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ARTICLE 101 NAME

The name of this organization shall be the “Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association, Inc.” and will be referred to as the WYSA, Inc. in this Constitution and Bylaws, Rules and Regulations.

ARTICLE 102 PURPOSE AND TERRITORY

The primary purpose of this Association shall be the supervision, regulation and promotion of youth soccer in the State of Wisconsin and additional territories as granted by the United States Youth Soccer Association (US Youth Soccer) and the United States Soccer Federation (US Soccer or USSF). The Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association, Inc. further reserves the right to develop and promote other soccer initiatives in the State of Wisconsin as they see fit.

ARTICLE 103 AFFILIATION

Section 103.a.
WYSA, Inc. is an affiliate of US Youth Soccer and US Soccer.

Section 103.b.
As a State Association of US Soccer, the WYSA, Inc. shall:

Section 103.b.1 not join any organization that has requirements that conflict with US Soccer Articles, Bylaws, Policies and Requirements.

Section 103.b.2 register all of its players, coaches, teams, referees and administrators with the US Soccer at least once each year and timely pay all dues and fees of the US Soccer.

Section 103.b.3 provide to the Secretary General of US Soccer an annual report on the activities of the WYSA, Inc. and most current financial statements within ninety (90) days after adoption; and make copies of these documents available to the WYSA, Inc. members.

Section 103.b.4 allow US Soccer to review documents and procedures of the WYSA, Inc., on request of US Soccer not less than once every four (4) years, to determine compliance with US Soccer Bylaws.

ARTICLE 104 HEADQUARTERS

The headquarters of this Association shall be located in the State of Wisconsin.

ARTICLE 105 COLORS

The colors of this Association shall be red, white and blue.

ARTICLE 106 MEMBERSHIP

Section 106.a.
Any properly constituted organization which has an identifiable membership of youth soccer players on whose behalf the organization conducts or engages in youth soccer activities within the territory granted to the Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association, Inc., if they meet the standards of the WYSA, Inc., US Youth Soccer and US Soccer, may apply to become a member Club of the WYSA, Inc.

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Section 106.b.

Application for membership to the WYSA, Inc. must be requested through submission of the official WYSA Application for New Club Document and be accompanied by: 1. payment of annual dues; 2. a correct and certified copy of the Club's Constitution and Bylaws or Articles of Incorporation; 3. a copy of the Club's IRS 501c3 Determination Letter and Tax Exempt Certificate; 4. a franchise fee of the amount established by the WYSA, Inc.; 5. contracts or other documents which establish the Club's access to suitable facilities; and 6. documentation which substantiates the Club's current membership meets WYSA's minimum required number of teams and/or players.

Section 106.c.

The Executive Committee shall have the sole power to determine if the applicant group meets the qualifications for membership, and thus accept or reject an application. Acceptance by the Executive Committee shall be on a probationary basis for a period of one (1) year. During the probationary period the Club will have voting privileges only for consideration of the annual budget and may not apply to host a tournament or play outside the territory of the WYSA, Inc. without the express permission of the Executive Committee. At the next scheduled Board of Directors meeting following completion of the probationary period, full recognition shall be considered by the WYSA, Inc. Board of Directors.

Section 106.d.

Membership in good standing is subject to the timely payment of annual dues and annual registration of a minimum of 4 teams (or a minimum of 75 players). Attendance at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of this Association is mandatory for all affiliated members. Member Clubs not represented at the AGM may be subject to discipline including assessment of fines.

Section 106.e.

The failure of a Club to pay annual dues, registration fees and fines to the WYSA, Inc. or to register the minimum number of teams and/or players shall be sufficient cause for the suspension of membership or termination of membership.

Section 106.f.

Individual coaches and administrators who have completed the WYSA Risk Management Disclosure and referees are members of this Association through their affiliation or association with properly affiliated clubs or as elected Officers, Directors or Committee Chairmen.

Section 106.g.

In all matters which are properly presented to the General Membership meeting, each Member Club in "Good Standing" shall have voting rights set forth in the Bylaws of this Association.

Section 106.h.

Any group or organization interested in the promotion of youth soccer activities may apply for Affiliate Membership in the WYSA, Inc. Application for Affiliate Membership to the WYSA, Inc. must be made in writing to the WYSA, Inc. office accompanied by the Affiliate Membership annual fee (per current approved fee scheduled). The Executive Committee shall have the sole power to accept or reject an application. Affiliate Members are required to pay an annual fee and must adhere to the Constitution and Bylaws of the WYSA, Inc., US Youth Soccer and US Soccer in matters related to the WYSA, Inc. Affiliate Members may not vote at the General Membership meetings.

