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# **CHARIHO Youth Soccer Association**

## **By-Laws**

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## BYLAWS

The Constitution of the Chariho Youth Soccer Association (hereafter referred to as CYSA or the Association) and the following BYLAWS are the guidelines by which the Association operates and as such, supersedes all previous rules and regulations. Motions for any changes or amendments to the Constitution or Bylaws may be submitted and voted on in accordance with Article XI of the Constitution. If required, interpretations and/or exceptions to these guidelines shall be made by the Board of Directors.

### ARTICLE I AGE RESTRICTIONS

#### A. Age Divisions

1. Boys and Girls Age Divisions shall include players who, prior to August 1 immediately preceding the start of the seasonal year, are

<u>Age Group Division</u>	<u>Division Inclusive of</u>
Under 6	U6
Under 8	U7& U8
Under 10	U9 & U10
Under 12	U11 & U12
Under 14	U13 & U 14
Under 16	U15 & U16
Under 19	U17 & U18 & U19

2. The seasonal year shall be from September 1st to August 31st of the following year.

#### B. Playing Up

1. Players who have demonstrated exceptional skills and abilities may be allowed to move up into a higher age division in either recreational or competitive soccer, with Board of Directors approval only.
2. Any parent requesting to have their child moved up to an older age division for recreational soccer must notify the Board of Directors in writing by May 31<sup>st</sup> preceding the start of the seasonal year.

3. Any parent requesting to have their child moved up to an older age division for competitive soccer must notify the Board of Directors in writing **prior to the June membership meeting for the fall season or prior to the October membership meeting for the spring season**. A written recommendation from a prior coach is also required. This written recommendation must support the request by describing the player's skills and abilities as well as any other relevant information. The Board of Directors shall consider each request on an individual basis and notify the parents of the Board's decision.
4. Requests to play up cannot be decided by e-mail or telephone vote.

C. Playing Down

1. Any parent of a physically and/or emotionally challenged player who wishes to have their child moved down to a younger age division, for recreational soccer, must notify the Board of Directors in writing by May 31<sup>st</sup> preceding the start of the seasonal year
2. In accordance with United States Youth Soccer Association (USYSA) regulations, no player may move down to a younger age division for competitive soccer.

ARTICLE II PLAYERS

No player may participate with a CYSA team unless said player is properly register with Soccer Rhode Island (SRI).

A. Registration of Players

1. Fall Recreational League
  - a. Registration Forms (with accompanying proofs of age and payments of registration fees) for eligible youths (as defined by Article VI of the Constitution) interested in playing in the CYSA Fall Recreational League, will be accepted from April 1<sup>st</sup> through May 31<sup>st</sup> preceding the start of the seasonal year. A late fee will be charged for registrations submitted to the Association after May 31<sup>st</sup>.
  - b. Players requesting to play Fall Recreational Soccer after May 31<sup>st</sup> will be placed on a "waiting list" to be maintained by the Director of Registration (or designee). Parents of players placed on the "waiting

list” shall be informed that placement on the “waiting list” does not guarantee their child will be assigned to a fall roster.

2. TOPSoccer

- a. TOPSoccer (The Outreach Program for Soccer) is a community based training and team placement program for children with disabilities. The program, organized by CHARIHO Youth Soccer Association Volunteers, is designed to bring the opportunity of learning and playing soccer to any boy or girl, age 6-19, with a mental or physical disability. Our philosophy is to provide an opportunity for children with disabilities to participate in a fun activity, which can be adapted to each child’s special needs. Modifications are made to the game to allow full participation and enjoyment to each child; the game is adapted to the child, rather than expecting the players to adapt to the game. One-on-one assistance is available to those who need it through mentors and will offer a recreational, leisurely approach to the game of soccer. This will enable local youth athletes with disabilities to become valued and successful members of the US Youth Soccer family.

3. Competitive Teams

- a. Any eligible youth (as defined by Article VI of the Constitution) may register for, or transfer to, a CYSA competitive team at any time, provided said youth’s participation on a CYSA competitive team does not violate any USYSA, SRI, or Rhode Island Inter-Scholastic League regulation.

4. Registration Fees

- a. Registration Fees for the CYSA Recreational League shall be determined by the Board of Directors at the time of the annual budget is adopted. Players and families registering for the CYSA Fall Recreational League after May 31<sup>st</sup> shall be charged an additional \$10.00 “Late Fee.”
- b. Registration fees for eligible youths to participate with a CYSA competitive team, who are not properly registered for the CYSA Fall Recreational League, shall be determined by the Board of Directors at the time of the annual budget is adopted. No additional registration fee, or late fee, is required of an eligible youth (as defined by Article

VI of the Constitution) to participate with a CYSA competitive team if said youth is properly registered for the CYSA Fall Recreational League.

