

YORK REGION SOCCER ASSOCIATION



CONSTITUTION

Bylaws & Rules and Regulations

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Preamble

The York Region Soccer Association is a company incorporated in Ontario without Share Capital (often referred to as “Not-for-Profit”) as company number 001220962.

Mission

To provide direction, governance and administration for the members within the York Region District, as defined by the Provincial Soccer Association. To promote the development and effective administration of the game of soccer for everyone involved; including players, coaches, referees, administrators and Board Members.

Order of Precedence

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Constitution

Article 1: Name, Location and Objectives

The name of the organization shall be “THE YORK REGION SOCCER ASSOCIATION” hereinafter referred to as “the District Association” or “the YRSA”.

The Association shall locate its head office in the Regional Municipality of York.

The objective of the Association shall be to promote, develop, govern and administer the game of soccer, both indoor and outdoor, in the Regional Municipality of York.

Article 2: Membership

The Association shall have membership categories as defined in sections 2.1 – 2.3.

2.1 Active Members

This includes all properly constituted clubs based and operating in the Regional Municipality of York that have met the requirements for Active membership as defined in the Bylaws.

2.2 Associate Members

This includes all competitive and recreational District, Inter-District or Multi-Jurisdictional Leagues, Professional teams, Referees’ Associations, Coaches’ Associations, Schools, Colleges, Universities, Academies and Camps operating within the Regional Municipality of York that have met the requirements for Associate membership as defined in the Bylaws.

2.3 Honorary Life Members

This includes individuals who have made a notable contribution to the Association over an extended period of time and have been formally recognized for this contribution as per the Honorary Life membership section of the Bylaws.

Article 3: Officers, Board of Directors and Election

3.1 Officers and Executive Committee

The Officers of the District Association with the authority to sign cheques and other legal documents and commitments on behalf of the District Association shall be as follows:

- The President
- The Vice-President
- The Treasurer
- The Secretary

These four positions shall comprise the Executive Committee and, as such, they shall act as an advisory and steering committee of the Board as a whole. The Executive Committee must refer proposals and decisions to the Board as a whole, except where the decision is already within the scope of authority of one of its member; or, where the Board has specifically empowered the Executive committee to make the decision in question.

In the event that an Executive Committee member resigns and is not immediately replaced or, if an Executive Committee member is expected to be unavailable for an extended period, the Board may appoint one of the other Directors as an additional Signing Officer. Such appointment is only until such time as the Executive committee member becomes available or until that Executive Committee position is filled.

3.2 Board of Directors

The Board of Directors of the District Association shall include the Officers of the Association and four additional members who shall have specific roles as follows:

- Director of Development Programs
- Director of League Operations
- Two Directors-at-Large

3.2.1 Positions to be Elected and Term

Officers and other Board members shall be elected for a two-year term at a General Meeting as detailed below.

To be elected in the even numbered years:

- President
- Secretary
- One Director-at-Large

To be elected in the uneven numbered years:

- Vice-President
- Treasurer
- Director of Development Programs
- Director of League Operations
- One Director-at-Large

3.2.2 Nominations for Board Positions

i) The Board shall appoint a Nominating Committee Chairperson and Nominating Committee Members to accept nominations for positions up for election at a General Meeting.

ii) The Board may establish a 'slate' of recommended candidates for positions that will

be up for election.

iii) An individual may be nominated by an Active or Associate Member or he_/she may nominate himself / herself.

iv) In order to stand for election, an individual must have reached the age of majority and may not be an undischarged bankrupt.

v) In order to stand for election, an individual must be a current member of an organization that is an Active or Associate member of the YRSA; and/or a resident of York Region;

vi) In order to stand for election for the position of President, an individual must satisfy the other requirements in this section; and, must have served at least one year as a member of the YRSA Board of Directors. In the case that no qualified individual has come forward to stand for the position, nominations will be accepted for individuals who have not served at least one year on the YRSA Board of Directors but meet the other requirements to stand for a position on the Board of Directors.

Article 4: Meetings

4.1 General Meetings

4.1.1 Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the District Association shall be held in the month of November. All members shall receive fourteen (14) days clear notice of the time and location of the Annual General Meeting. Notification may be by any one or combination of: email, fax, mail, phone call or posting to the District web site. The agenda shall be as defined in By-Law 10, including the presentation of Financial Statements and the Auditors report.

4.1.2 Special General Meetings

- A Special General Meeting may be called by the Board of Directors by its own motion.
- A Special General Meeting shall be called within fourteen (14) days and held within thirty (30) days following the receipt of a written request signed by not less than one-third (1/3) of the Active and Associate Members.
- All Members shall receive fourteen (14) days clear notice of the date, time and location of any Special General Meeting and business to be dealt with.
- Only the business for which a Special General Meeting has been called will be dealt with, except with unanimous consent of those present.

4.1.3 Quorum

A majority of Active and Associate Members votes shall form a quorum at all General Meetings.

4.1.4 Voting at General Meetings

i) General

- a) Only accredited delegates of the Members shall be eligible to vote
- b) There shall be NO voting by proxy.
- c) A simple majority of votes shall carry on any issue except where a specific majority requirement is defined in the Constitution or the Bylaws.
- d) Voting for Board positions shall be by secret ballot conducted using ballots for each member that indicate the number of votes being cast.
- e) The Chairperson shall appoint scrutineers to collect and count ballots.
- f) Voting for any other topic shall be by show-of-hands unless a member requests a secret ballot.

ii) Eligibility and Right to be Heard

A Member of the District Association shall be entitled to the following representation and voting rights at all General Meetings of the District Association:

a) Active Member

An Active Member shall be entitled to one (1) vote for every ten (10) dollars registration revenue retained by the Association, exclusive of fines.

b) Associate Member

An Associate Member shall be entitled to one (1) vote.

c) Board Members and Honorary Life Members

The Board of Directors and Honorary Life Members shall have a voice but no vote at General Meetings.

4.2 Meetings of the Board of Directors

- The Board shall meet every month.
- A majority of Directors from the Board shall form a quorum.
- Every Director present shall have one vote on every motion.
- Directors shall be bound by the Conflict of Interest policy defined in the Rules and Regulations.
- No Director shall be present at discussions concerning appeals that involve his/her own club.

Article 5: Amendments to the Constitution, Bylaws and Rules and Regulations

Amendments to the Constitution and/or Bylaws may only be made at a General Meeting.

- All proposed amendments to the Constitution and / or By-Laws shall be forwarded, in writing, to the District Association no later than thirty (30) days prior to a General Meeting;
- Copies of the proposed amendments to the Constitution and/or Bylaws shall be sent to all Members not less than fourteen (14) days prior to a General Meeting at which they will be considered;
- Amendments to the Constitution and / or Bylaws shall require a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of those delegates present and voting at a General Meeting unless otherwise required by law.
- Amendments to the Constitution or Bylaws become effective immediately upon approval at a General Meeting, unless otherwise stipulated.
- Amendments to the Rules and Regulations shall require a simple majority of those delegates present and voting at a General Meeting unless otherwise required by law. Rules and Regulations may also be adopted, changed or suspended by the Board of Directors by a simple majority vote of all of the Directors (present or not).
- Changes to the Constitution, Bylaws or Rules and Regulations shall be published to members within 45 days of approval of such changes.

BY-LAWS

By-Law 1 – Head Office

The District Association shall locate its Head Office in the Regional Municipality of York.

By-Law 2 – Affiliation

The District Association shall be affiliated with the Provincial Soccer Association as specified in the Rules and Regulations.

By-Law 3 – Conduct of Meetings

3.1 Rules of Order

All meetings of the District Association shall be conducted in accordance with Roberts' Rules of Order insofar as they may apply.

3.2 Presiding Officer

The President shall preside at all General Meetings of the District Association, and in his/her absence, the Vice-President shall take the chair. The absence of both of these officers shall require the selection, by the members present, there being a quorum, of a pro-tem Presiding Officer.

3.3 Quorum

A majority of Active and Associate Members votes shall form a quorum at all General Meetings.

By-Law 4 – Membership

The District Association shall be composed of Members as hereinafter set out, and it shall be managed by a Board of Directors constituted as stated in these By-Laws.

4.1 Categories of Members

The District Association shall be composed of the following categories of members:

- i) Active Membership which shall be open to all properly constituted clubs based and operating in the Regional Municipality of York;
- ii) Associate Membership: All soccer organizations defined in Constitution Article 2.2, with the exception of Schools, Colleges, Universities, Academies and Camps must become associate members of the YRSA. Schools, Colleges, Universities, Academies and Camps may optionally apply for Associate Membership.

- iii) Associate Membership – Professional Teams: Professional teams that have franchises within York Region and are operated as independent, entrepreneurial entities may register with the District Soccer Association as an Associate member. Within the prevailing Policies and Procedures of the Provincial Soccer Association, the YRSA will provide such teams with basic services such as registration on behalf of the Provincial Soccer Association. In doing so, the YRSA cannot take responsibility for such clubs / teams / players or play any governance role because these organizations do not meet the criteria to be, active members.

It should be noted that a professional or semi-professional team may be part of a club that is an active member of the YRSA. In such a case, the YRSA role with respect to governance of such a team, it's players and those directly involved in operating the franchise will be the same as for any other players, teams, coaches or administrators, but limited by any specific rules or policies defined by the Provincial Soccer Association for professional teams.

4.2 Categories of Active Member Clubs

The District Association shall include as Active Members, Clubs that are subject to their own Constitution and the Policies, Procedures and Constitutional requirements of the District Association and the Provincial Soccer Association. They represent their Club League(s), teams, players and other personnel involved in their programs at meetings of the District Association and are formed and operated under two major categories:

- i) The YRSA recognizes '**Full-Service Clubs**', and grants them the right to operate teams with different types of team status, team classification, team season, team gender, and team age divisions (including youth and seniors).
- a) The Youth Divisions of a Full-Service Club must be community based and the concept of 'Boundaries' (per Article 23) applies;
 - b) The teams in the Senior Division of a Full-Service Club will be registered in a Senior Age Division as defined by the Provincial Soccer Association. The Senior Division of a Full-Service Club is not required to be community based, and the concept of 'Boundaries' (per Article 23) does not apply.
 - c) Professional or Semi-Professional teams within a Full-Service Club will be registered as such with the appropriate governing body (as per the Policies and Procedures of the Canadian Soccer Association and the Provincial Soccer Association)
- ii) The YRSA recognizes '**Senior-Only Clubs**' and grants them the right to operate teams with different types of team status, team classification, team season and team gender. Teams must be registered in a Senior age division as defined by the Provincial Soccer Association. Senior-Only Clubs are not required to be community based, and the concept of 'Boundaries' (per Article 23) does not apply.

