



CYSL P.O. Box 3737 Clearlake, CA 95422

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Constitution

1:1 Name

This organization shall be known as the Clearlake Youth Soccer League, also referred to as CYSL.

1:2 Boundaries

1:2:1 The boundaries of this league are the communities of Clearlake, Lower Lake, Middletown, Hidden Valley, Cobb and the area of the surrounding county where it is more practical to play for our league than it is to play for one of the neighboring leagues.

1:2:2 Areas of dispute shall be forwarded to the California Youth Soccer Association and the laws that govern the state of California and the United States to settle.

1:2:3 This league may also sub-divide this area for the purpose of establishing teams. These divisions shall be made by the Board of Directors and may be changed or altered for the convenience of the league.

1:3 Purpose and Philosophy

1:3:1 The purpose of this league is to provide a soccer program for the youth (boys and girls 4 thru 18 years of age) within our boundaries, regardless of race, creed, color, national origin or skill level.

1:3:2 Goal of league, players and parent participation, and function of the Board of Directors

- The goal of this league is to promote the game of soccer, good sportsmanship, and the positive development of its participants. It is the duty of the Board of Directors, the referees and the coaches to strive for this goal.
- It is also understood that the strength of this league comes from participation, so it is important to have players and parents actively involved. Players and parents should be willing to actively participate in whatever way they can to make this league a success.
- It is the aim of the Board of Directors to bring the greatest good to the greatest numbers. With this in mind, as well as the goal of the league, it is the function of this Board of Directors to make, amend, interpret and apply the rules of this organization.

1:4 Colors

1:4:1 The representative colors of the league shall be Teal, White and Black AND Green, White and Black until approximately 2006 when the transition to the new league colors, (Green, White and Black) should be completed.

1:5 Affiliation

1:5:1 This league is a member of District Five of the California Youth Soccer Association (CYSA), which is an affiliated branch of the US Youth Soccer Association (USYSA) and the US Soccer Federation (USSF)

1:6 Authorities

1:6:1 This league shall be governed by its Constitution, By-Laws, General Procedures and Specific Rules adopted by the CYSL Board of Directors except when superceded by a higher authority of our affiliation.

1:6:2 The governing authority of this league, whose powers shall be designated by the By-laws, shall be vested with the Board of Directors of this league.

1:6:3 The elected Board of Directors of this league shall be comprised of: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar, Field and Equipment Representative, Referee Coordinator, Coaching Coordinator, Clearlake Area Representative, Middletown Area Representative, Cobb Area Representative, Publicity Representative, and Class 3 Representative.

1:6:4 The number of directors serving on the Board of Directors may be altered for the preservation of the league, however, there shall never be fewer than five Directors, or more than thirteen.

1:7 Membership

1:7:1 Membership in this league is open to all youths eligible to play within the age limits as defined by the CYSA General Procedures and their parents or legal guardians as listed on the official League Registration form, living within the boundaries of this league.

1:7:2 Membership is also open to volunteers wishing to contribute their time and talents for the betterment of this league, through its league play and administrative organization (i.e. coaches, league managers, field coordinators, or other specific league elected and/or appointed positions), without compensation.

1:7:3 Membership may be temporarily, or seasonally, closed when there are no openings on teams, or there are insufficient members to form new teams.

1:7:4 When this league cannot provide an opportunity for playing soccer to possible members then these persons have the right to join one of the neighboring leagues.

1:7:5 All members shall abide by the Constitution, By-Laws, and the General Procedures and Specific Rules of this league and its higher affiliations.

1:8 Annual Meeting

1:8:1 There shall be an Annual General Meeting held each year for the election of Directors of the Board. The existing Board will set the date, time, location and procedures for the meeting and see that it is publicized as much as possible, at least thirty days prior to the meeting.

1:8:2 Each adult member, as defined in 1:7:1 and 1:7:2, is entitled to one vote each. All adult members wishing to vote must be present at the annual meeting. Absentee ballots are not available and voting by proxy will not be allowed.

1:8:3 A quorum shall consist of any number of members present at the Annual General Meeting.

1:8:4 The order of Business at the Annual General Meeting shall be as follows:

- A. Call or Order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Introduction of Guests
- D. Reports: 1) President 2) Treasurer 3) Registrar
- E. Unfinished Business
- F. New Business
- G. Proposals for change to Constitution, Bylaws, and/or the Specific Rules and Procedures
- H. Elections
- I. Good of the Game
- J. Adjournment

1:9 Changes

1:9:1 Changes in this Constitution can be made by a 2/3 majority vote of the full board, unless it is found that one, or part of one, of the laws is in conflict with a higher authority or affiliation.

1:10 Rules of Order

The rules contained in the Robert's Rules of Order shall govern CYSL in all cases in which they do not conflict with CYSA and higher soccer affiliations.

1:11 Rules of Play

The FIFA "Laws of the Game" shall apply: players under 10 years of age may play according to developed player program modified playing rules for U6, U8, and U10.

1:12 Alcoholic Beverage Prohibition

The use of and/or consumption of any alcoholic beverages or controlled substances before or after youth soccer games is expressly prohibited.

1:13 Dissolution

Should this league be dissolved, all assets remaining after payment of all debts shall be turned over to CYSA or another CYSA affiliated soccer league for the further development of youth soccer.