Section 106.i.

The WYSA, Inc. shall not discriminate against any individual on the basis of race, color, religion, age, sex or national origin.

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ARTICLE 107 AUTHORITY

Section 107.a.

This Association shall be governed by this Constitution and by its duly approved Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, all of which are subject to the Constitution, Rules and Regulations of US Youth Soccer and US Soccer.

Section 107.b.

The authority of this Association, except where otherwise delegated herein, is vested in the Executive Committee and in the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE 108 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 108.a.

The Board of Directors shall consist of the duly elected members of the Executive Committee, the Executive Director (as a non-voting member), one authorized representative from each affiliated District, and the WYSA, Inc. Program Directors so designated by the Bylaws.

Section 108.b.

In all matters which come before the Board of Directors lawfully assembled, each member in “Good Standing” or their proxy shall have one vote. No person shall have more than one vote on any matter.

Section 108.c.

The Board of Directors shall have jurisdiction over all Leagues, Clubs, Club Administrators, Club Officers, Coaches, and affiliated Players with this Association.

Section 108.d.

The Board of Directors shall in all matters, except those herein otherwise designated, transact all business of this Association directly or by designation of its authority. The Board of Directors and others delegated to carry out its lawful business shall enforce the rules of WYSA, Inc., US Youth Soccer and US Soccer.

Section 108.e.

The Board of Directors shall have the power to review, ratify, alter, or reject decisions and policies of the Executive Committee or of any other committee or any person or persons acting for this Association.

Section 108.f.

The Board of Directors shall have the power to:

Section 108.f.1 arrange soccer games of any nature in its own name.

Section 108.f.2 demand and have access to such books, papers, documents and accounts of its member Clubs and Districts at any time.

Section 108.f.3 investigate and correct unfavorable conditions or situations within its own organization or the organizations of its member clubs and districts.

Section 108.f.4 discipline its Members, Teams, Clubs, Leagues or persons associated with them through suspensions, expulsions or assessments for violations of the rules of this organization or of the US Youth Soccer Association.

Section 108.f.5 settle all conflicts and disputes arising between two or more member clubs, districts or individuals of this Association.

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Section 108.f.6 establish a fee schedule prior to the WYSA, Inc. AGM.

Section 108.f.7 promote soccer in the State of Wisconsin.

Section 108.g.

In all matters of controversy, the decisions of the Board of Directors shall be subject to appeal according to the rules of the WYSA, Inc., US Youth Soccer and US Soccer. The resulting decisions may be appealed as allowed.

Section 108.h.

The Board of Directors shall meet no less than four times a year. One meeting must be within thirty (30) days after the AGM. In addition, special meetings may be called as required by the President or the majority of the Board of Directors or upon written demand to the President of one third or more of the total Member Clubs. Meetings of the Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association, Inc. Executive Committee, Board of Directors or other committees of the WYSA, Inc. may be conducted by telephone or other electronic technology in accordance with Wis. Stats. 181.24(3)(a) or any successor there to.

ARTICLE 109 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 109.a.

At each AGM the affiliated member Clubs of the Association shall elect their officers, known as the Executive Committee, each to serve in a specific office as defined in the Bylaws. Terms of office shall be two (2) years. The President and Secretary shall be elected in odd numbered years. The Vice President and Treasurer shall be elected in even numbered years. Elections shall be conducted under rules set forth in the Bylaws of this organization. Newly elected Officers will be sworn into and take office over their positions at the next Board of Directors meeting. The immediate Past President shall be a non-voting member of the Executive Committee for one year. The WYSA, Inc. Executive Director will be a non-voting member of the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors.

Section 109.b.

The Executive Committee, with the advice and consent of the Board of Directors, shall be directly responsible for all personnel issues concerning any employees of the WYSA, Inc.

ARTICLE 110 AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) majority of those present and eligible to vote at the AGM.

ARTICLE 111 REMOVAL FROM OFFICE

Officers may be removed from office for reasonable cause by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of those present and eligible to vote at any duly constituted General Membership Meeting.

