

Gold Nugget Soccer Club Constitution, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations

1:00 CONSTITUTION

1:01 NAME

1:01:01 This organization shall be known as the Gold Nugget Soccer Club (“GNSC”) and sometimes referred to hereinafter as the “Club”.

1:02 PURPOSE

1:02:01 The purpose of this Club shall be to develop, administer, and promote an organized soccer program for the children of the Club territory on a non-profit, volunteer basis.

1:02:02 The goal of GNSC is to ensure sportsmanship, learning, integrity, and participation. Anything that detracts from this atmosphere is strongly discouraged.

1:03 BOUNDARIES

1:03:01 GNSC includes all children within the Black Oak Mine Unified School District (BOMUSD) and the Gold Trail School District.

1:04 AFFILIATION

1:04:01 This Club maintain its primary affiliation as a branch of and comply with the authority of the California Youth Soccer Association, Inc. (“CalNorth” or “CYSA”); the United States Youth Soccer Association (USYSA); the United States Soccer Federation (“USSF”); and the Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA). The Club’s affiliation with CYSA may be direct or as a member club of El Dorado Youth Soccer League (“EDYSL”). The Club Board may also affiliate with other youth soccer authorities under USSF for specific age groups or teams if the Club Board deems the CYSA programs insufficient for the Club Members.

1:05 AUTHORITIES

1:05:01 This Club shall be governed by its Constitution, Bylaws and Rules and Regulations, except when superseded by the EDYSL (if applicable) or CYSA Constitution, Bylaws and Rules and Regulations.

1:05:02 The governing body of this Club, whose powers shall be designated in the Bylaws, shall be vested with the Club Board.

1:06 MEMBERSHIP

1:06:01 Membership in this Club shall be by parents of minor players registered with this Club to participate during the current soccer season, members of the Club Board, current coaches, and current referees with this Club.

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1:06:02 All members shall abide by the Constitution, Bylaws and Rules and Regulations, and all applicable rules and regulations of the associations with which the Club is affiliated.

1:07 ANNUAL MEETING

1:07:01 Each year, following the League Annual General Meeting, the Club Board shall hold an Annual General Meeting (“AGM”) of the Membership. The Membership shall be notified at least fifteen (15) days in advance of the meeting. The Club Board at the Board meeting prior to the AGM will determine agenda items.

1:07:02 The order of business at the AGM shall be as follows:

- A. Call to Order/Introductions
- B. Reading of the minutes of the previous AGM
- C. Reports:
 1. President
 2. Vice President
 3. Treasurer
 4. Secretary
 5. Coach Coordinator
 6. Field Coordinator
 7. Equipment Coordinator
 8. Communication Coordinator
 9. Volunteer Coordinator
 10. Uniform Coordinator
 11. Snack Bar Coordinator
- D. Proposals for changes in Constitution, Bylaws and Rules and Regulations
- E. Election of Officers
- F. New Business
- G. Adjournment

1:07:03 Each member of the Club, as defined by 1:06:01, shall be entitled to one (1) vote, with a maximum of one (1) vote per member present. Voting by proxy shall not be allowed. The President of the Club shall cast a vote only in the case of a tie.

1:08 CHANGES

1:08:01 A member of the Club shall submit proposed changes to the existing Constitution, Bylaws and Rules & Regulations to the Club. These proposed changes must be submitted in writing prior to the AGM.

1:08:02 Amendments to the Constitution, Bylaws and Rules and Regulations of this organization shall be voted on at the AGM.

1:08:03 An amendment to the Constitution and Bylaws shall be deemed adopted by an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast at the AGM.

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1:08:04 An amendment to the Rules and Regulations shall be deemed adopted by an affirmative vote of one-half (1/2) of the votes cast at the AGM.

1:08:05 Amendments adopted at the AGM will be effective on January 1st of the year.

2:00 BYLAWS

2:01 CLUB BOARD

2:01:01:01 The Club Membership, at the AGM, shall elect from its ranks officers of the Club Board with voting rights, who will take office on January 1st of the following year, as follows:

A. PRESIDENT

The President shall conduct all the meetings of the Club Board and shall cast a vote only in the case of ties. The President shall appoint the standing committee chairpersons when deemed necessary by the Club Board and non-voting Club Board members. The President, or his/her designated voting Board member, shall serve as Club representative to monthly association meetings. The President shall promote and negotiate the creation of new soccer facilities as authorized by the Club Board. The President will be a member of the Strategic Planning Committee.

