



St. Louis Youth Soccer Association By-Laws

- ARTICLE I**
Members
- SECTION 1:** **The membership classification shall be:**
Teams: Each team registered shall be considered a member. Each team shall have one (1) vote. Vote must be cast in person at a meeting. No proxy votes will be permitted. The team shall appoint on its registration roster a Voting Delegate, and not more than two alternates, one of whom shall vote at a membership meeting.
- SECTION 2:** **Individuals:** Other persons desiring to join SLYSA may do so upon approval of the Executive Board. Persons with experience in soccer, or sports-minded persons in general, should be encouraged to become members and to contribute services, time, money and property to advance the purposes of SLYSA. Such persons need not be affiliated with any team or organization. Such persons may serve as officers of the Executive Board, if elected.
- SECTION 3:** **Parents:** Parents of all registered players with SLYSA shall be considered as members of SLYSA and will be expected to contribute money and property to advance the purposes of SLYSA. These individuals shall not have a vote at the SLYSA Annual General Meeting. Such persons may serve on committees of SLYSA and these individuals may serve as officers of the SLYSA Executive Board, if elected.
- SECTION 4:** **Past Presidents:** Past Presidents of SLYSA shall be deemed members for life. Past Presidents shall have one (1) vote each at the Annual General Meeting.
- SECTION 5:** **Affiliate Members:** Upon approval of the Executive Board and payment of an appropriate fee required by the Board, other organizations may become Affiliate Members of SLYSA. Affiliate members shall not have a vote.
- ARTICLE II**
Officers:
- SECTION 1:** **The officers of the organization shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasure, and a Competition Commissioner. No active player shall serve as an officer. These officers shall perform the duties prescribed by these by-laws and by the parliamentary authority adopted by these by-laws. No more than one (1) member from a club may serve as an officer on the Executive Board .**
- SECTION 2:** **The officers shall be elected by secret ballot at the Annual General Meeting by a majority of the voting members present. All five (5) officers shall be elected at the meeting at which these by-laws are adopted. Thereafter, the President and Secretary shall be elected in even years and the Vice President, Competition Commissioner and Treasurer in odd years.**

SECITON 3: Nominations for Officers should be made in writing to the league office, ten (10) days prior to the Annual General Meeting. Candidates may be nominated at the meeting provided they are present and willing to be placed in nomination.

SECTION 4: The officers shall serve for a term of two years or until their successors are elected, beginning at the meeting at which they are elected. No member my hold more than one office or more than one position on the Executive Board at a time.

SECTION 5: In the event of a vacancy in the office of President, this position shall be assumed by the Vice President, and that office shall be considered vacant and filled accordingly. In the event of a vacancy in one of the elected offices other than President, the vacancy shall be filled by calling a special meeting of the General Membership as provided by these by-laws. The purpose of the meeting and notice of the vacancy shall be included in the call. Elected officers may be removed from office by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the votes cast at a general membership meeting.

ARTICLE III

Meetings:

SECTION 1: There shall be an Annual General Meeting open to all members held annually in the month of May.

SECTION 2: Special meetings of the general membership may be called by the President, or by majority vote of the Executive Board or by written petition of one-third (1/3) of the voting members in the league. A member may petition the Board to call a special membership meeting. Thirty (30) days written notice must be given all members to a special meeting.

ARTICLE IV

SECTION 1: The officers and the immediate past president shall constitute the Executive Board. All members of the Board, including the President, who serves as Chairman of the Board, shall have a vote, except the past president, who shall serve in an advisory capacity only.

SECTION 2: The Executive Board shall have general supervision of the affairs of the League and perform duties as are specified by these by-laws and by the parliamentary authority adopted by these by-laws. The Board shall be subject to the orders of the members and none of its acts shall conflict with actions taken by the members at the general membership meetings. Members may enact standing rules by a majority vote of members present at the general membership meeting.

SECTION 3: The Executive Board shall hold regular meetings on a monthly basis. They shall fix the day, time, place of such meetings and inform the membership. Special meetings of the Board may be called by the President of upon written request of two (2) other members of the Board, and at least ten (10) days written notice should be given all Board members. Board members shall be open to all members.

ARTICLE V

Committees:

SECTION 1:

Hearing Committee: A Hearing Committee shall be formed whose purpose it is to act on disciplinary matters, appeals and protests. This committee shall be chaired by the Vice President, who shall appoint members for any particular hearing from a pre-determined list of candidates. The list shall be compiled from the membership and shall number at least fifteen (15). A “hearing” shall be held using three (3) members from this list, with the Chairman presiding, but not voting. The members chosen for a particular hearing should be considered based upon lack of association or conflicts of interest with either part involved in the hearing.

SECTION 2:

The Coaches’ Advisory Committee shall have its Chairperson appointed by the President. Members selected by the Committee Chairperson shall represent a cross section of the SLYSA population.

SECTION 3:

The Executive Board may from time to time add any special committees, whose composition and duties shall be defined by the Board.

ARTICLE VI

Parliamentary Authority:

The rules contained in the current edition of Roberts’ Rules of Order. Newly revised shall govern the organization in all cases to which they are applicable in which they are not inconsistent with these by-laws.

ARTICLE VII

Adoption:

SECTION 1:

Adoption and Amendment of by laws:

By-laws shall be adopted with a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the vote cast at a general membership meeting and, if so passed, shall take effect immediately.

Amendments

SECTION 2:

The by-laws may be amended at any general membership meeting or special meeting of the general membership with a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the votes cast, provided that the amendment has been submitted in writing at least thirty (30) days in advance. An amendment shall take effect immediately.