

LINCOLN COUNTY SOCCER LEAGUE, Inc.

BY-LAWS

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SECTION 1: NAME

This League shall be known as the Lincoln County Youth Soccer League, Inc.

SECTION 2: PURPOSE

The purpose of this league shall be to develop, promote, teach, and administer the game of soccer for youth (boys and girls under the age of fourteen) in a safe and healthy manner within the boundaries and territorial description of this league. This league shall offer its soccer program without restriction to race, color, religion, national origin, or ability.

SECTION 3: BOUNDARIES AND TERRITORIES

The territory of this league shall generally include the entire county of Lincoln with soccer fields for game play located within the limits of Lincoln County, New Mexico.

SECTION 4: COLORS

The representative colors of Lincoln County Soccer League shall be blue and gold.

SECTION 5: NATIONAL AND STATE AFFILIATIONS

This league at its inception shall be an affiliated branch of and comply with the authority of the United States Soccer Federation (USSF), the United States Youth Soccer Association (USYSA), the USSF Youth Division, and the New Mexico Youth Soccer Association (NMYSA).

SECTION 6: AUTHORITIES

A. GSL GOVERNING AUTHORITIES AND DOCUMENTS

This league shall be governed by its By-Laws and General Procedures and Rules, except as these are superseded by NMYSA, USYSA, OR USSF.

B. DIRECTORS

The governing authority of this league shall be vested in the Board of Directors. There shall be not less than four, nor more than nine directors, to serve for a period of two years. An individual may serve no more than two (2) consecutive terms in the same elected office. The President, Secretary and Registrar shall be elected in even numbered years. The Vice-President, Treasurer, Referee Liaison and Coach Liaison shall be elected in odd numbered years. The members of the Board of Directors and the powers and responsibilities of each member are designated in Section 7. Members at Large shall be elected as necessary.

SECTION 7: DIRECTORS

A. ELECTION

Directors shall be elected to two-year terms at the League's annual meeting which shall be held in May of each year. The annual meeting is held on the first Wednesday in May.

B. VOTE

Each Director shall have one vote on the Board of Directors must be present to cast the vote. No proxy voting will be allowed.

C. VACANCY

In the event that a Director position becomes vacant, the League President shall appoint a successor from within the league with the approval of the Board of Directors for the unexpired term. In the event that a Director misses three consecutive meetings without being excused by the President, that Director's position shall be deemed vacant and the preceding shall apply.

D. REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The regular Board of Directors meetings shall be held quarterly on the first Wednesday of the month at a place designated by the Board of Directors unless the board schedules and gives proper notification for a special meeting. Should the location or date be changed, reasonable notice shall be provided by the most effective means to all Directors.

SECTION 8: RESPONSIBILITIES AND AUTHORITY OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors shall be responsible for and have sole authority for the following:

A. Establishing policies as well as enforcing and interpreting the By-Laws and the General Procedures and Rules.

B. Approving registered teams and affiliated clubs.

C. Setting procedures for and approval of participation by member teams and/or select teams in state, regional, national or international games.

D. Approval of the formation and operation of tournaments sponsored or sanctioned by the League.

E. From time to time making temporary rules, procedures, or regulations for the specific cases or occasions not provided for in the By-Laws and General Procedures and Rules, but which are deemed necessary and voted upon by the Board of Directors to carry out the objectives of the League.

F. For just cause to suspend, bar completely, or otherwise discipline: any player, coach, manager, team assistant, league officer, parent, spectator or other person who is affiliated or associated with a member team.

G. When leaving office for any reason, an individual will turn over all equipment, materials, or other items belonging to the League to the President or the replacement official within thirty days of leaving office or sooner, if necessary.

H. A quorum shall consist of four Directors. A simple majority of the votes present shall be required to pass any action before the Board of Directors unless otherwise required by the By-Laws or General Procedures and Rules. In the event of a tie, after all votes representing the quorum have voted, the motion fails.

SECTION 9: DUTIES OF OFFICERS

A. PRESIDENT Shall, subject to the authority of the Board of Directors, exercise general supervision, direction, and management control over the business activities of the Board of Directors. The President shall preside over all meetings of the Board of Directors. The President shall be a member of the Board of Directors and vote on all matters unless absent.

He or she shall appoint, at the beginning of his or her term, the chairs and members of all standing committees or other committees as needed. He or she shall, at the beginning of his or her term, appoint the League officials. In the event of vacancy, the President with the concurrence of the Board of Directors shall appoint replacements.

The President shall be an ex-officio member of all standing or other committees.

He or she shall have the powers and duties as may be prescribed by the By-Laws or General Procedures and Rules of which may be prescribed by the Directors.

The President shall supervise the preparation of a budget at the beginning of his or her term. The President may authorize the emergency expenditure of league funds up to \$250.00.

B. VICE PRESIDENT Shall, in the absence of the President, preside over and conduct meetings of the Board of Directors. The Vice-President shall be responsible for preparation of all league practice and game schedules. In the event there is no one to serve in the Risk Management position, the Vice President shall be responsible for ensuring that all board members, coaches, assistant coaches, team parents/team managers have filled out a background disclosure form and seeing that it reaches the state office for the official background check.

c. SECRETARY Shall keep an accurate record of all meetings. The Secretary shall maintain the corporate books and files of the League and give notice and agendas of meetings.

D. TREASURER Shall give receipt for all monies received which shall be deposited in a federally insured financial institution in the name of the League. All accounts shall be paid by check and shall bear two signatures. The Treasurer, the President, the Vice-President, and the registrar shall be recognized signatories of checks issued by the League. The receipt book and vouchers for accounts (savings or checking) shall be available for inspection and shall be properly balanced according to the bank statement.

The Treasurer shall also be responsible for the preparation of all papers pursuant to and maintenance of the tax exempt status of the League. The Treasurer is responsible for

assisting the President with the development of the budget and planning the expenditures of the League. The Treasurer may invest the funds of the League in interest bearing accounts in a federally insured bank or other federally insured financial institutions. The Treasurer is responsible for submitting quarterly financial reports to the Directors at the regular Board of Directors meeting, submitting annual corporate reports to the State Corporation Commission, and any and all other reports that may be required by the Commission or any applicable City, State, or Federal laws.

E. REGISTRAR Shall be responsible for the registration of players and teams. The Registrar shall certify the registration data for each club and shall serve as the authority for this data for insurance and other purposes. The Registrar shall be responsible for the development and maintenance of registration materials, instructions, and training of the club personnel to ensure proper completion of all forms, and other requirements consistent with LCYSL, NMYSA, and USYSA requirements. The Registrar shall certify the rosters of teams that are to participate in any cup competitions, Travel Rosters, and Select Team Rosters. The Registrar shall certify the rosters of teams playing in league sponsored tournaments. The Registrar may be compensated on a per registered player basis. The amount of compensation, if any shall be set by the Board of Directors.

F. COACH LIAISON Shall be responsible for recruiting coaches and assistant coaches for each season. He or She shall be the liaison between coaches and the Board of Directors and be responsible for seeing that coaches adhere to the League Rules. The Liaison shall assist coaches with training resources.

G. REFEREE LIAISON Shall be responsible for recruiting referees for each season. He or She shall be the liaison between referees and the Board of Directors and be responsible for seeing that referees adhere to the League Rules. The liaison shall schedule referees and assistant referees for all games involving all League games played within the boundaries and territories of the League where referees are required. He/She shall maintain complete and accurate records of all games worked by each referee and assistant referee to ensure proper payment of referee fees. He/she shall maintain accurate records of scores for all divisions that require score keeping.