



*Frederick County Youth Soccer Association*

Constitution and By-Laws

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# FREDERICK COUNTY YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION

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## **A. CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS**

### **ARTICLE I - THE CORPORATION**

1.1 The Frederick County Youth Soccer Association (FCYSA) is a non-profit, non-stock corporation under the laws of Maryland.

1.2 FCYSA is affiliated with the Maryland State Youth Soccer Association (MSYSA), the United States Youth Soccer Association (USYSA), the United States Soccer Federation (USSF) and the Federation International de Football Association (FIFA).

1.3 The purpose of the FCYSA is to encourage, to promote and to foster the growth of and appreciation for the game of soccer by providing opportunities for the youth of member programs to participate in organized soccer.

### **ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP (Adopted April 26, 2000)**

2.1 FCYSA offers participating programs two classes of membership - Full Member Program (FMP which may vote) and Associate Member Program (AMP which may not vote) memberships.

2.2 A program that places a minimum of one team or a majority of its teams in FCYSA and has home pitches available for league play may be considered for FMP membership. FMPs should attend, and participate in discussion at, regularly scheduled FCYSA meetings. FMPs may place motions before the membership for discussion and consideration. FMPs shall designate individuals to serve on any committee established by the Executive Board. FMPs shall have the right to nominate individuals for the Executive Board and shall designate one individual to serve on the Executive Board if insufficient nominations are received (see Article 3.1). FMPs shall possess the right to cast one vote on every petition, motion or other issues brought before the FCYSA for consideration. (amended October 2011)

2.3 A program, which does not meet all of the criteria above, may be considered for AMP membership. AMPs shall be entitled to the same rights, privileges and responsibilities of FMPs except they are not allowed to vote on petitions, issues or motions brought before the FCYSA for consideration nor are they allowed to nominate or to serve on the Executive Board.

2.4 Any organization may petition the Executive board or be nominated by a current member for consideration of membership to the FCYSA. Membership will be determined by a majority vote of FMPs.

2.5 Any FMP that fails to attend three consecutive meetings or five of seven meetings in a calendar year will become an AMP (amended June 27, 2007).

2.6 Any AMP that fails to attend three consecutive meetings or five of seven meetings in a calendar year will no longer be a member (amended June 27, 2007).

2.7 Members are considered to have attended a scheduled meeting by sending a

representative to that meeting or by providing a written proxy.

- 2.8 Members shall provide a copy of their program's Constitution and By-Laws, a list of teams, a list of Executive Officers in their program, and the name and contact information of the Program Coordinator and optionally, an Assistant Coordinator, who will serve as the program's representative to the FCYSA.

### ARTICLE III - EXECUTIVE BOARD

- 3.1 An executive Board shall be established to oversee regular operations of the FCYSA. The Board shall consist of a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer and, optionally, a Registrar. Term of office will be for two years. The President and Secretary shall be elected in alternate years from the Treasurer and Vice-President. In the event that sufficient volunteers are unavailable through the normal nomination process, each FMP will be entered into a rotational pool from which members of the board will be chosen. In such an event, Board Members shall decide among themselves the role each will assume. At the end of such an unelected term of office, the incumbent FMPs shall be re-entered into the rotational pool in the last positions. (Adopted April 26, 2000)
- 3.2 The Executive Board schedules, as well as conducts, regular and special meetings of all FCYSA members, appoints committees, oversees expenditures and is generally responsible for the conduct of FCYSA business. Exact responsibilities may be divided among the Executive Board members at their own discretion.
- 3.3 The Executive Board is responsible for monitoring FMP compliance with all responsibilities. Any default shall result in the immediate reclassification of the program to the appropriate status. The Board shall notify the Program Coordinator of the change in status. Programs that lose their membership status may reapply for membership under the same procedure as any other organization.
- 3.4 The Executive Board reviews applications for AMPs to change their status to full membership. The Board reviews recent participation in meeting any other league activities and forwards the application along with the Board's recommendation for a note by FMPs at a regularly scheduled FCYSA meeting.
- 3.5 All decisions allocated to the Executive Board under this constitution are based on a simple majority of all the Executive Board Members. The Executive Board may make recommendations to the general membership on any activity not specifically allocated to the Board.

