

Katy Youth Soccer Club Constitution and Bylaws



ARTICLE 1 - NAME

1.1 The name of this organization shall be the KATY YOUTH SOCCER CLUB ("KYSC"), hereinafter referred to as the Club.

ARTICLE 2 - PURPOSE

2.1 It shall be the purpose of this Club to foster and promote youth soccer within the Greater Katy area. KYSC shall teach good sportsmanship, educate youth participants in the fundamentals of the game of soccer, promote the game of soccer and conduct such other educational activities as shall be deemed appropriate to the promotion of youth soccer. The Club shall promote the play of soccer by youth within their own neighborhoods, with local guidance and administration.

Furthermore,

2.1.1 The Club is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, and;

2.1.2 No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in the purpose clause hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the organization shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the organization shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of this document, the organization shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

ARTICLE 3 – DISSOLUTION

3.1 The Club may be dissolved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Board of Directors, Coaches, and players where one (1) vote per family for each registered player is cast by a parent or guardian of that player. The Club must receive thirty (30) days written notice of the proposed action.

3.2 In the event that the Club is dissolved or ceases to function, the Board shall make provisions to pay all Club liabilities. Assets of the Club shall be disposed of to pay Club liabilities and any balance remaining after payment of all known Club liabilities shall be disbursed to such organizations established exclusively for charitable, educational, religious or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law).

ARTICLE 4 - INDEMNITY AND INSURANCE

4.1 INDEMNITY OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS: The Board of Directors may authorize the payment of expenses incurred by, or may satisfy a judgment or fine levied against a present or former Director or Officer of the Club in an action brought by a third party against that person (whether or not the Club is joined as a party to the action). The action brought by a third party must be for a liability or penalty resulting from an act alleged to have been committed by the person to be indemnified while that person was a Directors or Officer of the Club, or by the Club, or by both. Payment under this section may also be made to a person for amounts paid and expenses reasonably incurred in settling any such action or threatened action; provided, that the Board of Directors determines in good faith that the Director or Officer was acting in good faith within what they reasonably believed to be the scope of their authority, and for a purpose which they reasonably believe to be in the best interest of the Club or its members.

4.2 INDEMNITY OF EMPLOYEES: The Board of Directors may authorize the payment of expenses incurred by, or may satisfy a judgment or fine rendered or levied against an employee or former employee of the Club in an action brought by a third party against that person (whether or not the Club is joined as a party in the action). The action brought by a third party must be for a liability or penalty resulting from an act alleged to have been committed by the person to be indemnified while that person was an employee or former employee of the Club, or by the Club, or by both. Payment under this section may also be made to a person for amounts paid and expenses reasonably incurred in settling any such action or threatened action; provided, that the Board of Directors determines in good faith that the employee or former employee was acting in good faith within what they reasonably believed to be the scope of their authority, and for a purpose which they reasonably believe to be in the best interest of the Club or its members.

4.3 INSURANCE: The Club may purchase and maintain insurance or make other arrangements, at its expense, to protect itself and any Directors, Officer, employee, or other person prescribed by the By-Laws against any such expense, liability or loss, whether or not the Club would have the power to indemnify them against that expense, liability or loss under the statutes of the State of Texas governing the Club.

ARTICLE 5 – AFFILIATION

5.1 The Club shall be approved by the Katy Youth Soccer Association ("KYSA" or "Association"). The Club shall be affiliated with STYSA and its other member associations and the United States Youth Soccer ("USYS").

ARTICLE 6 – MEMBERSHIP

6.1 The Club shall be composed of duly registered youth soccer players, the players' parents and/or guardians, coaches, trainers, board members and supporters within KYSC's defined territory. KYSC shall retain its own autonomy; however, KYSC must adhere to the Association's Constitution, Bylaws, Rules of Competition and decisions of the KYSA Board. KYSA shall provide a coordinated focus for contact with STYSA.

6.2 The Club shall have the authority to levy fees and fines on players and/or teams as set forth in its Constitution and Bylaws.