Senior-Only Clubs may also operate a Professional or Semi-Professional team. In that case, the team will be registered as such with the appropriate governing body (as per the Policies and Procedures of the Canadian Soccer Association and the Provincial Soccer Association)

4.3 Membership Requirements – Active Members

In order to qualify for (and retain) Active membership in the YRSA, a club must meet the following requirements:

- 1) Be registered as a “Not-for-Profit” numbered company with the Ontario Government
- 2) Have a club constitution that includes the following provisions:
 - i) An Annual General Meeting must be held with notice going to all members.
 - ii) A year-end financial statement must be available to those present at the Annual General Meeting or to any member requesting it subsequent to the Annual General Meeting.
 - iii) An election of officers, by its members, must be held at the Annual General Meeting.
 - iv) Members must have the right to call a Special General Meeting. All members must be informed and notice of the Special General Meeting must be provided.
 - v) A definition of voting members that includes as members those who pay registration fees to the club. In the case of members under the age of majority, a parent or guardian is to be allowed to vote on behalf of such a member.
- 3) Sign a membership agreement in which the officers of the organization, on behalf of that organization, agree to be bound by the constitution, policies and procedures of the Provincial Soccer Association and the District Soccer Association.
- 4) Meet all financial and filing obligations to the YRSA.

4.4 Active Member - Club League Requirements

Both Full-Service and Senior-Only Clubs may operate CLUB LEAGUES that are subject to the Constitution of that Club. A CLUB LEAGUE shall:

- i) Be formed and operated by its Club;
- ii) Permit the participation of players who have been registered by the Club in a classification that is appropriate for Club League participation, as per the published rules of the Provincial Soccer Association.
- iii) Have a maximum and minimum number of teams in accordance with the published rules of the Provincial Soccer Association and its Governing Bodies.
- iv) If delegated by the District Association, control the discipline of its teams, players, team staff, and its club officials, involved in league activities only; and,
- v) If delegated by the District Association, appoint referees to officiate games under its jurisdiction.

4.5 Associate Member Leagues

As a requirement for membership in the Provincial Association, The District Association must affiliate at least one Youth League and one Senior League. Each of those Leagues must register at least six teams; and at least one of those Leagues must be a level 4 District League or Multi-Jurisdictional District League in which at least six of the District's teams are registered.

4.6 Membership Fees

Annual membership fees for each category of membership shall be established by the Board of Directors and presented to the Membership for approval at a General Meeting of the District Association. They shall be based on the following criteria:

- i) Active Membership Clubs: A levy on each player and team over and above the levy applied by the Provincial Soccer Association and its Governing Bodies.
- ii) Associate Membership: A flat fee as determined from time to time.

4.7 Membership Renewals

4.7.1 Active Membership

Active Members wishing to renew their status for the coming year shall, prior to the Annual General Meeting:

- i. Pay a portion of their fees for the upcoming year amounting to not less than ten per cent (10%) of their fee for the year ending at the Annual General Meeting
- ii. Pay any and all outstanding balances
- iii. Meet all filing requirements, as outlined in "Rules and Regulations Section 3. Filing Requirements".
- iv. Sign a membership agreement in which the officers of the organization, on behalf of that organization, agree to be bound by the constitution, policies and procedures of the District Soccer Association and its Governing Bodies.

Members failing to satisfy these requirements will not be in good standing with the Association until the requirements have been satisfied. A member not in good standing:

- i. Will forfeit voting rights at Association Meetings;
- ii. At the direction of the Board, may be refused services by the Association, including but not limited to the registration of players, coaches, administrators and the club itself;
- iii. At the direction of the Board, may have its access to the computerized registration system terminated;
- iv. At the discretion of the membership, may be de-registered as a club.
- v. At the discretion of the Board, for any filing requirements that a member cannot meet due to limitations in its own constitution, the member may be granted an extension of up to one year, without penalty, in order to correct such a constitutional limitation.

4.7.2 Associate Membership

Associate Members wishing to renew their status for the coming year shall pay the entire fee required for that year prior to the Annual General Meeting.

Associate members must satisfy all Associate member requirements, as defined in the Rules and Regulations, in order to apply for, or renew, their Associate Member status.

4.8 Rights of Active Members

Active members in good standing shall have rights as follows:

- I) To be governed in accordance with the District Association Constitution, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations.
- ii) To attend and vote at all general meetings of the District Association.
- iii) To operate Club Leagues as per District Association requirements.
- iv) To participate in programs sanctioned by the District Association.
- v) To operate development programs including, but not limited player, coach and referee development programs.

4.9 Rights of Associate Members

Associate members in good standing shall have rights as follows:

- I) To be governed in accordance with the District Association Constitution, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, in-so-far as they apply.
- ii) To attend and vote at all general meetings of the District Association.

4.10 Discipline of a Member

A Member may be fined, censured, suspended or expelled from Membership for cause after charges have been laid in accordance with the District Association's Constitution and By-Laws and a hearing held in accordance with the District Association's Constitution and By-Laws; and, applicable published rules of the Provincial Association and its Governing Bodies. A Member whose Membership has been suspended loses all rights of Membership until the suspension has been completed

4.11 Termination of Membership

Membership in the District Association shall be deemed to have been terminated:

- I) If the Member submits a signed letter of withdrawal to the District Association.
- ii) If the Member is expelled by the District Association.

- iii) If the Member fails to renew Membership in accordance with the requirements of this By-Law.

By-Law 5 – General Meetings

5.1 Annual General Meeting

- a) The Annual General Meeting of the District Association shall be held in the month of November.
- b) All members shall receive fourteen (14) days clear notice of the time and location of the Annual General Meeting.
- c) Order of Business at the Annual General Meeting:
 - i. Roll Call and report of Credentials Committee.
 - ii. Period of Remembrance.
 - iii. Tributes and Introduction of Guests.
 - iv. Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting.
 - v. President's Address.
 - vi. Board of Director's Reports.
 - vii. Executive Director's Report.
 - viii. Financial Statement.
 - ix. Auditor's Report.
 - x. Appointment of Auditor(s).
 - xi. Other Reports.
 - xii. Unfinished Business.
 - xiii. Amendments to the Constitution.
 - xiv. Roll Call and Report of Credentials Committee.
 - xv. Election of Officers and Directors.
 - xvi. Any Other Business.
 - xvii. Adjournment.

5.2 Special General Meeting

- a) A Special General Meeting may be called by the Board of Directors by its own motion.
- b) A Special General Meeting shall be called within fourteen (14) days and held within thirty (30) days following the receipt of a written request signed by not less than one-third (1/3)

of the Active and Associate Members.

- c) All Members shall receive fourteen (14) days clear notice of the date, time and location of any Special General Meeting and business to be dealt with.
- d) Only the business for which a Special General Meeting has been called will be dealt with, except with unanimous consent of those present.

5.3 Voting at General Meetings

A Member of the District Association shall be entitled to the following representation at all General Meetings of the District Association:

- a) Active Member:
 - One (1) vote for every ten (10) dollars registration revenue retained by the District Association, exclusive of fines.
- b) Associate Member:
 - One (1) delegate or vote.
- c) Only accredited delegates of the Members shall be eligible to vote.
- d) The Board of Directors shall have a voice but no vote at all such General Meetings.
- e) A simple majority of votes shall carry on any issue except for Amendments to the Bylaws.
- f) There shall be NO voting by proxy.

By-Law 6 – Board of Directors

6.0 General

The business of the District Association shall be conducted by the Board of Directors.

- i) The election of the Board of Directors shall be by secret ballot at the District Association's Annual General Meeting.
- ii) The Immediate Past President will be an ex-officio non-voting member of the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors; and, shall not be included as part of a quorum.
- iii) With the prior approval of the YRSA Board and an ordinary resolution by the members at an AGM or SGM, a YRSA Board Member may be compensated or awarded an honorarium for special duties and/or assignments by the YRSA Board.

6.1 Tenure and Election of the Board of Directors

- a) The following shall be elected in the uneven numbered years for a two (2) year term: Vice-President, Treasurer, Director of Development Programs, Director of League Operations and one Director-at-Large.
- b) The following shall be elected in the even numbered years for a two (2) year term:

President, Secretary and One Director-at-Large.

6.2 Members of the Board of Directors

Immediate Past-President

The Immediate Past President shall:

- a) Act as an advisor to the Executive Committee and Board of Directors;
- b) Undertake those duties assigned by the President.
- c) Have no voting power.

President

The President shall:

- a) Preside at all meetings of the Executive Committee and the Board;
- b) Direct the activities of the District Association;
- c) Represent the District Association and act as spokesman for the District Association at all times unless he/she otherwise delegates such responsibility;
- d) Co-ordinate the activities of all the members of the Executive Committee and the Board;

Vice-President

The Vice-President shall:

- a) Assume the duties of the President either in the absence of, or under the instruction of the President;
- b) Act as Chair of the Standing Committee on Associate Membership;
- c) Undertake those duties assigned by the Executive Committee;
- d) Be responsible for liaison with the Inter-District Committee,

Secretary

The Secretary shall:

- a) Issue notice of all meetings of the Executive Committee, and Board of Directors, to persons entitled to such notice;
- b) Attend all General, Special and other Executive Committee and Board of Directors meetings and shall record minutes of such meetings in a permanent minute book or file;
- c) Issue copies of approved minutes of all meetings to all relevant persons within ten (10) days after the meeting;
- d) Be custodian of all minute books, files, correspondence files and the District Association's seal;
- e) Keep the President and Board of Directors informed as to the business at hand and as to its disposition for action;
- f) Be responsible for filing with the Provincial Soccer Association within fourteen (14) days of the District Association's Annual General Meeting the following:
 1. A copy of the Annual General Meeting minutes.

2. Audited Financial Statement
 3. Treasurer's Report
 4. President's or Secretary's Report
 5. Report on registrations.
 6. Names, Addresses and Telephone numbers of the Executive Committee
 7. Discipline Report including carry-over suspensions
 8. Other information, as required.
- g) Annual filing of incorporation "Notice of Change" to the Government.
 - h) Be responsible for all player registration procedures.
 - i) Ensure that all player registrations are processed and recorded in a timely manner and that all deadlines, as may be set from time to time by the District Association and its Governing Bodies, are adhered to;
 - j) Be responsible for the validation and authorization of all player registration cards and forms.
 - k) Investigate any irregularities and pass information onto the Chair of the Discipline and Appeals Committee for further action as may be deemed appropriate;
 - l) Chair the Standing Committee on Player Registration.
 - m) Be responsible to provide the Treasurer with member Clubs final registration totals for both indoor and outdoor seasons within a time period specified by the Board of Directors.
 - n) Undertake those duties assigned by the Executive Committee.