### ARTICLE IV - CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

- 4.1 The FCYSA holds monthly meetings in February, March, April, July, August, September and October to discuss and execute league business. Proposed agendas are provided to all member programs prior to or at the meeting (amended June 27, 2007).
- 4.2 Committees may be established at the direction of the Executive Board. Committees may be established to fulfill a specific task or given a set of on-going

responsibilities. The Executive Board may disband any committee.

4.3 Each FMP is eligible to cast a on vote on any FCYSA issue.

4.3.1 An item may be brought up for a vote at a regular monthly meeting if all voting members are present or if the item appeared on the agenda for that meeting.

4.3.2 All votes shall be decided by a simple majority of the FMPs present. Voting may be accomplished by proxy. Voting by proxy will be accomplished by written authorization stating the FMPs position or designating another FMP to represent them.

## **B. CODE OF CONDUCT**

The following are the Standards of Conduct adopted by the Frederick County Youth Soccer League (FCYSL).

Soccer programs for youth shall be carried out in a cooperative manner with emphasis on team spirit, friendly competition and good sportsmanship. This purpose shall be reflected in all competitive activities and shall be emphasized by coaches with players and parents throughout the season.

Consistent with good sportsmanship, the following guidelines shall be observed:

### PLAYER RESPONSIBILITIES

Good sportsmanship is consistent with clean, aggressive soccer. Players are encouraged to play clean, aggressive soccer, but certain actions are not tolerated:

- Displays of temper reflected by verbal comments or physical gestures.
- Verbal abuse or foul language directed at a member of the other team, the other team in general, or their sideline.
- Verbal abuse or foul language toward the officials.
- Physical abuse either on the field or off the field toward members of the other team.
- Physical abuse either on the field or off the field toward officials.

### PARENT AND GUEST RESPONSIBILITIES

Parents are responsible for their behavior as well as the behavior of their guests. Good sportsmanship for soccer fans includes development of knowledge of the game, an attitude of fairness toward the other team, and an understanding of the difficulties facing the officials in calling a fast-moving soccer game. Parents and guests shall avoid:

- Poor sportsmanship, including displays of temper, attempts to engage in confrontational tactics, loud and abusive comments, or foul language directed toward either team or either sideline.
- Verbal abuse or foul language directed toward the officials.
- Any action which the coach tells a parent or guest to cease.

- Any action which may result in disciplinary action against a coach.
- Physical abuse of any party, either on or off the field. Entry onto the field of play at any time without the express permission of the official.

## COACH RESPONSIBILITIES

The coach of the team has a special responsibility. The coach must understand the game and rules of soccer, the age group of the youth team and the parents of the team players. The coach is expected to be a teacher, an inspirational leader and an example to our youth. The coach is responsible for his/her own behavior and bears final responsibility for the behavior of parents and players.

Because of these responsibilities and the guidelines imposed upon each coach, ALL parents must defer to the direction of the coach in all matters of behavior on or around the field.

Coaches are teachers. As parents we expect the schools to provide continual training for our children's teacher so he or she can teach our child using the most current methods and information. As coaches, we must expect to commit to continual upgrading of our knowledge of the game of soccer. Coaches in the FCYSL should make a personal commitment to attend coaches licensing clinics and Laws of the Game clinics on a regular basis.

All coaches must attend an FCYSA sponsored coach's clinic to obtain their certification. A session will be offered for every soccer season, and all coaches must attend a session prior to coaching (Adopted January 26, 2006, Amended April 29, 2015). Any exceptions to these requirements must be by majority vote of the Board of Directors. (Amended July 16, 2006). All coaches are required to show their sportsmanship certification card (or an electronic image of the card) to the referee prior to the start of each match (Adopted April 29, 2015).

