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By-Laws

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Article I Order of Business

The order of business at all regular meetings shall be as follows:

1. Roll
2. Minutes of Previous Meeting
3. Communications
4. Committee Reports
5. Financial Report
6. Unfinished Business
7. New Business
8. Miscellaneous Items (“For the Good of the Game”)
9. Adjournment

Article II Registration

- A. The Seasonal year shall be from September 1st to August 31st of the following year.
- B. Each child must produce proof of age, if questioned, in form of a Birth Certificate or Hospital Record to the Association Registrar.
- C. Each manger must fill out an EPYSA “Player Roster Form” and the roster must be submitted to the Association at the time of registration.

- D. Any player previously registered with an age division cannot register with a younger division. *Exception-EPYSA By-Laws, Article IX, Section 6: Only a youth player may participate in unlimited senior games without losing his youth eligibility-with permission of concerned coaches and the State Youth Association and State Senior Association.*

A team may not register additional players after midnight prior to the first game of the divisional season, except in the event an affiliated club disbands or an individual moves into the area outside the county.

- E. Registration forms must be presented to the Association Registrar by mail no less than (3) three days prior to a game in order for new Players to be eligible for that game. **1**No player may sign for a second intramural team in SCYSA during the same seasonal year without first obtaining a release from the first team.

Article III *Players*

A. **Youth Amateur Players**

- 1. A youth player is one who on the cutoff date set by the EPYSA and/or SCYSA has not yet reached the age of nineteen (19) years. A Player who reaches 19 after the date above shall not be allowed to complete the season.
- 2. A player may be only rostered to one team in the SCYSA intramural league during an individual playing season.

B. *Age Limits and Roster Limitations*

1. **Age Divisions**

Age divisions and Player date of birth cutoff dates shall be determined and implemented by resolutions as set down by the governing body with a 2/3 majority vote.

- Under 19
- Under 17
- Under 16
- Under 15
- Under 14
- Under 12
- Under 10
- Under 9
- Under 8
- Developmental

All age divisions shall be considered as travel (playing teams from other clubs within the SCYSA organization) or other EPYSA sanctioned teams. Unless are approved to operate in-house programs by a 2/3 majority vote of the Executive Board, and if approved, submitted to the general assembly for a 2/3 majority vote. Age divisions within their clubs will not be split between travel and in-house.

2. **Suggested Maximum Rosters**

The suggested maximum roster size is 18 Players per team on a 11 v 11 teams and 14 Players on 8 v 8 teams. (8 v 8 teams were mandated for Under 10 & 9 age divisions by the USSF in January 1996.)

3. All players are eligible to register and participate in the SCYSA regardless of being a current PIAA player.

Article IV **Rules of Play**

A. Length of Play and Ball Specifications

<u>Division</u>	<u>Game Length</u>	<u>Ball Size</u>	<u>Circumference</u>	<u>Wt.(oz.)</u>
Under 19	Two 45 min. halves	5	27"-28"	14-16
Under 17	Two 45 min. halves	5	27"-28"	14-16
Under 16	Two 40 min. halves	5	27"-28"	14-16
Under 15	Two 40 min. halves	5	27"-28"	14-16
Under 14	Two 40 min. halves	5	27"-28"	14-16
Under 12	Two 30 min. halves	4	25"-26"	11-13
Under 10	Two 25 min. halves	4	25"-26"	11-13
Under 9	Two 25 min. halves	4	25"-26"	11-13
Under 8	club modified	3	23"-24"	8-10
Developmental	" "	3	23"-24"	8-10

B. Substitutions

1.
 - a. Prior to a throw in (possession)
 - b. Prior to as goal kick (either team)
 - c. After a goal by either team
 - d. For an injured Player, by either team (when the referee stops play)
 - e. At half time

2. Playing Time

- a. Under 9- Minimum 50%
- b. Under 10-Minimum 50%
- c. Under12-Minimum 25%
- d. Under 14-Minimum 25%
- e. Under 15- Minimum25%
- f. Under 16-Minimum 25%
- g. Under 17-Minimum 25%
- h. Under 19-Minimum 25%

C. Line-Up Card

1. Each team must present the referee with a Line-Up Card at the start of the game. These forms must be signed by the Manager/Coach.

2. Line-Up Cards must contain the starting line-up and reserves, along with jersey numbers of each Player, Line-Up Cards are the official record of Players who have participated in a given game.