- c. No additional registration fee, or late fee, is required of an eligible youth (as defined by Article VI of the Constitution) to referee a CYSA soccer game if said youth, 1) is properly registered for the CYSA Fall Recreational League or a CYSA competitive team, or 2) has a current USSF referee's certification and a current membership with the Rhode Island Soccer Referees Association (RISRA). Registration fees for eligible youths to referee CYSA soccer games who are, 1) not properly registered for the CYSA Fall Recreational League or a CYSA competitive team, or 2) do not have a current USSF referee's certification, shall be \$0.00 per person for the seasonal year.
- d. No registration fee, or late fee is required of an eligible TOPSoccer player.
- e. The ability to pay registration fees will not be a prerequisite to participate in CYSA soccer. The President has the authority to grant a waiver to anyone unable to afford registration fees.

5. Refund Policy

- a. A player's registration fee, for the CYSA Recreational League, may be refunded if said player is not rostered to a team.

B. Team Assignments

1. Fall Recreational League

- a. No tryouts will be held for recreational teams. Registered players will be assigned to a team on or before June 30th, preceding the seasonal year, and all teams will be re-selected each year. Player selection will be by a "blind draft" process and a rating system. A player's rating will be based on his or her overall abilities and will be determined by the player's previous coach, whenever possible, and/or by the coaches in each respective Age Division.
- b. After team drafts, the assignment of players from the Awaiting list" shall be performed by the Director of Registration on a "first come -

first serve” bases, so that each team will have the same number of players.

- c. Coaches shall notify all players selected to their teams within forty-eight (48) hours of receiving their rosters.
- d. Team rosters may not be changed unless valid vacancies exist. Team rosters are frozen on September 15th.

## 2. Competitive Teams

- a. Tryouts for competitive teams are mandatory. Coaches of competitive teams have final decision on player selection.
  - 1. All coaches conducting tryouts must have submitted a coaching request and be approved by the Board of Directors. A tryout maybe held for an age division without an approved coach only with the Competitive Director’s approval.
  - 2. Coaches are required to keep a list of all players attending the tryout and provide a copy of this list to the Competitive Director at the conclusion of the tryout.
  - 3. All players/parents must be notified within one week of the tryout whether or not they have been placed on a team. The “first pick” coach in each age division is responsible for player/parent notification.
  - 4. It is the coach’s responsibility to inform the players/parents of the time frame for notification as part of the tryout process.
  - 5. If the one-week notification time frame cannot be met, the coach must notify the Competitive Director, before the week passes, as to the reason(s) why the notification process can not be accomplished.
  - 6. Failure to comply with these tryout rules will result in the suspension of all processing of applicable paperwork by CYSA and possible disciplinary action.

## C. Discipline of Players

1. Team discipline is based on common sense. It is the responsibility of the coach to ensure the safety and order of his/her team.
2. Depending upon the severity required, the coach staff is empowered to sit a player out for one game at his/her discretion (i.e., repeatedly missing practice without notice, fighting, general distraction, etc.). Sitting a player out for two consecutive games requires prior approval from the Board of Directors. Disciplinary action for repeated violations may range from multiple game suspensions to removal from the team as deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors. Appropriate action for disciplinary problems will be as follows:

<u>Action</u>	<u>Direction By</u>
One game suspension	Coach
Two game suspension	Board of Directors
Dismissal	Board of Directors
Appeal by Parent	Board of Directors

3. Any player receiving a red card, must leave the field of play for the remainder of the game, shall not be replaced with a substitute player for the remainder of the game, and said player must sit out the next scheduled regular season game or play-off game.
4. Any player receiving a yellow card, must leave the field of play until the next opportunity a substitution is allowed for his/her team. The player leaving the field for a yellow card may be replaced by a substitute. Any player receiving three (3) yellow cards in a season will sit out the next scheduled regular season game or play-off game.
5. The Director of Referees will record and monitor all cards issued during the regular season and play-offs.

D. Injuries

1. Any player injured during a practice session must be attended to by the injured players coach (or designee) immediately.
2. During a game, a coach (or designee) may not attend to an injured player until play is stopped and permission to enter the playing field is granted by the referee. All other players, both on and off the field should remain in place and sit quietly until play is resumed. If there is any doubt about the player's injury, proper medical attention must be sought immediately. Any time the referee

stops the game due to an injury, the injured player (with the exception of the goalkeeper) must leave the field and may be replaced with a substitute. If the injured player is able to resume playing, he or she may be substituted at the next opportunity as allowed by the rules of play. In the Under 10 and below Age Divisions, the injured player may be substituted back into the game at the next stoppage of play, but only for the player who replaced him or her. In the Under 12 and above Age Divisions, if play is stopped to attend to an injured player, the opposing team of the injured player may also substitute one player.

