

# LINDEN BY LAWS

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## **SECTION 1: GENERAL INFORMATION**

If you are interested in becoming more involved in Linden Soccer Association (LSA), we could use you. We are always looking for quality coaches, referees, committee members, and board members. Board meetings are open to all LSA members, as well as the public, and are held at 7 P.M. on the second Tuesday of every month at Farmers and Merchants Bank or Pizza Plus in Linden. If you are interested in helping contact an LSA Board member. Have a terrific season! Good luck!

### **Parent Responsibilities**

- Guidance and Support
- Responsibility for your own children. Coaches and/or team parents are not, at any time, responsible for the safety, health, or welfare of your children except during an actual soccer game or practice.
- Soccer-related events: At any other soccer-related events, including, but not limited to soccer camps, clinics, home and/or away games, tournaments, and exhibitions, parents are directly responsible for their own children except during actual playing time. At all soccer-related events, parents are responsible for transportation, food and lodging of their children.
- Get your children to practice on time.
- Pick up your children promptly.

### **Parent Code of Conduct**

- Make soccer a positive experience by making soccer fun. Foul language and/or poor sportsmanship are not acceptable.
- LSA has a no tolerance policy of criticism of referees, coaches or players. A coach can be given a yellow or red card by the referee for inappropriate behavior of the spectators on his/her sideline. Further action may be taken by the LSA Board as it deems appropriate.
- Alcoholic Beverage and Controlled Substance Restriction: The use and/or consumption of any alcoholic beverages or controlled substances on or around youth soccer fields, immediately before, during, or immediately after the playing of any youth soccer game are prohibited.
- Tobacco Restriction: The use of any tobacco products at any time at Linden Unified School District, Howard Park or any California Youth Sponsored event is prohibited.
- Pets are not permitted on the soccer fields.
- Children need more positive example than criticism. Make athletic participation a positive experience for your child and others.
- Relieve competitive pressure, not increase it. A child is easily affected by outside influences.
- The opponents are necessary friends; without them your child could not participate.
- Applaud good plays by your team and by members of the opposing team.
- The referee will call the game to the best of his/her ability. Do not openly question his/her judgment, honesty or integrity. If you have a problem with the referee, you are encouraged to fill out a game concern form.
- Accept the results of each game. Encourage the child to be gracious in victory and turn defeat to victory by working towards improvement.
- Be courteous and respectful to your child's coach and officials.

- A child's values and behavior in sports are guided by parental attitude at games towards their child, the opposing team, the officials, and the coach. Criticism and disrespect for officials and opponents by overbearing parents bent on immediate success rather than long range benefits undermines the sport's purpose and adds undo stress to the game.
- If at any time there is a concern regarding a coach, referee, player or parent, you are encouraged to fill out a game concern form. The form will be reviewed by the LSA Board which will take any action it deems appropriate. A game concern form may be obtained from the Field Marshall or any referee.

### **Coaches Responsibilities**

- To assemble the team players at least 30 minutes before game time.
- To coach the players to the best of his/her ability.
- To communicate with players and parents. If a coach has a problem with a parent or spectator, he/she should speak to the parent or spectator. If this attempt to resolve the conflict is unsuccessful, or if the coach does not feel comfortable doing so, the coach must contact the Coach Coordinator. The Coach Coordinator will then attempt to resolve the conflict and/or present the problem to the LSA Board. The LSA Board will then review the matter and take whatever action it deems appropriate.

### **Results of Successful Coaching**

- All players have improved their skills during the season
- All players had fun and enjoyed themselves.
- All players want to come back next season and participate again.

### **Code of Conduct**

- Coaches teach by example so negative or obscene gestures and/or foul language are not acceptable. The best teaching tools are a positive and enthusiastic attitude, a genuine interest in the players, and a broad knowledge of the game. Losing is a triumph when the team has given its best.
- Players play the game for fun and obey the rules. Listen to the coaches and referee, and accept their judgment.
- Referees must be impartial, watch the players and call each game to the best of his/her ability. A referee must control the game but not dominate it.

### **\*Sideline Behavior**

It is that players and coaches understand that DISSENT towards the Referee is NOT ACCEPTABLE conduct from any player or team official at any level of CYSA sanctioned play. It is the responsibility of the Coach to control his/her sidelines (parents, relatives, or visitors). If they fail to control their sidelines, the Referee has the authority to award the opposing team a PENALTY KICK. (U-12 AND U-15 ONLY)

### **Fifty Percent Playing Rule**

Each player shall play at least 50% of the game unless under disciplinary action by the League, or otherwise physically unable or unwilling to play.

### **Fund-raising**

It is the responsibility of every player and their parents to support the LSA fund-raiser.

### **Equipment Shed**

The shed houses the information bulletin board, game cards, field set up equipment, and emergency first aid kit. The lost and found is located in the shed.

### **Home Team**

The home team will assemble on either the north or east side of the soccer field, depending on the layout.

### **Field Set Up and Take Down**

*Setup:*

- The team playing the first game of the day on a particular field is responsible for setting up the playing field one hour prior to the start of the game.
- Games allowed to start late will end early so that the following game will start on time

*Take down:*

- At the end of the day the team playing the last game on a particular field will be responsible for taking down the field and returning ALL equipment to the shed.
- All litter must be picked up and all trash bags must be taken to the dumpster.

## **SECTION 2: SIMPLIFIED SOCCER RULES**

**LAW 1: Field of Play** The ideal field dimensions are as follows:

Under sixes (U6): approx. 18-25 yards wide by 20-35 yards long

Under eights (U8): approx. 35-50 yards wide by 40-70 yards long

Under tens (U10): approx. 35-60 yards wide by 50-90 yards long

Under twelve (U12): approx. 50 yards wide by 100 yards long

### **LAW 2: The Ball**

The size will vary with each age group. Size and pressure will be verified by the referee. I-J6 is #3, IJ8 is #3, I-J10 and U12 is #4, and 015 and above is #5.

**LAW 3: Number of Players:**

The number of players permitted on the field and team varies according to the age group:

On the Field Playing	Minimum	Maximum
Under 6	3	7
Under 8	5	9
Under 10	5	9
Under 12	7	11
Under 15	7	11
Under 16	7	11

If a team has only the minimum number of players on the field, the opposing team is not obligated to also play with the minimum.

