

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS OF WINDSOR YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE

Article I. CONSTITUTION

Section 1.01 Name

The name of this corporation is Windsor Youth Soccer League (WYSL also referred to as “League”).

Section 1.02 Specific Purposes/Mission Statement

- a. *The League is nonprofit public benefit corporation pursuant to California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law (Corporations Code §§ 5110-6910) organized for the charitable and educational purposes of developing, promoting, offering and administering a youth soccer program to allow boys and girls under nineteen years of age to learn and play youth soccer within the League’s boundaries.*
- b. *Provide a program of organized “recreational” soccer for all children in the WYSL territory.*
- c. *Provide the opportunity for interested, more skillful children to play soccer at the “competitive” level.*
- d. *Generally promote the sport of soccer in the Windsor and surrounding areas.*
- e. *Goal “Children, having fun, playing soccer” is the most important goal of this league. Fulfillment of this goal is to be brought about by setting an atmosphere of friendly competition on which learning and playing soccer are held foremost. Anything, which detracts from this atmosphere, shall be discouraged. This Constitution and, Bylaws are not meant to provide technical points that will allow adult participants in the WYSL program to “win” games by protest. The Constitution, Bylaws and Rules are the instruments with which to build and maintain a soccer environment in which children may play.*

Section 1.03 Affiliations

The League is affiliated with the California Youth Soccer Association (“CYSA”), the United States Youth Soccer Association (“USYSA”) and the United States Soccer Federation (“USSF”).

Section 1.04 Boundaries

The geographical boundaries of the League shall coincide with the attendance boundaries of the Windsor Unified School District.

Section 1.05 Colors

The representative colors of this League shall be red and black.

Section 1.06 Authorities

This league shall be governed by its Constitution and Bylaws; any specific Rules and Procedures adopted by the Board of Directors, and Rules established by CYSA, USYSA, USSF, and FIFA

- a. *The governing authority of the WYSL, whose powers designated within its Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules & Regulations, shall be vested with Board of Directors, except when these are superseded by those of CYSA, USYSA, USSF, or FIFA.*
- b. *The Windsor Youth Soccer League has final authority in all matters relating to the administration of this League, including its member Clubs.*
- c. *The Windsor Youth Soccer League may appoint such other committees or persons as deemed necessary for the effective administration of this league.*
- d. *Copies of the League’s Constitution, Bylaws, and governing document shall, upon reasonable request, be made, available to all Members.*

Section 1.07 Alcoholic beverage & illegal drug prohibition

- a. *The use or consumption of any alcoholic beverage or illegal drugs by any player, coach, or spectator is expressly prohibited.*
- b. *Any player, coach or team official who violates this prohibition shall be subject to disciplinary actions by the league*

Section 1.08 Rules of order

The league shall always have in focus the good of the players. Robert's Rules of Order will be considered but they are not necessarily deemed as an adopted policy.

Section 1.09 Rules of play

The rules of play for all competitions sanctioned by this league shall be the "Laws of the Game" as published by FIFA/USSE/USYSA with modifications made by CYSA and by this League as amended each year. Players under ten years of age may play soccer under the auspices of this League in accordance with the rules of the development player program: modified playing rules for Under-6, Under-8, Under-10, and any special developmental programs the league might adopt.

Section 1.10 Dissolution

Should this League be dissolved, all assets remaining after payment of all debts shall be distributed in a manner for all of the member players to benefit. The Board of Directors will oversee this disbursement. If the league is to be dissolved then the league will donate assets to similar youth programs

Section 1.11 Membership

- a. *Classification of Members. There shall be two classes of members. "General" and "Voting".*
- b. *Membership in the League shall be by affiliation with the League. All youth players duly registered with the League, their parents or legal guardians, coaches of League teams and referees in good standing and actively supporting the League shall be General Members. Each member of the Board of Directors shall be a Voting Member for all League matters, except the AGM where the voting population will be defined within the body of that particular section.*
- c. *Non-Liability of Members. A member of the League shall not, solely because of membership, be personally liable for the debts, obligations, or liabilities of the League.*
- d. *Member Responsibilities. All members shall abide by the Constitution, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations of the League and the associations with which the League is affiliated as specified in Section 1.03.*
- e. *All youth applicants for General Membership shall annually submit a duly completed registration form and full payment of all registration fees or other charge required within the time and under the conditions set by the Board.*