6.3 For clarity, coaches of recreational teams within the Club shall be referred to herein as "Coaches". Coaches/managers of Texas Premier F.C. competitive teams shall be referred to herein as "Managers".

ARTICLE 7 – HEADQUARTERS

7.1 The headquarters of the Club shall be within KISD where the files and records of the Association shall be maintained.

ARTICLE 8 - TERRITORIAL BOUNDARIES

8.1 The Club's boundaries shall be defined as follows:

8.1.1 The Club will encompass all youth within the Katy Independent School District (KISD). All of Katy Independent School District which encompasses the following: Southern boundary of Katy Independent School District along F.M. 1093 to Texas State Highway 6 to Interstate 10; along Interstate 10 east to Dairy Ashford; north on Dairy Ashford along the eastern boundaries of Katy Independent School District to Clay Road; westbound along Clay Road to Hickory Downs Drive; northbound on Hickory Downs Drive to Pine Mountain Drive; eastbound on Pine Mountain Drive to Hidden Springs Drive; northbound on Hidden Springs Drive to Whispering Falls Drive; westbound on Whispering Falls Drive to Eagle Trail Drive; northbound on Eagle Trail Drive to Addicks Satsuma Road; westbound on Addicks Satsuma Road to Texas State Highway 6; southbound on Texas State Highway 6 to Clay Road; westbound along Clay Road to Westfield Village Drive; northbound on Westfield Village Drive which serves as Katy Independent School District boundaries to Kieth Harrow Blvd; turn west and head westbound to N. Peek Road; northbound on N. Peek Road to F.M. 529; straight north along Katy Independent School District boundaries to House Haul Road; westbound on House Haul Road along Katy Independent School District's Northern boundary to the Harris County line; south along Harris County line which serves as the Katy Independent School District boundaries to Stockdick Road; westbound on Stockdick Road to F.M. 2855; south on F.M. 2855 to U.S. Highway 90; west along U.S. Highway 90 which serves as the Katy Independent School District boundary; south along the Katy Independent School District boundary to the Fort Bend County line; northeast along the Fort Bend County line to the southwest boundary of Katy Independent School District; south along the Katy Independent School District Boundary which is 2 miles west of FM 1463 down to southern boundary of Katy Independent School District which is F.M. 1093.

8.1.2 The Club will encompass all youth within the Royal Independent School District (RISD), until such time as the KYSA forms a Member Club within those boundaries.

ARTICLE 9 - OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

9.1 The business, property and activities of the Club shall be managed by a Board of Directors (the "Board"). The Board will consist of:

- A. President
- B. Executive Vice President - Coaches
- C. Vice President Registration
- D. Vice President Boys (recreational)
- E. Vice President Girls (recreational)
- F. Vice President COED (recreational)
- G. Vice President Referees
- H. Secretary
- I. Treasurer
- J. Vice President TPFC Div. 1
- K. Vice President TPFC Div. 2
- L. President Emeritus (Past President) – No Vote

9.3 The term of office for elected officers shall begin upon their election and shall be for two (2) years or until a duly qualified replacement is appointed by the President or elected by the Members. Elected

officers may succeed themselves in office two (2) times. An exception to the succession limitation may be granted prior to each election by two-thirds (2/3) majority of the total board. The Board Members must be given twenty-eight (28) days notice of the proposed exception and must vote in person. The board will elect the President each year prior to the May annual recreational coaches meeting. The board elections are to be held at the annual recreational coaches meeting during the month of May. All officers will be elected in years as follows:

9.3.1 President - Elected yearly by the board

9.6.2 Executive Vice President - Elected in even years

9.6.3 Vice President Registration - Elected in odd years

9.6.4 Vice President Boys (recreational) - Elected in odd years

9.6.5 Vice President Girls (recreational) - Elected in odd years

9.6.6 Vice President COED (recreational) - Elected in even years

9.6.7 Vice President Referees - Elected in even years

9.6.8 Secretary - Elected in even years

9.6.9 Treasurer - Elected in odd years

9.6.10 Vice President TPFC Div. 1 - Elected by the TPFC managers

9.6.11 Vice President TPFC Div. 2 - Elected by the TPFC managers

9.7 The President shall fill any vacancies on the Board by appointment, subject to an approving majority vote of the total Board.

