pertain to their position, all official League events and all meetings of the USSF member that the RYSL is affiliated with that pertain to their position. Each member of the BOD has (1) vote (even if they also have a contracted position), except the President (unless there is a tie).
- 202.3 An individual shall be permitted to hold only one of the above described elected offices except the President, who will handle the duties of any vacant Officer and will also be the League Commissioner (if required) to the USSF member that the RYSL is affiliated with.
- 202.4 The League Officials that are elected by the RYSL membership or who win by running unopposed during the Annual General Meeting (AGM), or who win by BOD vote or are ratified by the BOD after being appointed by the President at the BOD meeting, shall hold office for the length of the specified two (2) year cycle. The President, VP Administration and Treasurer shall be elected in even-numbered years. The VP Competition and Secretary shall be elected in odd-numbered years. The Registrar, Lead AGC and Age Group Commissioners shall be appointed by the President for one (1) Seasonal year; Committee Chairpersons, by the President for the time they are needed and will be ratified at the BOD Meeting right after the end of the AGM or the BOD meeting they are appointed in. The Staff and other Contracted positions will serve seasonally for the President as long as they perform their Agreements. Should any League Official resign, vacate their office or the position not be filled at the AGM due to the lack of a Quorum or lack of a candidate, their duties will be handled by the President until filled by appointment of the President and ratified by the BOD.
- 202.5 All newly elected Officers and appointed positions shall take over their positions immediately after the AGM or BOD meeting they were ratified at. The outgoing League Official/Appointed Position will turn over all pertinent RYSL information for their position to the new League Official/Appointed Position immediately.
- 202.6 The BOD shall have general supervision of the affairs of the RYSL between its Annual General Meetings (AGM), fix the hour and place of the meetings, make recommendations to the RYSL President and shall perform such other duties as are specified in these Bylaws, Policies & Procedures and Rules & Regulations of the RYSL.
- 202.7 The BOD shall have the power to enforce the rules governing the RYSL name, competitions and tournaments within its own structure. The BOD shall have the power to enforce the Laws of the Game, the Policies & Procedures and Rules &

Regulations of the USSF member the RYSL is affiliated with and the Constitution, Bylaws, Policies & Procedures, Rules & Regulations and Registration Forms of the RYSL. D&O Liability Insurance will be kept in force to protect the BOD.

202.8 No member of the BOD shall hold an office in any other Youth Soccer Association / League in Nevada, with the exception of the League President.

202.9 The BOD shall, from time to time, with due cause, make temporary rules and regulations for specific cases or occasions, either not provided for in the Constitution, Bylaws, Policies & Procedures, Rules & Regulations or Registration Forms or that need to circumvent the time constraints or other requirements of such, but which are deemed necessary by the BOD, to carry out the objectives of this League as long as they do not circumvent the authority of the President.

202.10 The BOD must approve all fund raising activities conducted in the name of the RYSL.

202.11 **REMOVAL:** In the event of cause, which is defined as follows: misconduct (an action that is detrimental or disrespectful to the RYSL or its BOD), insubordination (purposefully ignoring or disobeying the edicts of the President or BOD), failure to perform duties (as outlined in the Bylaws or job description), three (3) consecutive unexcused absences (of a Board, League or Annual General Meeting or official RYSL events) or any action that shows contempt for the RYSL.

A. **Officers:** Any member of the elected BOD may be removed for cause by a two thirds vote of the quorum of the BOD at the indicated BOD meeting after Due Process.

B. **Registrar, Lead AGC, Age Group Commissioners, Committee Chairpersons & all assigned/contracted positions:** The RYSL President has the authority to remove these individuals for cause at any time with ratification from the BOD.

C. **Due Process:**

1. Notice will be sent by the BOD Secretary, either written (certified Letter) or digitally (email), requesting an explanation concerning the infraction.
2. Reply must be received within 14 days (excluding Sundays and Holidays) to either the League address, fax number or digitally to the League email.
3. No reply within 14 days will be considered an automatic resignation.
4. Once the reply has been received, the BOD Secretary will inform the individual of the date and time of the BOD meeting adjudicating the infraction. The individual will have an opportunity to respond to the charges at the BOD meeting.

203 QUORUM:

203.1 A majority of the BOD shall constitute a quorum at all Regular & Special meetings.

203.2 A majority of the total eligible voting members shall constitute a quorum at the AGM. Eligible voting members are the members of the BOD and one (1) registered head coach from each registered team in the RYSL in good standing. If a coach is the head coach of more than one (1) team, the assistant coach, in good standing, of the other team(s) will get one (1) vote.

204 SEASONAL YEAR:

204.1 The seasonal year of the RYSL shall begin on August 1st and shall end on July 31st of the following year. Insurance coverage shall be for the same period of time.

204.2 August 1st through July 31st will determine the players Age Group placement. The U4 Rug Rat division accepts children at two (2) years of age. Additionally, children three and a half (3 ½) may be considered for the U5 division if their parent is registered as Coach or Assistant Coach.

205 GENERAL PROCEDURES:

205.1 No player shall participate in a match without a valid player's pass (individual pass or Team Player Match Card). Any player not having a valid player's pass (or pictured on a Team Player Match Card) shall be considered ineligible. Players without passes shall not be permitted to play unless they present a valid letter from the League Registrar or the Registrar notifies the Referee Assignor or Referee.

205.2 The Rules of Play shall be the "Laws of the Game" as published by FIFA with stated modifications in the RYSL Age Group Rules and Summary of Rules. All sanctioned matches shall abide by the "Laws of the Game" and aforesaid modifications.

205.3 The ages for participation in the RYSL are two (2) years of age to eighteen (18) years of age. You can turn nineteen (19) after the August 1st cutoff & still play that season.