B. VICE PRESIDENT

The Vice President shall succeed to the powers of the President in his/her absence. The Vice President shall assume any duties assigned by the President. The Vice President shall appoint and chair the Club Protests, Appeals, and Disciplinary (PAD) Committee. The Vice President shall oversee the selection of coaches for recommendation to the Club Board and under the direction of the Strategic Planning Committee, will oversee tryouts and the formation of Club-approved competitive teams. The Vice President will be a member of the Strategic Planning Committee.

C. SECRETARY

The Secretary shall keep an accurate record of all meetings, handle all correspondence, give notice of meetings and maintain the files of the Club. The Secretary shall submit minutes of the prior Board meeting at the subsequent meeting for approval/revisions. The Secretary will coordinate with the Club President in the creation of meeting agendas. Additionally, within fifteen (15) days following the AGM, the Secretary will forward a copy of the modified Constitution, Bylaws and Rules and Regulations to the Club Board. The Secretary shall be responsible for maintaining Club standings and correspondence with affiliate associations. The Secretary will be a member of the Strategic Planning Committee and will be responsible for maintaining meeting minutes and presenting such Strategic Planning Committee minutes at the next regularly scheduled Club Board meeting.

D. TREASURER

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The Treasurer shall deposit all Club moneys in a recognized bank account in the name of the Club. All accounts shall be paid by check and shall bear the signatures of any two Club officers. The Treasurer is responsible for expedient collection of all moneys of the Club and forwarding all required fees and dues to the League. The Treasurer will manage cash boxes for snack bar sales, apparel sales, registration, and other events involving the collection of cash. The Treasurer will make available a monthly financial statement to the League Treasurer and make the Club books available to the League Treasurer for audit prior to the AGM. The Treasurer shall submit a budget to the Club Board in coordination with the President at the beginning of the year for review. The Treasurer shall submit an annual report to the League Treasurer. The Treasurer will be a member of the Strategic Planning Committee.

E. COACH COORDINATOR / DIRECTOR OF COACHING

The Coach Coordinator, in coordination with the Vice President, shall be responsible for recommending coaches for each team to the Club Board and maintaining a list of qualified coaches. The Coach Coordinator will work with the League Vice President/Coaches Administrator in scheduling training sessions for coaches and will be available to assist coaches during the season when requested. Under the direction of the Strategic Planning Committee, the Coaching Coordinator will develop and implement age-specific training sessions, schedule all coach meetings, perform all administrative functions associated therewith (including but not limited to obtaining appropriate registration forms, credentials, and fingerprinting), and perform other duties as determined by the Strategic Planning Committee. The Coach Coordinator, under the direction of the Strategic Planning Committee, will ensure competitive teams have appropriately credentialed coaches. The Coach Coordinator will be a member of the Strategic Planning Committee.

F. FIELD COORDINATOR

Under the direction of the Strategic Planning Committee, the Field Coordinator shall be responsible for scheduling all Club fields for team practices & games, including obtaining all necessary use permits, under the direction of the President and the Strategic Planning Committee. Field Coordinator shall coordinate with the Equipment Coordinator and applicable Site Coordinators for each venue to ensure proper goals, field markings, and other equipment is in place to support practice, match and tournament activities.

G. EQUIPMENT COORDINATOR

Equipment Coordinator is responsible for the inventory, maintenance of all Club-owned equipment. The Equipment Coordinator is responsible for recommending new equipment purchases to the Club Board and will coordinate the ordering of such equipment upon authorization of the Club Board. Equipment Coordinator will support the Field Coordinator and the applicable Site Coordinators for each venue by ensuring proper field equipment such as goals, corner flags and paint equipment are available and in place to support practice, match and tournament activities. The

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Equipment Coordinator will be responsible for the collection and inventory of equipment at the end of the season.

H. COMMUNICATION COORDINATOR

The Communication Coordinator is responsible for promoting soccer and the Club to the public at large. The Communication Coordinator is responsible for the production of all advertisements to be published throughout the year as deemed necessary by the Club Board. The Communication Coordinator will be responsible for drafting press releases and submission of such to the media.

I. VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

The Volunteer Coordinator is responsible for recruiting, documenting and coordinating schedules for the Club volunteers. The Volunteer Coordinator will assist Club directors and coordinators in scheduling volunteers for various duties including but not limited to field preparation, snack bar, apparel sales and distribution, and opening day activities.

J. UNIFORM/APPAREL COORDINATOR

The Uniform/Apparel Coordinator is responsible for ordering, sales and distribution of player uniforms, coach apparel, and spirit apparel to Club members. The Uniform/Apparel Coordinator will ensure recreation and competitive teams adhere to Club uniform standards as set by the Club Board. The Uniform/Apparel Coordinator will coordinate with the Treasurer to ensure the Club cash management policies are followed.