- f. *Termination of Membership. A member and all rights of membership shall be automatically terminated on the occurrence of any of the following:*
 - (A) The member no longer satisfies any of the criteria set forth in Section 1.11.
 - (B) The voluntary resignation of a member.
 - (C) A determination, in the sole discretion of two-thirds of the Board, that the member has failed in a material and serious degree to comply with the members responsibilities or has engaged in conduct materially and seriously prejudicial to the purposes and interests of the League.
 - (D) The death of the member.

- g. *All bank checks, drafts and/or Money Orders submitted to the League, shall be made payable to the Windsor Youth Soccer League or to "WYSL."*

- h. *Falsification of records shall be grounds for disbarment from future participation and/or membership in the League.*

- i. *A plea of ignorance to the Constitution, Bylaws, General Procedures and Specific Rules of the League, CYSA, USYSA, or USSF is not sufficient and violators may expect appropriate action by PAD Committee and/or the Board of Directors of this League.*

- j. *Any person found guilty of violating the Constitution, Bylaws, General Procedures and Specific Rules may be asked to appear before the Board of Directors in order to explain his/her actions.*

Section 1.12 Annual General Meeting

Unless the Board designates a different date, the Annual General Meeting ("AGM") of the members shall be held annually on the third Thursday in November, at 7:00 p.m.

- a. *Order of Business at the AGM:*
 - (A) *Call to Order*
 - (B) *Roll Call*
 - (C) *Introduction Guests*
 - (D) *Acceptance of Minutes of Previous AGM*
 - (E) *Board and Committee Reports*
 - (F) *Proposals for change to Constitution, Bylaws, and Specific Rules*
 - (G) *Election of Directors*
 - (H) *New Business*

- (I) Good of the Game*
- (J) Adjournment*

- b. Quorum at the AGM shall consist of any number of General Members present at the specified meeting time.*
- c. Each member team in good standing shall be entitled to one (1) vote. Voting shall be restricted to those teams, which have been registered during the current season And in good standing. Voting in proxy shall not be allowed and only those members' teams in good standing shall be entitled to voting privileges.*
- d. No person and/or team shall cast more than one (1) vote, regardless of his/her affiliation with any committees or as member of the Board of Directors. The President of the League shall cast a vote only in the case of a tie.*
- e. The Board of Directors shall be elected at the AGM. The voting members shall cast their votes for each elected position. The Directors so elected shall appoint the remaining directors. Club Representatives shall be Directors and shall be elected and appointed by their respective Clubs.*

Section 1.13 Amendments/Changes

- a. Amendments to the Constitution, Bylaws, and Specific Rules shall be made at the Annual General Meeting of the membership, except in such cases as specified in the Bylaws of the League. Each affiliated Club and League Officer may submit proposed changes to the constitution, bylaws, and rules of this league to the WYSL Rules and Revision Committee. Proposed changes must be received by the committee no later than 2 weeks before that years AGM for vote at that year's AGM.*
- b. An amendment to the Constitution and the Bylaws shall be deemed adopted by an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the General Members in good standing and attending the AGM.*
- c. Any and all amendments to the Constitution, Bylaws, and Specific Rules of the League adopted at the AGM, shall become effective immediately upon approval.*
 - (A) Teams shall be governed by the rules of the seasonal year for which they are registering.*
 - (B) Events (games, tournaments, developmental programs, etc.) shall be governed by the rules of the seasonal year for which their participants are registered.*
- d. Amendments to rules require a simple majority of the votes cast.*
- e. The Board of Directors may adopt new policies or amend existing policies that shall be effective as the date adopted or amended. Such actions shall*

become a permanent part of this document when ratified by an affirmative majority of votes cast at the following AGM.

