

**SPINDLETOP YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION
CONSTITUTION**

ARTICLE I – NAME

1.1. The name of this organization is the Spindletop Youth Soccer Association, Inc. which is also referred to as SYSA. SYSA is incorporated in the State of Texas and is subject to the laws of the State of Texas and to its own Constitution, By-Laws, Rules and Procedures.

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

2.1. The purposes of SYSA are charitable, educational and athletic, as defined by the Texas Non-Profit Corporation Act and include teaching of good sportsmanship, the educating of youth participants and adult sponsors in the fundamentals of soccer, promoting soccer through sponsorship of regularly scheduled youth soccer competitions, and conducting such other activities as SYSA shall deem appropriate.

ARTICLE III – AFFILIATION

3.1. SYSA shall be a Member Association and comply with the authority of the South Texas Youth Soccer Association which is also referred to as STYSA, the United States Youth Soccer Association which is also referred to as USYS, and the United States Soccer Federation which is also referred to as USSF.

ARTICLE IV – JURISDICTION

4.1. SYSA shall have jurisdiction over all member clubs, teams, administrators, referees, coaches, players, and supporters who participate in SYSA-sanctioned events.

ARTICLE V – MEMBERSHIP

5.1. The association membership of SYSA shall consist of Beaumont Youth Soccer Club which is also referred to as BYSC, Gulf Coast Youth Soccer Club which is also referred to as GCYSC, Hardin County Youth Soccer Club which is also referred to as HCYSC, Orange County Youth Soccer Club which is also referred to as OCYSC, and Sea Breeze Youth Soccer Club which is also referred to as SBYSC.

5.2. Any Member Club that fails to attend three consecutive SYSA Governing Board Meetings without submitting a written report in lieu of attendance; is delinquent in the payments to SYSA of any registration fees, fines, or other fees (by 60 days or more); or fails to comply with the authority of SYSA, shall be considered to lose good standing and shall have its voting rights automatically suspended until such rights are reinstated by a simple majority vote of the Governing Board. Only Member Clubs in good standing shall be allowed to participate in any competition sponsored by SYSA.

5.3 Each club shall form and strive to field teams in all divisions of play, for both boys and girls soccer. A minimum of ten (10) registered teams and 100 registered players shall be required for membership in SYSA. Any new Member Club, or any Member Club that dropped below the minimum number of teams or registered players during the prior seasonal year, shall be considered probationary for a period of one (1) year. If, at the end of the probationary period, the Member Club has not increased participation to

meet these thresholds, the Member Club may be asked to withdraw or to combine with an existing Member Club until such time as it can field the required number of teams and players.

ARTICLE VI - GOVERNING BOARD

6.1. SYSA elected officers, appointed officers, and club presidents shall constitute a Governing Board. The Governing Board shall transact all business of SYSA and shall have the power to enforce laws of the game, the rules of the United States Youth Soccer Association and Constitution, By-Laws, Rules and Procedures of SYSA.

ARTICLE VII - EXECUTIVE BOARD

7.1. SYSA elected officers shall constitute an Executive Board. The Executive Board shall act on matters pertaining to the daily operations of SYSA.

ARTICLE VIII - MEETINGS

8.1. A regular meeting of the SYSA Governing Board shall be held each month.

8.2. Special meetings of the Governing Board may be held at the discretion of the President at the time and place designated by the President, provided all members of the Governing Board have received at least 14 days advance written notice of the meeting.

8.3. The order of business for regular meetings shall be as follows:

- 1) Roll call and vote accreditation
- 2) Guest Presentations
- 3) Motions to reinstate
- 4) Approval of minutes
- 5) Treasurer report
- 6) President report
- 7) Executive Vice-President report
- 8) Vice-President of Registration report
- 9) Vice-President of Scheduling report
- 10) Vice-President of Coaches report
- 11) Vice President of Score Keeping report
- 12) Vice-President of Referees report
- 13) Risk Management report
- 14) Committee reports
- 15) Unfinished business
- 16) New business
- 17) BYSC report
- 18) GCYSC report
- 19) HCYSC report
- 20) OCYSC report
- 21) SBYSC report
- 22) Announcements
- 23) Adjournment

8.4. All other aspects of the meetings of SYSA shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, latest edition.

8.5. The SYSA President shall include in the annual budget sufficient funds to provide for the reasonable expenses for the attendance of the SYSA officers as defined in the By-Laws of SYSA to attend the Governing Board Meetings of the South Texas Youth Soccer Association.

8.6. Meetings and votes may be held electronically, at the discretion of the President and with the majority consent of the Governing Board.

ARTICLE IX - OFFICERS

9.1. The members of the Governing Board shall elect the following officers: President, Executive Vice-President, Vice-President of Registration, Vice-President of Scheduling, Vice-President of Coaches, and Vice-President of Referees.

9.2. The President shall appoint the following officers with approval of the SYSA Governing Board: Secretary, Treasurer, Scorekeeper and Risk Management Officer.

9.3. The term of office for each officer shall be for two years. The following officers shall be elected in even numbered years: President, Vice-President of Scheduling, and Vice-President of Coaches. The following officers shall be appointed in even numbered years: Secretary and Risk Management Officer. The following officers shall be elected in odd numbered years: Executive Vice-President, Vice-President of Registration, and Vice-President of Referees. The following officers shall be appointed in odd numbered years: Treasurer and Scorekeeper.

9.4. An officer shall take office in February of the calendar year in which he/she is elected and remain in office until the end of his/her term of two years or until a successor has been duly elected, whichever event occurs later, unless said officer is recalled by the Governing Board as described in this Constitution. Election of SYSA Officers shall take place at the SYSA February meeting.

9.5. For the purposes of electing Executive Board officers only, each Member Club shall receive a weighted vote of one (1) vote for each 100 players (rounded up) who were registered with SYSA and paid for by the Member Club during the most recently completed registration year (August 1 through July 31), up to a maximum of seven (7) votes. Thus, a Member Club that registered from 1-100 players would receive one vote, a Member Club that registered 101-200 players would receive two votes, and so forth.

9.6. In the event any office becomes vacant, the vacancy shall be filled by a simple majority vote of the officers who remain on the SYSA Executive Board. The person who fills the vacancy shall serve until the next election.

9.7. The Governing Board shall have the power to recall any officer of SYSA. This power may be exercised at any regular or special meeting of the SYSA Governing Board. A recall motion must be adopted by at least 2/3 of the voting power of members in good standing.

9.8. Any officer who fails to attend three consecutive SYSA Governing Board Meetings and who fails to submit a written report in lieu of attendance; or fails to comply with the SYSA Constitution, By-Laws, Rules and Procedures, shall be considered to lose good standing and shall have voting rights

automatically suspended until such rights are reinstated by a simple majority vote of the SYSA Governing Board.

ARTICLE X - AMENDMENTS

10.1. Any proposals or motions to amend the Constitution must be made in writing to the SYSA Governing Board. Amendments to this Constitution may be made at any regular Governing Board meeting by at least 2/3 of the voting power of members in good standing. Each Governing Board member shall be given at least 45 days notice in writing of the amendments and their purpose. Amendments to the Constitution shall include an effective date.

ARTICLE XI - DISSOLUTION

11.1. In the event that SYSA shall be dissolved or cease to function, the Governing Board shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all of the liabilities of the association, dispose of all assets of SYSA exclusively for the purpose of SYSA in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Governing Board shall determine. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the District Court of the County in which the principle office of SYSA is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

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