3. All Players listed on a Line-Up Card for a given game are considered to have played in that game regardless of whether they have actually played or not.

4. If a Line-Up card is not filled out properly, a fine or forfeit may result at the discretion of the Association as follows:

- a. No shirt number
- b. A Player playing in a game must have their name on that Line-Up card.
- c. Ineligible Player listed on the Line-Up Card (regardless of whether they played or not)

D. *Game Schedules*

1. The schedule of games for the regular season shall be prepared by the Scheduler with the aid of the Vice-President. The schedule shall be dependent upon number of teams registered in each age division, with the approval of the Executive Board.

2. Each member club must notify the Association of the number of teams entered in each age division at the regularly scheduled meeting one (1) month prior to the first game of the that age division.

3. The Vice-President, Scheduler, Referee Assignor and Public Relations Officer will be responsible for all scheduling of play-off games.

E. *Postponement of Games*

1. In the case of inclement weather the home team manager must notify the Vice-President and receive a decision pertaining to playing of said game. He must notify the visiting team no less than 1 ½ hours before the game is scheduled to start. In the event that both teams arrive at the field and find it unplayable, the referee will determine if the game should be postponed.

2. All games shall be played at the designated location and scheduled time. The Scheduler and the Referee Assignor must be notified of any changes of location or scheduled time. The Vice-President must be notified by the home team if a mutual agreement on a rescheduled date can't be reached within one week.

3. Teams must notify the Vice-President one (1) week in advance for the rescheduling of games. If the game is not rescheduled within one (1) week after postponement, the Vice-President will schedule the game and the teams must play or a forfeit may be awarded.

4. Postponement of games can only be made because of inclement weather or hazardous field conditions.

E. *Forfeits*

1. A game is forfeited when either team fails to field seven (7) Players within fifteen (15) minutes after the scheduled start of the game.
2. If the home team fails to appear, the visiting team will pay the referee fees (1/2 regular fee). Referee fees will be reimbursed by the Association in event of a forfeit.
3. In the event of a forfeit, the member club causing the forfeit will be fined \$25.00. The fine must be paid within ten (10) days of receipt of notification of the fine by the Association. Failure to pay the assessed fine within the

prescribed time period will result in that team's member club representative appearing before the Executive Board.

4. The Vice-President must be notified of the forfeit by the non-forfeiting team within twenty-four (24) hours of the forfeit. The Vice-President must then notify the member club representative of the forfeiting teams, the Scheduler and the Referee Assignor that a forfeit occurred and that a forfeit fee of \$25.00 is due within the next ten (10) days.

G. Referees

1. Any game played in a division where a county champion is declared, must have an assigned FIFA referee to officiate. In the event that a referee doesn't show, the game will be played with a selection of a volunteer referee by mutual consent of both coaches.

In the event both coaches do not agree, the game will be re-scheduled by the Scheduler. No protests will be honored by the Association pertaining to games so officiated.

2. One half of a game must be played to be considered official.
3. Teams must provide a Club Linesman for all games. This person cannot be a player from either participating team.
4. In the event a game is postponed by the referee prior to the game due to weather conditions one half of the prescribed fee for the first scheduled game shall be paid by the home team.
5. In the event a game is postponed due to weather conditions after play has started, the referee shall be paid the fee in full, for that game only.
6. It is mandatory that each team Head Coach complete a referee's scheduler evaluation report and forward the report to the Referee Assignor prior to the next scheduled game.
7. Referees will be assigned and appointed by the Referee Assignor.

H. Protests

1. A protest may be filed for the following reasons:

- a. Rule interpretation
- b. Player ineligibility
- c. Violations of Schuylkill County Youth Soccer Association or

EPYSA rules

2. The referee and opposing manager must be notified in writing prior or during the game that a protest is being made. Such protests will be annotated on the Line-Up Card and initialed by the referee and the protesting manager. *Exception- a Player's eligibility protest or disqualification may be made at any time prior to the end of the current season.*

a. Should a Player be proven ineligible, his team will be charged with a loss for all games in which he participated. The manager of the ineligible Player shall be brought before the Grievance Committee to determine how this violation occurred and the appropriate penalty to be assessed.

