



# North Providence Youth Soccer Association

## Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules & Regulations 2004-2005

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## Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules & Regulations 2004-2005

The North Providence Youth Soccer Association (hereafter referred to as NPYSA) was founded to foster and accentuate teamwork, and to expand the idea of teamwork to instill a sense of "community". By this we mean to include teammates, coaches, parents, opposing teams, sponsors, and Board members to work together as a whole unit and mutually take pride in the accomplishments of the league. We will bring together children within the community regardless of the child's race, sex, color, or creed to participate in the game of soccer. We will keep the idea of sports as a pleasurable activity; that having a good time is as important as understanding the competitive aspects of winning and losing. We will instill in all members and players the ideals of good sportsmanship, integrity, loyalty, valor, and safety.

*ARTICLE I - .NAME*

The name of this organization shall be "North Providence Youth Soccer Association". It shall also be referred to as "NPYSA" or "this Association".

*ARTICLE II - PURPOSE*

The purpose for which North Providence Youth Soccer Association is organized is to provide non-profit, public, educational, soccer competition for youth under nineteen (19) years of age.

*ARTICLE III-BOUNDARIES*

The boundaries of North Providence Youth Soccer Association shall be that area that is defined by the Town of North Providence, RI

*ARTICLE IV - AFFILIATION*

The North Providence Youth Soccer Association shall be an affiliated member of, and comply with the authority of Soccer Rhode Island (SRI), the United States Youth Soccer Association (USYSA), and the United States Soccer Federation (USSF).

*ARTICLE V-ADMINISTRATION*

- A. The North Providence Youth Soccer Association shall be governed by a Board of Directors. The business of NPYSA shall be transacted by its Board of Directors.
- B. The Board of Directors shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Registrar. The NPYSA Board of Directors may also have, at its discretion, such other officers as may be appointed in accordance with the Bylaws of NPYSA.

*ARTICLE VI - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING*

- A. The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the association shall be held in June. The date shall be determined and published by the Board of Directors with a minimum of thirty (30) days public notice.
- B. At the AGM of NPYSA, the procedures and debate shall be in accordance with the Constitution, Bylaws and Rules and Regulations of NPYSA and the rules of parliamentary law known as "Robert's Rules of Order" (current edition).
- C. A majority of the existing Board of Directors of NPYSA shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at the AGM. In the event a quorum is not established at the AGM, the meeting will be rescheduled to a date not more than thirty (30) days from the original meeting date with notice by publication in a local newspaper of the new date.

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1. Call to order
2. Reading of Minutes of previous AGM
3. Acceptance of Minutes of previous AGM
4. Reports: Reports for the AGM shall be submitted to the NPYSA President ten (10) days

prior to the AGM date. In notice of meeting, all NPYSA voting members will be told that a copy of any report can be obtained.

- a. President
- b. Vice President
- c. Secretary
- d. Treasurer
- e. Competitive Director
- f. Developmental Director
- g. Coaches Director
- h. Referee Director
- i. Registrar

5. Unfinished Business
6. Proposals for amendments/changes to the Constitution, Bylaws, and/or Rules & Regulations of

## NPYSA

7. New Business
8. Election of Officers
9. Adjournment

### *ARTICLE VII - LOCATION OF PRINCIPAL OFFICES*

The Board of Directors ofNPYSA shall fix the location of the principle executive offices of the Association at any place within the boundaries ofNPYSA. If no other location is specified, the location of the executive office will be the home address of the President. A permanent Post Office Box shall be established as the official mailing address for NPYSA. .

### *ARTICLE VIII - COLORS*

The representative colors ofNPYSA shall match North Providence High School colors.

### *ARTICLE IX - RULES OF PLAY*

The NPYSA Board of Directors shall promulgate and implement Rules & Regulations pursuant to which the purpose ofNPYSA will be accomplished.

### *ARTICLE X - DISSOLUTION*

Should the Association be dissolved, all assets remaining after the payment of all debts shall be turned over to Soccer Rhode Island for the express purpose of the development of soccer,

*ARTICLE JYI - AMENDMENTS*

- A. Each affiliated member that is a voting member, in good standing, of this Association may submit amendments to this Constitution, Bylaws, or Rules & Regulations to the NPYSA Board of Directors. Such amendments must be submitted on or before the 1st day of May preceding the AGM at which time such amendments will be considered .

- B. All such proposed amendments shall be available on request to the voting membership of this Association at least thirty (30) days prior to the AGM at which such amendments will be considered.
- C. An amendment shall be deemed adopted by the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the voting members present at the AGM, provided that a quorum is present.
- D. Any amendment to this Constitution, adopted at the AGM, shall become effective at the beginning of the subsequent seasonal year
- E. Any amendment to the Bylaws and/or Rules & Regulations, adopted at the AGM, shall become effective immediately.

*RULE 1. MEMBERSHIP* A. Playing Member

Any playing age youngster interested in soccer who is a resident of the Town of North Providence, Rhode Island (or adjoining communities with no comparable soccer program) may become a playing member upon timely application and payment of the registration fee. All previously registered families regardless of residence may continue to be playing members. In all cases, preference for new playing members will be given to North Providence youngsters.

Voting membership is open to parents/legal guardians of playing members, sponsors, coaches, board members, and adult referees (18 years or older). Every voting member has one vote. A voting member must be present to cast a vote, All coaches, adult referees, and Board members are voting members. Parents/Guardians become voting members by registering their children in NPYSA.