K. SNACK BAR COORDINATOR

The Snack Bar Coordinator will coordinate procurement of supplies and facilitate snack bar operations and sales at GNSC functions and events. The Snack Bar Coordinator will manage outside vendors that are authorized by the Club Board at Club events. The Snack Bar Coordinator will coordinate with the Treasurer to ensure the Club cash management policies are followed.

2:01:01:02 The President will appoint the following non-voting Club Board members into the roles as required:

A. REGISTRAR

The Registrar shall be responsible for registering all players in the Club. The Registrar will verify the information on the player registration form to assure that each player is eligible for the Club. The Registrar will turn player registrations, with payment of League fees in the form of a check from the Treasurer, over to the Executive Registrar. The Registrar shall be responsible for coordinating all activities for each age group, including registration, team formation, coach information, and player or parental information.

B. REFEREE COORDINATOR

The Referee Coordinator, preferably a licensed referee, shall be responsible for maintaining an adequate list of qualified referees and assigning the referees for all games at fields under the Club's jurisdiction, in accordance with the policies

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approved by the Club and the applicable playing league(s). The Referee Coordinator will also be responsible for keeping a record of the pay due each referee in this Club and ensuring distribution of paychecks to the referees.

C. SCHEDULING COORDINATOR

The Scheduling Coordinator works under the direction of the Club President and is the Club's liaison to other club, league and regional schedulers. Other duties include scheduling U6|U8|U10 in-house matches, partnering with the Field Coordinator to ensure venues are scheduled with the applicable venue authority, and creating tournament schedules for Club-managed tournaments. The Scheduling Coordinator is appointed by the President.

D. ALL STAR COORDINATOR

The All Star Coordinator will be the Club's liaison and coordinate the Club's involvement in league All Star programs. The All Star Coordinator works under the direction of the Club President. Duties include managing the selection of GNSC All Star players and coordination with the Coach Coordinator in the selection of All Star coaches. The All Star Coordination partners with Club directors and coordinators to ensure required communication, field availability, concession sales, and apparel distribution to support All Star programs is managed. The All Star Coordinator is appointed by the Club President.

E. TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

The Tournament Director works under the direction of the Strategic Planning Committee. The Tournament Director is responsible for promoting tournament play in coordination with the Vice President and Coach Coordinator for select recreational teams that will have competitive potential in regional tournaments. Other duties include the promotion of GNSC venues as tournament sites and managing tournament events that are hosted by the Club. The Tournament Director is appointed by the Club President.

F. SURVEY COORDINATOR

Under the direction of the Communication Coordinator, the Survey Coordinator will manage the compilation of a yearend survey and other event surveys as determined by the Club Board. The Survey Coordinator is appointed by the Club President.

G. WEB MASTER

Under the direction of the Club President and in coordination with the Communication Coordinator, the Club Web Master will be responsible for the management and upkeep of the club's internet site. The Web Master is appointed by the Club President.

H. SITE COORDINATOR(S)

Site Coordinators, one each per venue, work under the direction of the Field Coordinator and assist with the preparation of field facilities for practices, matches, and tournaments. The Site Coordinator(s) are recommended by the Field Coordinator and appointed by the Club President.

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I. AGE GROUP COORDINATOR(S)

Age Group Coordinator(s), one for each age group, work under the direction of the Vice President and provide support to coaches and team managers. Duties may include distribution of pictures, ordering and distribution of uniforms, distribution of special event apparel, and general communication of Club information to coaches and families within their respective age group. The Age Group Coordinator(s) is/are appointed by the Vice President.

2:01:02 In the event that a Club Board position is not filled at the AGM, or should a position become vacant during the year, the Club Board may fill the position by a simple majority vote.

2:01:03 Each Club officer will cast one vote on matters voted on by the Club Board.

2:01:04 The Club Board shall be responsible for the following:

- A. Enforcing and interpreting the Constitution, Bylaws and Rules and Regulations.
- B. Shall from time to time make temporary rules or regulations for specific cases or occasions not provided for in the Constitution, Bylaws or Rules and Regulations but which are deemed necessary to carry out the objectives and purpose of the Club.
- C. Setting Club registration fees, which will include the amount required by CYSA and EDYSL.
- D. Registering all players within the Club area.
- E. Formation of all teams to be affiliated with the Club.
- F. Raising funds for the operation of the Club and any special projects such as field development.
- G. Selecting and disciplining coaches and referees needed to service all affiliated teams.
- H. Providing fields properly marked and in safe condition, for all sanctioned games to be held by the Club.
- I. Determine when games are to be scheduled, rescheduled, or canceled and notifying coaches, players and referees of such decisions.
- J. Maintaining Club game results and standings.
- K. The taking of team pictures.
- L. Publishing PAD Committee findings and enforcing recommended punishments.