**SUBSTITUTIONS**

Substitutions are unlimited but must be approved by the referee. Substitutions are from the center line of the pitch (field).

Player exiting game must be completely off of field prior to substitute player entering field.

Substitutions may be requested at the following times:

WHEN	REQUESTING TEAM
Before a throw in	Throw in team
Before a goal kick	Either team
After a goal	Either team
After an injury where the referee stops the game	Either team
When a player is cautioned	Cautioned player's team
Half-time	Either team

## **COACHING**

Coaching from the sideline is permissible when it is:

- Positive and supportive (not derogatory, obnoxious, or demeaning to players)
- Done from the coaching area only

*NOTE:* This rule also applies to parents, assistant coaches, other spectators, and players on the sideline. All spectators must stay at least three yards from the touch line.

## **LAW 4: Player's Equipment**

Player's equipment consists of the issued uniform, shin guards, and shoes.

Please note the following:

- Shirts: Must be tucked into shorts.
- Socks: Must be pulled up
- Shin guards: Mandatory for games and practices. They must be worn inside socks.
- Sweats: May be worn (at the discretion of the referee). Must be worn under the uniform shorts and shirt to assure team colors are visible. They must be tucked into socks
- Shoes: Shoes must be safe. May have cleats (toe cleats are not permissible) if: Cleats do not extend beyond the side of the shoe and mounting post is part of cleat.
- Glasses: must have a head strap.
- Goalie Gloves, Knee Pads and Elbow Pads: May only be worn by the goalie.
- Player Gloves: May be worn by players so long as approved by referee prior to the start of the game.
- Fingernails: Must be cut short to prevent injury to others.
- Jewelry: May not be worn unless it is of a religious nature. Medical alert bracelets may be worn but must be covered with tape or a terry cloth wristband. It shall be the coach's responsibility to inform the referee of the nature of the medical condition requiring the use of the medical alert bracelet.
- Casts/splints: Players wearing orthopedic casts, air-splints or metal splints shall not be eligible to participate in any game.
- Goalie: Must wear a different colored jersey than other players.

## **Law 5: Referee Responsibilities**

The referee is in charge of all game activity, keeps the game clock and enforces the Law. His or her decisions are final. The referee will refrain from penalizing in cases where he or she believes that awarding a penalty would give an advantage to the offending team. Referees can eject players from the field or eject coaches or spectators from the sideline. They can terminate a game if their instructions are not followed.

**Injuries:** Play will usually be stopped at a natural stoppage of play (i.e. off-pitch, penalty, etc.) and at that time the referee will instruct all players to sit or kneel and the coach will be called out to attend to his player. Time may or may not be stopped.



### **Law 6: Linesmen**

Two linesmen may assist the referee in calling the ball in and out of play, calling off sides and enforcing the Law. They may be overruled by the referee

### **LAW 7: Game Duration**

Game length depends on the age group:

U6: 2 halves, 20 minutes each; 10 minute halftime

U8: 2 halves, 20 minutes each; 10 minute halftime break

U10: 2 halves, 25 minutes each, maximum 15 minute halftime break

U12: 2 halves, 30 minutes each, maximum 15 minute halftime break

U14: 2 halves, 35 minutes each, maximum 15 minute halftime break

U 16: 2 halves, 40 minutes each, maximum 15 minute halftime break

U19: 2 halves, 40 minutes each, maximum 15 minute halftime break

### **LAW 8: Start of Play**

A kick-off shall start play at the beginning of the game, after each goal and following half time. The ball is kicked from the center spot and moved forward. The ball may not be touched again by the kicker until touched by another player.

### **Law 9: Ball In and Out of Play**

The ball is out of play when the entire ball crosses the goal line or touch line or when the referee stops the game.

### **Law 10: Method of Scoring**

A goal is scored when the entire ball crosses the goal line.

### **Law 11: Off Side Rule (U10 and Above)**

A player is in an offside position, when on the opponent's half of the field, he is closer to the opponent's goal line than the ball and there are fewer than two defending players (which may include the goalie) between him and the goal line. A player may be called offside if he is in an offside position at the time the ball is played to him from a teammate. Offside is not called if the player receives the ball direct, from a throw-in, from a corner-kick, or from a goal kick or a player is merely in the offside position not having anything to do with the play.

### **Law 12: Fouls and Misconduct**

Fouls (Direct Free Kick): If any of the following are committed intentionally against an opponent, the referee can award a direct free kick (indirect in U6 through U10) to the offended team:

1. Kicking at a player
2. Holding
3. Pushing
4. Violent charging
5. Jumping at a player

6. Charging from behind
7. Hand ball (using arms or hands)
8. Tripping
9. Striking a player

If any of the following occur, an indirect free kick shall be awarded:

1. Dangerous play (i.e. high kick, heading low ball)
2. Charging away from the ball
3. One player touches the ball twice on a free kick
4. Goalkeeper takes more than six seconds to release the ball
5. Obstructing an opponent
6. Charging the goalkeeper

**Note. Any contact with an opposing goalkeeper, which, in the opinion of the referee, was intentionally initiated by an opponent and was avoidable, shall be considered charging.**

The key term is "was avoidable"; if in the opinion of the referee, the opponent could have avoided contact with the goalkeeper (even though in pursuit of the ball) it is presumed to be intentional. All players have the right to pursue the ball until it is under the control of the goalkeeper. Once under control, the ball shall not be played in any manner.

### **Yellow Card (Cautioned)**

If a player, coach, or spectator

- Guilty of unsporting behavior
- Shows dissent by word or action
- Persistently infringes the Laws of the Game
- Delays the restart of play
- Fails to respect the required distance when play is restarted with a corner kick or free kick
- Enters or leaves the field without the referee's permission
- Deliberately leaves the field of play without the referee's permission

### **Red Card (Ejection From The Game)**

If a player, coach, or spectator

- Receives two yellow cards in one game
- Is guilty of violent conduct or serious foul play
- Persists in misconduct after having received a caution
- Uses foul or abusive language
- Denies the opposing team a goal or an obvious goal-scoring opportunity by deliberately handling the ball (this does not apply to a goalkeeper within his own penalty area)
- Spits at an opponent or any other person
- Denies an obvious goal-scoring opportunity to an opponent moving towards the player's goal by an offense punishable by a free kick or a penalty kick

### **Self Protection**

Unintentional and reflexive use of the hands to protect sensitive areas (chest for girls, groin for boys) is permissible if, in the opinion of the referee, such an act was unintentional rather than anticipatory and resulted in no advantage to the player.