ARTICLE 112 DISSOLUTION

In case of dissolution, the assets of this Association, after paying or providing for all debts and or obligations of this Association shall be conveyed and distributed by majority vote of the member Clubs to another 501c3 organization, for the use in support of youth soccer in the State of Wisconsin.

RULE 201 RULES OF ORDER

All meetings of this Association shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.

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RULE 202 QUORUM

A quorum shall have been formed when over fifty percent (50%) of the voting members, in “Good Standing” of the recognized member(s), committee or board present. The recognized members are listed members of the committee or board registered with the Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association, Inc.

RULE 203 ELECTED OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES

Section 203.a.

The elected Officers and Representatives of this Association shall consist of the Officers of the Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association, Inc. Executive Committee. The Officers of the Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association, Inc. Executive Committee shall be: the President, the Vice President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the immediate Past President (non-voting for one year) and the Executive Director (non-voting).

Section 203.b.

The President shall be responsible for presiding at all meetings of the Membership, Board of Directors and the Executive Committee and appointing all Committees (standing and ad-hoc) and Program Directors serving the Association except as herein provided. S/He shall serve as an ex-officio member of each committee and shall have one vote on each committee. In the event of a vacancy in representation to the WYSA, Inc. Board of Directors or in an office other than that of President, the President may appoint a successor to complete the term of office. The President shall be a US Youth Soccer/US Soccer Delegate. The President will oversee the activities of Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association, Inc. in the handling of the day-to-day business of the Association.

Section 203.c

The Vice President shall assume the duties of President when the President is absent or there becomes a vacancy in the office of the President. In the event of a vacancy in the office of the President the parameters of Rule 224 must be followed before the Vice President assumes the office of the Presidency. S/He will act as a liaison between the Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association, Inc., USYS Region II, and US Youth Soccer on competitions, recreational growth and development. The Vice President is to be the chairperson for youth competitions in Wisconsin. The Vice President may be a US Youth Soccer/US Soccer Delegate.

Section 203.d.

The Secretary shall assume the duties of the President and Vice President in the absence of both aforementioned Officers. S/He shall maintain records of meetings. S/He shall maintain all correspondence and communications essential to the conduct of the business of the Association.

Section 203.e.

The Treasurer will be responsible for the financial affairs of the Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association, Inc. This will include:

1. maintaining adequate systems for controlling, recording and reporting on all income, expenses, assets and liabilities.
2. reviewing financial statements. The Treasurer will be responsible for meeting all statutory financial requirements, including filing of State and Federal returns.

Section 203.f.

One (1) representative of the Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association, Inc. shall be elected to serve on the Wisconsin Soccer Leagues Board. This representative shall serve a two (2) year term elected at the AGM in odd numbered years. This youth representative shall also serve as a member of the Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association, Inc. Board of Directors.

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RULE 204 PROGRAM DIRECTORS

Section 204.a.

The President, with the concurrence of the Board of Directors, appoints chairpersons of these committees except as herein provided. The President will determine duties and committees specifications. These persons will not be voting members of the WYSA, Inc. Board, except that the State Youth Referee Administrator (SYRA) will be a voting member of the Board of Directors.

Section 204.a.1 **SOCCER ACROSS AMERICA DIRECTOR**

The duties of this Director are to work with WYSA Staff to plan, coordinate and schedule the Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association, Inc. Soccer Across America program for disadvantaged youth.

Section 204.a.2 **STATE YOUTH REFEREE ADMINISTRATOR**

The duties of this Director shall be a liaison between the Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association, Inc. and the State Referee Committee, assist in scheduling referee clinics and workshops and assist in scheduling of referees for the WYSA, Inc. Competitions.

Section 204.a.3 **RISK MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR**

The duties of the Risk Management Director will be to determine and assess risk factors facing the Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association, Inc. and develop recommendations and guidelines that the general membership should follow. The Risk Management director shall play a major role in determining insurance liability for the organization and will make recommendations for policy development in risk management areas to the Executive Committee. He/she shall also review and make initial determination for approval or denial of participation of Coaches and Volunteers based on background checks.

Section 204.a.4 **TOPSOCCER PROGRAM DIRECTOR**

The duties of this Director are to work with WYSA, Inc. staff to plan, coordinate, and schedule the WYSA, Inc. TOPSoccer program in conjunction with the US Youth Soccer TOPSoccer program.

Section 204.a.5 **APPEALS COMMITTEE DIRECTOR**

The duty of this Director is to serve as the chairperson of all appeals that must be heard by the Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association, Inc. If their Club shall be involved, the President will appoint another person to act as Appeals Committee Director for the individual case.

