

FAIRFIELD-SUISUN YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE

CONSTITUTION

1:01 NAME

1:01:01 This league shall be known as the Fairfield-Suisun Youth Soccer League, Incorporated (FSYSL)

1:02 BOUNDARIES AND TERRITORIES

1:02:01 The territory of this league shall be that area of Solano County consisting of the city limits of Fairfield, Suisun, Cordelia, Travis Air Force Base and the area known as Green Valley as shown on the county map submitted to CYSA.

1:02:02 The governing authority of this league may create geographical subdivisions within the territory, which shall be known as "Clubs".

1:02:03 The principal office of this Corporation for its transaction of business is located in the city of the current President's address and the county of Solano, California. The mailing address for all League business will be the League's Post Office Box.

1:02:04 The Board of Directors is hereby granted full powers and authority to change the principal office of the Corporation from one location to another in the county of Solano, California. Any such change shall be noted by the Secretary in these By-laws, but shall not be considered an amendment of these By-laws.

1:03 PURPOSE

1:03:01 The purpose of this league shall be to develop, promote and administer the game of soccer among the youths under 19 years of age within the boundaries specified in paragraph 1:02:01 regardless of sex, race, creed and / or ability.

1:04 COLORS

1:04:01 The representative colors of this league shall be Red, White and Blue.

1:05 AFFILIATION

1:05:01 This league shall be an affiliate branch of and comply with the authority of the California Youth Soccer Association (CYSA), the United States Youth Soccer Association (USYSA) and the United States Soccer Federation (USSF).

1:06 AUTHORITIES

1:06:01 This league shall be governed by its Constitution, By-Laws, General Procedures and Specific Rules adopted by the Board of Directors, and the rules established by CYSA, USYSA and USSF.

1:06:02 The governing authority of this league whose powers are designated in the By-Laws, shall be vested with the Board of Directors of this league.

1:06:03 The Governing Board, hereinafter to be known as the "Board of Directors", shall be comprised of the League's Executive Committee and other committee members appointed by the Executive Committee as needed.

1:07 MEMBERSHIP

1:07:01 Membership in this league shall be open to properly registered players assigned to affiliated teams and to other persons (coaches and assistants, referees, club presidents, Board of Directors, etc.) who perform bonafied league duties. Membership is subject to approval by the Leagues Board of Directors.

1:07:02 All members shall abide by the Constitution and By-Laws of the Fairfield-Suisun Youth Soccer League, the California Youth Soccer Association, the United States Youth Soccer Association and the United States Soccer Federation; all General Procedures and Specific Rules as set forth by the Board of Directors and all applicable rules and regulations of FSYSL, CYSA, USYSA and USSF.

1:08 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

1:08:01 The President shall call an Annual General Meeting (AGM) of all members to be held once during the calendar year with all the membership being notified (in writing) of the date, time, place and purpose of the meeting no later than fourteen (14) days in advance.

1:08:02 The order of business at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) shall be as follows:

- A. Call to order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Credentials Report
- D. Introduction of Guests
- E. Reports
 1. President
 2. Treasurer
 3. Secretary
 4. Registrar
 5. Committees
- F. Unfinished Business
- G. Election of New Officers
- H. Proposals for change to the Constitution or By Laws
- I. New Business
- J. Acceptance of AGM minutes
- K. Adjournment

1:08:03 The Board of Directors will annually recommend to the membership their nominations for Executive Committee positions and fees required for affiliated teams, clubs and players for ratification at the Annual General Meeting. Any changes in existing fees being recommended by the Board of Directors shall be forwarded, in writing, to all members at least thirty (30) days prior to the Annual General Meeting.

1:08:04 Each affiliated team's Coach and Assistant Coach, each affiliated Club's President, each Licensed League Referee and each member of the Board of Directors registered during the current season shall be entitled to one (1) vote. The licensed league referee must be currently active calling games during the current season. Voting by proxy shall not be allowed and only those members of record, in good standing and eighteen (18) years or older, shall be entitled to voting privileges. No person shall cast more than one (1) vote regardless of the number of the positions he/she holds in this league. The President shall cast a vote only in case of a tie.

1:09 CHANGES

1:09:01 Any affiliated team or club, the Board of Directors and any member of the Board of Directors may submit proposed changes to the existing Constitution, By-Laws, General Procedures and Specific Rules adopted by the Board of Directors. Proposed Changes shall be submitted to the Rules and Revisions Committee.

1:09:02 Amendments to the Constitution and by-Laws must be submitted thirty (30) days before the Annual General Meeting. The final vote shall be made at the Annual General meeting. Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws shall become effective at the beginning of the seasonal year immediately following the Annual General Meeting.

1:09:03 An amendment shall be deemed adopted by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members attending and voting at the Annual General Meeting.

1:09:04 Amendments to the General Procedures and Specific Rules may be made at any Board Meeting.

Notice of the proposed or intended amendment (s) must be given at least one (1) Board Meeting prior to the Board Meeting when the actual vote is taken. Any amendments to the General Procedures and Specific Rules shall become effective at the adjournment of the Board Meeting.