### **Law 13: Free Kicks**

Direct Free Kick: A goal may be scored directly from a Direct Free Kick.

Indirect Free Kick: An indirect free kick must touch another player (from either team) before passing into the goal. The referee signals an indirect free kick by holding one arm up until the kicked ball touches another player.

### **Law 14: Penalty Kicks**

In U12 and above, a penalty kick is awarded when one of the nine major fouls is committed inside the penalty area. All players except the kicker and the goalie must stay outside the penalty area until the ball is kicked. The goalie must remain stationary on the goal line between the goal posts until the ball is kicked.

### **Law 15: Throw In**

After the ball completely passes over the touch line, the team that did not touch the ball last shall restart play by throwing the ball in. A throw in requires that a player taking the throw in, face the field, have part of each foot on or outside the side line, use both hands and deliver the ball from behind and from over his/her head.

### **Law 16: Goal Kicks**

A goal kick is an indirect free kick and is awarded to the defensive team when the offensive team puts the ball out of play over the goal line without scoring a goal.

### **Law 17: Corner Kicks**

When the defending team kicks the ball over its own goal line (not into the goal), the attacking team puts the ball back into play with a kick from the Corner arc on the side where the ball went out.

## **Special Rules for LSA U-6 and U-8 Players**

- Free kicks are classified as indirect
- One re-throw is allowed after an improper throw in
- No penalty kicks
- Off sides are not called
- Persistently stationing a player in front of the goal is counter to the spirit of the game and teaches a bad habit 1<sup>st</sup> offense: player and coach are warned, and the player is escorted by the referee out of the penalty area. The game is halted. 2<sup>nd</sup> offense: player is again moved. The coach is cautioned, but not shown a card. 3<sup>rd</sup> offense: The coach may be ejected from the game.
- U6: Each child will have an opportunity to play every position, including goalie
- U6: Due to the fact that this is a developmental program, an official referee may not be provided. One coach from each team will be on the field of play to provide guidance and to follow the rules and guidelines of soccer when a referee is not available.

## **SECTION 3: LSA CONSTITUTION**

### **ARTICLE 1: NAME**

The name of the Corporation shall be LINDEN SOCCER ASSOCIATION - herein referred to as "LSA" or the "Association", and it may also be known and described as the LINDEN SOCCER ASSOCIATION or LINDEN YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION.

### **ARTICLE 2: PURPOSE**

The Association formed in order to construct, operate and maintain a non-profit, charitable association to establish conduct and maintain an organization to develop, promote and regulate soccer for qualified players. The Association's purpose is also to promote sportsmanlike competition for qualified youth and young adult soccer players in the community and provide training, instruction and education to and for such players.

LSA is a Recreational League. However, any person, with the consent of the Board of Directors, may establish a competitive soccer team as defined by the California Youth Soccer Association. LSA will only pay for affiliation into the closest competitive league and LSA will not be responsible for other team expenses. LSA will supply competitive teams with two uniforms.

All soccer played between August 1 and November 30 of each year, which is played between other teams of the various areas within LSA and Mother Lode Youth Soccer League will be recreational soccer (Division IV).

Competitive soccer teams will also include teams that are formed solely for the purpose of tournament competition, and teams that compete for various cup competitions.

### **ARTICLE 3: AUTHORITIES**

LSA is governed by the bylaws of the Linden Soccer Association and California Youth Soccer Association (CYSAN) and the United States Soccer Federation (USSF). LSA will adhere to all rulings and directives of those organizations. However, if a conflict of an LSA bylaw is determined, and it is of such importance that the law must be amended or otherwise interpreted so that play can be maintained during the remainder of the soccer year, the Board of Directors of LSA can amend the bylaw for the remainder of the soccer year and present the altered bylaw for vote at the next scheduled annual general meeting. An altered bylaw needs a majority vote of the members present to be adopted.

The governing authority of LSA, whose powers shall be designated in the By-Laws, shall be vested within the Board of Directors of the League.

The officers of the Board of Directors shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar, Referee Coordinator, Coach Coordinator, \*Competitive Coordinator, and District VIII League Representative and \*Mother Lode Representative. In no event will the Board of Directors exceed 14 members.

LSA may recognize sub-units for the purpose of coordinating the administration of the League.

## **ARTICLE 4: BOUNDARIES AND TERRITORIES**

The geographical boundaries for LSA shall be the same as those established by the District 8 Administration. Eligibility rules for player and coach participation, based on residency, shall be established by the LSA and District 8.

## **ARTICLE 5: MEMBERSHIP**

Membership in the League shall be by registered team.

All member teams, their players, coaches, parents, and referees shall abide by the Constitution, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of LSA as set forth by the Board of Directors, and all applicable rules and regulations of the association with which this League is affiliated.

## **ARTICLE 6: ANNUAL MEETING**

Toward the end of each seasonal year, the President of LSA, with the concurrence of the Board of Directors, shall call for an annual general meeting of the membership, to be held no later than January 1<sup>st</sup> of said year. Written (e-mail) notification to all registered teams shall be sent out at least thirty (30) days prior to said annual general meeting.

The order of business of the Annual General Meeting shall be as follows:

- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Credentials Report
- D. Introduction of Guests
- E. Acceptance of Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting
  - a. President
  - b. Treasurer
  - c. Secretary
  - d. Registrar
  - e. Committees
- G. Unfinished Business
- H. Proposals for change of Constitution, By-Laws, and/or general procedures and specific rules.
- I. New Business
- J. Good of the Game
- K. Adjournment

Each registered team and each member of the Board of Directors shall be entitled to one (1) vote. Voting shall be restricted to those teams which have been registered during the current season. Voting by proxy shall not be allowed and only those members of record in good standing shall be entitled to voting privileges. The President of this League shall cast a vote only in the event of a tie.

## **ARTICLE 7: CHANGES**

Amendments to the Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules and Regulations of LSA shall be made at the Annual General Meeting of the Membership, except in such cases as specified in the LSA By-Laws.

Amendments to the Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules and Regulations to be voted on at the Annual General Meeting shall be forwarded in writing to the membership at least thirty(30) days prior to the Annual General Meeting.

