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Mail to: Florida Youth Soccer Association
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Change involving: Bylaw #: _____ Rule #: 101.9

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Old bylaw/rule: 101.9 Organizations may apply to FYSA for affiliation as either an affiliate or an associate affiliate. 1. An Affiliate is defined as an organization that may register players and coaches with FYSA. A full affiliate shall be defined as either a recreational affiliate or a full affiliate. a. i. A Recreational affiliate shall administer only recreational based programs, either in house or within a certified recreational league. A recreational affiliate may be exempted from the 15 mile radius requirement as outlined under FYSA Rule 102.2 with the approval of the BOD as follows: i. If the existing affiliates within the 15 mile radius do not offer recreational programs. ii. A recreational affiliate may NOT register players as competitive nor may they develop a competitive program without an affiliation request as outlined under FYSA Rule 102.2 and the approval of FYSA Board of Directors by application as a full affiliate. b. i. A Full affiliate shall be restricted to a limited location(s) and field(s) which shall be defined in the application to FYSA. Any change in this geographical area must be approved by FYSA's Board of Directors. A Full affiliate may also sanction recreational play. ii. A Full Affiliate may sanction tournaments within the scope of their affiliation. 2. Associate Affiliates shall be defined as follows. a. Leagues which facilitate inter affiliate competitions. By application a league shall define its scope and program. Leagues may be affiliated for a limited purpose and scope. Any variation of this must be approved by FYSA's BOD. Leagues may not conduct invitational tournaments outside the scope of their approval. b. Tournament only associate Affiliates may sanction tournaments if approved by the BOD as such as outlined and defined in the application for affiliation. Any variance from this application must be approved by FYSA's BOD. c. No Associate Affiliate may register any player and or coach.

Suggested change: 101.9 Organizations may apply to FYSA for affiliation as either an affiliate or an associate affiliate. 1. An Affiliate is defined as an organization that may register players and coaches with FYSA. A full affiliate shall be defined as either a recreational affiliate or a full affiliate. a. i. A Recreational affiliate shall administer only recreational based programs, either in house or within a certified **recreational plus** league. A recreational affiliate may be exempted from the 15 mile radius requirement as outlined under FYSA Rule 102.2 with the approval of the BOD as follows: i. If the existing affiliates within the 15 mile radius do not offer recreational programs. ii. A recreational affiliate may NOT register players as competitive nor may they develop a competitive program without an affiliation request as outlined under FYSA Rule 102.2 and the approval of FYSA Board of Directors by application as a full affiliate. b. i. A Full affiliate shall be restricted to a limited location(s) and field(s) which shall be defined

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Reason: Adjust definition to include reference to recreational plus league definition.

Submitted by:

Name: John Stacey, FYSA VP Coach/Player Development

Club Affiliation: Florida Youth Soccer Association

Committee Recommendation: Housekeeping - Approval

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Change involving: Bylaw #: _____ Rule #: 103.3

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Old bylaw/rule: 103.3 League Affiliation 1. Any league, by application, agrees that 100% of all teams participating in that FYSA sanctioned league shall be properly registered with FYSA or US Youth Soccer. 2. All leagues will be designated as competitive unless approved for recreational or academy designation by FYSA's Vice President of Player and Coaching Development or his designee. 3. Shall ensure that red card summary reports along with copies of the game and supplemental referee reports for major infractions are submitted monthly to the FYSA office. The report must be typed, or computer generated. (No handwritten reports will be accepted.)

Suggested change: 103.3 League Affiliation 1. Any league, by application, agrees that 100% of all teams participating in that FYSA sanctioned league shall be properly registered with FYSA or US Youth Soccer. 2. All leagues will be designated as competitive unless approved for **recreational plus** or academy designation by FYSA's Vice President of Player and Coaching Development or his designee. 3. Shall ensure that red card summary reports along with copies of the game and supplemental referee reports for major infractions are submitted monthly to the FYSA office. The report must be typed, or computer generated. (No handwritten reports will be accepted.)