205.4 Players must wear the official RYSL Uniform and/or GK Jersey or they won't be allowed to play.

206 PROTESTS AND APPEALS:

206.1 Refer to the RYSL Disciplinary Policy.

206.2 Only violations of the Constitution, Bylaws, Policies & Procedures, Rules & Regulations or Registration Forms of the RYSL or the USSF member the RYSL is affiliated with or misapplication of the "Laws of the Game" [not referee match decisions] shall be proper subjects to be considered for an Appeal.

206.3 In the matter of Protests and Appeals, no League Official, Referee, Coach, Team Official, Player, Parent, Family Member, their Guest or a Spectator shall engage the services of any attorney until all avenues of approach of Protest and Appeal procedures are exhausted through the regular channels of organized Soccer.

206.4 Avenues of Protest and Appeal, starting with the decisions of this League, shall be as provided by the RYSL or the USSF rulebook and defined below. All fees will be paid with a Cashier's Check or Money Order. If the Appeal is adjudicated in the favor of the presenter, the fees will be refunded.

A.	Chain of Command	No cost
B.	League Board of Directors	\$ 25.00
C.	Affiliate State Board of Directors	\$ 50.00
D.	Affiliate Protest and Appeals	\$ 75.00
E.	Affiliate National Appeals Commission	\$300.00

206.5 All disciplinary actions shall remain in effect during the protest and/or appeal procedures, as outlined in the USSF National Rule and the RYSL Bylaws and Policies & Procedures.

206.6 If a Coach, Team Official, Player, Parent, Family member, their Guest or a Spectator is being disciplined on one RYSL team & is associated with other RYSL team(s), they will not be able to participate with the other RYSL team(s) until the entire disciplinary process of the original RYSL team is resolved. A League Official or Referee can't participate in any League activities until their entire disciplinary process is resolved.

207 RESPONSIBILITIES:

- 207.1 Absolutely no alcoholic beverages, glass containers, illegal drugs, weapons of any kind, foul or vulgar language, smoking [except on cement sidewalks] or fighting / disorderly conduct will be allowed. Any aggressive action by anyone towards anyone will not be tolerated. Expect immediate disciplinary action to be taken. Also, anyone arguing, yelling, ridiculing, threatening, intimidating, being abusive or making derogatory comments to any member of the RYSL BOD, Staff, contractors, volunteers, visiting dignitaries, referees, Coaches, players, parents, family members or guests, or are loud, argumentative and obnoxious and who create an unacceptable atmosphere at any time, or at any of the RYSL practices, Matches or Events, will not be tolerated and will be disciplined by the RYSL BOD. If you bring a pet to any of the RYSL practices, Matches or Events, please clean up your pet's excrement. Clark County Park Police will be called if needed.
- 207.2 Falsification of information shall be grounds for disbarment, suspension, forfeiture and any other action deemed necessary by the BOD of the RYSL.
- 207.3 The Head Coach is responsible: A. For the actions of the team officials, players, parents, family members, their guests and spectators on their team, at all matches, practices and Official RYSL Events; B. To clean up all the trash / garbage from their sideline after their Match, practice or Official RYSL Event is completed.
- 207.4 A plea of ignorance of the Constitution, Bylaws, Policies & Procedures, Rules & Regulations, Registration Forms and other governing documents of the RYSL or the USSF member that the RYSL is affiliated with is not sufficient and violators will expect appropriate action by the BOD.
- 207.5 Any member of the RYSL (League Official, Staff, Contractor, Volunteer, Referee, Head Coach, Team Official, Player, Parent, Family Member, their Guest or a Spectator), who has done anything that is detrimental to the RYSL, at any of the RYSL fields, Official RYSL Events or in general, before, during or after a match, or at any time, or who has been arrested and/or charged with a crime that would bring discredit or disrespect to the RYSL, or, through their actions, would bring discredit or disrespect to the RYSL, will have the BOD determine if they are unworthy or unfit to be in the RYSL and determine a disciplinary action to take, up to and including a lifetime banishment from the RYSL. It is a privilege to coach, play, volunteer, spectate in the RYSL, NOT a right.

208 FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES:

- 208.1 The RYSL shall be responsible for any and all obligated debt incurred by the RYSL, regardless of when such debt was incurred.
- 208.2 The RYSL shall not assume, nor be liable for the debts or the financial responsibilities, either implied or incurred, of any of its members (League Officials, contractors, volunteers, coaches [head or assistant], team officials, players, parents, family members, their guests, spectators, referees, teams or clubs).
- 208.3 No part of the net earnings of this Corporation shall inure to, or for the benefit of, or be distributed to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the RYSL shall be empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the exempt purpose for which it was formed.

209 PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY:

- 209.1 The RYSL Constitution, Bylaws, Policies & Procedures, Rules & Regulations and Registration Forms will govern the RYSL in all cases, meetings and organized

events. The rules contained in Scott, Foresman 'Robert's Rules of Order', newly revised, most recent edition, shall govern the RYSL in those cases that are not covered by the RYSL Constitution, Bylaws, Policies & Procedures, Rules & Regulations and Registration Forms of the RYSL or the governing rules of the USSF member that the RYSL is affiliated with.

210 ACTIVITIES:

210.1 Notwithstanding any other provisions of these articles, the RYSL shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 501 (C) (3) of the Internal Revenue code.

211 DISSOLUTION:

211.1 Upon the winding up and dissolution of the RYSL, after paying or adequately providing for the debts and obligations of the RYSL, the remaining assets shall be distributed to a non-profit fund, foundation or corporation, which is organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, or religious and/or scientific purposes and which has established its tax-except status under Section 501 (C) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.