## SOCCKER PROGRAM RESPONSIBILITIES (amended June 2002)

The affiliated soccer programs of FCYSL are responsible for coordinating the parents' education as well as their orientation to the game of soccer. They are responsible for obtaining coaches and ensuring these coaches participate in league sponsored coaches' classes. Programs provide a community based service in creating a healthy and safe environment dedicated to the highest principles of sportsmanship in which youth have the opportunity to play the game of soccer. All affiliates pledged to support the growth of soccer in their local area, the county, the state and the United States. Programs are required to follow all Bylaws and rules of the league, as well as to enforce them on all coaches, parents, players and spectators affiliated with their program. Programs are expected to provide volunteers to serve in league offices and to assist the league in any way possible for the coordination of soccer within the FCYSA. Each program shall facilitate game control through supporting the officials of the league and referees who contract to do our games

## REFEREE RESPONSIBILITIES

Referees have the responsibility to be fully versed in the Laws of the Game, including the

Rules of Competition for the league, and to be certified USSF officials. They are expected to uphold the code of ethics for USSF officials. Referees are responsible for the safety of the players and for establishing equality on the field through judicious application of the laws. Officials are not expected to tolerate any verbal abuse from players, coaches or spectators. Any physical assault on an official will be considered a criminal act that may lead to arrest and prosecution. Anyone who participates in such actions shall lose all privileges and rights of membership in the FCYSL, in addition to the legal actions that will be initiated. Regardless of the age of the official, all officials are to be treated with the respect and courtesy demanded of their position. Programs who find their games not covered by officials must assist in recruiting, training and developing officials from their area.

## LEAGUE RESPONSIBILITIES

The league (FCYSL) represents its' member programs at state and national levels. It should serve as a clearinghouse for clinics. The league is only functional if the programs provide volunteers to serve as officers. The FCYSL contracts for officials and coordinates scheduling of games among member programs.

## **C. DISCIPLINE OF MEMBERS**

Any member may be disciplined for failure to comply with these by-laws, as well as with any established authority or regulations of the FCYSA. Charges may be brought against a coach, program or team initiated by, but not limited to, the ejection of and/or any instance of unsporting behavior by the coach, team or program. In order to be heard, signed written charges must be filed with the FCYSA Secretary (or the FCYSA designee) indicating the specific, alleged violation as well as where and when the alleged violation occurred.

Each violation shall be treated separately. Violations shall have consequences and those consequences shall be progressive in nature for repeat offenders as well as for the increasing severity of the offense. A consequence may include, but shall not be limited to, performance bonds, fines and/or suspensions. In addition, the offender may need to meet specified requirements before being considered for reinstatement with the FCYSA.

A performance bond is a money amount posted with the FCYSA for a prescribed period of time and shall be returned if the offender demonstrates that the offending behavior has been satisfactorily modified. A fine is a money amount levied against an offender and is retained by the FCYSA. Suspensions may be of any duration and shall be fairly adjusted based upon the severity and frequency of the offense committed.

A charged coach, program and/or team shall receive written notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, of the charges filed. The written notification shall include:

- Information regarding the nature of the alleged violation
- Where and when the alleged violation occurred and the person or entity who filed the charge.
- Information regarding the By-Laws with respect to the procedural rights.
- Copies of all documents currently in the possession of the FCYSA related to the charges.

## HEARING

A member charged with any violation shall have the right to be heard in person or by written statement made in defense before the Judicial Committee. Such a right shall be afforded prior to the imposition of any fine, penalty, or any other long-term disciplinary action.

A member may seek a personal hearing by filing a signed, written request with the FCYSA within fourteen days of receipt of the written notification of charges. At the hearing, the person or entity bringing the charges shall be present and both parties may present any information or documents. Each party may ask questions of the other party and the other party's witnesses. A decision shall be made and written notification sent to both parties by certified mail, return receipt requested within thirty (30) days of the hearing's conclusion. A majority vote of the Judicial Committee shall determine the decision. The Chairperson of the Judicial Committee shall vote only in the event of a tie vote.

