

Taunton Youth Soccer League, Inc. Constitution



Name

The name of this Corporation is Taunton Youth Soccer League, Inc. This corporation may be referred to as (the "Corporation," the "League," "Taunton Youth Soccer," "TYSL," or "TYS").

Purpose / Nonprofit Status

TYSL's mission is to foster, promote, engage in, and develop the Game of Soccer among the youth within the City of Taunton (boys and girls under nineteen years old) for the benefit and development of all youth and young men and women as the higher and greater purpose of youth soccer and not just players.

TYSL shall offer a soccer program without regard to race, color, religion, age, sex, or national origin.

The Corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes, including making distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

No part of TYSL's net earnings shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its members, directors, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except for reasonable compensation for services rendered and payments made in furtherance of TYSL's purposes.

TYSL will not endorse any candidate, make donations to campaigns, engage in fundraising, distribute statements, or participate in any activities beneficial or detrimental to a political candidate. TYSL will not engage in any activities encouraging people to vote for or against a particular candidate.

Affiliation

This Corporation shall be an affiliated branch of, and comply with the authority of, Massachusetts Youth Soccer, US Youth Soccer (USYS), and the United States Soccer Federation (USSF). To the extent permissible under law, this Constitution and Bylaws shall be consistent with their articles of incorporation and bylaws.

To the extent permissible under law:

- (i) this organization and its members shall abide by Massachusetts Youth Soccer's, USSF's, and USYS's governing documents; and
- (ii) those governing documents take precedence over and supersede those of TYSL.

Members

Membership in the Corporation consists of two levels:

General Membership

Includes parents/guardians of registered players. General Members may attend meetings and speak on matters before the Voting Membership or Board of Directors.

Voting Membership

Includes all elected Officers, members of the Board of Directors, and registered coaches in compliance with Mass Youth Soccer requirements.

All coaches and assistant coaches who have completed TYSL coaching registration forms for the current fall or spring season (August 1–July 31) shall be Members.

Any Board member who misses three (3) consecutive meetings or four (4) total meetings in a yearly term may be suspended by a Board vote for the remainder of their term or a specified duration.

Compliance

TYSL shall be governed by its Articles of Organization, Constitution, and Bylaws, any specific rules and procedures adopted by the Board of Directors, and the rules established by Massachusetts Youth Soccer, USYS, USSF, and South Coast Soccer League.

Annual Meetings

The Annual Meeting will be held each December at a date, time, and location determined by the Board. Notice will be sent to General and Voting Members at least 14 days prior.

Business conducted at the Annual Meeting includes:

- Election of Officers and Board of Directors
 - Amendments to the Constitution, Bylaws, or Policies and Procedures
 - Review of the prior year's program accomplishments
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Amending the Constitution

The Constitution may be amended as determined by the Board of Directors. Proposed amendments will be provided to Members in advance of the Annual Meeting.

At the Annual Meeting, the amendment(s) will be discussed and then voted on by Voting Members. Adoption requires a 2/3 majority vote of Voting Members present.

Rule of Order Required

Matters of procedure will be decided using the current version of Robert's Rules of Order, unless in conflict with TYSL's governing documents or those of Massachusetts Youth Soccer, USYS, or USSF.

Rules of Play

Except where modified by USYS and affiliates, the FIFA Laws of the Game apply to all TYSL competitions. Youth players will participate according to the developmental rules of Massachusetts Youth Soccer.

Dissolution

The Corporation may be dissolved if necessary. A proposed dissolution must be presented at a Special Meeting with at least 14 days' notice. Dissolution requires a 2/3 *majority vote* of Voting Members present.

Upon dissolution, remaining assets shall be distributed to an organization exempt under Section 501(c)(3), or to a governmental agency for public purposes. TYSL will also follow all requirements of the Public Charities Division of the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office.

Approved and Adopted - January 7, 2026