BY-LAWS

2:01 AFFILIATIONS

2:01:01 All non-member teams within the territorial jurisdiction of this League shall be deemed as an "Unaffiliated Organization". Any registered team playing games or doing business with an unaffiliated organization, without written consent of the Board of Directors, shall face disciplinary action and/or suspension by the Board of Directors.

2:02 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

2:02:01 The membership of this League shall elect as Executive Committee composed of the President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer who shall serve for a period of two (2) years. The Executive Committee shall be elected to staggered terms of office. The President, 2nd Vice President and Secretary shall be elected in even numbered years. The 1st Vice President and Treasurer shall be elected in odd numbered years. The Executive Committee will also include The Solano Soccer Club President as an additional Executive Committee member, provided the Solano Soccer Club President is elected by the membership of the Solano Soccer Club and the Solano Soccer Club remains affiliated with California Youth Soccer Association, North. The immediate past President shall hold the position of President until the end of the Annual General Meeting. The League President shall only vote on Executive Committee business in case of a 'tie' vote.

A. PRESIDENT

The President shall conduct all meetings of the Board of Directors and shall cast a vote only in case of a tie. The President shall appoint at the beginning of each season, subject to a majority approval of the Executive Committee, the other Board of Directors, and the Standing Committees and/or the Committee Chairpersons and other Members-at Large, as needed. The President shall also be responsible for such other duties as directed by the Board of Directors.

B. 1st VICE PRESIDENT

In the absence of the President, the 1st Vice President shall preside at meetings of the Board of Directors and shall assist the President in the general performance of his/her duties. The 1st Vice President shall also be responsible for such other duties as directed by the Board of Directors.

C. 2nd VICE PRESIDENT

In the absence of the President and 1st Vice President, the 2nd Vice President shall preside at the meetings of the Board of Directors. The 2nd Vice President shall be in charge of fundraising activities, awards and special events. The 2nd Vice President shall also be responsible for other such duties as directed by the Board of Directors.

D. SECRETARY

The Secretary shall keep an accurate record of all meetings and maintain the files of the League. The Secretary shall be responsible for the preparation of the annual report and the credentials report. The credentials report is a register of all voting members and their voting status in this League. The Secretary shall also be responsible for other such duties as directed by the Board of Directors.

E. TREASURER

The Treasurer shall give a receipt for all monies, which shall be deposited in a recognized bank in the name of this League. All accounts shall be paid by check and shall bear two (2) signatures: The Treasurer and/or President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President or Secretary. The receipt book and vouchers shall be produced when required by the Board of Directors, properly balanced according to the bank book or statement, whichever is up-to-date. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the preparing of any and all papers pursuant to the Articles of Incorporation and Tax Exemption status of the League. In the event the Treasurer becomes unavailable for fifteen (15) days, the President and one of the other authorized signatures will be required. At no time shall any related parties be the two (2) signatures on a check, regardless of to whom the check is payable. The Treasurer shall also be responsible for such other duties as directed by the Board of Directors.

- 2:02:02 The Executive Committee shall serve between Board of Directors Meetings for either emergencies or to dispose of duties bestowed upon the Executive Committee by the Board of Directors. All actions by the Executive Committee must be ratified by the Board of Directors at the next scheduled meeting after such Executive Committee Meeting(s).
- 2:02:03 The Board of Directors shall be responsible for and have sole authority for the following:
- A. Enforcing and interpreting the Constitution, By-Laws, General Procedures and Specific Rules of this League, CYSA, USYSA and USSF.
 - 1. By-Laws shall be defined as rules, regulations and policies formulated by the FSYSL and therefore binding upon the membership of this League.
 - B. Approving the organization of Clubs.
 - C. Approving the formation and operation of all League and Club tournaments.
 - D. Shall from time to time, make temporary rules or regulations for specific cases or occasions not provided for in the Constitution, By-Laws, General Procedures and Specific Rules but which are deemed necessary by the Board of Directors to carry out the objectives of the League or to comply with the rules and regulations of CYSA, USYSA and USSF.
 - 1. A majority of the Board Members must be present to vote on all temporary rules, regulations or policies.
 - E. To review and approve this League's Constitution and By-Laws and ensure consistency with the CYSA Constitution, By-Laws and General Procedures and Specific Rules.
 - F. Appointment of an Executive Committee Member in the event of termination of that member.
 - G. Approving selection of all Coaches, Assistant Coaches, Trainers and Referees.
- 2:02:04 The Board of Directors shall have the right and authority to suspend, bar completely or otherwise discipline any Player, Coach Manger, Team Assistant, League Officer or Referee from any Member Team, League or Organization with the proper hearing.
- 2:02:05 During his/her term of office, a member of the Board of Directors shall be allowed to serve on District, League and Club positions.
- 2:02:06 Any member of the Board of Directors may resign effective upon the date and time specified in a written notice given to the League President. In the event the resignation creates a vacancy on the Executive Committee, the League President shall immediately give written notice to the Membership of the vacancy and of the date, time and place of a meeting of the Board of Directors to be held, not less than thirty (30) days nor more than sixty (60) days after the effective date of the resignation, for the purpose of filling the unexpired term of the vacated office.
- 2:02:07 The Board of Directors shall have the authority to remove, with cause, any member of the Board of Directors with the proper hearing. Notice of said hearing shall be given, in writing, at least fourteen (14) days prior to the hearing. Cause shall be deemed as not performing one's duties as set forth by the Constitution and By-Laws or being found guilty of conduct that is detrimental to the purpose of this league. When a position is declared vacant, the Board of Directors shall appoint a new member of the Board Directors within a period of sixty (60) days of said declaration. Should the removal create a vacancy on the Executive Committee, the rules and regulations of 2:02:06 shall apply.
- 2:03 STANDING COMMITTEE
- 2:03:01 The following standing committees shall be appointed annually:
- A. Rules and Revisions Committee
 - B. Protests and Appeals Committee
 - C. Registration and Credentials Committee
 - D. Finance and Audit Committee
- 2:04 MEMBERSHIP
- 2:04:01 Any applicant for membership in this League shall submit yearly, with the appropriate fee(s):
- A. A properly complete Club Affiliation Form. In the case of an established Club, this form shall be submitted by the twentieth (20th) day of February of the preceding season. In the case of a newly