- f. The Rules and Revision Committee shall revise the constitution, bylaws, rules and policies to reflect amendments, ratification and other decisions of the membership at the AGM, before December 31 of the same year.*

Section 1.14 Clubs

- a. Recreation and Competitive Youth soccer clubs are administrative and subdivisions of the WYSL whose key objective is to bring children and adult leaders together on youth soccer teams to carry out the purposes and goal of this league. Clubs shall be obligated to provide proper facilities and equipment for scheduled play of club teams.*
- b. The Board of Directors may create or permit the creation of youth soccer clubs, hereafter also referred to as “affiliated clubs” or “clubs”. No club may exist without recognition by the WYSL board. Current clubs recognized by the WYSL are: Windsor United Soccer Club also referred to as “WUSC”*
- c. A “normal” club shall have affiliated teams in at least two CYSA age brackets.*
- d. The WUSC is the sole Competitive Club in WYSL and shall carry out the purpose described in paragraph 1.02.C. The WUSC will coordinate and administer the competitive program affiliated with WYSL. WYSL supports the competitive environment all facets available.*
- e. The WUSC President, or his designees, shall represent the WYSL in the District V League.*

Article II. Bylaws

Section 2.01 Directors

The Board of Directors shall be composed of the following members:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

<u>Office</u>	<u>Elected /Appointed</u>	<u>Term of Office</u>
President	Elected	Two (2) year
Vice President	Elected	Two (2) year

Secretary	Elected	One (1) year
Treasurer	Elected	One (1) year

LEAGUE BOARD:

<u>Office</u>	<u>Elected / Appointed</u>	<u>Term of Office</u>
Fields/Facilities Director	Elected	One (1) year
Tournament Director	Elected	One (1) year
Player Development Director	Elected	One (1) year
Communications Director	Elected	One (1) year
Coaching Director	Appointed	One (1) year
Referee Coordinator	Elected	One (1) year
Equipment Coordinator	Elected	One (1) year
Registrar	Appointed	One (1) year
Sponsors Coordinator	Elected	One (1) year
Volunteers Coordinator	Elected	One (1) year
Snack Bar Coordinator	Appointed	One (1) year
WUSC Representative	Appointed by WUSC	One (1) year
Practice / Game Schedules Coordinator	Appointed	One (1) year
U6 Coaches Coordinator	Elected	One (1) year
U8 Coaches Coordinator	Elected	One (1) year
U10 Coaches Coordinator	Elected	One (1) year
U12+ Coaches Coordinator	Elected	One (1) year

Section 2.02 Qualifications

The Directors of the League shall be residents of Sonoma County, California. Only one member of any family shall be eligible to serve on the Board at any time unless advanced approval from Board of Directors is granted

Section 2.03 Nomination

Any person qualified to be elected as a Director under section 2.02 of these Bylaws *may* be nominated by a Voting Member at the Board Meeting immediately preceding the AGM or from the floor at the AGM. Nominations may be made in person or submitted to the League Secretary in writing. The nominee must consent prior to his/her name being placed in nomination.

Section 2.04 Election

The Board of Directors shall be elected at the AGM. The voting members shall cast their votes for each elected position. The Directors so elected shall appoint the remaining directors. Club Representatives shall be Directors and shall be elected and appointed by their respective Clubs.

Section 2.05 Powers

Subject to the provisions of *California Nonprofit Benefit Corporation Law*, the constitution, bylaws and rules of CYSA, USYSA and USSF, the business and affairs of the League shall be exercised by the Board of Directors. The Board may delegate the management of activates of the League to any person, persons or committee, provided that all association powers shall continue to be exercised under the ultimate direction of the Board. The Board may adopt such rules and regulations as are necessary or desirable to facilitate the operation of the League; provided that such rules and regulations shall not be in conflict with the Constitution or Bylaws.

Section 2.06 Officers

The officers of the League shall be as set forth below and such other officers as the Board of Directors may designate. Any two (2) or more offices may be held by the same person, except the offices of President and Secretary. The duties of the members of the Board of Directors, in addition to attendance at all Board meetings, shall be as follows:

- a. *President. The Presidents shall be a Director, shall be the executive officer of the League, establish committees as deemed necessary; subject to ratification by the Board of Directors and may be a member of any and all committees and participate in such committees at his or her own discretion. The President shall call and preside at all meetings, both regular and special and shall only cast a vote at meetings in the case of a tie. All expenditures of monies will be approved by the Board at regular meetings. However, the President shall have the power to authorize expenditures for the good of the League, up to a maximum amount of three hundred (\$300) in any calendar month without prior approval of the Board. The President shall perform such other duties as on occasion shall be assigned by the Board.*
- b. *Vice President. The Vice President shall be a Director and shall assume all responsibilities and authorities for the President in his/her absence, assist the President with coordination, direction and communication at the operational level and perform all other duties as requested and assigned by the President, subject to the control of the board. The Vice President shall serve as the Chairman of the League's PAD committee.*
- c. *Secretary. The Secretary shall keep and maintain all records and minutes of all meetings and proceedings of the League and present said minutes at the beginning of all regular meetings of the Board of Directors, secure meeting locations as required, notify Board members of time and place or regular and/or special meetings and shall perform such other duties as assigned by the Board.*
- d. *Treasurer. The Treasurer shall keep and maintain all financial accounts, shall be responsible for paying all bills, prepare and present monthly*

treasurer's reports to the Board. The Treasurer shall work closely with any paid executive staff of the League to ascertain that appropriate procedures are being followed in the financial affairs of the League and shall perform such other duties as occasionally may be assigned by the Board.

- e. Fields and Facilities Director. The Fields/Facilities Director shall be responsible for obtaining sites for games and practice and shall insure that all fields are properly marked, prior to the start of regularly scheduled league games. This Director shall also assign practice fields and times for all WYSL teams and shall have the authority to assign teams to line fields, set up and take down equipment.*
- f. Tournament Director. The Tournament Director's responsibilities include overseeing and coordinating all League hosted tournaments, including obtaining and dissemination information relating to requirements for hosting CYSA sanctioned tournaments and other events; reviewing requests from Clubs for League hosted tournaments, and related documents for compliance with appropriate regulations; reviewing requests to host a tournament from each Club and reviewing all related documents; preparing necessary documents to secure approvals for Club and League sponsored tournaments for approval and signature by the President; and other duties as assigned by the Board.*
- g. Player Development Director. The duties of the Player Development Director shall include developing and to implementing age appropriate programs to provide an opportunity to enhance individual skills and team play of players in a positive and reinforcing manner. The Player Development Director shall also be responsible for identifying and developing those players who have a desire to play at more competitive levels of youth soccer.*
- h. Communications Director. The primary responsibilities of the Communications Director are to facilitate inter league communications and to provide news and information about the League to the local news media.*
- i. Coaching Director. The coaching director shall solicit and evaluate applications from those qualified to coach youth soccer and shall make recommendations to the Board on selection of coaches. He or she shall also schedule and coordinate periodic instructional clinics for League coaches.*
- j. Referee Coordinator. The primary responsibility of the Referee Coordinator shall be to recruit, train, assign, assess and ensure prompt payment to the referees who participate in the League's referee program.*

- k. *Equipment Coordinator. The primary responsibility of the Equipment Coordinator shall be to account and procure equipment for the League*
- l. *Registrar. The Registrar shall be responsible for registration, transfers, etc. of all League players and other duties as assigned by the Board.*
- m. *Sponsors Coordinator. The Sponsors Coordinator shall be responsible for keeping and maintaining a list of volunteers and to coordinate the activities of the volunteers. The volunteer coordinator shall also be responsible for any other duties as assigned by the Board.*
- n. *Volunteers Coordinator. The Volunteers Coordinator shall be responsible for keeping and maintaining a list of volunteers and to coordinate the activities of the volunteers. The Volunteers Coordinator shall also be responsible for any other duties as assigned by the Board.*
- o. *Snack Bar Coordinator. The Snack Bar Coordinator shall be responsible for managing the activities of the snack bars set up by the league. The Snack Bar Coordinator shall also be responsible for any other duties as assigned by the Board.*
- p. *Practice and Game Schedule Coordinator. The Practice and Game Schedule Coordinator shall be responsible for creating and maintaining schedules for games and practice sessions.*
- q. *Age Group Coaches Coordinators. The Age Group Coaches Coordinators shall be responsible for coordinating the activities of their specific age group and to maintain open the communication lines with their coaches. The Age Group Coaches Coordinators shall also be responsible for any other duties as assigned by the Board.*