2:01:05 Any member of the Club Board will disqualify themselves from voting on any issue directly affecting a team which he/she coaches or any other situation that he/she has a conflict of interest.

2:01:06 The Club Board shall have the right and authority to suspend, bar completely, or otherwise discipline any player, coach, manager, team assistant, Club officer, referee or official, or any other individual.

2:02 STANDING COMMITTEES

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2:02:01 Standing Committees shall be appointed by the President as deemed necessary subject to the approval of the Club Board.

2:02:02 The Strategic Planning Committee will be comprised of the Club President, Vice President, Treasurer, Coach Coordinator, and the Club Secretary. Each member of the Strategic Planning Committee will have one vote on matters delegated by the Club Board to the Strategic Planning Committee. The President will only cast a vote in the event of a tie. The Strategic Planning Committee will be responsible for establishing coach qualification criteria, coach development strategies, player development strategies, and other responsibilities as delegated by the Club Board by majority vote. The strategic Planning Committee will have limited financial decision-making authority as delegated by the Club Board by majority vote. Any such delegated authority will expire each year on December 31st and must be reauthorized by the new board. The Strategic Planning Committee will report its activities each month at the regular meetings of the Club Board.

2:03 MEMBERSHIP

2:03:01 Players are considered members of the Club upon receipt of the appropriate registration material as specified within the Registration Procedures of the Rules and Regulations (3:02).

2:03:02 All bank checks, drafts and/or money orders submitted to the Club shall be made payable to the "Gold Nugget Soccer Club or GNSC."

2:03:03 Money that is obtained by the Club that is over and above normal fees and dues established at the time of registration as necessary for the normal functioning of the Club will be kept by the Club to be used for any reason deemed necessary by a majority vote of the Club Board.

2:04 MEETINGS

2:04:01 Regular meetings of the Club Board will be held once per month. The agenda for regular meetings shall be as follows:

- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call/ Introduction of Guests
- C. Acceptance of minutes of previous meeting
- D. Board Member Report
 1. President
 2. Vice President
 3. Treasurer
 4. Secretary
 5. Coach Coordinator
 6. Field Coordinator
 7. Equipment Coordinator
 8. Communication Coordinator

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- 9. Volunteer Coordinator
 - 10. Uniform Coordinator
 - 11. Snack Bar Coordinator
 - 12. Registrar
 - 13. Referee Coordinator
- E. Committee Reports
 - F. Unfinished Business
 - G. New Business
 - H. Adjournment, time and place of next meeting

2:04:02 The President or four (4) or more members of the Club Board may call for a Special Club session.

2:04:03 At all meetings of the Club Board, fifty percent (50%) of the members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

2:05 SEASONAL YEAR

2:05:01 The Seasonal Year shall be determined by the governing association and insurance coverage shall be for the same period.

2:06 REQUESTS, COMPLAINTS, PROTESTS AND APPEALS

2:06:01 In the event of any request, complaint, protest, and appeal, no individual, player, or team shall engage the services of a lawyer or attorney until all avenues of protest and appeals procedures are exhausted through regular channels of the organization.

2:06:02 Requests or complaints by an individual to change action taken by the Club or a committee must be received in writing by the club President within one week of the action under review. Requests or complaints will be heard and decided by the Club Board at the next Club meeting.

2:06:03 Protests and appeals are defined as actions taken by an individual regarding a game-related situation. Protests and appeals are heard by the PAD Committee, which shall be appointed by the Vice President prior to the beginning of the seasonal year.

2:06:04 The PAD Committee shall be composed of impartial members of the Club community. A working quorum shall consist of three (3) committee members. A certified referee must be present. Representatives from teams involved in a dispute may not serve on any working quorum. There will be a minimum of five (5) on the PAD Committee.

2:06:05 The Secretary shall not serve on the working quorum, but shall attend PAD Committee meetings and submit a report of findings to be published in Club minutes.

2:07 RESPONSIBILITIES

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2:07:01 Falsification of records shall be grounds for disbarment from future participation and/or membership in this Club.

2:07:02 A plea of ignorance to the Constitution, Bylaws and Rules and Regulations of this Club is not sufficient, and violators may expect appropriate action by the Club Board.

2:07:03 Any person found guilty of violating the Constitution, Bylaws and/or Rules and Regulations of this League may be required to appear before the Club Board to explain their actions in order to remain a member of the Club.