Reason: Adjust rule to include reference to recreational plus league definition. Current language references Recreational, defined as an intra-club league.

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Change involving: Bylaw #: _____ Rule #: 201.4

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Old bylaw/rule: Current: 201.4 Proof of registration in the form of either laminated current pass (permanent, or Florida,) with picture attached, or an official FYSA generated roster shall be required for any FYSA sanctioned out of region play, tournament (competitive) or Cup play. This shall include all non-league games (including scrimmages) that involve teams from other regions as well as tournaments (competitive) sanctioned within the State. State Cup, President's Cup and Regional Cup competitions reserve the right to limit the use of rosters. Teams participating in a league (recreational or competitive) shall be bound by the rules and requirements of said league.

Suggested change: 201.4 Proof of registration in the form of either laminated current pass (permanent, or Florida,) with picture attached, or an official FYSA generated roster shall be required for any FYSA sanctioned out of region play, tournament (competitive) or Cup play. This shall include all non-league games (including scrimmages) that involve teams from other regions as well as tournaments (competitive) sanctioned within the State. State Cup, President's Cup and Regional Cup competitions reserve the right to limit the use of rosters. Teams participating in a league (recreational, **recreational plus,** or competitive) shall be bound by the rules and requirements of said league.

Reason: Adjust rule to include reference to recreational plus league definition.

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Change involving: Bylaw #: _____ Rule #: 201.9.2

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Old bylaw/rule: 201.9.2 Recreational Player: Shall be defined as a player who is registered and rostered to a recreation team as defined by US Youth Soccer, FYSA (see Glossary) and participating in an in-house or FYSA-approved recreational league as defined in Rule 103.3 (2).

Suggested change: 201.9.2 Recreational Player: Shall be defined as a player who is registered and rostered to a recreation team as defined by US Youth Soccer, FYSA (see Glossary) and participating in an in-house or FYSA-approved **recreational plus** league as defined in Rule 103.3 (2).

Reason: Adjust recreational player definition to include reference to new recreational plus league category.

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Name: John Stacey, FYSA VP Coach/Player Development

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Change involving: Bylaw #: _____ Rule #: Glossary
Page #: _____ Page #: 116-118

Old bylaw/rule: [new definition]

Suggested change: New FYSA Definition - "Recreational plus league" means an interclub or intraclub league in which—

- (A) the use of tryouts, invitations, recruiting or any similar process to roster players selectively to any team on the basis of talent or ability is prohibited;
- (B) the club or clubs administering the league accept as participants in the league any and all eligible youths (subject to reasonable terms of registration); and
- (C) the league does not otherwise meet the definition of a recreational league.

Reason: FYSA Glossary defines league as a structured group of four (4) or more teams joined for the purposes of inter-team play under a common set of administrative and competitive rules. FYSA rules designate a league run by an Associate Affiliate as Competitive unless approved as a Recreational league by the VP of Coach/Player Development. The FYSA rules define a recreational league as an intra-club league in which use of try-outs, invitations, recruiting or any like process to roster players selectively to any team on the basis of talent or ability is prohibited. Accepts any and all youths (subject to reasonable of registration); system of rostering players is employed for the purpose of creating a fair or balanced distribution of playing teams.

Associate affiliates approved to run leagues facilitate inter-club play. The recreational league label only applies to intra-club play. The new definition fills in the gap between the recreational league and the competitive league definitions.

The proposed rule is the same as the one adopted by USYS. The current recreational league definition also mirrors USYS. A new definition in lieu of a modified recreational league definition is preferred to align definitions with USYS>

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Change involving: **Bylaw #:** 401. Coaches/Team Staff Conduct & Responsibilities
Rule #: 401.6 Try-Outs **Page #:** 53

Old bylaw/rule: Organizations affiliated with FYSA may hold any try-out or player identification activity, related to the formation of teams for the next seasonal year involving players IN ALL AGE GROUPS on April 1st or after provided the following guidelines are met: Tryouts or other activities are publicly advertised and open to all age-appropriate players. Players remain bound to their existing club for the current seasonal year pursuant to provisions contained in Rule 207.6. Violations may result in the Club's affiliation with FYSA being reviewed, and it may be denied by the BOD.