Section 2.07 Meetings

Place of Meetings. Regular meetings of the Board shall be held monthly at any place within Sonoma County as designated by the Board. The agenda for regular meetings shall be as follows:

- (A) Call to Order
- (B) Roll Call
- (C) Introduction of Guests
- (D) Acceptance of Minutes from previous meeting
- (E) Board and Committee Reports
- (F) Unfinished Business
- (G) New Business
- (H) Good of the Game
- (I) Adjournment

- a. *Annual meetings of the Board shall be held, without call or notice, immediately following each AGM as set forth in section 1.12*
- b. *Special meetings of the Boards may be called by the President or any three (3) Directors.*
- c. *Adjournments. A majority of the Directors present, whether or not a quorum is present, may adjourn any meeting to another time and place. If the meeting is adjourned for more than twenty-four (24) hours, notice of the adjournment, including the time and place of the adjourned meeting must be given to the Directors who were not present at the time of adjournment.*

Section 2.08 Conduct of Meetings

- a. *The President of the League or, in his or her absence, the Vice President, or in his or her absence, any other person chosen by a majority of the members present in person shall be Chairman of and shall preside over the meetings of the members.*
- b. *The Secretary of the League shall act as the Secretary of all meetings of members; provided that in his or her absence, the Chairman of the meetings of members shall appoint another person to act as Secretary of the meetings*

Section 2.09 Resignation of Director

Any Director may resign effective on giving written notice to the President, the Secretary, or the Board of Directors of the League, unless the notice specifies a later time for the effectiveness of such resignation. If the resignation is effective at a future time a successor may be elected or appointed to take office when the resignation becomes effective.

Section 2.10 Vacancies in the Board

- (a) Causes. Vacancies on the Board of Directors shall exist on the death, resignation or removal of any Director; whenever the number of Directors authorized is increased; and on the failure of the members in any election to elect the full number of Directors authorized.
- (b) Filling Vacancies by Directors. A vacancy on the Board of Directors shall be filled as soon as possible. For elected and appointed positions, the remaining Board members shall appoint a replacement to serve the remainder of the vacant position's term.

Section 2.11 Quorum

Five members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Board of Directors.

Section 2.12 Standing Committee

The following Standing Committees are hereby established:

- A. Protest and Appeals Committee
- B. Developmental Program Committee
- C. Tournament Committee
- D. Opening Day Committee
- E. Audit Committee
- F. Coaching Committee
- G. Rules and Revisions Committee
- H. Coaches Select
- I. Family Day

Section 2.13 Financial Responsibility

- a. *This League shall not assume, nor be liable for, the debts and/or financial responsibilities, either implied or incurred, of any player, coach, manager, team assistant, league official, or referee from any member team.*
- b. *The Audit Committee will be established during the new business session of the AGM. This committee is to be comprised of the Treasurer, Secretary, and three (3) other Directors, one of which shall be the Vice President. The Vice President shall chair this committee. No member of the Audit Committee, with the exception of the secretary, can serve more than two consecutive years. The Audit Committee is to meet no less than four (4) times per year. The Committee shall be directed by the Board of Directors to review the finances of the various Clubs, Programs and/or Committees. The committee shall review revenues and expenses watching*

for mismanagement, more fiscally sound ways of doing business, and overall feasibility of the program.

Section 2.14 Sexual and Physical Abuse

This League opposes sexual and physical abuse. To the extent permissible under applicable law, the Board of Directors and members shall adopt procedures consistent with this policy consistent with criteria established by USSF.

Section 2.15 Liability Protection

All officers of this League and official members shall be covered against personal liability claims by CYSA for performing acts and duties related to the work of the League.

Section 2.16 Seasonal Year

The seasonal year shall be from September 1st through August 31st. Insurance coverage shall be for the same time period.

Section 2.17 The Executive Board

The Executive Board shall consist of the current President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and the WUSC President and WUSC Vice President.

Section 2.18 Absences

In the event any Director fails to attend 3 consecutive Board meetings (regular, special, or a combination) or any 4 Board meetings in 1 year, the Board may, by majority vote to the remaining Board members, remove the Director and appoint a replacement to serve the remainder of the removed Director's term.

