

Eel River Valley Youth Soccer League

Constitution, Bylaws, Policies and Procedures

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EEL RIVER VALLEY YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION, BYLAWS, AND PROCEDURES

1:01 NAME

1:01:01 This association will be known as Eel River Valley Youth Soccer League, Incorporated also referred to as “ERVYSL”. This association is a tax-exempt, nonprofit organization under the laws of California.

1:02 PURPOSE

1:02:01 The purpose of this Association shall be to develop, promote, and administer the game of soccer among the youth boys and girls (under nineteen years of age) within our area of Humboldt County (Boundary defined below).

1:02:02 The underlying Creed of this Association is to provide our local youth an atmosphere conducive to developing the skills and knowledge of soccer by participating players, coaches, and officials. In this spirit, all teams, players, coaches, and officials shall conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner, and shall cooperate fully with the letter and spirit of CYSA (Cal North) and ERVYSL’s rules of soccer and this Constitution.

1:03 AFFILIATION

1:03:01 This Association is affiliated with the California Youth Soccer Association (CYSA), and shall comply with the authority of CYSA, US Youth Soccer, and USSF.

1:04 BOUNDARIES

The geographical boundaries of the League shall coincide with the boundaries of the Loleta School Districts northern Boundary and the East West and Southern boundary of Humboldt County. Youth players and their families who permanently reside within these boundaries are eligible for general membership.

1:05 MEMBERSHIP

1:05:01 Participation in this Association is open to any soccer player, coach, trainer, manager, administrator and official, provided such person is not barred from participation by ERVYSL, CYSA, affiliated leagues (HYSL & MRYSL), or USYSA.

1:05:02 General membership shall consist of all youths officially registered during the current season with this Association, their parents or guardians, registered coaches, and general volunteers.

1:05:03 Voting members shall consist of the current season’s~ Board of Directors (BOD), and BOD approved Coordinators. Each qualified member shall be entitled to only one vote. No proxy voting. The President shall only cast a vote in the Annual General Membership (AGM) elections, and when the outcome of the vote will be affected by his/her vote (Specifically when a motion or decision from the BOD results in a tie). A minimum of two thirds of attending BOD members, including the President vote must still occur in order to change any current Bylaw.

1:05:04 Membership is open to individuals living outside of the Eel River boundaries with the Board of Directors approval and all necessary BOD review and associated paperwork completed.

1:05:05 General membership may be limited when the Association's resources are insufficient to meet demand.

1:05:06 Teams shall abide by the league rules under which they are registered and in which they are playing. Teams are not considered registered until all of their paperwork is complete and all fees are paid.

1:05:07 Any team playing games outside of defined seasons or doing business with any organization outside of ERVYSL without consent of the Board of Directors, shall face disciplinary action and/or suspension by the Board of Directors. The team must notify and comply with the CYSA Board of Directors requirements before receiving consent.

1:06 TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

1:06:01 A voting or general member may be terminated on the occurrence of any of the following: resignation; expiration of the period of membership~Unless reelected; If the BOD passes a vote to remove the voting or general member because they have been barred from performing duties necessary for the success of the position; failure to satisfy or maintain membership responsibilities; or the President and/or Board of Directors determine the member has engaged in conduct prejudicial to the purposes and interests of the Association or individual members of the BOD, and the BOD votes to enforce termination.

1:07 ANNUAL MEETING

1:07:01 The Annual General Meeting (AGM) shall be held antecedent to the regularly scheduled January monthly meeting. The BOD seats to be filled at the AGM, shall be voted in by all current and potentially outgoing BOD members. All voted and $\frac{2}{3}$'s passed changes to bylaws at the AGM will be adopted and followed by the continuing and incoming BOD, effective beginning with the January meeting.

1:07:02 Voting qualifications - refer to 1:05:03

1:07:03 In the event there are two or more rule change proposals that are to be voted on that conflict with each other: the rule change proposal that receives the greatest number of "yes" votes shall prevail, as long as the proposal receives a two-thirds vote. In the event there are two or more nominees for a BOD seat~ the nominee, receiving the greater number of "yes" votes, shall prevail.

1:08 CHANGES

1:08:01 Any voting member may submit proposed nominations or changes to the existing Constitution, Bylaws, and General Procedures of the Board of Directors. Proposed changes shall be submitted to the Board of Directors prior to the January AGM. All BOD seats open for nomination will be posted on ERVYSL's website after the December BOD meeting, and all nominations for open seats must be available to the entire BOD if requested.

1:08:02 An amendment shall be deemed adopted by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the qualified members attending and voting at the AGM. The nomination for open seat(s) shall be awarded to the nominee with the highest number of votes at the AGM. A Quorum shall consist of any number of members present at the AGM.

1:08:03 Any and all elected members, and amendments adopted at the AGM shall become effective at the first BOD meeting of the seasonal year (January) immediately following the AGM.

1:08:04 General Procedures can be modified at any time during the year by the two-thirds majority vote of the board members present at a Board of Directors meeting.

1:09 RULES OF ORDER

1:09:01 Robert's Rules of Order shall be followed at all meetings of this Association unless otherwise agreed by the participants.

Bylaws

2:01 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

2:01:01 The governing board, known as the "Board of Directors" (BOD), shall comprise the following: President, (2)Vice-President(s), Treasurer, Secretary, (2)elected BOD members at large, the League Coordinator, Referee assignor and Referee Coordinator, and the Compliance officer. The Registrar (Appointed by the President), if willing to accept, will be granted a voting seat upon approval of the BOD. Assigned Coordinator(s) (Rec, D3, and Indoor clubs) and Media should attend BOD meetings, as they are essential to the health and success of ERVYSL, but do not represent a voting seat.

