

LAWRENCE SOCCER CLUB, INC.
d/b/a
NORTHEAST YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE
BYLAWS

Article I NAME OF THE CORPORATION: The name of this corporation is the Lawrence Soccer Club, Inc. d/b/a Northeast Youth Soccer League (herein after referred to as NYSL or the League).

Article II PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES: The purpose of NYSL is to provide the necessary environment for the most positive experience possible through playing the game of soccer. The development of the player as a child comes before the game. The objective of NYSL will be:

- 1) everyone plays
- 2) balanced teams
- 3) positive coaching
- 4) open registration
- 5) sportsmanship

NYSL shall be organized to promote charitable and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501 (C) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code and Regulation promulgated thereunder as may be in effect from time to time hereinafter.

Article III MEMBERSHIP/Affiliation with Indian Youth Soccer Association (“IYSA”): The Corporation shall have no members. The business and affairs of NYSL being solely and totally managed by its Executive Board and shall be conducted consistent with the by-laws and rules of IYSA such that the organization shall not intentionally act in a manner inconsistent with the by-laws or rules.

Section 1. NYSL may not merge or be acquired by any other club unless voted to do so by two-thirds of the entire registered NYSL membership (registered adult members of each family registered to play for that season). No proxies will be allowed. One vote per family.

Article IV EXECUTIVE BOARD: The NYSL shall be governed by an Executive Board to consist of no less than seven and no more than eleven members who are involved and committed to the Purpose and Objectives of the League.

Section 1. The Executive Board will consist of four officers including President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, and up to seven Directors.

Section 2. The Executive Board members will serve without compensation.

Section 3. A quorum shall be considered a simple majority of the Executive Board.

Section 4. The Executive Board will be responsible for the operation of NYSL and will promote the spirit of the League by encouraging parent involvement.

Section 5. To be eligible to be elected to the Executive board, that person must have been on the NYSL board for the immediately consecutive twenty-four (24) months prior to the election for that year.

Article V ELECTIONS: The Executive Board and NYSL Commissioners who have been active during the spring season in the election year will elect officers of the Executive Board from a Nominating Committee list at a general meeting in June of each year.

- Section 1.** A three member nominating committee will be appointed in April of each year by the President from the current Executive Board members. Nominees for Executive Board officers must have been Executive Board members or an NYSL Director or an NYSL Commissioner during the entire previous year.
- Section 2.** Executive Board officers will be elected by a simple majority vote to serve a one year term and may succeed themselves. No proxy votes will be allowed. Any eligible voting member who cannot attend the June board voting meeting may mail their vote in to the attention of the NYSL secretary one week prior to the election and cover copy the President or Vice President so that the vote may be verified.
- Section 3.** Directors will be appointed to a one year term by majority vote of the Executive Board officers.
- Section 4.** Terms of office will become effective on July 1 of each year for the Executive Board members.

Article VI RULES OF THE GAME: The Executive Board will govern the League play according to the official rules of the sanctioning body which NYSL may be associated, if any, but may develop local modifications to these rules as needed.

Article VII PLAYER ELIGIBILITY: Only persons between the ages of four years and seventeen years of age as of the sanctioning bodies Player Age Determination Date is eligible to play. All players will be placed in their respective divisions based upon their age. The league will have divisions for at least the following age groups:

- Under 5
- Under 6
- Under 7
- Under 8
- Under 10
- Under 12
- Under 14
- Under 16
- Under 19

- Section 1.** NYSL will have programs for both boys and girls.
- Section 2.** Should a participant's parent or guardian desires to have the participant transferred up from one age group to another, the parent must petition the Executive Board in writing. The Executive Board may grant or deny this request.
- Section 3.** Player participation will be handled on a first come first served basis through the League sign up process as established and published by the Executive Board.

Section 4. A registration fee will be charged each player and will be set by the Executive Board. The fee may be waived by the Executive Board in special cases. This registration fee will not be considered as a charitable contribution by the participant over and above the registration fee may be considered by the League as a charitable contribution.

Section 5. Each player will have on file with the League a release form signed by a parent / guardian before play or practice will be allowed.