2:08 FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

2:08:01 This Club shall not assume nor be liable for the debts nor the financial obligations of any of its members either implied or incurred.

2:08:02 All officers of this Club, officials of member teams, referees and players shall be covered by the California Youth Soccer Association against personal liability claims for performing acts and duties directly related to the work of this Club.

2:09 DISSOLUTION

2:09:01 Should the Club dissolve all assets remaining after payment of all debts will be distributed on a prorated basis among the remaining Clubs who will service that area.

2:10 RULES OF ORDER

2:10:01 Robert's Rules of Order shall be used at all meetings of the Club.

3:00 RULES AND REGULATIONS

3:01 INSURANCE

3:01:01 All injuries to be claimed against the medical insurance program shall be completed on the proper insurance claim form. This form shall be obtainable through the CYSA office.

3:01:02 All completed reports on injuries shall be submitted to the CYSA office within thirty (90) days of the injury.

3:02 REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

3:02:01 Club registration procedures, in addition to those mentioned forthwith, are established by the Club Registrar in accordance with League policy and procedures and shall be approved by the Club Board.

3:02:02 The Board shall determine GNSC size.

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3:02:03 Players registering after teams have been formed will only be accepted by the Club if there is a team within the player's division with fewer than the maximum number of players allowed. Late sign-ups will be assigned to teams with priority given to teams with the fewest number of active players on its roster.

3:02:04 Player registrations will be accepted and verified by the Club Registrar according to the procedures established by the Club Board. Registration matters shall include:

- A. The appropriate registration form as specified by CYSA with required signatures.
- B. A current picture of the player in a size appropriate for attachment to the Player Pass.
- C. Full payment of all fees established by the Club Board for that year.
- D. Proof of Age. The Proof of Age requirements as specified by CYSA include the following items as included with the current year CYSA Rules and Regulations:
 - Birth Certificate or Birth Registration issued by the appropriate governmental agency within the state of birth.
 - Board of Health Records (County), does not include vaccination records
 - Passport or Alien Registration Card issued by the United States Government.
 - Certification of Naturalization issued by the Immigration and Naturalization Service
 - Certification of an Americanization Citizen born abroad and issued by the United States Department of State
 - California driver's license

Note: Hospital or Baptismal Certificates are not considered valid in establishing the Proof of Age and shall not be accepted.

3:02:05 An additional late fee will be charged for any late registration as determined by the Board annually.

3:03 PLAYER PASSES

3:03:01 All players and coaches shall present their player pass to the Referee before start of game. All passes are to be returned to the coach or manager of the team at the conclusion of the game, unless a player is sent off. All retained passes are to be forwarded to the PAD Committee chairperson immediately.

3:03:02 If a player does not present a player pass to the Referee prior to start of game, the player may not participate in that game or event.

3:04 RULES OF PLAY

3:04:01 The rules of play shall be the "Laws of the Game" as established by FIFA. All contests sanctioned by the Club shall abide by the "Laws of the Game" and/ or modifications published by this Club, EDYSL and CYSA. All Club members shall follow all rules and procedures specified in the CYSA Team Manual.

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3:04:02 All coaches shall follow and teach good sportsmanship. When teams are leading a game by 5 points or more, coaches should play weaker players, and/or play a player down. At no time should coaches “run the score up.” At the discretion of the center referee, coaches will be asked to play a player down. Coaches found in violation of this rule could face board action.

3:05 REFEREE'S DUTIES

3:05:01 The Club Board will assign a licensed youth referee to an age division. Priority will be given to U-10 and older age groups for assignment of referees. Youth referees may be assigned to more than one age division.

3:05:02 Prior to the start of the game, the Referee shall:

- A. Require that both teams enter all the appropriate information on the referee report card, and that the coach or manager verify that the information listed is correct.
- B. Inspect the player passes of those players who are to participate in the game and verify their identity and that the League Executive Registrar's stamp is over the picture. The referee must allow no player into the game for whom he/she has no pass.
- C. Make sure that each player's equipment is in proper order and that no player is wearing jewelry, hair styles, hair adornments, or other items which may cause injury to themselves or to other players.

3:05:03 Upon completion of the game, the Referee shall:

- A. Complete the referee report card, which must be filed for every game played. The referee shall also require that the coach or manager of each team sign the referee report card verifying that the information entered on the card is correct. The referee should solicit comments from the coaches to be entered on the card.
- B. If a player was ejected from the game, complete a referee send-off report form. The Referee shall forward the report and game card to the PAD Committee chairperson within forty-eight (48) hours, along with the player pass of the ejected player.
- C. Any damage to or shortage of equipment should be noted on the report card, along with any special circumstances at the field or during the game.

