

NSYSA Constitution



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Article 1. Name and Duration.

Section A - The “Northwest Sound Youth Soccer Association”, hereinafter referred to alternatively as “NSYSA” or “Association”, is a non-profit corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Washington.

Section B - The duration of this Corporation shall be perpetual.

Article 2. Objectives and Purpose.

Section A. The objectives of the NSYSA are to:

1. Promote and further develop the game of soccer.
2. Organize and govern the game of soccer for youth within portions of Kitsap, Mason, Clallam, and Jefferson counties within the state of Washington.
3. Assign administrative responsibilities to member organizations.
4. Establish uniform rules and regulations applicable to youth soccer competition in this Association consistent with the principles and laws of the Federal International de Football Association (FIFA, the world governing body for soccer), those of the United States Soccer Federation (USSF, the national governing body of soccer, affiliated with FIFA), and those of the Washington Youth Soccer (WYS).
5. Provide programs for the membership as required.
6. Administer and conduct Association competitions as required.
7. Represent this Association in all matters of organized youth soccer regarding WYS and interested parties.
8. Where conditions and circumstances prevent full compliance, the Association shall affect deviation best suited to its own needs.

Section B. The purpose of NSYSA is educational and includes the following:

1. Teach and train players, coaches, and other adult members.
2. Teach through the game of soccer, sportsmanship, physical health, and mental alertness.
3. Operate exclusively as an exempt organization within the meaning and limits of section 501(c)(3).

Article 3. Association Colors and Boundaries.

Section A. The representative colors of the NSYSA will be blue/green/white.

1. The jersey/shorts/alternate jersey colors of affiliated clubs of this Association shall be:

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| i. | Bainbridge Island Soccer Club | Blue/White/Black |
| ii. | Bremerton Soccer Club | Blue/Black/White |

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| iii. | Central Kitsap Soccer Club | Red/Black/White |
| iv. | JC Soccer Club | Black/Teal |
| v. | North Kitsap Soccer Club | Gold/Royal/White |
| vi. | North Mason Youth Soccer Club | Red/Blue/White |
| vii. | South Kitsap Soccer Club | Green/White/Maroon/Black |
| viii. | Storm King Soccer Club | White/Dark Navy Blue |
| ix. | Tracyton Soccer Club | Orange/Black/White |
| x. | Kitsap Alliance FC | White/Blue/Red/Black |

Section B. The boundaries of NSYSA will be:

1. Bainbridge Island, Bremerton, Central Kitsap, North Kitsap, and South Kitsap School Districts within Kitsap County;
2. Port Townsend, Chimacum, Quilcene, and Brinnon School Districts within Jefferson County;
3. North Mason School District within North Mason County.
4. Camp Flattery, Crescent, Port Angles, Quillayute Valley, and Sequim School Districts within Clallam County.

Article 4. Jurisdiction

Section A. NSYSA will have jurisdiction over all the member organizations including clubs and teams, as well as associated individuals, such as players, coaches, and administrators.

Article 5. Affiliation

Section A. NSYSA will be a member of WYS.

Article 6. Financial Policy

Section NSYSA is a registered nonprofit organization. Each member club is required to independently obtain and report to NSYSA its own separate nonprofit status from the state of Washington and the Internal Revenue Service.

Article 7. Administrative Authority

Section A. The NSYSA Board of Directors shall be governed by the NSYSA Constitution and Bylaws except when these are superseded by those of WYS.

Section B. The NSYSA shall have the authorization from time to time to issue policies or instructions necessary to interpret, clarify, or further define the Constitution, Bylaws, procedures, and rules.

Article 8. Membership

Section A. The membership of NSYSA will consist of incorporated and unincorporated organizations engaged in youth soccer within the Association Boundaries (see definition in Article 3, Section B), which agree to be bound by the Constitution, Bylaws, procedures, and rules of the NSYSA and will be admitted to membership in accordance with the Bylaws of NSYSA.

Article 9. Administration

Section A. The governing authority of the NSYSA will be vested in the Association Board of Directors.

Section B. The Association Executive Board of Directors will be composed of a President, Vice-President, Director of Recreational Soccer, Director of Competitive Soccer, Secretary, Treasurer, and Registrar.

Section C. The Association Board of Directors will be composed of the Association Executive Board of Directors, and one representative each from the Clubs which are members of the Association.

Article 10. Meetings

Section A. The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of all members of the NSYSA will be held for the primary purpose of the election of officers and consideration of proposed amendments to this Constitution, and proposed resolutions. The AGM will be held as provided in Article V of the NSYSA Bylaws.

Section B. All other meetings, including but not limited to meetings of the Association Board of Directors, will be held as provided in Article V of the NSYSA Bylaws.

Section C. Voting at all NSYSA meetings will take place as provided in Article V of the NSYSA Bylaws.

Article 11. Parliamentary Authority

Section A. all meetings of the NSYSA will be conducted using the current edition of "Robert's Rules of Order" as a guide.

Article 12. Amendments

Section A. Proposed changes or amendments to this constitution can only be approved at the AGM.

Section B. Proposed changes or amendments can be made by member clubs or elected officers of NSYSA and must be submitted in writing to the NSYSA secretary no later than 30 days prior to the NSYSA AGM.

Section C. The NSYSA Secretary will notify each member club at least 30 days prior to the AGM by mailing out proposed changes or amendments to this Constitution. To be approved, the amendment must pass by a $\frac{3}{4}$ majority vote of the Association Board of Directors in attendance at the AGM.

Section D. All approved changes or amendments will be included in the AGM minutes.

Article 13. Books, Records, and Accounting

Section A. NSYSA will maintain adequate and correct accounts, books, and records of its business and properties. All books, records, and accounts will be kept by the officer directed as responsible. All records will be open to inspection by the NSYSA board of directors as requested.

Section B. Dissolution: Should NSYSA be dissolved, all monetary assets remaining after payment of all debts, will be turned over to any remaining member clubs which have qualified under Section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code and shall be divided proportionally to the average number of registered WYS players over the previous three years. Physical assets shall be held in trust by remaining Member Clubs.