If, in the opinion of the Judicial Committee, the FCYSA Executive Board and/or any other member of the FCYSA should be in attendance, then one member of the Judicial Committee shall initiate contact with those persons to inform them of the meeting.

The hearing shall be audio tape-recorded and all documents retained, if appropriate.

## APPEAL

Any member disciplined by the Judicial Committee shall have the right of appeal to the FCYSA Executive Board. For the appeal to be considered, the member shall file with the FCYSA a signed, written notice of appeal within seven days of receipt of the Judicial Committee's decision. The FCYSA President shall schedule an appellate hearing and a notice of said appellate hearing date shall be sent by the FCYSA to the member and to all members of FCYSA Executive Board no later than forty-five (45) days before the scheduled hearing date. The FCYSA Executive Board shall decide the appeal based upon the record of the Judicial Committee's proceedings, on its review of any further written arguments which may be submitted by both original parties and received by the FCYSA no later than fourteen (14) days prior to the scheduled appellate hearing date, and an oral argument presented by the member at the appellate hearing.

A decision shall then be made by majority vote of the FCYSA Executive Board and written notification sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, within sixty (60) days of the appellate hearing date. The decision of the FCYSA Executive Board shall be final.

## **D. LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP**

A member of the Frederick County Youth Soccer League (FCYSL) is any person designated as a coach, assistant coach or manager on a roster with a team that would play any game affiliated with the FCYSL.

## **E. POLICIES & RULES**

### **1. Birth Certificates**

To assist with the detection of illegal rostering, copies of birth certificates are required for proper registration and are retained by the Area Coordinators (adopted May 25, 1995, amended February 19, 2003). All birth certificates will be required to be presented within a week if there are any questions about player birth dates.

### **2. Division Classification (amended July 27, 2005 and effective immediately)**

If a team holds try-outs for the purpose of getting better players, that team is automatically classified and must play Division 1.

Any recreational team rostering players that are registered in either Premier or Classic divisions in other leagues will be restricted as follows:

There may be 1 Premier player and 2 Classic players, or 3 Classic players (but no more than a combined total of 3 players) on any 7 v 7 or 9 v 9 team. For 11 v 11 teams, there may be no more than 2 Premier players and 3 Classic players, or 5 Classic players (but no more than a combined total of 5 players). Teams with Premier or Classic players must be power rated 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5. There will be no Premier or Classic players on any Division 3 teams.

Teams with more than the defined number of Premier or Classic players above must register as a division I team, with a power rating of 1, 2 or 3 (adopted July 21, 2011).

No player may jump between teams or divisions within the same age group. A player may move up in an age group if good enough, but no player may move down. (Adopted January 13, 1994, amended April 28, 2010)

### **3. FCYSA Fees**

#### **3.1 Referee Association (modified January 21, 2001)**

The contracted referee association shall provide referees for sanctioned games. Each program is charged for referee fees. Administrative fees are payable to the League while individual referees are paid in cash at the pitch immediately prior to the match. The current fee structure is found in Appendix A.

If the assigned referee(s) does (do) not show at any scheduled league game, the Program Coordinator must notify the League Administrator and withhold that portion of fees. If an opposing team does not show at any scheduled league game, the team present must still pay its half of the fees for those referees present.

#### **3.2 League Administrator (adopted January 13, 1994)**

This fee is negotiated and approved by the FCYSA and can be found in Appendix B. This fee is paid for each player for each season of games and covers the administrative costs of operating the Frederick County Youth Soccer League.

A penalty will be assessed for each team that has an infraction in the registration material provided at the night of registration. Each infraction carries a fee of \$250. (adopted October 22, 2008).

3.3 State Association (adopted January 13, 1994,, amended June 2005)

The Maryland State Youth Soccer Association (MSYSA) charges a membership fee for each player that is paid once in a calendar year (see Appendix B). If the child played in the Fall season they do not pay this fee again in the Spring. This fee provides insurance for those adults and youth registered with the MSYSA. All FCYSA member organizations must register their players with MSYSA.