*RULE 2. OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS* A. **Elected Officers**

The members of the NPYSA Board of Directors appointed by majority vote of the officers of Rule 2 Section A shall be Director of Coaches, Referee Coordinators, Town Representatives, Social Finance Committee, Equipment Manager, Publicity & Records, Sponsor Coordinator, Field Coordinator, CSD Coordinator. These positions will be appointed within 30 days of the general election.

The officers and members named in Rule 2, Sections A and B shall have equal vote in decisions of the Board. Over 50% of these members must be present for any decision of the Board.

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A vacancy in any position on the NPYSA Board of Directors will be filled at the next monthly meeting of the NPYSA Board of Directors by majority vote of the remaining members of the NPYSA Board. Written notice of the meeting for the election of new officer(s) shall be given no later than (10) days prior to the meeting for the officer(s) whose position is deemed vacant.

Conduct and call all general and Board meetings. Ex/officio of all committees. Signs official documents of the Soccer League. The President can approve operating expenses up to \$500.00. All checks of \$500 or more must be countersigned. Alternate to endorse checks.

Perform all duties and exercise all the powers of the President during his absence or incapacity, and shall perform such other duties as the Board may from time to time direct. The Vice-President will oversee field maintenance and equipment. Alternate to endorse checks. All checks of \$500.00 or more must be countersigned.

Maintain records of the Soccer League. Sign documents of the Soccer League with the President, Maintain correspondence of the Soccer League. Inform membership of meetings. Maintain names and addresses of sponsors of the Soccer League. Oversee uniforms and solicitation of sponsors.

Present reports at general and monthly meetings. Pay bills upon approval of the Board. File state reports in a timely manner. Maintain a single set of records. Must be bonded. Will oversee the concession stand and any fund-raisers. The Treasurer can approve operating expenses up to \$500.00. All checks of \$500.00 or more must be countersigned.

Oversee all competitive programs, promote and develop program. Supervise Indoor, Spring and Fall Competitive coordinators.

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Train, educate, certify and assign referees to games. Oversee payroll of referees. Must have a minimum state referee certification.

Maintain player/coach database. Perform all duties of the registrar in preparation for the fall developmental season. Assist time developmental Director in team formation and at the draft. Maintain and distribute current rosters during the fall developmental season. Provide reports and information to the town and state for insurance, reimbursement, and tournament purposes.

### ***RULE 3. MEETINGS A. General Meetings***

The Annual General Meeting in June is the only meeting at which the Constitution can be amended or the Bylaws or Rules changed. In addition to the Annual General Meeting, there will be two (2) additional general meetings to be held in March and November. A quorum for these meetings will constitute a quorum of the Board. The Board can call other general meetings as required.

As authority for the day-to-day operations of the league is vested in the Board, the President will call meetings of the Board as necessary. Over fifty-percent (50%) of the Board members must be present to establish a quorum. Each member in attendance has one vote. In general, decisions will be made by the majority vote of those present. Other members of NPYSA, especially chairpersons of committees, may be invited to attend Board meetings. They will not, however, have a vote. There will be no executive board. The schedule of regular board meetings will be announced. Board meetings will be open to the membership, but the Board may go into closed session to discuss disciplinary and/or ethics problems.

Coaches meetings will be held as necessary. Coaches must attend a majority of coaches meeting in order to vote on topics. Note that the Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules can be

amended only at the Annual General Meeting.

*RULE 4. ELECTION OF OFFICERS*

Election of general officers will take place at the Annual General Meeting in June. Nominations for all

electd officers will be taken from the floor. Election is by majority vote of the voting members present. Officers assume their positions immediately upon election. The current Board may propose a slate of officers nominated for positions and, under Robert's Rules, if no opposing nominations for any position are put forth, the Secretary can cast one ballot for the slate.

*RULE 5. COMMITTEES*

Committees will be established at the Annual General Meeting for the year. Appointments to committees

will be announced at the July NPYSA Board of Directors Meeting. Appointments to the committees will be approved by the NPYSA Board of Directors.

2. Each committee will elect its own chairman and will report at each NPYSA Board Meeting.

The Chairman will serve until the next election of the Board.

*RULE 6. REGISTRATION*

- A. The Association is responsible for the registering of players, proper affiliation of teams, proper accounting of all transactions and accurate reporting to the State Registrar and the State Treasurer of SRI.
- B. Each Team official/administrator shall be listed on the team roster. Players must use their full first name and last name on all registration material.

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- C. No player or team shall become an affiliated member of this Association until the above- stated documentation has been received by the State Registrar.
- D. Each competitive team shall be required to prepare and submit to the Board of Directors the proper team or player registration forms, the required number of photographs, and to pay all membership fees or fines that may be levied by this Association.
- E. All SRI competitive players registrations must be submitted by the team officials to the SRI Registrar one (1) month prior to the first regularly scheduled game which is official and counts for points and standing. Team assignment information must be submitted to the SRI Registrar one (1) week prior to the first regularly scheduled game.

***RULE 7. AGE LIMIT DEFINITIONS***

Age divisions shall be comprised of players who are, before the first day of August of the current seasonal year:

***RULE 8. PROOF OF AGE***

- A. Proof of age shall consist of a birth certificate, board of health record, passport, or alien registration card issued by the United States Government or Certification of Naturalization issued by the immigration and Naturalization Service.
- B. The Board of Directors may request that proof of age be established. Proof of age shall be presented within forty-eight (48) hours of the presentation of written requests. Failure to respond to such requests shall result in the immediate suspension of the player involved and forfeiture of all games in which that player participated.