## **SECTION 4: LSA BYLAWS**

### **ARTICLE 8: BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The Board of Directors shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting. The terms of office shall be from January 1st to December 31. All Board members shall be appointed to one year terms.

In order to serve as a member of the LSA Board of Directors, a person must be over 21 years of age at the time of election.

In the event that a Director becomes unable to serve, a new Director shall be appointed by a majority of the Board of Directors. A Director may be removed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership at a general meeting.

President: The President provides the leadership of the Board. The role includes coordinating the activities of other members of the Board. He/She is responsible for the LSA's adherence to the Bylaws and Rules established by the membership at its General Meeting and the Policies established by the Board of Directors.

The specific duties are:

- Preside at the Annual General Membership Meeting
- Preside at Regular and Special Board Meetings
- Call Special Meetings of the LSA or Board of Directors as needed
- Appoint chairpersons for special committees
- Ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee
- Should, upon finishing his/her term as President, act as an advisor/counselor during the succeeding year with no voting power

The candidate for President must serve at least one year on the Board of Directors prior to running for office.

Vice President: In the absence of the President the Vice President shall preside at the meetings of the Board of Directors.

The Vice President's specific duties are:

- Assumes the duties of the President in the absence of the President
- Assumes the office of the President, during the remainder of the current term, in the event of a vacancy
- Serves as the chairperson of the Review Committee
- Serves as the LSA representative to the LSA Protest Appeal and Disciplinary Committee
- Shall be responsible for coordinating and contracting for team photos
- Shall be responsible for overseeing LSA approved fund-raisers
- Shall be responsible for following up with coach to ensure that Youth Soccer Case Report is submitted to CYSA in a timely matter following an accident
- Shall coordinate purchasing of uniforms with the Mother Lode
- Shall be responsible for contacting sponsors and collecting sponsors' fees prior to team selection meeting.
- Shall be responsible for turning in sponsors' fees to the Treasurer before uniforms are ordered.

Secretary: The Secretary shall keep an accurate record of all meetings, handle all correspondence, handle all advertising, give notice of meetings, and maintain the files of the League.

The specific duties of the Secretary are:

- Shall keep minutes of all meetings and prepare the agenda for all meetings
- Keeps a chronological records of minutes
- Shall notify all Board members of Regular, General, and Special Meetings
- Shall conduct all general Board correspondence
- Shall reserve all meeting sites unless otherwise delegated by the President
- Shall be responsible for providing documentation to District VIII and CYSA for league affiliation and tax exempt (501 (3) (c)) status with assistance of the Treasurer.
- Shall fill out field use permits and provide proof of insurance to all schools within Linden Unified School District on a yearly basis with assistance of the President.
- Shall prepare and distribute minutes of previous meeting at least one week prior to next schedule meeting

Treasurer: The treasurer shall give a receipt for all monies which shall be deposited at Farmer's and Merchant's Bank in the name of the LSA within the guidelines established by the LSA Board. All accounts shall be paid by check and shall bear two(2) signatures from active Board members whose signatures are on file with Farmer's and Merchant's Bank of Linden.

The specific duties of the Treasurer are:

- shall receive and collect all monies
- shall make all bank deposits within a timely manner of receiving LSA funds
- shall pay all bills in a timely manner so as to avoid any detrimental financial impact to LSA
- shall keep accurate records and provide a complete financial report on a quarterly basis (minimum of 4 calendar quarters)
- provide a limited summary financial report at each Board meeting
- submit an annual financial report at the first General Meeting of the year
- shall co-sign all checks with the President when the dollar amount of the check exceeds \$1,000.00.
- shall be responsible for providing a copy of the current bank statement to the Secretary to be included in the monthly Board minutes
- shall be responsible for the preparation of the annual report.

The books will be reviewed by an internal review committee. The committee to be appointed by the president shall consist of: At least two board members (not to include the treasurer) and one non-board person. The review will take place before the February board meeting.

Registrar: The Registrar shall supervise the proper registration of all players, coaches and teams.

The specific duties of the Registrar are:

- process registration paperwork in a timely manner
- register players using current version of league software
- export player data to the District Registrar by deadlines
- be internet connected for monthly data submittal and communication purposes
- verify/approve single event guest player forms
- verify/approve tournament travel papers
- understand eligibility dating for players, registration deadlines, age limits, and class play limitations
- pass on registration information to appropriate league officials
- during seasonal year give registration papers to coaches and/or players
- order registration supplies for league
- assist the District Registrar in requests from CYSA on data, players or coaches
- send off/receive registration paperwork to/from District Registrar
- assist District Registrar with CYSA event check-ins
- coordinate registration dates with all schools within Linden Unified School District
- comply with all requirements of District VIII Registration Manual

Referee Coordinator: The Referee Coordinator shall organize and schedule all meetings with LSA referees.



The specific duties of the Referee Coordinator are:

- Shall be responsible for establishing training for referees
- Shall be responsible for certification of referees coordinated through LSA and CYSA
- Shall schedule referees for all games
- Collects all game cards for all games and provide timely payment details to the LSA Treasurer
- The Referee Coordinator will also serve on the Protest and Appeals Committee.
- Shall be responsible for submitting send off report (red card violation) to appropriate league President prior to the end of the next business day for Division IV teams.
- Shall be responsible for bringing any completed game concern forms to the next LSA Board of Directors meeting
- Shall be responsible for reporting equipment problems to the Board
- Shall be responsible for all equipment of LSA including organization and yearly inventory of the shed, and advising Board of need to purchase any new and/or replacement equipment.

Coach Coordinator: The Coach Coordinator shall supervise the selection of coaches, coordinate the training of coaches, and represent the coaches "point of view" to the Board of Directors.

The specific duties of the Coach Coordinator are:

- Shall be responsible for implementing and maintaining the scheduling of all games.
- Shall be responsible for Coordinating and scheduling games with the Mother Lode Youth Soccer League
- Shall be responsible for scheduling mandatory coaches meetings.
- Shall provide information and scheduling to Coaches pertaining to available coaching classes
- Schedule coaching certification courses hosted by LYSA
- Shall provide a schedule of all games to the Referee Coordinator, Coaches, Linden Unified School District and the person in charge of painting the field. Shall be responsible for distributing uniforms and binders to teams prior to beginning of season.