Treasurer

The Treasurer shall:

- a) Be custodian of the financial books of the District Association;
- b) Keep full and accurate records of all revenues and expenditures in the books of the District Association.
- c) Receive and deposit all monies, or other valuable effects, in the name of the District Association, in such depositories as may be designated by the Board;
- d) Account for all monies or valuable effects received;
- e) Present all statements of income and expenses at least bi-monthly to the Board;
- f) Pay all accounts that are due. Cheques drawn on the District Association's Bank Account shall be signed by any two of: President, Vice-President, Treasurer or Secretary;
- g) Manage the District Association's accounts receivable and payables.:
- h) Present an annual Budget to the Board for approval as soon as possible after the Annual General Meeting of the District Association and the Provincial Soccer Association;
- i) Render a current financial statement as requested by the President or the Board;
- j) Reconcile the bank account(s) monthly;
- k) Prepare an annual report and set of financial statements for presentation at the Annual General Meeting:
- l) Advise the Executive Committee and Board of Directors on matters of finance;
- m) Undertake such other duties as may be assigned by the Executive Committee.

Director of League Operations

The Director of League Operations shall:

- a) Be responsible for directing and overseeing the operation of any leagues that may be operated directly by the District Association.
- b) Chair the Standing Committee for League Operations.
- c) Keep the Board informed on the status of any Leagues for which he/she is responsible.
- d) Present plans and proposals to the Board for approval.
- e) Undertake duties as assigned by the Board.

6.3 Members of the Board of Directors (cont'd)

Director of Development Programs

The Director of Development Programs shall:

- a) Promote the development of all registered individuals who are members of clubs and leagues within the district.
- b) Keep the Board informed with respect to Development issues plans proposals and results.
- c) Be responsible for monitoring and ensuring compliance by the membership with any certification requirements for coaches or other individuals: as mandated by the Association or its governing organizations.
- d) Be responsible for the formation and operation of any teams selected to represent the District; and, all associated plans, personnel and communication, subject to specific approvals by the Board of Directors:
- e) Undertake duties as assigned by the President or the Board.

Director-At-Large (two positions)

The Director-at-Large shall:

- a) Undertake duties assigned by the Board.

6.3 Vacancies

The office of a Member of the Board of Directors shall be vacated:

- a) Upon resignation in writing;
- b) If a member of the Board of Directors is deemed by the Board to be performing the

- a) duties of their position in a less than satisfactory manner, the Board may by a 2/3 majority vote, remove that Board member from the Board;
- b) If he/she absents himself/herself from two (2) consecutive meetings of the Board without satisfactory notice or reason.

Should a vacancy occur in the Board of Directors, the Board may appoint a person to fill the vacancy until the next Annual General Meeting; such person assuming all voting rights of that position.

6.4 Meetings of the Board of Directors

- a) The Board shall meet every month.
- b) A majority of Directors from the Board shall form a quorum.
- c) No Director shall be present at discussions concerning appeals that involve his/her own club.

6.5 Removal of a Director

A Director may be removed for cause by a 2/3-majority vote of the Directors.

6.6 Vacancies on the Board of Directors

Vacancies on the Board that occur between Annual General Meetings may be filled through appointment by a motion passed by a simple majority in any Board Meeting. Those appointed serve until the next Annual General Meeting at which point the position must be put up for election.

6.7 Indemnity

Members of the Board of Directors or other servants to the District Association, their heirs, executors, administrators and estate and effects respectively shall be indemnified and saved harmless at all times by the District Association against all costs, losses and expenses incurred by them respectively in or about the discharge of their respective duties, except such as happens from their own respective willful neglect or default.

By-Law 7 – Staff

- a) The Board of Directors shall have the authority to select and hire a District Administrator and other staff as required;
- b) Staff shall be paid such remuneration as is determined by the Board of Directors and shall have duties as prescribed by the Board.

By-Law 8 – Committees

8.1 Standing Committees

There shall be established the following Standing Committees, which shall be appointed by the Board to hold office during the pleasure of the Board, and shall have such duties and responsibilities as the Board may determine. The President shall be an ex-officio member of all Standing Committees. All Standing Committees shall be chaired by a Board Member.

- i. Standing Committee on Discipline and Appeals
 - a) It shall be the duty of this committee to investigate complaints made respecting any Member of the District Association who is alleged to be guilty of unethical practice;
 - b) It shall be the duty of this committee to assist Active and Associate Members with matters regarding discipline.
 - c) This Committee shall be chaired by the President.
- ii. Standing Committee on Player Development
 - a) It shall be the duty of this committee to co-ordinate all matters regarding player development between the Provincial Soccer Association and members of the District Association.
 - b) This Committee shall be chaired by the Director of Development Programs
- iii. Standing Committee on Coach Development
 - a) It shall be the duty of this committee to co-ordinate all matters regarding Coaching development between the Provincial Soccer Associations' Technical Director and members of the District Association.
 - b) This Committee shall be chaired by the Director of Development Programs
- iv. Standing Committee on Referee Development
 - a) It shall be the duty of this committee to co-ordinate all matters regarding referee development between the Provincial Soccer Association's Director for Referee Development, the York Region Branch of the Provincial Soccer Referees' Association and other members of the District Association.
 - b) This Committee shall be chaired by the Director of Development Programs
- v. Standing Committee on Finance
 - a) It shall be the duty of this committee to oversee the fiscal involvement's of the District Association;

- b) This committee shall be chaired by the Treasurer.
- vi. Standing Committee on Senior Soccer
 - a) It is the duty of this committee to be responsible for matters relating to Senior Soccer.
 - b) This committee shall be chaired by the Director of League Operations
- vii. Standing Committee on Registration
 - a) It shall be the duty of this committee to oversee all matters involving player registration;
 - b) This committee shall be chaired by the Secretary.
- viii. Standing Committee on Communications and Public Relations
 - a) It shall be the duty of this committee to be responsible for District Association publications and public relations. (Position assigned by the Board.)
- ix. Standing Committee on Credentials
 - a) This committee shall review new and renewal membership applications and recommend to the Executive Committee acceptance or rejection of such applications. It will also make recommendations for the suspension or cancellation of membership where there is just cause to do so.
 - b) The committee shall ensure that each members' constitution allows for a minimum set of mandatory rights and responsibilities as set out in the published Rules and Regulations of the District Association.
 - c) It shall maintain an up-to-date list of members in good standing which shall be available at General Meetings and at other times as deemed necessary by the Executive Committee.
 - d) This committee shall be chaired by an appointed member selected from the board of directors
- x. Standing Committee on Tournaments and Travel
 - a) It shall be the duty of this committee to regulate all matters dealing with sanctioning and running of tournaments;
 - b) It shall be the duty of this committee to deal with applications of teams to travel outside Ontario and receive teams from outside Ontario.

- c) Chair to be appointed by the Board.
- xi. Standing Committee on Associate Membership
 - a) It shall be the duty of this committee to oversee associate membership.
 - b) Each Associate Member shall be entitled to one representative on this committee.
 - c) This committee shall be chaired by the Vice-President.
- xii. Standing Committee on Playing Out and Playing In
 - a) It shall be the duty of this committee to review requests, submitted on the appropriate form, by teams wishing to compete in an Inter-District Regional or Provincial League or a league of another District. All requests shall be reviewed against the "Team Playing Out Criteria" which form part of the Rules and Regulations of the District Association.
 - b) It shall be the duty of this committee to review requests, submitted on the appropriate form, by teams from outside the District wishing to compete in leagues within the Regional Municipality of York.
 - c) This committee shall forward its recommendations to the Board of Directors for its approval.
 - d) This committee shall make recommendations to the Board of Directors for changes to the "Team Playing Out Criteria" as it deems appropriate.
 - e) Chair to be appointed by the Board.
- xiii. Standing Committee on the Constitution
 - a) It shall be the duty of this committee to oversee all matters relating to the constitution of the District Association.
 - b) It shall review and recommend amendments to the constitution to the Board of Directors.
 - c) It shall review all proposed amendments to the constitution submitted by the Members and the Board of Directors.
 - d) It shall ensure proper procedure is followed with respect to proposed amendments to the By-Laws.
 - e) It shall act as an advisory body on all matters relating to the constitution and Members' constitutions.

- f) Chairman of this committee shall be assigned by the Board.

- xiv) Standing Committee on League Operations
 - a) It shall be the duty of this committee to oversee all matters relating to Leagues directly operated by the District Association.
 - b) It shall prepare plans for league operations for approval by the Board.
 - c) This committee shall be chaired by the Director of League Operations.

8.2 Ad-Hoc Committees

The Board of Directors may establish ad-hoc committees to address specific topics. The appointment of the Chair and the Members and the mandate of each committee shall be at the discretion of the Board.

By-Law 9 – Club Boundaries

Full-Service Clubs shall be provided with protection of their interests when they operate youth leagues or other youth programs within their defined boundaries (where they are designated to be the Resident Club). This does not preclude allowing other Full-Service Clubs to operate youth leagues or other youth programs within those boundaries under certain specific and limited conditions. This section defines how these exception situations are to be addressed.

- a) Member Full-Service Clubs shall operate in a designated boundary as approved by the District Association. Within its boundaries, a Member Full-Service Club is free to initiate and run programs for players in age categories U18 and below without any specific District permission other than the standard approval required to run the league. Within its boundaries, a Member Full-Service Club shall be designated as the Resident Club.

Member Full-Service Clubs and Member Senior-Only Clubs may initiate and run Senior Leagues within the District without any specific District permission other than overall approval to run the League.

- b) No Member Full-Service Club shall actively solicit or entice registration from outside its Designated boundary. This shall not preclude Clubs from advertising in publications distributed within their own area even if these same publications are also distributed within the boundaries of another club. In no case may a Club publish (or allow others to publish on their behalf) anything outside their boundaries that expressly encourages members of another Club (or Clubs) to register with them instead.

- c) At least 50% of total youth registration of a member Full-Service Club must come from within its' own designated boundary.

9.1 Indoor Clubs and Leagues

9.1.1 Indoor Only Clubs

- a) A Member Full-Service Club has the right to run an indoor league within its' own designated boundary. If it does not exercise that right, or does not offer a league for all age groups and both genders, an existing or new organization may apply to run an indoor league within the existing club's boundary. The "Indoor-Only" Club that is created by the approval of such an application will only be authorized to operate for the one Indoor season in question and may only operate divisions for age group / gender categories not addressed by the Resident Full-Service Club. It may re-apply for a subsequent Indoor season
- b) An organization wishing to create a new indoor league within an existing Full-Service Club's boundary will be encouraged to affiliate with the existing club. If an affiliation is not possible or desirable then:
 - i. The organization wishing to apply for such status must submit an application on the form and by the deadline defined for this purpose by the District Association.
 - ii. Once a formal application has been received from such an organization by the District Association, a written submission will be invited from the existing club and used by the Credentials Committee in reviewing the application for the new league;
 - iii. The Application will only be considered if the existing Resident Club does not have an Indoor Program in place for the age/gender categories in question; or it has declared an intent not to run those age groups in the next Indoor season;
 - iv. An organization approved as an Indoor-Only Club shall have all of the rights and privileges of a Resident Club for the age divisions that it is authorized to operate. Once the "Indoor-only" Club has been approved, the existing (Resident) Club in that area shall lose the right to operate the indoor age categories that have been approved for the "Indoor-Only" club for the indoor season in question. The Resident Full-Service Club would still retain the opportunity to operate such categories in subsequent indoor seasons.