*RULE 9. PLAYER SAFETY*

No player should be allowed to play in any regularly scheduled game with an injury which can be aggravated by playing or which constitutes a danger to others. No player wearing an orthopedic cast shall be permitted to play in any regularly scheduled game. Any request for a waiver of this regulation must be submitted to the SRI Board of Directors (NPYSA Board when applicable) in writing, together with a properly executed release and indemnity agreement signed by the parent or guardian of said player and (plus) a written statement from the player's personal physician/doctor permitting such involvement.

*RULE 10. GAME UNIFORM COLOR CONFLICT*

When the uniforms of two competing teams are similar (i.e., color conflict) the visiting team shall effect a change to colors, which are distinct from those of the opponent.

*RULE 11. CONDITIONS OF PLAYING FIELD*

Both teams shall be responsible for the condition of the field and its acceptance for play. The actual happenings and occurrences related to the conduct of the games and those prerogatives granted to the referee by the "Laws of the Game" as published by FIP A, shall not be challenged.

*RULE 12. PLAYER RELEASE AND TRANSFER*

- A. Any competitive player registered to a team is bound to that team for the entire seasonal year unless he/she requests a transfer. All requests for transfer shall be submitted to the SRI Registrar on a SRI Transfer Form, The reason for the request for transfer must be stated in the appropriate place on the form.
  - 1. Transfers will be signed by the President. In the President's absence the Competitive Director may sign the transfer. Releases may be signed by either the President or the Competitive Director. The President and or the Competitive Director shall advise the Board at [he next board meeting of all transfers that have been granted.
  - 2. A definition of the player release and/or transfer must be signed by the parents as NPYSA's record that the parents understand the implications and the repercussions of the release and/or transfer. The signed copy will be maintained by the Competitive Director.
- B. A team shall be limited to a total of three (3) transferred players per seasonal year. No team shall be allowed to release (drop) more than three (3) players from its roster during the seasonal year. Players who move to another state association or who are deceased shall not be considered a release (drop). Player transfers will not be accepted after the third week of the start of the Spring Season.

- C. A Player may submit a Temporary Release Form recognized by SRI that would allow a NPYSA. player for winter/indoor soccer to play for another association. Should a player wish to play for both NPYSA and another association, they may receive a temporary release, but the NPYSA team will take precedence in cases of conflicting schedules. Premiere teams always take precedence over competitive teams. Upon the conclusion of play for the other association, the player would return to NPYSA and there would have been no transfer under the transfer rules.
- D. Each member team shall be held primarily accountable for the conflict of persons associated with the member team in any manner whatsoever.
- E. During a game sanctioned by or regularly scheduled by SRI or any of its affiliated member teams, a referee may stop the game, eject any spectator from the grounds (field of play and areas surrounding the field and fields near the field upon which the game is being played) if in the opinion of the referee the offender is guilty of violent conduct, serious foul language or the use of foul or abusive language, or if the conduct is deemed to be interference by the offender as designated in subdivision (d.) of Law V .  
Referees . Laws of the Game. Each coach or other team administrators shall be held primarily responsible for the conduct of the spectators for or from their respective teams. At no time shall drinking of alcoholic beverages and/or smoking or chewing of tobacco be permitted at any game or practice sanctioned by or regularly scheduled by SRI or any affiliated team.

#### *RULE 14. TEAM RELEASE DURING THE SEASONAL YEAR*

A competitive team shall be allowed to join the playing schedule of another league only when it has completed all obligations to this Association, i.e., all scheduled competition and financial liabilities.

#### *RULE 15. PLAYING WITH PROFESSIONAL TEAMS*

Any player signing a "letter of intent", a professional contract, or playing with a professional team without the permission of the Board of Directors of SRI shall be declared a professional player and shall lose all privileges of youth amateur status. The Board of Directors of the state association may grant amateur players permission to play in benefit or exhibition games only, where professional players are involved. Permission must be requested in writing.

#### *RULE 16. ASSAULT OF AN OFFICIAL: CENSURE AND SUSPENSION*

- A. When any person shall assault "an official", the original jurisdiction to adjudicate the matter shall vest immediately in the SRI Board of Directors.

- B. An official, for the sole purpose of this specific regulation, shall be defined as a referee, official linesman, player, coach, or team administrator.
- C. Upon the happening of an assault of an official, NPYSA shall immediately gather evidence, which must be completed within five (5) days of the assault. Subsequently, a hearing on the issue of a suspension shall be held within ten (10) days after the conclusion of the gathering of evidence. The term "assault" (physical or verbal) shall be defined by USYSA Rule 3042.

***RULE 17. PROTEST AND APPEAL PROCEDURE***

- 1. There are no appeals of NPYSA Developmental program games.

The SRI Board of Directors is empowered to hear a protest or appeal that arises either from a game played under SRI jurisdiction or a decision made by a SRI official.

### **PART III: GENERAL RULE & REGULATIONS TEAM RULES**

#### *1. ORGANIZATION*

NPYSA provides a Boys program and a Girls program for Under 8 and older divisions. No boys are allowed to play in the Girls program. Girls may petition to play in the Boys program for both Developmental and Competitive. A written request by the parent/guardian must be submitted at registration. Petitions after the close of registration will not be accepted. The NPYSA Board has the authority to approve or deny this petition.

