

WINNIPEG YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE 1: OFFICERS AND DUTIES

1.1 Past President

The Past President shall be the preceding duly elected President, who shall chair the Nominating Committee and election portion of the Annual General Meeting. He/she shall serve as an adviser to the Board and provide services as required.

1.2 President

The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of WYSA and, if present, he/she shall chair all WYSA meetings. He/she shall be nominated as MSA Youth Director A & or B, shall be an ex-officio member of all WYSA Committees and be a signing officer of WYSA. The President when presiding at meetings may only vote to break a tie. Shall chair the Management Committee.

1.3 Vice-President

The Vice-President shall, in the absence of the President, assume the duties of the President. Shall be a signing officer of WYSA.

1.4 Director of Referees

The Director of Referees shall administer and develop the youth referee program. He/she will chair the WYSA Youth Referee Development Committee that will be comprised of a Referee Supervisor from each District Club.

1.5 Director of Coaching

The Director of Coaching shall work in co-operation with the MSA Director of Coaching and Player Development to have the best possible coaches available for our youth players. Shall chair the Coaching Committee, that will be comprised of the Head Coach from each District Club.

1.6 Director of Outdoor

The Director of Outdoor will work towards developing programs so as to give WYSA youth the best possible environment in which to play soccer. Shall chair the Premier committee and represent WYSA on the G.B.I.T. (Golden Boy International Tournament) Management

Committee.

1.7 Director of Indoor

The Director of Indoor will work towards developing programs so as to give WYSA youth the best possible environment in which to play indoor soccer. Shall chair the Indoor Committee.

1.8 Director of Communications

The Director of Communications shall be responsible for minutes of all General, Board and Annual General Meetings. He/she shall also be responsible for WYSA Website content, as well as facilitating all Public Announcements.

1.9 Director of Finance

The Director of Finance shall be responsible for maintaining financial records and shall be a signing officer of WYSA. Additional responsibilities as per Constitution, Article 16.

1.10 Director at Large (Disciplinarian)

The Disciplinarian shall administer disciplinary actions, resulting from infractions recorded by game officials. Shall chair the Discipline Committee.

ARTICLE 2: TERMS OF OFFICE

2.1 All Officers will be elected for a two (2) year term, as per Article 7 of the WYSA Constitution.

ARTICLE 3: ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS

3.1 At the first regular scheduled meeting prior to the WYSA Annual General Meeting. A Nominating Committee shall be appointed, comprised of a minimum of three (3) members. The Past President shall normally chair the Nominating Committee.

3.2 The Nominating Committee shall be responsible to present a slate of candidates for all positions of the Board.

3.3 Elections of the Executive shall be held at the WYSA Annual General Meeting.

3.4 The Chair of the Nominating Committee shall present a slate of nominees for each office, to the members attending the Annual General Meeting, and shall call for additional nominees from the floor.

- 3.5 Nominees from the floor must agree to the nomination.
- 3.6 In the event of absence, the nominee must file a written statement of agreement with the Chair, to be read to the members present.

ARTICLE 4: WYSA Inc. STAFF

- 4.1 There shall be an Executive Director who shall be appointed by the Board. The Executive Director shall report to the Management Committee.
- 4.2 There shall be such other staff as may from time to time be required by the Board. Such staff shall report to the Executive Director.
- 4.3 The Executive Director and other staff shall be paid such remuneration as approved by the Board and shall have such duties as determined by the Management Committee.

ARTICLE 5: AMENDMENTS

- 5.1 Amendments to the Constitution will be governed by Article 15 of the Constitution.
- 5.2 Amendments to the By-Laws shall only take place at the Annual Meeting or Special Meetings of the Association. Notice of motion for amendments shall be defined in By-Law Articles 6.2.1, 6.2.2, and 6.2.3.
- 5.3 Amendments to the Rules and Regulations shall take place at a General, Special, or Annual General Meeting of WYSA. Notice of motion for amendments at Special Meetings shall be defined in By-Law Article 6.2.

ARTICLE 6: MEETINGS

- 6.1 General Meetings
Notice of General Meetings of WYSA, including minutes of the previous meeting shall be mailed to each Board Member and District Club Representative at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting.
- 6.2 Special Meetings
Notice of Special Meetings must be communicated to each Board Member and District Representative, seven (7) days prior to the meeting. Only items defined in the notice of meeting shall be discussed.

