

Kent Youth Soccer Association

Constitution

Article I – Name and Duration

Section I - The name of this organization shall be Kent Youth Soccer Association, hereafter referred to as KYSA. This organization is and shall be a non-profit organization existing under the laws of the State of Washington.

Section II - The duration of this Association shall be perpetual.

Article II – Objectives and Purposes

Section I - The objectives of KYSA are to:

- A. Promote the further development of the game of soccer as defined in Washington State Youth Soccer Association (WSYSA) Bylaws.
- B. Organize and govern the game of soccer for youth within the Kent boundaries with compliance to the rules set forth by the District, WSYSA, FIFA, USYSA and USSF.
- C. Assign administrative responsibilities to member club(s).
- D. Provide programs for the membership as required.
- E. Represent this Association in all matters of organized Youth Soccer with regards to the District, WSYSA and all interested parties.

Section II - The purposes of KYSA are educational and include the following:

To teach and train players, coaches and referees throughout the game of soccer, sportsmanship, physical health and mental alertness.

Article III – Association Colors

The representative colors of KYSA are Navy Blue and Gold.

Article IV – Affiliations

This Association shall be affiliated with District III and Washington State Youth Soccer Association, Inc., who in turn is a member of the United States Youth Soccer Association, Inc. (the Youth Division of the United States Soccer Federation).

Article V – Jurisdiction

Section I - KYSA will have jurisdiction over all its member club(s), teams, as well as associated individuals, such as players, coaches and administrators.

Section II - As granted by WSYSA charter, the service area for KYSA is the City of Kent (except where Federal Way School District enters Kent) and the Kent School District.

Article VI – Administrative Authority

Section I - The KYSA Board of Directors shall be governed by the Constitution and Bylaws except when these are superseded by those of the Washington State Youth Soccer Association.

Section II - The KYSA Board of Directors shall have the authority from time to time to issue policies or instructions necessary to interpret, clarify or further define the Constitution, Bylaws, procedures and rules.

Section III - As granted by WSYSA charter, the service area for KYSA is the City of Kent (except where Federal Way School District enters Kent) and the Kent School District.

Article VII – Financial Policy

Section I - KYSA is and shall be a non-profit organization.

Section II - Each member club must have its own separate non-profit status (registered charitable organization) obtained from the State of Washington (Olympia) and the Internal Revenue Service.

Section III - At no time may any club, team or individual use KYSA's non-profit number without the written consent of the Board.

Article VIII – Membership

Section I - Membership of this Association shall consist of players, player's parents or guardians, coaches, referees, administrators and others by virtue of their activities within this Association. A member in good standing shall follow Association Bylaws and policies and have paid all fees agreed upon by the Association Board. Voting members shall meet the above requirements and be of legal age.

Section II - The membership of KYSA will also consist of recognized club(s), which agree to be bound by the Constitution, Bylaws, procedures and rules of KYSA and WSYSA.

Article IX – Administration

Section I - The governing authority of KYSA shall be vested with the Board of Directors.

Section II - The Board of Directors shall be composed of the Executive Board, Other Elected Board Members, Appointed Board Members and Member Club(s) Representative(s). Each Member Club shall have one Representative.

Section III - The Executive Board consists of the Officers of KYSA.

Section IV - KYSA shall be governed its Constitution, Bylaws, Procedures and Rules.

Section V – The Officers consist of the President, First Vice-President/Administration, Second Vice-President/Administration, Treasurer, Vice-President/Competition, Vice-President/Development, and the Secretary.

Article X – Meetings

Section I - The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of all members of KYSA shall be held for the Primary purpose of electing the Executive Board and the Other Elected Board Members.

Section II - Meeting of the Board of Directors and the Executive Board, are considered business meetings and shall be called as defined in the Bylaws.

Article XI – Parliamentary Authority

Meetings shall be conducted using the current edition of “Robert’s Rules of Orders” as a guide.

Article XII – Amendments

Section I - Proposed changes or amendments to this Constitution can be effected at any General Meeting.

Section II - Any member of this Association may make such proposed changes or amendments. They must be submitted in writing to the KYSA Secretary, at the KYSA office address, no later than Sixty (60) days prior to the next General Meeting.

Section III - The KYSA Secretary shall notify each Board of Director and Member Clubs at least Thirty (30) days prior to the next General Meeting by mailing out such proposed changes or amendments to this Constitution.

Section IV - All approved changes or amendments shall be included in the AGM minutes.