Competitive (Dennis Olsen League (DOL), Kaercher League) League Coordinator:

The specific duties of the Competitive (Dennis Olsen League, Kaercher League) League Coordinator are:

- Shall submit all necessary fees to District VIII.
- Shall coordinate field usage.
- Shall contact referee coordinator to schedule referees for all home games.
- Shall attend mandatory monthly DOL/Kaercher meetings.

District League Representative: The League representative shall attend the monthly District VIII meetings and report back on a monthly basis to the LSA Board of Directors. The District will announce the time and place of meeting.

## **ARTICLE 9: DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The Duties of the Board of Directors shall include, but are not limited to:

Being familiar with, interpreting, and enforcing the Constitution, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations of this League and all applicable Rules and Regulations of the Associations with which this League is affiliated.

Approving procedures for formation of registered teams.

Insuring proper registration of all players, coaches, and teams.

Insuring proper accounting of fiscal transactions and accurate reporting to the District Commissioner and/or his/her appointed assistant.

Sanctioning travel of teams for any competition played out of League boundaries.

Establishing a common set of administrative rules for all teams registered to the League.

Establishing a common set of playing rules for League play.

Providing levels of competition within the League for all players within the boundaries of the league.

Providing opportunities for play for all youth within the boundaries of the League.

Appointing standing committees.

Procuring of operating funds and facilities.

Publishing the annual Registered Team Binder for distribution to all Head Coaches prior to the start of the season. The Team Binder Shall include:

- The names of the Board of Directors
- The projected annual budget
- The League Handbook which includes Constitution, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations
- Team schedule
- League guidelines
- Any other pertinent information
- Player Cards and medical releases)

Reimbursing the District VIII League Representative, \*Competitive Coordinator, and Mother Lode Representative for mileage and meal expenses while attending District meetings.

Ensure that all Bylaw changes approved at the Annual General meetings are incorporated into a master copy of the Bylaws to be held by the Secretary of the League. This master copy will be consulted and used prior to printing of the League handbook.

The Board of Directors shall have the right and authority to suspend, bar completely or otherwise discipline any team, player, coach, Manager, team assistant, League official or any other person associated with the operation of this League from any member team or organization. The Board of Directors reserves the right to forward a disciplinary issue to the Disciplinary Committee for action.

If any of the above named persons or groups is found to be in violation of the Constitution, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations of this League or an applicable Rules and Regulations of Associations with which this League is affiliated, the Disciplinary Committee shall take the following steps:

- Verify that the offense has occurred or is occurring. This verification should include, but not necessarily be limited to, written, signed complaints from complainants. Other verification could include testimony from others who witnessed the offense. Second-hand input is not acceptable.
- Speak with the person(s) accused and discuss the complaint]concern, and explain that repetition of the offense could result in discipline.
- Observation by Board members to see if problem has been corrected.
- If offender continues in violation, Board of Directors shall meet in closed session and decide on appropriate penalty.
- Appeal of decision of the Disciplinary Committee may be made to Protest and Appeals Committee.

All of the above notwithstanding, the Board of Directors may, at its option, apply any of above steps if, in its judgment the nature of an infraction is crucial enough to require immediate action.

#### **ARTICLE 10: STANDING COMMITTEES**

The following Standing Committees and others shall be appointed as needed:

- Protest, Appeals and Disciplinary (PAD) Committee
- Registration Committee
- Budget Committee
- Website Coordinator
- Financial Review Committee

#### **ARTICLE 11: MEMBERSHIP**

All LSA players must be registered with LSA. The Registrar will be responsible for coordinating the registration for all potential soccer players within LSA. The Registrar, assisted by the board, is also responsible for setting up dates for sign-ups and to make the community aware of such dates. The Registrar will work with and in accordance with the rules, bylaws and regulations of CYSA

LSA will accept players from outside leagues only upon written confirmation to LSA Registrar from the league that the player has been voluntarily released to play outside his/her league. -A properly completed Temporary Player Release Form, or equivalent written confirmation.

Any applicant for membership in this League shall submit yearly, with the appropriate fee(s):

- A properly completed registration form for each team, player and coach prepared in accordance with the current CYSA registration instructions and procedures.
- Submit upon initial registration of each player, proof of place and date of birth. Proof of age shall consist of birth certificate, birth registration issued by an appropriate government agency; Board of Health records, passport, alien registration card issued by the United States Government, a certificate issued by the Immigration and Naturalization Service attesting to age, or a certification of an American citizen born abroad issued by the appropriate government agency, a current driver's license, or a current identification card issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles. Hospital, baptism, or religious certificates will not be accepted.

Under no circumstances will registrations be accepted after drop dead date as established by the Registrar. \*(Division IV-Recreation Only)

50% of registration fees will be refunded until August 15. No refund will be given on or after August 16.

All coaches and assistant coaches must fill out a 1601 form, obtain an "F" license if coaching U10 and above, provide a 1"x1" self portrait to the LSA Registrar and be cleared through CYSA prior to having contact with any team player.

## **ARTICLE 12: MEETINGS**

Regular meetings of the Board of Directors will be held at least monthly on the same designated date. The agenda for the regular meeting may be as follows:

- Call to Order
- Roll Call
- Introduction of Guests
- Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting
- Review of Game Concern Forms
- Correspondence
- Treasurer's Report
- Registrar's Report
- Referee Report
- Mother Lode Report
- Competitive (Dennis Olsen League, Kaercher League) Report
- District 8 Report
- Committee Reports
- Unfinished Business
- New Business
- Good of the Game
- Adjournment

### **ARTICLE 13: QUORUM**

At all meetings of the Board of Directors, fifty percent (50%) of the Board of Directors membership shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

### **ARTICLE 14: SEASONAL YEAR**

The seasonal year for membership/registration shall be from September 1 through August 31. Insurance coverage shall be for the same period of time.

### **ARTICLE 15: DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE**

The Disciplinary Committee shall consist of:

Coach Coordinator - Whereas he will have no vote. He shall chair the committee and only vote as to break a tie such as absence, abstention, etc.

Coach - Active coach for a team currently involved in LSA soccer for that current year.

Interested Adult - Not having a child involved in LSA soccer for that current year.

Board Member - The LSA resident for the current year.

Disciplinary Committee members may not sit concurrently on the Protest and Appeals Committee.