Article VIII DISCIPLINE, SANCTION OR PENALTY: The Executive Board will have the authority and responsibility to oversee the actions of the coaches, players, spectators and referees during NYSL functions and to assess warnings, suspensions or expulsions through due process established by the Executive Board for violations of the League rules, procedures or philosophy. Serious or repeated infractions of the following will be reason for Executive Board action:

1. Foul or abusive language;
2. Fighting;
3. Harassment or abuse of a referee;
4. Immoral conduct;
5. any other reason not conducive to the intent or purpose of NYSL.

Article IX VACANCIES: Vacancies in the Executive Board will be filled by the Executive Board and will be for the remainder of the term of the person creating the vacancy. Vacancies of Executive Board positions will be filled as follows:

Section 1. President - The Vice-President will automatically assume the position vacated by the President;

Section 2. Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer - The President will nominate a member of the Executive Board to assume the vacancy. Such action must be confirmed by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Executive Board.

Section 3. Directors - The president will nominate a person of his choice to assume the vacancy. Such action must be confirmed by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Executive Board. The nominee must have served as an NYSL Commissioner during the previous year.

Article X MEETINGS: The Executive Board will meet a minimum of eight (8) times per year at a time to be established by the President.

Section 1. The annual meeting of the League will be a date in May specified by the President.

Section 2. Robert's Rules of Order will govern meetings.

Section 3. If an Executive Board member misses two unexcused consecutive, or three total unexcused, meetings in a calendar year, that person can be removed from the Executive Board.

Article XI AMENDMENTS: The Bylaws of the NYSL may be amended by a three-quarter vote of the entire Executive Board. A proposed amendment must be submitted to the Executive Board one month prior to a vote on said amendment.

Article XII BUDGET: A budget will be prepared by the Treasurer prior to the beginning of each year and submitted to the Executive Board for approval. The Executive Board may not put the League in a deficit position without a plan for repayment within two years. Such action must be approved by a majority vote of the entire Executive Board.

Article XIII DUTIES OF EXECUTIVE BOARD: Duties of the Executive Board are listed below. Other duties may be assigned.

President - The President of the NYSL shall call and preside at all meetings of the Executive Board. The President shall serve as the representative to the sanctioning body and as NYSL's representative to the Lawrence Soccer Corporation. The President may appoint committees as needed to carry out assigned duties and functions.

Vice-President - The Vice-President will act as the President in his/her absence. The Vice-President will be the operations officer of the League and will report directly to the President. His/Her responsibility will include functional and administrative matters associated with all teams.

Secretary - The Secretary will be the administrative officer of the League and will report directly to the President. The Secretary will take minutes of all proceedings of the Executive Board. The Secretary shall maintain records of the minutes, Bylaws and all other correspondence and information relating to the conduct of NYSL.

Treasurer - The Treasurer will be the financial officer of the League and will report directly to the President. The treasurer will, in consultation with the Executive Board, develop an annual budget and maintain accurate financial records. The Treasurer must be bonded for a minimum of \$10,000. His/Her responsibilities will also include but are not limited to the following:

- approve and pay for expenses relating to the League;
- file the Indiana State Not-For-Profit Statement, Federal and State Tax-Exempt Annual returns, monthly State Sales Tax returns and all other necessary federal and state forms;
- monitor income and expenses and assure that no expenditures will be made that are not budgeted or approved by the board;
- maintain a set of books documenting the income and expenses and expenses of the League;
- Report to the Executive Board each meeting the financial status and prepare a final financial report at the end of the year.

Director - The Directors will report to the Vice-President. Their duties will include but are not limited to the following:

- insure that each age group has a Commissioner whose appointment has been approved by majority vote of the Executive Board;
- the oversight of their assigned age group Commissioners to insure uniformity of NYSL purposes and objectives.

Article XIV STANDING COMMITTEES: Standing committees may be appointed by the President and will report to the appropriate member of the Executive Board.

Article XV DISSOLUTION: Should the NYSL be dissolved, any remaining assets will be given to another 501c(3) corporation or a public entity as approved by a majority vote of the Executive Board..

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