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Proposed Bylaw Changes

***“Executive Board” & “Executive Committee” should be changed to “Board of Directors” throughout the Bylaws.***

***Other changes are in boldface:***

Section 1. Member Types a. Full voting membership in MSYSA shall be open to all clubs and leagues operating within the State of Maryland **or the District of Columbia**. Teams obtain membership in MSYSA through an affiliated club, league or recreational organization.

Section 5. Leagues There shall be two types of leagues for membership purposes:

a. Travel League- comprised of teams who will register each team member on USSF/USYSA/MSYSA approved player passes and a certified USYSA/MSYSA roster prior to league play. The MSYSA Registrar or an Associate State Registrar shall certify rosters and player passes.

b. Recreation **or Select Leagues**- comprised of teams **whose players are registered** with MSYSA through their respective clubs or **soccer** organization.

### ARTICLE III – **Board of Directors/Officers**

#### Section 3. Duties of the **Board of Directors/Officers**

The **Executive** Vice President shall assume the duties of the President during the President’s temporary absence or temporary inability to perform the functions of that office. The **Executive** Vice President shall assist the President in performance of his/her duties and shall serve as parliamentarian for the Association. The **Executive** Vice President shall assume all duties of the President in the unexpired term in the event of a vacancy in the office of the President. The **Executive** Vice President shall perform such other duties as may be delegated by the President.

**The Secretary shall be responsible for recording all actions taken by the Board of Directors. The Secretary shall maintain the official roll of members and their attendance at the Annual General Meeting and shall perform such other duties as may be delegated by the Board of Directors.**

**The State Registrar shall perform such duties as may be delegated by the Board of Directors.**

**The State Cup Director shall serve as the chair of the Maryland State Cup Committee and shall perform such duties as may be delegated by the Board of Directors. The President’s Cup Director shall serve as the chair of the Maryland President’s Cup Committee and shall perform such duties as may be delegated by the Board of Directors.**

**Section 4.** The Regional Commissioners shall be the direct link between the MSYSA and its affiliates. The Regional Commissioners are responsible for disseminating information from their regions to MSYSA and from MSYSA to their regions. **In order to properly represent all**

**interests in the Association six (6) regional commissioners shall be elected who shall be members of the Board of Directors. The Board shall have the discretion to add more commissioner positions in the case of a change in the geographic boundaries of the Association or if significant shifts in population within the six districts occur.** The six (6) regional commissioners are the following: a. North Commissioner, who shall be elected by those member leagues, clubs or associations having teams located in the area comprised of the following counties: Carroll, Baltimore, Harford, and the independent teams located within these counties. b. South Commissioner, who shall be elected by those member leagues, clubs or associations having teams located in the area comprised of the following counties: Charles, Calvert, St. Mary's, and the independent teams located within these counties. c. East Commissioner, who shall be elected by those member leagues, clubs or associations having teams located in the area comprised of the following counties: Cecil, Kent, Queen Anne's, Talbot, Caroline, Dorchester, Wicomico, Somerset, Worcester, and the independent teams located within these counties. d. West Commissioner, who shall be elected by those member leagues, clubs or associations having teams located in the area comprised of the following counties: Frederick, Washington, Alleghany, Garrett, and the independent teams located within these counties. e. Central East Commissioner, who shall be elected by those member leagues, clubs or associations having teams located in the area comprised of the following counties: Prince George's, Anne Arundel, and the independent teams located within these counties. f. Central West Commissioner, who shall be elected by those member leagues, clubs or associations having teams located in the area comprised of the following counties: Howard, Montgomery, and the independent teams located within these counties.

**The At-Large Directors shall perform such duties as may be delegated by the Board of Directors.**

#### **Section 5.**

**The Board of Directors has the sole authority to employ an Executive Director.**

**The responsibilities and authority of the Executive Director shall be:**

- a. To direct the conduct of business at the Maryland State Youth Soccer Association office**
- b. To employ additional staff as needed within the allowances of the annual budget.**
- c. To attend all meetings of the Board of Directors as an ex officio member without vote;**
- d. To act on behalf of the Board when directed to do so.**

Other duties of the Executive Director shall be determined by these Bylaws and by direction of the President.

**Section 2- Annual General Meeting. It is required that an Annual General Meeting of the MSYSA be held during each fiscal year.** The primary business of the Annual Meeting shall be the election of **members of the Board of Directors**, approval of the annual budget, and the

adoption of amendments to the Bylaws, and the conduct of other business, as necessary. Only member leagues, clubs, and recreation organizations in good standing are eligible to vote at the Annual Meeting.