9.8 When the office of President becomes vacant the Executive Vice President – Coaches shall succeed to the office of President, and the vacancy for Executive Vice President shall be filled as outlined above.

9.9 Directors and officers shall receive no compensation for their services to the Association.

9.10 The President Emeritus shall serve until the incumbent President is no longer in office. This position shall be an advisory position and shall not vote.

ARTICLE 10 - ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

10.1 Election of officers and directors shall take place at the Club's May Annual Recreational Coaches meeting. The exceptions are the offices of the President and VP Div I and VP Div II. The Board will elect the President each year prior to the May Annual Recreational Coaches Meeting, and the Vice Presidents for Division I and Division II will be elected by the managers of Texas Premier F.C.

10.2 The Club President shall appoint a Nominating Committee no later than the March meeting to find qualified candidates for those offices scheduled to become vacant in the coming year. The Nominating Committee shall report its results at the Club's April meeting.

10.3 Nominations from the floor may be made during the elections with the provision that persons nominated from the floor shall be present and affirm their willingness to serve if elected, or such person shall have stated in writing to the incumbent President their willingness to serve if elected.

10.4 Voting shall be by the Club's recreational coaches or their board approved alternates each casting one (1) vote per registered spring season recreational team within the Club. The spring season used to determine the number of votes shall be the current spring season. The number of teams (votes) registered in the spring season is to be determined by the Club's Vice President Registration.

ARTICLE 11 – RESPONSIBILITIES OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

11.1 The President of the Club shall preside at all meetings. The President shall appoint all committees with the concurrence of the Board. The President shall cast the deciding vote in the event of a tie vote at the Board and Association meeting, or the President may waive the right to do so.

- a. The President shall attend (or appoint delegates for) the South Texas Youth Association and the Eastern District meetings.
- b. The President shall submit an annual report on the operations for the Club at the Fall Club meeting, and shall submit this report to all member coaches.
- c. The President is a member of the KYSC Discipline & Protest Committee and the KYSC Executive Committee.
- d. The President shall have the right to appoint, in July of any year for the fiscal year just ended, an Audit Committee to facilitate the independent review or audit of the financial statements of the Club.
- e. The President, or his/her designee, shall be the Club liaison with STYSA and the County.
- f. The President, or his/her designee, shall be a member of the KYSA Board of Directors, and shall represent the both the registered recreational and competitive member teams of the Club.

11.2 Vice President – Coaches

- Succeeds to the powers of the President in his/her absence.
- Player development (recreational) and coaches training.
- Chairs the Discipline and Protest Committee.

11.3 Vice President – Registration

- Player registration (recreational).

11.4 Vice President – Division 1 Texas Premier F.C.

- Select Committee Member – Texas Premier F.C.
- EDDOA Liaison
- Ensures Texas Premier F.C. Financial Statements are provided to the Club Treasurer with the content and periodicity determined by the Club.
- Represent Texas Premier F.C. at Club board meetings, and represent the Club at Texas Premier F.C. meetings.

11.5 Vice President – Division II Texas Premier F.C.

- Select Committee Member – Texas Premier F.C.

- Liaison for Division II and Super II.
- Represents Texas Premier F.C. at Club board meetings, and represent the Club at Texas Premier F.C. meetings.

11.6 Vice President – Boys (Recreational)

- Coach selection and team formation (U7 and above boys recreational).
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11.8 Vice President – Coed (Recreational)

- Coach selection and team formation (U5-U6 recreational).

11.9 Vice President – Fields

- Field maintenance and field planning.

11.10 Secretary

- Records and correspondence of the Club.
- Minutes and agendas of all meetings.
- Club risk management programs.

11.11 Treasurer

- Team sponsorships.
- Annual budget and monthly accounting. The Treasurer will determine with Board concurrence, the content and periodicity of financial reporting required by the Board for adequate management the Club's finances.