3. Coaches must have ice or cold packs on hand in the event of injury. Ice is also available at the concession stand.
4. Players are not allowed to participate in a game, scrimmage, or practice session if they are wearing a cast, unless:
  - a. A doctor authorizes the player to participate and the parent/guardian submits a medical release form to the Board of Directors.
  - b. Board of Directors grants approval to the player to participate in soccer play.
  - c. The cast is wrapped in a soft material so as to prevent accidental injury to another player.
5. No player with free flowing blood, or blood on his/her uniform, may participate or continue to participate in a game, scrimmage, or practice session until the bleeding is stopped, the wound completely bandaged, and the uniform is changed.

### ARTICLE III      COACHES

#### A.      Selection of Coaches

1.      Fall Recreational League
  - a.      Anyone interested in coaching during the Fall Recreational season shall notify the Director of Coaches prior to June 1st. All members in good standing who held a Head Coaching position the previous year will be given priority over applicants who held Assistant Coaching position and applicants without coaching experience, for a Head Coaching position for the upcoming season. All members in good

standing who held an Assistant Coaching position the previous year will be given priority over applicants without coaching experience.

- b. Head Coaches shall choose Assistant Coaches after players have been drafted to teams (not before).
- c. There will be no more than two (2) coaches per team allowed on the player's side of the field during a game.
- d. The Soccer Rhode Island (SRI), which CYSA is affiliated with, recommends all recreational coaches to obtain an USYSA "Age-Specific Certificate". **The latest guidelines can be found in the SRI bylaws at [www.soccer-RI.com](http://www.soccer-RI.com).**
- e. All coaches must be at least three (3) years older than the players they are coaching. Any coach under the age of eighteen (18) must have an adult coach or designated team parent accompany them at all times. A minor may not be alone with the players during practices or games.
- f. All coaches and assistant coaches are volunteers and receive no compensation for their services.

## 2. Competitive Teams

- a. Coaches of the Chariho Youth Soccer Association's Competitive Soccer Program shall endeavor to assemble the strongest teams possible for each particular division to best represent CYSA and to improve upon the skill level of all participants to the best of their ability.
- b. All potential head coaches for a competitive team must, for every season, submit a Coaching Request Form to the Competitive Director for Board of Directors approval within the following time frames:
  - 1. Fall Competitive Season – prior to the Board of Director's meeting in May.
  - 2. Columbus Day (Pepperell) Tournament - prior to the last Board of Director's before the scheduled tryout.
  - 3. Winter (Indoor) Competitive Season - prior to the Board of Director's meeting in August.
  - 4. Spring Competitive Season - prior to the Board of Director's meeting in October.

5. Addition Tournaments – as required.

c. Only in cases where there are no coaching requests for a particular age group, or if additional coaches for an age group are required, will the Competitive Director accept Coaching Request Forms (for Board of Director’s approval) and Bureau of Criminal Identification Forms after the above dates. Assistant coaches have up to two weeks after the conclusion of tryouts for each season to submit an assistant coaching request form. No further requests will be accepted after the two week timeframe.

d. The Soccer Rhode Island (SRI), which CYSA is affiliated with, recommends all recreational coaches to obtain an USYSA “Age-Specific Certificate”. The latest guidelines can be found in the SRI bylaws at [www.soccer-RI.com](http://www.soccer-RI.com).

e. If two or more people apply to coach the SAME TEAM, the Board of Directors will determine which applicant will coach the team based on the following qualifications (not in order of priority):

1. Prior coaching conduct and proper representation of CYSA and its rules and regulations (not win/loss record).
2. License / Certification Level. Achievement of a license or certification indicates a level of coaching ability and shows a commitment to improving coaching skills. Directors should consider the level of license obtained and state rules regarding licensing requirements for competitive teams.
3. Coaching Experience. Directors should consider the number of years coaching recreational and competitive teams, and the level of competitive teams coached (e.g., competitive divisions, high school, premier, college, etc.).
4. Seniority of coaching with the requested team. Directors should give some weight to an applicant who has coached a team of players for a number of years. The player’s best interest should be the most important factor.
5. Playing Experience. Directors may consider an applicant’s experience playing organized soccer a potential indicator of greater knowledge of the game and ability to demonstrate to players.

g. If two or more people apply to coach a team within the SAME AGE DIVISION, the Board of Directors will determine which applicant will be allowed “first pick”, “second pick”, etc., based on the following

qualifications (not in order of priority):

1. Prior coaching conduct and proper representation of CYSA and its rules and regulations (not win/loss record).
  2. License / Certification Level. Achievement of a license or certification indicates a level of coaching ability and shows a commitment to improving coaching skills. Directors should consider the level of license obtained and state rules regarding licensing requirements for competitive teams.
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  4. Seniority of coaching with the requested team. Directors should give some weight to an applicant who has coached a team of players for a number of years. The player's best interest should be the most important factor.
  5. Playing Experience. Directors may consider an applicant's experience playing organized soccer a potential indicator of greater knowledge of the game and ability to demonstrate to players.
- g. The Board of Directors will vote on each Coaching Request and the Competitive Director will notify applicants of its decision within forty-eight (48) hours. Applicants may be approved contingent on a satisfactory criminal background check.
- h. All coaches must be at least three (3) years older than the players they are coaching. Any coach under the age of eighteen (18) must have an adult coach or designated team parent accompany them at all times. A minor may not be alone with the players during practices or games.
- i. All coaches and assistant coaches are volunteers and receive no compensation for their services.
3. Tournaments
- a. Coaches interested in taking a team to a tournament must submit a Coaching Request Form and a BCI Form (if applicable) to the Competitive Director. Board of Director approval must be obtained PRIOR to registering a team in any tournament.