Players will not be allowed to register for, or play in, an age group other than the age group to which they belong by date of birth as determined by USYSA/SRI. For the Under 10 and older divisions, an exception to this rule is made for the player who plays Competitive Soccer at NPYSA and in his/her age division makes a Division 1 Team (A Team) to play up a division in the following season for Developmental Soccer, subject to:

- a. Consent of parents
- b. Recommendation of competitive coach(es)
- c. Approval of NPYSA Board

Also, in the U6 and U8 divisions, for the good of the game and the betterment of the player, an exceptional player may be granted the opportunity to move up to the next age division. This can be enacted before or even during the season by meeting the criteria of a. and c. above and having the recommendation of that player's Developmental head coach.

#### *2. MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PLAYERS*

The maximum number of players on a team will be determined by the Board following registration and preliminary team assignments with a target being:

- a. fifteen (15) players for teams playing 11 v 11,
- b. twelve (12) players for teams playing 8 v 8, and
- c. eleven (11) players for teams playing 6 v 6.

For the drafting age divisions, the number of players on a team will be established at the beginning of the respective age division drafts.

#### *3. MINIMUM PLAY PERIOD AND SCHEDULED GAMES*

Every player must play at least 50% of the game after attending one practice session during that prior week. Any suspected violations of this rule should be reported to the division coordinator. Coaches who enforce the requirement of attendance at practice must keep written records of

attendance. With US and U6 divisions being instructional, all players will play 3 quarters before any player plays four.

#### *4. ROSTERS*

No players may participate in a game without being properly registered. Proper registration consists of the acceptance of the player's registration application and assignment of the player to the team.

#### *5. EQUIPMENT*

Only soccer shoes, gym, or tennis shoes must be worn by all players. Baseball or football cleats will not be

allowed. Shoes must be soft-toed and must not have metal cleats. No hard or dangerous equipment is to be worn. This includes, but is not limited to casts, helmets, and body braces. All players must wear shin guards. All players will wear the uniform color shirt of NPYSA. Goalkeepers must be distinguishable by a shirt of a different color. No jewelry, including starter earrings, may be worn during practice or games.

Players, at their discretion, may wear "sweats" provided the player's uniform is visible and apparent in its entirety. The implementation of this rule shall extend only to NPYSA's Developmental Program .. Any program outside the jurisdiction of NPYSA shall not be impacted by this rule.

#### *6. PRACTICE TIME AND PLACES*

Practices may begin no earlier than one (1) month prior to the first regularly scheduled developmental game. Field availability for practice will be announced by the Board prior to the start of the Developmental season. Coaches are required to share available field space.

#### *7. KICK-OFF TIMES AND DATES*

Kick-off times and dates of regularly scheduled games may not be changed except by the Board. All games in the NPYSA Developmental Program shall have a definite starting time and length of game time established. All games will end at a time to be determined by the official start time or the following game on that field. Any games in progress when this end-time is reached will be terminated immediately and the game considered a complete game. Cancellation of games by a Board member shall supersede the referee's jurisdiction. The rescheduling of cancelled games shall be by the Board.

#### *8. CONDUCT*

Conduct which disrupts the team with which a member is associated, which is provocative

towards another member or team, which shows a disregard for the aims and purposes of the Association, or which is deemed by the Board to be detrimental to the best interests of the Association, shall be grounds for suspension from the league.

## ***9. CHANGES***

These rules may be changed by a 2/3rds vote of the voting members present at the Annual General Meeting

provided that a quorum is present. Without reference to any particular section, paragraph, or word, corrections in the Constitution, Bylaws, and/or Rules of NPYSA may be made for grammatical and spelling errors. All changes made to conform the language to proper English must not affect the substance of the section where the change occurs.

## ***iO.AWARDS***

Non monetary awards to the players are allowed as long as each team member will receive an award in the course of the season. This includes awards such as, but not limited to, ice cream, soda, pizza, patches, etc.

If a child quits his team during the season, he forfeits any awards. Exceptions are made for youngsters who quit because of sickness or injury. Exceptions can be made by the Board for parents who take their youngster off a team for cause and state the cause in writing to the Board.

## **COACHES RULES**

Coaches in North Providence Youth Soccer Association are approved by the Board and assigned coaching

responsibility for a team. All coaches are subject to the Bylaws and playing rules of the Association and decisions made by the Board. It is expected that all coaches will be familiar with the philosophy and rules of the Association and will abide by them. All people, whether paid or volunteer, who assist a coach on a regular basis must have Board approval and a disclosure form on file.

Coaches must demonstrate at all times good sportsmanship and teach fair play. Players should be encouraged to be as graceful in losing as in winning, and winning should be kept in perspective. Coaches are expected to encourage and teach their players respect for the rules, their fellow players, and officials.

Coaches are expected to help their players improve their soccer skills. At practices, every player from the most highly skilled to the least skilled should be given equal attention. During regular season games and all play-off games, every player must play at least 50% of the game unless the player is being disciplined for flagrant rules violations and/or missing of games and practices without a good reason.

Running up scores or embarrassing or humiliating another team is discouraged. Game scores will be monitored by the NPYSA Board for number of goal differential/game and players scoring multiple goals per game. For games where there is a large goal differential (7 goals), NPYSA may require the coach of the winning team to appear before the NPYSA Board to review the game and discuss whether game scores are being run up. Teams will exchange handshakes at the completion of the game and coaches will ensure that all players participate in the handshaking.

Coaches are responsible for maintaining and correcting the good conduct of their players at all times. Players who flagrantly violate the rules or consistently display poor sportsmanship must be disciplined.