#### 4. Registration

Dates and times for team registration are set by the FCYSA Board prior to each Spring and Fall season and are communicated to the Program Coordinators. The following information and forms must be turned in during registration:

Team rosters	Directions to all Fields
Player Waiver Forms	Referee Fees
League Fees	Field Availability Forms
Coach Registration Forms	

#### 5. Rosters

5.1 Rosters requirements

To register a team to play in the FCYSL, member Program Coordinators must complete and turn in to the league the Maryland State Youth Soccer Association Recreation Roster Form. The roster must include the following information:

League Name	Coach's Name, Address, Phone, Number
Program Name	Player's listed alphabetically by last name
Team Name	Player's Address and Zip Code
Age Group	Player's gender
Division	Player's Date of Birth

5.2 Switching Players within a Program (adopted September 29, 1993)

Players on rosters must stay together. Teams may not switch players (after rosters have been closed). If a team is caught (switching players between teams) doing so, the penalties are as follows:

First Offense - Forfeiture of game in which the offense occurred

Second Offense - Team forfeits all subsequent games (and is banned from League post-season tournament)

Third Offense (within the Program) - Program is out (banned from) of the League play for one year

5.3 Roster size

There is no roster limit for a team. (adopted September 24, 2008)

5.4 Roster variances (adopted May 25, 1995)

#### 5.4.1 U14 and Above

High School players are not permitted to participate on any FCYSL soccer team during the high school season.

The spring season of FCYSA may include divisions of players in the U19 age bracket. These players do not need to be in high school to be eligible to play in these age bracket(s). (adopted June 30, 2004).

#### 5.4.2 Illegal Rostering

The consequences of illegal rostering are as follows:

- Coach suspended from FCYSA for 5 years
- All games forfeited
- Performance bond posted with FCYSA for 1 year from the beginning of the next FCYSL season.

The bond may be refunded to the Program if there are no additional instances of illegal rostering within the 12 months following the payment of the performance bond.

#### 5.5 Players Switching Programs (adopted April 26, 2000 - effective June 1, 2000)

- 5.5.1 Any FCYSA Program or team may conduct publicly announced registration and/or open tryouts to acquire players. Any player, or parents or guardians acting in behalf of their child may initiate contact with any FCYSA Program or team for the purpose of joining that Program.

Once a player has been registered with a Program according to that Program's procedures, that player shall continue to play within that Program for the balance of that season unless:

- the player can play in a higher division within the same age group
- the player changes residence to another Area
- the player receives permission from the current coach to play for another Program similar to the transfer rules for traveling players under the jurisdiction of the United States Youth Soccer Association (USYSA)

- 5.5.2 No coach, team official, player nor parent of players for FCYSA member Programs, regardless of any other affiliation, shall initiate any form of contact with a prospective player who is registered with any other FCYSA member program with the intent of recruiting that player.

Any FCYSA member program participating in FCYSA play, or being formed for FCYSA play, acting through its coaches, team officials, parents and/or players which attempts into induce any player registered with any other FCYSA member program to leave that same program shall be deemed to have recruited that player.

- 5.5.3 Complaints about recruiting shall be submitted in writing by the Program Coordinator to the FCYSA Executive Board within thirty (30) days of the alleged recruiting. The allegations shall be referred to the Judicial Committee in accordance with Section C.

Penalties for recruiting are:

- for the first offense, mandatory suspension of the coach for the offending team for a minimum of four games and a fine not to exceed \$500.00 for the offending member program.
- For any subsequent violation within the same year, mandatory suspension of the coach for the offending team for a minimum of two years and possible suspension or termination of membership for the offending program.

## **6. Rules of Competition**

Each year the official Laws of the Game is published by FIFA. Each publication includes all modifications to the laws as well as interpretations from the International Advisory Board (IAB). In addition to the official Laws of the Game, each league is allowed to make modifications so long as the spirit of the Game is maintained. The modifications adopted by the league are labeled "Rules of Competition". The Rules of Competition for the FCYSA are listed in Appendix C.

