

Constitution of Penns Valley Youth Soccer

Article I

Name

This Association shall be known as the Penns Valley Youth Soccer. This association shall also be known as PVYS.

Article II

Purpose

The purpose of Penns Valley Youth Soccer (PVYS) shall be to develop, promote and administer the game of soccer for youth under nineteen (19) years of age. PVYS shall serve the communities within the Penns Valley School District (Potter, Miles, Gregg, Penn and Haines Townships and the Boroughs of Centre Hall and Millheim).

PVYS is organized and operated exclusively for the above stated purpose, and other related non-profit purposes, and no part of any earnings or income shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, its members, officers or other private parties, except that PVYS shall be empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purpose defined herein. Notwithstanding any other provision of this constitution, PVYS shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from federal income tax under Section 501c (7) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (26USC 501 [c] [7]) or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal Tax Law.

Article III

Affiliation

PVYS shall be an affiliate of the PA West Soccer Association hereinafter known as PA-West and has been constituted as a Youth Soccer Association as defined in the PVYS Constitution. PVYS shall be subject to the authority of PA-West Soccer, the United State Youth Soccer Federation, hereinafter known as USSF and the Federation Internationale de Football Association (hereinafter known as FIFA).

Article IV

Government

PVYS shall be governed by its Constitution, By-laws, and Rules and Regulations. PVYS shall retain its own autonomy, but will adhere to the Constitution, By-laws and Regulations of the PA West Soccer Association in all matters pertaining to interstate, regional, national, and international competition, or in other competitions sponsored by PA West.

Article V

Membership

Membership in PVYS shall be open to any resident within the area of Penns Valley School District (Potter, Miles, Gregg, Penn and Haines Townships and the Boroughs of Centre Hall and Millheim) as defined in Article II. Participation by non-resident members shall be addressed on a case-by-case basis.

The parent or guardian(s) of each player accepted for membership and otherwise in good standing shall be entitled to voting rights at any general or special meeting of the membership of PVYS as provided in the By-laws.

The acceptance of membership obligates the member to comply with the provisions of the Constitution, the By-laws and the Rules and Regulations of PVYS. Penalties for violation thereof shall be taken as provided in the By-laws.

All teams, clubs and associations within the territorial jurisdiction of PA-West who are not members of PA-West shall be deemed non-affiliated organizations. Travel teams associated with PVYS shall not play non-affiliated organizations without prior approval from PA-West, recreation teams of PVYS shall be free to schedule play with any other area recreation programs regardless of affiliation.

Article VI

Fees

A member is considered to be any player who pays registration fees and participates in at least one program per year.

Registration fees shall be required for each season of participation and fees shall be set each seasonal (fiscal) year and shall be defined as provided in the By-laws. The fee shall be determined by the PVYS Board of Directors as provided by the PVYS By-laws.

Article VII

Seasonal Year

The Seasonal (Fiscal) Year shall begin on July 1 and end on June 30 of the following calendar year. The Constitution and By-Laws Rules and Regulations shall be in effect during the entire twelve (12) months of the Seasonal Year.

PVYS shall distribute its income for each Seasonal (Fiscal) Year at such time and in such manner so as not to become subject to the tax on undistributed income imposed by Section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (26 USX 4942) or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal Tax Law.

PVYS shall not:

1. Engage in act of self-dealing as defined in Section 4941 (d) Internal Revenue Code of 1954;
2. Retain any excess business holdings as defined in Section 4943 (d), Internal Revenue Code of 1954;
3. Make any investments in such a manner as to subject it to tax under Section 4944, Internal Revenue Code of 1954; make any taxable expenditures as defined in Section 4945 (d), Internal Revenue Code of 1954; or any corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal Tax Laws.

Article VIII

Board of Directors

The government of PVYS, with the authority set out herein and in the By-Laws, shall be vested in a governing body known hereafter as the Board of Directors or the Board.

The composition of the Board shall be as follows:

(5) officers elected at the Annual General Meeting as follows:

- ❖ President
- ❖ Vice-President
- ❖ Coach Coordinator
- ❖ Treasurer
- ❖ Registrar

The following Board members appointed by the five (5) elected officers of the Board. Such appointees must be acceptable to at least two thirds of the appointing Board members:

- ❖ Referee Administrator
- ❖ Field Manager
- ❖ Equipment Manager
- ❖ Child Protection Advocate

The Board shall meet as provided in the By-Laws.

Board members whether elected or appointed shall serve from July 1 of a Seasonal Year to June 30 of the succeeding Seasonal Year. No more than one non-resident of the PVYS service area shall be allowed to serve on the board at any one time. President and Vice-President must be held by PVYS service area residents.

The duties and responsibilities of the Board members both individually and collectively shall be as provided in the By-Laws.

All decisions of the Board are final unless appealed to a Special Meeting of the membership of PVYS, and overruled or modified by the Special Meeting, all as provided in Article XI.

Any vacancies occurring on the Board during the Seasonal Year shall be filled by appointment of the Board of Directors and confirmed by a two-thirds majority by the Board. Such new Board members arising from vacancies shall continue in office until the next June 30.

Any member of the Board may be removed from office and relieved of all duties by a two-thirds vote of a quorum membership of PVYS membership at any General or Special Meeting of the membership, provided notice of the proposed removal is given in the call of the meeting.

Article IX

General Meetings of the Membership

There shall be at least one (1) general meetings of the membership during each Seasonal Year, one of which shall be designated as the Annual General Meeting.

The Annual General Meeting shall be called by the President, with the concurrence of the Board, toward the end of each Seasonal Year, but no later than June 30 of the Seasonal Year.

With respect to all general meetings, notification to all members in good standing shall be given not less than fifteen (15) days in advance of the scheduled date.

The order of business at general meetings shall be as follows:

1. Call to order
2. Reading of the minutes of the last general meeting
3. Acceptance of those minutes
4. Reports of the Treasurer, Coach Coordinator, Registrar, and Committees
5. Unfinished Business
6. Proposals for amendments to the Constitution and By-laws
7. Election of Officers (for the Annual General Meeting)
8. New Business
9. Adjournment

Ten (10) members present in good standing in addition to those Board Members present shall constitute a quorum. Voting by proxy shall not be allowed. Hereafter reference to a voting membership assumes adherence to a quorum.

Officers elected at the Annual General Meeting shall take office on July 1 of the current Seasonal Year.

Special meetings of the membership may be required from time to time. Special meetings may be called by the President, with the concurrence of the Board.

Article X

Amendments

The Constitution may be amended or repealed, in whole or in part, by a two-thirds vote of the membership present and in good standing on the basis of one vote for each such member at any duly called meeting of PVYS provided a quorum is present. Proposals for amendment or repeal of the Constitution must be made in writing and be submitted to the Vice President so as to allow thirty (30) days notice to all members prior to consideration of such proposals at any meeting.

Article XI

By-laws

By-laws will be hereafter adopted that may be amended or repealed, in whole or in part, in the manner provided therein.

Article XII

Dissolution

Upon the dissolution of the Association, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities, dispose of all assets of the Association exclusively for the purpose, or purposes, stated in Article II of the Constitution in such manner, or to such organization, or organizations, constituted and conducted exclusively for the purpose or purposes as shall at that time qualify as exempt under Section 501 © (3) and/or Section 501 © (7), Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or any corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal Tax Law, as the Board of Directors may determine.