

Taunton Youth Soccer League, Inc. Bylaws



Article 1 — Name

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

Article 2 — Philosophy

1. TYSL's mission is to foster, promote, engage in, and develop the game of soccer among youth within the City of Taunton.
2. All coaches, players, parents, spectators, and referees shall conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner consistent with this philosophy.
3. TYSL does not discriminate on the basis of sex, age, race, religion, or national origin.
4. Unsportsmanlike behavior or discrimination will not be tolerated, and the Board will take any necessary action to correct such behavior.

Article 3 — Officers and Board Structure

3.1 Officer and Director Positions

The Officers of TYSL shall consist of:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Registrar
- Recreation Director
- Travel Director
- Director of Equipment & Field Management
- Director of Development

The Board of Directors consists of all Officers and Directors listed above.

3.2 Election and Term

1. Officers shall be elected by ballot at the Annual Meeting and serve a term of two (2) years. All Officers are eligible for re-election.
2. Candidates must be approved by the Board prior to the Annual Meeting. No write-in votes will be accepted.
3. All Officers and Directors must be Members in good standing, which includes no ongoing disciplinary action and completion of their coaching or Board duties as required.
4. At the Annual Meeting:
 - Director of Travel, Director of Development, Vice President, and Treasurer shall be elected to begin service on January 1st in odd-numbered years.
 - Director of Recreation, Director of Equipment & Field Management, President, Registrar, and Secretary shall be elected to begin service on

January 1st in even-numbered years.

Article 4 — Roles and Responsibilities

4.1 President

1. Presides at all meetings of Members and the Board of Directors.
2. Oversees all league operations, subject to Board approval.
3. Appoints chairpersons for committees.
4. Reviews and manages league email correspondence.
5. May cast a deciding vote in case of a tie.
6. Ensures game schedules are completed by appropriate Directors before each season.
7. Submits an annual report at the Annual Meeting.
8. Oversees field rental contracts and the Director of Coaching contract.
9. Performs other duties as may be required by the Board and By-Laws.
10. Submits all paperwork necessary to remain in good standing with MYSA.
11. Oversees the Director of Coaching.
12. Completes all assigned tasks and deadlines in a timely manner to support the effective operation and success of TYSL.

4.2 Vice President

1. Supervises all Directors.
2. Performs duties assigned by the President.

3. Acts as President in their absence.
4. Performs other duties as may be required by the Board and By-Laws.
5. Completes all assigned tasks and deadlines in a timely manner to support the effective operation and success of TYSL.

4.3 Secretary

1. Records minutes for all meetings and distributes them to Board members.
2. Maintains all league paperwork, agendas, By-Laws, policies, procedures, and constitution in accessible cloud storage.
3. Notifies Board members of meetings and distributes monthly agenda.
4. Updates and manages the league website and social media.
5. Performs other duties as may be required by the Board and By-Laws.
6. Completes all assigned tasks and deadlines in a timely manner to support the effective operation and success of TYSL.

4.4 Treasurer

1. Collects and disburses all league funds.
2. Maintains accurate financial records and reports at Board meetings.
3. Provides payment to referees and vendors as approved.
4. Obtains Board approval for all expenditures over \$500.
5. Performs other duties as may be required by the Board and By-Laws.
6. Completes all assigned tasks and deadlines in a timely manner to support the effective operation and success of TYSL.

4.5 Registrar

1. Maintains complete records of all members.
2. Protects privacy of member data and player contact information.
3. Manages online registration system and team assignments.
4. Notifies members of registration opportunities.
5. Oversees travel team documentation, insurance, and South Coast Soccer League registration.
6. Ensures proper credentials for all coaches and volunteers, including CORI checks.
7. Performs other duties as may be required by the Board and By-Laws.
8. Acts as the League's Risk Manager and meets all MYSA requirements in this role.
9. Requests all certificates of insurance and ensures members are properly registered and insured through MYSA.
10. Ensures Directors have information needed to build teams and assign coaches.
11. Prepares and submits recreation and travel uniform orders.
12. Ensures all program fees are properly paid by families.
13. Manages payment plans.
14. Processes necessary online refunds.
15. Completes all assigned tasks and deadlines in a timely manner to support the effective operation and success of TYSL.

4.6 Director of Travel

1. Coordinates travel schedules and reschedules games as needed.
2. Acts as first-level appeal for issues within travel divisions.
3. Holds coaches' meetings and ensures compliance with SCSL Rules of Play.

4. Manages travel coaches and team assignments in coordination with the Director of Coaching.
5. Represents TYSL at South Coast Soccer League meetings.
6. Performs other duties as may be required by the Board and By-Laws.
7. Responsible for all functions required for participation in Fall and Spring SCSL competitive seasons.
8. Works with the league-designated ref assignor to ensure all games have referees per the SCSL handbook.
9. Completes all assigned tasks and deadlines in a timely manner to support the effective operation and success of TYSL.