- A. President – The President shall conduct all Board of Directors and General Meetings. Have co-signatory power on checks. Appoint a Registrar and Compliance Officer. Have final authority in all instances of interpretation of all policies and regulations.
 - a. Registrar – The Registrar shall meet all CYSA requirements in processing player and coach forms, and shall work in conjunction with the President.
 - b. Compliance Officer - The Compliance Officer shall meet all CYSA requirements in assuring all coaches and referee's complete "LiveScanning", Background checks, and mandated (Online and otherwise) training, and shall work with the President, Registrar and League Coordinator(s).
- B. 1st and 2nd Vice-Presidents – The Vice-Presidents shall perform the duties of the President on the occasions when the President is absent, unwilling, or unable to act as President and any other duties that may be assigned.
 - VP #1: Must be ERVYSL's Person in Charge of the SoHum Club.
 - VP #2: Must be willing to work with and or lead the D3 division.
- C. Treasurer – The Treasurer shall be the Chief Financial Officer and shall keep proper financial records. Treasurer Shall not have signatory power for checks. Collect and disburse (or have knowledge of President and Vice President purchases) funds. Prepare and submit financial reports.
- D. Secretary – The Secretary shall be the Chief Recording Officer of this Association and shall keep accurate minutes of all Board of Directors and general meetings. Distribute the agenda and minutes. Send required notices.
- E. Referee assignor and coordinator, Registrar & League Coordinator - The Registrar, League Coordinator, Referee Coordinator, and Referee assignor shall adhere to and fulfill all current ERVYSL bylaw listed duties, and shall work in conjunction with the League President.
- F. Board Member(s) at large - (2) Adult members, and (1) Junior member (when/if available) BOD members at Large shall meet all CYSA requirements and represent any and all BOD created committee's, and perform all league oriented tasks assigned by the BOD.

See Association's job descriptions and requirements for more information.

2:01:02 Term of office is two years. Nominations will be accepted from December 1 through January, preceding the AGM, in person at the December BOD meeting and VIA mail or email to the BOD. Elections are held during the January AGM.

2:01:03 Members of this Association who have been an ERVYSL Board of Director member for at least one year, may be nominated for President. If and only if no nominations for the position of President are offered or accepted, the BOD will look first to the VP's, and then may search within the general membership for a candidate.

2:01:04 Members of this Association may self nominate or be nominated by any current member, for the open offices of Vice-President, Treasurer, Members at Large, and Secretary. The President shall appoint the Registrar, Compliance Officer, and Media. All appointed persons shall be a voting officer(s) when willing to accept duties and by receiving BOD approval.

2:01:05 The Board of Directors shall be responsible for and have Sole authority over: adjudicating and enforcing (or not) the President's interpretation of ERVYSL and CYSA policies, approving registered teams, clubs, games, and interstate and intrastate play.

2:01:06 The Board of Directors shall have by two thirds vote of those members present, the authority to remove with cause any member of the BOD with the proper hearing and notice. The President shall have the authority to temporarily suspend any ERVYSL general or BOD member with stated cause and evidence, until an immediate BOD meeting may be convened.

2:02 MEETINGS

2:02:01 Meetings of the BOD will be held monthly, with dates and times determined by majority vote at the first meeting of the new BOD. The agenda will be distributed to Board Members at least 3 days prior to the meeting.

2:02:02 Meetings shall be advertised on the leagues website: www.eelriversoccer.com

2:03 QUORUM

2:03:01 For General and regular monthly meetings of the Board of Directors, Four voting members of the BOD membership shall constitute a quorum.

2:04 GENERAL BOARD MEMBERS

2:04:01 The General Board members may consist of: the Immediate Past-President (when choosing to participate as a third member at large), two or more Members at Large, Compliance Officer, League Coordinator, the Registrar, and Media Coordinator. General BOD members who have been granted or who have interest in accepting voting duties, may be granted rights of voting authority with a proper motion from a current BOD member, and a majority vote by the BOD. **Every attempt should be made to have one Junior member on the BOD whenever possible.

2:04:02 ALL Members of the Board shall be provided a copy of the current bylaws, and should be authoritatively familiar with the Constitution, Bylaws, and ERVYSL's General Procedures. All members must attend board meetings and perform their assigned job functions, unless otherwise excused by illness or prior notice.

2:04:03 Board members shall not assume, or be liable for the debts or financial responsibilities, either implied or incurred, of this Association or any of its members, and no minor BOD member shall hold any authority prohibited by California law.

2:05 AUTHORITIES

2:05:01 The Association shall be governed by the Constitution, Bylaws, and General Procedures. When in interleague play these authorities may be superseded by CYSA, US Youth Soccer, and USSF.

2:05:02 This Association may deem fit to include different rules and regulations, some possibly more stringent than CYSA. When participating in interleague play, rules and regulations shall be no less stringent than CYSA. The

current BOD may vote to deem particular games and play, be held “In House” and not official or governed by CYSA in cases where regulations may be challenged as lacking reference or “grey” in nature.

2:05:03 The Board of Directors will govern the Association and all affiliated Club(s) and committees (D3, Sohum, and Indoor, etc.).

2:05:04 The Board of Directors shall have the full, final right, and authority to temporarily and immediately suspend, bar completely or otherwise discipline any (following such actions with identified violations and proper notice, and providing an option for a discipline committee hearing and BOD confirmation of enforcement) player, coach, manager, team assistant, league officer or referee from any member team, league or organization of ERVYSL, and further determine individual protocol for any possibility of returned rights or participation.

2:06 ILLEGAL DRUG, ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE, RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA and TOBACCO PROHIBITION

2:06:01 Use and/or consumption of any tobacco (vape, chew, oral pill, or smoke), alcoholic beverages, controlled substances, illegal drugs, unprescribed medication, and medical or recreational marijuana, immediately before, during or immediately following (while clearly still associated with any ERVYSL representation) the playing or participation in and of any youth soccer activity, is expressly prohibited by this Association (ERVYSL) and CYSA.

2:06:02 Any player, team official, board member, or any other member of this Association who violates this prohibition shall be subject to disciplinary action and/or immediate suspension and permanent termination by the Board of Directors.

2:07 Tobacco Use Policy

2:07:01 Tobacco use (including smokeless, chewing, vaping, or oral ingestion) within 50 yards of any CYSA affiliated activity involving or where youth players are practicing or playing in association with ERVYSL, is prohibited. ERVYSL has a Zero tolerance policy, any and all violations are subject to immediate ejection from the current participation/event and further disciplinary action will be evaluated, with the likelihood of revocation of membership in ERVYSL.

2:08 DISSOLUTION

2:08:01 Should this Association be dissolved and no other local youth soccer organization created, all assets remaining after payment of all debts shall be turned over to CYSA, District V for development of youth soccer.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

WELCOME TO ERVYSL

The beginning of a new soccer season brings excitement and anticipation of our next great season. It is each of our responsibility, as members of ERVYSL, to review and understand the rules and regulations under which ERVYSL operates. In order to participate in the ERVYSL, Players and families are required to adhere to the rules set forth in these bylaws.

On behalf of the ERVYSL Board of Directors, we welcome you to another year of participation in the Greatest Sport on Earth!

