

Constitution

San Marcos Area Youth Soccer Organization

Article I: Name

1.1 The name of this organization shall be the **San Marcos Area Youth Soccer Organization** also referred to as SMAYSO. SMAYSO is subject to the laws of the State of Texas and to its own Constitution, bylaws, Rules and Procedures.

Article II: Purpose

1.2 The exclusive purpose of SMAYSO is to provide the opportunity for all who wish to participate in youth soccer activities within SMAYSO's territory. SMAYSO shall teach good sportsmanship, educate youth participants and adult sponsors in the fundamentals of the game of soccer, promote the game of soccer through sponsorship or regularly scheduled competition, and conduct other educational activities as shall be deemed appropriate for the promotion of youth soccer.

1.2.1 Through this purpose SMAYSO shall provide recreational soccer opportunities on behalf of the City of San Marcos and the San Marcos Parks and Recreation Department.

Article III: Affiliation

1.3 SMAYSO and its member organizations shall affiliate and comply with the authority of the South Texas Youth Soccer Association, hereinafter referred to as "STYSA," and the United State Soccer Federation, hereinafter referred to as USSF and United States Youth Soccer, hereinafter referred to as "USYS."

1.3.1 The membership of SMAYSO will be open to any soccer players, coaches, trainers, managers, administrators, and officials not subject to suspension under Section 4 of USSF By-Law 241;

1.3.2 It will not discriminate against any individual on the basis of race, color, religion, age, sex or national origin;

1.3.3 It will not join any organization that has requirements that conflict with USSF's articles, bylaws, policies and requirements;

1.3.4 It will register all of its players, coaches, teams, referees and administrators with CAYSA and STYSA at least once a year and timely pay all dues and fees;

1.3.5 It will abide by CAYSA, STYSA and USSF's articles, bylaws, policies and requirements on interplay;

1.3.6 It will have an Executive Board that is selected through an open and democratic

election process;

1.3.7 The actions and policies adopted by the Executive Board will be reported to the membership, or their authorized representatives, at least once each year at a meeting of SMAYSO's membership, with notice and agenda at least 30 days in advance of the meeting;

1.3.8 It will provide equitable and prompt hearing and appeal procedures to guarantee the rights of individuals to participate and compete. Those procedures shall include that all grievances involving the right to participate and compete in activities sponsored by USSF, STYSA, and CAYSA and its members may be appealed to the Federation's Appeals Committee that shall have jurisdiction to approve, modify or reverse a decision.

1.3.9 It will maintain its tax exempt status under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986;

1.3.10 It will adopt policies prohibiting sexual and physical abuse that meet certain minimum criteria as established by USSF (subject to any contrary requirements contained in state or local laws applicable to STYSA).

Article IV: Seasonal And Fiscal Year

1.4 The Seasonal Year of SMAYSO shall be the same as STYSA.

1.5 The fiscal year of SMAYSO shall begin on January 1 and end on December 31 of the same year.

Article V: Boundaries

1.6 **SMAYSO BOUNDARIES.** SMAYSO'S geographical boundaries shall be as follows: The Organization shall control and represent all members falling within the area which includes the cities of San Marcos, Wimberley, Martindale, Driftwood, and Maxwell.

Article VI: Membership:

1.7 An individual who is a player, coach, trainer, manager, administrator or official in SMAYSO, not subject to suspension under Section 4 of USSF bylaw 241, is a member of SMAYSO:

Through that individual's membership or association with SMAYSO;

as an elected officer;

as a committee member of SMAYSO;

as a Life Member; and when the individual, whether coach, trainer, manager, administrator or official, is duly registered with SMAYSO as per the current registration procedures.

A Life Member may be bestowed on any individual by a majority vote of the SMAYSO Membership, if that individual is nominated by a Member not later than 60 days in advance of a SMAYSO General Membership meeting in writing to the Secretary. The proposed nomination shall be submitted in writing to each Member at least 30 days before the SMAYSO General Membership meeting.