Section 204.b

Program Directors can be recommended for replacement by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Board of Directors.

RULE 205 DISTRICTS

Section 205.a

A District is a geographical area of the territory of the Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association, Inc. A District may consist of a single Club or may encompass multiple Clubs. A major role of a District is the registration of WYSA, Inc. member Clubs and Players within that District. The configuration and authority of Districts is determined by the WYSA, Inc. Board of Directors.

Section 205.b

District Commissioners shall be elected by member clubs within their district to form a District Board. Recommended officers include Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary/Treasurer or Secretary and Treasurer. One member of the District Board shall serve as a District Representative to the Board of Directors of the Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association, Inc. Recommended terms of office are two (2) years with the Chairperson

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elected in odd numbered years and the Vice Chairperson elected in even numbered years. The District will have at least one official Registrar appointed by the District.

Section 205.c

The District Board, in order to be held in “Good Standing” shall conduct all business affairs of their district, including:

Section 205.c.1 enforcing the Bylaws, Rules and Regulations of the Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association, Inc.

Section 205.c.2 scheduling and approving all competitions to be played under the auspices of their District

Section 205.c.3 scheduling or assisting in scheduling all officiating personnel for the scheduled games

Section 205.c.4 approving all educational, promotional and training programs to be held under the auspices of their District

Section 205.c.5 meeting at least twice each year and sending notices of the minutes of all District meetings to the Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association, Inc. President in a timely fashion

Section 205.c.6 verifying that each District Club has paid annual dues

Section 205.c.7 verifying that their District has paid member Club annual dues to the State Office.

Section 205.d

A district not in “Good Standing” may lose its representation on the Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association, Inc Board of Directors.

RULE 206 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Section 206.a

There shall be an Annual General Membership (AGM) Meeting during the first quarter of each calendar year for the purposes of election of Officers and a Wisconsin Soccer Leagues (WSL) Representative, consideration of a budget for the next fiscal year, consideration of amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws, Rules and Regulations and any other necessary business.

Section 206.b

A special General Membership Meeting may be called by:

1. the President of the Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association, Inc.
2. a majority vote of the Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association, Inc Board of Directors, or
3. a petition by 25% of the member Clubs

Notice of a special General Membership Meeting along with its agenda shall be provided to member Clubs by the Secretary of the Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association, Inc at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting. A quorum shall be recognized when over 25% of the member clubs are present.

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RULE 207 ANNUAL DUES

Each Affiliated member Club shall pay annual dues (per current approved fee schedule). Annual dues may be changed only at a General Membership Meeting in conjunction with the annual budget.

RULE 208 DISCIPLINE (FINES)

Fines of up to \$500.00 for noncompliance with the rules and regulations of the Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association, Inc. may be assessed by the District or State Committee (except as allowed within the WYSA, Inc. State Championship Rules). Fines of up to \$2000.00 may be assessed only by the Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association, Inc. Executive Committee. Fines of up to \$6000.00 may be assessed only by the Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association, Inc. Board of Directors.

RULE 209 PRIORITY RULES

No rule shall be passed by the Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association, Inc inconsistent with the Bylaws and Rules of US Youth Soccer or US Soccer. The Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, Policies and Requirements of US Soccer take precedence over and supersede the governing documents of the Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association, Inc. to the extent applicable under state law. The Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association, Inc. and its members will abide by those Articles, Bylaws, Policies and Requirements.

RULE 210 AMENDMENTS

Any proposal or motions to amend the Bylaws, and Rules and Regulations of this Association must be made in writing to the WYSA, Inc. office thirty (30) days prior to the Annual General Meeting (AGM). The WYSA, Inc. shall send out all proposals to the member Clubs and the Board of Directors fifteen (15) days prior to the AGM.

RULE 211 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET

The fiscal year shall be August 1 to July 31.

The Treasurer will oversee preparation of monthly financial statements for presentation to the Board of Directors in a manner prescribed by the Board of Directors.

The Treasurer will present a financial report to the members including the following:

1. Budget and actual figures for the most recently completed fiscal year
2. Budget, results to date and projected fiscal year totals for the current fiscal year
3. The budget for the next fiscal year
4. Narrative explanation of all significant trends or changes in these statements.