- organized Club, this form must be submitted thirty (30) days prior to the Annual General Meeting.
- B. A properly completed player registration form prepared in accordance with the current registration instructions and procedures.
 - C. Submit upon initial registration of each player proof of place and date of birth.

2:04:02 Unless otherwise provided for by the Board of Directors, annual dues for Clubs shall be payable as of July 20th each year and shall be delinquent as of October 15th. All dues and fees for team players shall be payable at the time of registration. Teams are not considered registered until all of that team's fees are paid and therefore are not eligible for play.

2:05 SEE CYSA'S BY-LAWS DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

2:06 BOARD MEETINGS

2:06:01 Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held on a monthly basis on a specify week, day, and time determined at the first meeting, by call of the President. The agenda for regular meetings shall be as follows:

- A. Call to order
- B. Roll call/Introduction of guests
- C. Approval of minutes
- D. President's report
- E. Treasurer's report
- F. Board member reports
- G. Committee reports
- H Unfinished Business
- I. New Business
- J. Announcements (Upcoming meetings, events, Good of the Game, etc)
- K. Adjournment

2:06:02 Additional meetings may be called whenever the President deems it necessary, or if the President is instructed to do so by four (4) or more members of the Board of Directors. All Board Members must be notified of any additional meetings.

2:06:03 All new business to be conducted at the Board Meeting will be submitted to the President no later than seven (7) consecutive days prior to the meeting. Other items of business may be added to the agenda in exception to the seven (7) day rule, but it will be discussed last in the meeting, and then only if sufficient time is available. Any of the membership may attend the Board Meeting. All League business can be conducted at the Board Meeting except election of the Executive Committee and the establishment of fees.

2:06:04 All Board Meetings will be scheduled for two (2) hours. Any time extensions must be brought forth before the start of New Business.

- A. The agenda, Treasurer's report, New Business, and minutes from the previous meeting are to be delivered to all Board Members no later than forty-eight (48) hours prior to the Board Meeting.

2:07 QUORUM

2:07:01 At all meetings of the Board of Directors, six (6) members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

2:08 SEASONAL YEAR

2:08:01 The seasonal year shall be from August 1 through July 31. Insurance coverage shall be for the same period of time.

2:09 PROTESTS AND APPEALS

2:09:01 In the matter of Protests and Appeals, no person (s) associated with the operations of this League at

any level (Team, League, District, State) may invoke the aid of the courts of any state or the United States without first exhausting all available remedies within FSYSL, CYSA, USYSA and USSF, including a final appeal to the USSF council at the Annual General Meeting.

2:09:02 For violation of 2:09:01, the offending party (ies) shall be subject to the sanctions of suspension and fines and shall be liable to FSYSL, CYSA, USYSA, and USSF for all expenses incurred by FSYSL, CYSA, USYSA, and USSF in defending each court action, including but not limited to the following:

- A. Court cost
- B. Attorney fees
- C. Reasonable compensation for time spent by FSYSL, CYSA, USYSA, and USSF officers and employees in responding to and defending against allegations in the action, including responses to discovery and court appearances.
- D. Travel expenses
- E. Expenses for holding special FSYSL, CYSA, USYSA, and USSF meetings necessitated by the court action.

2:09:03 Whenever a member or an affiliate member of this League makes a ruling or renders a decision which is in violation of or conflicts with a rule of this League as a defendant, that member or shall be responsible for the legal cost incurred by this League in defending the lawsuit.

2:10 RESPONSIBILITIES

2:10:01 All members shall be responsible for governing those persons associated with their operations. Teams shall abide by the League rules under which they are registered and in which they are playing.

2:10:02 Falsification of records shall be grounds for disbarment from future participation and/or membership in this League.

2:10:03 A plea of ignorance to the Constitution, By- Laws, General Procedures and Specific Rules of this League, CYSA, USYSA and USSF is not sufficient and violators may expect appropriate action by the Board of Directors if this League.

2:10:04 Any person found guilty of violation the Constitution, By-Laws, General procedures and Specific Rules of this League, CYSA, USYSA and USSF may be asked to appear before the Board of Directors of this League in order to explain his/her action.

2:11 FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

2:11:01 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, League or Organization.