- b. Approved coaches must submit to the Competitive Director, not less than Forty-five (45) days in advance of a tournament, the following:
  - 1. A copy of the Team Roster including names, addresses, birthdates, and telephone numbers.
  - 2. Coaches must complete the “E travel” form on line at the Soccer RI website ([www.Soccer-RI.com](http://www.Soccer-RI.com)) and print out two copies of the online approval to bring to the tournament. The Competitive Director does not complete this form.
  - 3. Any new Player Passes, signed by player, including player’s picture, and fee for each pass.
  - 4. Any new Coaches Passes, signed by coach, including coach’s picture, and fee for each pass.
  - 5. Age verification in the form of a Birth Certificate, Passport, or previous year’s pass. No Birth Certificates directly from a Hospital, or Baptismal Certificates will be accepted.
  - 6. Two addressed stamped envelopes; one addressed to the Coach and one addressed to the Tournament Director.
  - 7. A copy of the “Application to Host” form from the hosting association.
  - 8. All applicable registration fees, tournament fees, patch fees, and player/coach ID passes fees required.
  
- c. Not less than Thirty (30) days in advance of a tournament, the Competitive Director, shall maintain one copy of the Team Roster for CYSA records and submit three Team Rosters, Travel Papers, and stamped/addressed envelopes to SRI to obtain State authorizations and assure liability insurance coverage.
  
- i. Any coach who does not adhere to these guidelines may face disciplinary action from the Board of Directors, up to and including suspension of coaching privileges. The first offence may incur a six (6) month suspension; the second offence may incur a one (1) year suspension.
  
- j. All fees are to go through the Competitive Director and are paid from the Competitive Account. Coaches are not authorized to pay any fee or deposit directly.
  
- k. All balances, fees, or fines imposed to a team or coach are the responsibility of the coach and must be paid through the league by that coach. Failure to do so will be a violation of CYSA Bylaws and

grounds for disciplinary action.

B. Coaches Conduct

1. In accordance with the ideals and goals of the Association, all coaches must demonstrate good sportsmanship at all times. They should encourage their players to be gracious in losing and in winning. Coaches should discourage the concept that winning is the only worthwhile result and encourage players to do their best for the entire game, regardless of the outcome. Each Coach, to the best of his/her ability, should develop the soccer skills of all players on the team and promote the philosophy that soccer is a game and is intended to be FUN.
2. Coaches representing the CYSA at practices and games must set a good example to all soccer players. Therefore, there will be no use of alcohol, drugs, or tobacco on the practice or playing fields. Coaches may not attend practices or games while under the influence of alcohol or other drugs
3. There will be no tolerance of any abuse, either physical or verbal, of players, referees, parents, or league officials by any coach.
4. All Recreational Coaches are required to uphold the CYSA Bylaws and attend the Mandatory Coaches Meeting in July.
5. All Competitive Coaches are required to uphold the CYSA Bylaws and attend any competitive meetings as scheduled in the Calendar of Activities or as scheduled by the Competitive Director.

C. Coaching Fundamentals

1. A Coaches curriculum includes the four elements of soccer:

<u>Techniques</u>	<u>Tactics</u>	<u>Physical Fitness</u>	<u>Psychological Preparation</u>
Fundamental Game Related Game Condition	Individual Group Team	Endurance Speed Strength	Stress Fun (not winning)

D. Education

1. Information on formal training and licensing is available upon request. VCR

tapes and books are available through the Association and Public Libraries. Licensing and certification programs are available through various organizations for referees and coaches. Programs for coaches and referees maybe offered in the Chariho area for the convenience of those wishing to participate. For details on any of these programs, contact the Director of Coaches, the Director of Referees, or the President of the Association.

2. Upon successful completion of an CYSA Board approved coaching course, and proof of the cost of the course, the coach will be reimbursed the full cost of the course.