Applicability

These local rules and regulations of the Eel River Valley Youth Soccer League (ERVYSL) shall be binding for the current season. Future issues of ERVYSL rules and regulations will be revised and approved at the Annual General Meeting (AGM). After approval, a two-thirds (2/3)-majority vote of a quorum of ERVYSL Board of Directors at any regular or special meeting of the Board may amend or waive these ERVYSL rules and regulations in the best interests of ERVYSL. ERVYSL rules and regulations shall not conflict with USSF, US Youth Soccer, or CYSA District V policies or decisions. BOD interpretation of ERVYSL's Constitution shall take precedence over any rules and/or regulations listed as bylaws and are intended to specifically administer the ERVYSL's programs in a safe and healthy manner.

GENERAL INFORMATION

This section provides general information associated with ERVYSL, its vision, contacts and mission.

MISSION STATEMENT

ERVYSL is dedicated to the maintenance and growth of youth soccer in the Humboldt county Eel River Valley areas of Fortuna and Southern Humboldt's rural areas, and developing ERVYSL as one of the premier athletic programs in the state of California

This Association's mission is to provide a fun and healthy atmosphere, developing the skills and knowledge of soccer in our players, coaches and officials. i.e. To create as many opportunities as possible, for as many kids as possible, to play as much soccer as is possible. In this spirit, all teams, players, coaches and officials shall conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner, and shall cooperate fully with the letter and spirit of the rules of soccer and these policies and procedures.

GOALS

To work together improving and enjoying our common passion for playing soccer, while building pride and commitment by players, coaches, families, volunteers, committee members, and the Board of Directors.

- **Player Development** To provide instruction and leadership that maximizes the athletic potential of all players in a positive and fun atmosphere, while promoting personal growth through team development on and off the field.
- **Coaching Development** To structure a program which promotes coaching skills and leadership, youth development and soccer knowledge while providing for the ongoing improvement of our coaches in a defined and structured program.
- **Parent/Guardians** To offer an enjoyable program that involves parents in key positions of volunteerism, in order to provide the positive energy that will help strengthen and direct the program to higher levels. **PARENTS~ LET THEM PLAY!**
- **ERVYSL** To provide the stewardship, facilities and financial foundation to direct the skills and hard work of all players, coaches and parents into a proud, ethical, model program.

STEPS TO SUCCESS

This section describes ERVYSL vision for success.

- **Players** Be a selfless team player. Commit to give 100% mentally and physically. Place safety, sportsmanship (**YOU REPRESENT ERVYSL; OUR REPUTATION AS A WHOLE!**) and fair play first. Strive to grow knowledge and improve as an athlete and as a person.
- **Coaches** Be a positive role model. Promote individual and team improvement and commit to the development of ERVYSL. Commit to improving your ability to advance youth soccer skills and to instruct playing soccer. Promote the wellbeing of our youth, by teaching sportsmanship, pride, leadership, self-worth, and good health. Commit to adhering to the rules and policies of ERVYSL, CYSA, USSF and US Youth Soccer.
- **Families:** Be a positive supporter of your child's efforts. Contribute positively through good times and difficult times. Offer your time to assist with your team and the Association activities. Commit to cheering for your child's TEAM, allowing players to play, referees to officiate, coaches to coach (**Do not coach individually from the sideline**), and adhering to the rules and policies of ERVYSL, CYSA, USSF and US Youth Soccer.
- **ERVYSL** Create opportunities for as many youth players as possible, while seeking to attract our area's most skilled and passionate youth players, volunteers, leaders, and soccer coaches. Hold the highest ethical standards for all decisions. Promote the well-being and growth of youth soccer within Humboldt County. Provide a financial foundation for the maintenance and growth of youth soccer. Assure representation of each and every member or ERVYSL with dignity, respect, and equality.

ERVYSL CONTACTS

Please remember most of our ERVYSL volunteers have personal family lives and full time jobs. Questions regarding soccer matters should be directed to the phone numbers or email addresses listed below.

Directors and Officers

The following is a list of contact information for ERVYSL Directors and Officers.

President: Email:	Vice President: Alicia Johnston Email: AJade07@Gmail.com
Treasurer: Robin Rice Email: rprcinc2@gmail.com	Vice President ₂ : Email:
League Coordinator: Email:	Secretary: Email:

All BOD may be contacted via Email: BOD@eelriver.com

Registrar Email: JulieHagemann@Gmail.com

US YOUTH SOCCER, USSF, CYSA AND DISTRICT V INFORMATION

US Youth Soccer, USSF, CYSA and District V rules, guides, contacts and other information can be accessed through the CYSA web site found at <http://www.calnorth.org>.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

This section provides information associated with how to get in touch with the association and interface with several of its public relations mechanisms.

- **Association Location**

Address: P.O. Box 231, Fortuna CA 95540

ERVYSL Official WebSite: www.eelriversoccer.com

ERVYSL Phone: (707) 496-0770

ERVYSL Official Logo ERVYSL's logo and name may not be reproduced, altered or used in any manner without the prior approval of Eel River Valley Youth Soccer League. Please contact ERVYSL Board of Directors for approval.



***A more current version of this logo with blue colored waves is saved as a PDF file and a available upon request.

Article I. Responsibilities

- This Association shall: maintain legal entity status; prepare and file IRS paperwork; maintain a post office box, telephone, and message machine; establish bank accounts as needed; pay all District V and CYSA registration, league and tournament fees; ensure proper registration of all players, coaches and teams; maintain insurance information and report all injuries to CYSA; Provide and or conduct yearly training for coaches and referees. ERVYSL will facilitate Live Scan or reimburse volunteers for local acceptable fingerprinting alternatives, and both provide and require concussion, mandatory reporter, and other CYSA required online coaching knowledge and tests.
- At least one trained and authorized BOD member will be present as Field Marshal on the premises for all recreational games.
- Teams shall be responsible for the conduct of its players, coach, manager, team assistants and all family at the games. It is the responsibility of each team to ensure that its actions, on or off the field (home and away), follow all ERVYSL rules and bylaws, and do not bring disrespect upon this Association.

Article II. Registration

- Registration will begin in May for our Fall Recreational Soccer, December for our Indoor program, and various dates in Spring for tournaments and Spring league. Players are not considered registered until the CYSA Membership Form #1601 is properly completed, insurance is granted, proof of age is established and all fees are received.
- Proof of age shall consist of a birth certificate, passport, US Alien Registration Card issued by a government agency, or a current drivers license or identification card issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles, and MediCal/Partnership card or School records if showing birthdate.
- Registration fees for the upcoming season will be established by ERVYSL Board of Directors at their regular Board of Directors meeting prior to registration. **A \$35.00 non-sufficient fund (NSF) charge will be assessed for all returned checks.**
- Parent / legal guardian shall sign the: Release of Liability, the Medical Consent on the USYSA/CYSA Membership Form #1601, and both parent and player conduct agreements. Coaches must carry the medical release of each player on the team roster (including any added or transferred players) to all team functions including practice, games, tournament and travel.
- Refunds will be given only in the event a player moves out of the area, there are insufficient numbers to form a team at the player's age group, or in the event of a late registration, there is no space available on a team. If the player has already been processed into the system, a \$40.00 handling fee will be deducted from the amount of refund owed.