The Disciplinary Committee shall act on all disciplinary matters and shall have discretionary powers in determining disciplinary action applied to team personnel and players. Game suspensions listed below are to be regarded as minimums for the charged offenses, depending on the findings of the Disciplinary Committee. Penalties may be increased according to the gravity of the infringements, and the reasons for such increases in penalties shall be documented on the Send-Off Report or on an accompanying document by the Disciplinary Committee. Only penalties above the recommended CYSA minimums may be appealed.

When sent off the field of play and shown the red card for infringement of the "Laws of the Game", players and substitutes shall be disciplined by further games suspension as follows:

#### **A. Serious foul play:**

- 1) Examples include, but are not limited to, intentionally impeding an opponent, denying an obvious goal-scoring opportunity, denying an obvious goal-scoring opportunity by handling the ball.

All age groups Suspend for a minimum of one (1) games.

- 2) Examples include, but are not limited to, tripping, holding, unlawfully charging or pushing an opponent, denying an obvious goal-scoring opportunity, intentionally tripping, holding, pushing, unlawfully charging or tackling an opponent from behind or charging in a dangerous and violent manner.

All age groups - Suspend for a minimum of two (2) games.

B. Foul and abusive language:

- 1) Examples include, but are not limited to, words uttered in frustration and, in the referee's opinion, loud enough to be heard outside the field of play.

All age groups Suspend for a minimum on one (1) game.

- 2) Examples include, but are not limited to, words or actions directed towards any person.

All age groups - Suspend for a minimum of two (2) games.

C. Second cautionable offense after having received a caution:

All age groups - Suspend for a minimum of one (1) game.

D. Violent conduct:

- 1) Examples include, but are not limited to, spitting, or other unseemly act, on or at another person, striking or attempting to strike another player, team official or spectator, unlawfully entering the field of play during an altercation.

All age groups - Suspend for a minimum of two (2) games.

- 2) Pushing in an act of aggression, striking or attempting to strike a referee, linesperson (assistant referee) or fourth official.

All age groups - Suspend for a minimum of one (1) year and review by the Board of Directors regarding further disciplinary action.

Disciplinary actions listed above are to be regarded as minimum game suspensions, depending on the findings of the Disciplinary Committee. The Disciplinary Committee has discretionary powers to increase penalties befitting the infractions.

In specific situations, the Disciplinary Committee may place an individual on probation, in addition to the suspension, for a period of time not to exceed the length of the suspension. The probationary period is to be served immediately following the suspension period and is intended to monitor an individual's degree of reformation. Should an individual on probation be sent off the field of play and shown the red card during the probationary period, the original suspension and probation shall be reapplied and no appeal will be heard.

Coaches and assistant coaches sent off the field of play for infringement of the "Laws of the Game" shall have two (2) games added to the suspension that would normally be levied against a player for a similar infringement.

The Disciplinary Committee may initiate disciplinary action proceedings against any player, coach, manager, team assistant, league officer, referee, or spectator from any member team, league or organization. The proceedings may be initiated based on information brought to the attention of the Board of Directors or the Disciplinary Committee through complaints, reports of incidents, information obtained during the course of protest and/or appeal hearings or otherwise. The Disciplinary hearings shall be initiated by written certified notice to the appropriate party containing a brief statement of the reasons for the initiation of the proceedings. Parties against whom such proceedings have been brought may, with a proper hearing, be suspended, barred completely or otherwise disciplined.

## **ARTICLE 16: PROTEST AND APPEALS COMMITTEE**

The Protest and Appeals Committee shall consist of:

Referee Coordinator - Whereas he/she will have no vote. He/she shall chair the committee and only vote as to break a tie such as absence, abstention, etc.

Coach - Active coach for a team currently involved in LSA.

Interested Adult - Not having a child involved in LSA soccer for that current year.

Board Member - The LSA Vice-President for the current year.

Only violations of the Constitution, By-Laws, General Procedures, and Specific Rules of this League, misapplication of the "Laws of the Game", and disciplinary decisions of the Board of Directors or Disciplinary Committee shall be proper subjects to be considered for action. Referee judgment calls and sendoffs may not be protested.

Protest and appeals of LSA PAD decisions are to be in writing and describe in detail the grounds for the appeal. Protests and appeals will be sent to the official LSA address: LSA, PO Box 913, Linden, CA 95236., and shall be postmarked within seventy-two (72) hours (Sundays and holidays excluded) following receipt of league disciplinary decision being protested or appealed. A fee of \$25.00 shall accompany all protests/appeals. Checks shall be payable to LSA. The fee will be returned if the committee votes to uphold the protest or appeal. Upon receipt of a protest/appeal, the LSA PAD Chairman will schedule a hearing and will notify all parties in the appeal, with written notification, at least seven (7) days prior to the hearing. Such a date shall be within thirty (30) days of receipt of said appeal. The LSA Protest and Appeals Committee shall consider all pertinent information arising out of an appeal of a league disciplinary action. The parties involved shall have the opportunity to present their case. The decision of the Protest and Appeals Committee of this Association shall be conveyed, in writing, to the party initiating the appeal within seven (7) days of the decision. Upon rendering a decision, the league shall maintain a copy of all evidence, findings and the decision for future reference. All records related to the protest/appeal will be made available to higher authorities when requested.

Any decision rendered by this Committee may be appealed to the full Board of Directors and then, if needed, by the CYSA Protest and Appeals Committee as per CYSA Constitution, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations. The Committee shall contact referee and other involved parties.

Upon rendering a decision, the League shall forward a copy of its evidence, findings, and decision to the CYSA Secretary, Referee, and involved party for future reference. All pertinent data must be forwarded within fourteen (14) days of the League's decision.

## **ARTICLE 17: PROTEST AND APPEALS PROCEDURE**

In the matter of protests and appeals, no person(s) associated with the operation of this Association at any level (team, league, district or state) may invoke the aid of the courts of any state or of the United States without first exhausting all available remedies with CYSNUSYSA/USSF, including a final appeal to the USSF Council at the Annual General Meeting.