#### E. Discipline of Coaches

1. Any coach behaving in a rude or disruptive manner toward a player, referee, assistant referee, another coach, or team / league administrator, may be suspended from the team or removed from the team by the Board of Directors.
2. A request for reprimand or disciplinary action for a coach must be submitted in writing to the President or Vice President of the Association, who will call a meeting of the Board or Directors. Any action disputed by the coach may be appealed by said coach to the Board of Directors who will decide what course of action the Association will take. Some examples for which action may be taken are: team neglect, abuse of a child (either verbal or physical), foul language, or anything which reflects negatively on the Association.
2. If a coach receives an ejection, the coach must leave the playing area and no longer encourage, talk or coach his/her players for the duration of the game, nor shall the said coach be permitted to coach the next scheduled regular season or play-off game. Any coach accumulating three (3) cautions in one season will not be allowed to coach the next season. The Director of Referees will record all incidents that occur during the season.

#### F. Criminal Background Check

1. It is the policy of Soccer Rhode Island (SRI) that any employee/volunteer of SRI, or any of its local member associations, convicted, including pleas of guilty and no lo contendre, of the offenses referred to in paragraph 4 below, shall be suspended from any and all youth soccer activities for a specified period of time. Employees/volunteers charged with any offense referred to in paragraph 4 below may be suspended by the Board of Directors until the

outcome of the charge.

2. Refusal to complete in full and/or authorize, a SRI and/or CYSA criminal background check will result in suspension until completed.
3. All Head Coaches and Assistant Coaches must complete and submit to a criminal background check prior to being assigned any team. These background checks must be renewed every two (2) years. SRI /CYSA is the governing body concerning any coach denied coaching privileges within the CYSA. The CYSA follows SRI recommendations and as such appeals can only be directed to SRI.
4. Those offenses set forth in Soccer Rhode Island's Policy and Procedures Section 2321 and the following list of criminal activities is not intended to be all inclusive and the Board of Directors may add any criminal activity it feels would be in the best interest of CYSA:

Adultery	Assault/Battery
Burglary	Child Abuse/Neglect
Controlled Substances	Domestic Assault
Domestic Violence	Embezzlement
Kidnapping	Racketeering
Rape	Sexual Assault
Robbery	Sodomy
Arson	Bigamy
Bookmaking	Manslaughter
Murder	Prostitution
Larceny	Weapons
Driving While Intoxicated	Child Molestation

5. It is recommended that the length of suspension for offenses be the entire length of the court-imposed sentence including any probation, however, the Board of Directors may increase the length of suspension of any employee/volunteer should the Board of Directors deem that further protection of the youth members under its cognizance is warranted. No more than once per calendar year, an employee/volunteer may petition the Board of Directors to reduce any suspension imposed.
6. In the event that a coach's background check fails, SRI/CYSA will notify the coach in writing of the results, and request a copy of the individual's state BCI record or other documents listing the identity of the crime(s) and the sentence(s) imposed. Failure to submit any requested documentation shall

result in suspension until the documentation is submitted.

If the submitted documentation indicates a conviction not previously addressed, the Board of Directors shall determine whether suspension of coaching privileges is warranted after giving the coach an opportunity to be heard. Suspension means that the coach is not allowed to have contact with the team, running practices, games, etc. The coach has the option to appeal the suspension by providing a detailed official disposition as to why the background check failed. The appeal will be held in accordance with the CYSA appeals process.

ARTICLE IV LAWS OF THE GAME

All games shall be played in accordance with FIFA “Laws of the Game” and conform to USYSA recommendations, unless otherwise stipulated below for CYSA Recreational Soccer.

- A. Law 1 - The Field of Play
  - 1. Field Size should be as follows:

Age <u>Division</u>	Field Size (yards)		<u>Recommended</u> *
	<u>Width</u>	<u>Length</u>	
U-19	50-100	100-130	80 x 120
U-16	50-80	90-120	70 x 100
U-14	50-70	70-100	60 x 90
U-12	40-60	60-90	55 x 80
U-10	30-45	50-60	45 x 60
U-8	20-30	30-40	25 x 40
U-6	15-25	20-30	25 x 30

Note: \* Field Size is based on “Maximum Players” reference in Law 3 and may be revised / modified by the Board of Directors.

- 2. Field Maintenance
  - a. The parents of players may be called upon to help maintain the fields.

B. Law 2 - Ball Size

1. Ball Size shall be as follows:

<u>Age Division</u>	<u>Ball Size</u>
U-19	#5
U-16	#5
U-14	#5
U-12	#4
U-10	#4
U-8	#3
U-6	#3

C. Law 3 - Number of Players

1. The maximum size of team rosters for each recreational Age Division will be based on registration numbers and determined by the Board of Directors. Unless otherwise directed by the Board of Directors, the recommended number of players on the field per team shall be:

<u>Age Division</u>	<u>Minimum Players</u>	<u>maximum Players</u>	<u>Recommended Recommended</u> **
Under 19	6 (5)	11 (7)	11 (7)
Under 16	6 (5)	11 (7)	11 (7)
Under 14	6 (5)	11 (7)	11 (7)
Under 12	6 (5)	9 (7)	8 (6)
Under 10	5 (4)	8 (7)	7 (5)
Under 8	4 (3)	7 (5)	4 (3) – no goal keepers
Under 6	3 (2)	5 (3)	3 (3) – no goal keepers

Note:\*\* Designated number within parentheses indicates the minimum number of players a team must field to play a game, or forfeit said game.