Coaches are expected to set a good example, and therefore, alcoholic beverages, smoking and/or chewing of tobacco, and drugs are prohibited at all NPYSA games and practices sessions. Coaches must not appear before their team while under the influence of such. Coaches will not smoke while coaching a game or practice.

#### *6. POSITION ON THE FIELD*

The teams and spectators are not allowed to be together on the same side of the field and therefore must be located on opposite sides. The referee will require this separation and may ask the coaches' assistance in accomplishing this.

Coaching is not allowed at the ends of the field, especially near the goals. Likewise, spectators are not allowed at the ends of the field. Coaches are asked to remind parents and spectators of proper sideline behavior, and in general, to foster the ideals of sportsmanship and good manners.

#### *7. PRACTICES*

Coaches should schedule at least one (1) but not more than two (2) compulsory practices per week during the playing season. Coaches cannot require players to attend more than two (2) practices per week.

#### *8. EQUIPMENT*

Coaches are responsible for the equipment assigned to them for the duration of the season and are expected to return all equipment when their playing season is completed.

#### *9. ABUSE*

There will be no toleration of abuse, physical or verbal, of players, coaches, or officials.

#### *10. DISMISSAL*

Coaches must abide by the Bylaws and Code of Ethics of the North Providence Youth Soccer Association. Coaches may be dismissed as a result of violations of North Providence Youth Soccer Association Rules & Regulations, Bylaws, or Code of Ethics. Disciplinary problems with coaches will be handled by the Board.

#### *11. EVALUATION OF PLAYERS*

All coaches will fully cooperate in evaluating players according to the procedures established by the Board.

#### *12. REFUSAL TO FIELD A TEAM*

If a coach refuses to play a game, the coach forfeits the game and is subject to discipline. If both coaches refuse to play, it is a double forfeit. For certain conditions, the referee can red card a coach, at which time the coach must leave the field. A red carded coach is not allowed to pull his team off the field ..

#### *13. CONTACTING PLAYERS*

Coaches must make every effort to contact each player assigned to their team. This includes telephoning, writing a letter, and requesting assistance from the registrar. Each coach must submit a complete roster to the division coordinator when requested, no later than Labor Day.

***14. SUBMISSION OF ROSTER TO REFEREE***

For the U12 and older divisions only, coaches will submit a roster of their entire team to the referee at each

game. Players who do not show up for the game will be crossed off the submitted roster by the referee. NPYSA will preprint roster forms for the coaches.

***15. INJURED OR SICK PLAYERS***

Coaches will note on the roster injured/sick players who dress but do not play. If a player becomes ill, injured, or does not want to play, the coach will notify the other Head Coach and the referee.

***16. MAINTAINING A FULL ROSTER***

Coaches must maintain a full roster as long as children remain on the waiting list. Pull rosters will be determined by the Board prior to team formation. For the drafting age divisions, this will be communicated prior to the draft.

## SELECTION OF COACHES RULES *1. REQUIRED COACHES*

In order to provide adequate instruction and supervision, all teams must have a head coach and at least one

assigned assistant coach. A head coach is encouraged to choose additional assistant coaches. However, no more than three (3) coaches are allowed on the coaches' side of the playing field during a game. No phantom Head or Assistant coaches are allowed.

## *2. ASSISTANT COACHES*

The names of assistant coaches must be submitted to the Board prior to the second game of the season.

Additional changes must be approved by the Board.

## *3. APPROVAL OF COACHES*

All game-day coaches (head and assistant) must be approved by the Board.

## *4. SENIORITY FOR A VAILABLE POSITIONS*

All coaching applicants will be presented to the board. After receiving the recommendation from the Coaches Director, based on the criteria below, the names will be presented to the Board for their approval or disapproval.

- Highest State/National Soccer Coaches License
- Ability to work with youth in NPYSA
- Coach's conduct and ethics will be reviewed (i.e. red cards, disciplinary actions)
- Attendance in coaches' meetings (sign-in required)
- Active participation in NPYSA activities
- Coaching seniority in NPYSA (Head and/or Assistant Coaches)

If there is still a tie in any division for the selection of a coach, where NPYSA's Board of Directors cannot agree which coach should get the position, then the coaches' names will be selected from a hat while the coaches involved are present.

## *5. SUBSTITUTIONS*

A team cannot play a game without a coach. If none of a team's approved coaches can attend a game, the respective Division Coordinator, Developmental Director, or the

President can approve a replacement coach for the game.

## *6. LICENSE REQUIREMENTS*

All coaches at NPYSA shall have within one year of coaching any age division, a minimum of the age-appropriate state license. Any coach entering his/her second season of coaching without the minimum license may not be allowed to be a head coach of a team at NPYSA. The Coaches Director will coordinate sessions for these licenses to be awarded.

## **REGISTRATION RULES 1. *REGISTRATION***

Registration will take place early in the calendar year in order to provide ample time to prepare for the upcoming season. Registration will be extensively publicized through articles in local newspapers and fliers in the schools.

### **2. *REGISTRATION FEE***

Registration fees will be determined annually by the Board.

### **3. *REFUND OF REGISTRARION FEE***

Before the draft for a division is held, a written request for a refund of the registration fee will be honored for any reason. If a youngster on the waiting list is not assigned to a team, then the registration fee will be refunded. Once the youngster is assigned to a team, however, no refund will be made. At this time, financial obligations for uniforms, etc. have been made.

### **4. *WAITING LIST***

If the number of registrations exceeds the number of players the Association can field, the preference will

be given to North Providence residences and to children from neighboring towns who currently have siblings playing in the Association. All others will be added to a waiting list. A youngster is added to the waiting list when NPYSA receives the registration form, fee, and the birth certificate.