9.1.2 Full-Service Clubs Operating Indoor Leagues/Programs Within the Boundaries of Another Full-Service Club

Given that Indoor Facilities may not be distributed across the District and across individual municipalities according to need or according to Club boundaries, there may

be a legitimate need for a Club to run a program in a facility that is within the boundaries of another Club. In such a situation, the actions of the Clubs involved and of the District Association shall be governed by this By-Law and applicable sections of the Rules and Regulations.

9.1.2.1 Applicability

This section is intended to address situations where a Full-Service Club (or clubs) may wish to establish / use Indoor Facilities outside its own designated boundaries. This includes a situation where a facility is being built / established as a private initiative by the non-resident club and / or an entrepreneur. It also applies if it is an existing facility that is now proposing to provide time to a non-resident club for leagues, clinics and other such programs.

Three situations are specifically exempted from the application of these guidelines.

These are:

1. A municipality has allocated time at a particular facility to the Non-Resident club in order to meet the needs of that club.
2. A facility such as the Soccer Centre that has been built by a government or soccer governing body to serve a broader area than one club (or District)
3. Time that may be rented on a year-to-year basis for practices by teams or clubs in gyms and other such facilities.

In these situations, the non-Resident Club must still respect the spirit of the rules on Boundaries. This means that such a club cannot use this situation to directly compete with the Resident Club's programs or to solicit its players. Acting in such a manner would still be considered a violation of this By-Law and could result in penalties, including possible restrictions on the program.

9.1.2.2 Procedure

Boundaries are not intended to prevent players from playing or to put unnecessary business restrictions on Facility Operators. They are intended to provide stability and some protection for Full-Service Clubs. A Full-Service Club wishing to operate an Indoor league/program within the boundaries of another Club must:

- a) Apply annually to operate such a league/program: on the form provided by the District Association and by the deadline specified by the Association.
- b) Only publicize such a league / program and start accepting registrations after the operation of such a league has been approved by the District Association.
- c) Ensure that the Resident Club has been given an appropriate opportunity to book time in the Facility before they make any agreement for time with the Facility Operator.
- d) Ensure that any leagues that it proposes to operate in that location do not compete with leagues operated by the Resident Club. The District Association may set

restrictions on any proposed leagues or programs to ensure that the rights of the Resident Club are not compromised.

- e) The Board of Directors shall have the discretion to accept a late application but they may impose a fine or refuse to accept the application, at their discretion.

Failure to follow this procedure, as defined above, may make the Club subject to a penalty and/or restrictions on the league or program.

9.2 Full-Service Clubs Operating Outdoor Leagues/Programs Within the Boundaries of Another Full-Service Club

Given that Indoor Facilities may not be distributed across the District and across individual municipalities according to need or according to Club boundaries, there may be a legitimate need for a Club to run a program using a field or fields within the boundaries of another Club. In such a situation, the actions of the Clubs involved and of the District Association shall be governed by this By-Law and applicable sections of the Rules and Regulations.

9.2.1 Applicability

This section is intended to address situations where a Full-Service Club (or clubs) may wish to establish / use Outdoor fields outside its own designated boundaries. This includes a situation where a facility is being built / established as a private initiative by the non-resident club and / or an entrepreneur. It also applies if it is an existing facility that is now proposing to provide time to a non-resident club for leagues, clinics and other such programs.

Three situations are specifically exempted from the application of these guidelines. These are:

1. A municipality has allocated time at a particular field to the Non-Resident club in order to meet the needs of that club.
2. A facility such as the Soccer Centre that has been built by a government or soccer governing body to serve a broader area than one club (or District)
3. Time that may be rented on a year-to-year basis for practices by teams or clubs in gyms and other such facilities.

In these situations, the non-Resident Club must still respect the spirit of the rules on Boundaries. This means that such a club cannot use this situation to directly compete with the Resident Club's programs or to solicit its players. Acting in such a manner would still be considered a violation of this By-Law and could result in penalties, including possible restrictions on the program.

9.2.2 Procedure

Boundaries are not intended to prevent players from playing or to put unnecessary business restrictions on Field Owners / Facility Operators. They are intended to provide stability and some protection for Full-Service Clubs. A Full-Service Club wishing to operate an outdoor league/program within the boundaries of another Club must:

- a) Apply annually to operate such a league/program: on the form provided by the District Association and by the deadline specified by the Association.
- b) Only publicize such a league / program and start accepting registrations after the operation of such a league has been approved by the District Association.
- c) Ensure that the Resident Club has been made aware of the intent to use the fields within its boundary. Depending on the situation, it may be appropriate to offer the Resident Club with the opportunity to use the field as well (this must be addressed in the application to the Association).
- d) Ensure that any leagues/programs that it proposes to operate in that location do not compete with leagues/programs operated by the Resident Club. The District Association may set restrictions on any proposed leagues or programs to ensure that the rights of the Resident Club are not compromised.
- e) The Board of Directors shall have the discretion to accept a late application but they may impose a fine or refuse to accept the application, at their discretion.

Failure to follow this procedure, as defined above, may make the Club subject to a penalty and/or restrictions on the league or program.

9.3 Disputes and Non-Compliance

- a) The Board of Directors shall act as mediator in cases of dispute and its' decision shall be binding on all Member Clubs.
- b) The Board of Directors may impose a fine of up to \$5000 per violation on Clubs that violate the provisions of this By-Law and/or associated sections of the Rules and Regulations.
- c) A Club or Indoor-Only Club (applicant) may be refused approval for an application under section 9.1.1 or 9.1.2 of this By-Law for a serious violation of the applicable requirements in the preceding Indoor season.

By-Law 10 – Appointment of Auditor

- a) The accounts of the District Association shall be audited annually, and the correctness of the financial statement ascertained by the Auditor, who shall be an accredited Accountant;
- b) The Auditor shall be appointed by the delegates at a General Meeting.

By-Law 11 – Financial

11.1 Monies Owing

- a) All monies owing to the District Association shall be due and payable within thirty (30) days of invoicing (unless otherwise stipulated);
- b) Penalties for late payment or non-payment of monies shall be established by the Board.

By-Law 12 – Laws of the Game

The District Association shall support and maintain the principles of The Laws of the Game as established by the International Football Association Board and recognized by FIFA, except as provided herein to accommodate differences in age and climatic conditions.

By-Law 13 – Rules and Regulations

- a) The District Association may make such miscellaneous Rules and Regulations as may be deemed necessary to promote, develop and govern the game of soccer;
- b) The District Association may impose such other regulatory measures as it deems necessary for the efficient administration of the playing structure of the game within its jurisdiction;
- c) No such regulation may violate the individual's rights or freedom except as may be required to protect the rights and freedom of any other individual and to ensure the stability of the basic structure of the game.

By-Law 14 – Dissolution

In the event of dissolution of the District Association, and after payment of all debts and liabilities, its remaining property shall be put in trust with the Provincial Soccer Association until such time as a new District Soccer Association is formed for York Region or for a new District that includes York Region.

BY-LAWS – APPENDIX A
Appeals Procedure

1. Appeals against decisions made by a District League shall be submitted, in writing, by registered mail, to the District Soccer Association and a copy of the letter of appeal shall be sent, by registered mail, to the League.
2. Appeals against decisions made by clubs affecting their member teams, officials and/or players, may follow the same procedure as in 1) above, with copies to the club that has made the decision and to the District Soccer Association.
3. The letter of appeal shall be accompanied by the correct fee, in the form of a certified cheque

- or money order, together with the Canada Post registration receipt or copy thereof, and a copy of the decision being appealed.
4. The letter of appeal and the copy shall be postmarked no more than five (5) days, Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays excepted, from the date of receipt, in writing, of the decision being appealed.
 5. Every appeal against a decision involving an individual over the age of eighteen (18) shall be made by that individual, and each individual making such an appeal shall submit an appeal fee of one hundred dollars (\$100).
 6. Every appeal against a decision involving a club or a team shall be made by at least two (2) members of the Club executive and shall be accompanied by an appeal fee of one hundred (\$100).
 7. Any appeal which is not submitted in compliance with all preceding regulations shall be ruled out of order and will not be heard.
 8. A correctly submitted appeal shall be heard within ten (10) days, Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays excepted, of its receipt by the District Soccer Association.
 9. The lodging of an appeal shall not affect prior decisions made by Leagues or Clubs and suspensions shall remain in effect until the decision of the appeal hearing has been released by the District Soccer Association.
 10. An appeal, once lodged, may only be withdrawn by permission of the District Soccer Association's Discipline and Appeals Committee and on such terms as it may determine.
 11. If an appeal is upheld, the appeal fee shall be returned.
 12. Any league, club or individual aggrieved by a decision of the District Soccer Association may appeal such decision to the Provincial Soccer Association in accordance with its Rules and Regulations.

BY-LAWS - APPENDIX B

Criteria for an Organization Wishing to Become a Registered Club Within York Region; and, Procedure for an Existing Club to Change its Status

1. Application to Form a New Full-Service Club

The Regional Municipality of York has been divided into 16 territories based on Full-Service Club boundaries. In each territory, a single community Full-Service club has been given an exclusive franchise to operate within its boundaries and to promote the development of youth

soccer for the benefit of all the residents of that community. Such a club must offer a full range of youth programs to the limit of the demand and its ability to organize such programs. Each such club must be constituted as a democratic organization open equally to all residents of the community, independent of special interest groups; or, groups of specific national origin.

For purposes of this section, the term “Full-Service Club” refers to any existing or proposed organization that offers or proposes to operate youth programs. Such a club may also have senior teams / programs.

The YRSA strongly encourages any prospective new Full-Service Club to consider joining with one of the existing Full-Service Clubs. The community club approach is a mandatory requirement for York Region Full-Service Clubs. New club applications will only be considered if they focus on a new area not contested by any existing club. Division of an existing territory will only be considered if it is democratically approved by the existing club in that area; and, subsequently approved by the YRSA Board.