3:06 COACHES

3:06:01 Each team is responsible for furnishing its own coach. If the team is unable to provide a qualified coach and the Coaches Coordinator cannot supply a coach, the team will be disbanded and the players placed on a waiting list for assignment to another team.

3:06:02 The Club will make available, upon request, a copy of the FIFA "Laws of the Game" and of the CYSA, EDYSL and Club Constitution, Bylaws and Rules and Regulations for each coach.

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3:06:03 When selecting coaches for teams, returning coaches will have priority over new coaches or coaches moving up in age group. Coaches moving up in age group will have priority over new coaches.

3:06:04 In all cases, the Club Board must approve assignment of coaches. The Board may assign new coaches to teams for the Good of the Game. All pending coaches shall complete a written application, including personal history, coaching experience, & credentials, subject to verification, as well as submit to a live scan finger print background investigation.

3:06:05 Each coach will be supplied with a signed medical release form and a player pass for each player assigned to his/her team. A player may practice with his/her team once the player has registered with the Club and the coach has a signed consent form, or has a parent/ legal guardian present. A player may play in a game only after the coach has received a player pass for the player and the coach has the medical release forms in his/her possession.

3:06:06 Coaches, managers and parents are not allowed to enter the field of play to assist an injured player until the referee instructs them to do so.

3:06:07 Each coach must attend a coaching clinic and designated Club meetings, as determined by the Club Board, and is responsible for understanding the Laws of the Game and Rules and Regulations of this Club.

3:06:08 In the event that any team is not going to show up for a scheduled Club game, the coach or manager must notify the Club Vice President and the Referee Coordinator at least two (2) days prior to the game. If a coach fails to provide such notification, the game will be forfeited and the coach will be subject to PAD Committee action. The PAD Committee will observe the following guidelines: A maximum fine of \$10 per incident and referee's pay for that game, and/or suspension of the coach or manager for a maximum of two (2) games. In the event that such infraction occurs at the end of the season, all Club awards and privileges for that team may be withheld until such fines are paid.

3:06:09 Minimum CYSA issued coaching licenses required:

- A. Class I, II (competitive)- "D/E" License; Assistant coach-"F" License
- B. Class III (select)- "E"; Assistant coach-"F" License
- C. Class IV (Recreational)-for U10 and above, "F" license; Assistant coach- "F" License recommended. An "F" license is strongly recommended for U6 and U8 coaches.
- D. A waiver must be obtained from the Coaching Director of District VI or CYSA to supersede the above requirements.

3:07 FIELDS

3:07:01 In addition to standardized marking for soccer fields, all fields will be required to mark a spectator and coaches line on each side of the field. The spectator line should be

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three (3) yards from the touchline and shall not extend into the penalty area. The coach's line will extend 10 yards on each side of the centerline and 1 yard away from the touchline.

3:08 PROTEST, APPEALS, AND DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE (PAD)

3:08:01 If a player is sent off, the Referee shall mail the player's pass to the PAD Committee Chairperson, along with the Referee's game report. That player is ineligible for games or practice until the player's pass is returned to that player or his/her coach.

3:08:02 The Referee's Game Report card must identify offending persons sufficiently for the PAD Committee to maintain a record of individual reasons for ejection. Referee's written report of matters not requiring disciplinary action (i.e., field conditions and equipment not available) should be sent to the Referee Coordinator, with a copy to the PAD Committee.

3:08:03 Red Card send-offs/ ejections cannot be protested. The PAD Committee will determine the penalty, using the guidelines specified in the CYSA Specific Rules.

3:09 PROTESTS AND APPEALS PROCEDURES

3:09:01 As specified in the League Bylaws, the League PAD Committee would hear all protests from inter-club games directly, while the Club PAD Committee hears intra-club games.

3:09:02 Protests or official complaints of rule violations during divisional or tournament games must be filed with the chair of the PAD Committee. All protests must comply with the following rules:

- A. The protesting Coach should notify the Coach of the opposing team before leaving the field of play. If a referee's ruling is being appealed, the referee should be so notified at the end of the game. In all cases the intent to protest must be noted on the Referee Report Card.
- B. Referee decisions that are purely "judgment calls" shall not be appealed.
- C. A fee of \$10.00 must accompany any protest or appeal to the PAD Committee. This fee will be returned if the PAD Committee upholds the protest or appeal, or if a higher authority overturns the decision.
- D. The protest or appeal must be submitted in writing to the PAD Committee or postmarked within seventy-two (72) hours of the incident being protested.
- E. The PAD Committee shall hear or consider every matter submitted at a meeting to be scheduled, whenever possible, during the week following the incident.
- F. The PAD Committee shall maintain complete records (i.e., Game Report Cards, letters of protest, minutes of hearings, and any correspondence) of each protest. Results will be reported at each monthly Board of Directors meeting. All members of the PAD Committee will receive copies of the minutes and results of each hearing.