2:12 LIABILITY PROTECTION

2:12:01 All officers of this League and officials of Member Teams shall be covered against personal liability claims by CYSA for performing acts and duties directly related to the work of this League.

2:13 DISSOLUTION

2:13:01 Should this League be dissolved, all assets remaining after payment of all debts shall be turned over to the CALIFORNIA YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION for the express purpose other the development of youth soccer.

2:14 RULES OF ORDER

2:14:01 The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order shall govern this League in all cases to which they are not inconsistent with the Constitution, By-Laws, General Procedures and Specific Rules of this League, CYSA, USYSA and USSF.

GENERAL PROCEDURES

3:02 INSURANCE

3:02:03 The procedures given below shall apply to the FSYSL

3:02:04 Within 24 hours of a reportable accident or injury to a player or adult connected with the League the coach will notify the League of the injury, by contacting the President by phone or in person.

3:02:05 The coach will fill out the YOUTH SOCCER CASE REPORT form, which is available in the CYSA Team Manual or through the League.

3:02:06 The League will verify the eligibility of the adult or player for coverage. Make copies of the report form for the coach, family involved and League files and mail the original report form to the CYSA office.

3:02:07 The League will advise the parents of the proper handling of the claim and all related items as follows;

- A. CYSA will mail the parents a claim form; the parents will fill out the form and return it to the CYSA office.
- B. All bills and claims must be mailed directly to the CYSA main office. They are not to be mailed to the insurance company. Failure to follow this step could lead to a lengthy delay in any payments being issued.
- C. The League will provide the family a local contact in the event that there are questions regarding the claim procedures.

3:02:08 A medical clearance must be obtained from a physician for any injured player prior to resuming participation in any team practice or game. This must be submitted to the League President.

3:02:09 Coaches will not permit a non-registered player to practice or participate at any time. Coaches are required to carry the registration forms for the players to all practices and games. A violation of the above could result in the insurance being void.

3:02:10 Teams must practice at only league approved practice sites within the Fairfield-Suisun Youth Soccer League boundaries. Practice sites must be scheduled with the FSYSL field coordinator. Any team desiring to practice at a non-League approved site or play a practice game outside of the League of the League boundaries must obtain permission from the President of League or the Executive Board of Directors. Failure to follow this policy will result in disciplinary action for the coach and team.

3:03 REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

3:03:08 FSYSL Registration procedures for Division 4 teams.

3:03:09 All prospective players must register properly and become subject to random team assignment in accordance with the following guidelines.

3:03:10 This League has a policy of player retention and team assignments for returning players based on:

- A. The coach returning
- B. The player is eligible by birth date for the team
- C. The player registers within the timeframe set by the League
- D. The gender of the player

3:03:11 New players who register are assigned to teams based on the geographical area of the community they live in; North Fairfield, East Fairfield, Central Fairfield, Cordelia-Green Valley, and Suisun.

3:03:12 The League makes specific team assignments based on the above criteria plus:

- A. Date of registration
- B. Years of experience
- C. Written parental request
- D. League requirements

3:03:13 Players who register after the last walk-in registration date are assigned to the team having the lowest roster strength in that age group and club.

3:03:14 Players may not be recruited for any Division 4 team.

3:03:15 Request for a specific team assignment must be given in writing at the time of registration.

3:03:16 Any club unable to fill a team roster for any particular age group shall submit all the players names to the League Registrar. Teams shall be formed at the League level for these players. Any teams formed by this method may be scheduled to play within District VI. All required fees shall be paid by the League to support these teams.

3:03:17 Any age group that exceeds 11 teams shall be divided into two divisions.

3:03:18 The Board of Directors is the appeal body for all disputed player assignments.

3:07 MODIFIED RULES OF PLAY

3:07:01 U-10 Modified Rules. Number of players: maximum 9. Duration of games: 2-25 minute halves (running time). Player substitution, free kicks and offsides rule according to FIFA's Laws of the Game. Players must play at least 50% of the game.

3:07:02 U-8 Modified Rules. Number of players: maximum 7. Duration of game: 4-10 minute quarters (running time). Player substitution according to FIFA's Laws of the Game. Free kicks are indirect only, no penalty kicks allowed. The off sides rule is not in effect. Players must play at least 50% of the game.

3:08 SEND OFF PROCEDURE

3:08:01 If a player is sent off for misconduct, then the referee shall deliver within 24 hours the player's pass to the League's proper authority (P.A.D. Chairperson) or any Board member along with his/her game report. That player is ineligible until the player pass is returned to the coach, upon completion of any suspension.

3:08:02 Any individual(s) ejected from a game may be required to appear before the P.A.D. Committee. Both the ejected player(s) and his/her coach may be required to appear at this meeting. The individual(s) may not participate in any League game until the P.A.D. Committee has met.

3:08:03 The P.A.D. Committee shall meet each wee, as needed, during the season to sit in review of all Protests, Appeals or Disciplinary action that are a result of any League game. In the event that the P.A.D. Chairperson is not available for the meeting, the Coach Coordinator shall chair the P.A.D. for that week only.