Article III. Team Formation

- This Association shall establish consistent criteria and will not segregate or differentiate any ERVYSL member or individuals on race, colour, nationality, ethnic or national origin, religion or belief, disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender reassignment, pronoun choice, marriage/civil partnership, age and number of players. All youth, regardless of any of the above will have an equal opportunity to participate, and all persons have the right to membership in ERVYSL per previously stated conditions above.

Article IV. Competitive Level Teams

- Letters advertising for coaches, when necessary, will be mailed by Feb 1st of each year to prospective coaches – all coaches on record from U10 level and above. If Advertisement is found necessary, it will be made on the ERVYSL website, and on the Facebook group page. Other methods of advertising may be used as necessary.
- Letters of Intent to Coach, where competition deems voting, are due from prospective coaches prior to the May meeting of the Board of Directors. In the event that there is more than one person submitting a letter of intent to coach an age group, the Board of Directors will select a head coach. Coaches may be selected by interview process or other methods determined as satisfactory by the Board of Directors. Remaining letters of intent will be kept on file to be used in the event that there are enough participants trying out to form two teams in a particular age group.
- Tryouts will take place the 2nd and 3rd weekends in May, modified as needed to accommodate various school schedules. All tryouts will be completed by June 30th. The Competitive Level Coordinator will coordinate coaches and staff the tryouts as needed.
- Letters of request to play up ONE age group must be received prior to the April meeting of the Board of Directors. Requests to play up will be considered by the Board after tryouts for all age groups have been completed. Under no circumstances will a player be allowed to play up if it depletes the natural age group team.
- In the event that more people try out for a team than there are positions, the coach will have sole discretion at the formation of the team. Every attempt will be made to create a full roster, but it is not mandated. Players not placed on a team will be given the opportunity to enter the recreational league.
- In the event that there are two or more teams for any age group, teams will be formed by draft. The Registrar, League/Competitive Coordinator, and the Vice President must be present, along with the coaches or their proxy. The draft will be conducted on a 1-2-2-1 basis, creating team parity as much as possible. The draft must be conducted in a way that all coaches agree to the process prior to beginning and will assure that each team will have a minimum of one goalie when complete. Team/coach/friend requests on the registration form are not considered when forming more than one team in a competitive age group. Should a player register after the draft and/or team selection, the player will be placed only by the Competitive League Coordinator with the assistance of the coaches in said age group to balance the teams.
- The league will supply each team with 3 game balls of the appropriate size, a minimum of 10 cones, and a whistle. All other equipment purchases are at the coach's discretion.
- Competitive league players will be required to abide by the ERVYSL uniform policy outlined in this manual.
- U10 age competitive teams are required to adhere to providing each player with the option to play 50% of all games (Fitness clause will apply). Age levels U11 and up are strictly competitive and no playing time rules shall apply.

Article V. Recreational Level Teams

- Letters advertising Recreational league sign ups for players and coaches will be sent to all prior year registered players before or by May 15th. Advertisements will be made on the ERVYSL website and Facebook group page, and with outdoor signage throughout ERVYSL's territory. Other methods of advertising may be used as necessary.

- ERVYSL will hold online registration/sign ups and at least two separate onsite assistance with online registration events in May and June in Fortuna (one in the SoHum area as well).
- Completed registrations postmarked by June 30th will be accepted. Registrations will be closed after this date. A waiting list will be kept but no applications will be processed until after teams are formed and space is available, with Zero guarantee of team placement. Every year, the BOD will address acceptance to accommodate requests for friends/team/coach/etc. In no year or circumstance will any accommodation be guaranteed.
- Preliminary teams will be formed by July 15st. Teams will be formed with the goal of equal strength teams. After the initial teams are formed, wait-listed players may be added on a first come first serve basis, as space is available and coaches have volunteered or been assigned. Final teams will be made by August 1st. Should a player be registered from the Waitlist, the player will be placed only by cooperation of our Registrar, Compliance Officer and the League Coordinator, with a possibility of assistance from knowledgeable BOD members and/or coaches in said age group, and based solely on balancing the teams.
- Each player will be provided a game jersey, shorts and game socks.
- The league will supply each team with 3 game balls of the appropriate size, a minimum of 10 cones, a whistle, game cards and uniforms. All other equipment purchases are at the coach's discretion.
- Recreational team coaches will be required to attend a mandatory group coaches meeting or previously arranged meeting with the League Coordinator (or President under special circumstances), in order to pick up their equipment, confirm completion of mandated training, sign up for a practice slot and receive any and all instructions from the League Coordinator, Registrar, Compliance Officer and the BOD.
- The league may offer coaching clinics, and possible season long professional coaching instruction. Every attempt will be made to have coaches in place prior to the clinics.

Article VI. Finance and Registration Policies

- Players are not considered registered until the CYSA Membership Form #1601 is properly completed, insurance is granted, proof of age is established and fees are received in full.
- Players owing funds will not be allowed to register until all past due fees are collected. Without full payment, members are **uninsured**, thus are not eligible to be fielded or participate in team communication.

Article VII. Volunteerism

Each season the BOD will determine necessary volunteerism. Volunteering of time must be balanced with financing and vice versa. In years with adequate donations and a fully staffed and trained BOD, volunteers may be less recruited. In unique circumstances, where volunteerism is above average, the BOD should focus on fundraising, equipment acquisition, and field improvement.

***In years of unknown continuation or an expected or suspected retirement (term limits) of current BOD members, and a known need to fill important voting seats in the upcoming AGM elections, The BOD shall have authority to temporarily inflate the number of Board Members @ Large (to a number fitting current needs). Any and all such inflated seats will be reorganized and reordered to ERVYSL's bylaw standard number of positions (defined in preceding bylaws) at the following AGM.

Article VIII.

Board of Directors and Key Volunteer Positions

- The Board of Directors will meet monthly according to the Bylaws. In addition to the monthly meetings, members of the Board will be asked to fulfill other obligations representing the league. Attendance at the Board of Directors' meetings shall be open to the general membership; however, only members of the Board of Directors shall be entitled to vote.