Suggested change: Organizations affiliated with FYSA may hold any try-out or player identification activity, related to the formation of teams for the next seasonal year involving players IN ALL AGE GROUPS **on the following Monday after the completion of the FYSA State Cup Round of 16** provided the following guidelines are met: Tryouts or other activities are publicly advertised and open to all age-appropriate players. Players remain bound to their existing club for the current seasonal year pursuant to provisions contained in Rule 207.6. Violations may result in the Club's affiliation with FYSA being reviewed, and it may be denied by the BOD.

Reason: The current "new tryout rule" (Start Date April 1st) has a negative effect on teams/clubs because teams are still in season and competing in FYSA tournament play such as Commissioners Cup, Presidents Cup and State Cup. After sending out an online survey to the membership, a majority are not happy with the current rule/situation.

Submitted by:

Name: Kai Velmer

Club Affiliation: C2AZY Pinellas County United FC

Committee Recommendation: Approval

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Change involving: Bylaw #: 401.6 Rule #: _____

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Old bylaw/rule: Try-outs/ start date of April 1st

Suggested change:

Change tryouts back to end of season after Memorial Day. Last week of May, first week of June

Reason:

Players, parents and coaches that next season are playing in another team or club are still co-existing, creating very unpleasant interactions. Could lead to bullying, teams withdrawing from tournaments to parents withdrawing from future events in April and May/

Submitted by: Remo Hernandez

Name: Remo Hernandez

Club Affiliation: West Florida Flames

Committee Recommendation: Denial

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Change involving: Bylaw #: _____ Rule #: 211.3 _____

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Old bylaw/rule: Playing up (above a player's normal age group):

It is FYSA's policy that all players compete at a level they are capable of both physically and developmentally. In order for a player to move up more than one birth year it will require approval from the affiliate's Director of Coaching or Agent of Record and the FYSA Director of Coaching.

Failure to obtain proper permissions may result in the player being removed from the team's roster and sanctions against the team/club.

Suggested change:

Playing up (above a player's normal age group):

It is FYSA's policy that all players compete at a level they are capable of both physically and developmentally.

(1) Players up to 8U age groups will be allowed to roster up 2 years provided they have parent permission and approved by the Club Board of Directors.

(2) Players in the 9U to 14U age groups will be allowed to roster up 2 years, subject to the restriction that no player may participate in an FYSA sanctioned competition in which heading is permitted before their 11th birthday

(3) Players in the 15U and older age groups will be allowed to roster up to any older age groups.

There will not be an approval process in place and no exceptions to the above guidelines will be granted. Roster rules will be set in GotSoccer to permit clubs to roster players that meet these guidelines.

Failure to obtain proper permissions may result in the player being removed from the team's roster and sanctions against the team/club.

Reason: It should always be the goal that players of all ages play in their appropriate age group but at times even children under 8 have an ability far beyond their age. At times the size and strength of a younger player is one that many feel would be a safety issue for those much smaller. Example: You may have an under 6 age player when put in the game scores at will and as most leagues go in 2 year increments the only way to insure the game is even is to sit the player on the bench. The local club has the knowledge and ability to determine if even the under 8 players should play up. To date in all my years of involvement these younger players never get hurt. At

times there are some under 8 players who should be playing as Under 10 due to their size or ability. Most recreation programs play in 2 year increments. The 2 year increment for clubs to roster players up had over 5000 requests this past year when changed to only allowing one year.. Local clubs should have the knowledge to allow players to play up 2 years if their skill set merits it, although the goal of every club should be to play players in their appropriate age group not exceeding 1 year. High-school age players Under 15 and above who already play together should be allowed to play in the older age groups.