1.1 Application Procedure

If a prospective Full-Service Club wants to exist independently, it must establish itself in a new community and within a boundary designated by the District Association. A new community is one that is not currently allocated to any club; is a developed area that is not serviced by any club; or is a newly developed area which is not serviced by any club. An application to form a new Full-Service Club must be made, in writing, to the District Association at least 6 months prior to the date on which the new organization proposes to start operating. Such an application must contain:

- a) A list of the founding/acting officers. This must include, at a minimum, a President, a Treasurer, a Secretary and 2 Directors-at-Large.
- b) A draft copy of its Constitution, including By-Laws and Playing Rules.
- c) The club name. The name must represent the community in which the club wants to establish itself. It cannot be similar to another existing club’s name and cannot strongly represent any ethnic groups.
- d) A letter from the prospective club’s Parks and Recreation Department indicating that it will be able to accommodate the club’s field requirements.
- e) Club colors.
- f) Proof of the club’s ability to comply with the sections of The Provincial Soccer Association Policies and Procedures relevant to Clubs.
- g) A letter from each of the proposed Board members affirming their willingness to fill the position indicated. These letters must also provide an outline of this individual’s background and at least three personal references that can provide confirmation of the

individual's integrity, business acumen and soccer-related experience.

- h) A letter signed by at least 50 residents of the area in question supporting the proposal.
 - i) A written rationale for the proposal explaining how it meets the YRSA requirements for a new Full-Service Club.
- 1.2. The prospective club will be required to make a presentation to the Board of Directors of the District Association within 60 days following the receipt of the written application, on a date, and at a time, established by the Board. The prospective club shall be notified, in writing, of the presentation date by the District Association.
- 1.3. If all application requirements are met, the District Association shall inform all member clubs, by registered mail, of the application. This shall be done within seven (7) days after the prospective club's presentation to the District Association.
- 1.4. A member club wanting to object to the application must submit its' objection, in writing, by registered mail, to the District Association within twenty-one (21) days of the presentation by the prospective club.
- 1.5. Should any objections be received by the District Association, then, the prospective club, and all objecting clubs, must attend the next District Association's Board meeting following the twenty-one (21) day objection period. All parties required to attend shall be invited, in writing, by the District Association and must be represented by two (2) club executives.
- 1.6. The District Association will inform the prospective club and any objecting clubs, in writing, and by registered mail, of its decision to accept or reject the application. This will be done within seven (7) days of the decision being made.

2. Senior-Only Club Application

An organization wishing to become an independent Senior-Only Club within York Region must apply to the District Association at least 6 months prior to the date on which the new organization proposes to start operating. Please note that a senior recreational league that does not intend to operate under an existing club, must first obtain club status, as outlined in this section.

The District Association encourages any group considering an application for Senior-Only Club status, to first consider joining with an existing (Full-Service or Senior-Only) Club; or, associate with an existing Senior-Only Club; and, to register it's players and the team through that club. Registering as an independent club, results in obligations and expectations, which may be hard for a small organization to meet. These include:

- Having a bona fide Board of Directors that meets regularly and minutes its meetings.

- Having a constitution
- Holding an annual meeting of members and holding elections for the Board of Directors.
- Attending all District Association Annual and Special General Meetings
- Meeting other YRSA annual requirements to maintain good standing

2.1 Application Procedure

A written application to form a new Senior-Only Club must contain:

- a) A list of the founding/acting officers. This must include, at a minimum, a President, a Treasurer, a Secretary and 2 Directors-at-Large.
- b) A draft copy of the proposed Constitution, including By-Laws and Playing Rules, if applicable;
- c) The Club name. This cannot be the same as, or so similar to, another club's name, such that it could lead to confusion. Names that are in any way offensive, or inappropriate; and, any name which identifies a specific ethnic group, will not be accepted.
- d) Identification of the fields which the club will use, with written confirmation from the Parks Department in that area, that the field requirements can be satisfied.
- e) Club colors
- f) A letter from each of the proposed Board members affirming their willingness to fill the position indicated. These letters must also provide an outline of this individual's background and at least three personal references.
- g) A written rationale for the creation of this new club, with reference to the YRSA expectations of a club; and, the ability of this proposed club to meet those expectations.

2.2. The prospective club will be required to make a presentation to the Board of Directors of the District Association within 60 days following the receipt of the written application, on a date, and at a time, established by the Board. The prospective club shall be notified, in writing, of the presentation date by the District Association.

2.3. If all application requirements are met, the District Association shall inform all member clubs, by registered mail, of the application. This shall be done within seven (7) days after the prospective club's presentation to the District Association.

2.4. Any member club wanting to object to the application must submit its' objection, in writing, by registered mail, to the District Association within twenty-one (21) days of the presentation by the prospective club.

2.5. Should any objections be received by the District Association, then, the prospective club, and all objecting clubs, must attend the next District Association's Board meeting following the twenty-one (21) day objection period. All parties required to attend shall be invited, in writing, by the District Association and must be represented by two (2) club executives.

2.6. The District Association will inform the prospective club, any objecting clubs, in writing, and by registered mail, of its decision to accept or reject the application. This will be done within seven (7) days of the decision being made.

3. Application to Change the Status or Name of an Existing Club

Any club which wishes to change its status in one of the ways listed below must make a written application to the YRSA outlining the scope of the changes and the rationale for them. The types of changes included in this are:

- Dissolving an existing club
- Subdividing an existing Full-Service Club into two or more distinct parts. This could be the partition of an existing territory or it could be a division along the lines of gender, level of competition, age or season within the same territory.
- Merger or partial merger of existing Full-Service or Senior-Only clubs.

In conjunction with such a change or as a totally independent act, a club may wish to make a change to its club name or adopt a totally new name. A club must make a written application to the YRSA for a name change outlining the rationale and clearly defining the new name that it wishes to use. The YRSA will use Appendix B 2.1 C as its guideline in determining the acceptability of a new name. All clubs in the District will be notified of any proposed change and they will be given 14 days to provide comments in writing. It will be at the discretion of the committee if it chooses to allow any presentations by the applicant or any other interested parties.

In response to such applications, the YRSA will convene a committee to investigate the merits of such action and make recommendations to the Board of Directors. Clubs may not proceed with any changes prior to approval by the YRSA Board of Directors.

Rules and Regulations

1. Registration Deadlines

Deadlines for registrations will be established as required by the Board and published to the membership.

2. Playing Out Requests

Requests for permission to play out of the District shall be made on the appropriate form and submitted to the District Association office no later than **November 30th for the forthcoming outdoor season and September 30th for the current indoor season.**

Requests received after that date shall be subject to a fine of \$100.00 to be paid at the time the request is submitted.

All requests will be judged using the "Team Playing Out Criteria" (see Appendix "A") and, therefore, any supporting information which you feel will aid your case should be attached to the form.

3. Annual Filing Requirements

On an annual basis, Active Member clubs must meet the following filing requirements in order to retain their position of active membership in the YRSA:

- Will provide and maintain annual proof of Directors and Officers insurance that will extend coverage for their Board of Directors with a minimum coverage of one million dollars.
- Will file year-end financial statements: as presented at the most recent Annual General Meeting (AGM); and, for the most recently completed fiscal year, if different. The required level of audit / review for financial statements and the associated income thresholds shall be as established by the Provincial Association and current Government regulations. Financial statements must clearly disclose income from player registrations as a separate line item.
- Will submit a copy of its constitution (including any changes passed at its most recent AGM).
- Will submit a copy of the approved minutes of the prior year's AGM along with a draft of the Minutes from the most recent AGM, including reports from Directors; and, the names, addresses and positions of its Directors, Discipline Committee chair and members and Chief Referee (where applicable).
- Will submit a fully completed and properly signed Annual Membership Agreement.
- Will submit a properly signed and completed copy of the Total Player Registration form.

These must be filed with the District Association office no later than **January 31st** of each year. The deadline is **May 31st** for organizations operating indoor leagues only. Failure to do so will result in the member being fined \$1000/month for each month of delay in filing. It may also result in the withdrawal of all services of the District Association until filing requirements are fulfilled. Club(s) will be advised by registered mail or email if the Board of Directors adopt a motion to withdraw the services of the District Association if

filing is not submitted by the deadline date.

4. Applications to Compete in the Ontario Cup Tournament

All applications to compete in the Ontario Cup Tournament must be made on the appropriate form, accompanied by the entry fee and received in the District Association office no later than Dec. 15th of each year (for 2009 only, the deadline is extended to January 2nd, 2009). Entry forms received after the set date will not be accepted.

5. Mini Soccer Age Groups and Number of Players per Team

Mini soccer rules shall apply to all Under 8 and Under 9 players. Optionally, mini-soccer rules may be used for older groups. For inter-club play, this requires the approval of the Association.

For the purposes of this and all other Rules and Regulations in this document, the term “competitive mini-soccer” will apply to any leagues, teams, players and coaches using the mini-soccer format and rules, that are involved in inter-club play. This does not include tournaments that are specifically defined and classified as being for house league or house league select teams.

Competitive mini soccer may be played at the Under 8, Under 9 and Under 10 levels with a maximum of fourteen (14) players on the team roster.

With respect to residency requirements and registration deadlines, Mini-Competitive teams must adhere to the OSA and YRSA policies, procedures and constitutional requirements that are defined for teams registered in the “Youth Competitive” category.

6. Delegation of Responsibility for Discipline

The District Association delegates its responsibility for maintaining discipline to its affiliated leagues. If any affiliated league is unable or unwilling to handle discipline cases, the District Association shall administer the hearings and a cost \$100 shall be charged to the league for each session administered.

7. Board Members’ Absence from Monthly Meetings

Any member of the Board shall be considered absent from a meeting if he/she is not in attendance within two (2) hours from the start of the meeting.

8. Coaching Levels of Qualification

All coaches must meet coach certification requirements defined by the Provincial Soccer Association. In addition:

- i) Competitive team coaches (including Mini-Competitive coaches) must successfully complete a Basic Referee course.
- ii) Mini-competitive team coaches must have the same certification as Youth-Competitive team coaches.

9. Associate Membership

i) Fees

Associate membership fees shall be \$25 for recreational leagues and other Associate Members and \$50 for competitive leagues.

ii) Application and Renewal Requirements

Leagues applying for, or renewing, Associate Member status in the District Association must meet Constitutional requirements defined by the Provincial Soccer Association.

10. Tournament Application Requirements

- i) All tournaments must be approved prior to any advertising or acceptance of application in accordance with the YRSA tournament policy.
- ii) A refundable bond of \$500 must be submitted with every tournament application to be returned when the tournament report is submitted within twenty-one (21) days after the event. Failure to complete and return the report by this date results in forfeiture of the bond and further discipline action may be taken. (See Appendix B Tournament Report)
- iii) ALL APPLICATIONS, FEES, BONDS AND OSA REQUIREMENTS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE DISTRICT BY DECEMBER 15 THE LATEST TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE UPCOMING SEASON. REQUESTS AFTER THIS DATE OR INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED OR APPROVED FOR THAT SEASON. (SEE OSA POLICIES 5.0;6.0;8.0)

11. List of Referee Appointments

Referee appointers for Club Leagues, District Leagues and Tournaments shall be required, on written request from the District Association, to submit a list of officials appointed to games. Failure to provide a list, when so requested, within two (2) weeks shall result in a fine of \$100 and may be subject to further disciplinary action.