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3:09:03 The PAD Committee may place on Club probation any referee, coach or player for violation of any of the rules of CYSA, EDYSL, or this Club.

3:09:04 In addition to the areas specified with the CYSA Specific Rules, referees, coaches, and/or players may be suspended from regularly scheduled Club or League games for the following violations:

- A. Failing to play all registered Class IV players at least one-half (1/2) of said game, except for disciplinary purposes, illness, injury, and provided that notice is written on the Referee Report Card prior to the beginning of the game.
- B. For playing a player who is not registered on the team. Guest players are allowed, following the appropriate CYSA rules.
- C. For committing, while on probation, the same or similar violations.

3:09:05 The following violations are grounds for forfeiture of the game in which they are committed. A game that is forfeited is given a score of 1-0 in favor of the non-forfeiting team.

- A. Any team delaying the start of a scheduled game more than fifteen (15) minutes without the sanction of the proper authority.
- B. If a player plays in a game and is not properly registered, his team shall automatically forfeit that game and may face future disciplinary action by the PAD Committee, depending upon the nature of this violation.
- C. All registered Class IV players in attendance at the start of the game play at least one-half (1/2) of said game, except for disciplinary reasons, illness, or injury. Failure to allow a player to participate in one-half of said game will result in forfeiture of the game by the violating team and/or suspension of the coach, providing the protest procedures outlined in these Rules are followed.
- D. In the event that both teams do not show up for a scheduled game, and the Referee rules the ground playable, then both teams shall be assessed with a loss.

3:09:06 If a team has lost or tied a scheduled game, that team may not win that game by protest (except as noted in §3:10:05:C above). If a team that has lost or tied a scheduled game is awarded a favorable protest, that game will be replayed.

3:09:07 All Club PAD Committee decisions may be appealed to the League PAD Committee. All protests or appeals are to be in writing and delivered to the League Vice President within 48 hours following the Club disciplinary decision. The fee to appeal or protest is \$15.00, which must be submitted with the appeal.

3:09:08 All League PAD decisions may be appealed to CYSA through the District VI Commissioner. All protests or appeals are to be in writing and delivered to the District VI Commissioner and this League within 48 hours following the date of the League disciplinary decision being protested or appealed. The proper fee (\$50.00) must be enclosed and shall be returned if the protest or appeal is upheld. This fee shall be retained if the protest or appeal is denied, unless a higher authority overrules the PAD Committee.

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3:10 DIVISIONAL PLAY

3:10:01 If the Club cannot field a team in a specific age division, the Club will notify the League Executive Registrar and the player's registrations will be turned over to the geographically nearest Club.

3:10:02 In addition to the above-mentioned divisions, the Club is encouraged to have at least one Select team in each of the U-10 through U-16 age groups. These teams will play against similar teams from the other Clubs, as long as the League has a minimum of four of these teams.

3:10:03 Players may only be moved to a different division through parental request made in writing. However, players may not play "down" a division (i.e., if they are Under-10 they cannot play Under-8) nor play "up" more than one division (i.e., Under-12 Girls cannot play on Under-16 Girls.)

3:10:04 If the Club does not have sufficient teams in an age group to provide divisional play, it may combine with another Club or Clubs to form a division.

3:11 SPECIFIC AGE GROUP REGULATIONS

3:11:01 The club will follow all the requirements concerning specific age groups, U6 through U19, found in the Modified Laws of the Game in the CYSA Team Manual.

3:12 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE PROHIBITION

3:12:01 The use and/or consumption of any alcoholic beverage, immediately before, during, or immediately after the playing of any youth soccer game is expressly prohibited.

3:12:02 Any player, team official, League official, or any other member of this Club who violates this prohibition shall be subject to disciplinary action and/or suspension by the PAD Committee.

3:13 TEAM FORMATION

3:13:01 The Club for recreational divisional play has adopted team formation guidelines. Players may register if they qualify for kindergarten (by December 1) in the fall of the soccer season year.

3:13:02 Experience is defined as the number of years a player has played soccer.

3:13:03 Players remaining in the same age group as the previous year shall be assigned to the same team as the previous year unless a move is requested by the parent/ legal guardian and approved by the Board. Returning players registering after team formation will not automatically be placed on their team from the previous year.