11.12 Vice President – Referees

- Ensure officials are assigned to Club matches (work with Club referee assignor).
- Ensure Club referees are properly trained and certified.
- Monitor referee performance.

The above extends to referees assigned by the Club to Super II or other competitive matches.

11.13 Other Duties

The Board or the President shall assign other duties to committees, volunteers, or Board members such as game scheduling, uniform procurement, pictures, website maintenance, publicity, concessions, tournaments, and skills camps to enable the operation of the Club.

ARTICLE 12 – RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BOARD AND THE CLUB

12.1 The duties of the Board of Directors shall be as follows:

12.1.1 Interpret and enforce the Club's Constitution, Bylaws, Rules of Competition and decisions of the Board;

12.1.2 Establish all Club fees and charges;

12.1.3 Establish and administer all Club rules;

12.1.4 Resolve all disputes, protests and appeals there from, except as provided otherwise in the Club's Constitution, Bylaws and Rules of Competition or when KYSC's authority to do so is superseded by the STYSA or the USYS;

12.1.5 Establish and coordinate or approve all club play and tournaments;

12.1.6 Adopt a budget and approve all expenditures not budgeted; and,

12.1.7 Carry out all other duties and responsibilities as specified in the Club's Constitution, Bylaws and Rules of Competition.

12.1.8 Each board member is allowed one vote. Board members must be present to vote – no absentee voting.

12.2 The Board has the responsibility for fiscally prudent management of the funds of KYSC and Texas Premier F.C. and reporting on the financial condition of the Club in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).

The Treasurer shall collect all fees and have charge of all money of the Club and shall keep a detailed account of the income and expenditures thereof. The Treasurer shall pay on their own authority all bills under \$100.00. All bills over \$100.00 must be passed upon and approved by the Board before being paid by the Treasurer unless included in an approved budget. All items to be paid should be filed with an appropriate time sheet, game accounting, or receipt. No checks will be paid without a receipt, time card, or written accounting.

The Texas Premier F.C. financial statements will be provided to the Treasurer at the July Meeting to report the financial condition of the club in order for the Treasurer to report the summary of such at the KYSA August Board Meeting. The Board shall use this report, and any others it deems necessary, to monitor the financial soundness of KYSA and the Texas Premier F.C.

The Treasurer shall ensure compliance with all regulatory filings requirements of the Club, primarily the requirements of the Internal Revenue Service.

12.3 The President; Vice President - Coaches; Vice President - Boys; Vice President - Girls; Vice President - COED; Treasurer; and Vice President - Registration of the Club shall constitute an Executive Committee on matters demanding immediate attention, where it is impractical or impossible to call a Board Meeting.

12.4 The Discipline & Protest Committee will consist of the Vice President Coaches (Chairman), President; Vice President - Boys; Vice President - Girls; Vice President - COED; and the Vice President – Referees. For matters involving Texas Premier F.C., the Discipline & Protest Committee will include VP TPFC Div 1 and VP TPFC Div 2.

12.5 Any Board Member missing two successive meetings without notifying the Board, or missing more than 4 in any 12 month period for any reason, or conducting himself/herself in a manner detrimental to soccer or this Club, or for any other reason deemed sufficient by the Board, may have his/her office declared vacant at the discretion of the Board, which must so declare by a vote of at least six Board Members.

12.6 The Board shall transact all business of the Club, and shall have power to enter into contracts with outside vendors, rent/purchase materials/equipment for the benefit of the Club, enforce the laws

of the game, the rules of the United States Soccer Federation, the South Texas Youth Soccer Association, and the Constitution and By-laws of this Club. It shall have the power to settle all disputes.