All players who register after the general registration are added to the waiting list. The registrar will assign a wait-listed player to the team with the least number of players based on the maximum number of players by team and the date of registration to the league (see Team Rules #2 under General Rules and Regulations). If two teams have the same number of players, the player is assigned to the team that would have been next by draft order. All coaches are required to keep a full roster until the waiting list is exhausted or the deadline for submitting rosters to the state is reached. A coach may not turn down an assigned player as long as he/she has not reached the maximum number of players allowed, on the team.

MISCELLANEOUS RULES *1. INCLEMENT WEATHER*

The primary factor in determining whether or not to cancel a game is the safety of the players. At game time, the referee of the game, under the supervision of the Referee Director, and/or the President of NPYSA will determine if the field is safe for play. During a game, the referee will stop the game if playing conditions become unsafe. Because of the shortness of the season and limitations of field availability for make-up games, NPYSA games will not be canceled if the field is deemed safe for play. Because the weather can change dramatically during a day, games will be canceled on a game by game basis depending on field conditions at the start of the game.

*2. INSURANCE*

All players and coaches are covered by the SRI insurance policy. This is a supplemental policy that covers medical expenses not covered by the participant's own insurance.

## **REFEREE RULES**

1. Children must be certified by the state at the time they work a game as a referee or a linesman.
3. If a qualified linesman is not available, the referee can enlist a person who is agreeable to both coaches and to the referee. Otherwise, the referee can opt to use a one (1) man system. Use of a Two (2) man system is illegal as it violates the official USYSA and SRJ policy for referee officiating.
4. In a rare instance; a coach can request that a particular referee not be assigned to his game. This is by no means a license to pick one's referees. It is intended to cover situations where a coach (e.g., teacher, police officer) has had a serious problem with a particular referee. The Referee Director will use his/her best judgment in responding to the request.
5. If a coach has concerns about the competence of a referee he should express his concern in writing to the Referee Director. Evaluation forms will be available at the field. The Referee Director will evaluate the performance of the referee and take appropriate action if deemed warranted. Action can include instruction, limitation of duties (e.g., restriction to being a linesman), or termination of services.
6. Because virtually all NPYSA referees are minors, NPYSA takes the position that referees work under the supervision of the Board and its representative at the field. This particularly pertains to decisions regarding safety (e.g., canceling of games because of inclement weather). The final decision on safety conditions will not be made by a minor.

## **TEAM FORMATION RULES: DEVELOPMENTAL PROGRAM *PHILOSOPHY***

The North Providence Youth Soccer Association house league is organized primarily as a community

soccer league. In accord with this concept, the team selection/formation process has been formulated with the primary emphasis on producing balanced teams, i.e., parity. Therefore, in the U8 through U16 divisions, teams will be disbanded and redrafted every year.

### ***RULE 1. CHILDREN OF COACHES***

A head coach can choose one (for a team selection purpose) assistant coach. The head coach and assistant can have their children on their team, provided the assistant coach's child does not violate the "A" player rule. This rule does not limit the number of assistant coaches on a team, but rather it only limits the number of children that can be pre-selected to a team.

### ***RULE 2 BROTHER/SISTER SITUATIONS***

If multiple children from a family play in the same division and age group, they will normally be assigned

to the same team. The purpose of this "Brother/Sister" rule is to minimize transportation problems for parents. Consequently, the "Brother/Sister" rule is intended to include all children living in the same family unit such as foster children and children from a previous marriage. Parents must inform the league of cases in which application of the "Brother/Sister" rule is not apparent, particularly cases of different surnames. Parents can request that the children not be on the same team. Coaches **MUST** use a draft pick for each sibling. The "Brother/Sister" rule cannot violate the "A" player rule.

### ***RULE 3. DIVISION OF PLAYERS INTO FOUR GROUPS***

After coaches' children have been pre-selected, all other children in a division will be divided into three (3)

categories:

### ***RULE 4. RANKING OF PLAYERS***

All players going into the draft will be ranked according to the procedure established by the Board. Rankings allow coaches to evaluate players who are part of the draft. If a team is not ranked by its coach, the players on that team who belong in the draft will be drafted. On the evaluation sheets they will be listed as unranked.

For the purpose of the draft of players into the Developmental Program, those players who played competitive soccer the prior season on any Division I Teams ("A" Teams) are "A" players. Players who

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played on a team no higher than Division II Teams ("B" Teams) would be identified as "B" players. Division III Team ("C" Team) players would be identified as "C" players but their number will not be limited on any team. In the draft, the "A" players would be picked first for teams. After the "A" players, the "B" players would be picked. Any "Select" player from another organization registering for NPYSA will go into the draft as a "Select" (A or B) player, to be determined at or prior to the draft.

The purpose of the letter code is to place constraints on the number of exceptional/experienced players allowed on one team. This "A" player rule will not be violated.

For example, assume there are thirty-four (34) "A" players for twelve (12) teams. A team would be limited to a maximum of three (3) "A" players ( $34/12 = 3$ ), where 2 teams would have only 2.

### *RULE 5. ORDER OF SELECUIOIV OF TEAMS*

#### *A. Coaches Children*

The children of the head coach and the first assistant coach are assigned to the team. Each child is considered a draft pick. A coach must use his/her first pick(s) in the appropriate categories below, based on the number of children.

