

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

Proposed by Eastern Pennsylvania Youth soccer Board of Directors

Constitution, Article XV Definitions

Current:

Travel Club – A soccer association with at least one (1) team in a travel league.

- Required to have a travel team director and insurance coordinator.
- Register players and team with Travel League.
- Travel Clubs have no direct affiliation but are indirectly affiliated through their travel league

How it will change:

Travel Club – A soccer ~~association~~ **club** with ~~at least~~ **more** than one team **registered** in a travel league.

- Required to have a **Board of Directors** and must include the separate positions of President, Treasurer, Risk Manager, and insurance coordinator.
- **Club must have a designated Registrar, and** register players and team with a Travel League.
- Travel Clubs ~~have no direct affiliation~~ **are not voting members of the Association**, but are indirectly affiliated through their travel league(s) **where they register their players. Such affiliates are afforded the same rights and privileges as all member organizations.**
- **New travel clubs to this Association must first apply for acceptance directly to this Association and show compliance with its conditions of membership prior to applying for affiliation with a member league. Member leagues retain the right to accept or deny any travel club, team or teams, for affiliation.**

Rationale:

Clubs no longer are affiliated with strictly one league or compete solely within our territory. This fact, coupled more importantly with compliance with the Pennsylvania Child Protective Safety Laws and the federal Safe Sport Act, requires greater oversight and compliance enforcement. Therefore the baseline for becoming an affiliated travel club is set and managed by the Association, and in a similar fashion to all other types of membership as per the Constitution.

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Bylaws, Article I, Section 2

Association Arbitration Board

Current:

An appeal of any decision of an affiliated league shall be entertained and adjudicated by the Association Arbitration Board. An appeal to the Association shall be made in writing, copies of which shall be forwarded to all parties in interest by the appellant within ten (10) days of receipt of the final written decision by the affiliated league. The written appeal shall state clearly all matters of complaint, and shall be accompanied by an appeal fee approved by the council, which if the appeal is sustained shall be refunded to the appellant, or if the appeal is not sustained shall be retained by this Association

How it will change:

Association Appeals Committee

An appeal of any decision of an affiliated league shall be entertained and adjudicated by the Association ~~Arbitration Board~~ **Appeals Committee**. An appeal to the Association shall be made in writing, copies of which shall be forwarded to all parties in interest by the appellant within ten (10) days of receipt of the final written decision by the affiliated league. The written appeal shall state clearly all matters of complaint, and shall be accompanied by an appeal fee approved by the council, which if the appeal is sustained shall be refunded to the appellant, or if the appeal is not sustained shall be retained by this Association

Rationale:

Housekeeping in relation to the changes to the Arbitration Rules document, which was restructured to be fully aligned with US Soccer policies 701, 704 and 705. The former Arbitration Rules had not updated since its inception circa 1977 and were no longer as appropriate for State Association use. Much of the detailed disciplinary actions are best determined at the league level as they were, by and large, based on violations of the laws of the game. All other mentions of "Arbitration Board" within the Bylaws will be replaced by the term "Appeals Committee." (Article I, section 3; Article X Section 1 & 2)