- **President**
 - Preside at all meetings of the Association.
 - Call special meetings of the Board of Directors and general membership.
 - Interpret, Determine and rule on questions arising from emergencies not provided for in the Constitution or rules and regulations until such time as they may be acted upon at a regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors.
 - The President shall have the power to suspend for a period of time or to permanently restrict any current BOD member, player, coach, or minor official from participation with any contest or soccer event involving ERVYSL, for interpreted conduct unbecoming or detrimental to the Association and its members, both on or off the field(s), including: any attempt to harm ERVYSL member (General or BOD member, Referee or Official) livelihoods, liberties, qualifications, or reputation in any way, including but not limited to: slanderous instigation, gossip or abusive language. Such suspension or termination shall require investigation, adjudication and enforcement by the Board of Directors at any regularly scheduled or special meeting of the Board, and may be revised or modified by the Board.
 - Attend and represent ERVYSL at other youth soccer league meetings (Inter-league, District V, and CYSA).
 - Make reports to the BOD and the general membership at the annual and monthly general meetings covering the activities conducted since the last meeting, translate and report financial status (where the Treasurer cannot or will not), and projected plans. Call and represent, or assign acting power to another BOD member, the voice of ERVYSL at special BOD meetings.
 - Perform or delegate all unassigned other duties as they may generate and or be required by the BOD and ERVYSL.
 - Act as a signatory for ERVYSL in the daily operations.
 - Assign signatory power for ERVYSL, with BOD approval (Where no restricted otherwise in these bylaws or by higher powers of law).

- **Vice President**
 - Perform all duties of the President in his/her absence or inability/incapacity to serve.
 - Succeed to the office of President in the event of the President's resignation or withdrawal for any reason.

- Serve as an authority on CalNorth membership, ERVYSL bylaws, inter-league communication, youth soccer procedures and play, and be knowledgeable of all BOD position duties. Be willing and able to represent ERVYSL at all Association meetings.
 - Assist the President in any and all matters of the ERVYSL government.
 - Perform such other duties as may be required by the Board of Directors.
 - Act as a signatory for ERVYSL in the daily operations.
- **Treasurer**
 - Receive, disburse, and or be knowledgeable of all funds and expenditures of the Association.
 - Keep accurate and current records of all income, expenditures and any other financial transactions in accordance with the Association requirements.
 - Keep all funds in a chartered FDIC local bank.
 - Assist and participate in an annual audit of the Association's financial affairs.
 - Prepare an annual report.
 - Upon request, with adequate notice, render a current financial report at any Board and general membership meetings.
 - Prepare and file, or oversee a bookkeeper to handle all financial records and reports as may be required by any federal, state or other agency or organization, this is further explained below.
 - Perform such other duties as may be required by the Board of Directors.
 - Work with the Finance Committee to prepare and present a proposed budget to the Board of Directors for review. Final budget approval will be no later than July each year.
 - Shall maintain or oversee the execution and preparation of all necessary records required for tax reporting to state and federal authorities subject to review, approval and signature by an outside certified public accountant, to be retained by the Treasurer at the Association's expense. The certified public accountant shall have no other conflict of interest. The services, work and documentation prepared by said bookkeeper and certified public accountant at the instance and request of the Treasurer shall be subject to the review and approval of the Board of Directors. Furthermore, the Treasurer's selection of a bookkeeper and certified public accountant shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Directors and said selection shall be reviewed and confirmed annually.
 - All checks written from General ERVYSL accounts shall not be signed by the treasurer, but by a designated board member with signatory power..
 - Act as a [Receiving] signatory for ERVYSL in the daily operations.
- **Secretary**
 - Keep minutes and records of all Board and general membership meetings.
 - Maintain the Associations' stationery, correspondence, records and files.

- Conduct the correspondence of the Board of Directors. [When a minor holds this office, all legally sensitive material and communication shall defer to the President and/or Vice President]
 - Assist the Treasurer, as necessary, with billing procedures and records.
 - Notify the Board of Directors and general membership of applicable upcoming meetings.
 - Perform such other duties as may be required by the Board of Directors.
 - Act as a signatory for ERVYSL in the daily operations. [Accept when position is held by a minor]
- **Registrar** – appointed by the President.
 - A small stipend will be awarded to the registrar, based on the number of participants registered. Stipend should be reviewed annually.
 - The Association Registrar shall be responsible for working with ERVYSL's administration team and assist where needed to answer member questions/concerns as they pertain to registration.
 - File all forms and registrations in accordance with CYSA rules.
 - Obtain and maintain membership records.
- **Compliance Officer**
 - Perform and meet all CYSA requirements and take full and final Responsibility for assuring all coaches and referee's complete LiveScanning, Background ✓, and mandated (Online and otherwise) training, and shall work with the Registrar and League Coordinator.
- **Board Member at Large (2)**
 - Perform such other duties as may be required by the Board of Directors.
- **League Coordinator**
 - **Communicate all league coordination, decisions, and team/parent/player communication with the President** (And any other involved ERVYSL members).
 - **Hold immediate field authority until communication with the President is possible and until such time as needed for the President to interpret and BOD to adjudicate.**
 - Hold meetings with club coordinators, division coaches, various committees, parents and players as needed to promote the success of ERVYSL.
 - Facilitate communications between coaches.
 - Assist with the identification and selection of coaches and decisions associated with coaches. Work with the Compliance Officer and Registrar to ensure that coaches and field helpers have the appropriate coaching credentials.
 - Advise and Assist coaches with adhering to ERVYSL's: mission, overall goal for all youth soccer players to have fun, all rules and regulations of US Youth Soccer, USSF, CYSA and ERVYSL.