12. Movement of Coaches Between Full-Service Clubs

A Mini or Youth Competitive team coach or assistant coach are not allowed to register at another member club to coach, assistant coach, or appear as a team official of the same age division* or at the next older division. The following exceptions to this rule apply:

- a) has not actively coached a competitive team in the defined age division for a period of two (2) years;
- b) coach's permanent place of residence is within the boundary of the club being moved to; and, the coach has moved to that location from outside the boundaries of that club, within the preceding year.
- c) the club from which the coach intends to move provides a written statement of agreement to the move, on club letterhead and signed by a club director;

- d) no written complaint of violation of this rule is received by the District Soccer Association thirty (30) days after the normal commencement of the season, within the same year the move was made.
- e) Once the club has advised the Coach, Assistant Coach that he/she is no longer the Coach or Assistant Coach of that current team or that his/her services are no longer required for that team. The club must advise the District of this fact in writing.

Should a written complaint be lodged, within the time period stipulated in d), the Discipline and Appeals Committee of the District Soccer Association will convene a hearing, at the earliest possible time, to decide on the validity of the complaint. The hearing may result in the coach being suspended for a period of not less than six (6) months and/or the club he/she has moved to being fined not less than \$500. Repeated offences by either the club or the coach will result in doubling the previous suspension and/or fine, as a minimum.

13. Movement of “Mini-Competitive” Players Between Clubs

Players participating in a York Region inter-club “mini-competitive” league who wish to move from their existing team to another team must adhere to the same District and Provincial Soccer Association player movement policies, procedures and constitutional requirements that apply to players who are registered in the “youth competitive” player category

14 Movement of Youth Competitive Players Between Clubs

Except where legislated, within the Published Rules of the District and Provincial Soccer Associations, players are free to move to their club of choice. This District Association rule is to apply only where a player is deemed not to be currently registered in the official registration system

A club may request parents or legal guardians of youth competitive players to complete the District Soccer Association Player Registration Confirmation form upon registering with the club. The parent or legal guardian shall not be obligated to complete the form nor shall a club refuse to register a player if the parent or legal guardian refuses to complete the form.

Completed Player Registration Confirmation forms should be delivered to the York Region Soccer Association office where they will be date stamped. The form is not valid until it has been received and date stamped by the District Soccer Association. Incomplete or improperly completed forms will not be accepted and, therefore, not received by the District Soccer Association.

A player who has his/her registration confirmed in the above manner can be transferred to another club using the District Soccer Association Player Transfer form. It may be

considered poaching if a player moves to another club without the Request for Transfer form being used.

A club losing a player, having confirmed registration and not being consulted by use of the Request for Transfer form, may file a grievance with the District Soccer Association. If there is a current Registration Confirmation form but no Request for Transfer form on file, at the District Soccer Association office, the Discipline and Appeals Committee will convene a discipline hearing as soon as possible.

Should a discipline hearing be called, a director from each club will be required to attend, bringing with him/her any written evidence or a parent or legal guardian of the player concerned. The hearing may result in the club gaining the player being found guilty of poaching and being fined a minimum sum of \$500. Repeated offences will result in a doubling of the previous fine to a maximum of \$5,000. Each player will be treated as a separate case.

15. Annual Discipline Seminar Requirements

Any member operating a league in the current season must have the Chair of its Discipline Committee attend an annual discipline seminar hosted by the District Association. Attendance by other members of the Discipline Committee is encouraged. The Chair may designate another person to attend in his/her absence only if that person is also a member of the Discipline Committee. Failure to attend the seminar may jeopardize membership status.

16. Responsibilities of Clubs to Ensure that Leagues and Tournaments are Sanctioned by the Provincial Soccer Association

The District Association will provide a list of all sanctioned leagues and tournaments to its members. It shall be the responsibility of members to check with the District Association before entering a team in a league or tournament which is not on the current sanctioned list.

17. Nomination and Appointment of District Referee Coordinator / Discipline and Appeals Chair

- a) The YRSA Board, subsequent to the YRSA Annual General Meeting, shall appoint the District Referee Coordinator (DRC) for a term that will last until the next YRSA AGM.
- b) The YRSA Board, subsequent to the YRSA Annual General Meeting, shall appoint the Discipline and Appeals Chair for a term that will last until the next YRSA AGM
- c) Both of these appointed positions are responsible to the Board of Directors through the President.

18. Use of the Term "York"

YRSA members may not use the terms “York”, “York Region”, “Region of York”, “District of York” or any similar names to identify any organizational entity including, but not limited to, the club, divisions, teams, leagues or tournaments without explicit permission from the District Association.

19 Affiliation

The District Association has chosen to be a member of the provincial soccer association (The Ontario Soccer Association, also referred to as the OSA). In order to maintain good standing in that organization, the District Association agrees to meet certain Provincial Association requirements as follows:

- **Published Rules**

The District Association agrees to abide by the Published Rules of the Provincial Association and its Governing Bodies.

- **Dispute Resolution**

The District Association shall adhere to the Dispute Resolution process as published and approved by the Provincial Soccer Association.

Any Member of the District Association may initiate the Dispute Resolution process by communicating in writing to The Provincial Soccer Association, with a copy to the District Association, the nature and facts of the dispute. The Provincial Association, at its discretion, may proceed with the Dispute Resolution process by assigning one or more neutral persons to the dispute.

The Dispute Resolution process shall not to be used for game discipline that follows the normal discipline and appeals process.

The District Association shall make available to any Member the Dispute Resolution process when requested.

- **Harassment**

The District Association shall adhere to the Harassment Policy as published and approved by the Provincial Soccer Association.

The Harassment Policy shall apply to all employees, directors, officers, volunteers, coaches, game officials, administrators, players, Members and registrants of the District Association.

Harassment is defined as any comment, conduct, or gesture directed toward an individual or group of individuals which is insulting, intimidating, humiliating, malicious,

degrading or offensive. It includes, but is not limited to, sexual harassment.

The District Association shall make available to any Member the Harassment Policy when requested.

- **Appeals**

Any Member or registrant of the District Association directly affected by a decision of the District Association may appeal such decision. The denial or termination of Membership in the District Association may be appealed by a non-Member.

A decision of the District Association may be appealed to the Provincial Soccer Association. The appeal shall be conducted in accordance with the published rules of the Provincial Soccer Association.

An individual shall not appeal a decision made by the Board of Directors regarding the appointment, on-appointment, re-appointment or revocation of an appointment of an individual to any coach or administrator position within the District Association's operations, except where the selection, appointment and revocation process outlined in the District Association's published rules has not been followed.

- **Conflict-of-Interest Policy**

The District Association shall adhere to the Conflict of Interest policy established by the Provincial Soccer Association.

20 Affiliation-Related Rights of Members

Members in good standing will have certain rights as a result of the affiliation of the District Association with the Provincial Soccer Association:

i) Active Members – Rights

- a) To register players, administrators, team officials and referees in the official registration system managed by the Provincial Soccer Association.
- b) To be a member of, and to register teams with leagues sanctioned by the Provincial Soccer Association.
- c) To enter teams into leagues sanctioned by the Provincial Soccer Association.
- d) To participate in programs and competitions sanctioned by the Provincial Soccer Association.
- e) To participate in the insurance plan sanctioned by the Provincial Soccer Association.

21 Nominations for Positions on the Board of Directors

Notification shall include a notice of the current nomination process

Nominations for positions, on the Board of Directors must be made at least 7 days before the Annual General Meeting. A person may be nominated for more than one position.

In the event that a written nomination is not received for a given position before the deadline, only then will nominations for that position be accepted from the floor. Notwithstanding that limitation: any individual who is properly nominated by the deadline and is not elected to the position, for which he/she was nominated, may stand for any or all positions which are to be subsequently elected in that meeting.

22 League Operations

The District Association shall directly operate a Youth League known as the York Region Soccer League – Youth. This League shall be designated as the District Association's Competitive Youth League. This league may also offer recreational soccer programs according to the demand for such a league.

As a league operated by the District Association, this League shall be accountable to the members of the District Association. The League will not have a membership that is distinct or separate from the membership of the District Association. In those cases where a team plays-in to this League from another District, that team and its parent club will be provided with the services of the League but they will not be granted any

membership status. Such a team / club will however; retain the right to appeal decisions taken by the league which directly affect that club/team. Such an appeal, if it is in order, will be heard by the Discipline and Appeals Committee of the District Association). The appellant may appeal to the Provincial Association if he/she/they are not satisfied with the decision of the District Discipline and Appeals Committee.

23 League Rules

The League Rules are contained in Appendix C of these Rules and Regulations. Changes to these Rules may be made in the same way as changes to the main section of the Rules and Regulations.

24 Discipline

The following are the Policies for discipline management under the jurisdiction of the York Region Soccer Association (YRSA). The YRSA follows the Ontario Soccer Association (OSA) Published Policies and Procedures and will adhere to the Discipline Policies in Section 9.0 – Discipline.

To the extent permitted by the OSA Policies and Procedures, jurisdiction for all game-related discipline involving players and team officials at the District League and Club League levels shall be delegated by YRSA to the appropriate District League or Club League. This responsibility may be revoked at any time.

The YRSA will have scheduled discipline dates posted. They will be held once per month and will hear all respective cases that were received up to 15 days prior to the regularly scheduled discipline dates. The accused will be notified by email/phone that they are required to attend a disciplinary hearing and must appear at the next scheduled Discipline Hearing date.

Failing to Appear at Hearing when required:

Failure to appear at a Discipline Hearing, when required to do so, will result in an individual accused being suspended from all soccer activities and fined, and an organization accused being fined, as per the attached YRSA Schedule of Fees, Fines, Bonds and Penalties.

An accused individual who failed to attend a hearing will remain suspended from all soccer activities until they submit a written request together with the recorded payment for the fine for failing to appear and the fee for requesting a hearing as specified in the YRSA Schedule of Fees, Fines, Bonds and Penalties.

Request for Postponement

Any party required to attend a hearing may request one (1) postponement of a hearing as per the OSA Discipline Policies. The requesting party must submit a request in

writing, with the postponement fee in the form of a recorded payment, no later than four (4) days prior to the date of that hearing, stating the reason for requesting the postponement. No fee is payable by the person(s) who filed the misconduct report(s) on which the charge(s) is/are based.

Pleading Guilty

An accused party may plead guilty and forego a hearing as per the OSA Discipline Policies. Such a request must be made in writing no later than four (4) days prior to the date of the hearing.