Submitted by: Robbie Shields President and Assignor of Lake Wales Soccer Club. _____

Name: _____

Club Affiliation: Lake Wales Soccer Club _____

Committee Recommendation: Denial

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Change involving: Bylaw #: 8.3 Rule #: _____

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Old bylaw/rule:

8.3 AFFILIATES - REGIONAL AND STATE AGM ONLY 1. Each affiliate shall have one (1) vote for every fifteen (15) players registered with FYSA. The criteria for determining the number of votes for which the affiliate is eligible shall be that the affiliate is in good standing and all fees paid. 2. The FYSA Registrar shall certify each affiliate's votes as of registrations processed by July 1st of each year. The affiliate will be notified as to their number of available votes. July 1st shall be final date registrations will be considered for calculation of affiliate votes in either Regional elections or for the AGM. An affiliate shall have fifteen (15) days from receipt of notification to file any protest in writing with the FYSA Secretary as to number of available votes. The FYSA Secretary shall within seven (7) days of receipt of any protest, in writing, provide a ruling as to the validity of the protest. 3. In the event that the dispute is unresolved, the affiliate may file an appeal of the FYSA Secretary's decision to the BOD. The appeal must be filed at least seven (7) days before the AGM. 4. The BOD shall render an opinion prior to the close of credentials at the AGM. The decision of the BOD shall be based on the FYSA official affiliate registration printout and shall be final.

Suggested change: _____

8.3 AFFILIATES - REGIONAL AND STATE AGM ONLY 1. Each affiliate shall have one (1) vote with FYSA. The criteria for determining the vote for which the affiliate is eligible shall be that the affiliate is in good standing and all fees paid. The BOD shall render an opinion prior to the close of credentials at the AGM. The decision of the BOD shall be based on the FYSA official affiliate good standings_____

Reason: Given the now smaller board and less representation from multiple smaller areas. This would curb possible vote sway and influence away from Bigger clubs and sets smaller clubs on the same footing. one club on vote. This change would give all clubs equal voice _____

Submitted by: _____

Name: _____ Ann Withkowski _____

Club Affiliation: _____ Citrus united soccer _____

Committee Recommendation: Denial _____

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Change involving: Bylaw #: _____ Rule #: 3008.1,3008.2 _____

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Old bylaw/rule: 3008.1 BOD members cannot serve as an officer, director, or hold any office, except coach, with any soccer Affiliate.
3008.2 (1) BOD, member must step down or relinquish BOD position, in the interim, they shall not participate in any level of discipline, protest and appeal or other action involving that Affiliate. _____

Suggested change:

3008.1 No officer referred to in rule 3004 nor any member of the regional Board may
(1) hold office as president , vice president, registrar, treasurer or agent of record regardless of voting privileges, nor any voting position for an affiliate of FYSA;
(2) receive compensation (except for reimbursement for expenses) for services;
(3) Receive compensation as a voting position for any FYSA affiliation or the Federation.
Referee assignors are not included in this section as long as they are not voting member of an affiliate board. _____

3008.2 (1) If at the time elected to the BOD, one is an officer or director of an FYSA affiliate, the member may serve in office until next annual meeting of the Club/League. At that annual meeting, BOD member must step down or relinquish their position as an officer or director. In the interim , they shall not participate in any level of discipline, protest and appeal or other action involving that Affiliate. _____

(2) Any FYSA BOD member who is elected to any position with any FYSA affiliate while serving on the FYSA BOD shall resign their FYSA BOD position within fourteen (14) days of election. _____

Reason: To better define the rule and explain what is considered a conflict _____

Submitted by: _____

Name: Ann Withkowski _____

Club Affiliation: Citrus United Soccer _____

Committee Recommendation: Denial _____

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Change involving: Bylaw #: _____ Rule #: New Rule

Page #: _____ Page #: _____

Old Bylaw/Rule: Location of the new rule should be placed in the location best deemed by the rules committee.

New Bylaw/Rule: FYSA and all Regional Competitions such as State Cup, Presidents' Cup and Commissioners' Cup shall not begin any rounds of their competitions before the second weekend in February each year beginning with 2018.

Submitted by: Steve Kimbrell

Club Affiliation: Club Directors' League

Committee Recommendation: Denial