This financial report will be presented to the Executive Committee at least sixty (60) days before the AGM. This report will be presented to the Board of Directors at least forty-five (45) days before the AGM. The Board of Directors approved financial report will be sent to all Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association, Inc. members at least fifteen (15) days before the AGM.

The financial statements must be approved by a majority affirmative vote of the delegates attending the AGM.

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RULE 213 MEMBER VOTING RIGHTS

Section 213.a

Each member Club, in “Good Standing” shall have voting powers as set forth in the Constitution and Bylaws of this Association. Voting shall be as follows:

1 to 500 members.....	one (1) vote
501 to 1000 members.....	two (2) votes
1001 to 1500 members.....	three (3) votes
1501 to 2000 members.....	four (4) votes
2001 to 2500 members.....	five (5) votes
2501 or more members.....	six (6) votes

Section 213.b

Votes of a member Club, in “Good Standing” may be cast only by the President of that member Club or his/her proxy. The proxy must be a member of that Club. Designees must present to the Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association, Inc. a proxy signed by the President of the member Club in order to be allowed to cast that Club’s vote(s). The WYSA President makes final determination on the validity of a proxy submission. An individual may only cast votes for only one role or Club.

Section 213.c

Member Clubs in “Good Standing” may cast votes at a General Membership Meeting. Members of the Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association, Inc. Board of Directors, carry one vote. The President may only cast a vote if the vote affects the outcome.

RULE 214 PROTESTS AND APPEALS

Section 214.a

The Appeals Committee shall consist of three (3) impartial members of the Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association Inc., appointed by the WYSA, Inc. Appeals Committee Chair in consultation with WYSA, Inc. Staff. Each member shall have (1) vote. The Chairperson shall cast a vote only in case of a tie.

Section 214.b

All appeals will be in accordance with the Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association, Inc. Appeals Policy.

RULE 215 RECOGNITION

This Association shall recognize suspensions and other rulings of other State Associations of which it has been officially notified and which comply with the US Youth Soccer rules and regulations.

RULE 216 JURISDICTION

Every Club shall have jurisdiction over its internal affairs, except as herein provided otherwise. Notification of suspensions or expirations of suspensions shall immediately be sent to the WYSA, Inc. office and to the Secretary of the appropriate District.

RULE 217 RESPONSIBILITY

Each Team, League and member Club shall take all precautions necessary to prevent disorder at games. Failure to comply shall be referred to the Executive Committee for appropriate action.

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RULE 218 REPRESENTATION

Section 218.a

No dispute, claim, protest or appeal shall be presented to or defended in the Association except by a bona fide member Club of the Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association, Inc.

Section 218.b

No member of WYSA, Inc. (official, league, club, team, player, coach, administrator or referee) may invoke the aid of courts of the United States or of a state without first exhausting all available remedies within the appropriate soccer organizations, as provided within WYSA, Inc., US Youth Soccer and US Soccer.

For violation of this Bylaw, the offending party shall be subject to suspension and fines and shall be liable to Wisconsin Youth Soccer, Inc. and its Officers and members of the Board of Directors in defending each court action including the following:

1. Court costs
2. Attorney's fees
3. Reasonable compensation for time spent by Wisconsin Youth Soccer, Inc. officials and employees in responding to and defending against allegations in the action, including responses to discovery and court appearances
4. Travel expenses; and
5. Expenses for holding special meetings necessitated by court action

RULE 219 NON-AFFILIATED TEAM

Teams affiliated with the Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association, Inc. playing with teams not affiliated with the US Soccer or in tournaments not sanctioned by US Soccer shall be assessed a fine.

RULE 220 PERMITS

Section 220.a

A notification to play an interstate exhibition game in Wisconsin must be submitted in writing with the proper fee to the WYSA, Inc. office at least ten (10) days prior to the game. Failure to comply shall result in a fine (per current approved fee schedule).

Section 220.b

Request to host a tournament must be accompanied by the required fee and proper form completely filled out, in accordance with the Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association, Inc. Tournament Sanctioning policy. All information is to be sent to the WYSA, Inc. office.

Section 220.c

Permission to Travel out of State: The Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association Inc.'s Policy will coordinate and dictate requirements for permission for out of state travel. Teams, players and coaches must be in "Good Standing" at the time of the event. Membership benefits may not apply to those teams attending events not sanctioned by an affiliated US Youth Soccer State Association.

RULE 221 PLAYER REGISTRATION

Section 221.a

A player may be registered to only one WYSA, Inc. and US Youth Soccer affiliated Youth Club.