- Be the point of contact for all coaches and teams, and work in coordination with the Referee assignor and coordinator, Registrar, club coordinators, and Coaches to recognize scheduling issues and create solutions.
- Be the secondary point of contact (after the coaches) for disciplinary or complaint actions associated with players, coaches or parents.
- Coordinate the placement of a player (with cooperation from the registrar, compliance officer, and president) who registers after the draft and/or team selection along with acceptance\input from all coaches in said age group.
- Attend all possible games and practice days during the season, or arrange for another BOD member to be available in your place . This will provide the coordinator with the ability to self-assess any situations that may require reports to the President, BOD, and or association, club, and disciplinary committees.
- Receive a small stipend in one of various ways (currently via a mobile phone and service with Verizon).
- **Media**
 - Shall manage all sources of league media, i.e. ERVYSL website: Eelriversoccer.com, FaceBook page, and shared management of ERVYSL's phone(s)
 - May work with the League Coordinator and Registrar to coordinate parent, coach, and member information, phone messages, and posting of all BOD and League announcements.
 - Recieve a small stipend in one of various ways (currently via a mobile phone and service with Verizon).
- **Coach**
 - All persons interested in volunteering for any ERVYSL coaching positions must submit to Live Scan, pass a background check and complete all Got Sports training requirements. All ERVYSL coaches, assistants, and adults who participate with ERVYSL youth members in any way, must be Mandatory Reporters in accordance with CYSA Procedures and Policies.
 - Be familiar with and comply with all rules and regulations of US Youth Soccer, USSF, CYSA, District V and ERVYSL
 - Designate and roster a qualified first assistant coach (Assistant Coaches are required to submit a Live Scan, pass a Background check and complete all Got Sport training requirements) who can regularly participate in practices and games and to assume head coaching duties when the Head Coach is not available.
 - Ensure that a coach (with proper credentials) is on the field at all times with the players. Plan and structure all practices to maximize field usage, team and player development.
 - Hold a player-parent meeting at the beginning of the season, and additional meetings as needed.
 - Disseminate all pertinent Association information to team players, parents, and coaching staff.
 - Notify League coordinator, Registrar and Compliance officer of any team roster changes.

- Ensure that team players, parents and coaches adhere to ERVYSL Code of Conduct at all times.
- ERVYSL's Recreational level requires a 50% minimum game playing time for all registered players. ERVYSL's BOD, on an individual basis, shall grant authority to all coaches, who observe a lack of fitness (health or participation) in their players, to modify a players game time accordingly (the BOD must be aware of All such decisions). If a coach deviates from ERVYSL equal playing time rule, the coach should clearly explain to the player and his/her parents why the shortage occurred and what can be done to remedy the situation. Repeated occurrences should be reported to the League Coordinator, or any BOD member when the LC is unavailable.
- **Hold responsibility for and Ensure that team parents, families, and spectators remain in the areas designated for spectator use. Spectators are not allowed in the team bench area or behind goals, and must remain a minimum 3' OFF the sideline!**
- Ensure that bench areas and fields are clean following team practice and game times.
- Coordinate the pickup and return of team equipment, such as association pennies, cones, binders and balls with the League Coordinator. Coaches delinquent in returning equipment shall be considered suspended by the Board of Directors until collection procedures are completed.
- **COMMUNICATE ALL KNOWLEDGE OF COVID WITH ALL MEMBERS AND THE BOD**
- **Referee coordinator/Scheduler/assignor** – Assigned by the Board of Directors or promoted to be a Voting BOD member.
 - Chair ERVYSL's **scheduling committee**.
 - Prior to the start of a season, establish a detailed plan and scheduling criteria to be followed throughout the course of the upcoming season.
 - Assist in the resolution of minor scheduling issues and problems.
 - Report all major scheduling problems to ERVYSL Board.
 - Scheduler should form a committee composed of at least the following four members: Scheduler, Vice President, Registrar and League coordinator.
- **Disciplinary Committee** The Board of Directors may initiate disciplinary proceedings against any player, coach, manager, team assistant, league officer, referee or spectator from any team. The proceedings may be initiated based on information brought to the attention of the BOD or Protest and Appeal Committee through complaints and reports of incidents. The Disciplinary Committee shall be composed of one of the Vice Presidents of ERVYSL (functioning as Committee Chairman), the League Coordinator, the Referee Coordinator and a person from the BOD membership at large. Consideration for inclusion in this committee includes service time to ERVYSL, disciplinary committee experience and former League Coordinator. If for some reason none of the committee pool members are available, the President of ERVYSL will fill in for the hearing or appoint a member of the current Board of Directors to fill in the absence.

- The Disciplinary Committee shall hear all complaints by game officials or others concerning players, coaches and others charged with major penalties or those identified as "attempt to injure" and complaints by coaches and others of behavior during practice which would constitute a major penalty or a game misconduct if it were committed during the course of a game. All other actions including but not limited to: facility damage, criminal acts, and unethical coaching behavior shall be handled by the Disciplinary Committee.
- The Disciplinary Committee shall report and recommend to the Board of Directors, admonition and/or suspension of a player, coach or other member based on investigation of the reported behavior. They shall also have the power to recommend to the Board of Directors that a player, coach, or others be expelled from the Association should the infraction be of such magnitude as to warrant that sanction or should it be a pattern of continuing behavior. The Disciplinary Committee shall hold its hearing regarding all infractions within two (2) weeks of the reported date. The player, coach, or others shall have a right to appeal the action of the Disciplinary Committee to the Board of Directors. Such appeal must be accomplished within two (2) weeks of the Disciplinary Committee hearing.
- The Committee Chairman shall maintain a record of all Disciplinary Committee hearings. These records shall include, at a minimum: The reason for the hearing, the outcome of the hearing, the committee members present at the hearing, and a record of the testimony acquired during the fact-finding phase of the committee.

Article IX. Competitive Team Uniform Policy

- In an effort to curtail rising and exorbitant team uniform costs, and to ensure that all teams representing the ERVYSL appear uniform, the ERVYSL has adopted the following Uniform Policy:
 - Uniforms must only be Royal Blue and White
 - Each uniform kit shall consist of, at a minimum, one (1) white jersey, one (1) blue jersey, one (1) pair of blue shorts, one (1) pair of white socks and one (1) pair of blue socks.
 - Uniforms must have an 8" number on the back of each jersey
 - The approved ERVYSL logo must be on the front left chest pocket of each jersey.
 - Sponsor logos may be screened onto the shirt sleeve of a jersey or above the number on the back of the jersey. No other logos may appear on the uniform.

Article X. Rules of Play

- The Rules of Play shall be based on the "Laws of the Game" as published by FIFA
- Players wearing orthopedic casts, braces, splints (air or metal), pins, jewelry, watches or anything deemed dangerous, shall not be eligible to participate in any game, practice or tryout. Elastic type supports without metal, carbon fiber, hard plastic or like devices are permitted provided the referee does not deem the support to be potentially harmful to other players.
- Charging the goalkeeper shall not be permitted at any time when he/she is within his/her own penalty area. Exception: on a defensive pass back the goalkeeper becomes a field player and regular laws of the game apply.