3:08:04 The P.A.D. Committee shall consist of three (3) to six (6) individuals: the P.A.D. Chairperson, plus the Referee Coordinator or the Coach Coordinator or age group representative who shall represent a neutral position concerning any protest, appeal or disciplinary action. If any of the Committee members has an affiliation with the protest, appeal or disciplinary action being heard (age group, team or game association), a replacement shall be selected by the P.A.D. Chairperson. In the event that the P.A.D. Chairperson needs to be replaced, a replacement will be selected by the FSYSL President. The P.A.D. Chairperson shall cast a cote only in the case of a tie. The Solano Soccer Club P.A.D. Chairperson may be designated as an additional P.A.D. Committee member, subject to approval by the Board of Directors. The Solano Soccer Club P.A.D. Chairperson shall be subject to the same prohibition against hearing a particular protest, appeal or disciplinary action due to affiliation with a matter as other P.A.D. Committee members, except that no replacement will be selected in the event of a disqualifying affiliation.

3:08:05 The P.A.D. Committee shall have the right to determine the outcome on any game stopped, suspended or terminated under Law V of the "Laws of the Game" (i.e. replay from the beginning, forfeit or let stand as is).

3:08:06 The P.A.D. Committee shall determine the disciplinary action to be taken against any League member found, after review of all pertinent information, to be in violation of the Constitution, By-Laws, General Procedures and Specific Rules of the FSYSL, CYSA, USYSA and USSF and the Laws of the Game. League members ejected from the game shall be disciplined, if the ejection was warranted, using as guidelines the "Suggested Penalties of CYSA's Specific Rules".

3:09 PROTEST AND APPEALS PROCEDURES

3:09:01 Only violations of the Constitution, By-Laws, General Procedures and Specific Rules of this League, CYSA, USYSA and USSF and the misapplication of the Laws of the Game for outdoor soccer shall be proper subjects to be considered for action.

3:09:02 In all League matters, the League management shall provide procedures for protests and the hearing of an appeal and not until that procedure has been completed and an adverse decision rendered on the matter in question, will it be forwarded to the Protest and Appeals Committee of CYSA. Upon rendering a decision the League shall forward a copy of its evidence, findings and decision to the office of CYSA for future reference. All pertinent data must be forwarded within fourteen (14) days of the League decision.

3:09:03 Should any person, team or League desire to appeal any adverse decision, communication shall be from the League to the District Commissioner, from the District Commissioner to the CYSA Protest and Appeals Committee, from the CYSA Protest and Appeals Committee to the USYSA Region IV Appeals Committee.

3:09:04 Should any hearing body choose not to hear a protest or appeal, that body may, if they desire, refer the matter directly to the next higher authority.

3:09:05 Upon receipt of any adverse decision, an appeal may be made to the next higher authority.

3:09:06 Protests or Appeals are to be in writing and delivered to the P.A.D. Chairperson of the FSYSL within forty-eight (48) hours (Sunday and holidays excluded) following the date of the League decision being protested or appealed. The proper fee must be enclosed.

A. The protest or appeal fee shall be established at fifty (\$50.00) for items arising before the Protest and Appeals Committee.

B. The protest or appeal fee shall be returned if the protest or appeal is upheld. This fee shall be retained if the protest or appeal is denied, unless the Protest and Appeals Committee is overruled by a higher authority.

C. In the case of a protest, no verbal presentations are allowed. Only Protest and Appeals Committee members are allowed at this meeting.

D. In the case of appeals, it shall be presented as a statement representing no more than a fifteen (15) minute oral presentation. Upon receipt of the appeal, the P.A.D. Chairperson shall inform all coaches, referees and P.A.D. members who were involved in the original decision.

E. The appealing party shall have fifteen (15) minutes for an oral presentation. As many as three (3) spokespersons are allowed, but the total presentation time remains fifteen (15) minutes. Both teams will be heard as well as the referee for a total of forty-five (45) minutes maximum. All may be present if they wish. The appealing party must be present. All comments shall be addressed to the Board of Directors.

3:09:07 The FSYSL Board of Directors shall set a date for the hearing of the appeal. Such a date shall be determined as per CYSA Protests and Appeals procedures.

3:09:08 The FSYSL Board of Directors shall consider all pertinent information arising out of an appeal of the P.A.D. decision. The parties involved shall have the opportunity to present their case. The decision of the FSYSL Board of Directors shall be conveyed, in writing, to the party initiating the appeal within seven (7) days of the decision. This decision may be appealed as outlined in CYSA's General Rules and USSF Rule 2013 for appeal beyond the league and state level. A copy of the decision along with all-pertinent information and findings shall be filed with CYSA and FSYSL.

3:09:09 No person(s) associated with the operation of this league at any level (Team, League, District and

State) may invoke the aid of the courts or of the United States without first exhausting all available remedies within FSYSL, CYSA, USYSA and USSF, including a final appeal to the USSF Council at the Annual General Meeting.

3:09:10 For violation of 3:09:09, the offending party (ies) shall be subject to the sanctions of suspension and fines and shall be liable to FSYSL, CYSA, USYSA and USSF, for all expenses incurred in defending each court action, as provided under 2:09 of CYSA and FSYSL By-Laws.