- a. Contracts entered into on behalf of the Club must be approved by the Board unless approval and signature authority is expressly delegated to the President or another board member by a majority vote of the Board for specific agreements or contracts. Supporting documentation for award recommendations, such as copies of the proposed contract, bid analyses, or any other documentation the Board deems necessary, shall be provided to the board in writing in advance of the required approval by the recommending Board member.
- b. The Board shall have power to set up rules governing the Club, competitions, tournaments, and special competitions within its own structure. The exception to this is the National Cup competition, which is set up by the local Cup Commissioner, appointed by the South Texas Youth Soccer Association.

12.7 In case of dispute between teams, players and/or officials, the Discipline & Protest Committee will settle dispute.

12.8 The Coach to each team will have access to a copy of the Constitution and By-laws. All Coaches are required to achieve minimum of a USYSF Youth Module, or an equivalent course approved by the VP Coaches within 1 year of beginning to coach. Failure to do so will result in being ineligible to continue coaching.

12.9 The Constitution and By-laws may be altered, amended or repealed by a 2/3 majority vote at any special or general meeting of the Club provided that each team and Board member had received ten (10) days written notice of the proposed alterations, amendments, or repeals.

12.10 Any team or individual asking for rehearing of a case previously decided by the board, must obtain approval at a General Meeting to open the case at the next Board Meeting.

12.11 When conditions exist within a team under the jurisdiction of this Club which are not in the best interest of soccer or the Club, then the Board shall have the power to investigate such conditions and take whatever action it finds necessary.

12.12 If occasions arise that are not fully covered by these rules, the Board has full authority to investigate such occasions and take whatever action it finds necessary.

12.13 The Board may adopt operational Practices, with a majority vote of the Board, to facilitate functioning of the Club.

ARTICLE 13 - PROGRAMS

The Club will establish programs for both Recreational and Competitive soccer.

13.1 Recreational teams will be established by KYSA in each age division for which enough players are available to form a team and enough teams can be formed to create a minimum bracket of 4 teams, or can be placed with other leagues such as, but not limited, to Timberline to facilitate play.

Recreational Teams will be formed according to the following guidelines:

- a. Players, attending the same school or living in the same area will be assigned to the same team if space is available as per STYSA Team Formation Rules.

- b. If desired, coach will be assigned to team on which his/her child plays. Each team will be allowed 1 Assistant Coach.
- c. Teams will be reformed each seasonal year; no teams will carry over with the same roster.
- d. The Board shall have full authority to schedule or reschedule postponed games at all times.
- e. The Board reserves the right, with a majority vote, to select or remove any coach or referee.

13.2 Competitive Teams will be formed and administered by Texas Premier F.C. The Directors of Training shall have full authority over team formation and manager selection. The Directors of Training shall form teams according to the following guidelines to be rostered to participate in an intra / inter-association league in which:

- a. The use of tryouts, invitation, recruiting, or any like process to roster players to any team on the basis of talent.
- b. Players may be selected from the pool of players from any club / association in South Texas, provided they comply with applicable transfer rules.

ARTICLE 14 - SEASONAL AND FISCAL YEAR

14.1 The seasonal year shall be the same as the STYSA seasonal year.

14.2 The fiscal year shall begin on August 1 and end on July 31 of the following year.

ARTICLE 15 – MEETINGS

15.1 The authorized coach, or Board-approved alternate of each team in good standing, shall be entitled to one vote, and shall be recognized as the only delegate of said general Club Meetings.

15.2 All Club meetings will be open to the public; Board meetings may be closed at the discretion of the President.

15.3 A majority of voting delegates shall constitute a quorum at all meetings; a majority of votes cast shall decide all questions except amendments which require a majority of two-thirds of the votes cast. At Board meetings, only Board members may vote; at general Club meetings delegates may vote.

15.4 Board meetings may be held at the discretion of the Board, preferably once a month at a fixed time, day and place. In case of doubt as to procedure at any meeting of the Club, "Robert's Rules of Order", latest edition shall govern.

15.5 Unless otherwise agreed by the board, the Board Secretary shall post meeting minutes within 14 days following each meeting, and shall distribute the proposed agenda no later than 4 days prior to each meeting

15.6 Board members must be present at any meeting to vote. Votes by proxy will not be allowed, except as otherwise set forth herein.