### **6.1 Footwear (adopted November 28, 2001)**

No footwear shall be permitted that contains metallic spikes, studs or cleats.

### **6.2 Maximum Team Officials (adopted February 15, 2006)**

The maximum number of team officials (coaches, managers, etc.) will be limited to three (3).

### **6.3 Set Back Lines (adopted January 26, 2006)**

Each pitch must include a minimum setback line for the spectators a minimum of 5 yards from the touch line terminating at the start of the penalty areas, and a coaches box starting 15 feet from the mid line extending to the start of the penalty area a minimum of 10 feet from the touch line.

### **6.4 Player Substitutions (adopted October 26, 2006)**

Players may be substituted during a stoppage of play for either team's goal kicks or throw-ins.

### **6.5 Score Differential (adopted October 22, 2008)**

In an effort to control the score differential in each match, the following policy has been adopted. As soon as there is a score differential of 5 goals, the team with the advantage must pull a player from the field during the stoppage of play. If the goal differential reaches 7, a second player must be pulled from the field during the stoppage of play. Players may reenter the match once the goal differential reduces below these thresholds.

## **7. Game Cancellation Procedure (adopted April 21, 1993)**

- 7.1 If an area needs to cancel a scheduled match due to unplayable field conditions, the League Administrator must be notified two hours prior to game time. The contact number is (888) 372-3318 and all rain-outs will be posted on the message. (adopted April 21, 1994, amended June 30, 2004).
- 7.2 When there has been a canceled game due to weather conditions, it is the responsibility of the Area Coordinator to reschedule the game at a time that is convenient for both teams. They should contact the League Administrator to reschedule the match and to obtain referees after both areas have agreed to the rescheduled date. If referees cannot be scheduled, it is the teams' responsibility to find referees.

## **8. Rescheduling of Games (amended June 2002, further June 2004)**

No matches during the season are to be rescheduled. If you will not have sufficient participation (4 for 7v7 or 9v9 and 7 for 11v11) for your scheduled match, contact your Area Coordinator to declare the match a forfeit and they will notify the league administrator to cancel the referee(s). The Area Coordinator must contact the opposing Area Coordinator to let them know of the forfeit. (adopted June 30, 2004)

Rescheduled matches due to weather must be called in to the League Administrator by 9:00 p.m. the Tuesday before the scheduled weekend games or 72 hours prior to any other scheduled game (adopted June 2, 1993).

Each match rescheduled will be assessed a fee in accordance with appendices A and B. For any game forfeited later than as specified above, the team causing the change shall incur the cost of all referee fees for that game. Persistent violations shall result in that Program appearing before the Judicial Committee for review prior to the next season.

## **9. Carding procedure**

### **9.1 RED CARD**

All red cards will be recorded on the score card by the referee. The individual receiving the red card may not return to play until the red card is reviewed and the Judiciary committee renders a disposition of the offense (amended June 27, 2007). If they (the ejected individual) want(s) to protest the suspension, they (the player) must notify the League Administrator (board member) who shall in turn set up a meeting of the Judiciary committee (Rules & Conduct committee – 4/3/93 or Rules committee – 7/21/93) and schedule a hearing. That committee consists of the league and is selected by the FCYSA Board. The league appoints a Judicial Committee to investigate and render punishment for all red card situations. There is one alternate picked to sit on the committee in case there is a conflict with one of the original committee members (adopted June 8, 1993).

When red cards are given, the Referee Commissioner (Officials Association representative) shall call the League Administrator and initiate a formal match report. The League Administrator shall initiate a review by the Judicial Committee and shall contact the Program Coordinator of the red carded player to ensure that the Program coordinator enforces the suspension and starts the groundwork for any protest (adopted 8/31/98)

## 9.2 YELLOW CARD (amended June 2002)

When a player receives a yellow card, the player can be substituted at the coaches discretion. This is to permit the coach to instruct the player concerning the reasons the yellow card was given and to allow the player time to settle down before continuing play. The player may reenter the game whenever a valid substitution is permitted.

