



*Northwest Sound*  
Youth Soccer  
Association

# CONSTITUTION

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# **NSYSA CONSTITUTION**

## **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 PURPOSES**

**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 & 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 with regard to Washington Youth Soccer and interested parties.
8. Where conditions and circumstances prevent full compliance, the Association shall effect deviation best suited to its own particular needs.

**Section B -** The purposes of NSYSA are educational and include 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:
  - a. Bainbridge Island Soccer Club Blue/White
  - b. Bremerton Soccer Club Blue/White
  - c. Central Kitsap Soccer Club Red/Black/White
  - d. JC Soccer Club Black/Teal
  - e. North Kitsap Soccer Club Gold/Royal/White
  - f. North Mason Youth Soccer Club White/Red/Blue
  - g. South Kitsap Soccer Club Green/White/Maroon/Black
  - h. Tracyton Soccer Club Orange/Black/White

**Section B** - The boundaries of NSYSA will be (1) the Bainbridge Island, Bremerton, Central Kitsap, North Kitsap and South Kitsap School Districts within Kitsap County, (2) the Port Townsend, Chimacum, Quilcene, and Brinnon School Districts within Jefferson County and (3) the North Mason School District within North Mason County within the State of Washington.

#### **ARTICLE 4. JURISDICTION**

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

#### **ARTICLE 5. AFFILIATION**

**Section A** - Section A. The NSYSA shall be a member of Washington Youth Soccer.

#### **ARTICLE 6. FINANCIAL POLICY**

**Section A** - The NSYSA is and shall be a non-profit organization.

**Section B** - Each member club desiring its own separate non-profit status (registered charitable organization) must obtain it independently from the State of Washington (Olympia) 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 Washington Youth Soccer.

**Section B** - The NSYSA Board of Directors 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 the NSYSA shall 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 which shall be admitted to membership in accordance with the Bylaws of NSYSA

#### **ARTICLE 9. ADMINISTRATION**

**Section A** - The governing authority of the NSYSA shall be vested in the Association Board of Directors.

**Section B -** The Association Executive Board of Directors shall be composed of a President, First Vice-President of Administration, Vice President of Competition, Vice President of Awards and Recognition, Secretary, Treasurer and Registrar.

**Section C -** The Association Board of Directors shall 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 shall be held for the primary purpose of the election of officers and consideration of proposed amendments to this Constitution, and proposed resolutions. The AGM shall 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, shall be held as provided in Article V of the NSYSA Bylaws.

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

## **ARTICLE 11. PARLIMENTARY AUTHORITY**

**Section A -** All meetings of the NSYSA shall 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 effected at the Annual General Meeting (AGM).

**Section B -** Such proposed changes or amendments can be made by member clubs or Elected officers of this Association, 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 shall notify each member club at least 30 days prior to the AGM by mailing out such proposed changes or amendments to this Constitution.

**Section D -** To be approved, the amendment must pass by a majority vote of  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the Association Board of Directors in attendance at the AGM.

**Section E -** All approved changes or amendments shall be included in the AGM minutes.

## **ARTICLE 13. BOOKS, RECORDS, AND ACCOUNTING**

**Section A** - The Association shall maintain adequate and correct accounts, books, and records of its business and properties. All such books records and accounts shall be kept by the Officer directed as responsible. All records shall be open to inspection by the NSYSA Board of Directors when requested.

**Section B** - Dissolution: Should NSYSA be dissolved, all monetary assets remaining after payment of all debts, shall be turned over to any remaining Member Clubs which have qualified under Section 501(c)(3) of the US Internal Revenue Code and shall be divided proportionally to the average number of registered Washington Youth Soccer Players over the previous 3 years. Physical assets shall be held in trust by remaining Member Clubs.