For violation of the above rule, the offending party(ies) shall be subject to the sanctions of suspension and fines, and shall be liable to CYSNUSYSNUSSF for all expenses incurred by CYSNUSYSNUSSF in defending each court action, including but not limited to the following:

- Court costs
- Attorney fees
- Reasonable compensation for time spent by CYSNUSYSNUSSF officers and employees in responding to and defending against allegations in the action, including responses to discovery and court appearances.
- Expenses
- Expenses for holding special CYSNUSYSA/USSF meetings necessitated by the court action.
- Only violations of the Constitution, Bylaws, General Procedures and Specific Rules of this Association, the United States Youth Soccer Association and the United States Soccer Federation, including the right of individuals to participate and compete, misapplication of the "Laws of the Game" for outdoor soccer and the "Official Indoor Soccer Rules" for indoor soccer, or violations of league rules and regulations, provided the latter are within the framework of the constitution, Bylaws, General Procedures, and Specific Rules of this Association, the United States Youth Soccer Association and the United States Soccer Federation, shall be proper subjects to be considered for action.
- In all league matters, the league management within each district, shall provide procedures for protests and the hearing of an appeal. Within those procedures all parties to the appeal shall be given written notification at least seven (7) days prior to the hearing 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 the Association. Upon rendering a decision the league shall forward a copy of its evidence, findings and decision to the office of this Association for future reference. All pertinent data must be forwarded within fourteen (14) days of the league decision.
- 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 next higher level.
- 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.
- Upon receipt of any adverse decision, appeal may be made to the next higher authority including an appeal to a validly constituted Appeals Panel of USSF that has jurisdiction to approve, modify or reverse the matter.
- Protest and appeals are to be in writing and describe in detail the grounds for the appeal. Protests and appeals will be sent to the appropriate league/District Commissioner/CYSA depending on the level the appeal is being directed, and shall be postmarked within seventy-two (72) hours (Sundays and holidays excluded) following receipt of league/district disciplinary decision being protested or appealed. The proper fee must be enclosed.
- The protest or appeal sent to CYSA shall include all supporting documentation. Documentation must include the CYSA Notice of Appeal and copies of all previous decisions in the matter. The appealing party will follow the instructions for appeal/protest submission outlined on the CYSA Notice of Appeal.



- The protest of appeal shall be established at two hundred dollars (\$200.00) for items arising before the Protest and Appeals Committee.
- 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.

The Chairman of the Protest and Appeals Committee shall set a date for the hearing of the appeal. Such a date shall be within thirty (30) days of receipt of said appeal. All parties to the appeal shall be given written notification at least seven (7) days prior to the hearing.

The Protest and Appeals Committee of this Association shall consider all pertinent information arising out of an appeal of a league or district disciplinary action. The parties involved shall have the opportunity to present their case. The decision of the Protest and Appeals Committee of this Association 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 USSF Bylaw 705 for appeals beyond the state level. A copy of the decision along with the pertinent information and findings, shall be filed with this Association and the involved league.

### **ARTICLE 18: DISSOLUTION**

Should this League be dissolved, all assets remaining after payment of all debts shall be distributed to CYSA.

### **ARTICLE 19: RULES OF ORDER**

Robert's Rules of Order shall be deemed adopted at all meetings of this League unless otherwise agreed to by the participants, insofar as such rules are not inconsistent with or in conflict with the Constitution, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of this League or any organization with which this League is affiliated.

### **ARTICLE 20: TEAM SELECTION AND DISCIPLINE**

The following specific rules apply to Team selection:

- team selection will be in June or July.
- there will be no phone calls during team selection.
- there will be no try outs, invitations or recruiting allowed in order to roster players on a Division IV team.
- requests by players to be placed on a team with a specific coach will not be allowed under any circumstances.
- no trading after team selection. All team selections are final. No exceptions.
- each head coach and one active assistant coach will be allowed to pick his/her child, This rule applies regardless of how many assistant coaches are involved with the team.
- If no assistant coach exists at time of team selection, the coach will get first draw
- a player may play up into the next age group with Board of approval, however will under no circumstances be allowed to play down.
- with the exception of the above, 06, thru U19 team selection will be by alternating picks.

The first team to select will be determined by a draw (example: flip of the coin). The draw will take place prior to the beginning of team selection.

- Siblings selected in the same age group will be placed on the same team. The remaining teams in that -age group must each select proper amount of players to even up their rosters at that time. Then alternating picks will resume.

Waiting List - Any registration paperwork turned in after the registration deadline is considered late. Players will be placed on the waiting list on a first come first serve basis. If and when the Board determines that a player is needed in order to complete a team, a player from the waiting list will be called. At this point the player will be required to fill out a registration form, provide all necessary documentation and pay all necessary fees, including a late fee.

When two or more coaches want to coach the same team, the first choice falls to:

- The returning coach for that age group
- The one who had coached the longest, regardless of league affiliation
- The one with the highest license

The coach is responsible for upholding the 50% playing rule. In the event that it is not upheld, the Coach Coordinator will resolve the problem. If the Coach Coordinator cannot resolve the problem, it will be taken to the Board.

When a player is presenting a discipline problem the coach is responsible for contacting the Coach Coordinator and resolving the problem.

Co-coaches, sharing the responsibility for the same team shall be recognized as coaches and registered as such, with all rights and years credited to them equally, including rights to coach a -team. Assistant coaches remain as "helper\*" to the coach and answerable to that coach.

The licensed registered team coach must be present and perform the functions of coach at team practices and games. In times of "special need", these coaching responsibilities may be taken over by another licensed coach. An unregistered person may not perform the functions of coach at practices and games.

## **SECTION 5: COMPETITIVE TEAM**

### **ARTICLE 21 : COMPETITIVE TEAM**

The name of the club is Linden Competitive Soccer Club. LCSC is an integral part of the Linden Soccer Association (LSA) and is therefore governed by the constitution and the by-laws of the LSA, the California Youth Soccer Association-North, (CYSA-N) and the United States Soccer Federation (USSF). LCSC will adhere to all rulings and directives of those organizations.

The LSCS will endeavor to field a competitive team (including a qualified coach), for both boys and girls, in each age group from U11 through U19. All team rosters shall be approved by the LSA Board of Directors prior to the roster being submitted to the district.

#### Division I Coordinator:

The Division I Coordinator shall be appointed by the LSA Chairperson and approved by the LSA Board of Directors yearly. The Division I Coordinator will coordinate all activities of the Division I teams, will attend the DOL meeting and report back to the Board information obtained. The Coordinator will also coordinate team try outs, Recommend coaches for all age groups in his/her division, coordinate with the LSA Referee Coordinator game schedules and referees required for all games in their division.