## 10. Season Length

A season shall be defined as beginning on the date of the first scheduled game through and including the date of the last game played make-up games and tournament play inclusive.

10.1 The Fall season shall include the months of September, October and November.

10.2 The Spring season shall include March, April, May and June

## 11. Reporting Game Scores

Program Coordinators are responsible for calling the League Administrator to report all scores for league sponsored games. Scores must be reported by 9:00 PM Sunday following the game in order for the score to be reported in the local Frederick newspaper. Scores may also be e-mailed.

## 12. FCYSA Sponsored Tournaments (adopted August 31, 1998)

12.1 Any tournament sponsored by the FCYSA shall be governed by the Rules of Competition for that specific tournament. The most recent set of rules is located in Appendix D.

12.2 Each Program along with tournament registration shall provide all necessary fees.

12.3 Each Program shall post a \$100.00 performance bond for each tournament in order for its teams to participate. The performance bond shall be refunded to the Program if all tournament-registered teams participate in all matches scheduled. If any tournament-registered team fails to appear for any scheduled match, the entire performance bond is forfeited and any additional fees are immediately due.

## APPENDIX A

The Executive Board has awarded the contract to Western Maryland Soccer Officials Association, Incorporated (WMSOA) for providing USSF certified referees for all FCYSL sanctioned games.

With the FCYSL season beginning after January 1, 2016, the referee fees per team are as follows:

AGE GROUP	NUMBER OF REFEREES	REFEREE CASH FEE	ADMINISTRATIVE FEE
U-09	1	\$16.00	\$1.76
U-11	1	\$20.00	\$2.20
U-13	3	\$49 (\$23/\$13/\$13)	\$5.39
U-13	2	\$36 (\$23/\$13)	\$5.39
U-13	1	\$23.00	\$5.39
U-15	3	\$55 (\$25/\$15/\$15)	\$6.05
U-15	2	\$40 (\$25/\$15)	\$6.05
U-15	1	\$25.00	\$6.05
U-17 & above	3	\$55 (\$25/\$15/\$15)	\$6.05
U-17 & above	2	\$40 (\$25/\$15)	\$6.05
U-17 & above	1	\$25.00	\$6.05

Pay the center referee the entire amount due for the number of referees present prior to the start of the match. Come prepared with the appropriate bill denominations to provide exact change for each of the amounts in parentheses. In the event that an opposing team does not show for any FCYSL scheduled match, the team present shall pay their half of the fees for the number of referees present.

Each rescheduled match will be assessed an assignors fee of \$1.00. If a match is rescheduled within less than the prescribed 72 hour notification period, the responsible area is required to pay the full match fee in addition to the portion due to the referee(s) on the field.

## APPENDIX B

The Maryland State Youth Soccer Association (MSYSA) imposes a registration fee upon each player for each soccer year that generally runs across the calendar year. The MSYSA registration fee for the soccer year is \$6.50 per player.

The Executive Board awards a contract to a FCYSL Administrator for providing administrative services and support for the entire FCYSA. That contract establishes the administrative fees through the Fall 2019 season. The administrative fees are imposed for each player.

Registrant	Frequency	Fee Amount
Player fee	For each season	2016/2017 - \$7.00 2018/2019 - \$7.25
Game Rescheduling Fee	For each game (weather related)	\$10.00 \$5.00
Tournament Scheduling Fee	For each team	2016/2017 - \$45.00 2018/2019 - \$50.00

