



CONSTITUTION

I. NAME

This Association shall be known as The New Jersey State Youth Soccer Association, Inc., also referred to as the NJSYSA.

II. PURPOSE

1. The purpose of the NJSYSA shall be to develop, promote, govern and provide non-profit, public educational soccer competition among the youth (under 19 years of age) within the State of New Jersey.
2. NJSYSA or its members will not discriminate against any individual on the basis of race, color, religion, age, sex or national origin.

III. AFFILIATION

1. The NJSYSA shall be an affiliate of, and comply with the authority of, the United States Soccer Federation (USSF) and the United States Youth Soccer Association (USYSA).
2. NJSYSA will not join any organization that has requirements that conflict with the Federation's articles, bylaws, policies and requirements.

IV. TAX EXEMPT STATUS

NJSYSA shall maintain its tax-exempt status under the Internal Revenue Code.

V. GOVERNING AUTHORITY

1. The NJSYSA shall be governed by a Board of Directors and by the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors.
2. The USSF articles of incorporation, bylaws, policies, and requirements take precedence over and supersede the governing documents and decisions of New Jersey State Youth Soccer Association and its members to the extent applicable under New Jersey state law. NJSYSA and its members will abide by those articles, bylaws, policies, and requirements of USSF.

SECTION I.

The Board of Directors shall be composed of:

A President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Third Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, State Registrar, a Travel Commissioner for each area and a Recreational Area Commissioner for each area, and a Travel League Representative for each affiliated travel league and the immediate Past President of the NJSYSA as an ex officio member for a period of one year.

SECTION II.

Responsibility and Authority of the Board of Directors:

The Board of Directors shall be responsible and have sole authority for:

- A. Enforcing the Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules and Regulations.
- B. Approving affiliated travel leagues and recreational leagues.
- C. The creation of new districts and areas or the realignment of existing districts and areas, as situation and circumstances warrant.
- D. Adopting temporary rules and regulations for specific cases or circumstances, not provided for in the Bylaws or policies, which are necessary to carry out the objectives of the NJSYSA, subject to ratification by the membership at the annual General Meeting.
- E. Approving the State Coaching School Administrator and staff.
- F. Approving the Annual Budget.

SECTION III.

Executive Committee:

The Executive Committee of the Board of Directors shall be composed of the President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Third Vice President the Travel Area Commissioners, Secretary, Treasurer and the State Registrar. The immediate past President (for a period of one year), the State Youth Referee Administrator and the Executive Director shall also serve as a non-voting members of the Executive Committee.

Recreational Commissioners and Travel League Representatives for each affiliated travel league shall receive notice of all Executive Committee meetings and have the right to attend those meetings.

Responsibilities and Authority of the Executive Committee:

The Executive Committee shall be responsible for:

- A. Administrating the affairs of the NJSYSA on behalf of the Board of Directors.
- B. Taking such action between Board meetings as is required to resolve problems, settle issues, institute programs, comply with instructions, and carry out other functions necessary for the operation of the NJSYSA in accordance with the overall policy of the Board and subject to Board approval.
- C. Referring major issues and problems not covered by Board policy to the Board, along with recommendations for action.
- D. Proposing to the Board new programs, changes in existing programs and other subjects for Board consideration.
- E. Approving international youth games with affiliated teams.
- F. Approving tournaments sponsored by affiliated teams, clubs or leagues.
- G. Supervising the formation and operation of all State Youth Cup games in the State and area Olympic development teams.
- H. Proposing amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws.

SECTION IV.

Meetings:

The Board of Directors:

The Board of Directors shall hold a minimum of six meetings per fiscal year with one of those meetings being the Annual General Meeting in June. Meeting dates are to be determined at the June Annual General Meeting.

Special meetings may be called by the President or any group of members comprising one-third in number of the members authorized to vote. Written or printed notice stating the place, day and hour of any meetings of members must be delivered personally, by regular mail, or by email to each member entitled to vote at the meeting not less than five (5) nor more than thirty (30) days before the date of the meeting, by or at the direction of the President, or such persons as are calling the meeting. The purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called must be stated in the notice. Members may participate in such meeting by conferencing.

Executive Committee:

The Executive Committee shall meet at least semi-annually, whenever the President deems a meeting necessary or whenever the President is instructed to call a meeting by one-third of the members of the Executive Committee.

Annual General Meeting:

The Annual General Meeting of the NJSYSA shall take place in June of each year on a date as determined at a Board of Directors meeting to be held immediately after the AGM. The meeting date may be changed to another date within June on 90 days' notice by the President if a conflict exists with Regional or National events.

A. The order of business at the Annual General Meeting shall be as follows:

- Roll Call
- Certification of Voting Credentials
- Minutes and Acceptance thereof
- President's Annual Report
- Treasurer's Annual Financial Report
- Reports of other Officers and Committees
- Old and unfinished business
- Election of Recreational Commissioners
- Constitution, Bylaw and Rule Change Proposals
- New Business
- Election of Travel Area Commissioners
- Election of Statewide Officials

An agenda of the Annual General Meeting will be provided to the membership at least fifteen (15) days prior to the Annual General Meeting.

B. Parliamentary Procedure: The Annual General Membership shall be conducted according to the form prescribed in Robert's Rules of Order unless otherwise provided in the Constitution or Bylaws.

VI. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

Amendments to the Constitution can be approved only at the Annual General Meeting.

Introduction of Amendments:

Any proposed amendment must be received by the Secretary of the NJSYSA, in writing, no less than thirty-five (35) days prior to the Annual General Meeting. The Secretary shall cause to be sent to all Travel League Representative of record copies of said proposed amendments no less than thirty (30) days prior to the Annual General Meeting.

Approval of Amendments:

The approval of any proposed amendment shall require an affirmative vote of sixty-six and two thirds (66-2/3%) per cent of the votes cast.

Said amendments shall become effective at the adjournment of the Annual General Meeting.

Each affiliated travel league, through its Travel League Representative, shall vote on amendments in accordance with the Proportional Voting System set forth in the Bylaws. Additionally, each Recreational League Area Commissioner shall have one (1) vote.

Revised Constitution amended on April 15, 2019.