2. Teams Playing Down

- a. If a team is forced to play short, it is recommended that the opposing team play down to an equal number of players.

- b. When a team is forced to play short and incurs a seven (7) goal differential, the opposing team must adjust its team size to play no more than one player more than the team playing short handed.

3. Substitutions

- a. Substitutions for the Under 6 and Under 8, Age Divisions may be made upon any stoppage of play. All other divisions are allowed to substitute after a goal, before a goal kick by either team, for an injured player (as defined by Article II, Section D., of the Bylaws), at the beginning of the second half, and on a possession throw in. If a team elects to substitute on a possession throw in, the opposing team may also elect substitute.

4. 50% Playing Rule

- a. Each and every player in “good standing” must be allowed the opportunity to play at least fifty percent (50%) of each game for recreational soccer.
- b. No player may be allowed to play one-hundred percent (100%) of a game unless all other players on his or her team are allowed the opportunity to play at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the game.
- c. Coaches may be allowed to play a player less than fifty percent (50%) of a game for disciplinary (as defined by Article II, Section C., of the Bylaws) or medical reasons only.

5. Under 6 and Under 8 Age Divisions

- a. For Under 6 and Under 8 Age Divisions, no goalkeepers are allowed. A defender can not remain in their Goal Area (box) nor can an attacker remain in their opponents Goal Area (box). Players may only enter a Goal Area to attack or defend a ball that enters the Goal Area.

D. Law 4 - Equipment

1. Team Supplies

- a. CYSA will supply each team with proper size soccer balls, first aid kit, uniforms, playing fields with proper size goals, pertinent player information (and medical concerns if any), and will assist teams in acquiring permission to utilize fields for practices.

2. Uniforms

- a. Shin guards for all players at all practices and games are mandatory. It is the coach's responsibility to ensure that each player complies with this rule.
- b. All players in the Fall Recreational League must wear the CYSA issued shirt and socks for all games.

3. Colors

- a. The representative colors for all CYSA competitive teams shall be dark (forest) green and white.

E. Law 5 - Referees

1. Referees and Assistant Referees shall enforce all the laws of the game to the best of their ability.

- a. All referee decisions are final.

2. Respect for referees and assistant referees is mandatory from all coaches, players, and spectators.

- a. Adults must set a good example for the players by demonstrating supportive, courteous, and sportsmanlike behavior at all times.
- c. Referees shall report to the Director of Referees, or any member of the Board of Directors, any unsportsmanlike behavior by coaches or spectators.

- d. A referee or assistant referee shall not address a spectator in any manner other than to ask that individual to leave the playing area.

3. Certification

- a. All referees and assistant referees must be certified. Any youth properly registered with CYSA, who does not have current membership with the Rhode Island Soccer Referees Association (RISRA) can obtain a "CYSA Referee Certification". Anyone interested in acquiring referee certification should contact the Director of Referees.

4. Age Restrictions

- a. The recommended ages, or school grade levels for youths to referee Fall Recreational League soccer games should be as follows:

<u>Age/Grade</u>	<u>Referee</u>	<u>Assistant Referee</u>
12 / 7 <sup>th</sup>	Under 8	Under 10
13 / 8 <sup>th</sup>	Under 10	Under 12
14 / 9 <sup>th</sup>	Under 12	Under 14
15 and older	All games	All games

5. Payments

- a. Payments to referees and assistant referees for officiating Fall Recreational League soccer games shall be as follows:

<u>Age Division</u>	<u>Referee</u>	<u>Assistant Referee</u>
Under 8	\$ 10.00	N/A
Under 10	\$ 12.00	\$ 8.00
Under 12	\$ 14.00	\$ 10.00
Under 14	\$ 18.00	\$ 12.00
Under 16	\$ 20.00	\$ 14.00

6. Equipment

- a. Referees and assistant referees are required to wear an official FIFA referee uniform or a CYSA issued "REFEREE" shirt with black

shorts. The Association shall also provide a set of yellow and red cards (for cautions and ejections), assistant referee flags, and a “Referee’s Game Report” (Score Card) for each game.

7. Referee Game Report

- a. Referees shall record all pertinent information and occurrences (goals scored, injuries, red/yellow cards, misconducts, etc.) of each game on the “Referee’s Game Report” (Score Card).
- b. After each game, the referee shall obtain the signatures of both coaches on the “Referee’s Game Report” to ensure the game information has been reported accurately.
- c. The referee shall submit the signed “Referee’s Game Report” to the Director of Referees (or designee) or to a designated collection box immediately after the game.