## APPENDIX C

### FCYSL Rules of Competition

LAW	Subsection	U-09	U-11	U-13	U-15 & Above
I	Length	60 ± 5 yards	75 ± 5 yards	No Change	No Change
	Width	40 ± 5 yards	50 ± 5 yards	No Change	No Change
	Center Circle	6 yd radius	8 yd radius	No Change	No Change
	Penalty Area	12 yds	14 yds	No Change	No Change
	Penalty Arc	8 yds	8 yds	No Change	No Change
	Corner Arc	No Change	No Change	No Change	No Change
	Goal Size	6.5 x 18.5 ft	7 ft x 21 ft	No Change	No Change
	Spectators	Opposite Players	Opposite Players	Opposite Players	Opposite Players
II	Ball Size	4	4	No Change	No Change
III	Roster Max	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Player Max	6 plus goalkeeper	8 plus goalkeeper	No Change	No Change
	Substitution	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
	Either Team	Prior to goal kick			
		Following goal	Following goal	Following goal	Following goal
		1 for 1 on injury			
		Prior to throw in			
	Team cautioned	Player(s) cautioned	Player(s) cautioned	Player(s) cautioned	Player(s) cautioned
IV	Equipment	No Jewelry	No Jewelry	No Jewelry	No Jewelry
V	Referee	Must Change Colors	Must Change Colors	Must Change Colors	Must Change Colors
VI	Assistant Referee	No A/R	No A/R	No Change	No Change
VII	Duration of Match	25 minute halves	30 minute halves	35 minute halves	40 minute halves
	Half-time	5 minutes	5 minutes	5 minutes	5 minutes
VIII	Start of Play				
	Opponent distance	8 yds	8 yds	No Change	No Change
IX	Ball In and Out of Play	No Change	No Change	No Change	No Change
X	Method of Scoring	No Change	No Change	No Change	No Change
XI	Offside	No Change	No Change	No Change	No Change
XII	Fouls & Misconduct	Carded	Carded	Carded	Carded
XIII	Free Kick	No Change	No Change	No Change	No Change
	Opponent distance	8 yds	8 yds	No Change	No Change
XIV	Penalty Kick	No Change	No Change	No Change	No Change
	Opponent distance	8 yds	8 yds	No Change	No Change
XV	Throw -in	No Change	No Change	No Change	No Change
XVI	Goal Kick				
	Opponent distance	8 yds	8 yds	No Change	No Change
XVII	Corner Kick				
	Opponent distance	8 yds	8 yds	No Change	No Change

## APPENDIX D

### FCYSA Post Season Tournament Rules-World Cup Elimination Format

1. Placement of finish with tiebreakers is defined by the following order:
  - a. Points for wins & draws as defined by:
    - Win = 3 points; draw = 1 point; loss = 0: Forfeits are to be scored as a 1-0 victory
  - b. Head to Head competition
  - c. Bonus points as defined by:
    - 1 point for a defense shutout
    - 1 point (max 3) for each goal in margin of victory
  - d. Least goals allowed
  - e. Coin toss
2. All matches except finals are one half normal game lengths with no halftime (see 5 below)

U-9 = 25 minutes	1 man system
U11 = 30 minutes	1 man system
U-13 = 35 minutes	3 man system
U-15 and above = 40 minutes	3 man system
3. At approximately the half mark of a match and at a normal stoppage of play, the teams will switch ends without an intermission and continue play with the appropriate restart.
4. Any player cautioned must be substituted. Any player or coach receiving two cautions (yellow cards) in the tournament shall sit out the next match. Any player or coach receiving a 3<sup>rd</sup> caution (yellow card) or a single ejection (red card) shall be banned for further participation in the tournament.
5. Tie breakers for quarterfinals, semifinals and finals are as follows:  
5 minutes sudden victory; another 5 minutes sudden victory; FIFA PK procedure adjusted for players allowed; 5 v 5 PKs; sudden victory PKs for remainder of players on pitch until winner.
6. Every coach must report to the site coordinator 30 minutes before the first scheduled match to obtain a tournament packet.
7. Each site coordinator shall be responsible for the official score of each match, including the assignment of points and the accumulation of cautions and ejection's. All site information shall be called or e-mailed into the League Administrator before 9:00 PM of the day of the matches. Hard copy shall be postmarked by 9:00 AM on the Monday following the matches.
8. Teams may only be comprised of players registered with FCYSA and contained on FCYSL final, adjusted roster.