4.7 Director of Recreation

1. Coordinates recreational game schedules and reschedules as needed.
2. Holds coaches' meetings and enforces rules of play.
3. Assigns recreational players to teams to maintain competitive balance.
4. Recruits coaches and coordinates referees for recreational games.
5. Serves as primary contact for league photography company.
6. Performs other duties as may be required by the Board and By-Laws.
7. Coordinates additional recreational activities, including All-Stars night with the Director of Coaching.
8. Completes all assigned tasks and deadlines in a timely manner to support the effective operation and success of TYSL.

4.8 Director of Equipment & Field Management

1. Oversees all league equipment and field conditions.

2. Maintains inventory of supplies, soccer balls, nets, paint, and field equipment.
3. Secures field rentals, port-a-potties, dumpsters, and ensures field preparation.
4. Works with the President and Vice President to determine whether a cancellation is necessary due to poor field conditions.
5. Performs other duties as may be required by the Board and By-Laws.
6. Acts as official contact for equipment suppliers.
7. Ensures the facility is in proper working order at all times.
8. Executes all field rental contracts.
9. Informs the Board prior to the start of each season if field equipment needs replacement or upgrades.
10. Ensures signs and directional information for parking and traffic flow on Fall Rec Saturdays are properly set up and taken down.
11. Completes all assigned tasks and deadlines in a timely manner to support the effective operation and success of TYSL.

4.9 Director of Development

1. Procures sponsorships for Fall recreation jerseys.
2. Maintains and updates league sponsorship forms annually.
3. Organizes fundraising for league operations and college scholarships.
4. Seeks grant opportunities and coordinates fundraising logistics.
5. Performs other duties as may be required by the Board and By-Laws.
6. Meets all necessary timelines to ensure the success of TYSL.

Note: Directors may delegate duties but remain responsible for completion. No duties exposing member personal information may be delegated. All Officers receive a free season of Fall Recreation for age-eligible children.

Article 5 — Board Meetings

1. **Monthly Meetings:** Board meets monthly on the second Tuesday (except December).
2. **Annual Meeting:** Replaces December meeting; includes elections, By-Laws review, and transaction of league business.
3. **Special Meetings:** May be called by the President or Secretary; notice provided 5 days in advance.
4. **Quorum:** Minimum of five voting Board members.
5. **Voting:** Each Board member and or Registered Coach as identified in article 6 below has one vote; Officers and Members may not vote on matters affecting themselves personally. All Voting Members must be present at the meeting to vote.

Board members absent from three consecutive meetings without just cause may have their position declared vacant. The Board meets to consider and act on any vacancy.

Order of business: Roll Call of Officers, Minutes of Previous Meeting, Treasurer's Report, Updates by Directors, Unfinished Business, Committee Reports, Special Reports, and New Business.

Article 6 — Membership

1. Membership includes parents/guardians of registered players. All have a voice in League policy decisions by attending meetings and speaking to the Voting Membership or Board.
2. Voting Membership includes elected Officers and registered coaches in compliance with MYSA requirements.
3. Coaches and assistant coaches who complete TYSL registration for the current fall or spring season (August 1–July 31) are Voting Members.

4. Board members missing three consecutive meetings or four total meetings in a term may be suspended by Board vote.

Article 7 — Rules, Amendments, and Governance

1. All travel teams shall abide by rules adopted by the Board, Massachusetts Youth Soccer, USYS, USSF, and South Coast Soccer League.
2. The Board may:
 - Appoint committees
 - Admit/expel members
 - Establish fees
 - Approve purchases
 - Fill vacant positions
 - Motions require a second before voting.
3. Amendments require a two-thirds vote at the Annual or Special Meeting with notice provided.
4. Robert's Rules of Order apply when consistent with these By-Laws.

Article 8 — Suspensions, Expulsions, and Discipline

1. Suspension or expulsion may occur for violations of league rules, misconduct, or unsportsmanlike behavior.
2. Board members may be removed with cause by a three-quarters (3/4) vote; written notice is provided at least 10 days in advance.

3. Game misconduct includes assault, abuse, or violations of league and state standards. Penalties vary; appeals must be submitted in writing within five days.
4. Non-game misconduct suspensions require a two-thirds (2/3) vote. Members are notified seven days prior and may speak to the Board before a vote.
5. Suspended or expelled members may apply for re-admission in writing; re-instatement requires a two-thirds (2/3) Board vote.

Article 9 — Committees

1. The President may appoint committees as deemed advisable; all actions are subject to Board oversight.
2. Committees meet as scheduled; a majority of members constitutes a quorum.

Article 10 — Notices

1. Written or public notices of meetings shall be given and include place, date, time, and general purpose.

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