8. Referee Evaluation

- a. Coaches shall complete a “Referee Evaluation” form, or comment on the “Referee’s Game Report” following the completion of each game. The evaluation form asks each coach to rate the referee (and assistant referee) in a variety of areas, including general knowledge of soccer rules, control of the game, attitude and appearance. Coaches are encouraged to offer compliments as well as constructive criticism on any aspect of the referee’s (or assistant referee’s) performance. Coaches shall submit “Referee Evaluation” forms to the Director of Referees (or designee) or to a designated collection box immediately after the game.

F. Law 6 - Assistant Referees

- 1. Assistant Referees shall be used in accordance with FIFA rules. Also reference Section E, Law 5 - Referees

G. Law 7 - Duration of Games

- 1. Duration of games shall be as follows:

<u>AGE</u> <u>Division</u>	<u>Game</u> <u>Length</u>	<u>Overtime</u> <u>Periods</u>
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Under 19	2 - 45 min. halves	2 - 15 min. periods
Under 16	2 - 40 min. halves	2 - 15 min. periods
Under 14	2 - 35 min. halves	2 - 10 min. periods
Under 12	2 - 30 min. halves	2 - 10 min. periods
Under 10	4 - 12 min. quarters	2 - 5 min. periods
Under 8	4 - 10 min. quarters	
Under 6	4 - 10 min. quarters	

2. In the event of a tie score at the conclusion of a Seasonal Game, the game shall be declared a “tie”. No overtime periods shall be played.
3. Two (2) ten (10) minute overtime periods shall be played in their entirety (no sudden death) in the event of a tie score at the conclusion of a Play-Off Game Only. There will be a five (5) minute break before the overtime period and there will be no break between the halves. If after two (2) halves of overtime the game is still tied, penalty kicks will be taken ( in accordance with FIFA Rules) to decide the winner.

H. Law 8 - Start and Restart of Play

1. If a team cannot field the minimum number of players, within a ten (10) minute grace period from the scheduled start time of the game, that team shall forfeit that game. If both teams have less that the minimum number of players, both teams will forfeit that game.
2. Inclement Weather
  - a. It shall be the responsibility of the President of the Association (or his/her designee) and the Director of Coaches to make any decision regarding cancellation of postponement of games.
  - b. Once the decision is made to cancel games, the head coach of each team shall be notified immediately, who will in turn immediately contact their respective players. It is suggested that each team have a “telephone tree” in place for situations such as this.
3. Under 6 and Under 8 Age Divisions
  - a. For Under 6 and Under 8 Age Divisions, the restart of play after a goal is scored will be a goal kick. All players of the team that scored

must return to their half of the field and the team that was scored on has 30 seconds to move the ball into their opponents half of the field.

- I. Law 9 - Ball In and Out of Play
  - 1. Played in accordance with FIFA Rules.
- J. Law 10 - Method of Scoring
  - 1. Played in accordance with FIFA Rules.
- K. Law 11 - Off-sides
  - 1. Played in accordance with FIFA Rules.
  - 2. There shall be no offsides in the Under 6 and Under 8 Age Divisions, or in 6 v 6 games.
- L. Law 12 - Fouls and Misconducts
  - 1. Played in accordance with FIFA Rules.
- M. Law 13 - Free Kicks
  - 1. Played in accordance with FIFA Rules.
  - 2. All Free Kicks in the Under 6 and Under 8 Age Divisions will be Indirect (no Direct Kicks).
- N. Law 14 - Penalty Kicks
  - 1. Played in accordance with FIFA Rules.
  - 2. There shall be no penalty Kicks in the Under 6 and Under 8 Age Divisions.
- O. Law 15 - Throw-ins
  - 1. Played in accordance with FIFA Rules.

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2. For the Under 6 Age Division, kick-ins will be used in lieu of throw-ins.
3. For the Under 8 and Under 10 Age Divisions, a second throw-in will be allowed if a player commits a foul on their initial attempt. The Referee shall explain the proper method before allowing the player to re-throw.

P. Law 16 - Goal Kicks

1. Played in accordance with FIFA Rules.
2. For Under 6 and Under 8 Age Divisions, on goal kicks all players of the defending team must remain to their half of the field until the ball crosses mid field, and the team with the goal kick has 30 seconds to move the ball into their opponents half of the field.

Q. Law 17 - Corner Kicks

1. Played in accordance with FIFA Rules.

ARTICLE V DIVISION CHAMPIONS

A. Team Standings

1. There shall be no game scores or team standings kept in the Under 6 Age Division.
2. Team Standings shall not be Posted for the Under 8 or Under 10 Age Divisions.
3. Fall Recreational League team standings, for Under 12 and above Age Divisions, shall be determined by the total number of "Game Points" plus "Sportsmanship Points". The team with the highest total number of "Game Points" plus "Sportsmanship Points" shall be ranked first (1<sup>st</sup>) place in the team standings.
4. The team in first (1<sup>st</sup>) place, in team standings at the end of the regular season (prior to the Friendship Games), will be the Division Champion. If two teams are tied for first (1<sup>st</sup>) place, in team standings at the end of the regular season, a playoff game will be held to determine the Division Champion.
5. The Division Champion for age groups Under 12 and older will receive an

award and may represent CYSA in the State Fall Recreational Tournament.