15.7 Except as otherwise set forth herein, a majority vote of a quorum of the Board shall decide all matters except for amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws.

15.8 Agenda format and content shall be established or modified at the Board's discretion for all meetings. Unless otherwise established, the normal order of regular business meetings shall be as follows:

1. Call to order and roll call
2. Approval of minutes of previous meeting(s);
3. Guest(s)
4. Treasurer's report;
5. President's report;
6. Unfinished business;
7. New business;
8. Vice Presidents' reports;
9. Committee reports
10. Good of the Game
11. Adjournment.

15.9 The President may modify the order of presentation of any meeting's business to accommodate guests, Board members or to bring about the efficient handling of matters. All meetings shall be conducted in accordance with the most recent edition of Robert's Rule of Order, Revised unless specified elsewhere in this Constitution and Bylaws or STYSA or USYS rules of order.

15.10 Electronic meetings and voting (email/internet based or teleconference) are authorized provided they are conducted in accordance with rules established in advance by a majority approving vote of a quorum of the total Board.

BY-LAWS – RECREATIONAL PROGRAM

1. The Board may suspend any team or teams of the Club in any of the following events:
 - a. If such team, player or coach shall refuse or neglect to fulfill any of its obligations as a member, or violates any of the provisions of the Constitution, rules or by-laws of this Club.
 - b. If such team, players or coach shall commit any act that shall contravene or be inconsistent with the principles and standards of good sportsmanship.
2. All games played by members of this Club shall be under the jurisdiction of this Club, and no club or registered player thereof can participate in any other game unless the Board gives permission. Exempt from this rule, however, are National Cup Games, or any other games arranged by KYSA, the South Texas- Youth Soccer Association, or United States Soccer Federation.
3. All games under the jurisdiction of this Club shall be officiated by referees, appointed by the Vice President - Referees of the Club or designee except for the U-5 to U-7 Divisions (see KYSC Modified Rules of the Game):
 - a. In case the official referee fails to appear, a referee should be appointed by written agreement between the teams which both teams must sign. (KYSC league games only)
 - b. The Club shall set the fee for referees for the season in which the game is played.
 - c. The Club shall pay referee fees for Club games after an accounting of such fees is provided to the Treasurer.
 - d. Referees shall report to the Vice President - Referees of the Club or designee, the result of the game, and the goal scores. Any violations of rules and regulations by either team or their team officials must be included in the report, which shall be submitted within 24 hours after the game. Any case of misconduct, on or off the field of play at the game by players or officials, shall be reported by the referee, stating all the particulars of the misconduct within 24 hours after the game.
 - e. Should any referee become incapacitated during a game, from any cause that would prevent him from continuing same, he shall turn over control of the game to any other affiliated referee or person mutually agreed upon, who shall conduct the game to its conclusion. (KYSC Games Only)
 - f. If possible, referees will wear the official uniform with the official emblem.
 - g. The official referee shall be the sole judge on the field of play, and their decision shall be final. NO protest, based on referee decisions shall be allowed. Any complaints about any official referee shall be directed in writing to the Secretary of the Club with a copy to the President.
 - h. The referee shall have complete control of the game and may stop or terminate any game if the violation of any rules or the behavior of any team member, coach, or spectator is detrimental to soccer. Such actions will be reported to the Board.
 - i. In the event of bad weather during a game, it is the sole decision of the referee as to whether the game is stopped and/or restarted.
4. All teams under the jurisdiction of this Club shall play under the rules of the game as approved by the Club, KYSA, STYSA, and the United States Soccer Federation.
5. Players are registered with the Club for one year.
 - a. Proof of age shall consist only of birth certificate, baptismal papers, passport, or alien registration card.
 - b. The age of all players must be registered with the Club.
 - c. The Club requires registration and a fee for each individual season; such fee shall be non-refundable unless no team is formed for said age group.