- 6.2.1 Special meetings for the purpose of By-Law amendments must be called not later than twenty-eight (28) days prior to the date of the meeting.
- 6.2.2 Proposed amendments and changes to the By-Laws must be submitted to the WYSA office not later than twenty-one (21) days prior to the Special meeting.
- 6.2.3 Amendments and changes to the By-Laws are to be circulated to the voting members fourteen (14) days prior to the Special meeting.
- 6.3 Annual General Meeting
The Annual General Meeting shall be convened each year in the month of October.
- 6.3.1 Notice of the Annual General Meeting shall be made public through the media or area newsletter at least fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting. This notice shall include the slate of nominees for elected Board Members.
- 6.3.2 Copies of the agenda, minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting and Annual Reports shall be distributed at the meeting.
- 6.3.3 Order of business, for the Annual General Meeting shall be:
Call to Order
Approval of the Agenda
Approval of Minutes of the Previous Annual General Meeting;
Business arising from minutes;
Annual reports;
Review of Financial Statements
Amendments to the Constitution
Amendments to the By-Laws
Election of Board Members
New Business
Adjournment

ARTICLE 7: FISCAL YEAR

- 7.1 WYSA's fiscal year shall terminate each March 31st.

ARTICLE 8: SIGNING AUTHORITY

- 8.1 The signing authority for the control of all funds of WYSA shall be held by the following positions: Director of Finance, President, Vice-President, or Executive Director. Signing

authority at any given time will be a combination of the Director of Finance and one of the three above positions.

ARTICLE 9: PREMIER PLAYERS IN THE RECREATION PROGRAM

- 9.1 Players identified as “current” Premier players, Provincial All-Star Players or RTC/NTC players shall not be allowed to be registered on any Recreation team roster, unless they have received appropriate WYSA approval or are registering at their Home Community Centre, in which case no approval shall be required. A “current” Premier player, Provincial All-Star Player or RTC/NTC player shall be identified as a player who has been in the Premier, Provincial All-Star, RTC, or NTC program within a period of 12 months prior to trying to register on a Recreation team roster.

ARTICLE 10: TRANSFERS AND RELEASES

- 10.1 Within a District Club, if a player does not have a team within their age group or if a player is not required by their team(s) at their age group, the player shall report to the nearest WYSA Member Club within their District Club requiring their services, provided that they do not replace any other player(s) in said WYSA Member Club.
- 10.2 Each Inter District Club transfer involving Recreational or Competitive Players will require the consent of a parent/guardian, and the approval of the President of both releasing and of the receiving District Club, and must be recorded by the WYSA office. All such transfers are for one season only either (Outdoor or Indoor).
- 10.3 All Inter-District Club transfers involving Premier or Regional players, will require the consent of a parent/guardian and the approval of the transferring District Club President. The completed form must be submitted to the Premier Committee for consideration. The Premier committee governs the transfer of all Premier and Regional players. Having made their decision, the Premier committee must forward the form to the receiving District Club President for approval. The completed form is to be submitted to the WYSA office. All such transfers are for one season only either Outdoor or Indoor.
- 10.4 Other Inter-District transfers may be allowed, with each transfer being judged on its individual merits. Application for such transfer must be submitted to the WYSA office and will be considered by the Appeals/Protest Committee.
- 10.5 No transfers between Non Premier teams to Premier and Regional teams will be allowed after August 20th for Outdoors, and December 20th for Indoors. No Inter-Provincial transfers will be

permitted after July 31st of the current year for Outdoors.

- 10.6 If a player wishes to be released from a Premier team and re-register with a non-Premier team he/she may do so within the rules of Article 9.

ARTICLE 11: PROTEST/APPEALS COMMITTEE

- 11.1 Any member aggrieved by a decision of any Association in membership or by the WYSA Disciplinary, having exhausted all other avenues of appeal, may as of right, appeal from said decision to the Appeals Committee.

WYSA BY-LAW AMENDMENT DATA:

The following amendments were approved by the members on October 30th, 2003:

Articles amended: 12.7 (New), 13.3 (New), 13.10 F (Amended), 16.1 (Amended), 17.4 (Amended), 17.5 (Amended), 21.2 (Amended), 22.4 (Amended), 23.1a (Amended), 23.2a (Amended)

The following amendments were approved by the members on October 28th, 2004:

Articles amended: Article 1.11 (Amended), Article 4 (New), Article 6.3 (Amended), Article 10.1 (Amended), Article 10.4 (Amended), Article 11.1 (Amended), Article 13.7 (Amended), Article 15 (Amended)

The following amendments were approved by members on December 6th, 2004:

Articles amended: Article 16 (Amended), Article 20 (Amended), Article 22b (Amended), Article 23 (Amended), Article 24 (Amended)

The following amendments were approved by members on October 27th, 2005.

Articles amended: Article 1.2, 1.3 (Amended), Article 13.3 (Amended), Article 14.8, 14.9 (Amended), Article 19.2 (Amended), Article 25.6 (Amended)

The following amendments were approved by members on October 23rd, 2013:

Articles amended: Article 9 (New), Article 8 (removed), 10 (removed), 12 (removed), 13 (removed), 14 (removed), 15 (removed), 17 (removed), 18 (removed), 19 (removed), 20 (removed), 21 (removed), 22.2 – 22.14 (removed), 23 (removed), 24 (removed), 25 (removed), 26 (removed). Order of Articles were amended to reflect these changes.

The following amendments were approved by members on October 28th, 2014.

Articles amended: Article 8.1 (Amended)