#### Division III Coordinator:

The Division III Coordinator shall be appointed by the LSA Chairperson and approved by the LSA Board of Directors yearly. The Division III Coordinator will coordinate all activities of Division III teams, will be the Kaercher League representative and attend their meetings and report back to the Board information obtained. The Coordinator will also coordinate team try outs, and recommend coaches for all age groups in his/her class, will coordinate with the LSA Referee Coordinator game scheduled and referees required for all games in their class.

The Rules of Play shall be the "Laws of the Games" as published by the FIFA and those established by the LSA by-laws with those modifications stated herein. All contests sanctioned by this club shall abide by the "Rules of the Game", LSA by-laws, District VIII (Dennis Olsen League and Kaercher League) playing rules.

#### Try-outs:

Try-outs are necessary to form a Division I or a Division III team, and must be done before the first mandatory meeting in April. Try-outs are open to all eligible players. Players, due to their exceptional skill levels, shall be allowed to try out for the next older age group even if a team is fielded in their natural age group. However, no more than three (3) players of a younger age group will be allowed to play on any one team of an older age group. Once a player reaches high school age they shall be exempt from this rule and permitted to play up in age group as their ability dictates. In all situations, no player shall be allowed to try out or play for a team that is more than one (1) year younger than the age group of said team.

Every reasonable effort will be made to notify all eligible LSA players of upcoming LCSC tryouts. The announcement must contain the date, time, and location of the tryouts for each age group, the name and phone number of at least one person that can be contacted for further information.

An additional announcement must be submitted in the Linden Herald, listing the same information as state above.

All players are encouraged to make at least two (2) tryouts to allow coaches and other LCSC representatives a better opportunity to judge their skill level.

All players must be registered with the LSA prior to tryouts or sign a medical release form or be have been registered in the previous season.

Competitive soccer try-outs for LCSC are to be structured so that Division I try-outs and player selections are completed to formation of the Division III teams. Players that tried out for Division I program and were not selected to a team are available to participate in the Division III try-outs. This process will be facilitated under the following guidelines.

- All players wishing to play LCSC competitive soccer, either Division I or Division III, must first try out for the Division I program, providing that a team exists in their age group.
- Tryouts will be conducted by the Head Coach, one team official and one active LSA Board member.
- Players that have completed the try-out requirements and have not been selected to play on a Division I team will be eligible to try-out for the Division III program.
- All players will have first right of refusal. If they are chosen by the Division I team and elect not to play for that team, they will be eligible to play on another team either Division I or Division III.

Head Coach:

The coach is solely responsible for determining the playtime of each player, there is no minimum time per game for players.

To qualify for a position as a LCSC Coach a candidate should:

- Be at least twenty-one (21) years of age.
- Hold a state "F" coaching certificate and have had a Head Coach for a minimum of two seasons in a youth recreation program or higher.
- Hold a grade 8 referee certificate, or if his/her first year as a competitive head coach, successfully obtain their referees certificate within that year.
- Have expressed a commitment to devote the necessary time as a coach for a full seasonal year.
- Agree to uphold the Laws of the Game and the rules, regulations and directives of the LSA, LCSC, CYSA-N and USSF.
- Be committed to improving the basic skills of the players as well as his/her own knowledge and skills of the game.

- Demonstrate a temperament towards others that is cooperative, understanding, and tolerant, especially under adverse conditions.
- Have demonstrated an attitude of sportsmanship throughout his/her career.

#### Assistant Coach:

Assistant coaches' minimum -qualifications shall be the same requirements for coaches so that they may take over a team if necessary during the season or become head coaches themselves in the future seasons.

Responsibilities of the Assistant Coach(es) shall be, but not limited to the following:

- Assist at team practices and games
- Direct team activities and the absence of the Coach
- Comply with all the rules and regulations as required for the Coach
- Display good sportsmanship at all times

#### Team Manager

Each LCSC Coach shall appoint a Team Manager with approval of the team parent/guardians. The Coach must register the name of the Team Manager with the LCSC.

There shall be no minimum qualifications for the Team Manager. The Team Manager position is established to allow the Coaching Staff to concentrate on coaching and relieve them of many of the administrative duties associated with a competitive team. Actual duties and responsibilities for the Team Manager shall be established by each team, however, it is suggested that the Team Manager shall:

- Attend all mandatory meetings in the absence of the Head Coach or the Assistant Coach
- Coordinate applications for out-of-town tournaments.
- Assist in scheduling practice games.
- Coordinate all fund raising activities
- Coordinate the team's involvement in the out-of-town tournaments.
- Assist the Coach and Assistant Coach in the management of the team activities.
- Coordinate the ordering of team uniforms, warm-ups, bags and other equipment through the LCSC.

## Uniforms:

The LCSC shall select and order uniforms as approved by the Board of Directors. Uniforms will include jerseys, shorts, and socks. Uniforms will be purchased by LSA. Warm-ups and bags will be optional items which will not be paid for by LSA.

## Team Fund Raising:

Each team may, at their own discretion, have team fund raisers for the purpose of acquiring additional equipment or tournament related fees. All fundraising activities must be approved in advance by the LSA Board of Directors. All monies collected must be deposited in the LSA account and will be reserved for that team. Requests for said moneys will be made through the LSA Treasurer. In the event a team dissolves or does not roster in the next regular season, all monies will be released to the general fund.

## **SECTION 6: WINTER LEAGUE SOCCER**

### **ARTICLE 22: BILL MEYER 1 JIM FRAZIER LEAGUES**

Bill Meyer League is a "developmental league" that is operated by CYSA District 8. A developmental league is a league that is made up of players that are requesting to train and play at a higher level of play than what is available for them at the local level.

- Age groups are as follows:

Girls: U-10, U-12, U-15

Boys: U-10, U-12, U-15

\*\* No under 9 players are allowed to be placed on a Winter League team.

No exceptions!!

Jim Frazier League is a winter league for high school aged players.

- Age groups are as follows:

Girls: U-15 (must be entering high school) through U-19

Boys: U-15 (must be entering high school) through U-19

Any coach that is interested in coaching winter league soccer must notify the LSA Board at the October Board meeting. A coordinator for each league will be appointed at this meeting.

Mandatory try-outs will be held the weekend following the Mother Lode Youth Soccer League Jamboree.

All teams must follow Bill Meyer League or Jim Frazier League playing rules, as well as those designated by District VIII.