Article VII: Executive Board

1.8 SMAYSO shall be governed by an Executive Board. The Executive Board shall be composed of officers. The duties and responsibilities of the Executive Board shall be to:

1.8.1 establish all SMAYSO Rules;

1.8.2 establish all SMAYSO fees and charges;

1.8.3 adopt a budget and, except as otherwise provided for in the Bylaws, approve all non-budgeted expenditures over \$3000;

1.8.4 carry out all other duties and responsibilities as specified in the Constitution, The Bylaws and Rules of SMAYSO, or as required by STYSA; and

1.8.5 monitor compliance with the SMAYSO Constitution, Bylaws and Rules and decisions of the Executive Board;

Article VIII: Officers/Executive Board

1.9 **Positions.** The following members of the Executive Board shall be elected by the General membership of SMAYSO:

President*,
Executive Vice-President,
Administrative Liaison*,
Executive Liaison,
Secretary*,
Treasurer,
Controller*

1.10 **Term.** The officers shall be elected for a two year term beginning July 1 and ending June 30 two years later. They may succeed themselves in office. The *officers shall be elected during even numbered years and the remaining officers shall be elected in odd numbered years. An officer shall take office on July 1 of the calendar year in which he/she is elected and remain in office until the end of his/her term of two years or until a successor has been duly elected, whichever event occurs later, unless said officer is recalled by the Executive Board.

1.11 **Attendance.** Any SMAYSO officer who is absent two Executive Board meetings without reasonable excuse may have his/her position declared vacant with a simple majority vote.

1.12 **Vacancy.** In the event any office becomes vacant, a successor shall be elected by a simple majority vote of the Executive Board at any duly constituted meeting.

1.13 **Recall of an Officer.** Except for a vacancy for non-attendance, a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the General Membership at the yearly regular meeting shall be required to remove any officer.

Article IX: Meetings

1.14 **Regular Meetings.** The regular meetings of the SMAYSO General Membership shall be held yearly in accordance with the SMAYSO Perpetual Calendar.

1.15 Special Meetings.

1.15.1 **Executive Board.** Special Meetings of Executive Board may be called by the President. Special meetings of the Executive Board may also be called by written notice to the SMAYSO Secretary by 1/3 of the members of the Executive Board. Only the subjects for which a meeting has been called may be addressed at the meeting.

1.15.2 **General Membership.** Special meetings of the General Membership may be held at the discretion of the President at the time and place designated by the President or may be called by a written request to the Secretary signed by the General Membership representing a majority of the voting power. Written notices of any special meeting and of the time, place and purpose of such meeting shall be sent to each member at least ten (10) days prior to the date on which the special meeting is to be held.

1.16 **Place of Meetings.** The SMAYSO President may designate any place within the boundaries of SMAYSO, as the place for any regular or special meeting.

1.17 **Notice.** Notice of a meeting shall have been accomplished when the SMAYSO Secretary or his/her designate places the notice with electronic notification.

1.18 **Order of Business.** After a meeting has been called to order, the order of business for a General membership meeting shall be as follows:

- 1 roll call and vote accreditation;
- 2 motions to reinstate
- 3 reading and approval of minutes of last meeting;
- 4 unfinished business;
- 5 financial and budget review and approval;
- 6 reports, if any, of chairpersons of standing committees;
- 7 reports of officers;
- 8 elections of officers;
- 9 amendments, if any, of Constitution, Bylaws

- 10 new Business; and
- 11 adjournment

The president may modify the order of presentation of any meeting's business to accommodate guests and to bring about the efficient handling of matters to be presented. All meetings of SMAYSO shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, Latest edition.

1.19 **Quorum.** A majority of the total membership which comprises a board committee or other group as of the date of the meeting (Executive Board, committee or otherwise) shall constitute a quorum at all meetings.

Article X: Amendments

Any proposals or motions to amend the Constitution must be made in writing to the Secretary. Amendments to these Constitution may be made at any General Membership meeting by 2/3 majority vote of the General Membership present. Each General Member shall be given at least thirty (30) days notice in writing, by email or via website of the amendments and their purpose. Amendments to the Constitution shall include an effective date

Article XI: Dissolution

In the event that SMAYSO ceases to function or dissolves, and after paying or making provision for the payment of all just liabilities, the Executive Board shall transfer all of the net assets to any successor organization which has similar purposes as specified in this Constitution; provided, however, such successor organization qualifies under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (or any corresponding provision). Should no successor organization exist, then the net assets shall be distributed to STYSA, provided STYSA qualifies under Section 501(c)(3). If STYSA does not exist or does not qualify, then the Executive Board may distribute the net assets to any youth organization it designates so long as the organization qualifies under Section 501(c)(3).