6. All players in the Under 6, Under 8, and Under 10 Age Divisions will receive a participation award.

B. Game Points

1. "Game Points" are awarded as follows:

For each seasonal game win	3 points
For each seasonal game tie	1 point
For each seasonal game loss	0 points

C. Sportsmanship Points

1. In addition to the points awarded for each win or tie, "Sportsmanship Points" are awarded to determine team standings, based upon the goal differential of each game. These points are intended to promote alternatives to just running up a score by a stronger team. Players are encouraged to practice team defensive and tactical skills instead of accumulating goals.
2. Each winning team is awarded Sportsmanship Points as follows:

<u>Goal Differential</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
0	0
1	1
2	2
3	3
4	4
5	4
6	4
7	3
8	2
9	1
10	0
11	-1
12	-2
13	-3
14	-4

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3. Once a goal differential reaches 14, during a Fall Recreational League game, the game is immediately terminated by the Referee, regardless of time remaining in the game.

D. Friendship Games

1. At the conclusion of the Fall Recreational League season, "Friendship Games" will be scheduled in each age division (except Under 6) for all teams based on team ranking (1<sup>st</sup> ranked team plays 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> ranked team plays 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> ranked team plays 6<sup>th</sup>, etc.).

ARTICLE VI PARENTS

A. Parent Conduct

1. In accordance with the ideals and goals of the CYSA, all parents should demonstrate good sportsmanship at all times. They should encourage their children to be as gracious in losing as they are in winning. Parents should discourage the concept that winning is the only worthwhile result and encourage players to do their best for the entire game, regardless of the outcome.

B. Team Parents

1. Team parents are strongly recommended for every team, as the coach cannot do all the necessary work involved to run the team. Many activities such as field preparation, fund raising, team pictures, providing drinks or fruit at half time, or assisting in training may be some of the responsibilities of team parents. Each team will be asked to provide parents to work at the concession stand each season and to help maintain fields.

C. Spectators

1. Spectators will remain on the spectator's side of the playing field and behind the three (3) foot restraining line.
2. Spectators will not be allowed to badger any referee, coach, player, or league officials. The Association will not tolerate the use of any foul or abusive language, or any action that reflects negatively upon the Association. The

referee controls the field of play and may stop a game to request the removal of any violator to these guidelines.

3. Should the Board of Directors determine that a spectator's behavior has been unruly, abusive, and/or unacceptable, that person will be notified by letter that he or she will be barred from attending any scheduled soccer games for the duration of the season.

## ARTICLE VII      FUNDING

### A.      Concession Stand

1.      The Concession Stand is open on most game days and provides an important source of income for the Association. Parents, players, coaches, and guests are encouraged to patronize the Concession Stand.
2.      The parents of players on every team will be called upon each season to work the concession stand for a short period of time. Should the parents of a team responsible for coverage at the Concession Stand not work as scheduled, that team will forfeit one scheduled league game win (3 points).
3.      The profits of the Concession Stand shall be deposited to the General Account.

### B.      General Account

1.      Monies generated from registration fees, sponsorship fees, donations, and a percentage of the Concession Stand profits (as defined above) will be deposited to the CYSA's General Account.

C. Competitive Account

1. Monies generated by competitive teams, sponsors, competitive team donations, and a percentage of the Concession Stand profits (as defined above) will be deposited to the CYSA's Competitive Account.
2. All competitive teams are to be financially self-sufficient. Money raised by a competitive team is to be spent by said team during the seasonal year. Monies left over at the end of a season will remain in the Competitive Account to enable other teams to play during the next season. No team will be allowed to spend more money than that team has raised.
3. The Competitive Director may charge each player a reasonable amount of money for the player's right to participate in a season or tournament.
4. CYSA will provide each competitive team with balls, a first aid kit, goals, corner flags, and will assist in obtaining the fields to play on.
5. CYSA will pay for the performance bond for each team and/or competitive season.
6. Coaches of competitive teams must pay the fines levied on them and/or their team.

D. Memorial/Scholarship Accounts

1. All funds donated to Memorial/Scholarship Accounts shall be deposited, monitored, and dispersed by the Treasurer of the Association.
2. Payment of funds shall be as directed by the President of the Association.

ARTICLE VIII MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

A. Dissolution

1. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Articles, CYSA is organized exclusively for one or more purposes as specified in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 and shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from federal income tax

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under IRC 501( c )(3) or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax law. In the event of dissolution, all of the remaining assets and property of the organization shall, after payment of necessary expenses thereof, be distributed to only organizations as shall qualify under Section 501( c )(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.