#### *B. "A" Players*

All "A" players will be drafted according to the rules of the draft. All "A" players will be drafted before moving to the "B" players. Exception: once a team's allotment of "A" players has been reached and they arrive at their turn in the draft, the coach may choose from the "B" player pool.

#### *C. "B" Players*

All "B" players will be drafted according to the rules of the draft. All "B" players will be drafted before moving to the non-rated players. Exception: once a team's allotment of "A" and "B" players has been reached and they arrive at their turn in the draft, the coach may choose from the "Non-Rated" player pool.

### *RULE 6. PROBLEMS JVITH ASSIGNMENTS*

In extreme cases, problems with player assignments will be resolved on a case by case basis by the Board of Directors.

### *RULE 7. ORDER OF DRAFTING*

The order of the draft will be decided by hat pick. All coaches' names will be placed in a hat. The Registrar will then pick out the names to decide the order of pick with the first name chosen as having the first North

position to pick. This will continue until all coaches' names have been drawn, thereby completing the draft order.

The Board member assigned by the President to conduct the draft, with the assistance of at least two members of the Rules Committee and the Registrar, is authorized to make any necessary decisions at the draft. This Board member may not be drafting, coaching, or assistant coaching in the age division. At the draft, just prior to its commencement, the Board member will list

- A. The identity of the "Premier" players who intend to play in the Developmental program,
- B. The identity of players who are "playing up",
- C. The number of A and B players allotted per team, and
- D. The order of the draft.

If an error in drafting occurs during the drafting procedure that prevents the equitable distribution of select players, the draft will begin from where the error was made.

***RULE 8. DRAFT ORDER FOR ROUNDS 2 AND ON***

As an illustration, the order of the draft for five teams would be as follows:

ROUND 1 Team A TeamB Team C TeamD TeamE

ROUND 2 TeamE Team A TeamB TeamC TeamD

ROUND 3 TeamD TeamE Team A TeamB TeamC

ROUND 4 TeamC TeamD TeamE Team A TeamB

ROUNDS TeamB Team C TeamD TeamE Team A

ROUND 6 Team A etc.

## *SOCCER PROGRAMS*

NPYSA sponsors a number of programs for the youth of North Providence:

### *1. DEVELOPMENTAL SOCCER*

Developmental soccer, played in the fall, is open to all youngsters. The program is limited only by the availability of fields and coaches. NPYSA makes every effort to accommodate all those who register. Late registrations are placed on a waiting list and rostered to teams, as space becomes available, on a first-come, first-served basis.

### *2. FALL TRAVEL SOCCER*

Fall Travel soccer is run by SRI and is optionally offered at the discretion of the NPYSA Board based on the recommendation of the Competitive Director and the Competitive Committee.

### *3. INDOOR COMPETITIVE SOCCER*

In Indoor soccer, NPYSA sponsors teams that play other Competitive/Select teams in a statewide league. The number of teams is strictly limited by the availability of players and court time. The number of teams NPYSA can sponsor is not known until all towns submit their requests and the available court time is allotted. In other words, after NPYSA submits its list of teams, the tournament then tells us how many of our teams were accepted. Consequently, NPYSA cannot guarantee that every child who registers will play. Three levels of teams are submitted:

- i. "A" Team: The coaches of the "A" Team pick the players they believe will make the strongest competitive team for NPYSA. They have first pick from the tryout results.
- ii. "B" Team: The coaches of the "B" Team have the pick of the next players from the tryout results.

Often, the coaches of "B" teams pick the best-rated younger players in the age group in order to build what may be next years' "A" team.

Coaches for indoor soccer are in short supply partly because the severe shortage of court time causes some games to be scheduled during the traditional work day (late afternoon and during the clay at school breaks).

Choosing players for Indoor Soccer -. The indoor coaches usually take coaching quite seriously. They tend to watch a number of soccer games each weekend to scout their opponents for the rest of the season, to evaluate players for the draft and the competitive program. Tryouts are held for U8-U14 divisions. The indoor coaches are then given a pool of players from the results of the tryouts. The coaches then choose their teams from the pool of players.

#### *4. SPRING COMPETITIVE SOCCER*

The spring soccer program is a mirror of indoor. Spring soccer teams, additionally, play in out of state tournaments.

#### *5. SUMMER CAMP*

Summer Camp is open to all youngsters who register.

### COMPETITIVE SOCCER PROGRAM

The following articles expand the purpose of North Providence Youth Soccer Association to allow for the participation of select NPYSA teams in local, state, regional, and national competitive soccer programs. The following additions to the existing articles apply only to the competitive soccer program and do not change or an end the articles as they apply to the Developmental program.

#### *1. PURPOSE*

The purpose of North Providence Youth Soccer Association's Competitive Soccer program shall be to bring together the most skilled players ofNPYSA and to provide them with the opportunity to participate in the competitive soccer programs offered through other organizations. Such participation will benefit the entire league by raising the participants' skill levels, the level of play within the entire league, and increase interest in the game of soccer.

#### *2. COMPETITIVE DIRECTOR AND COORDINATORS*

The Competitive Director will appoint the Competitive Committee, which will consist of the Competitive Secretary, Competitive Treasurer, the Competitive Coordinators, and the NPYSA Coaches Director, with Board approval. They are to work with all North Providence teams participating in competitive soccer programs offered through other soccer organizations. It shall be the duty of the Competitive Director under the constitutional guidelines of NPYSA to supervise the formation, management, and participation of NPYSA teams within the competitive soccer program entered.