Article III. General Rules and Procedures

Section 3.01 Teams

All teams, including Class I and Class III teams, will be formed and operate under the supervision and authority of the Board. The Coaching Committee, which will be composed of the Coaching Director, the Player Development Director, and one (1) additional members of the Board appointed by the President, shall approve all coaches. Assistant Coaches and Team Coordinators shall be appointed by the team Coach, subject to the approval of the Coaching Committee.

Section 3.02 Coaches and Assistant

Coaches shall be responsible for:

- a. *Training of players to develop individual soccer skills and team play.*
- b. *The conduct of the team, players and their parents.*
- c. *The Team Coordinator.*
- d. *Coaching the team for the entire seasonal year of play for the team.*
- e. *Attending an annual mandatory pre-season coaches meeting. The coach may forfeit his or her right to coach if he or she fails to attend the meeting. Team's Assistant Coach or Team Coordinator may substitute for the Coach by notification to the age group coordinator of who will attend the meeting.*

Section 3.03 Coaches Requirements

- a. *Coaches, Assistant Coaches and any other person that may be coaching can station themselves on the same side of the field as the other team and opposite from the parents.*
- b. *A coach will not call out alleged fouls or otherwise indulge in a running commentary of the "Laws of the Game".*
- c. *A coach will not dispute or question the calls or decisions of the referees.*
- d. *A coach shall not enter the field of play except prior to the start of the game, at half time and at the end of the game or to aid an injured player from either team or whenever beckoned onto the field by the referee.*
- e. *Coaches shall not provoke, intimidate or enter into a dispute with coaches, players or fans of the opposing team.*
- f. *A coach violates any of the above paragraphs; the referee may be obligated to give the coach a verbal warning and/or orders the coach out of the gymnasium. The referee shall make a report of this and forward it to the PAD*
- g. *A coach who is reported (sent-off) for a second time shall be suspended for the remainder of the season be the PAD Committee.*
- h. *A coach is responsible for his team's fans and spectator. If team's substitutes, fans and spectators violate the above conducts the coach can be held liable, if in the opinion of the referee, makes little or no attempt to control the situation.*

- i. *All coaches will support and attend trainings that are established by the Board of Directors*
- j. *All coaches will sign and agree to the Annual Coaches Contract.*

k. *Licensing Requirements for the Coaches are as follows:*

	Class I & III	Class IV
U8	N/A	Orientation
U10	E	F
U12	E	F
U14 & Above	E/D	E

Equivalent course maybe substituted with board approval.

Section 3.04 Team Coordinator

Team Coordinator shall be responsible for communication between coaches, team players and parents, and to organize refreshments and aid the team in general.

Section 3.05 Keeping Records

The League shall keep adequate and correct records of account and minutes of the proceedings of its members, Board and committees of the Board. The League shall also keep a record of its members giving their names and addresses and the class of membership held by each. The minutes shall be kept in written form. Other books and records shall be kept in either written form or in any other form capable of being converted into written form.

Section 3.06 Protests, Appeals

- a. *The League Protest, Appeals, and Disciplinary Committee, (hereafter referred to as the PAD) shall be composed of three (3) active members and one alternate. The three members are the current Vice President, the Referee Coordinator and the Coaches Coordinator.*
- b. *The League's Vice President will serve as the PAD Chairperson.*
- c. *No one, other than the regular PAD Committee members may attend a committee meeting unless invited by the Chairperson.*
- d. *No member of the PAD Committee shall vote on issue (s) involving his/her own team.*