- A coach may coach from the sidelines during games, giving directions to one's own team on points of strategy and position,
- Coaches will not dispute or question the calls or decisions of the referees. A coach may address the referee only: prior to the start of the game, when making substitutions, to draw attention to an injured player, when addressed by the referee, and at the end of the game if requesting to have a protest recorded on the game card.
- No coach, substitute, player or spectator is to be anywhere but at his/her bench area during the game. A team's bench area shall be that area one yard from the touchline and extending ten yards, one way, from the half-line only. Spectators are to stay on the opposite side of the field.
- No coach, substitute, player or spectator is to make derogatory remarks, profanity, or gestures to the referees, other players, substitutes or spectators. Continued Disruptive behavior of any kind may fall under ERVYSL's ZERO Tolerance policy.
- The penalty for violating any section of this Article may be ejection from the game, and disciplinary action by the Board of Directors. The game shall continue only after the ejected person leaves the field.
- Players may only be substituted during a stoppage of the game, after receiving permission from the referee. Substitutes shall enter the field from the centerline. Substitutions may be made at the following times: prior to a throw-in; prior to a goal kick, by either team; after a goal, by either team; after an injury of either team if the referee stops the play, at half time, and after a player or team (coach, spectators, etc.) receives a yellow card or ejection.
- Recreational players, including competitive U10 teams, must have the opportunity to play at least one half of each game. The only exceptions are for discipline (red card), injury, illness or lack of fitness (The BOD should be made aware and actively evaluating cases of lack of fitness). All coaches must make an honest attempt to comply with this requirement. Teams violating this requirement shall be subject to disciplinary action, which may include forfeiture of the game.
- All injuries must be reported within 24 hours and the Youth Soccer Case Report filled out by the coach (The League Coordinator or President should assist) and turned into the ERVYSL BOD, who will verify the information and contact CYSA. The form will be available from any BOD member or Field Marshal and is available on the league website.
- Shin guards are mandatory during all games and practices. Shin guards must be completely covered by the sock during the game. A Player may wear shirts that match their team color under their jersey. Jersey numbers are to be visible. The jersey is to be tucked into the shorts. During inclement weather, tracksuit pants that match the uniform may be worn.
- The length of the game, roster size, ball size, and players on the field are the following:

U6: Roster \leq 6, Ball Size = 3, Time of Half = 15min, 3 v 3 (no Goalie)

U8: Roster \leq 9, Ball Size = 3, Time of Half = 20min, 5 v 5 (inc Goalie)

U10: Roster \leq 11, Ball Size = 4, Time of Half = 25min, 7 v 7 (inc Goalie)

U12: Roster \leq 13, Ball Size = 4, Time of Half = 30min, 9 v 9 (inc Goalie)

U15: Roster \leq 16, Ball Size = 5, Time of Half = 35min, 11 v 11 (inc Goalie)

Protest and Appeals

- Only violations of the rules of competition or misapplication of the "Laws of the Game" during ERVYSL games shall be proper subjects to be considered for action. Judgment calls by referees

during a game cannot be protested. All protests and appeals should be recorded on the game card prior to the appealing party leaving the field.

- Protests or appeals are to be in writing and delivered to the ERVYLS within three days following the matter under protest or appeal. The protest fee must be enclosed. It may be mailed to ERVYSL, PO Box 231, Fortuna CA 9540. If mailed, it must be postmarked within three days of the matter. Upon receipt of Protest, the ERVYSL President will call a special BOD meeting to determine and appoint a suitable Protest and Appeals committee. A committee must be formed and a date set for the hearing within 60 days of the date of the Protested rule of competition or misapplication. It will be Mandatory for appellee to attend the next following BOD meeting or all fees will be kept and the protest will be null and void.
- The Fee for submitting an item for Protest and Appeals review is \$100. This fee will be returned if the protest or appeal is upheld.
- Both sides of the protest will be invited to attend the hearing to present their case. The Protest and Appeals Committee ruling will be conveyed in writing and delivered to both parties via certified mail.
- Upon receipt of any adverse decision to either side, both the appellee and ERVYSL may make an appeal to District V.
- Other problems or complaints should be specific and delivered in writing to the ERVYSL Board of Directors via mail and to the next BOD monthly meeting.

Appendices

- **SPECTATOR ZERO TOLERANCE** The game will be stopped by officials when the parents/spectators displaying inappropriate and disruptive behavior interfere with other spectators or the game. The officials will identify violators to the coaches for the purpose of removing parents/spectators from the spectator's viewing and game area. Once removed, play will resume. Lost time will not be replaced and violators may be subject to further disciplinary action by the Board of Directors. Inappropriate and disruptive behavior shall include:
 - Use of obscene or vulgar language in a boisterous manner to anyone at any time.
 - Taunting of players, coaches, officials or other spectators by means of baiting, ridiculing, threat of, and or physical violence.
 - Throwing of any object in the spectators viewing area, players' bench, or on the field surface, directed in any manner as to create a safety hazard.
 - If violators refuse to leave a "win" will be awarded to the non-offending team and the game will be called.
- **ERVYSL PARENT/SPONSOR/ADULT CODE OF CONDUCT** The Eel River Valley Youth Soccer League (ERVYSL) is a program of service to youth soccer players. Its purpose is to provide healthy and constructive activity and training, under good leadership, in an atmosphere of positive community participation. We are dedicated to helping participants build character and develop skills to the best of their ability. We strive to promote equitable participation, teamwork, respect and fair play. Each parent/sponsor/adult is part of ERVYSL and can contribute to its success. The following expectations of your behavior are essential to the success of your child, your team, and our Association.
 - Maximize praise and minimize criticism in all dealings with team members.
 - Stress playing hard for the self-satisfaction of achieving one's best effort and winning, rather than winning itself.