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Section 221.b

Once a player is registered to a club, they are eligible to play.

Section 221.c

Any player registered to a club is bound to that club for the entire seasonal year (August 1 – July 31) unless that player requests a transfer or is released in accordance with the WYSA, Inc. Transfer Policy.

Section 221.d

A player may be released involuntarily only if the player is unable to play for one of the following:

1. The player has violated the rules of the WYSA, Inc., or US Youth Soccer through whom the player is registered
2. The player has moved beyond a reasonable travel distance from the registering club (determination of what is reasonable is subject to Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association, Inc. approval).
3. The player suffers a season ending injury.

Section 221.e

Player passes will take the form of an intra-club pass. A player will be able, at the club and coaches discretion, to play on multiple teams within the registering club. The club pass is sanctioned by the State Association and shall be recognized by all member Clubs.

Section 221.f

Clubs/Teams must register within their own geographical District. No individual District/League may be forced to accept any team from another District. It is up to the individual League(s) in a District to establish their own criteria for acceptance into the League as well as promotion and relegation criteria. This information will be kept on file with the State Association.

RULE 222 SUSPENSIONS

Section 222.a

Affiliated Teams playing against suspended Teams or Clubs or Associations may be assessed a fine.

Section 222.b

Any Team, Club or Association using a suspended player or players in any sanctioned game shall be assessed a fine and will forfeit the game.

Section 222.c

In any game under the jurisdiction of this Association, the referee must report the name of a player ordered off the field and this player's pass must be submitted to the League's Game Commissioner with the referee's report. A suspended player may not participate in the replay of the game. A suspension herein referred to shall mean a player will not be able to participate in his/her team's regularly scheduled games of that competition until the number of suspended games is satisfied. If a player is suspended for more than one (1) game, **NO EXHIBITION GAME SHALL COUNT IN THEIR SUSPENSION** and a complete tournament shall count as two (2) games.

Section 222.d

Referee Abuse/Assault can be verbal or physical acts against the referee or the referee's personal property. All referee abuse/assaults must be reported to the Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association, Inc. office.

Section 222.e

Any Club official who creates a problem situation will be dealt with by the State Executive Committee.

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RULE 223 OPEN/RESERVED DATES

No open dates will be permitted except those established by this Association or by US Youth Soccer.

RULE 224 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND DIRECTORS

A Director may be a member of a Club or District, but in the event of any grievance involving said Club or District, that Director may not act in its behalf nor vote in the grievance. In order to provide balance to the Executive Committee membership, the Secretary and Treasurer may hold office in either Club or District. The President and Vice President shall, however, not be an officer of a Club or District. Additionally, the President shall not hold a position that would be an obvious conflict of interest due to the position of Executive Director, Technical Director, or other paid position of a club or organization that is affiliated with WYSA.

RULE 225 FEES

Section 225.a

It is the responsibility of all Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association, Inc. clubs to make timely payment of all player registration fees to the State Office. Registration fees must be submitted per the published deadline dates of this Association. Proper documentation and identification of all Teams, including Team names in each age category and the names of all the players on each Team must be submitted. Furthermore, each Team and consequently each player must be identified as being either “Classic” or “Recreational”. Any Club, League or Association failing to comply with this rule will be assessed a fine and is subject to suspension and loss of “Good Standing”.

Section 225.b

A debt of any Club or Association or person of this Association shall be paid within the deadline prescribed. Failure to comply shall result in suspension and/or loss of “Good Standing”.

Section 225.c

The annual financial statements of the Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association, Inc. will be reviewed by professional accounting firm selected by the Executive Committee of the Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association, Inc. A copy of this report shall be available at the Annual General Meeting (AGM).

RULE 226 UNSPECIFIED MATTERS

This Association is fully empowered to decide all matters not specifically provided for in the Constitution, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations of this Association.

RULE 227 SAFE ENVIRONMENT

The role of the Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association, Inc. is to promote and nurture the advancement of the sport of soccer in the state of Wisconsin. The Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association, Inc. strives to provide a safe environment that fosters mutual respect and offers our children the opportunity to develop athletically and socially. As such, the Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association, Inc. requires that coaches, players, referees, volunteers and administrators do not have a history of criminal or violent behavior. The Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association, Inc. adopts (subject to any contrary requirements in state or local laws) criteria established by US Soccer regarding the prohibition of sexual and physical abuse.