3. Any formal protest must be made in triplicate within 48 hours after the game. One copy shall be sent to the President of the Association, one copy to the opposing team manager and the third copy retained for the protestant's file. Such letter shall contain the following:

- a. A \$15.00 protest fee.

b. Name, address and telephone number of the protesting manager and club soccer director.

c. Location, time and date of game.

d. All facts regarding the protest, including the desired solution.

4. No protest fee shall be returned if the protest is denied, or if a protest is improperly filed. Any protests upheld will result in return of protest fees.

I. *Players Equipment and Fields of Play*

1. A Player shall not wear anything which is dangerous to himself or another Player (jewelry, barrettes, chewing gum, necklaces, etc.)

2. A goal keeper shall wear colors which distinguish him from all the other Players. It is mandatory that shin guards be worn. All jerseys must have numbers on the back except the goal keeper. In the event of duplicate team jersey colors, the home team must change.

3. The field of play shall be rectangular, it's length not more than 120 yards and it's width not more than 75 yards.

4. The field of play shall be marked with distinctive lines of non-caustic material.

5. Corner markers are required

6. Decisions of officials in regard to safety of equipment and field of play will be final.

J. *Goal Keepers*

1. FIFA rules apply to all age divisions whereas goal keepers have 6 seconds to release the ball regardless of steps taken.

K. *Crowd and Fan Control*

1. Both participating teams are held responsible for crowd and fan control before, during and after the match with primary responsibility to their own fans.

2. By request of the referee, coach or club official will give safe and expedient escort to the referee, until his exit from club grounds and record and submit to this Association any incidents resulting from his escort.

3. The Schuylkill County Youth Soccer Association will accept from the referee, club official, or referee's association any complaint or grievance concerning crowd conduct and immediately refer the matter to the Grievance Committee. They shall discuss the complaint or grievance and decide on dismissal of the complaint, reprimand and/or suspension of 45 days of the responsible club, or fine to the responsible club.

L. *Administrative Rules*

1. Attendance at meetings

a. All member clubs must be represented at the monthly Association meetings by their designated representative(s) or alternate(s).

b. Member clubs not adhering to this requirement will be fined \$5.00 at the discretion of the Executive Board, for each meeting in which they are not present.

c. Member clubs must attend a minimum of eight (8) meetings during the season or will be classified as a member not in good standing and thereby forfeit all voting rights unless and until reinstated.

2. Reporting Game Scores

a. Each home team must report the accurate score of their game to their club representative who shall then post all home scores on the website. SCYSA

b. Failure to comply shall result in a fine.

M. Amendments to the By-Laws

1. Amendments may be proposed in writing to the association President at an Executive Board or General Meeting.

2. Proposed amendment(s) to the Schuylkill County Youth Soccer Association By-Laws will be read at the next general Association meeting. The proposed amendment(s) may then be voted upon at the next general Association meeting. The amendment(s) will be adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of voting representatives in good standing and attendance .

3. Proposed amendment(s) to the rules not adopted in accordance with paragraph 2, may not be reintroduced until a minimum of nine (9) months has elapsed from the time of original introduction.

4. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the member clubs shall be required to adopt any amendment(s).

N. Effective Date of Amendment

Amendments shall become part of the Constitution and By-Laws immediately upon their adoption by the voting members unless otherwise stipulated in the adopted amendment(s).

O. Current Fees & Fines

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| 1. EPYSA team administration fee per team | varies | |
| 2. EPYSA per Player/Coach | varies | |
| 3. SCYSA registration fee per Player | \$15.00 | |
| 4. Forfeit fee | | \$25.00 |
| 5. Unexcused absence/meeting | \$5.00 | |
| 6. Non-Reporting of scores | | \$2.00 |
| 7. Protest fee | | \$15.00 |
| 8. Unauthorized Media Acknowledgement of Championship Teams etc..(per offense) | \$50.00 | |
| 9.The non-attendance of the mandatory registrars meeting | \$25.00 | |
| 10. No handing in of list of the club officers or permanent mailing address at the January meeting. | \$10.00 | |
| 11. Failure to submit team rosters at the August meeting with the provision that changes may be made up to and including midnight | | |

before the first game.	\$25.00
12. Any club not handing in the number of teams by age group & or field locations by the June meeting	\$25.00
13. Any club not handing in registration dates and locations by February meeting.	\$5.00
14. A player playing on more than one team In an SCYSA intramural league during An individual season.	\$100.00