3:10:01 All protests, appeals and disciplinary actions must be referred to the FSYSL P.A.D. Committee Chairperson for resolution before any such action can be referred to higher authority. Any individual that circumvents this process, absent the finding of good cause, will be subject to disciplinary action by the FSYSL P.A.D. Committee.

SPECIFIC RULES

4:01 MISCELLANEOUS RULES

4:01:01 After seasonal play begins, no more than three (3) practices per week may be scheduled for any Division 4 team.

4:01:02 All division 4 and division 3 team's players must play at least 50% of each age. The only exceptions to this rule are:

- A. Player is being benched for displaying unsportsmanlike conduct towards anyone on or off the field during a game.
- B. Player is being benched for excessive absences or unsportsmanlike conduct at practice
- C. There is no playing time requirement for Division 1 players. All families of division 1 players are required to sign a form acknowledging they are aware of this rule.

4:01:03 If a player is not playing a full half of a game due to disciplinary action, illness or injury the referee and parents must be notified before the start of the game.

4:01:04 A coach not playing a player at least one-half of each game will be referred to the P.A.D. Committee for disciplinary action.

4:01:05 Coaches shall obtain and use league provided equipment in teaching their team. Uniforms shall consist of jersey, shorts and socks.

- A. Uniforms are the property of each individual player. If a uniform is lost or outgrown it shall be replaced at the expense of the individual player.
- B. Altered uniforms shall not be allowed. Any player showing up in an altered uniform will not be allowed to play.
- C. All other equipment, which is provided by the League, is the permanent property of the League and must be returned at the end of the season.
- D. All jerseys must have "FSYSL" logo on them.
- E. Players must wear shin guards.
- F. Soccer cleats are recommended
- G. Division 1 and Division 3 team uniform requirements shall follow the Solano Soccer Club Specific Rules 4:04:01

4:01:06 The FSYSL will be responsible for the conditions of the grounds, the proper field markings and proper equipment. Nets and corner flags are required. The home team shall bring the nets and flags to the field; both teams shall assist in erecting and taking down goals, nets and corner flags. The home team shall return the nets and corner flags to their proper storage facility.

4:01:07 Field set-up and maintenance compensation shall be offered to every Solano Soccer Club team. Compensation will be given to registered teams only, not an individual.

- A. Compensation for initial layout and marking of fields:
U-6 \$30.00 per field

- U-8, U-10 \$40.00 per field
- U-12 and up \$50.00 per field
- B. Compensation for relining fields:
 - U6 \$5.00 per field
 - U8, U10 \$7.00 per field
 - U12 and up \$10.00 per field

4:02 COACH REQUIREMENTS FOR DIVISION 4 TEAMS

- 4:02:01 Recognizing that the League is non-profit and based on volunteer efforts, the policies listed below shall apply to the coach program.
- 4:02:02 All coaches are encouraged to upgrade their knowledge of the game and teaching skills by attending League sponsored clinics. The coach training courses, in order of procession, are: Pre-F, F, E, E/D, and D.
- 4:02:03 The League shall provide the CYSA Pre-F training course for all coaches to attend. New coaches are encouraged to complete this course before they attend the F coaches clinic.
- 4:02:04 The League shall host an F and E clinic for all eligible coaches to attend.
- 4:02:05 The League shall pay for coach training through the E/D course. The League shall pay 50% reimbursement of tuition to all candidates that successfully complete their National D course. Coaches who attend training clinics beyond the National D course will be responsible for their costs.

4:03 REQUIREMENTS FOR COACHING A DIVISION 1 OR DIVISION 3 TEAM Refer to Solano Soccer Club Specific Rules 4:01

- 4:03:01 All Solano Soccer Club teams must list a head coach, an assistant coach and a team manager on their team application prior to League approval of the team.
- 4:03:02 Tryout dates for the Solano Soccer Club teams must be submitted for approval to the League President prior to the District VI tryout windows. Dates, times, and fields will be scheduled through the League. No changes in the tryouts will be allowed without League Board approval.
- 4:03:03 No Two Solano Soccer Club teams can have the same name. Each team's name must be totally different. All team names, coaching staff and manager's names must be submitted to the League Board for approval. Teams will be unable to register until this information is submitted to and approved by the League Board.
- 4:03:04 All Solano Soccer Club teams are limited to the use of "Solano", "SSC", or "Fairfield-Suisun" in their name, if they add a surname. Grandfathering of previous names will not be allowed.

4:04 FUNDING DIVISION 1 AND DIVISION 3 TEAMS Refer to Solano Soccer Club Specific Rules 4:03

4:05 REFEREE POLICIES

- 4:05:01 League referee policies will apply to all Division 4 teams. Solano Soccer Club referee policies will apply to all Division 1 and Division 3 teams.
- 4:05:02 ~~"Adult Referees" will be currently registered USSF referees 22 years of age and older. "Youth referees" will be currently registered USSF referees younger than 22 years of age.~~ Refer to 2010 FSYSL Referee PIM
- 4:05:03 ~~The League shall provide a 16 hour USSF Laws of the Game training clinic for individuals who wish to become USSF registered referees. Individuals younger than 18 years of age will require prior approval from the FSYSL Referee Coordinator and the Board of Directors to attend this clinic. All individuals that successfully complete the clinic will be supplied with appropriate referee equipment (assistant referee~~

flags, red/yellow cards, referee uniform and whistle). New referees will be required to referee five (5) Division 4 games as a center referee as repayment for their clinic and referee registration fees. Refer to 2010 FSYSL Referee PIM