Witnesses/Observers/Advisors/Club Representatives

An accused has the right to bring witnesses, an advisor, and observers to any Discipline Hearing as per the OSA Discipline Policies (please refer to the Policies for definitions)

Notification of Decision

As per OSA Discipline Policies, the Discipline Hearing decision shall be forwarded in writing by email/mail to the parties involved within fifteen (15) days of the conclusion of the hearing. The decision shall include the "Rights of Appeal Information"

Game Official Assault

An individual accused of an alleged Game Official Assault will be suspended immediately from all soccer activity and will remain suspended pending a hearing by the YRSA Discipline Panel acting as an OSA Discipline Hearing Panel.

The following individuals must attend the hearing in person: the accused; the person(s) submitting the report(s); and the Club Representative.

Any suspension that is assessed following a Discipline Panel decision will include any period of suspension already served.

If the accused is found guilty of Game Official Assault, the Club of the accused shall be assessed a "Discipline Hearing Administrative Fee" as per the YRSA Scheduled of Fees, Fines, Bonds and Penalties in addition to the set fine charged to the accused.

It is the responsibility of all Clubs to disseminate this discipline policy to their coaches and players.

Rules and Regulations - Appendix A

PLAYING-OUT RULES

1. SCOPE

This document applies to all member Clubs with teams that wish to play in a league outside the jurisdiction of the District Soccer Association.

2. OBJECTIVES

Playing-out rules are intended to address the need to manage the movement of York Region teams to and from leagues outside this region. The key objectives which the rules are intended to implement are as follows:

- * To offer the opportunity for well-qualified teams from York Region to move to higher level leagues within the “Pyramid for Play” as per guidelines of the Provincial Soccer Association.
- * To permit York Region teams, for which there is no appropriate league division at their age level in this district, to play in a league at an appropriate level in a league outside this district.
- * To ensure that we will continue to maintain our ability to offer an appropriate level of competition and size of leagues within York Region and satisfy the needs of the various geographic areas in this district.
- * To respect long-standing playing-out agreements with some senior teams.

3. TERMS

As these rules apply to a broad scope of situations, it is important to read these rules using the following specific interpretation:

SEASON

When used with respect to a team and playing-out permission, this must be interpreted as Outdoor or Indoor. Even if it contains the same players, a summer team and a indoor team will be considered to be two separate teams and playing-out permission for one will have no bearing on the granting of playing-out permission for the other.

APPROPRIATE LEAGUE DIVISION:

In general, an appropriate league division will be one which is at a level of play commensurate with a team's record; of the same age level and gender as the team in question; and, operates in the season (outdoor or indoor) which is applicable to the team.

REGULAR SEASON

This is generally the initial, and longest, portion of the schedule for a league. Generally precedes playoffs

4. RULES

Teams may request playing-out permission in one of three (3) situations:

1. The team meets the defined criteria for playing-out eligibility as a result of their record in a York Region league.
2. The teams age group is not operated under the mandate of the York Region Soccer League.
3. A long-standing arrangement has existed with a senior team. Further details are provided in the sub-sections that follow.

4.1 GENERAL RULES

These apply to all teams for whom playing-out permission is being requested:

4.1.1 CONDUCT:

In general, a Club's team will NOT be given playing-out permission unless it has demonstrated that it is a suitable ambassador for the district based upon, but not limited to, the following criteria:

- * The team has a satisfactory discipline record.
- * While away e.g., in tournaments, the team has behaved as a guest should, both on and off the field. It has not acted in any way which would serve to bring the District into disrepute.

4.1.2 FINANCIAL:

The Club and the team in question have consistently met their financial obligations in a

timely manner.

4.1.3 COMMITMENTS:

The team has a record of honoring its commitments as evidenced by a lack of forfeited games; and, by the completion of League and Cup competitions and tournaments in which it has been entered.

4.2 INITIAL REQUESTS FOR PLAYING-OUT PERMISSION

This applies to teams which played in a York Region league in the preceding season (or new teams) who wish to play-out in the next season. ALL NOTIFICATIONS MUST BE MADE BY A CLUB, as per section 5.

4.2.1 A York Region league, regular season division champion from the immediately preceding season may apply for playing-out permission to the next higher level league. The league division in which this team played must have been the highest level league available for that age group, gender and season within this district.

4.2.2 Application to play in a higher level league than is available in York Region will only be considered for teams which are applying to play-out in an U12 division or higher (given that an appropriate York Region league division will exist in the next season).

For promotion of the next level above the York Region League, 2 teams may be promoted into the U12 division and 1 team every year thereafter. If the first place Division A champion does not wish to pay out, the opportunity to play out will be offered to the second placed York Region team in the A Division as per the applicable rules of the District, the League and/or the Provincial Soccer Association.

4.2.3 The team must have demonstrated, based on performance, that it is competitive at a level of play above that available within the jurisdiction of the District Soccer Association and commensurate with that in the League in which the team wishes to play.

4.2.4 Notwithstanding the foregoing sections (4.2.1 to 4.2.3), the District Soccer Association may grant playing-out permission to a Club's team on the basis that special conditions apply which make the team an exception compared to the others in the district. As an example, a second place team could apply for playing out permission, given that the other applicable criteria are satisfied; the division champion for that age division does not apply to play-out; and, there will be no other team in that age division playing out in the coming season.

- 4.2.5** If a viable league is not available within the York Region for the age group, gender and level of play at which this team has been playing, permission will be granted to play out in an appropriate league division, given that other applicable requirements are met.

4.3 RE-APPLICATION FOR PLAYING-OUT PERMISSION

This applies to all teams which have had playing-out permission in the immediately preceding season and wish to apply again for the coming season. Notification to continue to play out must be made by a Club

4.3.1 Playing-out permission only applies for the single season for which it was approved. Teams must re-apply for each season they wish to play out. The granting or denial of playing-out permission for one season will not be considered as setting a precedent for any subsequent season. A team which played out in the previous season will retain that permission unless they are relegated by the league back to the York Region District League □as per the pyramid for play.

4.3.2 Notwithstanding the preceding section (4.3.1) a team which does not meet the normal criteria for renewal of playing out permission if no appropriate league division will exist for that team in the York Region, in the next season.

5. PROCEDURE

The following procedure must be followed for any team which wishes to apply for playing-out permission:

NOTIFICATION must be made, in writing, and presented by the Club Executive, on behalf of its team, to the District Soccer Association. This must be submitted by the deadline published by this Association.

Rules and Regulations - Appendix B

YRSA POLICY RE: TOURNAMENTS & ONTARIO CUP HOSTING

POLICY AND PROCEDURE

- 1.0 CLUBS REQUIRE PRIOR WRITTEN APPROVAL FROM THE DISTRICT TO HOST WEEKEND CLUB EVENTS INVOLVING REFEREES INCLUDING TOURNAMENTS, SHOWCASES AND ONTARIO CUP HOSTINGS (*SEE OSA PUBLISHED RULES SECTION 8-COMPETITIONS, POLICY 2.0 SANCTIONING OF COMPETITIONS*)
- 2.0 ALL APPLICATIONS, FEES, BONDS AND OSA REQUIREMENTS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE DISTRICT BY DECEMBER 15 THE LATEST TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE UPCOMING SEASON. REQUESTS AFTER THIS DATE OR INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED OR APPROVED FOR THAT SEASON. (*SEE OSA PUBLISHED RULES SECTION 8-COMPETITIONS, POLICY 5.0 APPROVAL OF TOURNAMENTS; 6.0 TOURNAMENT RULES; 7.0 TOURNAMENT REQUIREMENTS OF HOST; 8.0 TOURNAMENT REQUIREMENTS OF DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS*)
- 3.0 AN APPLICATION FEE OF \$25 PLUS A \$500 REFUNDABLE BOND MUST BE SUBMITTED, PAYABLE TO THE DISTRICT AT THE TIME OF APPLICATION TOGETHER WITH THE FOLLOWING:
 - -A COPY OF THE TOURNAMENT RULES MUST BE SUBMITTED AND BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE DISTRICT OTHERWISE THE TOURNAMENT WILL BE GOVERNED BY THE OSA'S TOURNAMENT RULES (*OSA PUBLISHED RULES, SECTION 8-COMPETITIONS, POLICY 6.1*).
 - -IN INSTANCES WHEN THE TOURNAMENT HOST'S TOURNAMENT RULES CONFLICT WITH THE OSA'S TOURNAMENT RULES, THE OSA'S RULES SHALL APPLY (*OSA PUBLISHED RULES, SECTION 8-COMPETITIONS, POLICY 6.7*).
 - TOURNAMENT HOST MUST INDICATE IN WRITING ON THE "TAF" THAT IT WILL COMPLY WITH ALL OF THE OSA RULES, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES GOVERNING TOURNAMENTS (*OSA PUBLISHED RULES, SECTION 8-COMPETITIONS, POLICY 5.10*)

(*TAF = TOURNAMENT APPLICATION FORM)
- 4.0 ANY CLUB HOSTING WITHOUT PRIOR PERMISSION WILL BE SUBJECT TO A FINE OF A MINIMUM OF \$500 UP TO A MAXIMUM OF \$2,000, MAY NOT BE APPROVED FOR HOSTINGS THE FOLLOWING YEAR OR MAY HAVE THEIR EVENTS RESTRICTED OR REDUCED IN THE FOLLOWING YEAR. DECISION OF THE BOARD WILL BE FINAL.
- 5.0 ALL REFEREES REQUIRED FOR ONTARIO CUP HOSTINGS AND COMPETITIVE TOURNAMENT HOSTINGS WILL BE ASSIGNED BY THE DISTRICT. THE DISTRICT

MAY DELEGATE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF ASSIGNING REFEREES TO THE CHR (CLUB HEAD REFEREE) AT ITS DISCRETION. IN THE CASE OF RECREATIONAL TOURNAMENTS, THE CLUB HEAD REFEREE WILL BE RESPONSIBLE IN ASSIGNING REFEREES FOLLOWING THE PYRAMID OF OFFICIATING (FOR REFEREES).

(In the event that the tournament host has been delegated to assign referees, a complete list of referees assigned to the tournament must be submitted to the District at least 72 hours prior to the commencement of the tournament.)

- 6.0 THE DISTRICT SHALL APPOINT OR DELEGATE THE APPOINTMENT OF A DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE TO ACT AT THE TOURNAMENT.
- 7.0 THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF TOURNAMENTS IN THE DISTRICT IS RESTRICTED TO ONE ON ANY GIVEN WEEKEND NOTWITHSTANDING EXISTING TOURNAMENT DATES.
- 8.0 DISTRICT EVENTS OR TOURNAMENTS INVOLVING MORE THAN ONE CLUB WILL REQUIRE ONE CLUB TO DECLARE THEMSELVES AS THE HOST AND BE SUBJECT TO THE DISTRICT'S HOSTING POLICY.
- 9.0 CLUBS WISHING TO ACCOMMODATE NON DISTRICT TOURNAMENTS WILL BE ALLOWED TO DO SO, SUBJECT TO DISTRICT HOSTING POLICY, AVAILABILITY OF DATE AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND SPONSORSHIP OF HOST CLUB AND DISTRICT.

FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE GUIDELINES WILL RESULT IN FORFEITURE OF BOND AND MAY RESULT IN A FINE TO THE HOSTING CLUB.

- 10.0 ONTARIO CUP WILL BE LIMITED TO A MAXIMUM OF EIGHT (8) HOSTINGS IN A CALENDER YEAR WITHIN THE DISTRICT. INDIVIDUAL CLUBS WILL BE LIMITED TO A MAXIMUM OF TWO (2) ONTARIO CUP HOSTINGS (SEE CLUB RESTRICTIONS).
- APPLICATIONS MUST BE MADE AND APPROVAL OBTAINED FROM THE DISTRICT DIRECTOR IN CHARGE OF TOURNAMENTS BY THE CLUB ADMINISTRATOR OR BOARD MEMBER OF THE CLUB PRIOR TO THE CLUB REGISTERING ON LINE AT THE OSA.
 - DEADLINE FOR DISTRICT APPLICATION IS DECEMBER 15TH.
 - DEADLINE FOR OSA REGISTRATION IS JANUARY 15TH.
 - FAILURE TO FOLLOW THIS PROCEDURE WILL RESULT IN THE ONTARIO CUP HOSTING NOT BEING APPROVED AND SUBJECT THE CLUB TO A FINE OF UP TO \$1,000.00.

CLUB RESTRICTIONS - THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF EVENTS A CLUB MAY HOST IN A CALENDER YEAR IS THREE (3) IN ANY COMBINATION.

11.0 CONSEQUENCES OF NOT FOLLOWING DISTRICT AND OSA POLICY RE
TOURNAMENTS & ONTARIO CUP HOSTING

- NO SUBMISSION OR WRITTEN APPROVAL FROM DISTRICT TO HOST TOURNAMENT BY DEADLINE DATE WILL RESULT IN A FINE TO THE CLUB OF UP TO \$2,000 AND LIMIT OR DENY HOSTINGS THE FOLLOWING YEAR.
- HOSTING ONTARIO CUP WITHOUT REQUEST AND APPROVAL FROM THE DISTRICT BY THE DEADLINE DATE WILL RESULT IN A FINE OF UP TO \$1,000 AND NO HOSTING THE FOLLOWING YEAR.
- NOT FOLLOWING REFEREE ASSIGNMENT PROCEDURE WILL RESULT IN FORFEITURE OF HOSTING BOND AND A FINE OF UP TO \$500.
- FAILURE TO SUBMIT TOURNAMENT HOSTING REPORT WITH ALL REQUIRED INFORMATION WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER EVENT WILL RESULT IN FORFEITURE OF BOND, PLUS 1ST OFFENSE \$100 FINE, 2ND OFFENSE \$250 FINE PLUS DISQUALIFICATION THE FOLLOWING YEAR.
- INCORRECT OR INCOMPLETE APPLICATION TO HOST WILL RESULT IN 50% OF APPLICATION BOND NOT RETURNED.
- FAILURE TO PROVIDE THE OSA THE ONTARIO CUP REPORT IS SUBJECT TO OSA DISCIPLINE (SEE OSA POLICY).

Tournament Reporting

Member Leagues and Clubs that host a tournament must file a report with the District Soccer Association within thirty (30) days of completion of the event. The report must contain the following information:

- A list of participating teams, identified by team name and team registration number.
- A list of teams failing to show up, identified by team name and team registration number.
- A list of teams which failed to play all their games, identified by team name and team registration number.
- A summary report of serious injuries.
- Discipline summary report.
- The tournament schedule and results of each game.
- Any other relevant comments.
- In the event that the tournament host assigns referees, a complete list of referees assigned must be submitted to the District at least 72 hours prior to the commencement of the tournament.

FAILURE TO SUBMIT TOURNAMENT HOSTING REPORT WITH ALL REQUIRED INFORMATION WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER EVENT WILL RESULT IN FORFEITURE OF BOND, PLUS 1ST OFFENSE \$100 FINE, 2ND OFFENSE \$250 FINE PLUS DISQUALIFICATION THE FOLLOWING YEAR.

YRSA POLICY RE: TOURNAMENTS & ONTARIO CUP HOSTING

POLICY AND PROCEDURE

- 1.0 CLUBS REQUIRE PRIOR WRITTEN APPROVAL FROM THE DISTRICT SECRETARY (YRSA BOARD) TO HOST WEEKEND CLUB EVENTS INVOLVING REFEREES INCLUDING TOURNAMENTS, SHOWCASES AND ONTARIO CUP HOSTINGS (SEE OSA POLICY 2.2)
- 2.0 ALL APPLICATIONS, FEES, BONDS AND OSA REQUIREMENTS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE DISTRICT BY DECEMBER 15 THE LATEST TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE UPCOMING SEASON. REQUESTS AFTER THIS DATE OR INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED OR APPROVED FOR THAT SEASON. (SEE OSA POLICIES 5.0;6.0;8.0)
- 3.0 AN APPLICATION FEE OF \$25 PLUS A \$500 REFUNDABLE BOND MUST BE SUBMITTED PAYABLE TO THE DISTRICT AT THE TIME OF APPLICATION
- 4.0 ANY CLUB HOSTING WITHOUT PRIOR PERMISSION WILL BE SUBJECT TO A FINE OF UP TO \$2,000, MAY NOT BE APPROVED FOR HOSTINGS THE FOLLOWING YEAR OR MAY HAVE THEIR EVENTS RESTRICTED OR REDUCED IN THE FOLLOWING YEAR. DECISION OF THE BOARD WILL BE FINAL.
- 5.0 ALL REFEREES REQUIRED FOR ONTARIO CUP HOSTINGS WILL BE ASSIGNED BY THE DRC. IN THE CASE OF COMPETITIVE TOURNAMENTS, THE DRC AND THE HOSTING CLUB HEAD REFEREE WILL ASSIGN THE REFEREES. IN THE CASE OF RECREATIONAL TOURNAMENTS, THE CLUB HEAD REFEREE WILL BE RESPONSIBLE IN ASSIGNING REFEREES FOLLOWING THE PYRAMID OF OFFICIATING (FOR REFEREES). FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE GUIDELINES WILL RESULT IN FORFEITURE OF BOND AND MAY RESULT IN A FINE TO THE HOSTING CLUB.
- 6.0 ONTARIO CUP WILL BE LIMITED TO A MAXIMUM OF EIGHT (8) HOSTINGS IN A CALENDER YEAR WITHIN THE DISTRICT. INDIVIDUAL CLUBS WILL BE LIMITED TO A MAXIMUM OF TWO (2) ONTARIO CUP HOSTINGS (SEE CLUB RESTRICTIONS) .
 - APPLICATIONS MUST BE MADE AND APPROVAL OBTAINED FROM THE DISTRICT DIRECTOR IN CHARGE OF TOURNAMENTS (SECRETARY) BY THE CLUB ADMINISTRATOR OR BOARD MEMBER OF THE CLUB PRIOR TO THE CLUB REGISTERING ON LINE AT THE OSA.
 - DEADLINE FOR DISTRICT APPLICATION IS DECEMBER 15TH.
 - DEADLINE FOR OSA REGISTRATION IS JANUARY 15TH.

- FAILURE TO FOLLOW THIS PROCEDURE WILL RESULT IN THE ONTARIO CUP HOSTING NOT BEING APPROVED AND SUBJECT THE CLUB TO A FINE OF UP TO #1,000.00.
 - CLUB RESTRICTIONS - **THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF EVENTS A CLUB MAY HOST IN A CALENDER YEAR IS THREE (3) IN ANY COMBINATION.**
- 7.0 THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF COMPETITIVE TOURNAMENTS IN THE DISTRICT IS RESTRICTED TO ONE ON ANY GIVEN WEEKEND NOTWITHSTANDING EXISTING TOURNAMENT DATES. THE SAME POLICY APPLIES TO RECREATIONAL AND ALL STAR TOURNAMENTS.
- 8.0 DISTRICT EVENTS OR TOURNAMENTS INVOLVING MORE THAN ONE CLUB WILL REQUIRE ONE CLUB TO DECLARE THEMSELVES AS THE HOST AND BE SUBJECT TO THE DISTRICT'S HOSTING POLICY.
- 9.0 CLUBS WISHING TO ACCOMMODATE NON DISTRICT TOURNAMENTS WILL BE ALLOWED TO DO SO, SUBJECT TO DISTRICT HOSTING POLICY, AVAILABILITY OF DATE AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND SPONSORSHIP OF HOST CLUB AND DISTRICT.
- 10.0 CONSEQUENCES OF NOT FOLLOWING DISTRICT AND OSA POLICY RE TOURNAMENTS & ONTARIO CUP HOSTING
- NO SUBMISSION OR WRITTEN APPROVAL FROM DISTRICT TO HOST TOURNAMENT BY DEADLINE DATE WILL RESULT IN A FINE TO THE CLUB OF UP TO \$2,000 AND LIMIT OR DENY HOSTINGS THE FOLLOWING YEAR.
 - HOSTING ONTARIO CUP WITHOUT REQUEST AND APPROVAL FROM THE DISTRICT BY THE DEADLINE DATE WILL RESULT IN A FINE OF UP TO \$1,000 AND NO HOSTING THE FOLLOWING YEAR.
 - NOT FOLLOWING REFEREE ASSIGNMENT PROCEDURE WILL RESULT IN FORFEITURE OF HOSTING BOND AND A FINE OF UP TO \$500.
 - FAILURE TO SUBMIT TOURNAMENT HOSTING REPORT WITH ALL REQUIRED INFORMATION WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER EVENT WILL RESULT IN FORFEITURE OF BOND, PLUS 1ST OFFENSE \$100 FINE, 2ND OFFENSE \$250 FINE PLUS DISQUALIFICATION THE FOLLOWING YEAR.
 - INCORRECT OR INCOMPLETE APPLICATION TO HOST WILL RESULT IN 50% OF APPLICATION BOND NOT RETURNED.
 - FAILURE TO PROVIDE THE OSA THE ONTARIO CUP REPORT IS SUBJECT TO OSA DISCIPLINE (SEE OSA POLICY).

Rules and Regulations – Appendix C League Rules

This section contains the rules to be used in the operation of the League. Due to the size of this section, it will be kept as a separate document however, the rules applicable to changes and applicability of the Rules and Regulations section will apply to this Appendix / document as well.