- A. If there are insufficient players registered to fill the rosters of all of the existing teams, one or more of the existing teams will be disbanded with the team

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members distributed among the remaining teams as outlined in rules 3:19:04 and 3:19:05.

- B. Determination of which team to disband will be made in the following priority order:
 - 1. Teams with no head coach.
 - 2. Teams with the fewest returning players.
 - 3. Teams moving up in age category.
 - 4. Teams with the least amount of total experience among their returning players.

3:13:04 Existing teams will be reassigned their returning players. New teams will be assigned the number of experienced players needed to equal the lowest number of returning players on any existing team. After this initial assignment, each team will be assigned, in order, by draw, enough additional experienced players to equal the level of the team with the most returning players, until all experienced players are assigned.

3:13:05 Only when all experienced players have been assigned would new players be assigned to teams, one at a time to each team, until all players are assigned or all teams filled. All remaining players will be placed on a waiting list.

3:13:06 All players, except those remaining on the same team as the previous year, will be assigned by years of experience.

3:13:07 No player will be considered registered until the registration form is completed and accepted by the Registrar and all fees are paid. Any player who requires sponsorship aid should note the fact prior to their acceptance as a registered player.

3:13:08 An exception to the random assignment of players may occur due to the following reasons:

- A. The need to move a coach to a team. In this case, the child of a prospective coach may be switched with a player with like experience in order to assign the coach to a team.
- B. Siblings in the same age group shall be assigned to the same team, unless specifically requested otherwise.
- C. Assignment of players to teams due to hardship will be assigned by the Registrar when such requests are submitted in writing and deemed valid and appropriate. When a player requests not to be assigned to a specific team, the above criteria will also be followed. The above requests will have to be approved by the Club Board.

3:13:09 Due to the geographic proximity of two (2) school district boundaries within the Club jurisdiction, assignment of players to teams exclusively within their school attendance area is not always possible. Players may be assigned to a team in an adjacent school area.

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3:13:10 All requests for Transfers / Special Placements must be submitted in writing and must be approved by the Club Board. Transfer requests must also comply with CYSA Rules (4:07 & PIM 77-13), and GNSC Rules (3:02).

3:14 SELECT PROGRAM

3:14:01 The League will coordinate a "Select" program for the purpose of fostering a recreational level of play for advanced players. These teams are available to all Club players eligible to play within the age group, and are formed through a tryout system. Divisions will be established at the Under-10 level and above, with the determination of having a division determined by the League Board.

3:14:02 All Select Teams will play within the CYSA Cal-Soccer League.

3:14:03 Under authority of the Club Board, the Select Coordinator shall Chair the Select Committee, an advisory group, which shall include two (2) appointed representatives from each select team, to coordinate the select program, including selection of coaches & designation of teams.

3:14:04 the Club Board, its Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules & Regulations shall govern the Select Program. The Select Coordinator shall report to the Club Board monthly, and request guidance on, or approval of, actions recommended by the Select Committee.

3:14:05 The Select program shall conduct open tryouts each year. Every player picked must have attended at least one (1) Board sanctioned tryout. No player is guaranteed a position on any select team based on previous years participation in the select program. All select rosters must be Board approved. The coach of each select team shall have the final selection of the team under the following guidelines:

- A. Players are selected on the basis of their soccer skills, their ability to play "team" ball, and their positive attitude toward being a contributing member of the team.
- B. Each coach within an age pure category shall have first choice of any player within that age pure category. An exception is that a player may play an age pure category up with the written consent and acceptance from each coach involved and the concurrence of the GNSC Board.
- C. Each player shall play on a team within his/her designated age group (U10, U12, U14, U16, or U19). Upon parental request, made in writing and submitted to the Board and approved by the Board, a player may move up one age group, but only if released by the coach of the age appropriate team. In the case of a written parental request not to be assigned to a specific team, the player's application must be made to and approved by the Board.

3:15 Uniforms

3:15:01 GNSC recreation uniforms shall consist of two jerseys, one home and one away. The jersey colors will be gold, and blue, the club board will determine what the home

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color will be in accordance with EDYSL rules. Shorts will be solid black and socks will be black and white. Teams may purchase different socks at their own expense, as long they conform to the black and white color scheme.

3:15:02 Select team uniforms shall vary from the club recreation uniform. The uniform shall consist of two jerseys, a home and away jersey. The jersey colors shall be of a royal blue color, and the second jersey shall be gold or white. Shorts shall be blue or black, and socks shall match the jersey color. Exception to this rule shall be Halloween tournaments when different costumes or theme uniforms are encouraged.