6. Current full season shall be defined as beginning August 1st and ending July 31st of the following year. Each full season shall be made up of two seasons. The first season shall be called the fall season and defined as the time period from August 1st through December 31st. The second season shall be called the spring season and defined as the time period from January 1st through July 31st.
7. The Board shall select prior to any particular season (fall or spring), team sizes within KYSA and STYSA guidelines.
8. For any particular season, the Board may require Player Identification Cards for certain age groups. If they are required, they will be issued by the Club and will remain the property of the Club.
9. Each team shall be regarded as an individual unit.
10. No team shall have more than eighteen players registered at any time, including players under an indefinite suspension.
11. A player desiring release from a team shall apply to the Board. A player may be released at the discretion of the Board.
12. Any player withholding property belonging to the team of which he was last a member shall not be eligible for release.
13. Any player properly registered shall not play for any other team than that to which he is assigned, except in non-standing based tournaments.
14. A player deserting the team to which he is assigned and leaving the jurisdiction of the Club, upon return may be assigned to a team at the discretion of the Board.
15. Any team playing an ineligible player shall forfeit the game to the opposing team. An ineligible player taking part in any game shall be dealt with by the Discipline & Protest Committee, hereinafter referred to as "Committee".
16. A player removed from the field by the referee for misconduct (red card) shall stand suspended until his case has been dealt with by the Committee. If he submits a report to the Committee within 24 hours, the Committee will act upon the case within 72 hours.
17. A player listed on the official lineup shall be considered as a competing player.
18. All team members present at a game will play at least half the game unless exceptions are established by the Board for any particular season.
19. Each coach is responsible for the actions of his/her players, officials, and spectators, and is required to take all precautions to prevent spectators threatening or assaulting officials and players before, during, or at the conclusion of the game.
20. Any team player, official member, or spectator being proved to the satisfaction of the Board to have been guilty of any violation of the laws of the game, the rules and by-laws of the Club or of the United States Soccer Federation, or the South Texas Youth Soccer Association, KYSA, or of any misconduct detrimental to the game, shall be dealt with by the Board.

21. For any particular season, the Board may elect to permit protests according to the following parameters:
- a. Any team protesting a game must, through its coach, transmit such protest in writing (two copies) by handing one copy to the coach of the opposing team, in the presence of the referee, and before leaving the field of play- (this may include the dressing room). A second copy must be given to the referee at the same time. A formal protest in writing, stating all known facts, shall be sent to the Club secretary within three (3) days after the game, accompanied by a deposit of \$50.00 which shall be forfeited should the protest not be sustained.
 - b. Protests based on late starts and/or the field of play and equipment shall be filed with the referee in writing prior to the start of the game. A copy of the protest shall be handed to the coach of the opposing team at the same time.
 - c. Protests based on ineligible players shall be filed with the VP Referees not later than three (3) days after the game in which the player or players participated.
 - d. A formal protest, once filed, cannot be withdrawn.
 - e. The Board shall take such action in the matter as may seem proper.
22. Any team desiring postponement of any scheduled game must follow the procedures established by the Club.
23. In cases where the condition of the field may affect whether a game will be played, only the VP Coaches or designee's ruling can be accepted.
24. All games shall start on scheduled time. After fifteen (15) minutes delay, the tardy team will forfeit the game by a score of 1 to 0.
25. The standing of teams is determined by the procedures established by STYSA. (No standings are kept for U-8 and under)
26. If a team disbands, or if for any reason, a team shall not have played half of its scheduled games, the games played shall not count for or against opposing teams.
27. No team shall be allowed to withdraw from this Club without first obtaining permission from the Club.
28. Dimensions of the goals will be determined by STYSA Guidelines as described on the KYSC Modified Rules of the Game.
29. Substitutions shall be in accordance with USSF Youth Division Rule 2106 as outlined in the KYSC Modified Rules of the Game.
30. When a player or team official shall physically assault a referee, such assault shall suspend the offender automatically for not less than one year, up to three years from the time of such assault, pending appeal.
31. If, for any reason, a game is not played the full time, the Board shall have power to either reschedule the game or order the game stand as played, depending on the cause of the game not being played.