It shall be the duty of the Coordinators to make application for and supervise the use of appropriate facilities such as gymnasiums, soccer fields, and equipment for their respective seasons. Coordinators are to report directly to the Competitive Director.

#### *3. FINANCES*

Each select league will have its own budget amid be self-supporting. Finances and funding will come from the Competitive accounts.

#### *4. PLAYING AREA AND RULES OF PLAY*

The playing area and rules of play shall be established by the sponsoring organization. Any reasonable and safe playing surface and rules shall be acceptable.

### ***5. NUMBER OF PLAYERS PER TEAM***

The number of players on each team will be established by the team's head coach. The exception is for indoor teams, where the minimum shall be two lines and a goalie, and the maximum shall be the minimum plus 2. Note that the maximum can not exceed that allowed by the sponsoring organization. In the event of an insufficient number of players, a team can be established with the Competitive Director's and Board's approval.

### ***6. PLAYER MISCONDUCT***

Any player who intentionally commits any of the five (5) following offenses shall be reported by the coaching staff to the Competitive Director for appropriate disciplinary action.

3. Kicks or attempts to kick a teammate, an opponent, or an official, outside of the flow of play and with intent to cause injury
4. Conducts himself/herself in such a fashion as to cause damage to NPYSA's reputation or the facility's, or to endanger the participants, spectators, or officials

The Competitive Director, with lie advice and consent of the Board, is empowered to discipline players. Disciplinary action, when deemed appropriate, can range from a verbal reprimand to removal from the team.

### ***7. SPECTATOR MISCONDUCT***

Since the conduct of the spectators at soccer games in which NPYSA teams participate reflects on NPYSA,

it is necessary that proper behavior be required. Where the spectators, who are the parents, friends, or supporters of a particular player, continually behave in a rude or disruptive manner, that player may be suspended from the team or removed from the team by the Competitive Director with the advice and consent of the Board.

Every NPYSA player must be given a fair chance to compete for a position on a NPYSA competitive team. Selection of players to competitive teams will be based on evaluations of players during tryouts. U 12, U14 and U16 players are not required to play in the Developmental program, but they must be paid, registered members of NPYSA. Those U12 and U14 players who don't, still must attend tryouts in order to be considered for competitive soccer. Tryouts are mandatory and dictated by the Competitive Committee. The Competitive Committee will determine the method for evaluations/tryouts. Players will be evaluated by a

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minimum of five (5) coaches who have a state "D" license or higher. At the Board's discretion, experienced soccer personnel not holding a "D" license may be used.

Players will be evaluated on forms provided by the Competitive Committee. All players at tryouts will be ranked based on the composite scores from all the coaches. Attendance at a tryout is mandatory for divisions U8, UIO, U12, and U14 for Boys and Girls programs.

Players who want to tryout for NPYSA Competitive teams must submit a registration form prior to the published deadline, if required. Except for high school players, players must register and play for their normal age group as determined by date of birth, except as noted in the next paragraph. Because of the fifty (50) percent rule for varsity players and the much smaller pool of players in the older divisions, varsity players may play up on any team for which they are selected. Tryouts are optional for teams with high school varsity players.

Players may register and play for one higher age group in competitive soccer as long as they played on an "A" team the first year in the age division the prior year. If players challenge up to the next age division and make the "A" team in the second year, they may again challenge up. The players must tryout with their normal age group and again with the age group they are challenging into. The teams in the division that is being challenged into will take precedence over that which the players would have normally played in. For example, if a player would normally play in the UIO division and tries out for UIO and U12 divisions, he/she would have to accept placement on any U12 team that he/she were chosen for, i.e., a U12 "c" team takes precedence over the UIO "A" team ..

The board will inform coaches of time pool of players that are available to them for selection. With the permission of the board, coaches can select a player below the assigned pool if the coach can demonstrate to the Board that the player should be on the team to fill a position. A coach is allowed two (2) such requests on teams with a roster of less than fourteen (14) and three (3) requests on teams with a roster of fourteen (14) or more.

If there were an unforeseen case where a player cannot make a tryout for a legitimate reason (such as an injury or family emergency), that player would still be eligible for the upcoming competitive season. After being evaluated by state "D" license coaches, the player would then be placed in the appropriate pool of players.

1. **A Team:** The head coach of the "A" team picks the players from their assigned pool that he/she believes will make the strongest competitive team for NPYSA.
2. **B Team:** The head coach of the "B00 team picks the next players from the retraining pool of players.

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3. **C Team:** The head coach of the "C" team picks the next players from the remaining pool of players.

For U12, U14, and U16 teams, the player must play for the highest team for which he/she is picked. If the player chooses not to play for that team, he/she forfeits a position on any other NPYSA Select team. For U8 and U10 teams (Developmental/Non-Result Oriented), players should play for the highest team for which he/she is picked. If the player chooses not to play for the highest team, they may forfeit a position on any other NPYSA Select team. This decision is up to the Board. Once rostered to a team, there will be no refunds. Rosters are not finalized until three (3) weeks after the beginning of the season. All rosters must be approved by the Competitive Committee. All divisions must field a Competitive "A" team unless otherwise approved by the Board.

NPYSA players have priority on NPYSA Competitive teams. In general non-NPYSA players will be placed on NPYSA teams if NPYSA players are not available. Two exceptions are as follows:

1. Players from neighboring towns that do not have a competitive program will be accepted at tryouts.
2. Teams with high school varsity players are exempt from this rule.

Under, no condition will NPYSA prevent a NPYSA registered player from playing in another town. (Refer to Bylaws, Rule 14 for Release rules.)