4:05:04 ~~The League will reimburse any referee for their annual USSF referee renewal fees after they have officiated five (5) Division 4 games as a center referee during the current playing season. Referees should pay for their renewal fees and then submit a copy of their license and copies of the game cards from the games they officiated to the FSYSL Referee Coordinator for reimbursement. Refer to 2010 FSYSL Referee PIM~~

4:05:05 ~~Division 4 games (U-8 through U-19) will have a center referee assigned to each game. Referee assignments will be made by the FSYSL Referee Coordinator. Each team will be responsible for supplying one (1) assistant referee for their games. Refer to 2010 FSYSL Referee PIM~~

4:05:06 Division 4 games (U-6) will be officiated by each team's coach. The coach will be advised to be a USSF registered referee.

4:05:07 The referee shall have discretionary power to stop, suspend, or terminate the game under Law V of FIFA's Laws/ He/She shall submit a written report to the FSYSL P.A.D. Chairperson within twenty-four (24) hours of such an occurrence. The referee does not have the authority to determine the outcome of a stopped, suspended or terminated game.

4:05:08 Disrespect or abuse of the referee will not be tolerated under any circumstances. Violation of this policy will result in disciplinary action. A written report of such an occurrence shall be submitted to the FSYSL referee Coordinator and FSYSL P.A.D. Chairperson within twenty-four (24) hours for review.

4:05:09 Protest of a referee's behavior shall be submitted to the FSYSL Referee Coordinator and FSYSL P.A.D. Chairperson within twenty- four (24) hours for review.

4:05:10 ~~Youth referees must be at least four (4) years older than the age group that he/she is officiating. Refer to 2010 FSYSL Referee PIM~~

4:05:11 ~~Youth referees may earn \$10.0 per game as center referee for Division 4 games (U-8 though U-19), they must first satisfy their five (5) game requirements for clinic, registration and uniform fees. Payments will be made on a monthly basis with the game cards required to verify amounts due. Referees will have current W-9 on file with the League prior to any payment, and will be responsible for any taxes due. The League will report as required by law all payments, reimbursements of license fees, cost of equipment and training. Refer to 2010 FSYSL Referee PIM~~

4:06 FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS

4:06:01 The League's financial responsibility is to maintain its tax-exempt status and provide accountability to its members.

4:06:02 The Finance and Audit Committee will be appointed each year the League President and approved by the Board of Directors. It will be comprised of four (4) members plus the FSYSL Treasurer, who will serve as the committee Chairperson. No appointed member can be on the FSYSL Board of Directors or an authorized signature on any League bank account. All League financial records will be made available to the committee, which will review the revenue and expenses of the League. The committee will meet no less than four (4) times a year and report to the League President and FSYSL Board of Directors. The committee will provide a written report for the Annual General Meeting.

4:06:03 All expenditures of League funds will be related to League business and subject to approval by the League President and the FSYSL Board of Directors. Requests for reimbursement and all bills will be submitted to the Treasurer within seven (7) days. Financial reimbursement and payment of bills require proper documentation (i.e-valid receipt, billing statement). When billing is not possible, a League check can be requested in advance, with proper documentation. A list of League approved vendors will be maintained by the Treasurer, who can issue a purchase order for League expenses.

4:06:04 All checks submitted to the League shall be made payable to "Fairfield-Suisun Youth Soccer League" or FSYSL. All league funds received will be forwarded immediately to the Treasurer and deposited within seven (7) days. No postdated checks will be accepted. Returned checks will be charged a \$25.00 processing fee. Every effort will be made to collect the funds owed the League including reasonable collection costs as allowed by law.

4:07 SCHOLARSHIPS / SPONSORSHIPS

4:07:01 The League will offer two (2) \$500.00 scholarships each calendar year, one (1) for female players and one (1) for male players.

4:07:02 Scholarships are available to all League participants that meet the following requirements:

- A. Must be a member of the league for a minimum of three (3) years.
- B. Must graduate High School with at least a 3.0 grade point average (GPA).
- C. Must be continuing their education.
- D. Must submit an application to the League in the year of High School graduation by June 30th.

4:07:03 Scholarships are limited to one (1) per person.

4:07:04 The scholarship account will be funded each year after registration by transferring \$500.00 or \$0.50 per registered player, whichever is more, from the general fund before September 1st.

4:07:05 All scholarship applications filed with the League, whether granted or denied, will be kept on file in the League files for a minimum of four (4) years.