**Section 5. Each member on the Board of Directors shall be entitled to cast one vote on any matter of business before the Board except as otherwise provided. The Board may act on a matter without a meeting with the consent of all Board members. All meetings of the Board shall be open to all affiliates.**

Section 6. Removal and Vacancies Any member of the **Board of Directors**, Officer or agent of the Association may be removed from office and relieved of duties by a two-thirds vote of those members eligible to vote at a duly constituted membership meeting provided notice of proposed removal is given in the call of the meeting. Any member of the **Board of Directors** may be removed as a member of the **Board** by a majority vote of the **Board** for missing **four (4)** consecutive Board meetings without excuse, as determined by the President. **All vacancies on the Board of Directors, however occurring, shall be filled by a nomination of the President and a majority vote of the Board.**

Section 5- **Board of Directors Meeting.** The **Board of Directors** shall meet prior to each Annual Meeting and at other times upon the call of the President or a majority of the Board. The President shall determine the order of business and agenda. A majority of the membership of the **Board of Directors** shall constitute a quorum in order for actions taken by the **Board of Directors** at any meeting to become effective at the conclusion of such meeting. In the event a quorum is not present at any duly called meeting of the **Board of Directors**, either in person, or through a **telephone/computer conferencing connection**, the **Board** members present may conduct business, but no action taken by the **Board of Directors** at a meeting where a quorum is not present, shall become effective, until all absent members have had the opportunity to cast their vote by written or electronic means, and then only if a majority of the members of the **Board of Directors** casting a vote on the subject action, either at the **Board of Directors** meeting or by subsequent written or electronic means, have voted to approve such action for the conduct of business. Each member on the Board shall be entitled to cast one vote on any matter of business before the Board except as otherwise provided. The **Board of Directors** may act on a matter without a meeting with the consent of all Board members. All meetings of the **Board of Directors** shall be open to all member leagues, clubs, and recreation organizations.

Section 7- Nominations No person may be a candidate in an MSYSA election who has not been nominated. To be an eligible candidate for an MSYSA elective office an individual must be, or have been within the previous 10 years, associated with an MSYSA affiliated club, league or recreation organization. No later than 60 days prior to the Annual Meeting, the President shall appoint a Nominating Committee consisting of representatives of the MSYSA for the purpose of nominating candidates for office who shall constitute the **Board of Directors**.

## *SECTIONS TO BE DELETED*

The Secretary shall be responsible for handling all correspondence, giving notice of meetings, recording the minutes of the Maryland State Youth Soccer Association meetings and to report such actions taken at these meetings to all Association members. The Secretary shall maintain the official June 2010 8 registrar or roll of members and officers and their attendance at the Annual General Meeting. The Secretary shall perform such other duties as may be delegated.

The State Registrar shall be responsible for keeping a complete record of all teams and players for the purpose of player registration, team affiliation and fee assessment, by team and age group. The State Registrar is responsible for appointing associate registrars within each region or league throughout the state. The State Registrar is responsible for certifying all rosters of state teams entries into Regional and National competition and work with the State Office in reporting all players to the National Association. The State Registrar has final approval for all player transfers and all out of state travel. The State Registrar shall perform such other duties as may be delegated.

The State Cup Director shall serve as the chair of the Maryland State Cup Committee and oversee and coordinate all aspects of State Cup at the State level of the US Youth Soccer National Championship Series. The State Cup Director shall perform such other duties as may be delegated.

Each Regional Commissioner is responsible for attending no fewer than two (2) member club/organizational meetings from their region. Each Regional Commissioner must attend the AGM as a representative for his/her region. Each Regional Commissioner must conduct at least one meeting annually on behalf of MSYSA. The Regional Commissioners are responsible for overseeing MSYSA proprietary programs in their region. These programs include but are not limited to, the Regional Training Program.

The At-Large Directors shall be responsible for chairing the annual MSYSA Workshop committee and coordinating the MSYSA Year End Awards selection process. The At-Large directors should serve as a program chairperson. The At-Large Directors shall perform such other duties as may be delegated.

Section 5. Executive Director The Board of Director shall employ an Executive Director.

The duties of the Executive Committee are as follows: a. The conduct of business at the Maryland State Youth Soccer Association office shall be under the direction of the Executive Director. b. The Executive Director may employ additional staff as needed within the allowances of the annual budget. c. The Executive Director shall be an ex officio member without vote of the Board of Directors. Attendance of the Executive Director is expected at all board and executive committee meetings unless otherwise requested by the Board of Directors. d.. The Executive Board may direct the Executive Director to act on its behalf from time to time.

#### Article II Section 4 Teams

1. U12 and younger-may have no more than 14 eligible players on their roster at any time during the season year.
2. U13 through U16-may have not more than 18 eligible players on their roster at any time during the season year;
3. U17 through U19 may have no more than 22 eligible players on their roster at any time during the season year.