- e. *Alternates (chosen by the Vice President from the list of active board members not already on the committee) become voting PAD members only if and when a designated active member is unable to serve or if there are issues creating a conflict of interest.*
- f. *Only violations of the Constitution, By-Laws or Rules and Regulations of this League shall be deemed appropriate for protest and appeals. The parties involved shall have the opportunity to present their case.*
- g. *Protest and appeals are to be submitted in writing and delivered to and received by the chairperson of the PAD Committee within 72 hours of the cause; the fee of \$50.00 must accompany the protest or appeal and will be returned if the protest or appeal is upheld.*
- h. *The PAD Committee shall provide written notice to the parties and the Board of its findings and decision within 72 hours after the hearing.*
- i. *Any party may appeal the PAD Committee's decision to the Board; provided that such appeal is in writing and delivered to the Board within 72 hours after receipt of the PAD Committee's decision. The appeal will be deemed timely if deposited in the U.S. Mail properly addressed and with adequate postage prepaid within 72 hours after receipt of the decision.*
- j. *The action by the Board of Directors regarding players and coaches may be appealed to District V, pursuant to the rules of California Youth Soccer Association.*
- k. *No member shall engage the services of any lawyer or attorney until all avenues of protest and appeals procedures have been exhausted through the regular channels of CYSA, USYSA and USSF.*
- l. *The Board may adopt rules to implement and augment the provisions of this Section.*

Section 3.07 Discipline

- a. *The PAD Committee shall hold a meeting if necessary. However, the meeting can be held via conference call. The Chairperson shall try to provide a minimum of one-week notice before any appeal meeting. The Chairperson will determine the time and place of such a meeting. The PAD Chairperson may agree to call a special meeting in case of an emergency.*
- b. *The PAD Committee shall be responsible for administering all matters of disciplinary actions resulting from participating in any League or CYSA*

sanctioned activity as they may relate to players, coaches, teams and league officials affiliated with Windsor Youth Soccer League. These sanctions and penalties may be, but are not limited to:

- (A) Suspension of any player, coach, team assistant or a team official from participating in this league's activities or games for a specified period of time.
- (B) Forfeiture of any games already played.
- (C) Suspension of the team for the rest of the playing season with the remaining games being declared a forfeit.
- (D) Declaring a team not to be in good standing and requesting that they be ineligible to play in tournaments, State Cup or other play.
- (E) Shall have discretionary powers in interpreting the degree of penalties applied to team personnel and players. The degree of penalty may be increased or decreased according to the gravity of the offense. Ejections are not subject to protest or appeal.

Section 3.08 *Player Eligibility*

- a. Players must enlist and play at their appropriate age level as established by CYSA rules.*
- b. WYSL discourages players from playing up.*
- c. WYSL will not allow any of its members to play down.*
- d. Any variations of these standards for play eligibility must have board approval.*
- e. Shin guards and proper shoes are mandatory.*
- f. The appearance of players is a vital extension of the game. Stockings/socks should be correctly worn in the pulled-up position covering shin guards. Shirts/jerseys should be neatly tucked in to their shorts. The wearing of long pants will be limited only to the goalkeepers*
- g. A player may be registered and play on only one team per season. Unless the team on which the player is registered is finished with play and has been disbanded.*

Section 3.09 Referees

- a. *The league will be responsible to supply certified referees.*
- b. *The referees shall verify the identity of all players with his/her player pass. The referee will collect all passes of those who will be participating. Any player who does not have a valid player pass will not be allowed to participate. Any player whose name is not on the score sheet shall not play until their name has been entered.*
- c. *Field inspection by the referee will include proper equipment and uniform attire prior to play.*
- d. *The referee will forward reports of ejection, game sheets and ejected player passes within 24 hours of receipt, to the PAD Committee Chairperson.*
- e. *Two field referees who are responsible for completing a score sheet is the approved officiating system for teams participating in the Under 10 division and above.*
- f. *The two coaches or their respective designees shall be responsible for refereeing all games for the Under 6 division and they will not be required to complete a score sheet.*
- g. *A score sheet will not be necessary for the Under 8 division; however, the League will try to ensure that each game has a certified referee available.*
- h. *Clarification of decision may be requested in a gentlemanly manner. No person or coach shall interfere with, challenge or question the referee before, during or after the game.*
- i. *Red cards given to players and/or coaches are reported to the PAD Committee after each game by the referee of record. The PAD Committee will determine the appropriate action for all red cards, utilizing the recommendations as set in the CYSA Specific Rules for a guide. Coaches will be notified of the disciplinary action. A red card can have an effect on team standings. Ejections are not subject to protest or appeal.*
- j. *All injuries, to be reported on the CYSA medical insurance program, shall be completed on the insurance claim form available from the league's registrar. Players wearing orthopedic casts, air-splints or metal splints shall not be eligible to participate in any game until it is removed.*