2010 FSYSL Referee PIM

Referee Training

Grade 8 Referee Training

1. FSYSL will host two Grade 8 referee training classes between March 1st and June 30th.
2. Any persons interested in attending one of Grade 8 referee training classes must register in advance with the FSYSL Referee Coordinator. Preference will be given in the following order:
 - a. SSC Coaches in need of referee licensing
 - b. Adults (persons over the age of 21) affiliated with either FSYSL or SSC
 - c. Youth (persons under the age of 21) affiliated with either FSYSL or SSC
 - d. Adults (persons over the age of 21)
 - e. Youth (persons under the age of 21)
3. All prospective Grade 8 referee training class students must pay FSYSL the (as of 04/01/10) \$75 class fee *in advance* in order to secure their space in a class.
4. Students who successfully complete the Grade 8 referee training class and become a licensed referee will have the opportunity to purchase a referee kit from FSYSL for \$50. This kit will include the following items:
 - a. Referee Uniform (short sleeved yellow shirt, black shorts and socks)
 - b. Whistle
 - c. Red & yellow cards and card holder
 - d. Gear bag
5. Students who do not successfully complete the Grade 8 referee training class will receive a \$40 refund of their enrollment fee.

Annual In-service Training

1. FSYSL will host a minimum of one annual referee in-service training class between March 1st and June 30th.
2. Any persons interested in attending the Annual In-service Training must register in advance with the FSYSL Referee Coordinator. Preference will be given in the following order:
 - a. SSC Coaches
 - b. Adults (persons over the age of 21) affiliated with either FSYSL or SSC
 - c. Youth (persons under the age of 21) affiliated with either FSYSL or SSC
 - d. Adults (persons over the age of 21)
 - e. Youth (persons under the age of 21)

3. As of 04/01/10 persons affiliated with either FSYSL or SSC may attend this class free of charge. Persons not affiliated with either FSYSL or SSC must pay \$35 in advance to secure their space in the class.
4. Every effort will be given to provide both a classroom and a field component for the in-service session.
5. All referees affiliated with FSYSL and or SSC who work a minimum of five (5) games in the previous season *and* attend the current year in-service class will be eligible to be reimbursed their current year referee licensing fee. Referees who wish to be reimbursed must submit proof of payment of the licensing fee to the FSYSL Referee Coordinator for processing.

Referee Payment

1. Game Cards are the official document to record the outcome of a match and to record the referee(s) who actually covered the match. Without exception, game cards **MUST** be turned in to the FSYSL Referee Coordinator immediately following the match in order for the referee(s) to receive credit and/or payment for covering the match.

2. Fee Scales:

Adults

1. Each spring all *newly* licensed Adult referees must work a minimum of 5 (five) games for the FSYSL Recreation Division before being assigned to any FSYSL Community Playing League or SSC Club games.
2. All games covered for FSYSL Recreation Division are on a volunteer basis.
3. Effective 04/01/2010, all games covered for FSYSL Community Playing League are paid on the following fee scale:
 - a. U15 and above
 - i. Center: \$35
 - ii. AR: \$25

Youth

1. Each spring all *newly* licensed Youth referees must cover a minimum of 5 (five) games for the FSYSL Recreation Division before being assigned to any FSYSL Community Playing League or SSC Club games.
2. Effective 04/01/2010, all games covered for FSYSL Recreation Division by Youth referees will be paid on the following fee scale:
 - a. U7 – U10
 - i. Center: \$15
 - ii. AR: not applicable
 - b. U12 – U14
 - i. Center: \$20
 - ii. AR: \$15
 - c. U15 – U19
 - i. Center: \$25
 - ii. AR: \$15
3. Effective 04/01/2010, all games covered for FSYSL Community Playing League by Youth referees will be paid on the following fee scale:
 - a. U15 and above
 - i. Center: \$35
 - ii. AR: \$25

3. While officiating any FSYSL or SSC matches all referees must wear regulation attire in the proper manner, to include, but not limited to: shirts tucked in, socks pulled up. Referees officiating FSYSL or SSC matches who *do not* wear regulation attire in the proper manner may have their game payment reduced and/or have their future game assignments reduced.

4. Every effort will be given to mail referee payment checks no later than the 10th of each month for games covered the previous month. It is the referee's responsibility to ensure that the FSYSL Referee Coordinator has their correct and current mailing address and has recorded their game coverage correctly and compensated them accordingly. In the event of a recording and or payment dispute, the official game card for the match will be the source document for settling the disagreement. In absence of a game card or other compelling evidence, the FSYSL Referee Coordinator's records of game assignment and or actual coverage will be the source documents to settle the disagreement.

Game Assignments

1. Game assignments will be on a first come first served basis, with the following considerations:
 - a. Consideration will be given to allow all referees an opportunity to cover games.
 - b. Consideration will be given to the referee's skill level.
 - i. For example:
 1. Referees with less experience will be assigned to younger age games.
 2. Referees with more experience will be assigned to older age games.
2. The FSYSL Referee Coordinator will email out a weekly announcement no later than Monday evening to all local licensed referees to notify them of open games the following weekend. It is the referee's responsibility to ensure that the FSYLS Referee Coordinator has the referee's correct email address. In the event that a local referee does not have an email address, they must contact the FSYSL Referee Coordinator to schedule game coverage.

Referee Retention and Advancement

1. The FSYSL Referee Coordinator will work with referees, coaches and other interested parties to insure that any referee in need of either remediation and or assessment for advancement, are provided an opportunity for additional training and or assessment.
2. The FSYSL Referee Coordinator will make information available to all FSYSL and SSC affiliated referees for advancement opportunities.

Other

1. Refer to the FSYLS Constitution and Bylaws and or the CYSA Manual.