- Exhibit a positive attitude toward coaches, referees and other parents. ALL participation is by volunteers who are trying to do their best. We are all in this together.
 - Be an understanding and enthusiastic spectator; applaud good play regardless of team.
 - Treat the referee with respect, no matter what the call. **Complaints from the spectators have never changed a call.** Both teams play with the same officials.
 - Your conduct at the field and on road trips should be a model for the players. Shouting negative comments, abusive language, vulgarity, public intoxication, use of tobacco on the field, or use of illicit drugs have no place and will not be tolerated in the ERVYSL.
 - You are responsible for the appropriate conduct of your children at our fields and on road trips: at fields, motels, and restaurants. Our aim is to project a positive image for the Eel River Valley Youth Soccer League.
 - Help players observe curfew, rest periods between games, and other training guidelines set by their coach. Support your team.
 - In case of illness or absence, advise the coach in advance of the practice or game.
 - Parents and/or spectators both during and following games, will avoid displaying inappropriate and disruptive behavior that interferes with other spectators or the game. If identified as a violator of this Zero Tolerance Policy, parents and/or spectators will quietly exit from the spectator viewing and game area so that play can resume. Violations of this policy may be subject to further disciplinary action by ERVYSL.
 - If a problem arises, talk it over with your player first; situations can be different than they might appear. If necessary, discuss issues with the Team Manager or Head Coach; often they can take action to resolve your problem. If unsatisfied, speak with the League Coordinator, or any ERVYSL BOD member. If the issue is not resolved at this level, or for any reason, contact the ERVYSL President. All issues will be resolved through these channels, final disposition of any concern may then be brought to the attention of CYSA.
 - By registering your child to play soccer, you are agreeing to abide by this Code of Conduct, thereby serving as a positive role model for our players. Abusive conduct toward coaches, officials, players, or other parents WILL NOT be tolerated and continuation WILL result in suspension of your child for a specified period of time. Such a situation would be a serious loss for the player, the team, and the whole of ERVYSL. Repeated or serious violations may result in expulsion from ERVYSL. Please help us prevent such a situation from occurring. Be your best, so your child can continue to be their best.
- **CONTRACTS FOR COACHES CONDUCT** Coaches will conform to the ERVYSL Coaching Code of Conduct
 - BE PROMPT FOR PRACTICES, MEETINGS, OR OTHER ACTIVITIES. If you will be late, call your assistant coach to advise him of this fact.
 - BE IN CONTROL. Coaches must abide by Zero Tolerance Coach Policy regarding use of abusive language or obscene gestures before, during or after ERVYSL activities. This means there will be no tolerance of swearing or other offensive conduct toward any official, either (e.g. unsportsmanlike conduct penalty).
 - BE RESPECTFUL. The attitude of the coach has a lot to do with the attitude of the team. During practices, games, or other ERVYSL functions, coaches should display a positive attitude.
 - MORALE. A soccer team represents a partnership between coaches and team members. Be supportive of and offer ONLY constructive criticism to players.

- CONDUCT. All coaches are expected to be on their best behavior at home and at out-of-town games. Complaints from other Associations or facilities about a coach will be dealt with accordingly, and could result in suspension or dismissal from the Association.
 - SUBSTANCE ABUSE. The use of illegal drugs will not be tolerated at a ERVYSL sponsored function. No coach shall use any form of (vaping, edible, or smokeless/chewing) cigarettes or tobacco products of any sort, recreational or medical marijuana, illegal prescription or illicit drugs, or any other product restricted to adults 18 and over.
 - THEFT, Stealing, or damaging the equipment of, other players, ERVYSL members, other Associations, or their respective arenas, will not be tolerated.
 - SPECTATOR ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY. When participating as a spectator during and after games coaches will maintain a sportsmanlike attitude. If identified as a violator of the Zero Tolerance Policy, coaches will quietly exit from the spectator viewing and game area so the game may resume. Violators of this policy may be subject to further disciplinary action by ERVYSL.
 - DISCIPLINARY REVIEW: Coaches receiving a disciplinary action, during a game (Match Penalty) will be subject to disciplinary review.
- **CONTRACT FOR ERVYSL PLAYER CONDUCT** The following is a Code of Conduct, which reflects the values that the Association, Board, and coaches believe are important to the development of a good soccer player. Soccer is a TEAM sport and, as such, the actions of an individual are often viewed as the actions of the team or of the Association. For this reason, the following expectations of your conduct have been developed. You are expected to abide by them when you participate in our Association.
 - BE PRESENT FOR ALL PRACTICES. Call your coach before practice and let him know you will be absent, and why. Practices are designed around participation of a certain number of players, and development of new skills.
 - BE PROMPT FOR PRACTICES, MEETINGS, OR OTHER ACTIVITIES. A team includes all its players. Waiting for one team member disturbs the entire team. If you will be late, call your coach to advise him of this fact.
 - BE IN CONTROL. Players must abide by Zero Tolerance Player Policy regarding use of abusive language, obscene gestures and fighting/wrestling before, during or after ERVYSL activities. This means there will be no tolerance of swearing or other offensive conduct toward any official, either (e.g. unsportsmanlike conduct penalty).
 - BE RESPECTFUL. The attitude of the players has a lot to do with the attitude of the team. During practices, games, or other ERVYSL functions, coaches and other officials of the organization are to be obeyed and treated with respect.
 - MORALE. A soccer team represents a partnership between coaches and team members. Be supportive of and offer ONLY constructive criticism to teammates. Players who consistently affect the team chemistry by receiving excessive/deliberate penalties, not passing or not abiding by designated substitutions could result in the player not participating in the game.
 - INJURIES. All injuries, no matter how slight, must be reported to your Head Coach or Team Manager immediately. Players who are involved with “attempt to injure” infractions (called and non called) shall result in a review of the disciplinary committee.
 - CONDUCT. All players are expected to be on their best behavior at home and at our-of-town games. Complaints from other Associations or facilities about a player or

players will be dealt with accordingly, and could result in suspension or dismissal from the Association. Any damages will be the responsibility of the parents of the player or players involved. Throw away garbage in the bench area.

- SUBSTANCE ABUSE. The use of illegal prescription or illicit drugs will not be tolerated at a ERVYSL sponsored function. No tobacco (smoking, oral/edible, chewing, or vaping). No medical, legal, or illegal marijuana (All marijuana is illegal for ERVYSL players as they are under 21 years of age).
- THEFT: Stealing from, or damaging the equipment of, other players, ERVYSL, other Associations, or their respective arenas, will not be tolerated.
- SPECTATOR ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY. When participating as a spectator during and after all games, players will maintain a sportsmanlike attitude. If identified as a violator of the Zero Tolerance Policy, players will quietly exit from the spectator viewing and game area so the game may resume. Violators of this policy may be subject to further disciplinary action by ERVYSL.
- PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT. Players are to wear all protective equipment as required. Repetitive disregard for this policy may result in suspension from a game or games.
- DISCIPLINARY REVIEW: Players receiving a Red Card (Match Penalty) in any given season will be suspended pending disciplinary review.

Repeated violations of any of the above provisions may result in the player receiving discipline measures such as missed drills and scrimmages during practices and missed shifts or the entire game during games or removed from the team. Depending on the severity of the above provisions (e.g. injury to a player), the coach may decide for that player to be removed from the team immediately.

By registering with this association, you are agreeing to abide by this code of conduct. These provisions are for your protection and to help in your development as a soccer player and as a person.

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